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Mon 30 June  
2008  
7.00 pm

Council Chamber  
Town Hall  
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## Agenda

### Membership:

Cllrs:	J Field (Mayor)	
	M Hall (Deputy Mayor)	C Gandy
	P Anderson	W Hartnett
	K Banks	N Hicks
	K Boyd-Carpenter	D Hunt
	M Braley	R King
	J Brunner	W King
	M Chalk	C MacMillan
	Clayton	P Mould
	B Clayton	Norton
	J Cookson	Pearce
	D Enderby	M Shurmer
	Farooqui	D Smith
	A Fry	D Taylor
		D Thomas

<b>1. Mayor's Welcome</b>	<p>The Mayor will open the meeting and welcome all present.</p> <p>The Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Mike Herbert, will lead the Council in prayer.</p>
<b>2. Apologies</b>	<p>To receive any apologies for absence on behalf of Council members.</p>
<b>3. Councillor Betty Passingham</b>	<p>To pay tribute to late Councillor Betty Passingham in recognition of her contribution to the Borough and its residents.</p>
<b>4. Declarations of Interest</b> Borough Director	<p>To invite Councillors to declare any interests they may have in items on the agenda.</p>

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<p><b>5. Minutes of previous meeting</b></p>	<p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 19th of May 2008.</p> <p><b>(Minutes circulated in Minute Book 1 – 2008/09 – To Follow)</b></p>
<p><b>6. Communications and Mayor's Announcements</b></p>	<p>To receive a report from the Mayor on civic matters which have arisen since the last meeting or events which may be occurring in the near future.</p> <p>To give notice of any variation to the items listed in the Forward Plan and/or items accepted as "Urgent Business". (No separate report / oral update)</p>
<p><b>7. NOTICES OF MOTION - 57-58 FIRST BUS ROUTE</b> (Pages 1 - 2) Borough Director</p>	<p>To consider two Notices of Motion:</p> <p>A. A Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor W Hartnett, concerning the 57-58 Bus Route – First Bus.</p> <p>B. A Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor D Thomas, concerning the 57-58 Bus Route – First Bus.</p> <p>(Report attached) <b>(Greenlands / All Wards)</b></p>
<p><b>8. Executive Committee</b> (Pages 3 - 16) Borough Director</p>	<p>A. To receive the Minutes and consider the recommendations and/or referrals from the following meeting of the Executive Committee:</p> <p>(Matters arising on the 23rd of April 2008 minutes are detailed in a separate report, which is attached to the agenda.)</p> <p><u>23rd April 2008</u></p> <p>Matters of referral to the Council include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Children and Young People's Plan;</li><li>• District Centres - Final Report;</li><li>• Communications – Final Report;</li><li>• Charging Policy and Procedures – Reference from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee;</li></ul>

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- Procurement Agenda – Update;
- Transformational Government Strategy 2008 – 2010; and
- Right to Manage – Grant.

**(Minutes circulated in Minute Book 1 - 2008/09 – To Follow)**

- B. To receive the Decision Notices and consider the recommendations and/or referrals from the following meetings of the Executive Committee:

(Matters arising on the 11th of June 2008 decision notice are detailed in a separate report, which is to follow.)

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Matters of referral to the Council include:

- Redditch Partnership Agreement and Protocol;
- Capital Programme 2008/09 – Additional Schemes for Inclusion;
- One Stop Shop Closures June 2008;
- St. John the Baptist Church, Feckenham;
- Flag Flying Policy – Update.

**(Decision Notice previously circulated)**

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Matters of referral to the Council include:

- Abbey Stadium Redevelopment – Consultancy – Funding Approval

**(Separate report later on the agenda refers)**

Any matters arising, not covered elsewhere in the agenda, will be considered under this heading).

Confidential matters may be taken after the Exclusion of the Public, subject to notification at this point in the meeting.

