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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Our Ref: Council - 7 March 2014

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27 February 2014

Dear Councillor,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the meeting of the Herefordshire Council to be held on **Friday 7 March 2014** at the Council Chamber - Brockington at **10.00 am** at which the business set out in the attached agenda is proposed to be transacted.

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Yours sincerely

Bill Norman

**BILL NORMAN
SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL**

AGENDA

Council

Date: **Friday 7 March 2014**

Time: **10.00 am**

Place: **Council Chamber - Brockington**

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

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Agenda for the Meeting of the Council

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Chairman

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Councillor LO Barnett

Councillor ACR Chappell

Councillor PA Andrews
Councillor CNH Attwood
Councillor PL Bettington
Councillor WLS Bowen
Councillor AN Bridges
Councillor MJK Cooper
Councillor BA Durkin
Councillor DW Greenow
Councillor J Hardwick
Councillor JW Hope MBE
Councillor RC Hunt
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Councillor JLV Kenyon
Councillor JG Lester
Councillor RI Matthews
Councillor PJ McCaull
Councillor JW Millar
Councillor NP Nenadich
Councillor FM Norman
Councillor CA North
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Councillor R Preece
Councillor SJ Robertson
Councillor A Seldon
Councillor J Stone
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Councillor PJ Watts

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Councillor CM Bartrum
Councillor AJM Blackshaw
Councillor H Bramer
Councillor EMK Chave
Councillor PGH Cutter
Councillor PJ Edwards
Councillor KS Guthrie
Councillor EPJ Harvey
Councillor MAF Hubbard
Councillor JA Hyde
Councillor JG Jarvis
Councillor Brig P Jones CBE
Councillor JF Knipe
Councillor MD Lloyd-Hayes
Councillor RL Mayo
Councillor SM Michael
Councillor PM Morgan
Councillor C Nicholls
Councillor J Norris
Councillor RJ Phillips
Councillor AJW Powers
Councillor PD Price
Councillor P Rone
Councillor P Sinclair-Knipe
Councillor GR Swinford
Councillor GA Vaughan-Powell
Councillor DB Wilcox

AGENDA

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1.	PRAYERS	
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	NOTICE OF MOTION ONE	
	Proposed by Councillor AM Atkinson and seconded by Councillor NP Nenadich.	
	<i>"A Herefordshire University would bring a wide range of benefits to the county including supporting economic growth through the development locally of relevant higher level skills; encouraging younger people to study and work in the county; and contributing to the vibrancy of the county.</i>	
	<i>This Council welcomes the developing proposals to establish a university in Hereford, and the wide support being generated for the proposals. This Council requests the Executive to identify the most appropriate way in which the council can assist in securing the future of higher education in the county."</i>	
	NOTICE OF MOTION TWO	
	Proposed by Councillor FM Norman and seconded by Councillor NP Nenadich.	
	<i>"This Council calls on the Executive to consider how it can, through planning and other housing policies, influence the design of new housing, (especially affordable housing), and encourage builders to adopt the highest possible energy efficiency standards, Passivhaus, AECB Silver Standard or similar.</i>	
	<i>Orientation and suitability for renewable energy systems, especially passive</i>	

solar and large-scale active solar should also be included at the design stage of any development.”

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

With the increasingly urgent need to reduce our carbon footprint, the spiralling cost of fuel, growing fuel poverty, and locally low incomes, we need to be positively influencing the quality of housing being built in Herefordshire.

The potential cost of retrofitting inadequate older homes is massive. We need to start now in ensuring that all new homes are built to the highest possible standards, including Passivhaus with potential savings of 90% of current heating costs (and 50% of electricity bills for lighting and appliances). This avoids at least the cost of retrofitting post-2014 home construction.

In setting high energy efficiency standards, Herefordshire Council can also stimulate demand for energy efficient homes and low-carbon technologies, leading to associated local apprenticeships, training and jobs.

NPPF States:

95. To support the move to a low carbon future, local planning authorities should:

- * plan for new developments and ways which reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- * when setting any local requirements for a building’s sustainability, do so in a way consistent with the government’s zero carbon buildings policy and adopt nationally described standards.

96. In determining planning applications, local planning authorities should expect new development to:

- * Take account of landform, layout, building orientation, massing and landscaping to minimise energy consumption.”

Core Strategy Objectives, Figure 3.1:

(Social Progress)

“To meet the needs of all sections of the community (especially those in need of affordable housing), by providing a range of quality, energy efficient homes in the right place at the right time.”

Further information from: <http://www.aecb.net/carbonlite/carbonlite-programme/building-certification/> and www.solarmarstal.dk

8. COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION

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To approve the council’s council tax requirement and set the council tax amounts for each category of dwelling in Herefordshire for 2014/15, including precepts from West Mercia Police, Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority and parishes.

9. LEADER’S REPORT

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To receive the Leader’s report, which provides an overview of the Executive’s

activity since the last Council meeting.

10. FORMAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS TO THE CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN UNDER STANDING ORDERS

To receive any written questions from Councillors.

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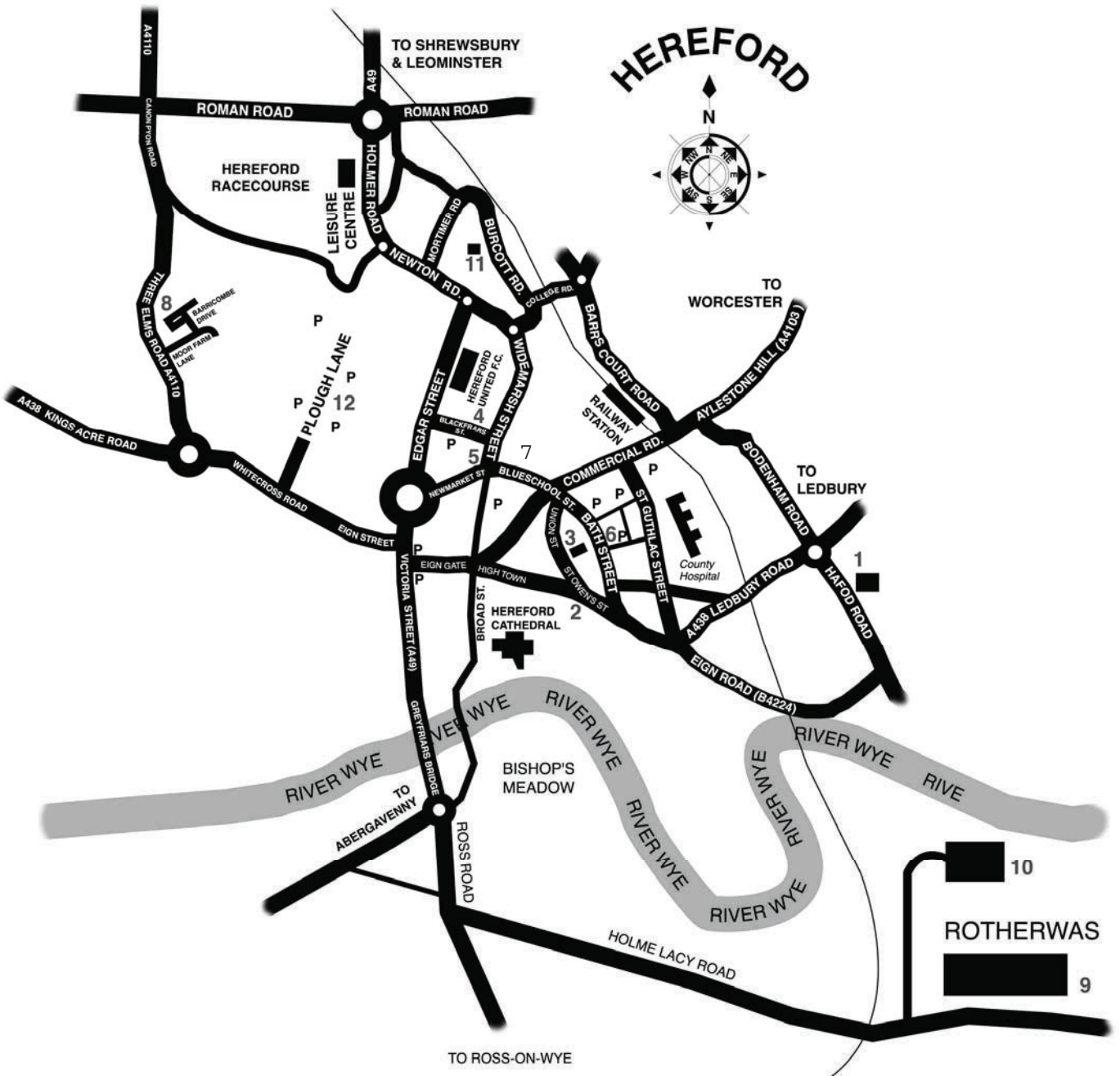
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HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Council held at Council Chamber - Brockington on Friday 7 February 2014 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor LO Barnett (Chairman)
Councillor ACR Chappell (Vice Chairman)

Councillors: PA Andrews, AM Atkinson, CNH Attwood, CM Bartrum, PL Bettington, AJM Blackshaw, WLS Bowen, H Bramer, AN Bridges, EMK Chave, MJK Cooper, PGH Cutter, BA Durkin, PJ Edwards, DW Greenow, KS Guthrie, EPJ Harvey, MAF Hubbard, JA Hyde, JG Jarvis, AW Johnson, Brig P Jones CBE, JLV Kenyon, JF Knipe, JG Lester, MD Lloyd-Hayes, RI Matthews, RL Mayo, PJ McCaull, SM Michael, JW Millar, PM Morgan, NP Nenadich, C Nicholls, FM Norman, J Norris, CA North, RJ Phillips, GJ Powell, AJW Powers, R Preece, PD Price, SJ Robertson, P Rone, A Seldon, J Stone, GR Swinford, GA Vaughan-Powell and DB Wilcox

In attendance: Councillors

Officers:

62. PRAYERS

The Reverend Prebendary Councillor Carl Attwood led the Council in prayer.

63. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Hardwick	Councillor Hope
Councillor Hunt	Councillor James
Councillor Sinclair-Knipe	Councillor Taylor
Councillor Watts	

64. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

7. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY.
Councillor ACR Chappell, Non-Pecuniary, Volunteer for Herefordshire Courtyard Theatre.

7. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY.
Councillor BA Durkin, Non-Pecuniary, Member of Herefordshire Citizens Advice Bureau.

7. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY.
Councillor DB Wilcox, Disclosable Pecuniary, Wife employee of Herefordshire Association of Local Councils.

7. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY.
Councillor DB Wilcox, Non-Pecuniary, Wife Chairman of Herefordshire Voluntary Organisation Support Service.

7. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY.
Councillor FM Norman, Non-Pecuniary, Supporter for a variety of voluntary organisations.

7. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY.

Councillor KS Guthrie, Non-Pecuniary, Member of Herefordshire Vision Link.

7. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY.

Councillor MAF Hubbard, Non-Pecuniary, Member of various voluntary organisations in county.

7. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY.

Councillor MD Lloyd-Hayes, Non-Pecuniary, Member of Herefordshire Courtyard Theatre.

7. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY.

Councillor NP Nenadich, Non-Pecuniary, Trustee for Herefordshire Courtyard Theatre.

7. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY.

Councillor RJ Phillips, Non-Disclosable Pecuniary, School Governor and involved with various voluntary organisations.

7. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY.

Councillor SJ Robertson, Non-Pecuniary, Supporter for a variety of voluntary organisations.

7. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY.

Councillor WLS Bowen, Non-Pecuniary, Member of Equity.

8. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2014.

Councillor RJ Phillips, Non-Pecuniary, Member of LGA Workforce Board and NJC Employers.

65. MINUTES

66. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A copy of the Public questions and written answers, together with the supplementary questions and answers asked at the meeting is attached to the Minutes at Appendix 1.

67. FORMAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS TO THE CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN UNDER STANDING ORDERS

A copy of the Member questions and written answers, together with the supplementary questions and answers asked at the meeting is attached to the Minutes at Appendix 2.

68. BUDGET 2014/15 AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Prior to the commencement of the debate The Solicitor to the Council summarised the order of debate and informed Members of the Government requirement, coming into being on 25 February 2014, to have a named vote for the budget report, and that good practice indicated that councils should fulfil this requirement if meeting prior to that date.

The Solicitor to the Council reminded Members that there were three amendments for Council to debate and a time frame of 15 minutes would be allocated for each amendment. This would be followed by the final debate on the substantive motion.

The Leader of the Council moved the Budget report. Councillor Morgan, Deputy Leader, seconded the budget report and made the following points.

- The Council had gone through a rigorous process to provide a sound budget, delivering the priorities and services for Herefordshire for the present and the future.
- The budget supported the economy by investing in projects for improving roads, creating jobs and building new homes.
- Consultation on the budget had been carried out and provided broad agreement on the direction of travel and the requirement for the Council to be more efficient.
- This was a priority led budget based on the needs of the County.

The Leader of the Council made the following points:

- Government funding for Herefordshire was well below the national average.
- A programme of public consultation had been carried out and a cross party working group had looked at the public responses. Members on the working group were thanked for their hard work.
- Each Cabinet Member and director had gone through the details of the budget with the Leader and Chief Finance Officer to ensure they were deliverable.
- The priority was to support the vulnerable and invest in homes and jobs for the future of the County.
- Herefordshire had a new retail centre and successful cattle market.
- New link road proposal would provide new homes.
- New businesses looking to sign up for available space at Rotherwas.
- This was a sound budget that would build reserves and set out a capital programme and investment plan. No alternative budget had been proposed.
- He recommended the budget to Council.

Copies of the three proposed budget amendments were circulated to Council prior to the commencement of the meeting.

