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Annual Meeting of the Council

21st May 2012

MINUTES

Present:

Mrs Anita Clayton (Mayor), Councillor Gay Hopkins (Deputy Mayor) and Councillors Joe Baker, Roger Bennett, Michael Braley, Rebecca Blake, Juliet Brunner, David Bush, Michael Chalk, Simon Chalk, Greg Chance, Brandon Clayton, John Fisher, Andrew Fry, Carole Gandy, Adam Griffin, Bill Hartnett, Pattie Hill, Roger Hill, Wanda King, Alan Mason, Phil Mould, Brenda Quinney, Mark Shurmer, Yvonne Smith, Luke Stephens, Debbie Taylor, Derek Taylor and Pat Witherspoon

Also Present:

Mr Michael Collins (Vice-Chair, Standards Committee), Petty Officer Cadet David Cullum, Mrs Kay Hadley (Primrose Hospice Choir), Mrs June Saville (Mayor's celebrant), Leading Cadet Cameron Stewart and Mr Simon Winston.

Officers:

J Bayley, R Brown, J Carradine, A M Darroch, K Dicks, C Felton, C Flanagan, S Hanley, D Parker-Jones, J Pickering, S Skinner, J Smyth, J Staniland, S Tasker and D Sunman

Committee Services Officer:

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1. WELCOME

The Mayor opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

MAYOR, in the Chair

4. MAYOR'S OPENING REMARKS

a) <u>General Remarks</u>

The Mayor commented that the past year had been a very special and memorable one for her, attending, as she had, 140 functions in a Civic capacity, each of which had been special in its own way.

The Mayor thanked her Celebrant, June Saville, for her support, thoughtful words prior to meetings of the Council and presiding at the Civic Service and the local Air Cadet Force for supporting her during her year in office. The Mayor also thanked her husband, Councillor Brandon Clayton for his support, as consort, throughout the year and her Deputy Mayor, Councillor Gay Hopkins, for representing the Borough at various engagements over the past year. The Mayor also thanked the outgoing Leader of the Council, Councillor Carole Gandy for her hard work for the town and its community.

Finally, the Mayor thanked the three Independent members of the Standards Committee whose terms of office had now also come to an end with a change in the law regarding Standards arrangements, Mrs Deborah Andrews, Mr Michael Collins and Mr Brian Warwick.

b) Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire

The Mayor formally notified the Council of the death the previous month of the Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire, Mr Michael Brinton. It was reported that a letter of condolence had been sent to his widow and family on behalf of the Council.

c) Award for Outstanding Service to the Community

The Mayor's Annual Award for outstanding contribution to the community which had been instituted in 2010 was awarded to Mrs Kay Hadley in recognition of the work she had undertaken in support of the Primrose Hospice over a number of years.

d) <u>Mayoral Charities</u>

The Mayor informed the Council that a sum of £3,664 had been raised throughout the year for her charities, the Primrose Hospice and the Air Cadet Force and cheques were presented to both organisations.

e) <u>Mr Steve Skinner</u>

Finally, the Mayor paid tribute to the Democratic Services Manager, Mr Steve Skinner, who had served the Council for over 25 years and would be greatly missed by elected Members following his retirement from the authority at the end of the month.

5. ELECTION OF MAYOR

RESOLVED that

Councillor Alan Mason be, and hereby is, elected Mayor of the Borough of Redditch to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

6. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE - NEW MAYOR

Councillor Alan Mason made the statutory declaration of Acceptance of Office. He was then invested with the Chain of Office by the outgoing Mayor, former Councillor Anita Clayton.

(The new Mayor, Councillor Alan Mason now in the Chair)

7. VOTE OF THANKS TO RETIRING MAYOR

Councillor Mason thanked the outgoing Mayor and Deputy Mayor and, on behalf of the Council, expressed gratitude for the work they had carried out as ambassadors for the town.

RESOLVED that

the Council formally express, and record, its gratitude to former Councillor Anita Clayton and to Councillor Gay Hopkins for their excellent service to the town over the last 12 months as Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively.

8. DEPUTY MAYOR

RESOLVED that

Councillor Wanda King be, and hereby is, appointed Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Redditch to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Council.

9. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE - NEW DEPUTY MAYOR

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Wanda King, made the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

The Mayor, Councillor Alan Mason, then invested Councillor King with the Deputy Mayor's Badge of Office.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a) <u>Mayor</u>

The Mayor's communications and announcements were as follows:

i) <u>Announcements</u>

The Mayor informed the Council that he was privileged to be taking on the role of Mayor of the Borough of Redditch and undertook to do his best to serve the community throughout the coming year

The Mayor advised that he wished to show that the Borough was a community which embraced and respected all religions and so each Council meeting would be preceded with brief thoughts and reflections on life from the leaders of different religions. The Mayor announced that his charities for the year would be the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and Child Alert, a charity which helps locate children that are missing.

ii) <u>Forthcoming engagements</u>

The Mayor announced that the Sea Cadets would be supporting him during his Mayoral year and presented cadet badges to Petty Officer Cadet David Cullum and Leading Cadet Cameron Stewart . The Mayor advised that his Civic Dinner would be taking place in September and would be a Caribbean themed event. The Council was advised of further forthcoming engagements including the unveiling of new Gateway signs at the entrance to the town and welcoming the visiting party from Auxerre to Redditch at the start of June.

b) <u>Chief Executive</u>

The Chief Executive had no announcements.

c) <u>Leader</u>

In light of the recent election results and the loss of her Group's majority, the Leader of the Council, Councillor Carole Gandy, announced her immediate resignation from this position. She thanked her colleagues and Officers for their support during the previous four years and summarised some of the major achievements during the period of her leadership.

11. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 16th April 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

12. REGULATORY COMMITTEES

The Council received the minutes of a recent meeting of the Council's Standards Committee. The Leader of the Majority Group wished to place on record his thanks to the former Independent members of the Standards Committee.

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 26th March 2012 be received and noted.

13. RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT

The Council received the Returning Officer's report in respect of the Borough Council elections held on 3rd May 2012.