<p><b>9. Regulatory Committees</b> Borough Director</p>	<p>To formally receive the minutes of the following meetings of the Council's Regulatory Committees:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="635 416 1544 640"><tr><td>Planning Committee</td><td>- 1st April 2008</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>- 22nd April 2008</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>- 20th May 2008</td></tr></table> <p>(All decisions here have been fully resolved. There are no recommendations or referrals which require the Council's determination.)</p> <p><b>(Minutes circulated in Minute Book 1 - 2008/09 – To Follow)</b></p>	Planning Committee	- 1st April 2008		- 22nd April 2008		- 20th May 2008
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	- 20th May 2008						
<p><b>10. Leader's Annual Policy Statement</b></p>	<p>To receive the annual policy statement from the Leader of the Council.</p> <p>(Oral Report)</p>						
<p><b>11. Abbey Stadium Redevelopment - Consultancy - Funding Approvals</b></p> <p>(Pages 17 - 26)</p> <p>Director of Leisure, Customer and Business Support</p>	<p>To consider the recommendations of the Leisure Contracts Advisory Panel (and subsequently of the Executive Committee) seeking approval of funding for the Abbey Stadium Redevelopment Scheme Consultancy.</p> <p>In view of the fact that commercially-sensitive information relating to tenders for future contracts might be revealed, disclosure of which might not be in the public's best interest, elements of the appendix to this report are not for publication at this stage.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p><b>Abbey</b></p>						
<p><b>12. Chief Officer Selection Panel - Referral Report - Borough Director</b></p> <p>(Pages 27 - 28)</p> <p>Borough Director</p>	<p>To formally note a referral from the meeting of the Chief Officer Selection Panel held on the 17th of June 2008.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p><b>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</b></p>						

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<p><b>13. Statement of Accounts</b> Borough Director</p>	<p>To approve the Statement of Accounts for the 2007/08 financial year.</p> <p>(Report to follow)</p> <p><b>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</b></p>
<p><b>14. By-Election Expenditure</b> (Pages 29 - 32) Borough Director</p>	<p>To consider a request for funding for the by-elections to be held in Batchley (Borough Council seat) and Arrow Valley East (County Council seat).</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p><b>Batchley; Church Hill; Matchborough; Winyates;</b></p>
<p><b>15. “Preferred Options” Study for future housing and employment development in and around Redditch</b> (Pages 33 - 44) Director of Environment and Planning</p>	<p>To consider a £10,000 contribution towards a Redditch Joint Study to identify the “preferred option” for future housing and employment development in and around Redditch.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p><b>Various Wards</b></p>
<p><b>16. Committees, Sub-Committees, Panels, Outside Bodies - Appointments - Updates</b> (Pages 45 - 80) Borough Director</p>	<p>To update the appointment of Council representatives to serve on Committees, Sub-Committees, Panels and Outside Bodies further to the appointments made at the Annual Meeting of Council.</p> <p>(Updated versions of the appointments made to Committees etc. and Outside Bodies at the Annual Meeting of the Council with variations and those appointments that require further consideration by Council highlighted are attached)</p> <p><b>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</b></p>
<p><b>17. Constitution - Annual Review</b> Borough Director</p>	<p>To consider the Annual Review of the Council’s Constitution and Associated documents deferred from the Annual Meeting on the 19th of May 2008.</p> <p>(Report to follow under separate cover)</p> <p><b>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</b></p>

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<p><b>18. Urgent Business - Record of Decisions</b> Borough Director</p>	<p>To note any decisions taken in accordance with SO36 and/or the Overview &amp; Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Constitution), as specified:</p> <p>(None to date)</p>
<p><b>19. Urgent Business - general (if any)</b></p>	<p>To consider any additional items exceptionally agreed by the Mayor as Urgent Business in accordance with the powers vested in him 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>
<p><b>20. Exclusion of the Public</b></p>	<p>It may be necessary, in the opinion of the Borough Director, to consider excluding the public from the meeting in relation to the following items of business on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged. It may be necessary, therefore, to move the following resolution:</p> <p><b>“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.”</b></p>
<p><b>21. Confidential Minutes / Referrals (if any)</b></p>	<p>To consider confidential matters not dealt with earlier in the evening and not separately listed below (if any).</p>
<p><b>22. Shared Services - Appointment of Joint Chief Executive</b></p>	<p>In view of the fact that the Feasibility Group only met on Wednesday 18th June and that the subsequent report depends on inputs from the West Midlands Local</p>



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Government Association, the report is to follow under separate cover.

(In view of the fact that it contains information relating to an individual or which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual and contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with labour relation matters between the authority and employees of the authority, the appendix to this report will not be for publication and will be circulated only to relevant Officers and Members of the Council. In view of this, it is anticipated that part of the discussion of this matter will take place after the exclusion of the public).

(Report to follow)

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