

AGENDA

Cabinet

Date: **Thursday 25 June 2009**

Time: **2.00 pm**

Place: **The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road,
Hereford**

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

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Agenda for the Meeting of the Cabinet

Membership

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Vice-Chairman

Councillor LO Barnett
Councillor AJM Blackshaw
Councillor H Bramer
Councillor JP French
Councillor JA Hyde
Councillor JG Jarvis
Councillor PD Price
Councillor DB Wilcox

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. A Councillor who has declared a prejudicial interest at a meeting may nevertheless be able to address that meeting, but only in circumstances where an ordinary member of the public would be also allowed to speak. In such circumstances, the Councillor concerned will have the same opportunity to address the meeting and on the same terms. However, a Councillor exercising their ability to speak in these circumstances must leave the meeting immediately after they have spoken.

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Pages

HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL - NOTICE UNDER REGULATION 15 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (EXECUTIVE ARRANGEMENTS ((ACCESS TO INFORMATION) REGULATIONS 2000 (AS AMENDED)

Notice is hereby given that the following reports contain key decisions. When the decisions have been made, Members of the relevant Scrutiny Committee will be sent a copy of the decision notices and given the opportunity to call-in the decisions.

Item No	Title	Portfolio Responsibility	Scrutiny Committee	Included in the Forward Plan Yes/No
4	Smallholding Policy and Management Principles	Corporate and Customer Services and Human Resources	Strategic Monitoring Committee	Yes
5	Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan 'Saved' Policies	Environment and Strategic Housing	Environment	Yes
7	Review of Asset Management and Property Services	Resources	Strategic Monitoring Committee	Yes
8	ESG Retail Quarter Development Agreement	Economic Development and Community Services	Community Services	Yes

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 the Agenda.

3. MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4 June 2009.

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4. SMALLHOLDINGS ESTATE STRATEGY REVIEW

To agree the smallholdings policy framework.

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5. HEREFORDSHIRE UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN 'SAVED' POLICIES

This report seeks Cabinet's agreement to submit a proposal to the Government Office for the West Midlands (GOWM) to retain Unitary Development Plan (UDP) policies after 22 March 2010. The legislation requires that the proposed list of policies to be saved must be submitted to the Government Office for the West Midlands six months in advance i.e. by 22 September 2009. Under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory

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Purchase Act 2004, UDP policies will cease to apply after this date unless the Secretary of State issues a direction extending their life.

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| 6. PROCUREMENT STRATEGY 2009
To seek Cabinet's agreement of the updated Procurement Strategy. | 189 - 220 |
| 7. REVIEW OF ASSET MANAGEMENT AND PROPERTY SERVICES
To update Cabinet on the review of Asset Management and Property Services and to propose alignment of the work with the emerging Shared Services activity. | 221 - 226 |
| 8. ESG RETAIL QUARTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
To seek approval to proceed to conclude negotiations and enter into the Edgar Street Grid (ESG) Retail Quarter Development Agreement between Herefordshire Council, ESG Herefordshire Ltd, and Stanhope following an initial European procurement process and subsequent detailed financial and programming negotiations. | 227 - 236 |

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.

ESG RETAIL QUARTER DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT APPENDICES THREE AND FOUR

Not for Publication: This item discloses information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).