RESOLVED that

the Returning Officer's report be noted.

14. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

The Council appointed Councillor Bill Hartnett to the position of Leader for the coming four year period. The Leader announced his appointments as set out in the detailed Order of Business.

The Leader announced that his Group would be seeking to enact the measures set out by them in their shadow budget at the Budgetsetting meeting in February 2012, including the provision of free swimming for under 16s and over 60s and pre 9.30 concessionary bus travel. The measures would be encapsulated in a report, Revisions of the Medium Term Financial Plan which would be added to the Forward Plan and presented to the Executive Committee at the earliest opportunity.

The Leader was delighted to present to the Council his guest of honour, Mr Simon Winston, Holocaust survivor and a special guest at this year's Redditch Holocaust Memorial event. The Leader and the Leader of the Minority Group presented Mr Winston with commemorative prints of the event in January following which Mr Winston made a short address to the Council.

RESOLVED that

- 1) Councillor Bill Hartnett be, and hereby is, appointed Leader of the Council for the ensuing four years; and
- 2) the appointment by the Leader of the Deputy Leader, of Members to the Executive Committee and to the individual Portfolios as detailed in Appendix A attached to these Minutes be noted.
- 15. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, SUB-COMMITTEES, PANELS ETC. - CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS - APPOINTMENT

RESOLVED that

- 1) in accordance with the Council's Constitution and relevant Procedure Rules, the Council's Committees, Sub-Committees, etc. be appointed as indicated in Appendix B attached to the minutes;
- 2) the various specific appointments of Members to Committees, Sub-Committees, etc. be noted; and
- 3) it be agreed, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, that the seats on the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel not be allocated proportionally.

16. OUTSIDE BODIES

The Council considered the nomination, and/or appointment, of Council representatives to serve on outside bodies on behalf of the Council.

It was noted that revisions might be needed to the appointments / nominations to the Town Centre Partnership (to reduce the Council membership by two places), Where Next? Association (to include Councillor Roger Hill, should the Association be amenable to the proposal) and the Redditch Trade Justice Network which had ceased meeting.

RESOLVED that

subject to further consideration of the matters raised by Members, as detailed in the preamble above, the appointments / nominations to outside bodies be made as detailed in Appendix C to the minutes, and notified to the outside bodies as soon as possible after the meeting.

17. POLICE AND CRIME PANEL - ESTABLISHMENT

RESOLVED that

- 1) the establishment of a West Mercia Police and Crime Panel as a joint committee of the ten principal local authorities in the West Mercia police force area, to be administered by Worcestershire County Council as lead authority, be approved;
- 2) the proposed membership of the Police and Crime Panel, the Panel arrangements and any consequential actions required under the Act be approved;
- 3) authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services to finalise the details of the proposals, including nominating Council representatives, in consultation with the Leader; and
- 4) Councillor Rebecca Blake be appointed to the Panel for a term of office expiring May 2013.

18. CONSTITUTION - ANNUAL REVIEW

The Council considered its updated Constitutional arrangements for the coming year.

Further to appointments noted at Minute 15 above, the proposal that the Leader of the Council also be allowed to be a member of the Planning Committee was discussed as it was suggested that this did might conform to best practice. Officers confirmed that there was no legal prohibition but, in noting that the proposition did present potential difficulties, stated that they would work with the Leader to ensure that the holding of both positions was managed effectively.

RESOLVED that

the Council's Constitutional arrangements be re-affirmed, as appended to the Council Agenda under separate cover.

19. LOCALISM ACT 2011 - NEW STANDARDS REGIME

The Council considered a report which described the changes to the system of regulation of the standards of conduct for elected and co-opted Councillors introduced by the Localism Act 2011.

RESOLVED that

- 1) the Council approve the creation of a Committee to enable the Council to discharge its duty to promote high standards of behaviour in public life with a composition as set out at Appendix 3 to the report;
- 2) the Draft Code of Conduct attached at Appendix 1 to this report be approved and authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with Group Leaders, to make any consequential changes that may be necessary once the Regulations are published, recognising that this will include the definitions in relation to Interests;
- 3) the process for managing Standards complaints at Appendix 2 to this report be approved and authority delegated to the Monitoring Officer, in consultation with Party Group Leaders, to determine the process for managing an investigation and hearing;
- 4) one Parish representative be co-opted onto the Committee as a non-voting co-optee, together with, as a transitional measure, a non-statutory, non-voting, Independent Observer;

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- 5) the proposals for discharging the requirement under the Localism Act for an Independent Person(s) be approved and authority be delegated to the Monitoring Officer to carry out the recruitment and selection process, in consultation with Group Leaders;
- 6) the proposals for managing dispensations, as detailed in the report at paragraphs 3.31 to 3.35, be approved; and
- 7) the Members' Allowances Scheme be updated to include the new allowances detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report below, to be funded from within existing Allowances budgets.

20. INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL ARRANGEMENTS

The Council received notification of the need to nominate a Member to a Joint Committee that would consider the appointment of a replacement member to the Independent Remuneration Panel to fill a vacancy that had arisen.

RESOLVED that

Councillor Phil Mould be appointed to the Joint Committee that will consider the appointment of a member to the Worcestershire Districts Joint Independent Remuneration Panel to fill the vacancy that has arisen on that Panel.

21. MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES

The Council considered a report on expenses and allowances paid to Members during the financial year 2011/12 under the Local Authorities' (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

The Meeting commenced at 7.05 pm and closed at 8.32 pm

MAYOR, in the Chair

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LEADER NOMINATIONS

(and Opposition places *)

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<u>Chair:</u> <u>Vice-Chair</u> :	Leader of the Council* ex-officio (per Constitution) Deputy Leader# ex-officio ('')
Councillors:	(9 = 7+2 - not required to be proportional)
	(LAB) Blake, Chance #, Hartnett *, Mould, Shurmer, Stephens, Debbie Taylor
	(CON) Gandy *, Braley *
Normad	(Cannot be members of O&S Committees)
<u>Named</u> Substitutes:	Not permitted.

