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Dear Councillor,

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

AGENDA (05/06)

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. BUDGET 2005/06

To determine the allocation of the £1,000,000 provided within the approved revenue budget for developing Older People's Services and ICT infrastructure. *(Pages 1 - 4)*



4. HEREFORDSHIRE PRIMARY CARE TRUST - A STRATEGY FOR SUCCESS - A STATEMENT OF INTENT 2005-06 TO 2007-08 AND BEYOND - "CHOOSING HEALTH" - DOH WHITE PAPER

To consider the recent NHS national and local documents and approve a Herefordshire Council response. *(Pages 5 - 12)*

The Department of Health "Choosing Health" executive summary and the Herefordshire PCT "A Strategy for Success: A Statement of Intent" are being circulated separately to Cabinet Members. Copies are available in the Members' Room, on the Council's Website or on request.

5. PROGRESS TOWARDS THE EQUALITY STANDARD

To receive an update about Diversity and Equalities issues facing Herefordshire Council and agree the measures necessary to ensure that the Council has all the evidence to demonstrate the achievement of Level 1 of the Local Authority Equality Standard (the Standard) immediately, and has sound plans to reach Level 2 and beyond. *(Pages 13 - 16)*

The Council's draft Comprehensive Equality Policy is being circulated separately to Cabinet Members. Copies are available in the Members' Room, on the Council's website or on request.

6. AMALGAMATION OF HUNDERTON INFANTS AND JUNIOR SCHOOL

To approve the publication of a statutory notice to close Hunderton Junior and Infants Schools, and open a new three form entry Community School serving the 3-11 age range. *(Pages 17 - 20)*

7. CARBON MANAGEMENT ACTION PLAN

To note the Council's involvement with the Carbon Management Trust and details of the Carbon Management Action Plan compiled as a result of this work. *(Pages 21 - 24)*

The Action Plan is being circulated separately to Cabinet Members. Copies are available in the Members' Room, on the Council's website and on request.

8. PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY STRATEGY

To approve the Public Rights of Way Strategy. *(Pages 25 - 26)*

The Strategy is being circulate separately to Cabinet Members. Copies are available in the Members' Room, on the Council's website and on request.

9. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN PROGRAMME BUDGETS 2005/06

To agree the Local Transport Plan capital budget allocations for 2005/06 following Government funding decisions announced in December 2004. *(Pages 27 - 32)*

10. HEREFORDSHIRE FIVE YEAR SUPPORTING PEOPLE STRATEGY

To consider and agree the Supporting People Strategy 2005-2010 for Herefordshire, for submission to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) on 31st March, 2005. *(Pages 33 - 36)*

A letter from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister announcing the Supporting People programme and the draft Supporting People Strategy 2005-2010 for Herefordshire are being circulated separately to Cabinet Members. Copies are available in the Members' Room, on the Council's Website and on request.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

In the opinion of the Proper Officer, the next items will not be, or are likely not to be, open to the public and press at the time they are considered.

RECOMMENDATION:

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

11. LEOMINSTER INDUSTRIAL ESTATE ACCESS ROAD

To note the predicted final costs for this scheme and the detailed summary of areas of increased cost, and to make provision to meet the shortfall in funding.

(Pages 37 - 58)

This item discloses the amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods or services.

12. CORPORATE VOICE AND DATA NETWORK BUSINESS CASE FOR IMPROVEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

To consider and agree the proposed new corporate voice and data network project.
(Pages 59 - 64)

This item discloses any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.

13. HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL: REVIEW OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE

To receive a confidential report which will be circulated after the main agenda in order to allow the opportunity for further consultation before its final consideration.

This item discloses information relating to a particular employee, former employee or applicant to become an employee of, or a particular office-holder, former officer holder or applicant to become an office-holder under the authority

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Pringle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "N".

**N.M. PRINGLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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