

Joint Worcestershire Hub Scrutiny Task and Finish Group – Update

The Joint Worcestershire Hub Scrutiny Task and Finish Group convened a meeting on 27th July 2010. This meeting was held on a day when the co-opted representative on the Group from Redditch Borough Council, Councillor Hopkins, was at work and therefore she was unable to attend the meeting. The following update has been provided by Scrutiny Officers at Worcestershire County Council for members' consideration.

The meeting on 27th July was informal, informative and interesting. The meeting was attended by Rachel Hill, the County's Head of Customer Service who has overarching responsibility for the Worcestershire Hub and who was interviewed about the shared service.

After Rachel had left the meeting members entered into a detailed discussion of all that they had learned and all of the information they had received during the course of the review.

Members agreed that the evidence gathering process for the review had concluded.

They agreed to convene a new meeting of the Group in September (though no date has been set yet for this meeting). During the course of this meeting members will discuss possible recommendations.

This summer members of the Group have been asked to read through a pack of relevant papers. This should help to inform their discussions during their meeting in September. Some members have been allocated responsibility for reviewing particular issues and reporting back to the Group. This does not include Councillor Hopkins.

The Group have arranged to meet with the relevant Portfolio Holder and Director at Worcestershire County Council to discuss their draft proposals in early October.