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Portfolio Holders (x 7)

(Numbers of Portfolios and range of services covered are reviewable annually)

Community Leadership & Partnership inc. Vol. Sector – Cllr HARTNETT

(normally the Leader of the Council)

Community Safety & Regulatory Services – Cllr BLAKE

(Crime & Disorder, Safer Communities, Licensing impacts *, planning against Emergencies)

Corporate Management – Cllr MOULD

(Internal systems / support services: Admin. / Audit / Finance / Human Resources / IT/ Conduct of Council /Committee business/ Licensing process *)

Housing - CIIr SHURMER

(Housing Services)

Local Environment & Health – Cllr Debbie TAYLOR

(Health-related Services, Better Environment, Cleansing & Waste Management, Climate Change, Landscape / Open Space)

Leisure & Tourism – CIIr STEPHENS

(Culture & Recreation, Community Training, Education, Learning & Skills, Children, Corporate Parenting, Youth, Surestart)

Planning, Regeneration, Economic Development & Transport – Cllr CHANCE

(Planning & Land use, Economic Development, Public Transport)

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<u>Member "Champions"</u> (List subject to critical review)

(Duties generally fall to the relevant Portfolio Holder. In other cases can be an Executive or non-Executive Member.)

1. 2.	Asset Management / <u>Customer Access</u> / <u>E.government / IT</u> (Corporate Management Portfolio) <u>Children & Young People</u> / <u>Play</u> (Leisure & Tourism / Community Leadership & People /	CIIr MOULD (Portfolio Holder) CIIr STEPHENS (Portfolio Holder)
3.	Partnership Portfolios) <u>Equalities</u> (Community Leadership / Corporate Management Portfolios)	CIIr HARTNETT (Portfolio Holder)
4.	<u>Health</u> (Housing & Health Portfolio)	Cllr Debbie TAYLOR (Portfolio Holder)
5.	<u>Heritage</u> (Local Environment Planning & Transport and Leisure & Tourism Portfolios)	CIIr CHANCE (Portfolio Holder)
6.	Local Democracy Events (subject to review of current event) (Corporate Management Portfolio)	CIIr Pattie HILL (assisted by CIIr BRUNNER *)
7.	<u>Member Development</u> (1 per Party Group) (Corporate Management Portfolio)	(Lab) CIIr MOULD (Con) CIIr BRALEY *
8.	<u>Risk Management</u> (Corporate Management Portfolio)	CIIr MOULD (Portfolio Holder)
9.	<u>Third Sector Liaison</u> (Community Leadership & Partnership Portfolio)	CIIr HARTNETT (Portfolio Holder)

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COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Overview & Scrutiny "Parent" Committee may undertake policy reviews itself or, more routinely, commission Task & Finish Groups to undertake targeted, time-limited pieces of work on the Committee's behalf.

The Committee will meet every three weeks to echo the meeting pattern of the Executive Committee and to provide the opportunity for a responsive call-in mechanism.

A decision was taken by Council in 2008, with no members voting against, that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should not be Party proportional.

The role of Crime and Disorder O&S Committee under the Police and Justice Act 2006 is undertaken by the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel.

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

<u>Chair:</u> <u>Vice-Chair</u> :	Councillor Brunner Councillor S Chalk
	(The Constitution requires that members of political groups not forming part of the ruling administration shall be appointed Chair and Vice-Chair of the O&S Committee)
<u>Councillors</u>	(Notional Proportions 9 = 5+4, plus TU co-optees – Actual places 9 = 4 + 5, plus TU co-optees – - Not currently proportional by formal resolution of the Council, <u>decision to be renewed each year</u>)
	(LAB) Fry, Fisher, Pattie Hill, Witherspoon (CON) Brazier, Bush, Hopkins
	(Not members of the Executive Committee)
<u>Co-opted</u> members:	2 Trade Union (UNISON) representatives (for employee-related items only)
<u>Named</u> <u>Substitutes</u> :	All other members of the Council – non-Exec (For reasons of continuity, substitution is not permitted during Task and Finish reviews.)
<u>Substitute</u> Co-optees	1 nominated TU representative per Union.

"OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY MEMBERS" POOL

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Available for allocation for Task & Finish Reviews (= all remaining "non-Executive" Members)

Councillors: (LAB) *To be added* (CON) *Bennett, Clayton, M Chalk, Griffin, R Hill, Quinney, Derek Taylor*

CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY PANEL

Chair: *Councillor Brazier*

Councillors: (5 = 3 + 2) (LAB) Baker, Pattie Hill (CON) Clayton

(The Terms of Reference of the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel state that the Chair must be a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee)

TASK & FINISH GROUPS:

(To be re-appointed at the Annual Meeting. Please note that, for the purposes of continuity it is desirable that the Memberships of existing Groups be continued into the following municipal year. Furthermore, there is currently an expectation that Chairs of Task and Finish Groups would be Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.)

ACCESS FOR DISABLED PEOPLE

Chair: Councillor Fry Councillors: (5 = 3 + 2) (Lab) Mason, Smith (Con) M Chalk, Quinney

REDDITCH MARKET

Chair: O&S Committee to determine Chair / Membership later Councillors: (5 = 3 + 2)(Lab) (Con) Quinney, Derek Taylor.

REGULATORY COMMITTEES

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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<u>Chair</u> :	<i>Councillor Derek Taylor</i>
<u>Vice-Chair</u> :	Councillor Roger Hill
<u>Councillors</u> :	(7 = 4 +3) (LAB) Baker, Fisher, Shurmer and Smith (CON) Bennett

(The Panel to comprise elected Members representing all interests of the Authority, preferably with 'relevant areas of expertise', where possible (such areas as accountancy, audit, business and commerce). Can be members of the Executive Committee. For the sake of independence, the Chair to be an "Opposition" Member.)

Named Substitutes: Not permitted.

