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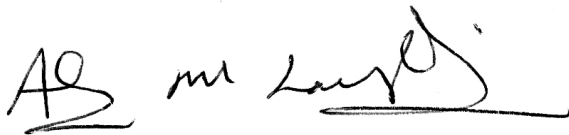
14 May 2009

Dear Councillor,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the meeting of the Herefordshire Council to be held on **Friday 22 May 2009** at The 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 car parking will be available at the Shirehall for elected Members.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. McLaughlin', written over a horizontal line.

A. McLAUGHLIN
ASSISTANT CHIEF EXECUTIVE, LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC

AGENDA

COUNCIL

Date: **Friday 22 May 2009**

Time: **10.30 am**

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

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

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Agenda for the Meeting of the COUNCIL

Membership

Chairman
Vice-Chairman

Councillor J Stone
Councillor JB Williams

Councillor PA Andrews
Councillor WU Attfield
Councillor LO Barnett
Councillor CM Bartrum
Councillor DJ Benjamin
Councillor AJM Blackshaw
Councillor WLS Bowen
Councillor H Bramer
Councillor ACR Chappell
Councillor ME Cooper
Councillor PGH Cutter
Councillor SPA Daniels
Councillor H Davies
Councillor GFM Dawe
Councillor BA Durkin
Councillor PJ Edwards
Councillor MJ Fishley
Councillor JP French
Councillor JHR Goodwin
Councillor AE Gray
Councillor DW Greenow
Councillor KG Grumbley
Councillor KS Guthrie
Councillor JW Hope MBE
Councillor MAF Hubbard
Councillor B Hunt
Councillor RC Hunt
Councillor TW Hunt

Councillor JA Hyde
Councillor TM James
Councillor JG Jarvis
Councillor P Jones CBE
Councillor MD Lloyd-Hayes
Councillor G Lucas
Councillor RI Matthews
Councillor PJ McCaull
Councillor R Mills
Councillor PM Morgan
Councillor AT Oliver
Councillor JE Pemberton
Councillor RJ Phillips
Councillor GA Powell
Councillor PD Price
Councillor SJ Robertson
Councillor A Seldon
Councillor RH Smith
Councillor RV Stockton
Councillor JK Swinburne
Councillor AP Taylor
Councillor DC Taylor
Councillor AM Toon
Councillor NL Vaughan
Councillor WJ Walling
Councillor PJ Watts
Councillor DB Wilcox
Councillor JD Woodward

AGENDA

Pages

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.

5. VICE-CHAIRMAN

To appoint the Vice-Chairman of the Council

6. MINUTES

To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 March 2009.

7. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

To appoint the Leader of the Council.

8. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICES RESERVED TO COUNCIL, ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS AND APPOINTMENT TO COMMITTEES AND OTHER BODIES 7 - 10

To exercise those powers reserved to Council at its Annual Meeting:

- (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.

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.

9. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC 11 - 26

To receive questions from members of the public.

11. FORMAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS TO THE CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN UNDER STANDING ORDERS

To receive any written questions from Councillors.

12. NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDERS

To consider any Notices of Motion.

Group Leaders Councillors: RJ Phillips (Conservative), RI Matthews (Independents), TM James (Liberal Democrats), ACR Chappell (Labour), and GFM Dawe (Alliance) submitted the following notice of motion as a matter of urgency.

"That this Council applauds the 'No Prejudice in Herefordshire' campaign and calls for all practical steps to be taken to promote its message as widely as possible.

The Council believes that the great majority of Herefordshire people wish to live in peaceful and harmonious communities. We deplore all attempts to foster bigotry and prejudice within the county and condemn those who seek to exploit human tragedies for political ends.

As democratically elected representatives from various diverse political traditions, we believe that it will be a terrible prospect if those pursuing politics based on racial and ethnic hatred were to gain any foothold in the region.

We recommend that our communications and diversity staff promote this motion across our county."

The Chairman will rule whether the motion is urgent.

13. CABINET	To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 19 March, 2 April and 7 May 2009.	27 - 30
14. PLANNING COMMITTEE	To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 12 and 20 February, 13 March and 3 April 2009.	31 - 34
15. STANDARDS COMMITTEE	To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meeting held on 17 April 2009.	35 - 36
16. STRATEGIC MONITORING COMMITTEE	To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 16 February and 16 March 2009.	37 - 44
17. REGULATORY COMMITTEE	To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meetings held on 3 February, 16 March, 7 April and 11 May 2009.	45 - 46
18. AUDIT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meeting held on 20 March 2009.	47 - 48
19. WEST MERCIA POLICE AUTHORITY	To receive the report of the meeting of the West Mercia Police Authority held on 17 February 2009. Councillor B Hunt has been nominated for the purpose of answering questions on the discharge of the functions of the Police Authority.	49 - 52
20. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS	Dates for Council meetings in the year 2009/10 are as follows: 24 July 2009 13 November 2009 05 February 2010 05 March 2010 28 May 2010 (Annual)	
	All meetings will be commence at 10.30 am and will be held at the Shirehall, Hereford unless otherwise advised.	