

# Council

Mon 14th Sept  
2009  
7.00 pm

Council Chamber  
Town Hall  
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# Welcome to today's meeting.

## Guidance for the Public

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### **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**

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### **Running Order**

Items will normally be taken in the order printed but, in particular circumstances, the Chair may agree to vary the order.

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# Declaration of Interests: Guidance for Councillors

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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).



# Council

14th September 2009

7.00 pm

Council Chamber Town Hall

## Agenda

### Membership:

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

<p><b>1. Welcome</b></p>	<p>The Mayor will open the meeting and welcome all present.</p> <p>The Mayor's Chaplain, Canon David Rogers, will lead the Council in prayer.</p>
<p><b>2. Apologies</b></p>	<p>To receive any apologies for absence on behalf of Council members.</p>
<p><b>3. Declarations of Interest</b></p>	<p>To invite Councillors to declare any interests they may have in items on the agenda.</p>
<p><b>4. Minutes</b> Chief Executive</p>	<p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 27 July 2009.</p> <p><b>(Minutes circulated in Minute Book 3 - 2009/10)</b></p>
<p><b>5. Redditch Rugby Club - League Champions</b></p>	<p>To mark the success of the Redditch Rugby Club First Team in winning the league title for the second consecutive year.</p> <p>A reception will be held at 6.00pm, prior to the Council meeting, for Members to meet with players from the successful team and Redditch Rugby Club committee members.</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".</p> <p>(No separate report / oral update)</p>
<p><b>7. Executive Committee</b> (Pages 1 - 16) Chief Executive</p>	<p>A. To consider a Matters arising report in respect of the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee on 1st July 2009, submitted to the previous meeting of the Council but subsequently not resolved upon</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p>B. To formally receive the minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on 10th June, 22nd July and 27th July 2009</p> <p>(All decisions here have previously been fully resolved. There are no outstanding recommendations or referrals which require the Council's consideration. The minutes of the meeting on 10th June should have been submitted to the previous meeting of the Council for formal adoption but were omitted from the minute book.)</p> <p><b>(Minutes circulated in Minute Book 3 2009/10 – to follow)</b></p> <p>C. To receive the decision notices and consider the recommendations and/or referrals from the following meetings of the Executive Committee:</p> <p><u>12 August 2009</u></p> <p>Matters requiring the Council's consideration include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worcestershire Land Drainage Protocol;</li><li>• Church Hill District Centre – Redevelopment Update;</li><li>• Maintenance of Unadopted Paved Areas; and</li><li>• Shared Services Board.</li></ul> <p><u>26 August 2009</u></p> <p>Matters requiring the Council's consideration include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Older Person's housing and Support Strategy;</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strategic Housing – Selection of Registered Social Landlords;</li><li>• Constitution – New Executive Arrangements / Whole Council Elections;</li><li>• Governance Arrangements – Adoption of Written Member Roles;</li><li>• Overview and Scrutiny Committee; and</li><li>• Arrow Valley Social Club.</li></ul> <p>(Decision Notices attached)</p> <p>Any matters arising, not covered elsewhere in the agenda, will be considered under this heading).</p> <p>Confidential matters may be taken after the Exclusion of the Public, <u>subject to notification at this point in the meeting.</u></p>
<p><b>8. Regulatory Committees</b> Chief Executive</p>	<p>To formally receive the minutes of the following meetings of the Council’s Regulatory Committees:</p> <p>Audit and Governance Committee - 4 August 2009</p> <p>Planning Committee - 14 July 2009</p> <p>- 11 August 2009</p> <p><b>(Minutes circulated in Minute Book 3 2009/10 – to follow)</b></p>
<p><b>9. Urgent Business - Record of Decisions</b> Chief Executive</p>	<p>To note the following decision taken in accordance with SO36 since the last meeting of the Council:</p> <p><u>The Redditch Borough Council Group Life Assurance Scheme</u> (Head of Financial, Revenues and Benefits Services) (Decision Reference 478)</p> <p>The case for urgency was that, due to deaths in service, the Scheme has been operated recently. Funds have been received by the Council and they need to be paid out by Authorised Officers as soon as possible..</p> <p><b>It was therefore RESOLVED that</b></p> <p><b>the Scheme of Delegation be amended to delegate authority to administer the Redditch Borough Council Group Life Assurance Scheme to the Section 151 Officer and Financial Services Manager for the time being.</b></p>

