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**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

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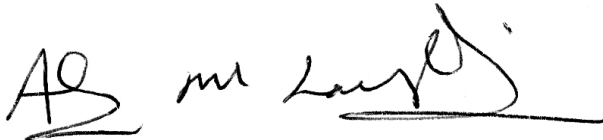
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Dear Councillor,

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to attend the meeting of the County of Herefordshire District Council to be held on **Friday 8 February 2008** at The Hall, Shirehall, St Peter's Square, Hereford. at 10.30 am at which the business set out in the attached agenda is proposed to be transacted.

Please note that 30 car parking spaces will be reserved at the Shirehall and 10 car parking spaces at the Town Hall for elected Members.

Yours sincerely



**A McLAUGHLIN**  
**HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES**





# A G E N D A

## COUNCIL

Date: **Friday 8 February 2008**

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Time: **10.30 am**

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Place: **The Hall, Shirehall, St Peter's Square,  
Hereford.**

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

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**County of Herefordshire  
District Council**





# AGENDA

## for the Meeting of the COUNCIL

To: All Members of the Council

### Pages

**1. PRAYERS**

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.

**GUIDANCE ON DECLARING PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS AT MEETINGS**

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

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

Whether an interest is prejudicial is a matter of judgement for each Councillor. What Councillors have to do is ask themselves whether a member of the public – if he or she knew all the facts – would think that the Councillor's interest was so important that their decision would be affected by it. If a Councillor has a prejudicial interest then they must declare what that interest is and leave the meeting room.

**4. MINUTES**

To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 November 2007 and the extraordinary meeting held on 23 November 2007.

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**5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive the Chairman's announcements and petitions from members of the public.

**6. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

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To receive questions from members of the public.

**Additional question****7. QUESTIONS TO THE CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

To receive any written questions.

**8. NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDERS**

Councillors MD Lloyd Hayes and GFM Dawe submitted the following notice of motion as a matter of urgency.

*"This Council has no confidence in the Cabinet Member for Corporate & Customer Services and Human Resources; we therefore invite her to resign from this position."*

The Chairman will rule whether the motion is urgent.

Councillors TM James and RI Matthews submitted the following notice of motion as a matter of urgency.

*"Members of this Council are deeply angered at the recent announcement by senior executive officers and Members of the Council of their ill thought-out and damaging closure and reorganisation plans for schools in Herefordshire.*

*They are also saddened at the damage that has been done to the public confidence in the local authority, the distress that it has caused to thousands of children, parents, teachers and staff throughout the county, and the consequent disruption to the education of pupils.*

*They also note that there are no financial grounds for these proposals; Herefordshire is this year receiving its highest local government settlement in real terms per pupil. Further, they note that many of these schools are the best performing in the county, and that they provide a vital role in sustaining our city, town, village and rural communities.*

*Council therefore believe that enough damage has been done to the confidence in our education provision in this county, and demand that the Cabinet instruct the education officers within Herefordshire to work within an undertaking that no schools close or are reorganised, other than under Herefordshire Council's existing small school closure policy. An undertaking should also be given by the Cabinet that it will not resurrect this damaging policy within the lifetime of this Council.*

*Members believe that Herefordshire schools will now need a period of stability in order to recover from the damaging way in which this whole subject has been handled."*

The Chairman will rule whether the motion is urgent.

<b>9. CABINET REPORT AND MINUTES</b>	49 - 58
To receive the report and minutes and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 29 November and 13 December 2007 and 24 January 2008. <i>(Please note the minutes of 24 January are to follow).</i>	
<b>10. PLANNING COMMITTEE</b>	59 - 62
To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 14 December 2007 and 18 January 2008.	
<b><u>10A Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document</u></b>	
To receive and adopt a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) setting out the Council's policy on the use of planning obligations, following statutory public consultation.	
<b>11. STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>	63 - 66
To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meeting held on 18 January 2008.	
<b>12. STRATEGIC MONITORING COMMITTEE</b>	67 - 72
To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 19 November 2007 and 21 January 2008.	
<b><u>12A Supplementary Report of the Strategic Monitoring Committee</u></b>	
To receive a Supplementary Report of the Strategic Monitoring Committee from its meeting of 31 January 2008.	
<b>13. REGULATORY COMMITTEE</b>	73 - 94
To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 20 November and 18 December 2007 and 29 January 2008.	
<b>14. AUDIT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</b>	95 - 96
To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 30 November and 21 December 2007 and 24 January 2008.	
<b>15. WEST MERCIA POLICE AUTHORITY</b>	97 - 106
To receive the report of the meeting of the West Mercia Police Authority held on 25 September 2007. Councillor B Hunt has been nominated for the purpose of answering questions on the discharge of the functions of the Police Authority.	
<b><u>15A West Mercia Police Authority 18 December 2007</u></b>	
To receive the report of the West Mercia Police Authority held on 18 December 2007.	



**16. HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

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To receive the report of the meetings of the Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority held on 13 December 2007.