Named

EMPLOYMENT APPEALS COMMITTEE

<u>Chair</u> :	Councillor Witherspoon
Vice-Chair:	Councillor Mould

<u>Councillors</u> (5 = 3+2 - not required to be proportional, though helpful for balance)(The Committee to be selected as and when necessary, in consultationwith the Chair, from all disinterested members of the Council –training in Quasi-Judicial meetings required.)

Substitutes: (Substitution rules therefore not relevant).

(Can be members of the Executive Committee: to be selected from all disinterested members of the Council – training required – normally evening meetings, but <u>may</u> occasionally need to meet in the daytime for longer hearings.)

LICENSING COMMITTEE

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(Required, via its Sub-Committees, to deal with applications lodged under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005; and also, via other Sub-Committee(s) to act as Taxi and 'other' Licensing Regulatory Committee.)

<u>Chair</u> :	Councillor Fry
<u>Vice-Chair</u> :	Councillor Stephens
<u>Councillors</u> :	(<i>11 = 6 +5 - must be <u>no less than 10</u> / <u>no more than 15</u>) (LAB) Baker, Pattie Hill, King and Mason (CON) Brunner, M Chalk, Gandy, R Hill, Hopkins</i>

(Can be members of the Executive Committee – there may be:

- <u>daytime and evening meetings</u> of 3-Member Sub-Committees (Premises / Personal Licences) plus 1 reserve Member, to hear applications; and/or
- <u>daytime meetings</u> of 5-Member Taxi / other Licensing Sub-Committee.)

<u>Named</u>	Subject to appropriate training,
Substitutes:	all other members of the Council.

[N.B. Trained Members – Licensing Act, Gambling Act and Quasi-Judicial meetings – currently available *(other than as indicated)* are:

(List to be updated) (not Quasi-Judicial meetings).

New Training will be offered as soon as possible in the Municipal Year to Members who require it – dates are already set - Member Development Programme 2012/13 refers).]

Licensing Sub-Committees - A. Personal / Premises / Gambling Act

(3-Member "Panels" – general membership to be agreed by Officers, in consultation with the relevant Chair, as required per application and currently to include a 4th Reserve Member – (arrangement under review).)

- A. <u>Chair</u>: *Councillor Fry*B. <u>Alternate Chair 1</u>: *Councillor Pattie Hill*
- C. <u>Alternate Chair 2</u>: Councillor Roger Hill
- D. <u>Alternate Chair 3</u>: *Councillor Hopkins*

Sub-Committee 'core' membership - 3 Members to normally hear Licensing Act / Gambling Act applications, plus one 'Reserve':

Councillors: Fry, Pattie Hill, Roger Hill, Hopkins

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- 1) <u>Daytime</u> and evening meetings may be required.
- 2) The 'core' membership above would change in the case of any prejudicial or Ward interests, or other conflict, or exceptional absence. However, a constant membership would help Members to develop expertise in the area, given the very few Hearings currently required in the Borough.
- 3) Substitute Members to be drawn, as required, from list of trained and available Members. (Training will be provided as soon as possible to cover any deficit.)
- 4) Chairing of Licensing Sub-Committee / Quasi-Judicial meetings involves particular skills and therefore only trained <u>Members with relevant knowledge and experience</u> should be nominated.
- 5) Compulsory Training to be renewed / updated in accordance with Constitutional requirements, or when significant legal, policy or procedural change occurs.)

Licensing Sub-Committees – B. Taxis / Sex Establishments / Other.

(This Sub- Committee covers all "other Licensing" and similar regulatory matters other than those covered under the Licensing Act 2003 and Gambling Act 2005, examples: Taxis, Incinerators and "Sex Establishments". Mostly <u>daytime meetings</u>.)

<u>Chair</u>: Councillor Fry (Ex officio Chair of the Licensing Committee / Special Responsibility Allowance refers.)

Vice-Chair: Councillor Pattie Hill

<u>Councillors</u>: (5 = 3 + 2)(LAB) Baker (CON) Brunner, R HIII

(Can be members of the Executive Committee – must receive training in Quasi-Judicial meetings before they can sit or substitute.)

<u>Named</u> <u>Substitutes</u>: All other members of the Council.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Chair: Councillor Fry

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Vice-Chair: Councillor Baker

<u>Councillors</u>: (9 = 5 +4) (LAB) Hartnett, King, Smith (CON) M Chalk, Clayton, R Hill, Quinney

(Can be members of the Executive Committee, but not Council Leader * -Must receive relevant formal training before they can sit or substitute. Training to be renewed / <u>updated annually</u>, and/or when significant legal, policy or procedural change occurs.)

Chairing of the Planning Committee meetings involves particular skills and therefore only trained <u>Members with relevant knowledge and experience</u> should be nominated.)

Named All other trained members of the Council.

<u>Substitutes</u>: (NB. substitution at Planning Committee is not generally advised, as occasional attendees will not have received all update briefings. Party balance, although a requirement of the composition of the Committee, should not be a material consideration at Planning Committee meetings.)

(Mandatory Training will be provided as soon as reasonably possible in the new municipal year - Member Development Programme refers.)

<u>Note</u>: * The barrier to Leader membership of the Planning Committee will be removed, <u>subject to Council's decision</u> at the Constitution review item later in the Agenda,.

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STANDARDS COMMITTEE

(Revised arrangements – separate report refers)

<u>Chair</u> :	Councillor Witherspoon
Vice – Chair:	Councillor Braley

<u>RBC Councillors</u>: (5 = 3 +2) (plus - 2 non-voting Parish Council co-optees; and 2012/13 transitional arrangement -1 non-voting Independent Observer co-optee.)

> (LAB) Mould, Debbie Taylor (CON) Derek Taylor

(New arrangements, subject to final decisions of the Council Annual Meeting - separate report refers - Continuity of membership is recommended, so far as practical, for training / expertise purposes. Quasi-judicial training is required for the conduct of any Hearings.)

Mandatory Training to be renewed / updated at least every 4 years, or when significant legal, policy or procedural change occurs.)

<u>Named</u> (Not encouraged. <u>Substitutes</u>: Must have received required training.)