AMENDMENT ONE

Councillor Bowen, Independent Group Leader, rose to move the first amendment, to:

Re-prioritise the transport modelling work on the further section of the outer relief road to the west of the city and use the one-off saving of £112k to re-instate the element of the budget for providing free home to school transport based upon nearest in county or catchment school planned for the academic year September 2014 and to re-instate the element of the budget for free transport for post 16 year olds with SEN planned for the academic year September 2014.

To continue to work for integrated commissioning of all public transport and create a transition fund to enable schools to develop responses to the changes.

Councillor Bowen stated he believed it to be a sensible proposal for school transport which gave a breathing space for school transport to get on a better footing and he recommended the amendment to Council.

Councillor Stone seconded the amendment and stated that he welcomed the fact that concerns had been raised before Christmas which meant the pressure would be taken off before the GCSE exam time. However, he believed this proposal was even better as it was important to encourage young people to stay on for sixth form college. Councillor

Stone also thanked Councillor Millar for the thorough consultation that had been carried out.

Councillor Swinford stated he supported the amendment but requested clarity on the figures in the amendment. Councillor Millar, Cabinet Member Young People and Children's Wellbeing advised that savings of £50k were anticipated, based on the figures known of the number of children in school.

Several Members from all political groups rose to support the amendment. It was emphasised that this was only a transition fund. Councillor Phillips reminded Council of the 1940 Act that states children could walk to school on rural roads, which in today's society was not appropriate, and urged Council to lobby their MP on the matter.

Council unanimously approved the amendment with no objections or abstentions.

AMENDMENT TWO

Councillor Powers, It's Our County! Group Leader, rose to move the second amendment to:

Re-prioritise the transport modelling work on the further sections of the outer relief road to the west of the city and use the one-off saving of £58k to re-instate the element of the budget for providing Arts Commission Grants for 2014/15.

To plan for adjustment to their funding and to mitigate the impact on their activities through collaborative working capability between this Council, its partners and stakeholders in education, the arts and government.

Councillor Powers stated that the money the Council puts in for arts grants was small but crucial to many organisations as it provided leverage to release grant funding from other organisations. Councillor Nenadich rose to second the amendment stating that although there were many hard choices before Council he supported this amendment.

Members from all political groups rose to support the amendment stating rural services particularly art groups, drama, flicks in the sticks support for young people etc., were important for rural areas and obtaining Council funding was key to releasing further funding from other organisations. It was emphasised that there was no automatic right that organisations that had previously received grant funding from the Council would be given grant funding this time round.

Council unanimously approved the amendment with no objections or abstentions.

AMENDMENT THREE

Councillor Harvey rose to move the third amendment for:

A reduction in the continued development of the A49/A465 link road to the south of the city and use the one-off saving of £100k to establish a small grant fund.

To support the feasibility/start-up of community based services to deliver the Council's strategic objectives.

Councillor Harvey made the following points:

- Accepted that the proposal would not necessarily have unanimity with all Members.
- Propose small grant funds be made available for start up of community based services to deliver strategic objectives.
- Number of projects in the budget which were seen as essential for the future of the County, but believed some investment needed to be made in providing support for new ways of working to deliver services the Council would no longer deliver.
- Asked Council to support the amendment to assist local groups.

Councillor Robertson rose to second the amendment, stating the voluntary sector was the life blood of the community and that it was important to work with them to deliver new services.

The following points were made in discussion:

- Organisations such as Friends of the Castle Green were willing to take on responsibilities that were once those of the Council, but support was needed for these organisations and care should be taken in ensuring they were sustainable.
- Councillor Edwards sought clarity regarding the link road and its funding. He proposed that the first line of the amendment be removed. The Leader stated the authority could not afford to delay the road and stated he would outline his point in his response at the end of the debate.
- The IOC Group Leader, stated he believed the amendment was fully justified and appropriate. Other Members also spoke in support of taking away funding for the link road.
- Councillor Bridges stated that he would second Councillor Edwards' proposed amendment.
- The Leader stated that he could not support the removal of the first line of the amendment and therefore could not support this amendment.
- The Chief Financial Officer reminded Council of the need to have a balanced budget and therefore any budget amendment must be clear where any alternative funding came from. He added that Cabinet could use any in year efficiencies to re-instate the budget if they desired.
- Councillor Harvey stated that whilst the budget set out the principle, the detail could be dealt with later.
- The Leader reminded Council that support was being provided for the voluntary sector, everything had been cut back to the bone and the link road was a critical development for the County. He added that he understood the comments of Councillor Harvey, but for the future of the County he could not support the amendment.

A named vote was taken on the third amendment. The amendment was lost with:

For	17
Against	31
Abstentions	02

BUDGET REPORT

The following points were made regarding the budget:

- Councillor Bowen, Independent Group Leader sought assurances on the adequacy of the social care budget. He stated many Members had received letters from the public over their concerns on the waste contract. That the authority was about to borrow £9m for leisure facilities and looking to sell off assets in the County. He added the administration must look to the longer term.
- Councillor Powers, It's Our County! Group Leader, stated the priorities should be for level borrowing and reserves. He added that he agreed the picture looked more positive in social care and commended the Cabinet Member and Director. He supported the enterprise zone but added that there were other areas of the County needing economic development. He said there was good evidence that the road build would do nothing to reduce traffic problems or create jobs.
- Some Members stated that they appreciated the financial difficulties, but felt the budget was undeliverable and that the level of borrowing was too high.
- There was broad support for the budget, but it was felt that there were many people in the County on minimum wage who could not afford 1.9% Council Tax.
- Concern was raised on the number of consultancy contracts. Also concern over the cattle market which it was believed gave a return of less than 1%. In referring to the adequacy of Council reserves assurance was sought from the Chief Finance Officer.
- Concern was raised that back bench Members were not being kept fully informed.
- It was asked if there were sufficient funds to address the wellbeing needs of children, vulnerable adults and children centres. It was stated that Children's Services had been remodelled to accommodate those in need and likewise Adult Social Care would be targeting support.
- Discussion was held on gaining European funding and support for young people in the County to encourage young people to stay in the County.
- In response to a question on Council reserves the Leader advised that the last report on reserves was encouraging and it was intended to have future reserves of between £10-15m.
- In response to a question on the £20m extra investment on roads Councillor Price, Cabinet Member Infrastructure stated that £15m would be spent in the coming financial year. He added that there were 15 authorities seeking to apply for government funding through the Bellwin fund.
- In response to a question on the social care budget Councillor Powell, Cabinet Member Health and Wellbeing reassured Council that there were now a variety of providers rather than solely Wye Valley Trust and costs were being managed much better.
- In response to a question on whether adequate reserves were held in line with the Local Government Act 2003, the Chief Finance Officer gave Council his independent assurance that the budget was reasonable and the Council had adequate reserves.

At this point the Chairman informed Council they had been debating for three hours, the maximum time allowed under the Constitution - paragraph 4.1.7.2, and asked Council if it wished to continue debating or move immediately to the vote. Council agreed to move to the vote.

The Solicitor to the Council referred Council to paragraphs 4.3.2.9 to 4.3.2.15 of the Constitution under the Council's budget and policy framework procedural rules which requires the budget amendments to be referred back to Cabinet for consideration. Council agreed to suspend standing orders on this point to enable the budget to come into immediate effect without further reference to Cabinet.

A named vote was taken on the Council's Budget 2014/15 and Medium Term Financial Strategy to include Amendments 1 and 2. The budget was approved with:

For	27
Against	19
Abstentions	05

RESOLVED

THAT:

- a) the revenue budget 2014/15 set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- b) a Council tax increase of 1.9% equating to a band D council tax of £1,251.32 be approved on the assumption that no referendum is required and therefore rejecting the 2014/15 Council tax freeze grant;
- c) the medium term financial strategy for 2014/15 to 2016/17, including the capital programme shown in Appendix 3 to the report be approved;
- d) the Treasury Management Strategy for 2014/15 attached as Appendix 4 to the report be approved;
- e) the transport modelling work on the further sections of the outer relief road to the west of the City be re-prioritised; and
- f) the element of the budget providing free home to school transport based upon nearest in County or catchment school planned for the academic year September 2014 be re-instated;

69. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2014

Council approved the Pay Policy Statement 2014.

RESOLVED That: the pay policy statement summarising existing Council policies at Appendix A to the report be approved for publishing by 31 March 2014.

The meeting ended at 1.15 pm

CHAIRMAN

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 7 FEBRUARY 2014

Question from Miss R Stanier

Question 1

Financing of Proposed Energy-from-Waste Facility at Hartlebury

I gather that it is proposed to borrow 40 million pounds to finance an energy-from-waste incinerator at Hartlebury.

Please let me know how the public will be able to track the actual cost of the incinerator during both the construction and usage phases. Could you let me know which headings to look for in the council budget and accounts, please? The arguments for the energy-from-waste incinerator are based on value for money, so it is necessary to see clearly how this is achieved.

I tried to comment using your on-line budget consultation, but I could not find any reference to the Energy from Waste project under either Public Health or Finance.

Answer from Councillor H Bramer Cabinet Member Contracts & Assets

Answer to question 1

Capital expenditure on the energy from waste (EfW) plant will be tracked both through the annual budget presented to Council and through routine budget reporting to cabinet; Disclosures about the value of assets held will also be made in the published year end accounts. The costs will be clearly identified as: energy from waste plant, waste disposal and PFI costs. The medium term financial strategy as proposed by cabinet to Council (on 7th February, page 23, page 73 of the public reports pack <http://councillors.herefordshire.gov.uk/mgChooseDocPack.aspx?ID=4732>) states the capital budget allocation; this will be reported via the capital budget appendix to the budget monitoring reports to cabinet during the course of construction.

Information about revenue contract payments is published on the transparency pages of the council's website at the following link:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/government-citizens-and-rights/democracy/transparency-council-expenditure-and-contracts>

Question from Mrs E Jones

Question 2

Medium Term Financial Strategy

Herefordshire Council plan to allocate £40million towards the planned incinerator in Worcestershire. To ensure that this can be considered value for money, how does HC plan to mitigate for the various negative impacts? Some of these are changes in legislation which may happen in the very near future. Others are outlined in the Business Case Lite 2009 such as the 'inability to import waste from outside of the two counties', 'mass burn

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efw technology becoming outdated and deemed redundant as a means of ensuring sustainable waste management for public authorities', site specific costs which it is stated could add considerably to the overall costs, foreign exchange rates etc.'

Answer from Councillor H Bramer Cabinet Member Contracts & Assets

Answer to question 2

A full financial appraisal has been carried out and was reported to cabinet in December 2013. There are mechanisms in the contract that deal with changes in law if these arise during the remaining contract period. The plant is sized to treat the two counties waste. Site specific and foreign exchange rate costs have been evaluated and included in the financial business case. The EfW plant will be constructed using modern and efficient technology, similar to many other EfW plants being constructed. It is accepted that technology continues to develop; however that future theoretical possibility does not mean that a decision should be delayed given the need to ensure prudent use of tax payers' money and the business case supporting that decision.

Supplementary Question

Councillor Johnson promised transparency at the packed public meeting last year. What steps have been taken to ensure Councillors fully understand all the financial implications of this scheme and how this will affect all other budgets and reduce the quality of life for all the residents in the county.

Answer from Councillor Bramer, Cabinet Member Contracts and Assets

The Cabinet Member advised that a written response would be provided.

Written Response

Councillors have been fully briefed of the financial implications of this scheme throughout the process, including Cabinet Member briefings, General Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a member seminar, a briefing for members of both Herefordshire Council and Worcestershire County Council, Cabinet and Council meetings. All questions raised have been addressed and the financial implications were considered in the context of the overall council budget at the meeting of Council in February.

Question from Ms L Brookes

Question 3

Incinerator/recycling costs

Herefordshire's Mid Term Financial Strategy is about to commit an extra £1.5 million pounds from other budgets to help finance an incinerator, yet 68% of waste is organic and can be treated for between £27 to £80 per tonne. Recycling can pay £26 per tonne and much more waste can be recycled, so is the Council convinced that paying £123 per

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tonne to burn waste, and increasing Herefords share of costs is good value for money and if so why?

Answer from Councillor H Bramer Cabinet Member Contracts & Assets

Answer to question 3

The council is confident that in light of the full financial appraisal of the options available for disposing of residual waste, the construction of an EfW plant is the least cost option.

Whilst we are pleased that the service the council provides has already led to 40% of the county's waste being recycled we recognise there is more to do and will continue to work hard to encourage residents businesses and communities to do more to reduce waste and re-use items – both of which do even more to reduce costs and have greater environmental benefits.

Question from Mr S Tranter

Question 4

Finance

My question relates to the Medium Term Financial Strategy, regarding the extra monies that will be required to finance the incinerator in Hartlebury, to be paid for by Prudential Borrowing till 2042.

On the assumption that the Cabinet made themselves aware of the KPMG report written for Hereford's Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and of any limitations of the Deloitte financial document put before the Joint Cabinet on the 12th December 2013, for example "We do not take responsibility for the Mercia's financial models and have not audited or otherwise verified them." I ask: Why are you prepared to take the risk of being tied into Prudential Borrowing with Worcestershire till 2042 with the associated risk that this will have to be shown on your balance sheet and could easily create problems with raising funds for more pressing services?

Answer from Councillor H Bramer Cabinet Member Contracts & Assets

Answer to question 4

Every option open to the council carries a degree of risk; this option provides the least risk option. Herefordshire Council has taken, and continues to take, all risk mitigation action in respect of the borrowing required to finance the construction of its share of the EfW plant. To do this will require borrowing to be included on the council's balance sheet; however there will also be a corresponding asset recognised on the balance sheet thereby mitigating the risk supposed in the question. Additional funds can be raised as long as the requirement falls within the prudential code of practice.

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As a point of clarification, all necessary audits will be completed before the conclusion of the waste disposal contract variation, anticipated to be agreed by 1st April 2014.

