



# Council

Mon 29 Jan  
2024  
7.00 pm

Council Chamber  
Redditch Town Hall  
Walter Stranz Square  
Redditch  
B98 8AH

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

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### **Notes:**

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Monday, 29th January, 2024

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## Agenda

### Membership:

Cllrs:

Salman Akbar  
(Mayor)  
Karen Ashley  
(Deputy Mayor)  
Imran Altaf  
Joe Baker  
Juliet Barker Smith  
Joanne Beecham  
Juma Begum  
Brandon Clayton  
Luke Court  
Matthew Dormer  
James Fardoe  
Peter Fleming  
Alex Fogg  
Andrew Fry  
Lucy Harrison

Bill Hartnett  
Sharon Harvey  
Chris Holz  
Joanna Kane  
Sid Khan  
Anthony Lovell  
Emma Marshall  
Kerrie Miles  
Gemma Monaco  
Timothy Pearman  
Jane Spilsbury  
Monica Stringfellow  
Craig Warhurst  
Ian Woodall

- 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 7 - 12)
- 5. Announcements** (Pages 13 - 14)

To consider Announcements under Procedure Rule 10:

- Mayor's Announcements
- The Leader's Announcements
- Chief Executive's Announcements.

- 6. Questions on Notice** (Procedure Rule 9) (Pages 15 - 16)

## **7. Motions on Notice** (Procedure Rule 11) - To follow

The Motions on Notice will be published in an Additional Papers pack.

## **8. Outcomes of the Corporate Peer Challenge** (Pages 17 - 36)

## **9. Executive Committee**

### Minutes , 05/12/2023 Executive

Members are asked to note that the recommendation in respect of the Joint Auditor's Annual Report 2021-22 to 2022-23 was considered and resolved on at the previous Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and therefore will not be debated again at this Council meeting.

### **9.1 Finance and Performance Quarter 2 Report 2023/24** (Pages 51 - 66)

Due to the length of this report, only the covering report has been included in the main agenda for this item. The full length report can be accessed in a supplementary pack for the meeting.

NOTE: Appendices C – E of this report contain exempt information and have only been made available to Members and relevant Officers. Should Members wish to discuss this minute extract 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).)

## **Minutes , 09/01/2024 Executive**

NOTE: A restricted minute extract from the Executive Committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 has only been made available to Members and relevant Officers. Should Members wish to discuss this minute extract 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.

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**9 .2 Redditch Borough Council Planning Enforcement Policy** (Pages 93 - 110)

**9 .3 Council Tax Base and Non-Domestic Rates Yield** (Pages 111 - 114)

**9 .4 Council Tax - Discretionary Council Tax Reduction Policy - Council Section 13A1(C) Policy** (Pages 115 - 124)

The report and appendix for this item have been included in the main agenda. A Background Paper has been published in a separate Background Papers pack.

**9 .5 Council Tax Empty Homes Discounts and Premiums** (Pages 125 - 134)

**9 .6 Final Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2024-25** (Pages 135 - 140)

**9 .7 Housing Revenue Account Rent Setting 2024/25** (Pages 141 - 144)

**9 .8 Medium Term Financial Plan 2024-5 to 2026-7 - Tranche 1 (following**

consultation) (Pages 145 - 228)

The covering report and all appendices are attached apart from Appendix C Fees and Charges – Regulatory Services, which will follow in a supplementary pack.

## **9.9 Planning and Environmental Enforcement Business Case** (Pages 229 - 262)

NOTE: the exempt appendix (Appendix 1) attached for this report has only been made available to Members and relevant Officers. Should Members wish to discuss Appendix 1 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 4 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 4: Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority and employees of, or office holders under the authority).)

## **9.10 Land at Upper Norgrove** (Pages 263 - 284)

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## **10. Regulatory Committees**

20231127 Licensing Minutes EXTRACT (Minute No22)

**10 .1 Street Trading - Designation of Streets (Pages 287 - 292)**

Due to the length of this report, only the covering report has been included in the main agenda for this item. The full length report can be accessed in a supplementary pack for the meeting. An extract from the minutes from the Licensing Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023, when Members considered the report prior to consultation, has been attached to the supplementary pack as background information to this item.

## **11. 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).

## **12. 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.)