

AGENDA

Cabinet

Date: **Friday 18 December 2009**

Time: **11.00 am**

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

Chairman Councillor RJ Phillips

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
7	Herefordshire and Worcestershire Waste Arrangements	Environment and Strategic Housing	Environment Scrutiny Committee	Yes
9	Joint Corporate Property Strategy	Resources	Strategic Monitoring Committee	Yes
10	Community Network Procurement	ICT, Education and Achievement	Strategic Monitoring Committee	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 26 November 2009.

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4. PROVISIONAL 2010/11 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT

To report on the provisional 2010/11 Local Government Finance Settlement and confirm the process leading to the setting of council tax at full council on 5 March 2009.

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5. JOINT STRATEGIC NEEDS ASSESSMENT 2009

To draw Cabinet's attention to the key findings from the latest Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) so that regard can be had to them in future plans, commissioning of services and budget decisions.

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6. INTERIM REPORT ON SHARED SERVICES

To advise Cabinet of the progress of the two business transformation activities, namely Shared Services and Herefordshire Connects and proposed next steps.

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7. HEREFORDSHIRE AND WORCESTERSHIRE WASTE ARRANGEMENTS

To authorise, subject to similar approval from Worcestershire County Council, our Waste Disposal Contractor, Mercia Waste Management (Severn Waste Services), to progress proposals for the development of an Energy from Waste Plant at Hartlebury Trading Estate near Kidderminster (the EfW Proposal).

Furthermore agree, subject to similar approval from Worcestershire County Council, to indemnify the contractor for costs of up to £750,000 in concluding the contract variation in the event that the contract is terminated prematurely. (Report to follow).

8. INTENTIONS PAPER - BROADBAND IN HEREFORDSHIRE DEVELOPING A COUNTY APPROACH 27 - 42

To approve the approach to addressing the challenges of Broadband in the county outlined in the attached Intentions Paper.

9. JOINT CORPORATE PROPERTY STRATEGY 43 - 94

To approve a joint corporate property strategy (2009-2012) for the Council and NHS Herefordshire.

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.

10. COMMUNITY NETWORK UPDATE 95 - 116

To endorse the recommended supplier from the Community Network Procurement project.

This Item discloses information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).