Supplementary Question

As Herefordshire are pursuant with Worcestershire in the contract then why aren't your Councillors allowed to deliberate these decisions in the same way or be made fully aware of the deep financial risks? Councillors of Hereford have been offered an alternative which would save £40m in capitol costs alone?

Answer from Councillor Bramer, Cabinet Member Contracts and Assets

The Cabinet Member advised that a written response would be provided.

Written Response

Herefordshire Councillors have had every opportunity to engage in the decision-making process through briefings, overview & scrutiny reviews, Cabinet and Council meetings. Both councils have followed their respective democratic decision making processes. Herefordshire has not been offered any viable alternative.

Question from Mr R Wilden

Question 5

What assurance has Herefordshire Council received from Worcestershire County Council regarding Herefordshire's ability to opt-out of the waste contract in 2023?

Answer from Councillor H Bramer Cabinet Member Contracts & Assets

Answer to question 5

The current waste disposal contract with Mercia Waste Management is due to expire as early as December 2023, therefore assurance is not required. Following expiry, Herefordshire Council and Worcestershire County Council will jointly own the EfW plant and all options will be considered.

Supplementary Question

Has Herefordshire Council received what is termed a 'letter of comfort' from Worcestershire Council concerning any matters relating to either the joint Worcestershire and Herefordshire waste partnership or the waste incinerator contract, and if so, what assurance has been provided through that letter or by other means regarding Herefordshire's ability to opt-out of the joint partnership at the end of the current PFI in 2023 and to sell the county's interest in the incinerator at that point?

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Answer from Councillor Bramer, Cabinet Member Contracts and Assets

The Cabinet Member advised that a written response would be provided.

Written Response

Herefordshire Council has neither sought, nor received a 'letter of comfort'; the council's position is protected through the contractual arrangements being put in place.

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 7 FEBRUARY 2014**Question from Councillor FM Norman****1 Living Wage**

There is increasing evidence that countries such as Britain, with high levels of inequality, also have high levels of crime, illness, drugs, obesity, illiteracy and other social problems, which our taxes have to pay for. It is also clear that the cuts, unemployment and low wages are causing increasing social distress.

While I welcome the positive comments made about considering the living wage in para. 9 (Pay Policy Statement 2014) my question is:

- A Why are we not immediately introducing the living wage into our pay policy in place of the inadequate minimum wage?*
- B Why are we not introducing a 1:8 differential between our highest and lowest paid employees?*
- C Why are we not setting a good example to the rest of the County and encouraging other employers to follow our example with these measures?*

Answer from Alistair Neill, Head of Paid Service

Answer to question 1

- A** Consideration of the introduction of a living wage for council employees will form part of a wider review of the council's pay and grading structure planned for the coming year, which will take account of a range of factors including the financial implications for the council and schools budgets. It would not be advisable to introduce one isolated element in advance of this review.

Nonetheless considering the context of this for Herefordshire Council, currently the national living wage is set at £7.65 per hour for all regions outside London. On a 37 hour week, this is equivalent to approximately £14,700 per annum. Of Herefordshire Council's 1,128 full-time equivalent non-schools employees, only 18 currently fall below the national living wage (1.6% of employees). We are aware that average pay in Herefordshire which partly reflects the county's cost of living, is approximately 13% below the regional average (which includes Herefordshire and is therefore slightly skewed by that inclusion), and around 23% lower than the UK average (incl London). If the region is taken as a reference point prevailing Herefordshire average wages could be reflected in a living wage of £6.65 per hour. At that level only 1 employee currently falls below that level.

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- B There is limited evidence to suggest that introducing an arbitrary pay multiple delivers identifiable benefits. In any organisation a range of factors must inform the development of the pay and grading structure including the ability to attract people with the necessary skills, qualifications and experience in a competitive market so we continue to deliver key services and the priorities of the council.

The multiple between the lowest paid and the highest paid is 1.11. This has fallen sharply from 2012 (Apr – Oct) when the multiple was 1.14.

- C The council, as a major employer, has a significant role to play in the local economy. Consideration will continue to be given to the degree to which the commissioning approach adopted by the council may be used to influence pay policies of the organisations we do business with. It is reasonable to believe that currently the council does set a good example as the mean average salary (workforce cost inclusive of national insurance and superannuation divided by headcount) is £28,343, compared to the average wage in Herefordshire of approximately £20,000.

Question from Councillor EPJ Harvey**2 Capital Borrowing**

*How is this council to have confidence today that the capital borrowing proposed for the Energy from Waste Incinerator at Hartlebury in Worcestershire is delivering the **best value** solution for Herefordshire's waste disposal needs for the next 25 years (rather than one that will adequately do the job required) in the absence of evidence that the technology options have been assessed according to government procurement rules against the specific geographical, economic, financial and environmental circumstances pertaining to the Hartlebury site?*

Answer from Councillor H Bramer Cabinet Member Contracts & Assets

Answer to question 2

The council can be confident that the capital borrowing represents the best value option for the county because the analysis and appraisal of options in both the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and cabinet report has been completed in accordance with relevant government guidance.

MEMBERS' QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 7 FEBRUARY 2014**Supplementary Question**

The Cabinet Member's response makes me concerned that he has not troubled himself to read the Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy and all its many annexes and other documents – as I have. If it were the case that Government guidance has been followed, surely this would be straightforward for officers to evidence? They have been unable to do this and therefore, presumably cannot, rather than will not, to elicit an immediate response rather than an obfuscating delay.

What is preventing officers and this administration from providing the requested evidence that technology options and treasury green book requirements have been fully and properly evaluated for the specific circumstances of the Hartlebury site?

Answer from Councillor Bramer, Cabinet Member Contracts and Assets

The Cabinet Member advised that a written response would be provided.

Written Response

I can confirm that Defra and Green Book principles have been followed in both the development of the Joint Waste Management Strategy and the subsequent financial options appraisal. I understand that there has been lengthy correspondence between yourself and officers where extensive information has been made available and I also understand that, following a recent meeting with officers, you are shortly to receive further explanatory information; whilst I acknowledge that you may take a different view about how guidelines are interpreted I cannot accept that information has been withheld.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS – COUNCIL 7 MARCH 2014

THE BLOODHOUND LAND SPEED RECORD CAR COMES TO HEREFORDSHIRE

Herefordshire schools are the first in the country to take part in the Bloodhound experience. Wigmore Teaching School Alliance took up the challenge and organised day long workshops for pupils aged between 5 and 13 years of age across the county. These workshops combined problem solving, maths, and science & technology skills and they were run in conjunction with Herefordshire Group Training Association and members of the Bloodhound land speed record education team

The Bloodhound car was at HGTA site for two weeks, during which time more than 1000 local school pupils took part in workshops and saw the car. The Bloodhound, the 1000mph/1600kph World Land Speed Record & the Bloodhound education team, are bringing inspirational STEM and computer science workshops to our community of schools.

It was a pleasure for the Chairman to visit and see the young people thoroughly enjoying the Bloodhound experience.

ROYAL VISIT TO SHOBDON CHURCH

HRH Prince Charles recently visited Shobdon Church following the completion of 12 year's restoration work. The church is famed for its early Gothic revival interior.

His Royal Highness met with conservation architects, fundraisers and volunteers involved with the project. He then went outside and met some of the local school children.

Rector, Revd. Brenda Jacobs, said: "He came ten years ago and helped us kick start the whole process of getting the funding together and gave generously. It was lovely for him to come and see the results. He seemed to really appreciate the work, asking technical questions and so on."

FLOODING AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

The county has recently faced difficult issues with the wet weather, and many staff along with the Police and Fire and Rescue Authority, have tirelessly focused on keeping residents safe, and critical services operating. As a whole team, and as individuals, everyone involved has played a great part in managing the current severe weather conditions. The county has been remarkably resilient, and thanks go to everyone for all their efforts.



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MEETING DATE:	7 MARCH 2014
TITLE OF REPORT:	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
REPORT BY:	GOVERNANCE MANAGER

1. Classification

Open

2. Purpose

To receive any questions from members of the public deposited more than eight clear working days before the meeting of Council.

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 Members of the public may ask one question of a Cabinet Member or Committee or other Chairmen at any meeting of Council, subject to the exceptions in the paragraph below. Written answers will be circulated to Members, the press and public prior to the start of the Council meeting. Questions subject to a Freedom of Information request will be dealt with under that separate process.
- 3.2 No questions from the public will be considered at the Annual Meeting of Council which Council has agreed will concentrate on the civic and ceremonial role of the Annual Council meeting. No questions from the public will be considered at the Budget (February) meeting of Council except on those items listed on the agenda.
- 3.3 Standing Order 4.1.14.4 of the Constitution states that: a question may only be asked if notice has been given by delivering it in writing or by electronic mail to the Monitoring Officer no later than midday eight clear working days before the day of the meeting (ie the Monday of the week preceding the Council meeting where that meeting is on a Friday). Each question must give the name and address of the questioner and must name the person to whom it is to be put.
- 3.4 A questioner who has submitted a written question may also put **one** brief supplementary question without notice to the person (if s/he is present at the meeting) who has replied to his or her original question. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the original request or reply. The Chairman may reject a supplementary question on any of the grounds for rejecting written questions (as set out in paragraph 3.5 below), or if the question is too lengthy, is in multiple parts or takes the form of a speech. In any event, any person asking a supplementary question will be permitted only **1 minute** to do so.

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3.5 A question may be rejected if it:

- Is not about a matter for which the Council has a responsibility or which affects the County or a part of it;
- Is illegal, scurrilous, defamatory, frivolous or offensive or otherwise out of order;
- Is substantially the same as or similar to a question which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months or relates to the same subject matter or the answer to the question will be substantially the same as the previous answer;
- Requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information;
- Relates to a planning or licensing application;
- Relates to an employment matter that should more properly be dealt with through the Council's human resources processes.

3.6 There will be a time limit of a maximum of 30 minutes for public questions and of 30 minutes for Members' questions. There will normally be no extension of time, unless the Chairman decides that there are reasonable grounds to allow such an extension, and questions not dealt with in this time will be dealt with by written response. The Chairman will decide the time allocated to each question.

4. Questions

4.1 Six questions have been received and accepted by the deadline and are attached at Appendix 1.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 7 MARCH 2014**Question from Mr P McKay, Leominster**

Question 1

Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Having been informed that our Local Street Gazetteer was being published online I thought I had completed my questions, expecting to see public rights of way, cycleways, rural access roads in their distinctive purple colour, along with all other roads, enabling checks to be made on gaps and omissions in the network as required by Parliament in good time prior to the 2026 cut-off date, but I find that not to be the case. Knowing where to look all this information is already online, but not viewable in a friendly way, nor at same time as our public rights of way. The Rights of Way Improvement Plan identifies our rural access roads as supplementing the byway network, policy 3.3.5 with policy 3.3.6 saying saying that users request that the information be made available, yet whilst officers I speak to advise that they have no reason not to make this information available they do not seem to know just whom ought be asked to address this issue, and indeed why not show us our cycleways as well as our footpaths and bridleways.

So may I ask if a highway layer showing our cycleways, rural access roads in their distinctive purple colour along with all our other roads could be added to the "Explore Herefordshire Map" web page, so that if tick that box and the tick the right of way box we could see all our registered highways at the same time, and when this could be expected?

Question from Mrs Churchward, Herefordshire

Question 2

Annual Monitoring Reports

Members all surely know there have been concerns about the Annual Monitoring Reports and their timeliness.

I asked a question about this last July, and was assured by Cllr Hamilton, that the hard and software had been upgraded, thus data collection would be more efficient.

It would appear the upgrade has failed as there has been no movement on this issue and the most recent Monitoring Report is STILL dated Year End March 2011 now making it nearly 3 years behind.

What EXACT date can we expect a fully up-to-date Monitoring Report?

PUBLIC QUESTIONS TO COUNCIL – 7 MARCH 2014**Question from Mrs Morawiecka, Breinton, Herefordshire**

Question 3

Nutrient Management Plan for the River Wye SAC

There was a commitment by Natural England and the Environment Agency to produce a Nutrient Management Plan for the River Wye SAC to be provided by September 2013, latest, to enable the Core Strategy to go forward for public examination. Would the Cabinet Member responsible for the Core Strategy please provide an explanation for the absence of this plan and indicate the level of investment required to accommodate the planned housing growth for Hereford and Leominster without damaging the River Wye SAC?

Question from Mr D Morawiecki, Breinton, Herefordshire

Question 4

Loss of Appeals

What has been allowed in the 2013/14 and 2014/15 Herefordshire Council budgets for costs arising from the loss of appeals due to Herefordshire Council not having a 5 year housing land supply?

Question from Mrs Wegg-Prosser, Breinton, Herefordshire

Question 5

Council's Core Strategy

For the Council's Core Strategy to go forward to Public Examination, it is required to have a number of supporting documents, such as a 5-year Housing Land Supply, a Local Transport Plan with at least 5 years to run, a Nutrient Management Plan, an Economic Viability Assessment, and an Infrastructure Delivery Plan. I should be grateful if the Cabinet member responsible for the Core Strategy could state when each of these documents will be ready and made publicly available?

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Question from Mrs Protherough, Clehonger, Herefordshire

Question 6

Selling of Bath Street Site

With an urgent need for sustainable housing developments in the City Centre, why does this Council feel that it can achieve best value for the local taxpayer by selling the Bath Street site to the Hereford & Worcester Fire Authority, rather than as a prime residential development site, which could include sensitive redevelopment of a building of historical significance in the City?



MEETING:	COUNCIL
MEETING DATE:	7 MARCH 2014
TITLE OF REPORT:	COUNCIL TAX SETTING
REPORT BY:	CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To approve the council's council tax requirement and set the council tax amounts for each category of dwelling in Herefordshire for 2014/15, including precepts from West Mercia Police, Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority and parishes.

