

Council

Monday, 18th February
2013

7.10pm (or following the
ending of the Executive
Committee meeting,
should this be later)

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.

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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.

Special Arrangements

If you have any particular needs, please contact 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 (Pages 1 - 6) Chief Executive	To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 15 th January 2013. (Minutes attached)
5. Announcements	To consider any exceptional announcements under Procedure Rule 10: a) Mayor's Announcements b) Leader's Announcements c) Chief Executive's Announcements. (Oral report)

<p>6. Executive Committee 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>12th February 2013</u></p> <p>Matters requiring the Council's consideration may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redditch Growth Consultation;• Draft Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4;• Housing Revenue Account – Initial Estimate 2013/14;• Fees and Charges 2013/14; and• Independent remuneration Panel for Worcestershire District Councils – Annual report and Recommendations for 2013/14. <p><u>18th February 2013</u></p> <p>Matters requiring the Council's consideration will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medium Term Financial Plan 2013/14 – 2015/16 and Council Tax Setting 2013/14. <p>(Minutes to follow – reports for 12th February 2013 previously circulated with the agenda for that meeting; report for 18th February 2013 to be included with the agenda papers for that Executive Committee meeting)</p>
<p>7. Joint Chief Executive (Pages 7 - 10) Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services</p>	<p>To seek approval to include the post of Chief Executive in the Joint Management Team arrangements between Redditch Borough Council and Bromsgrove District Council.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Direct Ward Relevance);</p>
<p>8. Urgent Business - general (if any)</p>	<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>

9. 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 Committee Services Officers in advance of the meeting.)