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Council

**Mon 22nd Feb
2010
7.00 pm**

**Council Chamber
Town Hall
Redditch**



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Access to Information - Your Rights

The Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 widened the rights of press and public to attend Local Authority meetings and to see certain documents. Recently the Freedom of Information Act 2000, has further broadened these rights, and limited exemptions under the 1985 Act.

Your main rights are set out below:-

- Automatic right to attend all Council and Committee meetings unless the business would disclose confidential or “exempt” information.
- Automatic right to inspect agenda and public reports at least five days before the date of the meeting.
- Automatic right to inspect minutes of the Council and its Committees (or summaries of business undertaken in private) for up to six years following a meeting.
- Automatic right to inspect lists of background papers used in the preparation of public reports.
- Access, upon request, to the background papers on which reports are based for a period of up to four years from the date of the meeting.
- Access to a public register stating the names and addresses and electoral areas of all Councillors with details of the membership of all Committees etc.
- A reasonable number of copies of agenda and reports relating to items to be considered in public must be made available to the public attending meetings of the Council and its Committees etc.
- Access to a list specifying those powers which the Council has delegated to its Officers indicating also the titles of the Officers concerned.
- Access to a summary of the rights of the public to attend meetings of the Council and its Committees etc. and to inspect and copy documents.
- In addition, the public now has a right to be present when the Council determines “Key Decisions” unless the business would disclose confidential or “exempt” information.
- Unless otherwise stated, all items of business before the Executive Committee are Key Decisions.
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**If you have any queries on this Agenda or any of the decisions taken or wish to exercise any of the above rights of access to information, please contact
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**5. Executive Committee -
Urgent Referrals – Part 2**

To consider a number of urgent referrals from the Executive Committee which relate to financial decisions relevant to tonight's business. (Other matters will be reported to the next ordinary meeting of the Council on 29th March 2010.)

- Arrow Valley Countryside Centre

(The individual decisions from the meeting of the Executive Committee on 17th February 2010 (attached) refer.)

(In view of the fact that it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons (including the authority holding that information) and contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with a labour relations matter between the authority and employees of the authority, the report is not for publication and has been circulated only to relevant Officers and Members of the Council).

Chief Executive
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(Winyates Ward)

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