Recommendation(s)

THAT:

- (a) **Council notes the tax base for 2014/15;**
 - 1) **for the whole council area is 64,942.09 band D equivalent properties**
 - 2) **for dwellings in those parts of the area to which a parish precept relates as in the attached appendix 1;**
- (b) **in respect of council tax for 2014/15 that the following amounts be approved by the council for the year 2014/15 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) :**
 - (i) **£331,897,091** **being the estimated aggregate expenditure of the council in accordance with section 31A (2) of the act, including all precepts issued**

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- to it by parish councils;
- (ii) £247,796,013 being the estimated aggregate income of the council for the items set out in section 31A (3) of the act (including Revenue Support Grant);
 - (iii) £84,101,078 being the amount by which the aggregate at (b)(i) above exceeds the aggregate at (b)(ii) calculated by the council in accordance with section 31A(4) of the act, as its council tax requirement for the year (including parish precepts);
 - (iv) £1,295.02 being the amount at b(iii) above divided by the amount of the council tax base calculated by the council, in accordance with section 31B of the act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year (including parish precepts);
 - (v) £2,837,742 being the aggregate amount of all special items (parish precepts) referred to in section 34(1) of the act;
 - (vi) £1,251.32 being the amount at (iv) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (v) above by the amount of the council tax base calculated by the council, in accordance with section 34(2) of the act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no parish precept relates (Herefordshire Council band D council tax, excluding parishes)
- (c) That the net budget requirement for the 2014/15, excluding parishes, be approved as £146,135,000; and
 - (d) That the council tax requirement for the council's own purposes for 2014/15 (excluding parishes) be approved as £81,263,336; and
 - (e) That the precepting authority details incorporated in appendices 1 to 5, relating to parishes, West Mercia Police and Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority be approved in accordance with sections 30(2), 34(3), 36(1) and section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended).

Alternative Options

- 1 There are no alternative options; the council is required to set a council tax each year.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 Local government legislation requires the council to set a council tax each financial year. It also requires that certain categories of income and expenditure and other financial information are provided in accordance with Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

Key Considerations

Summary

- 3 A resolution has to be passed each year by billing authorities in order to be able to collect their council tax. The Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011) sets out the specific amounts to be calculated and approved. The report enables the council to meet its legislative duty, determines the council tax requirement for the authority and sets the council tax for each category of dwelling.
- 4 Herefordshire Council's band D council tax for 2014/15 was approved at the full Council meeting on 7th February 2014 as £1,251.32, which is an increase of 1.9% from 2013/14.
- 5 The parish precepts for 2014/15 total £2,837,742 amounting to an average band D council tax charge of £43.70 (an average increase of 12.4% over 2013/14).
- 6 The precepts for the West Mercia Police and Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority are shown in appendices 3 and 4.

Legal Requirements

- 7 The council must set a council tax each year based on a balanced budget. In addition sections 25 to 29 of part 2 of the Local Government Act 2003 (as amended) impose duties on local authorities designed to ensure they make prudent allowance for risk and uncertainties in their budgets and that they regularly monitor their finances during the course of the year.
- 8 Section 25 of the act deals with budget calculations and requires the statutory chief finance officer to report on the robustness of estimates and reserves. This duty was introduced because the council decides on the council tax before the financial year begins and council tax cannot be increased during a financial year. It therefore needs to consider the risks and uncertainties that might force them to spend more than planned. The council has a statutory duty to take the chief finance officer's section 25 report (contained in the report to Council on 7th February 2014) into account when it sets the council tax.
- 9 Whilst local authorities have discretion to make their own judgments on a prudent level of budget and reserves, section 26 of the act contains reserve powers for the government to set a minimum level of reserves. This means that the government has the right to intervene if it thinks a local authority is acting irresponsibly.

- 10 Section 27 of the act requires the statutory chief finance officer to report to council if reserves have dipped below the minimum agreed level when the next budget is set. That report must include suggestions on how to avoid it happening again. The council has not dropped below the minimum level of balance set at £4.5m for the general reserve.
- 11 Sections 28 and 29 of the act deal with budget monitoring issues and make budget monitoring a statutory duty. If monitoring establishes that the budget position has deteriorated, authorities are required to take appropriate action. This might include reducing spending in the rest of the year, increasing income or funding the shortfall from reserves.
- 12 The Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2014 require that a named vote is taken when setting the council tax.

Council tax calculations

- 13 The calculation of council tax involves several stages and the Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires figures to be calculated including and excluding parish precepts. The following table demonstrates this requirement is met;

	Herefordshire Council £	Parish Precepts £	Herefordshire incl.parishes (average) £
Estimated Gross Expenditure	329,059,349	2,837,742	331,897,091
LESS Estimated Income	(182,924,349)	Not applicable	(182,924,349)
Net Budget requirement	146,135,000	2,837,742	148,972,742
LESS Revenue Support Grant	(35,811,622)	Not applicable	(35,811,622)
LESS Retained business rates	(22,373,659)	Not applicable	(22,373,659)
LESS Rates Top-up	(6,686,383)	Not applicable	(6,686,383)
Council Tax requirement	81,263,336	2,837,742	84,101,078
Divided by council tax base (Band D equivalent)	64,942.09	64,942.09	64,942.09
Council tax at Band D	£1,251.32	£43.70	£1,295.02

- 14 The net budget requirement line has changed from the previously reported £146.456m to £146.135m as a result of the final local government settlement and a technical adjustment around the rates changes announced by central government. There is an equivalent adjustment to revenue support grant and retained rates, which

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means that the council tax requirement and budget proposals remain unchanged from the budget presented at Council on 7th February 2014.

Council Tax amounts

- 15 Appendices 1 to 5 to this report contain the individual council tax amounts for each category of dwelling as required by the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and associated regulations.
- 16 Herefordshire Council's band D council tax for 2014/15 is £1,251.32, which is an increase of £23.33 (1.9%) from 2013/14.
- 17 The parish precepts for 2014/15 total £2,837,742 amounting to an average band D council tax charge of £43.70 (an average increase of 12.4% over 2013/14). The council has passported government grant to parishes totalling £289,000 to offset the reduction in the council tax base arising out of the council tax reduction scheme. The figures shown in the report are net of the grant i.e. the amount to be collected through council tax. Appendix 1 details the parish precept requirement and the band D council tax charge for each parish.
- 18 As part of the process we are required to include precepts from other bodies that will be included on council tax bills.
- 19 Details of the West Mercia Police precept are contained in Appendix 3 (£182.28 at band D).
- 20 Details of the Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority precept are contained in Appendix 4 (£75.06 at band D).

Community Impact

21. The council tax is levied to enable the council to resource service delivery in accordance with the corporate plan priorities established by Council.

Equality and Human Rights

22. Equality impact assessments were undertaken as part of the budget process. A detailed cumulative Equality Impact assessment was published demonstrating that the council has paid "due regard" that in making its decisions we have considered the general Equality Duty as required under the Equality Act 2010

Financial Implications

23. These are set out in the report.

Legal Implications

24. Local government legislation requires an authority's chief finance officer to make a report to the authority when it is considering its budget and council tax. The report must deal with the robustness of the estimates and the adequacy of the reserves allowed for in the budget proposals, so members will have authoritative advice available to them when they make their decisions.
25. The recommendations in this report satisfy the requirements of the Local Government

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Finance Act 1992 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). (Also see paragraphs 7 to 12 of the report)

Risk Management

26. Local authorities must decide every year how much they are going to raise from council tax. They base their decision on a budget that sets out estimates of what they plan to spend on services. Because they decide on the council tax before the year begins and can't increase it during the year, they have to consider risks and uncertainties that might force them to spend more on their services than they planned. Allowance is made for these risks by:
- making prudent allowance in the estimates for services; and
 - ensuring that there are adequate reserves to draw on if the service estimates turn out to be insufficient

Consultees

27. The budget proposals were considered by General Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 13th January 2014, whose views informed Cabinet's decision on 23 January 2014. The Medium Term Financial Strategy was approved by Council on 7th February 2014.
28. The council has consulted with the public on the proposed budget for 2014/15 and the financial plan 2014/15 to 2016/17.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Herefordshire Council requirement by parish, including Band D equivalent.
- Appendix 2 - Council Tax for each valuation band, by parish, without the Police & Fire precepts.
- Appendix 3 – Police Authority precept requirement for each valuation band.
- Appendix 4 – Fire Authority precept requirement for each valuation band.
- Appendix 5 – Council Tax for each valuation band by parish, including the Police & Fire precepts.

Background Papers

- None identified.

APPENDIX 1

Herefordshire Council requirement by Parish, including Band D equivalent

Parish	Parish Precept	Tax Base (Band D)	Parish Precept Basic Tax Rate (Band D)	Band D Charge (Parish and Herefordshire Council's Basic Rate - £1 251.32)
	£		£	£
Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council	6,860	155.08	44.24	1,295.56
Aconbury Parish Meeting	113	35.78	3.16	1,254.48
Acton Beauchamp Group Parish Council	2,910	171.98	16.92	1,268.24
Allensmore Parish Council	3,420	247.21	13.83	1,265.15
Almeley Parish Council	6,688	245.77	27.21	1,278.53
Ashperton Parish Council	3,029	116.09	26.09	1,277.41
Aston Ingham Parish Council	3,623	202.39	17.90	1,269.22
Avenbury Parish Council	3,867	109.89	35.19	1,286.51
Aymestrey Parish Council	3,462	152.93	22.64	1,273.96
Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group	3,876	280.59	13.81	1,265.13
Bartestree & Lugwardine Group Parish Council	23,237	814.72	28.52	1,279.84
Belmont Rural Parish Council	46,649	1,333.95	34.97	1,286.29
Birley with Upper Hill Parish Council	1,887	128.04	14.74	1,266.06
Bishop's Frome Parish Council	21,264	305.50	69.60	1,320.92
Bishopstone Group Parish Council	4,038	178.98	22.56	1,273.88
Bodenham Parish Council	13,734	441.59	31.10	1,282.42
Border Group Parish Council	7,269	293.33	24.78	1,276.10
Bosbury and Coddington Parish Council	9,218	353.40	26.08	1,277.40
Brampton Abbots & Foy Group Parish Council	1,920	215.44	8.91	1,260.23
Bredenbury & District Group Parish Council	5,012	156.44	32.04	1,283.36
Breinton Parish Council	8,002	391.67	20.43	1,271.75
Bridstow Parish Council	4,912	379.95	12.93	1,264.25
Brilley Parish Council	6,243	115.54	54.03	1,305.35
Brimfield and Little Hereford Group Parish Council	8,929	483.78	18.46	1,269.78
Brockhampton with Much Fawley Parish Council	3,336	89.04	37.47	1,288.79
Brockhampton Group Parish Council	6,432	312.10	20.61	1,271.93
Bromyard & Winslow Town Council	160,802	1,316.97	122.10	1,373.42
Burghill Parish Council	14,187	678.68	20.90	1,272.22
Callow & Haywood Group Parish Council	5,207	201.87	25.79	1,277.11
Cleghonger Parish Council	11,908	466.48	25.53	1,276.85
Clifford Parish Council	3,831	253.63	15.10	1,266.42
Colwall Parish Council	70,710	1,121.53	63.05	1,314.37
Malvern Hills Conservators (Colwall Parish Council)	32,018	1,121.53	28.55	28.55
Cradley Parish Council	23,895	764.40	31.26	1,282.58
Credenhill Parish Council	15,905	622.32	25.56	1,276.88
Cusop Parish Council	8,002	169.19	47.30	1,298.62
Dilwyn Parish Council	13,019	286.57	45.43	1,296.75
Dinedor Parish Council	6,028	125.78	47.92	1,299.24
Dinmore Parish Meeting	-	9.21	-	1,251.32
Dormington & Mordiford Group Parish Council	14,280	304.13	46.95	1,298.27
Dorstone Parish Council	3,076	170.13	18.08	1,269.40
Eardisland Parish Council	14,939	220.24	67.83	1,319.15
Eardisley Group Parish Council	8,165	479.91	17.01	1,268.33
Eastnor & Donnington Parish Council	3,477	140.66	24.72	1,276.04
Eaton Bishop Parish Council	5,796	175.17	33.09	1,284.41
Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council	18,823	424.20	44.37	1,295.69
Fownhope Parish Council	18,647	407.89	45.72	1,297.04
Foxley Group Parish Council	1,622	162.05	10.01	1,261.33
Garway Parish Council	10,152	168.08	60.40	1,311.72
Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Group Parish Council	5,321	255.91	20.79	1,272.11

