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Dear Councillor.

To:

MEETING OF CABINET THURSDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 2005 AT 2.15 P.M. COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROCKINGTON, 35 HAFOD ROAD, HEREFORD

AGENDA (05/04)

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda.

3. **CORPORATE PLAN 2005 - 2008**

To agree the Corporate Plan 2005-2008 and to commend it to Council for approval at its meeting on 11th March, 2005. (Pages 1 - 4)

SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 4.

To approve proposals to assist in the development of a robust high-level approach for the implementation of key service improvement projects under the auspices of an overall Service Improvement Programme (SIP) and to maximise the benefits for the Authority that such a programme has to offer Herefordshire. (Pages 5 - 12)

5. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/06

To receive a report outlining the key issues for consideration regarding the capital funding strategy and the allocation of supported and unsupported borrowing for capital expenditure for 2005/06 and to make recommendations to Council. (Pages 13 - 24)

6. REVENUE BUDGET 2005/06

To formulate Cabinet's recommendations to Council on the budget for 2005/06 and the associated level of Council Tax. (Pages 25 - 82)

7. 2005/06 PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

To endorse the Prudential Indicators, including the projected Capital Programme (Pages 83 - 104)

8. DRAFT CRIME, DISORDER AND DRUGS REDUCTION STRATEGY 2005-08

To comment on and endorse the Draft Crime, Disorder and Drugs Reduction Strategy 2005-08

Note: The draft strategy has previously been circulated to all Members and you are requested to bring your copy to the meeting. (Pages 105 - 106)

9. CONSULTATION ON THE CIVIL CONTINGENCIES ACT

To consider a response to the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 consultation on the draft Regulations and Guidance. (*Pages 107 - 110*)

10. REVIEW OF THE DISCRETIONARY POLICY ON DENOMINATIONAL HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

To approve a review of the current discretionary policy providing free home to school transport on denominational grounds. (Pages 111 - 114)

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

In the opinion of the Proper Officer, the next item will not be, or is likely not to be, open to the public and press at the time it is considered.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act as indicated below.

DISCRETIONARY POLICY ON DENOMINATIONAL HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT

To receive advice on the legality of the Council's current School Transport Policy in relation to travel assistance to denominational schools. (Pages 115 - 118)

Yours sincerely,

N.M. PRINGLE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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