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Planning Committee

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Council Chamber Town Hall Redditch





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Your main rights are set out below:-

- Automatic right to attend all formal Council and Committee meetings unless the business would disclose confidential or "exempt" information.
- Automatic right to inspect agendas 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 business undertaken in private) for up to six years following a meeting.

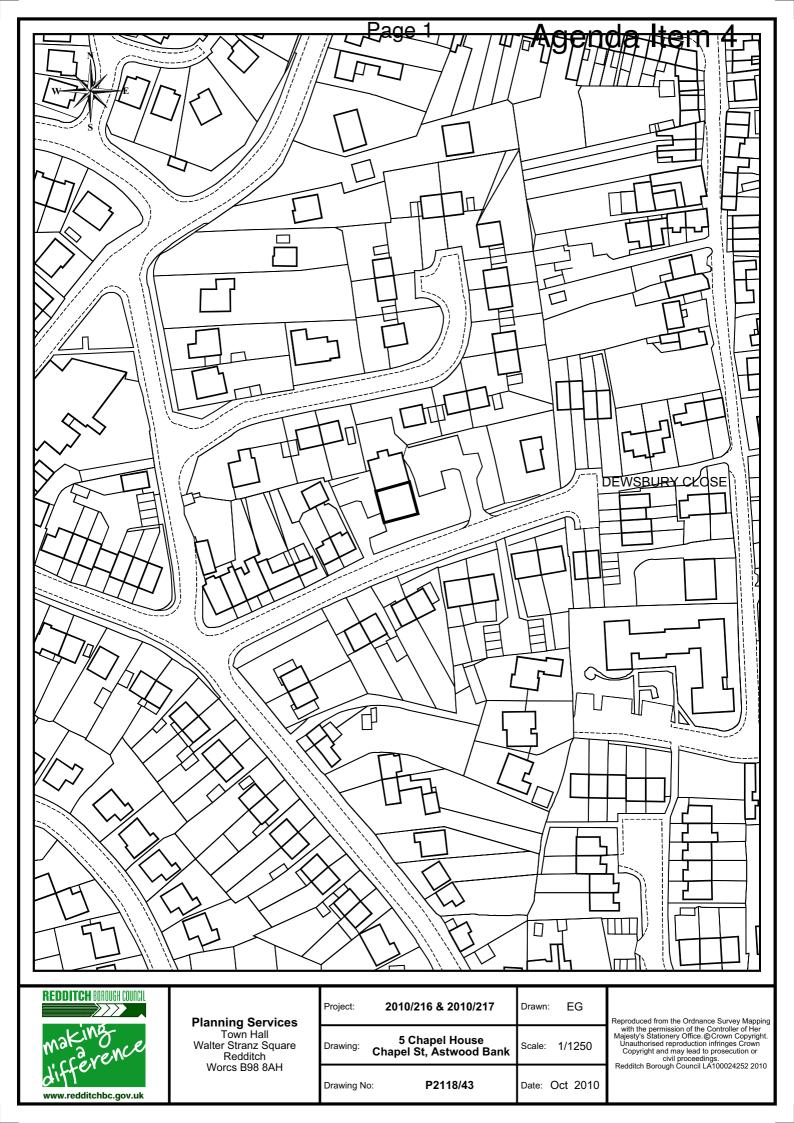
- Automatic right to inspect lists of background papers used in the preparation of public reports.
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- Access to a public register stating the names and addresses and electoral areas of all Councillors with details of the membership of all Committees etc.