	<p><u>GCSx (Government Connect Secure Exchange) Personal Commitment Policy</u> (Head of Customer Services and IT) (Decisions Reference 479)</p> <p>The case for urgency was that the Department of Works and Pensions have withdrawn the use of email communication via any unsecured network now that the connection to Government Connect network has been approved. This will enable Officers to continue to interact with DWP across the secure network.</p> <p><b>It was therefore RESOLVED that</b></p> <p><b>the Council adopt this document as policy for the personal commitment statement for access to the Government Connect network.</b></p>
<p><b>10. 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>11. Exclusion of the Public</b></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><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 paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.”</b></p> <p><b>Item 12 – CCTV and Lifeline Shared Services Business Case – Procurement Process</b></p> <p><b>Item 13 – Shared Services Board</b></p>



<p><b>12. CCTV and Lifeline Shared Services Business Case - Procurement Process</b></p> <p>Director of Housing, Leisure and Customer Services</p>	<p>To seek full Council authority to proceed with procurement processes relating to the CCTV/Lifeline Shared Services proposal to meet required timelines.</p> <p>(In view of the fact that it contains information relating to expenditure proposed to be incurred by the Council in future contracts, this report is confidential and has been circulated to Members and relevant Officers only.)</p> <p>(Report under separate cover)</p> <p><b>(All Wards)</b></p>
<p><b>13. Shared Services Board</b></p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>To consider the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Shared Services Board held on 8th September 2009.</p> <p>(In view of the fact that it contains information relating to individuals, which might reveal the identity of individuals and also contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with labour relations matters arising between the authority and employees of the authority, this report is confidential and has been circulated to Members and relevant Officers only.)</p> <p>(Minutes to follow – Report to the Shared Services Board circulated to Members under separate cover)</p> <p><b>(No Direct Ward Relevance)</b></p>
	<p>(Note: Anyone requiring copies of any previously circulated reports, or supplementary papers, should please contact Committee Services Officers in advance of the meeting.)</p>



## **Council**

14th September 2009

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, 1 JULY 2009 – MATTERS ARISING**

(Report of the Head of Legal, Democratic & Property Services)

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

To ask that the Council consider two matters arising from the meeting of the Executive Committee on 1 July 2009 and amendments or additions to the referrals on those particular items

#### **2. Recommendations**

##### **INSURANCE PREMIUM SAVINGS – CONSORTIUM TENDER (Minute 36)**

##### **RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) **authority be delegated to the Head of Financial, Revenues and Benefits Services, in consultation with the Risk Monitoring Group and the relevant Portfolio Holder, to utilise these monies; and**

##### **SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS – PLANNING SERVICES AMENDMENTS RELATING TO PLANNING ENFORCEMENT AND PLANNING OBLIGATIONS (Minute 43)**

##### **RESOLVED that**

- 2) **the update to the recommendation, as set out in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 below, in respect of the implementation of the new scheme be noted.**

#### **3. Report**

##### **Key Issues**

- 3.1 The decision taken at the Executive Committee on 1 July in respect of the Insurance Premium Savings mistakenly included a resolution purporting to delegate authority to an Officer of the Council. Clearly, such a decision can only be taken by the Council and so the resolution on that point has been changed to a recommendation as in Paragraph 2, above.
- 3.2 In respect of the Scheme of Delegation to Planning Officers report, further explanation of the delegations has been provided by service Officers, as set out in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 below.

- 3.3 With regard to Planning Enforcement, Members should be aware that 'direct action' in this case means that the Council take the action required and put a charge on the land in order to recover costs (see appendix 1)
- 3.4 Members should also be aware that prior to serving notices using delegated powers, Members will receive an email notification of this intent, giving a period of at least 14 days in which Members can call in matters to be considered at planning committee, by emailing or writing in as indicated within the email notification. If the period elapses without further contact, action will be taken by officers under their delegated powers. It is intended to commence the new scheme on 1 September 2009.

4. **Author of Report**

The author of this report is Ivor Westmore (Member and Committee Support Services Manager), who can be contacted on extension 3269 (email: [ivor.westmore@redditchbc.gov.uk](mailto:ivor.westmore@redditchbc.gov.uk)). For more information on either of the matters referred to above, please contact Teresa Kristunas (Head of Financial, Revenues and Benefits Services) on extension 3295 and / or Ailith Rutt (Development Control Manager) on extension 3374.

5. **Appendices**

None.



