

Executive Committee

Wed 1 July
2009
7.00 pm

Committee Room 2
Town Hall
Redditch



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- 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.
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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 Committee Support 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

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Declaration of Interests: Guidance for Councillors

DO I HAVE A "PERSONAL INTEREST" ?

- Where the item relates or is likely to affect your **registered interests** (what you have declared on the formal Register of Interests)

OR

- Where a decision in relation to the item might reasonably be regarded as affecting **your own** well-being or financial position, or that of your **family**, or your **close associates** more than most other people affected by the issue,

you have a personal interest.

WHAT MUST I DO? **Declare the existence, and nature, of your interest and stay**

- The declaration must relate to specific business being decided - a general scattergun approach is not needed
- **Exception** - where interest arises only because of your membership of another **public body**, there is no need to declare unless you **speak** on the matter.
- You **can vote** on the matter.

IS IT A "PREJUDICIAL INTEREST" ?

In general only if:-

- It is a personal interest **and**
- The item affects your **financial position** (or conveys other benefits), or the position of your **family, close associates** or bodies through which you have a **registered interest** (or relates to the exercise of **regulatory functions** in relation to these groups)

and

- A member of public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably believe the interest was likely to **prejudice** your judgement of the public interest.

WHAT MUST I DO? **Declare and Withdraw**

BUT you may make representations to the meeting before withdrawing, **if** the public have similar rights (such as the right to speak at Planning Committee).



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Membership:

Cllrs: C Gandy (Chair) W Hartnett
M Braley (Vice- N Hicks
Chair) C MacMillan
P Anderson M Shurmer
J Brunner
B Clayton

<p>1. Apologies</p>	<p>To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend this meeting.</p>
<p>2. Declarations of Interest</p>	<p>To invite Councillors to declare any interests they may have in items on the agenda.</p>
<p>3. Leader's Announcements</p>	<p>1. To give notice of any items for future meetings or for the Forward Plan, 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>4. Minutes (Pages 1 - 8) Chief Executive</p>	<p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 10 June 2009.</p> <p>(Minutes attached)</p>
<p>5. Proposals for Re-investment - Economic Downturn (Pages 9 - 20) Deputy Chief Executive</p>	<p>To consider a range of options which will assist and support individuals and the communities of Redditch affected by the economic downturn.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>6. Insurance Premium Savings - Consortium Tender (Pages 21 - 24) Head of Financial Revenues and Benefit Services</p>	<p>To advise Members of the outcome of the consortium tendering exercise and seek approval to the establishment of a risk management fund.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>

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<p>7. Performance Management Framework</p> <p>(Pages 25 - 78)</p> <p>Head of Strategy and Partnerships</p>	<p>To inform Members of the proposed new Performance Management Framework, which includes the Data Quality Policy.</p> <p>(Report attached – Appendix available on the Council’s website, unless a specific request is received from Councillors or others who require a copy)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>8. Borough of Redditch Local Development Scheme No 3</p> <p>(Pages 79 - 118)</p> <p>Acting Head of Planning and Building Control</p>	<p>To consider approving the Borough of Redditch Local Development Scheme No 3.</p> <p>(Report attached – Appendix available on the Council’s website, unless a specific request is received from Councillors or others who require a copy)</p> <p>All Wards</p>
<p>9. Redditch Economic Development Strategy</p> <p>(Pages 119 - 302)</p> <p>Acting Head of Planning and Building Control</p>	<p>To seek endorsement of the Redditch Economic Development Strategy, which provides a means of delivering the adopted Economic Priorities.</p> <p>(Report attached – Appendix A available on the Council’s website, unless a specific request is received from Councillors or others who require a copy.)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>10. Schedule of Buildings of Local Interest</p> <p>(Pages 303 - 430)</p> <p>Acting Head of Planning and Building Control</p>	<p>To endorse the revised Schedule of Buildings of Local Interest as part of the evidence base for the Local Development Framework.</p> <p>(Report attached – Appendix available on the Council’s website, unless a specific request is received from Councillors or others who require a copy)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>11. Pre-Application Planning Discussion Protocols</p> <p>(Pages 431 - 448)</p> <p>Acting Head of Planning and Building Control</p>	<p>To consider a protocol for including Members in pre-application discussions.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>

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<p>12. Local Validation Checklist Review</p> <p>(Pages 449 - 516)</p> <p>Acting Head of Planning and Building Control</p>	<p>To receive Officer's annual review of the Local Validation Checklist following its adoption in April 2008 and consider recommendations to amend aspects of the Checklist to improve clarity and usability.</p> <p>(Report attached – Appendix 1 available on the Council's website, unless a specific request is received from Councillors or others who require a copy)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>13. Delegation to Officers - Enforcement Powers</p> <p>(Pages 517 - 528)</p> <p>Acting Head of Planning and Building Control</p>	<p>To seek delegation to Officers of additional powers (and confirmation of existing delegations.)</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Specific Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>14. Leisure and Arts Service - Safeguarding Children's Policy Update</p> <p>(Pages 529 - 576)</p> <p>Head of Leisure and Arts</p>	<p>To seek Member's approval and adoption of the updated Leisure and Arts Service Safeguarding Children's Policy.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>All Wards</p>
<p>15. Abbey Stadium Sports Centre - Fitness Suite</p> <p>(Pages 577 - 580)</p> <p>Head of Leisure and Arts</p>	<p>To seek Members' approval of the extension to the contract with the current partner for the Fitness Suite at Abbey Stadium Sports Centre.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(Abbey Ward)</p>
<p>16. Hewell Road Swimming Pool - Reallocation of Capital Funding</p> <p>(Pages 581 - 584)</p> <p>Head of Leisure and Arts</p>	<p>To seek Members' approval to reallocation of capital expenditure at Hewell Road Swimming Pool.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(Batchley & Brockhill Ward)</p>

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<p>17. Asset Disposal Programme</p> <p>(Pages 585 - 628)</p> <p>Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services</p>	<p>To consider an update on the Asset Disposal Programme and to seek Committee approval to declaring a number of assets surplus.</p> <p>(In view of the fact that they contain information relating to identification of particular sites and provisional terms of land disposal subject to negotiation, Appendices 2 and 3 to this report are not for publication and have been circulated only to relevant Officers and Members of the Council.)</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(Various Wards)</p>
<p>18. Corporate Sickness Statistics</p> <p>(Pages 629 - 652)</p> <p>Head of Human Resources and Communications</p>	<p>To consider the current sickness statistics for the Council for the period April 2008 – March 2009.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>(No Direct Ward Relevance)</p>
<p>19. Overview and Scrutiny Committee</p> <p>(Pages 653 - 662)</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 27 May 2009.</p> <p>There are no recommendations to consider.</p> <p>(Minutes attached)</p>
<p>20. Minutes / Referrals - Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Executive Panels, Neighbourhood Groups etc.</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>To receive and consider any outstanding minutes or referrals from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Executive Panels, Neighbourhood Groups, etc. since the last meeting of the Executive Committee, other than as detailed in the items above.</p>
<p>21. Advisory Panels - update report</p> <p>(Pages 663 - 666)</p> <p>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.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p>

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<p>22. Action Monitoring (Pages 667 - 668) Chief Executive</p>	<p>To consider an update on the actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p>
<p>23. Exclusion of the Public</p>	<p>It may be necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, 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>“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.”</p>
<p>24. Confidential Minutes / Referrals (if any)</p>	<p>To consider confidential matters not dealt with earlier in the evening and not separately listed below (if any).</p>