

**CIEH MIDLAND REGION
HEREFORDSHIRE & WORCESTERSHIRE BRANCH**

PROPOSALS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR BRANCH DEVELOPMENT 2007 – 2009

Objective:

The aim of the Branch is to ensure that members and others with interest in environmental health are offered appropriate training opportunities to ensure both compliance with CIEH CPD requirements and to keep them up to date with developments in the profession.

Meetings Programme

The Branch Executive proposes to introduce an extended range of meetings. The main aim of the programme will be to assist members in ensuring they are competent for the wide range of activities in which they are involved.

Proposed Events for 2007-2008

Annual General Meeting (free of charge) with key speaker
Pollution Review – ENCAMS, CNE (free of charge)
Food Safety Update (free of charge)

Taking Prosecutions (1 day charged)
Social Marketing (half-day charged)
Project Management (1 day charged)
Relevant FSA/HSE courses offered locally
Gas Safety (half day charged)
Practical Saniman

Practical visit or social event

Speakers

Members to be asked to recommend names of good speakers they have heard.

Meeting Venues

For ease of access for membership it is proposed that low cost venues be primarily sought in the Worcester, Wychavon and Malvern Council areas.

Income Generation

Under the proposed new Regional business plan it is clear that branches need to seek ways of increasing income with additional monies likely to be available for innovation. The Branch Executive, therefore, proposes that events will include a mix of free of charge meetings together with a number of low cost training events open not only to members but other Branches and individuals seeking to acquire relevant skills. This approach has been successful in a number of Branches from whom further advice can be sought on organisation, etc. After discussion at the AGM the programme agreed will be costed prior to submission to West Midlands Regional Board.

Consultation with Membership

The full Branch membership will be consulted on these proposals after the Branch AGM. In particular their views will be sought on preferred days, times, venues, length of events, additional subject areas of interest. Final programmes for 2007-2009 will then be developed.

Liaison with other Branches

The Branch will also seek to engage with other Branches in the Midlands Region to offer shared training opportunities and to avoid conflicting events being held.