# Executive Committee

12 August 2009

## Notice of Decisions

### Present:

Councillor Carole Gandy (Chair), Councillor Michael Braley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors P Anderson, B Clayton, N Hicks and M Shurmer

### Officers:

K Dicks, Jackie Smith, E Storer, A Heighway, C Wilson, R Kindon, A Marklew, A Baldwin and B Barr

### Committee Services Officer:

I Westmore

### 76. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Brunner, Hartnett and MacMillan.

### 77. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 78. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair advised that she had accepted the following matter as Urgent Business:

Item 9 – Maintenance of Unadopted Paved Areas.

### 79. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 July 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

### 80. PLANNING FOR PROSPEROUS ECONOMIES

#### RESOLVED that

- 1) the response from the Acting Head of Planning and Building Control to Communities and Local Government regarding the consultation document on new Planning Policy Statement 4: Planning for Prosperous Economies,

as detailed in Appendix A of the report, be retrospectively endorsed; and

- 2) where possible, Officers submit such future items for prior consideration by the Planning Advisory Panel.

**81. WORCESTERSHIRE LAND DRAINAGE PROTOCOL**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) subject to the Council's subsequent approval of the financial implications, the land drainage and flooding policies and protocols attached at Appendices 1 to 5 to the report, as recommended by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 17 June 2009, be approved; and
- 2) the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the relevant Portfolio Holder, be authorised to amend the Council's land drainage and flooding policies and protocols as appropriate to take account of subsequent changes to the draft legislation.

(It was agreed that a letter be sent on behalf of the Committee to Worcestershire County Council outlining Members' concern that the cleansing of highways gullies be treated as a matter of urgency given the potential impact on flood prevention on a failure to maintain these assets).

**82. CHURCH HILL DISTRICT CENTRE - REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE**

**RESOLVED that**

- 1) progress on the scheme be noted;
- 2) the marketing testing planned to commence in October 2009 be noted; and

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 3) additional revenue funding of £19,850 be approved to progress the scheme for the year 2009/10 up to and including the Industry market testing day in October 2009, with a further review.

(Officers undertook to provide a formal legal response from the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services to Members')

questions in respect of the transfers of land to and from Worcestershire County Council.

During the consideration of this item, Members discussed matters that necessitated the disclosure of exempt information. It was therefore agreed to move to exclude the press and public prior to any debate on the grounds that information would be revealed relating to the business affairs of the Council's tenants, disclosure of which was not considered to be in the public's best interests.

There is nothing exempt, however, in this record of the proceedings.)

**83. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MONITORING APRIL 2008 - MARCH 2009**

**RESOLVED that**

**the update on key performance indicators for the period April 2008 – March 2009 be noted and commented upon.**

(The Leader congratulated staff for their performance in the following areas in particular:

BVPI 212/LIB 240, BVPI 213, HIP 001, HIP 002 and MWO 10.

Officers undertook to provide Councillors Hicks with an explanation for the performance recorded in respect of Performance Indicator BV205.)

**84. MAINTENANCE OF UNADOPTED PAVED AREAS**

**RECOMMENDED that**

**an annual budget of £100k for three years (2009 to 2012) be allocated from HRA reserves to facilitate the timely repair and maintenance of Council owned, un-adopted, paved area assets.**

(Officers undertook to provide clarification to Members as to the actual extent of hard paved area to be maintained by the Borough Council, given the doubt expressed at the figure quoted within the report).

**85. SHARED SERVICES BOARD**

**RECOMMENDED that**

**Business Case – IT Services**

- 1) the Business Case for Shared IT Services, hosted by Bromsgrove District Council, phase 1, be agreed in principle, subject to further work being undertaken to agree a suite of charging mechanisms (for this and for other Shared services projects), for the further consideration of the Board / both Councils;**
- 2) it be noted that detailed business cases for phases 2 and 3 outlined in the report to the Board will be required in line with the wider shared service agenda;**
- 3) similar core principles be worked up for the development of Shared services in terms of pensions funding and the allocation of redundancy costs; these to be based on a 50:50 recharge to both Councils; and**
- 4) the Business Case template be modified to express all future risk ratings only in 'mitigated' terms.**

**Business Case – CCTV / Lifeline**

- 5) the Business Case for Shared CCTV / Lifeline Services, hosted by Redditch Borough Council, be agreed in principle, subject to further work being undertaken to agree a suite of charging mechanisms (for this and for other Shared services projects), for the further consideration of the Board / both Councils;**
- 6) the proposed Shared Service structure be endorsed, subject to consultation; and**
- 7) savings be based on the total reported £292,000 at this stage, rather than on the originally proposed 60:40% split, pending further the financial reports and subsequent agreements.**

(It was noted that the apologies of Councillor Hall had not been recorded in the minutes of the meeting of the Board despite his being engaged on other Council business)



During the consideration of this item, Members discussed matters that necessitated the disclosure of exempt information. It was therefore agreed to move to exclude the press and public prior to any debate on the grounds that information would be revealed relating to contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with labour relations matters between the authority and employees of the authority, disclosure of which was not considered to be in the public's best interests.

