

# Council

Mon 31 Jan 2022 7.00 pm

Council Chamber, Redditch Town Hall



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### **GUIDANCE ON FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS**

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic Redditch Borough Council will be applying social distancing arrangements for holding face-to-face meetings.

Please note that this is a public meeting and is open to the public to attend

If you have any questions regarding the agenda or attached papers, please do not hesitate to contact the officer named above.

#### **GUIDANCE FOR ELECTED MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS IN PERSON**

In advance of the Council meeting, Members are strongly encouraged to take a lateral flow test on the day of the meeting, which can be obtained from the NHS website. Should the test be positive for Covid-19 then the Member must not attend the meeting, should provide their apologies to the Democratic Services team and must self-isolate in accordance with national rules.

Members and officers must wear face masks during the Council meeting, unless exempt. Face masks should only be removed temporarily if the Councillor or officer is speaking or if s/he requires a sip of water and should be reapplied as soon as possible. As Councillors may remove their masks from time to time during the meeting, seating will be placed two metres apart, in line with social distancing measures to protect meeting participants.

Hand sanitiser will be provided for Members to use throughout the meeting.

The meeting venue will be fully ventilated and Members and officers may need to consider wearing appropriate clothing in order to remain comfortable during proceedings.

#### **PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

The usual process for public speaking at Committee meetings will continue to be followed subject to some adjustments which allow written statements to be read out on behalf of residents and the virtual participation of residents at meetings of Council. Members of the public are encouraged to log in virtually to participate in meetings wherever possible.

Members of the public are also able to access the meeting in person to observe proceedings if they wish to do so. However, due to social distancing requirements to ensure the safety of participants during the Covid-19 pandemic, there will be limited capacity and members of the public will be allowed access on a first come, first served basis. Members of the public in attendance are strongly encouraged to wear face masks, to use the hand sanitiser that will be provided and will be required to sit in a socially distance manner at the meetings. It should

be noted that members of the public who choose to attend in person do so at their own risk.

In line with Government guidelines, any member of the public who has received a positive result in a Covid-19 test on the day of a meeting must not attend in person and must self-isolate in accordance with the national rules.

### Notes:

Although this is a public meeting, there are circumstances when Council might have to move into closed session to consider exempt or confidential information. For agenda items that are exempt, the public are excluded.



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### **Agenda**

### Membership:

Cllrs: Gareth Prosser

(Mayor)

Ann Isherwood (Deputy Mayor) Salman Akbar Imran Altaf Karen Ashley Tom Baker-Price Joanne Beecham Juliet Brunner Michael Chalk Debbie Chance

Brandon Clayton Luke Court Matthew Dormer Aled Evans Peter Fleming Alex Fogg
Andrew Fry
Julian Grubb
Lucy Harrison
Wanda King
Anthony Lovell
Emma Marshall
Gemma Monaco
Nyear Nazir

Timothy Pearman Mike Rouse David Thain Craig Warhurst Jennifer Wheeler

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Apologies for Absence
- 3. Declarations of Interest

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.

- **4. Minutes** (Pages 1 10)
- 5. Announcements

To consider Announcements under Procedure Rule 10:

- a) Mayor's Announcements
- b) The Leader's Announcements
- c) Chief Executive's Announcements.
- **6.** Questions on Notice (Procedure Rule 9)
- **7.** Motions on Notice (Procedure Rule 11)

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### 8. Executive Committee

#### **Executive Committee Minutes - 7th December 2021**

- 8.1 Financial Outturn 2020/21 Housing Revenue Account (Pages 19 26)
- **8.2** Mobile Homes Act 2013 Introduction of Licensing Fees (Pages 27 34)

#### **Executive Committee Minutes - 15th December 2021**

**8.3** New Cemetery Provision (Pages 45 - 70)

The background papers for this report have been published in a separate Background Papers Pack.

### **Executive Committee Minutes - 11th January 2022**

- **8.4** Council Tax Empty Home Discount and Premium (Pages 87 104)
- 8.5 Independent Remuneration Panel 2022/23 (Pages 105 120)

The background paper for this item has been published in a separate Background Papers Pack for the meeting.

- **8.6** Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Rent Setting 2022/23 (Pages 121 124)
- 8.7 Fees and Charges 2022/23 (Pages 125 162)
- 8.8 Council Tax Base 2022/23 (Pages 163 166)
- **8.9** Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) Board Budget Recommendations (Pages 167 180)

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### 8.10 Release of covenants affecting land (Pages 181 - 188)

NOTE: the confidential appendix (Appendix 2) attached for this recommendation has only been made available to Members and relevant Officers. Should Members wish to discuss the content of Appendix 2 in any detail, a decision will be required to exclude the public and press from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged, as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12 (a) of Section 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

(Paragraph 3: Subject to the "public interest" test, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).)

### 9. Urgent Business - Record of Decisions

To note any decisions taken in accordance with the Council's Urgency Procedure Rules (Part 9, Paragraph 5 and/or Part 10, Paragraph 15 of the Constitution), as specified.

(None to date).

### **10.** 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 him 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.)