Induction and training package for newly and re-elected members of Herefordshire Council.

As a member of the council you are required to undergo induction and mandatory training to enable you to fully utilise your position as democratically elected community leaders. This will normally take place within one month of being elected and at appropriate intervals thereafter.

A record will be kept by the monitoring officer of the training you undertake. Your training is linked to your councillor's allowance. All mandatory training has to be completed in order to draw down the full basic allowance.

Tables 1 and 2 below present the induction and training timetable. Please add these dates to your diary.



Table 1: Councillors' induction and training programme May to October 2023

Time	Session	Venue	Lead teams	Notes
5 May	Newly elected and returning members sign their declaration of acceptance and receive their welcome and induction papers	Halo Leisure Centre	Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer, Legal and Democratic Services	Newly elected/re-elected members will also be given an appointment slot to pick up their ICT equipment and security pass
10 May 2022				
10 May, 2023. 14.00pm to 16.00pm	Session 1 : Corporate parenting and children's safeguarding	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Director and Service	Mandatory – this is a compulsory training session which all members must attend.
10 May, 2023 18.00pm and 20.00pm	Session 2: Corporate parenting and children's safeguarding	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Directors – Children's Services	Members will only need to attend one of the allotted sessions
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10 May, 2023 All day	Members ID/Security Passes issued/return signed papers (as issued on 5 May)	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Democratic Services and Facilities Management	Newly elected/re-elected members will be given an appointment slot to have their photo I.D. passes issued
11 May, 2023 14.30pm to 16.30pm	Chief Executive and Corporate Leadership Team -Welcome	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Corporate Leadership Team	To officially welcome newly and re-elected members to Herefordshire Council
11 May, 2023	Issue of ICT equipment and ICT orientation training	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Hoople and Democratic Services	

10.00am to 12.00pm & 16:00pm to 20:00pm				Members will only need to
12 May, 2023 10.00am to 12.00pm & 14.00pm to 16.00pm		The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Hoople and Democratic Services	attend their pre-allotted time slot
15 May, 2023 10.00am to 12.00pm	Session 1: Adults Safeguarding	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Director, Community	Mandatory – this is a compulsory training session which all members must attend.
15 May, 2023 18.00pm to 20.00pm	Session 2: Adults Safeguarding	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Wellbeing and service directors	Members will need to attend one of the allotted sessions
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16 May, 2023 14:00pm to 16:00pm	Session 1: Roles and responsibilities of councillors: • Role of individual councillor, structure of council, decision making • Member/Officer protocol • Public Sector Equality Duty • Code of Conduct	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Monitoring Officer and Democratic Services	Mandatory – this is a compulsory training session which all members must attend. Members will need to attend one of the allotted sessions
16 May, 2023	Session 2: Roles and responsibilities of councillors:	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Monitoring Officer and Democratic Services	

18:00pm to 20:00pm	 Role of individual councillor, structure of council, decision making Member/Officer protocol Public Sector Equality Duty Code of Conduct 			
18 May, 2023 9.30am to 11.00am	Session 1: Introduction to full Council Meeting	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Democratic Services	This is highly recommended for newly elected members as well as re-elected members. This training explains how the council
18 May, 2023 13.30pm to 15:00pm	Session 2: Introduction to full Council Meeting	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Democratic Services	meeting works, the types of decisions the council takes and the role of members.
	The Annual Cou	ıncil Meeting	, 19 May, 202	23
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22 May, 2023 18:00pm to 20:00pm	Session 1: How council decision making works.	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Democratic Services	This session will cover the legal frameworks and rules that enable the council to take decisions and the role members play in taking those decisions

12.30pm

planning committee, planning

	enforcement, planning committee functions.			Members will need to attend one of the allotted sessions
23 May, 2023 17:00pm to 20:00pm	Session 2: Development management and Regulatory functions. To include Ward Members' responsibilities in planning committee, planning enforcement and planning committee functions.	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Planning and Regulatory Team	
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24 May, 2023 10.00am to 12.00pm	Session 2: How council decision making works.	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Democratic Services	This session will cover the legal frameworks and rules that enable the council to take decisions and the role members play in taking those decisions
25 May, 2023 9.30am to 12.30pm	Session 1: Scrutiny Training, to cover: • Chairing and leading scrutiny committees • Essential of Scrutiny	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Democratic Services	Mandatory – this is a compulsory training session which all members must attend.
30 May, 2023	Session 2: Scrutiny Training, to cover:	The Conference	D	Members will need to attend one of the allotted sessions
17:00pm to 20:00pm	Chairing and leading scrutiny committeesEssential of Scrutiny	Suite, Plough Lane	Democratic Services	
31 May, 2023	Session 1: Information Governance briefing, to cover:	The Conference	Head of Information	Mandatory – this is a compulsory training session
10:00am to 12:00pm	Information security & confidentiality	Suite, Plough Lane	Governance	which all members must attend.