There is nothing exempt, however, in this record of the proceedings.)

**86. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 8 July 2009 be received and noted.**

**87. REDDITCH BOROUGH COUNCIL ESTABLISHMENT**

**RESOLVED that**

**the report be noted.**

**88. CORPORATE SICKNESS STATISTICS**

**RESOLVED that**

**1) the statistics be noted; and**

**2) the programme outlined in the report to reduce sickness absence be approved.**

(Officers undertook to investigate whether there were national statistics available to use as comparators to those generated locally within the authority).

**89. MINUTES / REFERRALS - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE PANELS, NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS ETC.**

There were no minutes or referrals under this item.

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**90. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT**

**RESOLVED that**

**the report be noted.**

(It was noted that meetings of both the Customer Services Advisory Panel and the Church Hill District Centre Members' Panel were planned for September).

**91. ACTION MONITORING**

It was noted that the action arising in relation to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 1 July 2009 had been completed.

**92. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED 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 matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.**

**Church Hill District Centre – Redevelopment Update (as detailed at Minute 82 above); and**

**Shared Services Board (as detailed at Minute 85 above).**

The Meeting commenced at 7.00pm  
and closed at 9.28pm



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26<sup>th</sup> August 2009

## Notice of Decisions

### Present:

Councillor Carole Gandy (Chair), Councillor Michael Braley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors P Anderson, J Brunner, B Clayton, W Hartnett, N Hicks, C MacMillan and M Shurmer

### Also Present

M Collins (Standards Committee)

### Officers:

E Baker, L Brockett, S Hanley, A Heighway, R Kindon, A Marklew, S Mullins, S Skinner, Jackie Smith, L Tompkin and S Powell

### Committee Services Officer:

D Sunman

### 93. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

### 94. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Hartnett declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 6 (Strategic Housing – Selection of Registered Social Landlords – Preferred Development Partners) as he was a Board member of a Registered Social Landlord (Redditch Co-op Homes).

### 95. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following items of business, scheduled on the Forward Plan to be dealt with at this meeting, had been rescheduled to a later meeting:

- Former Covered Markets;
- Quarterly Monitoring of Budget Savings;
- Quarterly Budget Monitoring;
- Benefits Service Improvement Plan;
- Street Naming Policy; and
- Student Council – Review of Service Level Agreement with Worcestershire County Council

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The Chair also advised that she had accepted the following matter as Urgent Business:

Item 18 – Arrow Valley Social Club – Asset Management Options.

(Not meeting the publication deadline)

**96. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27th July 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

**97. OLDER PERSON'S HOUSING AND SUPPORT STRATEGY - MY HOME, MY FUTURE, MY CHOICE**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) the Older Person's Housing Strategy, detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved; and**
- 2) subject to community consultation, Officers implement the Strategy for the Housing and Support of Older People as detailed in the Action Plan, attached at Appendix 3 of the report.**

(Officers were requested to arrange a visit for Members to all the Council's Sheltered Housing Schemes as part of the consultation process.)

**98. STRATEGIC HOUSING - SELECTION OF REGISTERED SOCIAL LANDLORDS - PREFERRED DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) the recommendation of the Member Officer Selection Panel held on 30 June 2009 be adopted and that the following organisations be duly appointed as Preferred RSL Development Partners of the Authority:**
  - a) Accord Housing Association/Redditch Co-Operative Homes;**
  - b) Festival Housing Group;**
  - c) West Mercia Housing Association/Bromsgrove District Housing Trust;**

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- d) **Rooftop Housing Group;**
  - e) **Sanctuary Housing Association.**
- 2) **Officers and Preferred RSL Partners produce a preferred partnership agreement outlining the terms of reference of the Partnership.**

(Prior to consideration of this item, and in accordance with the requirements of Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000, Councillor Hartnett declared a personal and prejudicial interest in view of him being a Board Member of Registered Social Landlord (Redditch Co-op Homes) and left the meeting.)

