

Council

Monday 11th June
2012
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.
- (Copies of Agenda Lists are published in advance of the meetings on the Council’s Website:
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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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Welcome to today's meeting.

Guidance for the Public

Agenda Papers

The **Agenda List** at the front of the Agenda summarises the issues to be discussed and is followed by the Officers' full supporting **Reports**.

Chair

The Chair is responsible for the proper conduct of the meeting. Generally to one side of the Chair is the Committee Support Officer who gives advice on the proper conduct of the meeting and ensures that the debate and the decisions are properly recorded. On the Chair's other side are the relevant Council Officers. The Councillors ("Members") of the Committee occupy the remaining seats around the table.

Running Order

Items will normally be taken in the order printed but, in particular circumstances, the Chair may agree to vary the order.

Refreshments : tea, coffee and water are normally available at meetings - please serve yourself.

Decisions

Decisions at the meeting will be taken by the **Councillors** who are the democratically elected representatives. They are advised by **Officers** who are paid professionals and do not have a vote.

Members of the Public

Members of the public may, by prior arrangement, speak at meetings of the Council or its Committees. Specific procedures exist for Appeals Hearings or for meetings involving Licence or Planning Applications. For further information on this point, please speak to the Committee Support Officer.

Special Arrangements

If you have any particular needs, please contact the Committee Support Officer.

Infra-red devices for the hearing impaired are available on request at the meeting. Other facilities may require prior arrangement.

Further Information

If you require any further information, please contact the Committee Support Officer (see foot of page opposite).

Fire/ Emergency instructions

If the alarm is sounded, please leave the building by the nearest available exit – these are clearly indicated within all the Committee Rooms.

If you discover a fire, inform a member of staff or operate the nearest alarm call point (wall mounted red rectangular box). In the event of the fire alarm sounding, leave the building immediately following the fire exit signs. Officers have been appointed with responsibility to ensure that all visitors are escorted from the building.

Do Not stop to collect personal belongings.

Do Not use lifts.

Do Not re-enter the building until told to do so.

The emergency **Assembly Area** is on **Walter Stranz Square**.

Declaration of Interests: Guidance for Councillors

DO I HAVE A "PERSONAL INTEREST" ?

- Where the item relates or is likely to affect your **registered interests** (what you have declared on the formal Register of Interests)

OR

- Where a decision in relation to the item might reasonably be regarded as affecting **your own** well-being or financial position, or that of your **family**, or your **close associates** more than most other people affected by the issue,

you have a personal interest.

WHAT MUST I DO? **Declare the existence, and nature, of your interest and stay**

- The declaration must relate to specific business being decided - a general scattergun approach is not needed
- **Exception** - where interest arises only because of your membership of another **public body**, there is no need to declare unless you **speak** on the matter.
- You **can vote** on the matter.

IS IT A "PREJUDICIAL INTEREST" ?

In general only if:-

- It is a personal interest **and**
- The item affects your **financial position** (or conveys other benefits), or the position of your **family, close associates** or bodies through which you have a **registered interest** (or relates to the exercise of **regulatory functions** in relation to these groups)

and

- A member of public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably believe the interest was likely to **prejudice** your judgement of the public interest.

WHAT MUST I DO? **Declare and Withdraw**

BUT you may make representations to the meeting before withdrawing, **if** the public have similar rights (such as the right to speak at Planning Committee).



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Agenda

Membership:

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

1. Welcome	The Mayor will open the meeting and welcome all present.
2. Apologies	To receive any apologies for absence on behalf of Council members.
3. Declarations of Interest	To invite Councillors to declare any interests they may have in items on the agenda.
4. Minutes Chief Executive	To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21st May 2012. (Minutes circulated in Minute Book 2 - 2012/13)
5. Announcements	To consider Announcements under Procedure Rule 10: a) Mayor's Announcements b) Chief Executive's Announcements c) Leader's Announcements. (Oral report)

<p>6. Questions on Notice Chief Executive</p>	<p>No questions have been submitted to date under Procedure Rule 9.2.</p>
<p>7. Motions on Notice (Pages 1 - 2) Chief Executive</p>	<p>To consider the following Motion submitted by Councillor Debbie Taylor in accordance with Procedure Rule 11:</p> <p>West Midland Ambulance Trust "Make Ready" Strategy.</p> <p>(Motion attached)</p>
<p>8. Executive Committee (Pages 3 - 90) Chief Executive</p>	<p>To receive the minutes and consider the recommendations and/or referrals from the following meetings of the Executive Committee:</p> <p><u>24th April 2012</u></p> <p>Matters requiring the Council's consideration include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worcestershire Extra Care Housing Strategy 2011 – 2026. <p>(Report and decisions attached)</p> <p><u>29th May 2012</u></p> <p>Matters requiring the Council's consideration may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redditch Borough Council Response to Stratford-on-Avon Draft Core Strategy. <p>(Report and decision to follow)</p> <p>(Minutes of the meeting on 24th April 2012 circulated in Minute Book 2 – 2012/13; Minutes of the meeting on 29th May 2012 to follow)</p>

9. Regulatory Committees

(Pages 91 - 96)

Chief Executive

To formally receive the minutes of the following meetings of the Council's Regulatory Committees:

Audit & Governance Committee - 23rd April 2012

Planning Committee - 28th March 2012

25th April 2012

There is one outstanding recommendation from the meeting of the Planning Committee on 25th April 2012 for the Council to consider:

- National Planning Policy Framework – Changes to Planning Policy

(Report and decision attached)

(Minutes circulated in Minute Book 2 – 2012/13)

10. Urgent Business - Record of Decisions

(Pages 97 - 100)

Chief Executive

To note the following decision taken in accordance with Paragraph 5 of Part 6 of the Constitution since the last ordinary meeting of the Council:

CONTAMINATED LAND - Determination of a number of addresses as Contaminated Land under Part 2A Environmental Protection Act 1990 and approval of urgent remediation works (Ref. 497)

(Deputy Chief Executive)

The report contains exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of S.100 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of particular persons or organisations (including the authority holding that information) and that the authority proposed to make a direction under an enactment. In view of this it is anticipated that discussion of this matter will take place after the exclusion of the public.]

(In view of the fact that the report contains exempt information, the report has been circulated to Members and relevant Officers only)

11. Urgent Business - general (if any)	<p>To consider any additional items exceptionally agreed by the Mayor as Urgent Business in accordance with the powers vested in him by virtue of Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p>(This power should be exercised only in cases where there are genuinely special circumstances which require consideration of an item which has not previously been published on the Order of Business for the meeting and/or on the Leader's Forward Plan.)</p>
12. Exclusion of the Public	<p>Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, to consider excluding the public from the meeting in relation to any items of business on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged it may be necessary to move the following resolution:</p> <p>“that, under S.100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the rounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs (<i>to be specified</i>) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.”</p> <p>[Subject to the “public interest” test, information relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Para 1 – <u>any individual</u>;• Para 2 – <u>the identity of any individual</u>;• Para 3 – <u>financial or business affairs</u>;• Para 4 – <u>labour relations matters</u>;• Para 5 – <u>legal professional privilege</u>;• Para 6 – <u>a notice, order or direction</u>;• Para 7 – <u>the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime</u>; <p>may need to be considered as ‘exempt’.]</p>

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(Note: Anyone requiring copies of any previously circulated reports, or supplementary papers, should please contact Committee Services Officers in advance of the meeting.)
