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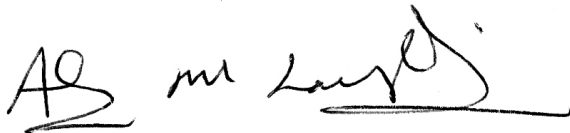
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Dear Councillor,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the meeting of the County of Herefordshire District Council to be held on **Friday, 16th May, 2008** at The Shirehall, St Peter's Square, Hereford at 10.30 a.m. 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
ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE
LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC



A G E N D A

COUNCIL

Date: **Friday, 16th May, 2008**

Time: **10.30 a.m.**

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

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

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Please note that the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, the outgoing Chairman, Councillor J Stone and the Vice-Chairman Councillor JB Williams continue in office until the election of the Chairman and the appointment of the Vice-Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

1. **CHAIRMAN**

To elect the Chairman of the Council.

2. **PRAYERS**

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

4. **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.

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| <p>5. VICE-CHAIRMAN
To appoint the Vice-Chairman of the Council.</p> | |
| <p>6. MINUTES
To approve and sign the Minutes of the meetings held on 8 February 2008 and 7 March 2008.</p> | 1 - 58 |
| <p>7. REPORT ON THE ELECTION OF A COUNCILLOR
To receive a report of the Deputy Returning Officer following the Old Gore by election on 10 April 2008.</p> | 59 - 60 |
| <p>8. APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
To appoint the Leader of the Council</p> | |
| <p>9. APPOINTMENT TO OFFICES RESERVED TO COUNCIL, ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES
To exercise those powers reserved to Council at its Annual Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) To make appointments to the positions of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmanships to committees and other offices.(b) To establish the allocation of seats to political groups based on proportionality as defined by the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 giving effect also to Section 15(5)b of the Act which provides that where the majority of seats on an authority are held by one political group, that group shall have a majority on all bodies to which appointments are made.(c) To make arrangements for such appointments to committees and other bodies as may be necessary. <p>Please note that the Council may be asked under this item to approve alternative arrangements to strict political proportionality for appointments to Committees and other bodies in accordance with Regulation 20 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.</p> | 61 - 64 |
| <p>10. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS
To receive the Chairman's announcements and petitions from members of the public.</p> | |
| <p>11. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
To receive questions from members of the public.</p> | 65 - 94 |
| <p>12. QUESTIONS TO THE CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN UNDER STANDING ORDERS
To receive any written questions.</p> | |
| <p>13. NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDERS</p> | |

To consider any Notices of Motion.

Councillors TM James and PA Andrews submitted the following Notice of Motion as a matter of urgency.

“Mindful of the current economic climate for small businesses in Herefordshire and the bureaucratic burden placed upon them by both European and National legislation this Council make an undertaking not to place further unnecessary and costly regulations on our hard pressed business community.

Therefore request that the Council amend its policy on VOSA Test on Taxi Operators who transport our disabled community throughout the County.

We also note that if this policy were to be extended to Education Transport and Adult Social Care it would have a massive effect upon cost and the service provided and in some areas would mean the collapse of the service.

Herefordshire Council will be the only Council in England who feel the necessity to add further and costly regulations on top of those imposed on Businesses by EU and Westminster Parliaments.”

The Chairman will rule whether the motion is urgent.

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| 14. CABINET | To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 27 March, 10 April and 1 May 2008. | 95 - 100 |
| 15. DRAFT CORPORATE PLAN 2008/2011 | To seek Council's approval of the Council's Corporate Plan for 2008/2011, subject to the negotiated Local Area Agreement targets being added. | 101 - 182 |
| 16. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2008 | To consider and approve the Children and Young People's Plan 2008 – 2011. | 183 - 220 |
| 17. HEREFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP - PARTNERSHIP PLAN (2008-2011) | To inform Council that the Strategy Group of the Herefordshire Community Safety and Drugs Partnership (HCSDP) has approved the Partnership Plan (2008-2011). | 221 - 328 |
| 18. PLANNING COMMITTEE | To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 29 February and 11 April 2008. | 329 - 334 |
| 19. STANDARDS COMMITTEE | To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meeting held on 18 April 2008. | 335 - 336 |
| 20. STRATEGIC MONITORING COMMITTEE | | 337 - 346 |

- To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 6 March, 10 March, 20 March and 28 April 2008.
- 21. REGULATORY COMMITTEE** 347 - 350
- To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 26 February, 6 March, 25 March, 9 April, 22 April and 30 April 2008.
- 22. AUDIT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** 351 - 352
- To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 29 February and 4 April 2008.
- 23. WEST MERCIA POLICE AUTHORITY** 353 - 364
- To receive the report of the meeting of the West Mercia Police Authority held on 19 February 2008. Councillor B. Hunt has been nominated for the purpose of answering questions on the discharge of the functions of the Police Authority.
- 24. HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY** 365 - 366
- To receive the report of the meetings of the Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority held on 20 February 2008.
- 25. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**
- Dates for Council meetings in the year 2008/09 are as follows:
- Friday 25 July 2008
Friday 31 October 2008
6 February 2009
6 March 2009 (to set the budget and council tax)
29 May 2009 (Annual Council)
- All meetings will commence at 10.30a.m and will be held in the Shire Hall, Hereford unless advised otherwise.