



Council

Mon 23 Feb
2015

7.10 pm or at the
conclusion of the
Executive Committee
meeting, if later

Council Chamber
Town Hall
Redditch

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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 Democratic Services 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.

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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 Democratic Services Officer.

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Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs:	Pat Witherspoon (Mayor)	Bill Hartnett Gay Hopkins
	Pattie Hill (Deputy Mayor)	Wanda King Alan Mason
	Joe Baker	Phil Mould
	Roger Bennett	Jane Potter
	Rebecca Blake	Mark Shurmer
	Michael Braley	Rachael Smith
	Andrew Brazier	Yvonne Smith
	Natalie Brookes	Paul Swansborough
	Juliet Brunner	Debbie Taylor
	David Bush	David Thain
	Greg Chance	John Witherspoon
	Brandon Clayton	Nina Wood-Ford
	John Fisher	
	Andrew Fry	
	Carole Gandy	

<p>1. Welcome</p>	<p>The Mayor will open the meeting and welcome all present.</p>
<p>2. Apologies</p>	<p>To receive any apologies for absence on behalf of Council members.</p>
<p>3. Declarations of Interest</p>	<p>To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.</p> <p>Please note that under Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, any Councillor who is 2 or more months in arrears with their Council Tax payments cannot participate in any item at the Council meeting concerning the budget. This statutory provision overrides any dispensation granted.</p>
<p>4. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6) Kevin Dicks, Chief Executive</p>	<p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26th January 2015.</p> <p>(minutes attached)</p>

<p>5. Announcements</p>	<p>To consider any exceptional announcements under Procedure Rule 10:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Mayor's Announcementsb) Leader's Announcementsc) Chief Executive's Announcements. <p>(Oral report)</p>
<p>6. Executive Committee (Pages 7 - 28) Kevin Dicks, 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>3rd February 2015</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medium term financial plan 2015-16 – 2017-18. <p><u>23rd February 2015</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Medium Term Financial Plan 2015-16 – 2017-18. <p>Minutes, decisions and reports from the meeting held on 3rd February are attached. The report to the meeting on 23rd February are included with the agenda papers for that meeting of the Committee.</p> <p>Note that under the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014, the Council is required to take a named vote when a decision is made on the budget calculation or Council tax at a budget decision meeting of the Council.</p> <p>Under Section 106 of the Local Government Act 1992, any Councillor who is 2 or more months in arrears with their Council tax payments cannot participate in any item at the Council meeting concerning the budget. This statutory provision overrides any dispensation granted.</p>
<p>7. Urgent Business - Record of Decisions Kevin Dicks, Chief Executive</p>	<p>To note any decisions taken in accordance with the Council's Urgency Procedure Rules (Part 6, Paragraph 5 and/or Part 7, Paragraph 15 of the Constitution), as specified.</p> <p>(None to date).</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.)</p>
<p>9. Exclusion of the Public</p>	<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.)
