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## Council

Mon 27 Jan  
2025  
7.00 pm

Oakenshaw Community  
Centre  
Castleditch Lane  
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## Agenda

### Membership:

Cllrs:

Juma Begum  
(Mayor)  
Joanna Kane  
(Deputy Mayor)  
Joe Baker  
Juliet Barker Smith  
William Boyd  
Brandon Clayton  
Claire Davies  
Matthew Dormer  
James Fardoe  
Andrew Fry  
Bill Hartnett  
Sharon Harvey  
Chris Holz  
Sid Khan

Wanda King  
Alan Mason  
Sachin Mathur  
Gemma Monaco  
David Munro  
Rita Rogers  
Gary Slim  
Jen Snape  
Jane Spilsbury  
Monica Stringfellow  
Craig Warhurst  
Ian Woodall  
Paul Wren

## 7. Motions on Notice (Procedure Rule 11) (To Follow) (Pages 5 - 6)

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**Redditch Borough Council****27<sup>th</sup> January 2025****Motions on Notice****1. Protecting Our Farmers and Family Farms**

Proposed by Councillor Craig Warhurst and seconded by Councillor Matthew Dormer

“Council notes that:

- Redditch and its surrounding villages have a proud history of supporting farmers and a deep connection to the land they farm.
- Inheritance Tax reliefs like Agricultural Property Relief (APR) and Business Property Relief (BPR) have been essential in helping farmers pass on their farms to the next generation after a death, allowing the farms to stay within the family, and preserving agricultural production and stewardship of the countryside.
- The Labour Government’s recent 2024 Autumn Budget changes to Inheritance Tax relief will impose an effective 20% tax on agricultural assets valued over £1 million, introducing what has been termed the “Family Farm Tax.”

Council notes that the family farm taxes risk:

- Reducing land availability for farming across the Borough and damaging the ability for farmers to pass their farms to their children;
- Making food production at competitive prices more difficult for the Borough..

Council resolves:

- That the Leader writes on behalf of the Council to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and the 6 Worcestershire MPs, outlining the Council’s dismay at the decision to restrict APR and urging the Government to halt the Family Farm Tax.
- To ask the Executive to consider engaging with local farmers and community representatives to assess how the Council can provide practical support during this challenging period.
- To call for a detailed list of affected farms to better understand and address the impact of these changes.”

