

# Council

Monday 15th October  
2012  
7.00 pm

Council Chamber  
Town Hall  
Redditch



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# Access to Information - Your Rights

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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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# Welcome to today's meeting.

## Guidance for the Public

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### **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**

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### **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.

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**Do Not stop to collect personal belongings.**

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

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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	

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

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<p><b>6. Questions on Notice</b> Chief Executive</p>	<p>No questions have been submitted to date under Procedure Rule 9.2.</p>
<p><b>7. Motions on Notice</b> Chief Executive</p>	<p>No Motions have been submitted under Procedure Rule 11.</p>
<p><b>8. Executive Committee</b> (Pages 1 - 90) 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>18th September 2012</u></p> <p>Matters requiring the Council's consideration include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fly-Posting Enforcement Strategy;</li><li>• Roundabout Sponsorship Policy;</li><li>• Disposal of Property - Salop Road Community Centre and 132 Oakly Road; and</li><li>• Voluntary and Community Sector Grants Programme 2013/14</li></ul> <p>(Reports and decisions attached)</p> <p><b>(Minutes of the meeting on 18th September 2012 circulated in Minute Book 5 – 2012/13)</b></p>
<p><b>9. Regulatory Committees</b> Chief Executive</p>	<p>To formally receive the minutes of the following meeting of the Council's Regulatory Committees:</p> <p>Planning Committee - 5th September 2012</p> <p>There are no outstanding recommendation for the Council to consider:</p> <p><b>(Minutes circulated in Minute Book 5 – 2012/13)</b></p>
<p><b>10. The Alex - A Council Commission</b> (Pages 91 - 96) Chief Executive</p>	<p>To consider establishing a Council Commission in order to respond to the Joint Services Review proposals.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p><b>(Greenlands Ward / All Wards)</b></p>

## 11. Urgent Business - Record of Decisions

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:

### Local Transport Bodies.

(Executive Director, Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services)

Agreement was sought on a response to a request from the Department for Transport (DfT) for local partners to confirm their Local Transport Body (LTB) boundaries. The grounds for urgency were that, should there have been no local agreement by 28<sup>th</sup> September, then the Department for Transport would have reserved the right to determine the LTB boundary itself or to reduce the funding allocation available to any area that took longer than this to establish its geography.

**It was therefore RESOLVED that**

- 1) **it be stated to the Department for Transport that, despite the Guidance and for the reasons contained in the report, Redditch Borough Council be allowed to sit within two Local Transport Bodies with their respective geography based upon the existing LEP boundaries and with funding to be divided equally between the two LTBs; and**
- 2) **following receipt of the response to the Council's view from the Department for Transport, authority be delegated to the Executive Director Planning & Regeneration, Regulatory and Housing Services in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder, to make the final arrangements relating to the Local Transport Body.**

**(Council decision)**

## 12. Urgent Business - general (if any)

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.

(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.)

## 13. Exclusion of the Public

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:

**“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 grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs (*to be specified*) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.”**

**[Subject to the “public interest” test, information relating to:**

- **Para 1 – any individual;**
- **Para 2 – the identity of any individual;**
- **Para 3 – financial or business affairs;**
- **Para 4 – labour relations matters;**
- **Para 5 – legal professional privilege;**
- **Para 6 – a notice, order or direction;**
- **Para 7 – the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime;**

**may need to be considered as ‘exempt’.]**

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