Herefordshire Council requirement by Parish, including Band D equivalent

Parish	Parish Precept	Tax Base (Band D)	Parish Precept Basic Tax Rate (Band D)	Band D Charge (Parish and Herefordshire Council's Basic Rate - £1,251.32)
	£		£	£
Hampton Bishop Parish Council	16,826	191.78	87.74	1,339.06
Hampton Charles Parish Meeting	-	19.59	-	1,251.32
Hatfield and District Group Parish Council	4,090	211.83	19.31	1,270.63
Hereford City Council	722,738	15,272.50	47.32	1,298.64
Holme Lacy Parish Council	13,886	183.17	75.81	1,327.13
Holmer & Shelwick Parish Council	7,710	660.33	11.68	1,263.00
Hope Mansell Parish Council	1,669	134.68	12.39	1,263.71
Hope under Dinmore Group Parish Council	3,204	137.96	23.22	1,274.54
How Caple, Sollershope & Yatton Group Parish Council	5,836	155.93	37.43	1,288.75
Humber, Stoke Prior & Ford Group Parish Council	6,232	286.08	21.78	1,273.10
Huntington Parish Council	673	45.05	14.94	1,266.26
Kentchurch Parish Council	5,634	99.53	56.61	1,307.93
Kilpeck Group Parish Council	10,026	195.88	51.18	1,302.50
Kimbolton Parish Council	6,072	196.91	30.84	1,282.16
Kings Caple Parish Council	6,206	139.32	44.54	1,295.86
Kingsland Parish Council	9,367	447.64	20.93	1,272.25
Kingstone & Thruxton Group Parish Council	7,874	378.77	20.79	1,272.11
Kington Rural and Lower Harpton Group Parish Council	4,457	223.21	19.97	1,271.29
Kington Town Council	58,861	855.43	68.81	1,320.13
Kinnersley and District Group Parish Council	3,321	237.04	14.01	1,265.33
Lea Parish Council	8,965	224.18	39.99	1,291.31
Ledbury Town Council	246,438	3,315.98	74.32	1,325.64
Leintwardine Group Parish Council	14,859	430.80	34.49	1,285.81
Leominster Town Council	249,867	3,439.26	72.65	1,323.97
Linton Parish Council	5,876	448.64	13.10	1,264.42
Little Birch Parish Council	2,642	95.30	27.72	1,279.04
Little Dewchurch Parish Council	6,844	176.48	38.78	1,290.10
Llangarron Parish Council	5,342	463.90	11.52	1,262.84
Llanwarne & District Group Parish Council	1,887	259.66	7.27	1,258.59
Longtown Group Parish Council	5,400	411.17	13.13	1,264.45
Lower Bullingham Parish Council	16,220	589.01	27.54	1,278.86
Luston Group Parish Council	12,433	358.15	34.71	1,286.03
Lyonshall Parish Council	14,451	272.00	53.13	1,304.45
Madley Parish Council	13,121	397.06	33.05	1,284.37
Marden Parish Council	16,376	519.84	31.50	1,282.82
Marstow Parish Council	6,665	158.59	42.03	1,293.35
Mathon Parish Council	6,496	155.63	41.74	1,293.06
Malvern Hills Conservators (Mathon)	4,558	155.63	29.29	29.29
Middleton-on-the-Hill and Leysters Group Parish Council	3,344	168.40	19.86	1,271.18
Monkland and Stretford Parish Council	3,937	79.74	49.37	1,300.69
Moreton on Lugg Parish Council	13,066	279.93	46.68	1,298.00
Much Birch Parish Council	5,995	383.23	15.64	1,266.96
Much Cowarne Group Parish Council	3,124	203.27	15.37	1,266.69
Much Dewchurch Parish Council	3,296	247.61	13.31	1,264.63
Much Marcle Parish Council	4,671	290.84	16.06	1,267.38
North Bromyard Group Parish Council	4,059	311.77	13.02	1,264.34
Ocle Pychard Parish Council	2,684	254.87	10.53	1,261.85
Orcop Parish Council	6,506	164.68	39.51	1,290.83
Orleton Parish Council	14,532	336.79	43.15	1,294.47

Herefordshire Council requirement by Parish, including Band D equivalent

Parish	Parish Precept	Tax Base (Band D)	Parish Precept Basic Tax Rate (Band D)	Band D Charge (Parish and Herefordshire Council's Basic Rate - £1,251.32)
	£		£	£
Pembridge Parish Council	16,793	439.92	38.17	1,289.49
Pencombe Group Parish Council	8,052	191.10	42.14	1,293.46
Peterchurch Parish Council	13,229	382.39	34.60	1,285.92
Peterstow Parish Council	3,571	185.63	19.24	1,270.56
Pipe and Lyde Parish Council	2,266	142.30	15.92	1,267.24
Pixley & District Parish Council	5,435	219.75	24.73	1,276.05
Putley Parish Council	4,458	99.79	44.67	1,295.99
Pyons Group Parish Council	7,136	343.04	20.80	1,272.12
Richard's Castle (Herefordshire) Parish Council	3,573	124.30	28.74	1,280.06
Ross-on-Wye Town Council	242,852	3,213.36	75.58	1,326.90
Ross Rural Parish Council	2,762	407.84	6.77	1,258.09
Sellack Parish Council	1,909	118.56	16.10	1,267.42
Shobdon Parish Council	13,276	317.57	41.80	1,293.12
St. Weonards Parish Council	3,459	145.85	23.72	1,275.04
Stapleton Group Parish Council	4,753	141.40	33.61	1,284.93
Staunton-on-Wye and District Group Parish Council	2,442	189.72	12.87	1,264.19
Stoke Edith Parish Meeting (Chairman)	-	42.91	-	1,251.32
Stoke Lacy Parish Council	4,655	144.38	32.24	1,283.56
Stretton Grandison Group Parish Council	1,946	213.62	9.11	1,260.43
Stretton Sugwas Parish Council	3,822	141.77	26.96	1,278.28
Sutton Parish Council	18,099	371.23	48.75	1,300.07
Tarrington Parish Council	10,385	212.51	48.87	1,300.19
Thornbury Group Parish Council	3,192	170.01	18.78	1,270.10
Titley and District Group Parish Council	4,271	223.71	19.09	1,270.41
Upton Bishop Parish Council	8,433	256.76	32.84	1,284.16
Vowchurch & District Group Parish Council	5,614	306.36	18.32	1,269.64
Walford Parish Council	15,745	627.79	25.08	1,276.40
Wellington Parish Council	20,623	403.23	51.14	1,302.46
Wellington Heath Parish Council	7,184	220.00	32.65	1,283.97
Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council	6,279	140.75	44.61	1,295.93
Weobley Parish Council	12,493	430.11	29.05	1,280.37
Weston Beggard Parish Council	962	82.43	11.67	1,262.99
Weston-under-Penyard Parish Council	9,632	464.91	20.72	1,272.04
Whitbourne Parish Council	8,950	314.56	28.45	1,279.77
Whitchurch & Ganarew Group Parish Council	24,099	479.56	50.25	1,301.57
Wigmore Group Parish Council	13,306	335.90	39.61	1,290.93
Withington Group Parish Council	14,899	586.76	25.39	1,276.71
Woolhope Parish Council	5,236	207.72	25.21	1,276.53
Wyeside Group Parish Council	6,083	298.05	20.41	1,271.73
Yarkhill Parish Council	4,303	133.11	32.33	1,283.65
Yarpole Group Parish Council	13,489	325.84	41.40	1,292.72
Total precepts	2,837,742			

Council Tax for each valuation band, by Parish, without the Police & Fire precepts								
PARISH	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council	863.70	1,007.66	1,151.60	1,295.56	1,583.46	1,871.36	2,159.26	2,591.12
Aconbury Parish Meeting	836.32	975.71	1,115.09	1,254.48	1,533.25	1,812.02	2,090.80	2,508.96
Acton Beauchamp Group Parish Council	845.49	986.41	1,127.32	1,268.24	1,550.07	1,831.90	2,113.73	2,536.48
Allensmore Parish Council	843.43	984.01	1,124.57	1,265.15	1,546.29	1,827.44	2,108.58	2,530.30
Almeley Parish Council	852.35	994.41	1,136.47	1,278.53	1,562.65	1,846.76	2,130.88	2,557.06
Ashperton Parish Council	851.60	993.54	1,135.47	1,277.41	1,561.28	1,845.15	2,129.01	2,554.82
Aston Ingham Parish Council	846.14	987.17	1,128.19	1,269.22	1,551.27	1,833.32	2,115.36	2,538.44
Avenbury Parish Council	857.67	1,000.62	1,143.56	1,286.51	1,572.40	1,858.29	2,144.18	2,573.02
Aymestrey Parish Council	849.30	990.86	1,132.40	1,273.96	1,557.06	1,840.16	2,123.26	2,547.92
Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group	843.42	983.99	1,124.56	1,265.13	1,546.27	1,827.41	2,108.55	2,530.26
Bartestree & Lugwardine Group Parish Council	853.22	995.43	1,137.63	1,279.84	1,564.25	1,848.66	2,133.06	2,559.68
Belmont Rural Parish Council	857.52	1,000.45	1,143.36	1,286.29	1,572.13	1,857.97	2,143.81	2,572.58
Birley with Upper Hill Parish Council	844.04	984.71	1,125.38	1,266.06	1,547.41	1,828.75	2,110.10	2,532.12
Bishop's Frome Parish Council	880.61	1,027.38	1,174.15	1,320.92	1,614.46	1,907.99	2,201.53	2,641.84
Bishopstone & District Group Parish Council	849.25	990.80	1,132.33	1,273.88	1,556.96	1,840.05	2,123.13	2,547.76
Bodenham Parish Council	854.94	997.44	1,139.92	1,282.42	1,567.40	1,852.38	2,137.36	2,564.84
Border Group Parish Council	850.73	992.52	1,134.31	1,276.10	1,559.68	1,843.25	2,126.83	2,552.20
Bosbury and Coddington Parish Council	851.60	993.53	1,135.46	1,277.40	1,561.27	1,845.13	2,129.00	2,554.80
Brampton Abbots & Foy Group Parish Council	840.15	980.18	1,120.20	1,260.23	1,540.28	1,820.33	2,100.38	2,520.46
Bredenbury & District Group Parish Council	855.57	998.17	1,140.76	1,283.36	1,568.55	1,853.74	2,138.93	2,566.72
Breinton Parish Council	847.83	989.14	1,130.44	1,271.75	1,554.36	1,836.97	2,119.58	2,543.50
Bridstow Parish Council	842.83	983.31	1,123.77	1,264.25	1,545.19	1,826.14	2,107.08	2,528.50
Brilley Parish Council	870.23	1,015.27	1,160.31	1,305.35	1,595.43	1,885.50	2,175.58	2,610.70
Brimfield and Little Hereford Group Parish Council	846.52	987.61	1,128.69	1,269.78	1,551.95	1,834.12	2,116.30	2,539.56
Brockhampton with Much Fawley Parish Council	859.19	1,002.39	1,145.59	1,288.79	1,575.19	1,861.58	2,147.98	2,577.58
Brockhampton Group Parish Council	847.95	989.28	1,130.60	1,271.93	1,554.58	1,837.23	2,119.88	2,543.86
Bromyard & Winslow Town Council	915.61	1,068.22	1,220.81	1,373.42	1,678.62	1,983.83	2,289.03	2,746.84
Burghill Parish Council	848.14	989.51	1,130.86	1,272.22	1,554.93	1,837.65	2,120.36	2,544.44
Callow & Haywood Group Parish Council	851.40	993.31	1,135.20	1,277.11	1,560.91	1,844.71	2,128.51	2,554.22
Clelonger Parish Council	851.23	993.11	1,134.97	1,276.85	1,560.59	1,844.34	2,128.08	2,553.70
Clifford Parish Council	844.28	984.99	1,125.70	1,266.42	1,547.85	1,829.27	2,110.70	2,532.84
Colwall Parish Council (inc Malvern Hills Conservators)	895.27	1,044.50	1,193.70	1,342.92	1,641.34	1,939.77	2,238.19	2,685.84
Cradley Parish Council	855.05	997.56	1,140.07	1,282.58	1,567.60	1,852.61	2,137.63	2,565.16
Credenhill Parish Council	851.25	993.13	1,135.00	1,276.88	1,560.63	1,844.38	2,128.13	2,553.76
Cusop Parish Council	865.74	1,010.04	1,154.32	1,298.62	1,587.20	1,875.78	2,164.36	2,597.24
Dilwyn Parish Council	864.50	1,008.58	1,152.66	1,296.75	1,584.92	1,873.08	2,161.25	2,593.50
Dinedor Parish Council	866.16	1,010.52	1,154.88	1,299.24	1,587.96	1,876.68	2,165.40	2,598.48
Dinmore Parish Meeting	834.21	973.25	1,112.28	1,251.32	1,529.39	1,807.46	2,085.53	2,502.64
Dormington & Mordiford Group Parish Council	865.51	1,009.77	1,154.01	1,298.27	1,586.77	1,875.28	2,163.78	2,596.54
Dorstone Parish Council	846.26	987.31	1,128.35	1,269.40	1,551.49	1,833.58	2,115.66	2,538.80
Eardisland Parish Council	879.43	1,026.01	1,172.57	1,319.15	1,612.29	1,905.44	2,198.58	2,638.30
Eardisley Group Parish Council	845.55	986.48	1,127.40	1,268.33	1,550.18	1,832.03	2,113.88	2,536.66
Eastnor & Donnington Parish Council	850.69	992.48	1,134.25	1,276.04	1,559.60	1,843.17	2,126.73	2,552.08
Eaton Bishop Parish Council	856.27	998.99	1,141.69	1,284.41	1,569.83	1,855.26	2,140.68	2,568.82
Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council	863.79	1,007.76	1,151.72	1,295.69	1,583.62	1,871.55	2,159.48	2,591.38
Fownhope Parish Council	864.69	1,008.81	1,152.92	1,297.04	1,585.27	1,873.50	2,161.73	2,594.08
Foxley Group Parish Council	840.88	981.04	1,121.18	1,261.33	1,541.62	1,821.92	2,102.21	2,522.66
Garway Parish Council	874.48	1,020.23	1,165.97	1,311.72	1,603.21	1,894.70	2,186.20	2,623.44
Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Group Parish Council	848.07	989.42	1,130.76	1,272.11	1,554.80	1,837.49	2,120.18	2,544.22
Hampton Bishop Parish Council	892.70	1,041.49	1,190.27	1,339.06	1,636.63	1,934.20	2,231.76	2,678.12
Hampton Charles Parish Meeting	834.21	973.25	1,112.28	1,251.32	1,529.39	1,807.46	2,085.53	2,502.64
Hatfield and District Group Parish Council	847.08	988.27	1,129.44	1,270.63	1,552.99	1,835.35	2,117.71	2,541.26
Hereford City Council	865.76	1,010.05	1,154.34	1,298.64	1,587.23	1,875.81	2,164.40	2,597.28
Holme Lacy Parish Council	884.75	1,032.21	1,179.67	1,327.13	1,622.05	1,916.96	2,211.88	2,654.26
Holmer & Shelwick Parish Council	842.00	982.33	1,122.66	1,263.00	1,543.67	1,824.33	2,105.00	2,526.00
Hope Mansell Parish Council	842.47	982.89	1,123.29	1,263.71	1,544.53	1,825.36	2,106.18	2,527.42
Hope under Dinmore Group Parish Council	849.69	991.31	1,132.92	1,274.54	1,557.77	1,841.00	2,124.23	2,549.08
How Caple, Sollershope & Yatton Group Parish Council	859.16	1,002.36	1,145.55	1,288.75	1,575.14	1,861.53	2,147.91	2,577.50
Humber, Stoke Prior & Ford Group Parish Council	848.73	990.19	1,131.64	1,273.10	1,556.01	1,838.92	2,121.83	2,546.20
Huntington Parish Council	844.17	984.87	1,125.56	1,266.26	1,547.65	1,829.04	2,110.43	2,532.52
Kentchurch Parish Council	871.95	1,017.28	1,162.60	1,307.93	1,598.58	1,889.23	2,179.88	2,615.86
Kilpeck Group Parish Council	868.33	1,013.06	1,157.77	1,302.50	1,591.94	1,881.39	2,170.83	2,605.00
Kimbolton Parish Council	854.77	997.24	1,139.69	1,282.16	1,567.08	1,852.01	2,136.93	2,564.32

