

Firstly the content of this month's report is diminished due to the additional work I have been carrying out additional works to promote the re-election of our MP Bill Wiggin. The imposition of purdah has further reduced the activities of the council as there must not be any political gain achieved by actions taken.

The City Link Road

Works at the Station Approach end of the scheme are progressing well and Alun Griffiths (Contractors) Ltd will be changing the priorities for vehicles exiting the railway station forecourt by removing the mini round-about to assist with construction work.

Previously, from the 8 March vehicles coming from the forecourt area will 'give-way' to traffic coming to and from the station parking area. In order to undertake this work Station Approach will require a lane closure for traffic turning onto Commercial Road from 7pm until 5am from 9-11 March inclusive.

As from 16 March access into Morrison's car park for Station Approach traffic coming from the Aylestone Hill junction will also re-open. Exit from the car park will continue to be via the far exit near the Royal Mail building.

Alun Griffiths has said the "We would like to apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience whilst we deliver the new road".

The new link road is scheduled to be operational in October this year.

Council Constitution

Herefordshire Council, which is a unitary authority operating executive arrangements through a leader and cabinet, has agreed this constitution which sets out how the council operates, how decisions are made and the procedures which are followed to ensure that these are efficient, transparent and accountable to local people. Some of these processes are required by the law, while others are a matter for the council to choose.

The constitution is divided into different parts which set out the basic rules governing the council's business as well as some of the detailed rules. The Council's constitution has been reviewed and parts reissued. This has resulted in an increase in committees and a reduction in councillors on these committees. This change will enable a more targeted approach to committee work and a better distribution of members of committees.

Adults and wellbeing scrutiny – 7 seats

Audit and governance – 7 seats

Children and young people scrutiny – 7 seats

Employment panel – 5 seats

General scrutiny – 7 seats

Planning and regulatory – 15 seats

Full Council meeting – May 2017

The officers of the council, the chairman and vice chairman were elected. They are Cllr. Brian Wilcox and Cllr. Phil Edwards. The Leader was returned and is Cllr Tony Johnson.

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