[Hearings Sub-Committee arrangements are subject to further report:

Chairing of Sub-Committees will vary according to the circumstances of the Hearing:

Labour Chair for Hearing about Conservative member / Conservative Chair for Hearing about Labour member.)

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MEETINGS UNDER SHARED / JOINT ARRANGEMENTS

SHARED SERVICES BOARD - Role / Title subject to Review

(To oversee the shared services, joint working and alternative working arrangements of the Council)

<u>Chair</u>: **Councillor Hartnett** (RBC)[**Councillor** (BDC)] (previously Leaders ex-officio, who alternate according to meeting venue, other becoming Vice-Chair)

Vice-Chair: As above

<u>RBC Councillors</u>: (4 = 3 + 1)(LAB) Chance, Debbie Taylor (CON) Gandy

(Fixed membership only)

<u>Named</u> (Named Substitutes – Councillors Blake, Braley and Mould <u>Substitutes</u>: (All Members are invited to attend and observe)

WORCESTERSHIRE SHARED SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE

(To oversee the Worcestershire Enhanced Two Tier (WETT) Regulatory Service)

Chair: To be appointed by the Committee

Vice-Chair: As above

<u>RBC Councillors</u>: (2 appointments from Redditch Borough Council) (LAB) Mould (CON) Braley

(Fixed membership only – At least one RBC Member must be a member of the Executive Committee)

<u>Named</u> (Substitutes: x2 Substitutes:

(All Members are invited to attend and observe)

OTHER MEETINGS

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(not within main structure. None of these meetings have Executive authority, other than as exercised already by relevant Officers with delegated powers.)

EXECUTIVE ADVISORY PANELS

Advisory Panels are less formal meetings and share memberships from both Executive and Overview & Scrutiny (O&S) members (potential conflicts of interest should therefore be taken into account for O&S members of Advisory Panels in future scrutiny of resultant Executive decisions). They often meet <u>early evening</u>.

They exist to work up firm proposals on behalf of, and as specified by, the Executive and/or Majority Group(s), as appropriate. They are therefore led by the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).

Reporting should normally therefore be to the Executive. But exceptionally, if deadlines require, reporting may, with the agreement of the Leader, be direct to the full Council in relation to proposals with implications for policy or budget change. More open reviews should be considered by O&S.

They are not required to be Party proportional, but have been established on those terms to date – the figures in brackets are therefore a <u>guide only</u>).

CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY PANEL

(Terms of Reference – to advise the Executive Committee on Climate Change)

Chair:Councillor Debbie Taylor (relevant Portfolio Holder ex officio)Vice-Chair:Councillor Fry

<u>Councillors:</u> (5 = 3+2) (LAB) Mason (CON) Brazier, Hopkins (Membership to include relevant Portfolio Holder as Chair.)

<u>ECONOMIC ADVISORY PANEL (</u>'ECAP') (Terms of Reference – as above in relation to Economic Development related matters.)

Chair:Councillor Chance (relevant Portfolio Holder ex officio)Vice-Chair:Councillor Fisher

Councillors:

(5 = 3+2) (LAB) Baker (CON) Bennett, Bush

(Membership to include relevant Portfolio Holder as Chair.)

HOUSING ADVISORY PANEL

(Terms of Reference – as above in relation to Housing-related matters.)

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<u>Chair:</u> <u>Vice-Chair</u> :	<i>Councillor Shurmer</i> (relevant Portfolio Holder <u>ex officio</u>) <i>Councillor Witherspoon</i>	
Councillors:	(5 = 3+2) (LAB) Mason (CON) Clayton, Quinney	
(Membership to include relevant Portfolio Holder as Chair.) <u>PLANNING ADVISORY PANEL</u> ("PAP") (To monitor progression of the Regional Spatial Strategy Review and consider material to be provided to the Regional Assembly.		
To consider all matters associated with the preparation of Development Plan documents or other documents in the local Development Framework.)		
<u>Chair:</u> <u>Vice-Chair</u> :	<i>Councillor Chance</i> (relevant Portfolio Holder <u>ex officio</u>) <i>Councillor Blake</i>	

<u>Councillors:</u> (5 = 3+2) (LAB) Hartnett (CON) Bush, M Chalk (Membership to include relevant Portfolio Holder as Chair.)

(Because of the link to Core Strategy Review, administered by Democratic Services)

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MISCELLANEOUS OTHER MEETINGS:

BOROUGH TENANTS' FORUM

<u>Chair</u> : <u>Vice-Chair</u> :	(Not RBC position - election at first meeting) (ditto)
Councillors:	<i>(3 = 2 +1+Officers)</i> (LAB) Chance, Shurmer (CON) Quinney
Named	(Can be any member of the Council)
Substitutes:	(All members of the Council)

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW WORKING PARTY

Councillor Hartnett

(To provide a pool of senior Executive Committee and O&S Members to assist the Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer with the rolling development of the Constitution and its associated documents; also to consider the development of the Localisation agenda.)

 Vice-Chair:
 Councillor Chance

 Councillors:
 (5 = 3+2) (LAB) Pattie Hill (CON) Braley, Gandy

 Should ideally include Group Leaders / Portfolio Holder / Senior members of both Exec and O&S Committees.)

 Named

<u>Substitutes:</u> Any member of the Council.

Councillor Bush

GRANTS PANEL

Chair:

Chair:

(To recommend to the Executive Committee grant awards for 20012/13)

Vice-Chair:	Councillor Chance
<u>Councillors:</u>	(5 = 3+2 but not required to be proportional) (LAB) Shurmer and Smith (CON) Clayton

(Members should not have interests which would disbar their membership / close involvement with bodies applying for grant.

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Prejudicial involvement with any one body would disbar Members from the entire Grants allocation process.)

<u>Named</u>

Substitutes: Substitutions do not apply.

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL STEERING GROUP

(To organise an annual Holocaust Memorial Event -

<u>Chair:</u> <u>Vice-Chair</u> :	Councillor Hartnett Councillor Blake
<u>Councillors:</u>	(5 = 3 +2 – number / proportions not fixed) (LAB) King (CON) Hopkins, Quinney
<u>Named</u> Substitutes:	For the sake of continuity, substitutions are not required or relevant.