Council Tax for each valuation band, by Parish, without the Police & Fire precepts								
PARISH	VALUATION BANDS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Kings Cuple Parish Council	863.90	1,007.89	1,151.87	1,295.86	1,583.83	1,871.80	2,159.76	2,591.72
Kingsland Parish Council	848.16	989.53	1,130.88	1,272.25	1,554.97	1,837.69	2,120.41	2,544.50
Kingstone & Thrupton Group Parish Council	848.07	989.42	1,130.76	1,272.11	1,554.80	1,837.49	2,120.18	2,544.22
Kington Rural and Lower Harpton Group Parish Council	847.52	988.78	1,130.03	1,271.29	1,553.80	1,836.31	2,118.81	2,542.58
Kington Town Council	880.08	1,026.77	1,173.44	1,320.13	1,613.49	1,906.85	2,200.21	2,640.26
Kinnersley and District Group Parish Council	843.55	984.15	1,124.73	1,265.33	1,546.51	1,827.70	2,108.88	2,530.66
Lea Parish Council	860.87	1,004.35	1,147.83	1,291.31	1,578.27	1,865.22	2,152.18	2,582.62
Ledbury Town Council	883.76	1,031.05	1,178.34	1,325.64	1,620.23	1,914.81	2,209.40	2,651.28
Leintwardine Group Parish Council	857.20	1,000.08	1,142.94	1,285.81	1,571.54	1,857.28	2,143.01	2,571.62
Leominster Town Council	882.64	1,029.76	1,176.86	1,323.97	1,618.18	1,912.40	2,206.61	2,647.94
Linton Parish Council	842.94	983.44	1,123.92	1,264.42	1,545.40	1,826.38	2,107.36	2,528.84
Little Birch Parish Council	852.69	994.81	1,136.92	1,279.04	1,563.27	1,847.50	2,131.73	2,558.08
Little Dewchurch Parish Council	860.06	1,003.41	1,146.75	1,290.10	1,576.79	1,863.48	2,150.16	2,580.20
Llangarron Parish Council	841.89	982.21	1,122.52	1,262.84	1,543.47	1,824.10	2,104.73	2,525.68
Llanwarne & District Group Parish Council	839.06	978.90	1,118.74	1,258.59	1,538.28	1,817.96	2,097.65	2,517.18
Longtown Group Parish Council	842.96	983.46	1,123.95	1,264.45	1,545.44	1,826.43	2,107.41	2,528.90
Lower Bullingham Parish Council	852.57	994.67	1,136.76	1,278.86	1,563.05	1,847.24	2,131.43	2,557.72
Luston Group Parish Council	857.35	1,000.25	1,143.13	1,286.03	1,571.81	1,857.60	2,143.38	2,572.06
Lyonshall Parish Council	869.63	1,014.57	1,159.51	1,304.45	1,594.33	1,884.20	2,174.08	2,608.90
Madley Parish Council	856.24	998.96	1,141.66	1,284.37	1,569.78	1,855.20	2,140.61	2,568.74
Marden Parish Council	855.21	997.75	1,140.28	1,282.82	1,567.89	1,852.96	2,138.03	2,565.64
Marstow Parish Council	862.23	1,005.94	1,149.64	1,293.35	1,580.76	1,868.17	2,155.58	2,586.70
Mathon Parish Council (inc Malvern Hills Conservators)	881.57	1,028.49	1,175.42	1,322.35	1,616.21	1,910.06	2,203.92	2,644.70
Middleton-on-the-Hill and Leysters Group Parish Council	847.45	988.70	1,129.93	1,271.18	1,553.66	1,836.15	2,118.63	2,542.36
Monkland and Stretford Parish Council	867.12	1,011.65	1,156.16	1,300.69	1,589.73	1,878.77	2,167.81	2,601.38
Moreton on Lugg Parish Council	865.33	1,009.56	1,153.77	1,298.00	1,586.44	1,874.89	2,163.33	2,596.00
Much Birch Parish Council	844.64	985.41	1,126.18	1,266.96	1,548.51	1,830.05	2,111.60	2,533.92
Much Cowarne Group Parish Council	844.46	985.20	1,125.94	1,266.69	1,548.18	1,829.66	2,111.15	2,533.38
Much Dewchurch Parish Council	843.08	983.60	1,124.11	1,264.63	1,545.66	1,826.69	2,107.71	2,529.26
Much Marcle Parish Council	844.92	985.74	1,126.56	1,267.38	1,549.02	1,830.66	2,112.30	2,534.76
North Bromyard Group Parish Council	842.89	983.38	1,123.85	1,264.34	1,545.30	1,826.27	2,107.23	2,528.68
Ocle Pychard Parish Council	841.23	981.44	1,121.64	1,261.85	1,542.26	1,822.67	2,103.08	2,523.70
Orcop Parish Council	860.55	1,003.98	1,147.40	1,290.83	1,577.68	1,864.53	2,151.38	2,581.66
Orleton Parish Council	862.98	1,006.81	1,150.64	1,294.47	1,582.13	1,869.79	2,157.45	2,588.94
Pembridge Parish Council	859.66	1,002.94	1,146.21	1,289.49	1,576.04	1,862.59	2,149.15	2,578.98
Pencombe Group Parish Council	862.30	1,006.03	1,149.74	1,293.46	1,580.89	1,868.33	2,155.76	2,586.92
Peterchurch Parish Council	857.28	1,000.16	1,143.04	1,285.92	1,571.68	1,857.44	2,143.20	2,571.84
Peterstow Parish Council	847.04	988.21	1,129.38	1,270.56	1,552.91	1,835.25	2,117.60	2,541.12
Pipe and Lyde Parish Council	844.82	985.63	1,126.43	1,267.24	1,548.85	1,830.46	2,112.06	2,534.48
Pixley & District Parish Council	850.70	992.48	1,134.26	1,276.05	1,559.62	1,843.18	2,126.75	2,552.10
Putley Parish Council	863.99	1,007.99	1,151.99	1,295.99	1,583.99	1,871.98	2,159.98	2,591.98
Pyons Group Parish Council	848.08	989.43	1,130.77	1,272.12	1,554.81	1,837.50	2,120.20	2,544.24
Richard's Castle (Herefordshire) Parish Council	853.37	995.60	1,137.83	1,280.06	1,564.52	1,848.97	2,133.43	2,560.12
Ross-on-Wye Town Council	884.60	1,032.03	1,179.46	1,326.90	1,621.77	1,916.63	2,211.50	2,653.80
Ross Rural Parish Council	838.72	978.52	1,118.30	1,258.09	1,537.66	1,817.24	2,096.81	2,516.18
Sellack Parish Council	844.94	985.77	1,126.59	1,267.42	1,549.07	1,830.72	2,112.36	2,534.84
Shobdon Parish Council	862.08	1,005.76	1,149.44	1,293.12	1,580.48	1,867.84	2,155.20	2,586.24
St. Weonards Parish Council	850.02	991.70	1,133.36	1,275.04	1,558.38	1,841.72	2,125.06	2,550.08
Stapleton Group Parish Council	856.62	999.39	1,142.16	1,284.93	1,570.47	1,856.01	2,141.55	2,569.86
Staunton-on-Wye and District Group Parish Council	842.79	983.26	1,123.72	1,264.19	1,545.12	1,826.05	2,106.98	2,528.38
Stoke Edith Parish Meeting	834.21	973.25	1,112.28	1,251.32	1,529.39	1,807.46	2,085.53	2,502.64
Stoke Lacy Parish Council	855.70	998.33	1,140.94	1,283.56	1,568.79	1,854.03	2,139.26	2,567.12
Stretton Grandison Group Parish Council	840.28	980.34	1,120.38	1,260.43	1,540.52	1,820.62	2,100.71	2,520.86
Stretton Sugwas Parish Council	852.18	994.22	1,136.24	1,278.28	1,562.34	1,846.40	2,130.46	2,556.56
Sutton Parish Council	866.71	1,011.17	1,155.61	1,300.07	1,588.97	1,877.88	2,166.78	2,600.14
Tarrington Parish Council	866.79	1,011.26	1,155.72	1,300.19	1,589.12	1,878.05	2,166.98	2,600.38
Thornbury Group Parish Council	846.73	987.86	1,128.97	1,270.10	1,552.34	1,834.59	2,116.83	2,540.20
Titley and District Group Parish Council	846.94	988.10	1,129.25	1,270.41	1,552.72	1,835.03	2,117.35	2,540.82
Upton Bishop Parish Council	856.10	998.79	1,141.47	1,284.16	1,569.53	1,854.90	2,140.26	2,568.32
Vowchurch & District Group Parish Council	846.42	987.50	1,128.56	1,269.64	1,551.78	1,833.92	2,116.06	2,539.28
Walford Parish Council	850.93	992.76	1,134.57	1,276.40	1,560.04	1,843.69	2,127.33	2,552.80
Wellington Parish Council	868.30	1,013.03	1,157.74	1,302.46	1,591.89	1,881.33	2,170.76	2,604.92
Wellington Heath Parish Council	855.98	998.64	1,141.30	1,283.97	1,569.30	1,854.62	2,139.95	2,567.94
Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council	863.95	1,007.95	1,151.93	1,295.93	1,583.91	1,871.90	2,159.88	2,591.86

Council Tax for each valuation band, by Parish, without the Police & Fire precepts								
PARISH	VALUATION BANDS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Weobley Parish Council	853.58	995.84	1,138.10	1,280.37	1,564.90	1,849.42	2,133.95	2,560.74
Weston Beggard Parish Council	841.99	982.33	1,122.65	1,262.99	1,543.65	1,824.32	2,104.98	2,525.98
Weston-under-Penyard Parish Council	848.02	989.37	1,130.70	1,272.04	1,554.71	1,837.39	2,120.06	2,544.08
Whitbourne Parish Council	853.18	995.38	1,137.57	1,279.77	1,564.16	1,848.55	2,132.95	2,559.54
Whitchurch & Ganarew Group Parish Council	867.71	1,012.33	1,156.95	1,301.57	1,590.81	1,880.04	2,169.28	2,603.14
Wigmore Group Parish Council	860.62	1,004.06	1,147.49	1,290.93	1,577.80	1,864.67	2,151.55	2,581.86
Withington Group Parish Council	851.14	993.00	1,134.85	1,276.71	1,560.42	1,844.13	2,127.85	2,553.42
Woolhope Parish Council	851.02	992.86	1,134.69	1,276.53	1,560.20	1,843.87	2,127.55	2,553.06
Wyeside Group Parish Council	847.82	989.12	1,130.42	1,271.73	1,554.34	1,836.94	2,119.55	2,543.46
Yarkhill Parish Council	855.76	998.40	1,141.02	1,283.65	1,568.90	1,854.16	2,139.41	2,567.30
Yarpole Group Parish Council	861.81	1,005.45	1,149.08	1,292.72	1,579.99	1,867.26	2,154.53	2,585.44

APPENDIX 3

Police Authority precept requirement for each valuation band

	VALUATION BANDS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia	121.52	141.77	162.02	182.28	222.78	263.29	303.80	364.55

On 17th February 2014 the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia set a Budget for 2014/15 of £202.2 million (2013/14 £203.8 million) resulting in a Council Tax Requirement of £73.3 million (2013/14 £70.5 million) including a precept from Herefordshire Council of £11,837,453 (2013/14 £11,484,579).

The Band D Council Tax Charge amounts to £182.28 an increase of £3.56 or 1.99% over the previous year.

Fire Authority precept requirement for each valuation band

	VALUATION BANDS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority	50.04	58.38	66.72	75.06	91.74	108.42	125.10	150.12

On 19th February 2014 Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority set a Budget for 2014/15 of £32,636,997 (2013/14 £32,549,000) resulting in a Council Tax Requirement of £19,325,210 (2013/14 £18,579,427), including a precept from Herefordshire Council of £4,874,563 (2013/14 £4,732,051).

The Band D Council Tax Charge for Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority amounts to £75.06 an increase of £1.42 or 1.93% over the previous year.