	Data protection (GDPR)How to use council systems			Members will need to attend one of the allotted sessions
31 May, 2023 18:00 to 20:00pm	Session 2: Information Governance briefing, to cover: • Information security & confidentiality • Data protection (GDPR) • How to use council systems	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Head of Information Governance	

Tab	Table 2: Councillors' induction and training programme June to October 2023					
Time	Session	Venue	Lead teams	Notes		
6 June, 2023 18.00 pm to 20.00 pm	Mop-up Session: Corporate parenting and children's safeguarding	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Director and Service Directors – Children's Services	Mandatory – only for those members who missed the 10 May sessions		
12 June, 2023 14.00 pm to 16.00 pm	Handling the media and social media	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Communications Team	This is highly recommended for newly elected members as well as re-elected members.		
14 June, 2023 10.00am to 12.00pm	'Local Plan 2021-2041 - All members seminar' - to inform members of the upcoming public consultation on the draft Local	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Planning Services	This is highly recommended for newly elected members as well as re-elected members.		
14 June, 2023 18.00am to 20.00pm	Plan 2021-2041 and outline the content of the Local Plan including future strategic housing and employment allocations'	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Planning Services	Only one session need be attended.		
19 June, 2023 11.00am – 12.00pm	 The session will provide: Information about the Rural Services Network An overview of the key challenges facing rural communities and rural policy 	This is a free on	line training event	Places can be booked at this link: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rsn-member-induction-training-tickets-590079412407		

	 Policy Asks of Government in these key policy areas 			
20 June, 2023 14:00pmto 16:30pm	Local Resilience Forum (LRF) (Emergency Planning/Civil Contingency Planning) Role and responsibility of ward members in respect of their individual wards and at county level in the event of a civil contingency event occurring	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Emergency Planning Manager	This is highly recommended for newly elected members as well as re-elected members.
29, June 2023 16.30pm to 18:30pm	Budget consultation briefing to include: • How council budgets work • Finance procedure rules • Contract procedure rules	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Deputy 151 Officer	This is highly recommended for newly elected members as well as re-elected members.
30 June, 2023 10:00am to 12:00pm	Economic Plan and Economy and Place Board – Overview of Herefordshire's economic challenges and opportunities, 2050 Economic vision and delivery plan.	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Director – Economy and Environment and Service Directors	This is highly recommended for newly elected members as well as re-elected members.
17 July, 2023 10:00am to 12:00pm	Treasury management	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	The Link Group	This is highly recommended for newly elected members as well as re-elected members.

27 July, 2023 14.30pm to 16.30pm	The Public Realm Contract: Balfour Beatty Briefing	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Service Director for Transport and Highways, Head of Highways and Head of Contract Management	This is highly recommended for newly elected members as well as re-elected members.
12 September, 2023 10:00am to 12:00pm	Tour of New Model Institute in Technology and Engineering (NMITE) - a new university taking a disruptive approach to higher education. Opportunity to discuss	NMiTE Offices	Director – Economy and Environment, Service Directors and NMiTE officers	This is highly recommended for newly elected members as well as
12 September, 2023 14:00am to 16:00pm	Hereford becoming a University city, the transformation of the economy, skills, and aspiration of local younger people.	NMiTE Offices	Director – Economy and Environment, Service Directors and NMiTE officers	re-elected members.
22 September, 2023 10:00am to 12:00pm 22 September, 2023 18:00am to 20:00pm	Session 1: Understanding Herefordshire (JSNA) How to analyse performance data Effective questioning Session 2: Understanding Herefordshire (JSNA) How to analyse performance data Effective questioning	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Head of Intelligence Unit	This is highly recommended for newly elected members as well as re-elected members. Only one of the sessions need be attended.
4 October, 2023	Session 1: Economy and Environment Directorate: • Overview and Update	The Conference Suite, Plough Lane	Director – Economy and Environment and	This is highly recommended for newly elected members as well as re-elected members.

14:00pm to 16:00pm	 Statutory responsibilities Key projects 		Service Directors	Only one of the sessions need be
4 October 2023	Session 2: Economy and Environment Directorate:			attended.
18:00pm to 20:00pm	Overview and UpdateStatutory responsibilitiesKey projects			
10 October, 2023	Mop-up Session: Adults	The Conference	Director, Community	Mandatory – only for those members who missed the 15 May
14.30pm to 16.30pm	Safeguarding	Suite, Plough Lane	Wellbeing and service directors	sessions