

Council

Monday 23rd July
2012
7.00 pm

Council Chamber
Town Hall
Redditch



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Access to Information - Your Rights

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- 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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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.

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Agenda

Membership:

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

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 11th June 2012. (Minutes circulated in Minute Book 3 - 2011/12)
5. Announcements	To consider Announcements under Procedure Rule 10: a) Mayor's Announcements b) Leader's Announcements c) Chief Executive'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 Bill Hartnett in accordance with Procedure Rule 11:</p> <p>Worcestershire Joint Services Review.</p> <p>(Motion attached)</p>
<p>8. Executive Committee (Pages 3 - 28) Chief Executive</p>	<p>To receive the minutes and consider the recommendations and/or referrals from the following meeting of the Executive Committee:</p> <p><u>26th June 2012</u></p> <p>Matters requiring the Council's consideration include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Revision of the Medium Term Financial Plan 2012/13 – 2014/15;• Income Management and Payment Card Industry Compliance; and• Financial Reserves Statement 2011/12. <p>(Reports and decisions attached)</p> <p>(Minutes circulated in Minute Book 3 – 2012/13)</p>
<p>9. Regulatory Committees (Pages 29 - 32) Chief Executive</p>	<p>To formally receive the minutes of the following meetings of the Council's Regulatory Committees:</p> <p>Audit & Governance Committee - 28th June 2012</p> <p>Planning Committee - 20th June 2012</p> <p>There is one outstanding recommendation from the meeting of the Audit & Governance Committee on 28th June 2012 for the Council to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Audit & Governance Committee – Procedure Rules <p>(Report and decision attached)</p> <p>(Minutes circulated in Minute Book 3 – 2012/13)</p>

<p>10. Standards Committee - Localism Act 2011</p> <p>(Pages 33 - 54)</p> <p>Monitoring Officer</p>	<p>To consider finalised drafts of the Code of Conduct and arrangements for handling standards complaints following the publication of the Regulations by the Government, and the appointment of two Independent Persons for the Council under the Localism Act 2011.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(All Wards)</p>
<p>11. Joint Health and Well-Being Strategy - Consultation</p> <p>(Pages 55 - 74)</p>	<p>To consider the attached consultation document from the Worcestershire Well Being Board on the Worcestershire Joint Health and Well Being Strategy.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(All Wards)</p>
<p>12. Local Government Pension Scheme 2014 - Employer Consultation on Revisions to Scheme</p> <p>(Pages 75 - 84)</p>	<p>To consider the attached information from the Local Government Association and to make any comment on the proposed revision to the Local Government Pension Scheme 2014</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Direct Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>13. Urgent Business - Record of Decisions</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>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:</p> <p><u>Appointment to outside body – Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).</u> (Deputy Chief Executive)</p> <p>Agreement was sought to confirmation of the appointment of Councillor Roger Hollingworth as the joint representative for Bromsgrove District Council, Redditch Borough Council and Wyre Forest District Council on the Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP. The grounds for urgency were that, without this agreement, Councillor Hollingworth would be unable to attend meetings of the Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP on behalf of this Council.</p> <p>It was therefore RESOLVED that</p> <p>Councillor Roger Hollingworth be appointed to represent Bromsgrove District Council, Redditch Borough Council and Wyre Forest District Council on the Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership.</p> <p>(Council decision)</p>

14. 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 her 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>
15. 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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<p>(Note: Anyone requiring copies of any previously circulated reports, or supplementary papers, should please contact Committee Services Officers in advance of the meeting.)</p>
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