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**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

10 November 2011

Dear Councillor

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to attend the meeting of the Herefordshire Council to be held on **Friday 18 November 2011** 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



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# AGENDA

## Council

Date: **Friday 18 November 2011**

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Time: **10.30 am**

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

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

For any further information please contact:

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# Agenda for the Meeting of the Council

## Membership

**Chairman**

**Vice-Chairman**

**Councillor LO Barnett**

**Councillor ACR Chappell**

Councillor PA Andrews  
Councillor CNH Attwood  
Councillor PL Bettington  
Councillor WLS Bowen  
Councillor AN Bridges  
Councillor MJK Cooper  
Councillor BA Durkin  
Councillor DW Greenow  
Councillor RB Hamilton  
Councillor EPJ Harvey  
Councillor JW Hope MBE  
Councillor RC Hunt  
Councillor TM James  
Councillor AW Johnson  
Councillor JLV Kenyon  
Councillor JG Lester  
Councillor G Lucas  
Councillor PJ McCaull  
Councillor JW Millar  
Councillor NP Nenadich  
Councillor FM Norman  
Councillor GA Powell  
Councillor R Preece  
Councillor SJ Robertson  
Councillor A Seldon  
Councillor J Stone  
Councillor DC Taylor  
Councillor DB Wilcox

Councillor AM Atkinson  
Councillor CM Bartrum  
Councillor AJM Blackshaw  
Councillor H Bramer  
Councillor EMK Chave  
Councillor PGH Cutter  
Councillor PJ Edwards  
Councillor KS Guthrie  
Councillor J Hardwick  
Councillor AJ Hempton-Smith  
Councillor MAF Hubbard  
Councillor JA Hyde  
Councillor JG Jarvis  
Councillor Brig P Jones CBE  
Councillor JF Knipe  
Councillor MD Lloyd-Hayes  
Councillor RI Matthews  
Councillor SM Michael  
Councillor PM Morgan  
Councillor C Nicholls  
Councillor RJ Phillips  
Councillor GJ Powell  
Councillor PD Price  
Councillor P Rone  
Councillor P Sinclair-Knipe  
Councillor GR Swinford  
Councillor PJ Watts  
Councillor JD Woodward

## **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.

## AGENDA

		Pages
1.	<b>PRAYERS</b>	
2.	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> To receive apologies for absence.	
3.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.	
4.	<b>MINUTES</b> To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2011.	1 - 20
5.	<b>CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> To receive the Chairman's announcements and petitions from members of the public.	
6.	<b>QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC</b> To receive questions from members of the public.	21 - 28
7.	<b>FORMAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS TO THE CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN UNDER STANDING ORDERS</b> To receive any written questions from Councillors.	
8.	<b>NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDERS</b>  Three Notices of Motion have been submitted for consideration by Council. The first notice of motion was submitted by Councillor GJ Powell.  The second notice of motion was submitted by Councillor JG Jarvis, Leader of the Council.  The third notice of motion was submitted by Councillors: MAF Hubbard and EPJ Harvey.  <b>The Council's Commitment to Reduce the Threat of Rural Isolation</b> Submitted by Councillor GJ Powell  <i>That this Council recognises that the demographics of Herefordshire and the current period of austerity has particular impact on the elderly and vulnerable in our rural communities and that the Council commits to continue to develop strategy and implement policy that reduces the threat of rural isolation and notes:</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>That a failure to recognise the existence or prevalence of poverty and disadvantage in rural communities, will mean that the provision of appropriate support and assistance will be made more difficult, whether from public services' providers or by local communities and community groups.</i></li> <li>• <i>That participatory budgeting, which directly involves local people in making decisions on the spending and priorities for a defined public budget, will preserve service provision in rural communities</i></li> </ul>	

- *That continuing to provide subsidised bus services and supporting Community Transport Schemes will enable the elderly and vulnerable to have access to health and social services.*
- *That where communities have identified a need, and where the infrastructure is available, small scale development of affordable housing should be permitted.*
- *That Superfast Broadband in rural areas will enable shopping, telemedicine, home education and working from home to become a reality.*
- *That Locality Working will structure service delivery closer to our communities and address local need.*
- *That we should encourage and help our communities to help themselves and in particular 'look out' for the elderly and more vulnerable in our communities. This would allow the elderly and more vulnerable in our communities to feel more secure, feel more cared for and would provide them with a better quality of life, wherever possible, in their own homes.*

### **Meeting the Ambitions of the County and Local Communities**

Submitted by Councillor JG Jarvis, Leader of the Council

*This Council urges all Officers, Staff Members, Members and Partner Organisations to embrace a 'can do' attitude to ensure we meet the ambitions of the county and local communities.*

### **Sustainable Transport Options**

Submitted by Councillors: MAF Hubbard and EPJ Harvey

*This Council resolves that all sustainable transport options for Hereford City are implemented and integrated with improved traffic management systems prior to any work commencing on the outer distributor road.*

<b>9. LEADER'S REPORT</b>	29 - 40
To receive the Leader's report, which provides an overview of the Executive's activity since the last Council meeting.	
<b>10. REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES</b>	41 - 50
To explain to Council the Boundary Commission for England's proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies in Herefordshire and to agree the authorities response on the Boundary Commission's proposals as they affect the Herefordshire Parliamentary constituencies.	
<b>11. THE CONSTITUTION - NEW GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS</b>	51 - 56
This report proposes that responsibility for the ongoing amendment of the Constitution passes to a standing committee, now that the role of the Constitutional Review Working Group (CRWG) in supporting the development and adoption of the Council's new Constitution has been concluded.	
<b>12. KEY DECISIONS AND THE FORWARD PLAN</b>	57 - 64
To review which decisions are to be regarded as key decisions and included	

	in the Forward Plan.	
<b>13.</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	65 - 68
	To make appointments to the positions of Chairman and Vice-Chairmen of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	
<b>14.</b>	<b>CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>	69 - 72
	To consider the appointment of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the Standards Committee.	
<b>15.</b>	<b>ECONOMIC STRATEGY FOR HEREFORDSHIRE 2011/16</b>	73 - 100
	That the content of the Economic Development Strategy for Herefordshire 2011-2016 is considered and agreed as a policy framework for sustainability and growth of the local economy and therefore approval of this item is reserved for Council.	
<b>16.</b>	<b>YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN</b>	101 - 120
	The Youth Justice Plan is prepared on an annual basis on behalf of Herefordshire Council and Worcestershire County Council. The basic plan preparation is undertaken by the Youth Offending Service according to the deadlines and guidance from the Youth Justice Board for England and Wales (YJB).	
<b>17.</b>	<b>STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>	121 - 122
	To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meeting held on 14 October 2011.	
<b>18.</b>	<b>HEREFORD &amp; WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>	123 - 128
	To receive the report of the meeting of the Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority held on 28 September 2011.	
<b>19.</b>	<b>WEST MERCIA POLICE AUTHORITY</b>	129 - 132
	To receive the report of the meeting of the West Mercia Police Authority held on 27 September 2011. Councillor WLS Bowen has been nominated for the purpose of answering questions on the discharge of the functions of the Police Authority.	