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Dear Councillor,

**MEETING OF CABINET
THURSDAY, 19TH MAY, 2005 AT 2.15 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROCKINGTON, 35 HAFOD ROAD, HEREFORD**

AGENDA (05/09)

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. SOCIAL CARE BUDGET

To advise Cabinet of the conclusions arising from the review undertaken into the causes of the increase in overspend of the Social Care Budget and the implications for 2005/06 and beyond. *(Pages 1 - 14)*

4. CORPORATE PLANNING PROCESS

To approve the corporate planning process for 2005-06. *(Pages 15 - 18)*



5. LOCAL AREA AGREEMENTS: NEXT STEPS

To consent to register interest in a Local Area Agreement by the closing date of 20th May, 2005. *(Pages 19 - 20)*

6. RACE EQUALITY SCHEME 2005-2008

To approve the Council's draft Race Equality Scheme and Action Plan 2005-2008. *(Pages 21 - 22)*

Note: The Draft Race Equality Scheme is enclosed as a separate document. Please bring it to the meeting.

7. LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT

To receive a progress report on LPSA2 and the latest monitoring on LPSA1. *(Report to follow)*

8. CONSULTATION ON NEW SCHOOL FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

To note the Council's response to the DfES consultation paper (response deadline 13th May) and to determine whether Cabinet wishes to add any further comments in a supplementary letter. *(Pages 23 - 36)*

9. CHANGE FOR CHILDREN IN HEREFORDSHIRE

To note the progress in Herefordshire in relation to the Change for Children programme. *(Pages 37 - 42)*

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.

10. HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCY SERVICE

To consider the future provision of a Home Improvement Agency Service in Herefordshire.
(Pages 43 - 92)

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.

11. HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING ADVICE

To note Herefordshire Housing Ltd's decision to withdraw from the Housing Agency Agreement in respect of Homelessness and Housing Advice Agency Services and to consider future options. (Pages 93 - 108)

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.

12. PROPERTY STRATEGY

To recommend a strategy for the future management of Herefordshire Council's Property Portfolio. (Pages 109 - 150)

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.

This item discloses the identity of the authority (as well as any other person, by virtue of paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972) as the person offering any particular tender for a contract for the supply of goods or services.

13. OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

To recommend an office accommodation strategy and business case for centralising office accommodation and the options available. *(Pages 151 - 170)*

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.

Yours sincerely,

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

**N.M. PRINGLE
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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