APPENDIX 5

Council Tax for each valuation band, by Parish, including the Police & Fire precepts

PARISH	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Abbeydore & Bacton Group Parish Council	1,035.26	1,207.81	1,380.34	1,552.90	1,897.98	2,243.07	2,588.16	3,105.79
Aconbury Parish Meeting	1,007.88	1,175.86	1,343.83	1,511.82	1,847.77	2,183.73	2,519.70	3,023.63
Acton Beauchamp Group Parish Council	1,017.05	1,186.56	1,356.06	1,525.58	1,864.59	2,203.61	2,542.63	3,051.15
Allensmore Parish Council	1,014.99	1,184.16	1,353.31	1,522.49	1,860.81	2,199.15	2,537.48	3,044.97
Almeley Parish Council	1,023.91	1,194.56	1,365.21	1,535.87	1,877.17	2,218.47	2,559.78	3,071.73
Ashperton Parish Council	1,023.16	1,193.69	1,364.21	1,534.75	1,875.80	2,216.86	2,557.91	3,069.49
Aston Ingham Parish Council	1,017.70	1,187.32	1,356.93	1,526.56	1,865.79	2,205.03	2,544.26	3,053.11
Avenbury Parish Council	1,029.23	1,200.77	1,372.30	1,543.85	1,886.92	2,230.00	2,573.08	3,087.69
Aymestrey Parish Council	1,020.86	1,191.01	1,361.14	1,531.30	1,871.58	2,211.87	2,552.16	3,062.59
Ballingham, Bolstone & Hentland Group	1,014.98	1,184.14	1,353.30	1,522.47	1,860.79	2,199.12	2,537.45	3,044.93
Bartestree & Lugwardine Group Parish Council	1,024.78	1,195.58	1,366.37	1,537.18	1,878.77	2,220.37	2,561.96	3,074.35
Belmont Rural Parish Council	1,029.08	1,200.60	1,372.10	1,543.63	1,886.65	2,229.68	2,572.71	3,087.25
Birley with Upper Hill Parish Council	1,015.60	1,184.86	1,354.12	1,523.40	1,861.93	2,200.46	2,539.00	3,046.79
Bishop's Frome Parish Council	1,052.17	1,227.53	1,402.89	1,578.26	1,928.98	2,279.70	2,630.43	3,156.51
Bishopstone Group Parish Council	1,020.81	1,190.95	1,361.07	1,531.22	1,871.48	2,211.76	2,552.03	3,062.43
Bodenham Parish Council	1,026.50	1,197.59	1,368.66	1,539.76	1,881.92	2,224.09	2,566.26	3,079.51
Border Group Parish Council	1,022.29	1,192.67	1,363.05	1,533.44	1,874.20	2,214.96	2,555.73	3,066.87
Bosbury and Coddington Parish Council	1,023.16	1,193.68	1,364.20	1,534.74	1,875.79	2,216.84	2,557.90	3,069.47
Brampton Abbots & Foy Group Parish Council	1,011.71	1,180.33	1,348.94	1,517.57	1,854.80	2,192.04	2,529.28	3,035.13
Bredenburg & District Group Parish Council	1,027.13	1,198.32	1,369.50	1,540.70	1,883.07	2,225.45	2,567.83	3,081.39
Breinton Parish Council	1,019.39	1,189.29	1,359.18	1,529.09	1,868.88	2,208.68	2,548.48	3,058.17
Bridstow Parish Council	1,014.39	1,183.46	1,352.51	1,521.59	1,859.71	2,197.85	2,535.98	3,043.17
Brilley Parish Council	1,041.79	1,215.42	1,389.05	1,562.69	1,909.95	2,257.21	2,604.48	3,125.37
Brimfield and Little Hereford Group Parish Council	1,018.08	1,187.76	1,357.43	1,527.12	1,866.47	2,205.83	2,545.20	3,054.23
Brockhampton with Much Fawley Parish Council	1,030.75	1,202.54	1,374.33	1,546.13	1,889.71	2,233.29	2,576.88	3,092.25
Brockhampton Group Parish Council	1,019.51	1,189.43	1,359.34	1,529.27	1,869.10	2,208.94	2,548.78	3,058.53
Bromyard & Winslow Town Council	1,087.17	1,268.37	1,449.55	1,630.76	1,993.14	2,355.54	2,717.93	3,261.51
Burghill Parish Council	1,019.70	1,189.66	1,359.60	1,529.56	1,869.45	2,209.36	2,549.26	3,059.11
Callow & Haywood Group Parish Council	1,022.96	1,193.46	1,363.94	1,534.45	1,875.43	2,216.42	2,557.41	3,068.89
Cleghonger Parish Council	1,022.79	1,193.26	1,363.71	1,534.19	1,875.11	2,216.05	2,556.98	3,068.37
Clifford Parish Council	1,015.84	1,185.14	1,354.44	1,523.76	1,862.37	2,200.98	2,539.60	3,047.51
Colwall Parish Council	1,066.83	1,244.65	1,422.44	1,600.26	1,955.86	2,311.48	2,667.09	3,200.51
Cradley Parish Council	1,026.61	1,197.71	1,368.81	1,539.92	1,882.12	2,224.32	2,566.53	3,079.83
Credenhill Parish Council	1,022.81	1,193.28	1,363.74	1,534.22	1,875.15	2,216.09	2,557.03	3,068.43
Cusop Parish Council	1,037.30	1,210.19	1,383.06	1,555.96	1,901.72	2,247.49	2,593.26	3,111.91
Dilwyn Parish Council	1,036.06	1,208.73	1,381.40	1,554.09	1,899.44	2,244.79	2,590.15	3,108.17
Dinedor Parish Council	1,037.72	1,210.67	1,383.62	1,556.58	1,902.48	2,248.39	2,594.30	3,113.15
Dinmore Parish Meeting	1,005.77	1,173.40	1,341.02	1,508.66	1,843.91	2,179.17	2,514.43	3,017.31
Dormington & Mordiford Group Parish Council	1,037.07	1,209.92	1,382.75	1,555.61	1,901.29	2,246.99	2,592.68	3,111.21
Dorstone Parish Council	1,017.82	1,187.46	1,357.09	1,526.74	1,866.01	2,205.29	2,544.56	3,053.47
Eardisland Parish Council	1,050.99	1,226.16	1,401.31	1,576.49	1,926.81	2,277.15	2,627.48	3,152.97
Eardisley Group Parish Council	1,017.11	1,186.63	1,356.14	1,525.67	1,864.70	2,203.74	2,542.78	3,051.33
Eastnor & Donnington Parish Council	1,022.25	1,192.63	1,362.99	1,533.38	1,874.12	2,214.88	2,555.63	3,066.75
Eaton Bishop Parish Council	1,027.83	1,199.14	1,370.43	1,541.75	1,884.35	2,226.97	2,569.58	3,083.49
Ewyas Harold Group Parish Council	1,035.35	1,207.91	1,380.46	1,553.03	1,898.14	2,243.26	2,588.38	3,106.05
Fownhope Parish Council	1,036.25	1,208.96	1,381.66	1,554.38	1,899.79	2,245.21	2,590.63	3,108.75
Foxley Group Parish Council	1,012.44	1,181.19	1,349.92	1,518.67	1,856.14	2,193.63	2,531.11	3,037.33
Garway Parish Council	1,046.04	1,220.38	1,394.71	1,569.06	1,917.73	2,266.41	2,615.10	3,138.11
Goodrich & Welsh Bicknor Group Parish Council	1,019.63	1,189.57	1,359.50	1,529.45	1,869.32	2,209.20	2,549.08	3,058.89
Hampton Bishop Parish Council	1,064.26	1,241.64	1,419.01	1,596.40	1,951.15	2,305.91	2,660.66	3,192.79
Hampton Charles Parish Meeting	1,005.77	1,173.40	1,341.02	1,508.66	1,843.91	2,179.17	2,514.43	3,017.31

APPENDIX 5

Council Tax for each valuation band, by Parish, including the Police & Fire precepts

PARISH	VALUATION BANDS							
	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Hatfield and District Group Parish Council	1,018.64	1,188.42	1,358.18	1,527.97	1,867.51	2,207.06	2,546.61	3,055.93
Hereford City Council	1,037.32	1,210.20	1,383.08	1,555.98	1,901.75	2,247.52	2,593.30	3,111.95
Holme Lacy Parish Council	1,056.31	1,232.36	1,408.41	1,584.47	1,936.57	2,288.67	2,640.78	3,168.93
Holmer & Shelwick Parish Council	1,013.56	1,182.48	1,351.40	1,520.34	1,858.19	2,196.04	2,533.90	3,040.67
Hope Mansell Parish Council	1,014.03	1,183.04	1,352.03	1,521.05	1,859.05	2,197.07	2,535.08	3,042.09
Hope under Dinmore Group Parish Council	1,021.25	1,191.46	1,361.66	1,531.88	1,872.29	2,212.71	2,553.13	3,063.75
How Caple, Sollershope & Yatton Group Parish Council	1,030.72	1,202.51	1,374.29	1,546.09	1,889.66	2,233.24	2,576.81	3,092.17
Humber, Stoke Prior & Ford Group Parish Council	1,020.29	1,190.34	1,360.38	1,530.44	1,870.53	2,210.63	2,550.73	3,060.87
Huntington Parish Council	1,015.73	1,185.02	1,354.30	1,523.60	1,862.17	2,200.75	2,539.33	3,047.19
Kentchurch Parish Council	1,043.51	1,217.43	1,391.34	1,565.27	1,913.10	2,260.94	2,608.78	3,130.53
Kilpeck Group Parish Council	1,039.89	1,213.21	1,386.51	1,559.84	1,906.46	2,253.10	2,599.73	3,119.67
Kimbolton Parish Council	1,026.33	1,197.39	1,368.43	1,539.50	1,881.60	2,223.72	2,565.83	3,078.99
Kings Caple Parish Council	1,035.46	1,208.04	1,380.61	1,553.20	1,898.35	2,243.51	2,588.66	3,106.39
Kingsland Parish Council	1,019.72	1,189.68	1,359.62	1,529.59	1,869.49	2,209.40	2,549.31	3,059.17
Kingstone & Thrupton Group Parish Council	1,019.63	1,189.57	1,359.50	1,529.45	1,869.32	2,209.20	2,549.08	3,058.89
Kington Rural and Lower Harpton Group Parish Council	1,019.08	1,188.93	1,358.77	1,528.63	1,868.32	2,208.02	2,547.71	3,057.25
Kington Town Council	1,051.64	1,226.92	1,402.18	1,577.47	1,928.01	2,278.56	2,629.11	3,154.93
Kinnersley and District Group Parish Council	1,015.11	1,184.30	1,353.47	1,522.67	1,861.03	2,199.41	2,537.78	3,045.33
Lea Parish Council	1,032.43	1,204.50	1,376.57	1,548.65	1,892.79	2,236.93	2,581.08	3,097.29
Ledbury Town Council	1,055.32	1,231.20	1,407.08	1,582.98	1,934.75	2,286.52	2,638.30	3,165.95
Leintwardine Group Parish Council	1,028.76	1,200.23	1,371.68	1,543.15	1,886.06	2,228.99	2,571.91	3,086.29
Leominster Town Council	1,054.20	1,229.91	1,405.60	1,581.31	1,932.70	2,284.11	2,635.51	3,162.61
Linton Parish Council	1,014.50	1,183.59	1,352.66	1,521.76	1,859.92	2,198.09	2,536.26	3,043.51
Little Birch Parish Council	1,024.25	1,194.96	1,365.66	1,536.38	1,877.79	2,219.21	2,560.63	3,072.75
Little Dewchurch Parish Council	1,031.62	1,203.56	1,375.49	1,547.44	1,891.31	2,235.19	2,579.06	3,094.87
Llangarron Parish Council	1,013.45	1,182.36	1,351.26	1,520.18	1,857.99	2,195.81	2,533.63	3,040.35
Llanwarne & District Group Parish Council	1,010.62	1,179.05	1,347.48	1,515.93	1,852.80	2,189.67	2,526.55	3,031.85
Longtown Group Parish Council	1,014.52	1,183.61	1,352.69	1,521.79	1,859.96	2,198.14	2,536.31	3,043.57
Lower Bullingham Parish Council	1,024.13	1,194.82	1,365.50	1,536.20	1,877.57	2,218.95	2,560.33	3,072.39
Luston Group Parish Council	1,028.91	1,200.40	1,371.87	1,543.37	1,886.33	2,229.31	2,572.28	3,086.73
Lyonshall Parish Council	1,041.19	1,214.72	1,388.25	1,561.79	1,908.85	2,255.91	2,602.98	3,123.57
Madley Parish Council	1,027.80	1,199.11	1,370.40	1,541.71	1,884.30	2,226.91	2,569.51	3,083.41
Marden Parish Council	1,026.77	1,197.90	1,369.02	1,540.16	1,882.41	2,224.67	2,566.93	3,080.31
Marstow Parish Council	1,033.79	1,206.09	1,378.38	1,550.69	1,895.28	2,239.88	2,584.48	3,101.37
Mathon Parish Council	1,053.13	1,228.64	1,404.16	1,579.69	1,930.73	2,281.77	2,632.82	3,159.37
Middleton-on-the-Hill and Leysters Group Parish Council	1,019.01	1,188.85	1,358.67	1,528.52	1,868.18	2,207.86	2,547.53	3,057.03
Monkland and Stretford Parish Council	1,038.68	1,211.80	1,384.90	1,558.03	1,904.25	2,250.48	2,596.71	3,116.05
Moreton on Lugg Parish Council	1,036.89	1,209.71	1,382.51	1,555.34	1,900.96	2,246.60	2,592.23	3,110.67
Much Birch Parish Council	1,016.20	1,185.56	1,354.92	1,524.30	1,863.03	2,201.76	2,540.50	3,048.59
Much Cowarne Group Parish Council	1,016.02	1,185.35	1,354.68	1,524.03	1,862.70	2,201.37	2,540.05	3,048.05
Much Dewchurch Parish Council	1,014.64	1,183.75	1,352.85	1,521.97	1,860.18	2,198.40	2,536.61	3,043.93
Much Marcle Parish Council	1,016.48	1,185.89	1,355.30	1,524.72	1,863.54	2,202.37	2,541.20	3,049.43
North Bromyard Group Parish Council	1,014.45	1,183.53	1,352.59	1,521.68	1,859.82	2,197.98	2,536.13	3,043.35
Ocle Pychard Parish Council	1,012.79	1,181.59	1,350.38	1,519.19	1,856.78	2,194.38	2,531.98	3,038.37
Orcop Parish Council	1,032.11	1,204.13	1,376.14	1,548.17	1,892.20	2,236.24	2,580.28	3,096.33
Orleton Parish Council	1,034.54	1,206.96	1,379.38	1,551.81	1,896.65	2,241.50	2,586.35	3,103.61
Pembridge Parish Council	1,031.22	1,203.09	1,374.95	1,546.83	1,890.56	2,234.30	2,578.05	3,093.65
Pencombe Group Parish Council	1,033.86	1,206.18	1,378.48	1,550.80	1,895.41	2,240.04	2,584.66	3,101.59
Peterchurch Parish Council	1,028.84	1,200.31	1,371.78	1,543.26	1,886.20	2,229.15	2,572.10	3,086.51
Peterstow Parish Council	1,018.60	1,188.36	1,358.12	1,527.90	1,867.43	2,206.96	2,546.50	3,055.79
Pipe and Lyde Parish Council	1,016.38	1,185.78	1,355.17	1,524.58	1,863.37	2,202.17	2,540.96	3,049.15

