Executive

Committee

Wed 26th May 2010 7.00 pm

Committee Room 2 Town Hall Redditch



Access to Information - Your Rights

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

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

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 Committee Support Officer.

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Do Not stop to collect personal belongings.

Do Not use lifts.

Do Not re-enter the building until told to do so.

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Walter Stranz Square.

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 <u>and</u>
- 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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Agenda

Membership:

To be appointed at the Annual Meeting of the Council on 24th May 2010.

1.	Apologies	To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend this meeting.
2.	Declarations of Interest	To invite Councillors to declare any interests they may have in items on the agenda.
3.	Leader's Announcements	 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 any other relevant announcements. (Oral report)
4.	Minutes (Pages 1 - 6) Chief Executive	To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 31st March 2010. (Minutes attached)
5.	Council Plan 2010 / 2013 (Pages 7 - 80) Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships	To consider the adoption of the Council Plan 2010 to 2013 incorporating the vision, values, priorities, the strategic action plan and key performance indicators. (Report attached) All Wards

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6.	Stratford-on-Avon
	District Draft Core
	Strategy - Consultation
	Response

(Pages 81 - 92)

Head of Planning and Regeneration

To consider the Council's response to Stratford-on-Avon District Draft Core Strategy consultation.

Appendix 2 to this report contains exempt information as defined in S.100 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as it relates to potential negotiations for the acquisition of land or property.

(Report attached)

(No Specific Ward Relevance)

7. Employment Land Review Update

(Pages 93 - 98)

Head of Planning and Regeneration

To consider a factual update of the Employment Land Review; this ensures that the Local Development Framework evidence base is up to date.

(Report attached – Appendix available on the Council's website and in the Group rooms. A map will be displayed at the meeting for Members' information)

All Wards

8. Local Development Framework Evidence Base - Winyates Green Triangle Transport Assessment

(Pages 99 - 104)

Head of Planning and Regeneration

To seek endorsement of the Winyates Green Triangle Transport Assessment as part of the evidence base for the Local Development Framework.

(Report attached – Appendix available on the Council's website and in the Group rooms)

(Winyates Ward)

9. Worcestershire Supporting People Strategy 2010 to 2013

(Pages 105 - 118)

Director of Policy, Performance and Partnerships To endorse the Worcestershire Supporting People Strategy 2010 to 2013 which informs and embeds the commissioning intentions and priorities for helping the most vulnerable and excluded to contribute to the wider society within Worcestershire.

(Report attached – Appendix available on the Council's website and in the Group rooms)

(No Specific Ward Relevance)

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10.	Capital Budget Provision 2009/10 and 2011/12 for Asbestos Removal	To report on the actual expenditure and overspend for asbestos removal in 2009/10 and seek approval for additional capital funding in 2010/11.
	(Pages 119 - 124)	(Report attached)
	Head of Housing	(No Specific Ward Relevance)
11.	Spring Industry Public Art Project	To seek approval for a public art project to celebrate and commemorate the spring industry in Redditch.
	(Pages 125 - 134)	(Report attached)
	Head of Planning and Regeneration	(No Specific Ward Relevance)
12.	WETT Regulatory Service - Delegation to Joint Committee	To consider delegation to the Joint Committee which has been established to deliver this service on behalf of the participating Councils, the functions of the Regulatory service that are Executive functions.
	(Pages 135 - 140)	(Report attached)
	Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services	(No Specific Ward Relevance)
13.	Irrecoverable Debts	To consider irrecoverable debts to be written off.
	(Pages 141 - 154) Head of Housing	The appendix to this report contains exempt information as defined in S.100 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, as it contains the personal details of individuals.
		(Report attached)
		All Wards
14.	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 17th and 22nd March and 7th April 2010.
	(Pages 155 - 180) Chief Executive	There are recommendations for the Executive Committee to consider.
		(Minutes attached)

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15.	Shared Services Board - Recommendations	To consider recommendations from the Shared Services Board meeting on 20th April 2010.
	(Pages 181 - 198)	(Minutes and draft Framework Agreement attached)
	Chief Executive	(No Specific Ward Relevance)
16.	Minutes / Referrals - Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Executive Panels, Neighbourhood Groups etc. Chief Executive	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.
17.	Advisory Panels - update report (Pages 199 - 202) Chief Executive	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)
18.	Action Monitoring (Pages 203 - 204) Chief Executive	To consider an update on the actions arising from previous meetings of the Committee. (Report attached)
19.	Exclusion of the Public	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: "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."