

AGENDA

Cabinet

Date: **Thursday 21 January 2010**

Time: **2.00 pm**

Place: **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROCKINGTON, 35
HAFOD ROAD, HEREFORD**

Notes: Please note the **time, date** and **venue** of the meeting.

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Agenda for the Meeting of the Cabinet

Membership

Chairman Councillor RJ Phillips

**Councillor LO Barnett
Councillor AJM Blackshaw
Councillor H Bramer
Councillor JP French
Councillor JA Hyde
Councillor JG Jarvis
Councillor PD Price
Councillor DB Wilcox**

GUIDANCE ON DECLARING PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AT MEETINGS

The Council's Members' Code of Conduct requires Councillors to declare against an Agenda item(s) the nature of an interest and whether the interest is personal or prejudicial. Councillors have to decide first whether or not they have a personal interest in the matter under discussion. They will then have to decide whether that personal interest is also prejudicial.

A personal interest is an interest that affects the Councillor more than most other people in the area. People in the area include those who live, work or have property in the area of the Council. Councillors will also have a personal interest if their partner, relative or a close friend, or an organisation that they or the member works for, is affected more than other people in the area. If they do have a personal interest, they must declare it but can stay and take part and vote in the meeting.

Whether an interest is prejudicial is a matter of judgement for each Councillor. What Councillors have to do is ask themselves whether a member of the public – if he or she knew all the facts – would think that the Councillor's interest was so important that their decision would be affected by it. If a Councillor has a prejudicial interest then they must declare what that interest is. A Councillor who has declared a prejudicial interest at a meeting may nevertheless be able to address that meeting, but only in circumstances where an ordinary member of the public would be also allowed to speak. In such circumstances, the Councillor concerned will have the same opportunity to address the meeting and on the same terms. However, a Councillor exercising their ability to speak in these circumstances must leave the meeting immediately after they have spoken.

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	Pages
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive any apologies for absence.	
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.	
3. MINUTES To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 18 December 2009 and 7 January 2010.	1 - 10
4. ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER To note the Audit Commission's Annual Audit & Inspection Letter for 2009 and approve the response to each of the four action points raised.	11 - 34
5. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY To propose the three year draft financial strategy for 2010/13.	35 - 84
6. COUNCIL AND NHS HEREFORDSHIRE JOINT CORPORATE PLAN To invite Cabinet to commend for Council's approval the Council and NHS Herefordshire Joint Corporate Plan vision, objectives and long-term outcomes.	85 - 88
7. AMALGAMATION OF LEOMINSTER INFANT & JUNIOR SCHOOLS To receive a report on statutory consultation undertaken for the amalgamation of Leominster Infant and Junior Schools from September 2012, as proposed in the Council's Primary Strategy for Change.	89 - 94