MEMBER SUPPORT STEERING GROUP

(To develop and implement a Member Development Programme; to review Members' Support arrangements: administrative, financial and IT.)

<u>Chair:</u>	Councillor Fisher
Vice-Chair:	Councillor Mould *

<u>Councillors</u>: (5 = 3+2) (LAB) King (CON) Braley *, Gandy

(Can be any member of the Council – <u>should include both</u> * <u>Party Group Member Development Champions</u>.)

Named

<u>Substitutes:</u> All other members of the Council.

PROCUREMENT STEERING GROUP

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(To oversee shared services joint working and other alternative working arrangements of the Council)

<u>Chair</u> : <u>Vice-Chair</u> :	Councillor Hartnett Councillor Chance
Councillors:	(5 = 3+2) (LAB) Debbie Taylor (CON) Braley, Derek Taylor
	(Fixed membership only)
<u>Named</u> <u>Substitutes</u> :	(for continuity, none appointed / but exceptionally permitted with Chair's agreement.)

REDDITCH MATTERS EDITORIAL PANEL

(To act as a consultative body for Officers in respect of the content of the Council magazine.)

Chair:
Vice-Chair:Councillor Hartnett
Councillor Debbie TaylorCouncillors:(3 = 2+1)
(LAB) (As above)
(CON) ClaytonNamed
Substitutes:Any member of the Council.

General Notes (All meetings):-

- 1) Any unfilled Chair or Vice-Chair positions will be the subject of decision at the first meetings of the Committees concerned.
- 2) Amendments to the above appointments can be made, if Council decision is necessary, at subsequent full Council meetings.

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BOROUGH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The various Bodies listed in Sections 1, 2 and 3 below have requested the Council to appoint persons to <u>represent the Borough Council</u> on the said bodies.

<u>Notes</u>: The Council resolved on the 21st of April 2008 that, so far as is practical:

- 1) more senior Members should be appointed to represent the Council on significant bodies, such as the Council Leader on Regional bodies, and relevant Portfolio Holders as relevant to their Portfolios;
- 2) other relevant Members should be appointed as befits their position / interests / Ward responsibilities, etc., for example an Astwood Bank and Feckenham Ward Member on bodies with a rural interest.

SECTION 1: LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATED APPOINTMENTS

Body	20011/12 Representative(s)	Notes / Terms	Nominees
Association of Public Service	Cllr B Clayton	1 representative (must be a Councillor)	Clir Mould
Excellence (APSE)		Term : 1 year No liability issues identified.	
Local	Cllr Gandy	1 Representative for 20012/13	Cllr Hartnett
Government Association		(must be a Councillor)	
General		Term : 1 year	
Assembly		No liability issues identified.	
Local	Cllr M Chalk	1 Representative	Cllr M Chalk
Government Association –	(and John Staniland,	(must be a Councillor – normally	
Rural	Director)	an Astwood Bank and Feckenham Ward Member)	
Commission		(plus 1 Council Officer)	
		Term : 1 year	
		No liability issues identified.	
Local	Cllr Braley	1 Representative	Cllr Chance
Government Association –	(and John	(must be a Councillor)	
Urban	Staniland, Director)	(plus 1 Council Officer)	
Commission	,	Term : 1 year	
		No liability issues identified.	

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West Midlands	Cllr Gandy	1 Nomination	Cllr Hartnett
Councils (Replaced the	(alternate – Cllr Braley)	(Must be the Leader of the Council, by virtue of his/her position.)	(alternate – Cllr Chance)
WMLGA Leaders' Board)		A formal "Alternate" is also to be <u>nominated by the Leader to</u> attend meetings in absence of the principal representative.	
		Term: to each RBC AGM	
		No liability issues identified.	
West Midlands	Cllr Brunner	1 Nomination	Clir Mould
Councils Member Development Steering Group		To act on behalf of the Council in relation to West Midlands Councils - supported Member Development-related positions.	
		Term: 1 year	
		Terms as per WMLGA Steering Group	
		No liability issues identified.	
Assembly of the	Cllr Gandy	1 Nomination	Cllr Hartnett
District Councils' Network	(as Leader of the Council)	To represent the Council on the Assembly of this body which is a voice for District Councils within the Local Government Association.	(as Leader of the Council)
		The Assembly of the DCN comprises the Leaders of the Member Authorities or equivalent. New in 2011/12.	
		Term: 1 year	
		No liability issues identified.	

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SECTION 2: PARTNERSHIP APPOINTMENTS

a) <u>County Council Bodies</u>

Body	2011/12 Representative(s)	Notes / Terms	APPOINTEES
Corporate	Cllr Quinney	1 RBC Representative (elected)	Cllr Stephens
Parenting Steering Group		Must be relevant Portfolio Holder (new criterion this year)	
(Worcestershire County Council)		Until next RBC Annual Meeting.	
		(Monthly meetings – approx. 2 hrs each time – generally Friday mornings – 9.30 start)	
		Next Mtg – 9.30am – Friday 1st June at County Hall.	
		No liability issues identified.	
Health Overview	Cllr Quinney	1 representative	Cllr
and Scrutiny Committee		Term : 1 year.	Witherspoon
(Worcestershire County Council)		Comprises 8 County Councillors and 6 District Councillors who take on the role of scrutinising the local NHS and be consulted with by the NHS on any proposed substantial changes to local health services. <u>Must be a</u> <u>member of Redditch Borough</u> <u>Council's Overview and</u> <u>Scrutiny Committee.</u>	
		Liability issues to be determined but <u>unlikely to be</u> <u>an issue</u> .	
Highways	Cllrs Roger Hill	Up to 2 Representatives	Clirs Mason
Forum	and Mason	(Must be Councillors)	and Roger Hill
(Worcestershire County Council)		Term: To RBC AGM	
		Role is that of non-voting observers only.	
		No liability issues identified.	
Worcestershire	CIIr Braley	1 Nomination only	Cllr Mould (as