APPENDIX 5

Council Tax for each valuation band, by Parish, including the Police & Fire precepts

PARISH	VALUATION BANDS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Pixley & District Parish Council	1,022.26	1,192.63	1,363.00	1,533.39	1,874.14	2,214.89	2,555.65	3,066.77
Putley Parish Council	1,035.55	1,208.14	1,380.73	1,553.33	1,898.51	2,243.69	2,588.88	3,106.65
Pyons Group Parish Council	1,019.64	1,189.58	1,359.51	1,529.46	1,869.33	2,209.21	2,549.10	3,058.91
Richard's Castle (Herefordshire) Parish Council	1,024.93	1,195.75	1,366.57	1,537.40	1,879.04	2,220.68	2,562.33	3,074.79
Ross-on-Wye Town Council	1,056.16	1,232.18	1,408.20	1,584.24	1,936.29	2,288.34	2,640.40	3,168.47
Ross Rural Parish Council	1,010.28	1,178.67	1,347.04	1,515.43	1,852.18	2,188.95	2,525.71	3,030.85
Sellack Parish Council	1,016.50	1,185.92	1,355.33	1,524.76	1,863.59	2,202.43	2,541.26	3,049.51
Shobdon Parish Council	1,033.64	1,205.91	1,378.18	1,550.46	1,895.00	2,239.55	2,584.10	3,100.91
St. Weonards Parish Council	1,021.58	1,191.85	1,362.10	1,532.38	1,872.90	2,213.43	2,553.96	3,064.75
Stapleton Group Parish Council	1,028.18	1,199.54	1,370.90	1,542.27	1,884.99	2,227.72	2,570.45	3,084.53
Staunton-on-Wye and District Group Parish Council	1,014.35	1,183.41	1,352.46	1,521.53	1,859.64	2,197.76	2,535.88	3,043.05
Stoke Edith Parish Meeting (Chairman)	1,005.77	1,173.40	1,341.02	1,508.66	1,843.91	2,179.17	2,514.43	3,017.31
Stoke Lacy Parish Council	1,027.26	1,198.48	1,369.68	1,540.90	1,883.31	2,225.74	2,568.16	3,081.79
Stretton Grandison Group Parish Council	1,011.84	1,180.49	1,349.12	1,517.77	1,855.04	2,192.33	2,529.61	3,035.53
Stretton Sugwas Parish Council	1,023.74	1,194.37	1,364.98	1,535.62	1,876.86	2,218.11	2,559.36	3,071.23
Sutton Parish Council	1,038.27	1,211.32	1,384.35	1,557.41	1,903.49	2,249.59	2,595.68	3,114.81
Tarrington Parish Council	1,038.35	1,211.41	1,384.46	1,557.53	1,903.64	2,249.76	2,595.88	3,115.05
Thornbury Group Parish Council	1,018.29	1,188.01	1,357.71	1,527.44	1,866.86	2,206.30	2,545.73	3,054.87
Titley and District Group Parish Council	1,018.50	1,188.25	1,357.99	1,527.75	1,867.24	2,206.74	2,546.25	3,055.49
Upton Bishop Parish Council	1,027.66	1,198.94	1,370.21	1,541.50	1,884.05	2,226.61	2,569.16	3,082.99
Vowchurch & District Group Parish Council	1,017.98	1,187.65	1,357.30	1,526.98	1,866.30	2,205.63	2,544.96	3,053.95
Walford Parish Council	1,022.49	1,192.91	1,363.31	1,533.74	1,874.56	2,215.40	2,556.23	3,067.47
Wellington Parish Council	1,039.86	1,213.18	1,386.48	1,559.80	1,906.41	2,253.04	2,599.66	3,119.59
Wellington Heath Parish Council	1,027.54	1,198.79	1,370.04	1,541.31	1,883.82	2,226.33	2,568.85	3,082.61
Welsh Newton & Llanrothal Group Parish Council	1,035.51	1,208.10	1,380.67	1,553.27	1,898.43	2,243.61	2,588.78	3,106.53
Weobley Parish Council	1,025.14	1,195.99	1,366.84	1,537.71	1,879.42	2,221.13	2,562.85	3,075.41
Weston Beggard Parish Council	1,013.55	1,182.48	1,351.39	1,520.33	1,858.17	2,196.03	2,533.88	3,040.65
Weston-under-Penyard Parish Council	1,019.58	1,189.52	1,359.44	1,529.38	1,869.23	2,209.10	2,548.96	3,058.75
Whitbourne Parish Council	1,024.74	1,195.53	1,366.31	1,537.11	1,878.68	2,220.26	2,561.85	3,074.21
Whitchurch & Ganarew Group Parish Council	1,039.27	1,212.48	1,385.69	1,558.91	1,905.33	2,251.75	2,598.18	3,117.81
Wigmore Group Parish Council	1,032.18	1,204.21	1,376.23	1,548.27	1,892.32	2,236.38	2,580.45	3,096.53
Withington Group Parish Council	1,022.70	1,193.15	1,363.59	1,534.05	1,874.94	2,215.84	2,556.75	3,068.09
Woolhope Parish Council	1,022.58	1,193.01	1,363.43	1,533.87	1,874.72	2,215.58	2,556.45	3,067.73
Wyeside Group Parish Council	1,019.38	1,189.27	1,359.16	1,529.07	1,868.86	2,208.65	2,548.45	3,058.13
Yarkhill Parish Council	1,027.32	1,198.55	1,369.76	1,540.99	1,883.42	2,225.87	2,568.31	3,081.97
Yarpole Group Parish Council	1,033.37	1,205.60	1,377.82	1,550.06	1,894.51	2,238.97	2,583.43	3,100.11



MEETING:	COUNCIL
MEETING DATE:	7 MARCH 2014
TITLE OF REPORT:	LEADER'S REPORT
REPORT BY:	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Classification

Open

Key Decision

This is not an executive decision.

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To receive a report from the Leader on the activities of Cabinet since the meeting of Council in October.

Recommendations

THAT:

- (a) the report be noted.

Alternative Options

- 1 There are no alternative options; it is a requirement of the council's constitution.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 To ensure members are aware of the activities of Cabinet.

Key Considerations

- 3 A list of the decisions taken by the executive since the last report to Council on 17

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January is provided at appendix A; none were dealt with under the urgency provisions within the constitution.

- 4 As the Chairman has already indicated, our thanks go out to all staff, contractors and those in the community who contributed to ensuring services continued to be delivered and vulnerable people were supported through the recent exceptional storms and flooding; once again Herefordshire has proved its resilience as a county.
- 5 The bad weather has undeniably taken its toll, leaving a significant legacy of potholes and other storm damage which we must work to rectify. Although the council will of course be looking to access financial assistance from the funding being made available nationally, this will in no way meet the full cost of the work needed. Although every effort will be made to deal with the problem of potholes it would be wrong to give the impression that there will be a quick fix to the longstanding road conditions problem that exists nationally and which has been worsened by the effects of the recent bad weather. As well as developing a programme to ensure that work is prioritised as effectively as possible, in response to a number of enquiries received we will also be exploring ways in which the council can provide support to enable communities and individuals to take action themselves where they are in a position to do so.
- 6 We are also able to provide advice and information on a range of support measures being established for individuals whose homes have been affected by flooding and businesses affected by the flooding; further information has been circulated to all members to enable them to support their constituents, and is available on the council's website at the following link: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/community-safety/emergencies/what-to-do-after-flooding>
- 7 Following approval of the budget by Council, further reports will be brought to Cabinet on 13 March to determine how the one-off funding identified in the two budget amendments (affecting home to schools transport policies and arts commissioning grants) will be used.
- 8 The Herefordshire Business Summit, mentioned in my report to Council in January, is taking place on Friday 28 February. Led by the Herefordshire Business Board the summit will bring together a wide range of business leaders from the private, public and third sectors including our two MP's; the focus of the event will be the developing plans for creating growth in Herefordshire and the Marches.

Community Impact

- 9 The community impact of any decisions of the executive have been set out within the relevant decision report and taken into consideration at the time the decision was taken.

Equality and Human Rights

- 10 Cabinet have paid due regard to the public sector equality duty in their decision-making as set out in the relevant decision reports.

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Financial Implications

- 11 The financial implications of any decisions of the executive have been set out within the relevant decision report and taken into consideration at the time the decision was taken.

Legal Implications

- 12 The legal implications of any decisions of the executive have been set out within the relevant decision report and taken into consideration at the time the decision was taken.

Risk Management

- 13 The risks associated with any decisions of the executive have been set out within the relevant decision report and taken into consideration at the time the decision was taken.

Consultees

- 14 None.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Executive Decisions

Background Papers

- None identified.

Decision	Date	Taken By
<i>Enterprise Zone</i> - approval was granted for the construction of new business units on a plot within the Hereford Enterprise Zone, using agreed prudential borrowing provision and European grant funding, to facilitate business investment and job creation.	19/12/13	Cabinet Member Corporate Strategy & Finance
<i>Local Development Scheme</i> – the annual review of the scheme was approved prior to submission to the Secretary of State	13/01/14	Cabinet Member Infrastructure
<i>Council Tax Reduction Scheme</i> – proposed amendments to the scheme were agreed for recommendation to council, which considered the recommendations at its meeting on 17 January.	13/01/14	Cabinet Member Corporate Strategy & Finance
<i>Integrated Community Equipment Store</i> - the contract for the integrated community equipment store service was awarded at the conclusion of a procurement process	14/01/14	Cabinet Member Health & Wellbeing
<i>Countryside Services Review</i> – a programme of actions to reduce service expenditure was agreed including the exploration of asset transfers/disposals and income generation activity.	15/01/14	Cabinet Member Contracts & Assets
<i>Council Tax Discount Scheme</i> – amendments to the scheme affecting council tax liability in relation to vacant dwellings were agreed.	16/01/14	Cabinet Member Corporate Strategy & Finance
<i>European Structural and Investment Fund Strategy 2014-20</i> – the draft strategy for the Marches was approved for submission.	17/01/14	Cabinet Member Corporate Strategy & Finance
<i>On Street Parking</i> - the proposed introduction of on street parking charges within the Hereford historic core was agreed together with a programme for finalising a detailed scheme.	21/01/14	Cabinet Member Infrastructure
<i>Schools Transport Policies</i> – Cabinet received the recommendations of General Overview & Scrutiny Committee following call in and confirmed the decision made on 19 December. Following Council's approval of an amended budget a further report will be brought to Cabinet on 13 March to confirm how the one-off funding now available in 2014/15 for this service is to be used.	23/01/14	Cabinet
<i>Arts Commissioning Grants</i> – the withdrawal of the arts commissioning grants to external organisations was agreed. Following Council's approval of an amended budget a further report will be brought to Cabinet on 13 March to confirm how the one-off funding now available in 2014/15 for this service is to be used.	23/01/14	Cabinet
<i>Transport & Travel Review</i> - the approach to reducing subsidy and delivering significant savings for passenger transport	23/01/14	Cabinet

Decision	Date	Taken By
services over the period 2014/15 and 2015/16 was agreed.		
<i>Customer Services and Libraries</i> - arrangements for the future delivery of centres and services were agreed for implementation in 2015/16.	23/01/14	Cabinet
<i>Museums Service</i> – Cabinet agreed arrangements to procure future service delivery through a charitable trust and a reduction in opening hours of the museum service front of house delivery across the sites of the museum in Broad Street and the Old House in High Town, Hereford.	23/01/14	Cabinet
<i>Leisure Facilities</i> – Cabinet agreed to invest in a programme of capital improvements at council owned leisure facilities and revenue funding arrangements for Lady Hawkins’ Community Leisure Centre and Wigmore Leisure Centre.	23/01/14	Cabinet
<i>Medium Term Financial Strategy</i> – the draft strategy, treasury management strategy and 2014/15 budget were recommended to Council for consideration on 7 February.	23/01/14	Cabinet
<i>Infrastructure Support</i> – the withdrawal of funding for infrastructure support services for parish councils (provided by Herefordshire Association of Local Councils) and infrastructure support services to the Voluntary and Community Sector, (provided by Herefordshire Voluntary Organisations Support Services) was approved.	23/01/14	Cabinet
<i>Public Services Network</i> - a revised approach to procure wide area network (community network) provision for Herefordshire Council and partners from March 2014 was agreed.	27/01/14	Cabinet Member Corporate Services
<i>Village Wardens</i> – the withdrawal of funding support to the British Red Cross village warden scheme from 1 April 2014 onwards was agreed.	06/02/14	Cabinet Member Health & Wellbeing
<i>Hoople</i> - changes to the services currently provided by Hoople for the financial year 2014/15, delivering a net saving to the council of £1.2m were agreed	06/02/14	Cabinet Member Infrastructure
<i>School Funding</i> - the recommendations of the Herefordshire Schools Forum, for the local implementation of the national school funding formula in 2014/15 were approved.	06/02/14	Cabinet Member Young People & Children’s Wellbeing