



# Executive Committee

Tue 20 Jan  
2015  
7.00 pm

Committee Room 2  
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 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.

### ***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 Democratic Services Officer.

### ***Special Arrangements***

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### ***Further Information***

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### Agenda

#### Membership:

Cllrs: Bill Hartnett (Chair) Phil Mould  
 Greg Chance (Vice-Chair) Mark Shurmer  
 Juliet Brunner Yvonne Smith  
 Brandon Clayton Debbie Taylor  
 John Fisher

<p><b>1. Apologies</b></p>	<p>To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend this meeting.</p>
<p><b>2. Declarations of Interest</b></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><b>3. Leader's Announcements</b></p>	<p>1. To give notice of any items for future meetings or for the Executive Committee Work Programme, including any scheduled for this meeting, but now carried forward or deleted; and</p> <p>2. any other relevant announcements.</p> <p>(Oral report)</p>
<p><b>4. Minutes</b>                  (Pages 1 - 10)                  Kevin Dicks, Chief Executive</p>	<p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2014.</p> <p>(Minutes attached)</p>
<p><b>5. Overview and Scrutiny Committee</b>                  (Pages 11 - 20)</p>	<p>To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014.</p> <p>There are no recommendations to consider. The</p>

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<p>Kevin Dicks, Chief Executive</p>	<p>recommendation at minute no.55 relating to the Tudor Grange review was dealt with at the last meeting of the Committee .</p> <p>(Minutes attached)</p>
<p><b>6. Designation of a Neighbourhood Plan area - Feckenham</b></p> <p>(Pages 21 - 26)</p> <p>Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning and Regeneration</p>	<p>To consider a report setting out the results of consultation on establishing a Neighbourhood Plan area in Feckenham and seeking approval to this.</p> <p><b>(Astwood Bank &amp; Feckenham Ward)</b></p>
<p><b>7. Redditch Borough Council's Voluntary &amp; Community Sector Grant Programme 2015/16 - Funding Recommendations</b></p> <p>(Pages 27 - 32)</p> <p>Judith Willis, Head of Community Services</p>	<p>To consider recommendations from the Grants Assessment Panel for grants to voluntary and community groups in the Borough.</p> <p><b>All Wards</b></p>
<p><b>8. Land at Easemore Road - Disposal</b></p> <p>(Pages 33 - 40)</p> <p>Amanda de Warr, Head of Customer Access and Financial Support</p>	<p>To consider disposing of land at Easemore Road in the Borough.</p> <p><b>(Abbey Ward)</b></p>
<p><b>9. Independent Remuneration Panel Report and Recommendations for 2015-16</b></p> <p>(Pages 41 - 56)</p> <p>Claire Felton, Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services</p>	<p>To consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Councillors' allowances for 2015-16, and to decide whether to recommend the adoption of their recommendations to Council.</p>

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<p><b>10. Council Tax Base</b> (Pages 57 - 60) Jayne Pickering, Executive Director, Finance and Resources</p>	<p>To consider a report setting out the Council tax base for 2015-16.</p>
<p><b>11. Housing Revenue Account Initial Estimates 2015-16</b> (Pages 61 - 68) Liz Tompkin, Head of Housing</p>	<p>To consider a report setting out proposals for the Housing Revenue Account for 2015-16. <b>(No Direct Ward Relevance)</b></p>
<p><b>12. Medium Term Financial Plan 2015-16 - 2017-18</b> (Pages 69 - 80) Jayne Pickering, Executive Director, Finance and Resources</p>	<p>To consider a report on the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2015-16 to 2017-18.</p>
<p><b>13. Minutes / Referrals - Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Executive Panels etc.</b> Kevin Dicks, Chief Executive</p>	<p>To receive and consider any outstanding minutes or referrals from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Executive Panels etc. since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, other than as detailed in the items above.</p>
<p><b>14. Advisory Panels - update report</b> (Pages 81 - 82) Kevin Dicks, Chief Executive</p>	<p>To consider, for monitoring / management purposes, an update on the work of the Executive Committee's Advisory Panels and similar bodies, which report via the Executive Committee.  (Report attached)</p>
<p><b>15. Action Monitoring</b> (Pages 83 - 84) Kevin Dicks, Chief Executive</p>	<p>To consider an update on the actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee.  (Report attached)</p>

## 16. 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.”**

These paragraphs are as follows:

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’.

## 17. Confidential Minutes / Referrals (if any)

To consider confidential matters not dealt with earlier in the evening and not separately listed below (if any).