### **99. WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY - PHASE III**

**RESOLVED that**

**the response to the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy, as detailed in Appendix A of the report, be approved.**

### **100. CONSTITUTION - NEW EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS / WHOLE COUNCIL ELECTIONS.**

**RESOLVED that**

- 1) **the legislative position regarding the governance models for executive arrangements from 2010 be noted;**
- 2) **subject to approval of the recommendations below by the full Council, a further report be received to consider the outcome from the consultation at 3) below and to draw up the Council's proposals for a change in governance; and**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 3) **authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services to consult electors and other interested parties in respect of the two potential governance models and a change to whole council elections;**
- 4) **a report be received at a specially convened meeting of the Council on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 to determine proposals for a change in the Council's governance model and make the necessary formal Resolution for this to take effect from the 3rd day after the 2011 local elections; and**

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- 5) a report be received at the specially convened meeting of the Council on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 to consider, subject to the consultation outcomes, whether or not to opt for whole- council elections, to take effect for the 2011 local elections.

### 101. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS - ADOPTION OF WRITTEN MEMBER ROLES

**RECOMMENDED** that

**the draft Member Roles, attached at Appendix 1 of the report, be adopted.**

(Officers were requested to amend the Members' Roles, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, as suggested.)

### 102. IRRECOVERABLE DEBTS - MARKET KIOSKS

**RESOLVED** that

- 1) the debts totalling £44,560.03 detailed in Appendix 1, attached to the report, be written off as irrecoverable.
- 2) the debts of £26,595.63 detailed in Appendix 1, attached to the report, be not pursued.

(During the consideration of this item, Members discussed matters that necessitated the disclosure of exempt information. It was, therefore, agreed to move to exclude the press and public prior to any further debate on the grounds that information might be revealed that related to an individual or which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual; and the financial or business affairs of particular persons (including the authority holding that information.)

There is nothing exempt, however, in this record of the proceedings.)

(Officers to investigate whether the information in Appendix 2 of the report could be made available to the public.)

### 103. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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**RESOLVED that**

- 1) the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 8 July be received and noted;
- 2) the Councillor Call for Action (CCfA) guidance for the Council be approved; and

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 3) the Council establish a Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Panel to undertake the scrutiny of the Crime and Disorder Partnership; and

**104. FLAG FLYING POLICY - REFERRAL FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED that**

the amendments to the Council's Flag Flying Policy, as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report, be approved.

**105. MINUTES / REFERRALS - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE PANELS, NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS ETC.**

There were no minutes of referrals under this item.

**106. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT**

**RESOLVED that**

the report be noted.

(It was noted that a briefing on Abbey Stadium would be made to the Leisure Contracts Advisory Panel on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2009 at 5.30pm. It was also noted that a meeting of the Church Hill District Centre – Members' Panel had been arranged on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009.)

**107. ACTION MONITORING**

**RESOLVED that**

the report be noted.

**108. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

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**RESOLVED 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 1, 2 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.**

**Item 102 – Irrecoverable Debts – Market Kiosks; and**

**Item 110 – Arrow Valley Social Club – Asset Management Options.**

**109. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES / REFERRALS (IF ANY)**

There were no Confidential Minutes / Referrals for discussion.

**110. ARROW VALLEY SOCIAL CLUB - ASSET MANAGEMENT OPTIONS**

**RESOLVED that**

- 1) a surrender of the Lease be accepted and the Council accepts £5,000 from the tenant as full and final settlement of any claim in respect of rent arrears and dilapidations the Council may be able to make against the tenant;**
- 2) the proposed letting of the premises currently under offer for continued use as a social club on a “subject to contract” basis be pursued;**
- 3) if the proposed letting of the premises under 2) above or to another suitable provider cannot be achieved within a 3 month period, the premises be declared surplus and be offered for sale on the open market for redevelopment;**
- 4) authority be delegated to the Property Services Manager, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, to secure or demolish the building prior to offering the site for sale, subject to Council approval of necessary funds; and**

**RECOMMENDED that**



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- 5) **funds be approved to clear and secure the site in the region of £10,000.**

(During the consideration of this item, Members discussed matters that necessitated the disclosure of exempt information. It was, therefore, agreed to move to exclude the press and public prior to any further debate on the grounds that information might be revealed that related to an individual or which was likely to reveal the identity of an individual; and the financial or business affairs of particular persons (including the authority holding that information.)

There is nothing exempt, however, in this record of the proceedings.)

The Meeting commenced at 7.05 pm  
and closed at 10.00 pm