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Customer Strategic Board	(as relevant Portfolio Holder)	(must be a Councillor – relevant Portfolio Holder with remit for Customer Services)	relevant Portfolio Holder)
(Previously		Term: 1 year to AGM 2013	
Worcestershire Hub Board)		Normally <u>Daytime</u> meetings at County Hall.	
(RBC Lead Officer – Amanda de Warr)		Remit for new board now wider – customer services, Worcestershire Hub, self services & customer payments	
		No information on issues of liability available but unlikely to be any)	

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b) Other / Local Bodies

Body	20011/12 Representative(s)	Notes / Terms	APPOINTEES
Worcestershire	Cllr B Clayton	1 RBC Representative (elected)	Cllr Shurmer
Care & Repair Performance		Until next RBC Annual Meeting.	
Board		(Normally to be Housing Portfolio Holder)	
(Previously North Worcestershire C & R Agency Advisory Board)		Liability issues to be determined. No information to hand at present time. <u>Unlikely to be an issue</u> .	
Redditch	Cllr S Chalk	1 Representative	Cllr Pattie Hill
Children's Centres		(must be a Councillor)	
Advisory Board		Term : 1 year	
(Contact Officer: Judith Willis)		Informally advised that there are unlikely to be any liability issues for members of the Advisory Board.	
Redditch Community	Cllrs Brunner and Blake'	2 Representatives (must be Councillors –	Clirs Blake and Brunner
Safety Partnership		normally including the relevant Portfolio Holder)	
(Lead Officer – S Hanley)		Term : 1 year	
O Hamey)		No liability issues identified.	
		Will cease to operate and be replaced by the North Worcestershire Community Safety Partnership from the 3rd July 2012.	
North	NEW	1 representative	Cllr Blake
Worcestershire Community	From first	Term: 1 year	
Safety Partnership	meeting on 3rd July	Terms of Reference indicate representative need not be an Elected Member.	
		No liability issues identified.	
		Replacing the Redditch Community Safety Partnership	

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Town Centre Partnership (Lead Officer – Lyndsey Hadley)	Cllrs A Clayton, M Hall and R King	4 Representatives (must be Councillors) Term : 1 year No liability issues identified.	Cllrs Blake, Mason, Debbie Taylor and Derek Taylor
Waste Management Board (Lead Officer – Guy Revans)	Cllr B Clayton (as relevant Portfolio Holder) (substitute Cllr Fry)	1 representative + 1 substitute (Representative must be a Councillor and relevant Portfolio Holder. Term : 1 year <u>Note</u> : Meets Friday <u>mornings</u> - 4 times per year No liability issues identified.	Cllr Debbie Taylor (as relevant Portfolio Holder) (substitute Cllr Fry)
Local Strategic Partnership	Leader, Deputy Leader and Leader of the Opposition) ClIrs Gandy and Braley ClIr Hartnett (or his substitute ClIr Blake) (Papers to be also sent to substitute)	3 Member Representatives Leader, Deputy Leader and Leader of the Opposition (ex officio) Term : 1 year No liability issues identified.	Leader, Deputy Leader and Leader of the Opposition) Cllr Hartnett (or his substitute Cllr Blake) Cllrs Chance and Gandy (Papers to be also sent to substitute)

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SECTION 3 : OUTSIDE BODIES – GENERAL

Body	20010/11 Representative(s)	Notes / Terms	APPOINTEES
Age Concern	Cllr Quinney	1 Councillor (plus 1 Officer *)	Cllr
Redditch and District	*Chief Executive	Term : 1 year	Witherspoon
Board	is authorised to appoint Officer	Liability still to be determined.	
	representatives.	Advised in 2008 that Age Concern is a Ltd company and an official rep. from the Council cannot be a full Trustee / Director. Representation is therefore that of a co-opted non-voting Board Member.	
Court of the	Cllr M Chalk	1 Representative	Cllr M Chalk
University of Birmingham	(to AGM 2016)	(Need not be a Councillor)	(to AGM 2016)
Diriningriam		Term: 5 years	
		Role of Court is largely consultative in nature only with no direct decision making authority.	
		No liabilities have been identified.	
Feckenham	Mr A Price	1 Representative	Mr A Price
Education Endowment	(to AGM 2013)	 A Representative (Need not be a Councillor) Term: 5 years Role of Court is largely consultative in nature only with no direct decision making authority. No liabilities have been identified. 1 Representative (Need not be a Councillor) Term: 4 years to AGM 2013 No specific information on nature of representation or liabilities but letter confirming limited annual funds available for donation and capital invested with the Charities 	(to AGM 2013)
(Blue Coat		Term: 4 years to AGM 2013	
School)		of representation or liabilities but letter confirming limited annual funds available for donation and	
Federation of Burial and	Clir B Clayton	1 nomination (must be a Councillor)	1 Vacancy
Cremation Authorities (FBCA) –	(to AGM 2013)	(Potential appointment for relevant Portfolio Holder but not a requirement)	following resignation of former Portfolio Holder
Executive Committee		(Nominations have to be put to their AGM in September for	

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		consideration.)	
		Term: 3 years	
		No liability issues identified.	
Health and	Cllr A Clayton	1 Member representative	Cllr Smith
Safety Committee		(To reflect new corporate Health and Safety Requirements.)	
		Term: 1 year to AGM	
		An internal RBC Officer meeting with Member representation / <u>daytime</u> meetings.	
		No liability issues.	
Redditch	Clirs A Clayton	2 Representatives	Clirs Mason and
Access for	and Mason	(Must be Councillors)	Quinney
Disabled Group		Term : 1 year	
		Advised advisory and representative only, no decision-making role.	
		No liability issues identified.	
Redditch Arts	Cllr Brazier,	3 Representatives	Cllrs Brazier, Fisher and Stephens
Council	Quinney and Stephens	(Must be Councillors)	
	otophono	Term : 1 year	
		No liabilities identified / unlikely to be any liabilities.	
Redditch One World Link Executive Committee	Cllr Quinney Mr Neal Stote	 4 Representatives (2 Councillors, 1 Council Officer and 1 non-elected representative) Nominations should not include the Mayor who is a Member ex- officio*. Term : 1 year Liability appears to be limited, provided there are no breaches of duty or trust. 	Cllr Quinney and <i>1 (Councillor)</i> <i>vacancy</i> Mr Stephen Smith and Mr Yasser Mahood (<i>subject to</i> <i>ROWL</i> <i>agreement re</i> <i>variation</i>)