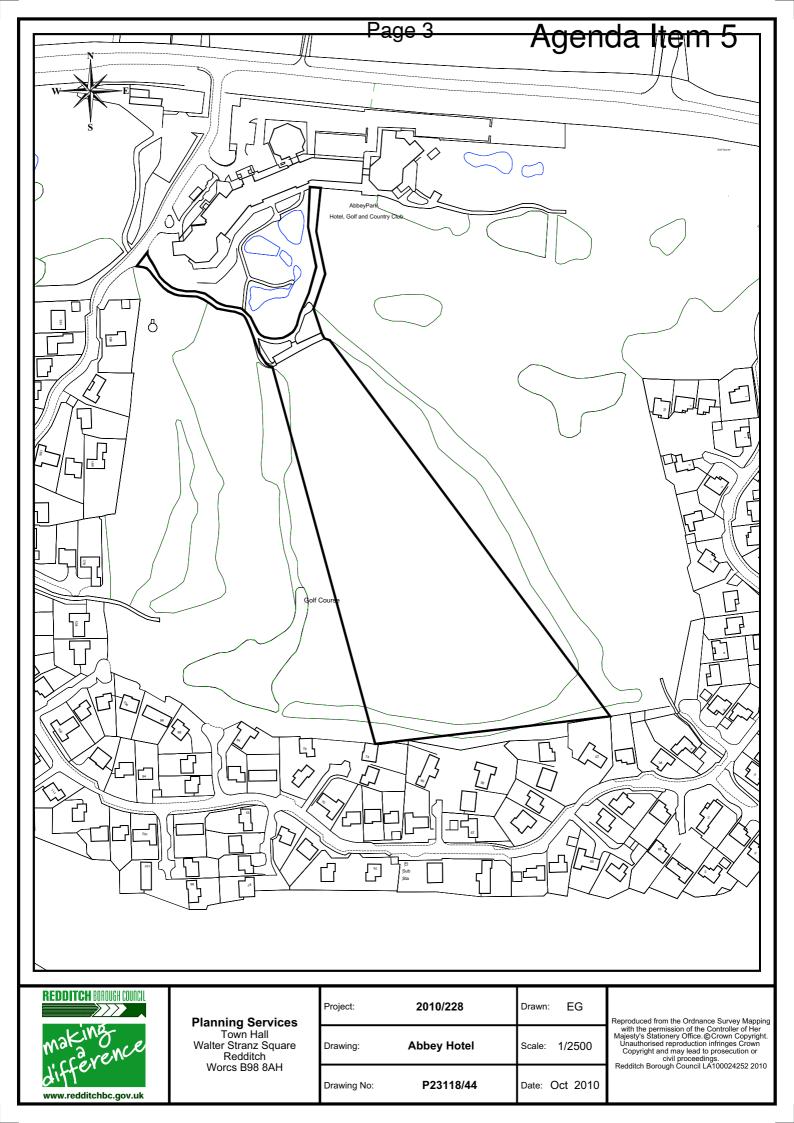
A reasonable number of copies of agendas and reports relating to items to be made available to the public attending meetings of Council the and its. Committees etc.

- of 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. • most items of business before the Executive Committee are Key Decisions.
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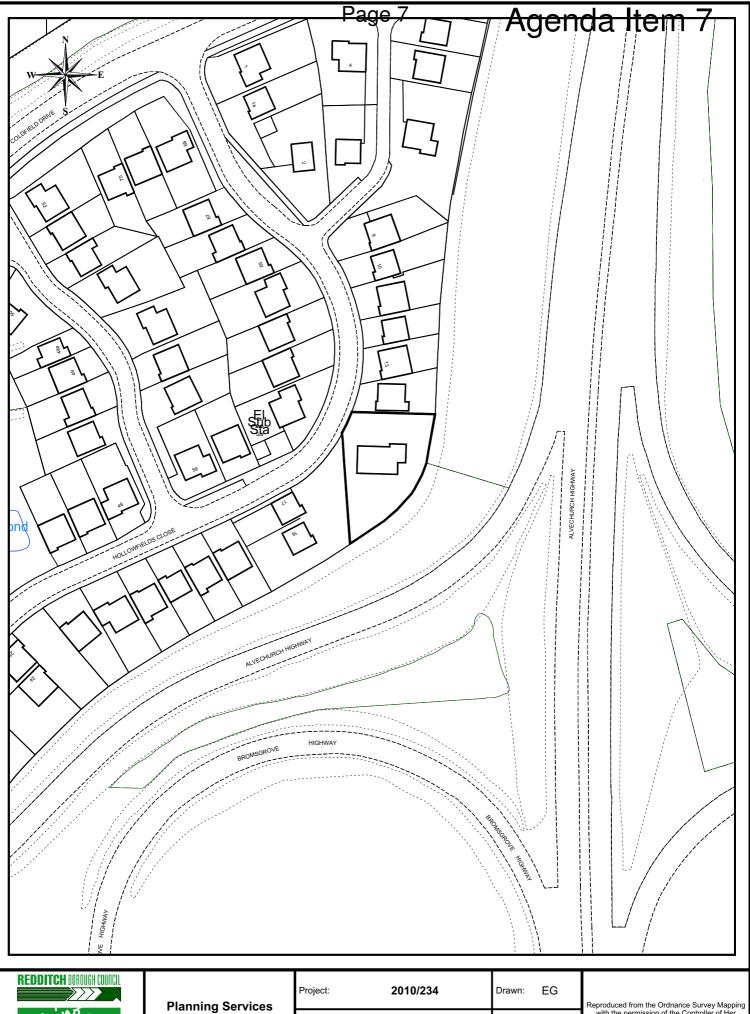
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