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Redditch Play	Cllr Quinney	6 Representatives	Cllr Stephens
Council		(4 elected and 2 non-elected Representatives)	
		Term : 1 year	
		To represent the Borough Council.	
Redditch Trade Justice Network	Cllrs Quinney and Debbie	1 representative / group of Members (no limit imposed).	Cllrs Quinney and Debbie
(has links with	Taylor	Term: 1 year.	Taylor
Redditch One World Link (ROWL))		(Nominee(s) should have an interest in Fair Trade and be willing to work to further the aims and objectives of a Fair Trade Town.)	
		Details of the Goals for a Fair Trade Town available on request.	
		Details on nature of representation and liability issues still to be determined.	
Relate	Cllr A Clayton	1 Representative	Cllr Baker
(Worcestershire)		Term: 1 year to AGM	
		Role of representation / any issues of liability still to be identified.	
Reserve Forces	Clir Hall	1 representative	Cllr Fisher
and Cadet Association		(Must be a Councillor)	
(RFCA)		Term: 1 year	
(formerly known as TAVR)		No known liabilities – all matters of finance and liability dealt with via other RFCA Committees on which Council representative would play no part.	
St Stephen's Church, Redditch Project Group	Cllr Brazier	1 Member Representative	Cllr Hopkins
		(Must be a Councillor)	
		Term: not specified by Group but suggest AGM to AGM	
		Day time meetings.	
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(Lead Officer – Lyndsey Hadley)		liability to be determined. Advised in 2010 the Group was seeking legal advice regarding measures to indemnify Project Group members. No update received to date.	
Eadie Mews	Cllr Fry	1 Nomination	Cllr Fry
Trust (Formerly known as the	(to AGM 2013)	(must be a Councillor).	(to AGM 2013)
Smallwood		Term: 4 years	
Almshouses		(or to each AGM if preferred)	
Trust)		Nature of representation: to represent the Borough Council but note Trustee status. No indemnity referred to. Liabilities of Trustees therefore presumed to be governed by Charities legislation.	
Tardebigge	Cllr M Chalk	(2 Representatives -	Cllrs Fry and
Relief in Need and Sickness	(to AGM 2015)	(Must be Councillors)	M Chalk (to AGM 2015)
Charity	Cllr Norton	Term : 4 years.	
	(to AGM 2013)	(or to each AGM if preferred)	
		The Charity is governed in accordance with the Charity Commission Scheme and strict rules apply.	
Traffic Penalty	Cllr Braley	1 Representative plus 1 Deputy	Cllr Fry
Tribunal (Civil Parking	(Deputy -	(must be Councillors)	(Deputy –
Enforcement)	Cllr Fry)	Term: AGM to AGM	Cllr Braley)
		No liabilities identified / unlikely to be any liabilities.	
'Where Next' Association	Cllr Roger Hill	1 Representative (must be a Councillor – 2 places variation previously agreed)	Cllrs Pattie Hill & King
		Term : 1 year to Council's AGM	
		Nature of representation: to represent the Borough Council.	
		Liability appears to be limited.	
Worcestershire Racial Equality	Cllrs Griffin and Shurmer	2 Representatives (need not be Councillors)	Messrs Stephen Smith and

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Council	Term : 1 year.	Yasser Mahood
	Nomination to be put forward to Annual Meeting of the WREC.	
	Nature of representation: to represent the Borough Council. Liability appears limited to £1.	

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SECTION 4:REQUESTS FOR NOMINATIONS TO OTHER OUTSIDE BODIES

The organisations listed below have requested Council <u>nominations</u> * primarily to represent, and <u>act on behalf of, the organisation concerned</u>, rather than the Council.

* The "Appointment" is made by the organisation itself, not by the Council.

Body	2010/11	Notes / Terms	NOMINEES
	Representative(s)		
Redditch CAB (Citizens' Advice Bureau) Management Committee	No nominations 2011/12.	3 Nominations	No nominations 2012/13.
		(2 elected and 1 non-elected Representative)	
		Term : 1 year	
		Nature of representation: to primarily represent the Organisation and not the Borough Council.	
		Issues of liability. There is a financial liability if the Trustee Board is shown to have acted negligently.	
Redditch Co-operative Homes	Cllrs Chance, Griffin, Hartnett and Hill	5 Nominations (must be Councillors)	Cllrs Griffin, Hartnett, R Hill & Witherspoon
		Term : 1 year	
	[The Council has previously agreed that ideally representation will be proportional: 5= 3+2]	Nature of representation: to primarily represent the Organisation and not the Borough Council. Liability appears appear to be	
		limited providing there are no breaches of duty or trust.	

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NOTES:

- 1) This list does not include <u>all</u> Council appointments to outside bodies, since some are made at other times during the year, or less frequently than once per year.
- 2) Nominations marked "Not required" because current memberships are mid-term, <u>may still be reviewed</u> if the Council wishes, and may clearly need to be reviewed where Council membership has changed.
- 3) The Council has delegated authority to the Chief Executive to make Officer appointments as appropriate; and to fill Member vacancies, in consultation with Party Group Leaders, where the full Council has agreed which party(ies) is/are due which places.
- 5) This list does not contain reference to places on those bodies which are occupied by the Mayor by virtue of his/her official capacity, namely:-

Twinning Bodies:

Friends of Auxerre (FoA) – President Friends of Gruchet-le-Valasse (FroG) – President. Redditch One World Link (ROWL - Mtwara Twinning) – President

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