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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Dear Councillor

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the meeting of the Herefordshire Council to be held on **Friday 2 March 2012** at The Shirehall, St Peter's Square, Hereford. at 2.00 pm 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 2 March 2012**

Time: **2.00 pm**

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 LO Barnett

Councillor ACR Chappell

Councillor PA Andrews
Councillor CNH Attwood
Councillor PL Bettington
Councillor WLS Bowen
Councillor AN Bridges
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 DB Wilcox

Councillor AM Atkinson
Councillor CM Bartrum
Councillor AJM Blackshaw
Councillor H Bramer
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 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.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive 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 3 February 2012.	1 - 10
4.	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS To receive the Chairman's announcements and petitions from members of the public.	
5.	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC To receive questions from members of the public.	11 - 20
6.	FORMAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS TO THE CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN UNDER STANDING ORDERS To receive any written questions from Councillors.	
7.	NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDERS Three Notices of Motion have been submitted for consideration by Council.	
	Notice of Motion One Submitted by Councillor P Sinclair-Knipe.	
	In order to honour The Rifles Regiment for their service in Iraq and Afghanistan, I ask that Council formally adopts The Rifles as the County Regiment. This in no way cuts across the Freedom that The Rifles have been granted by Hereford City Council and the Town Councils of Leominster and Ross-on-Wye.	
	This adoption does not give the Regiment any specific privileges, but it does recognise the sacrifices made by Herefordians serving with The Rifles and its predecessors going back to the Herefordshire Rifle Volunteers formed in 1861.	
	Notice of Motion Two Submitted by Councillor AJM Blackshaw.	
	Mindful that we are a Christian society and respectful of all religions, we strongly deprecate the High Court Judgment on 10 February 2012 by Mr Justice Ouseley concerning prayers at Council meetings.	
	It is the intention of Herefordshire Council to continue with the practice of preceding the full Council agenda with prayers. This Council earnestly requests the Prime Minister and all church leaders to support us in this action.	

Notice of Motion Three

Submitted by Councillor RI Matthews.

This Council notes the concerns of many Council Members regarding the present trend of allocating ever-increasing powers and expenditure to Hereford Futures, which is a body run by an un-elected and unaccountable group of people.

This is also the view of a number of well-known and respected local businessmen, who are frequently querying the value of this organisation.

This Council therefore moves that for greater accountability and transparency elected Members be more frequently appraised of Hereford Futures activities and access be provided to Company Minutes plus any other appropriate records as and when this is requested.

8. LEADER'S REPORT	21 - 24
To receive the Leader's report, which provides an overview of the Executive's activity since the last Council meeting.	
9. PRAYERS AT COUNCIL MEETINGS	25 - 26
To continue the practice of opening a Council meeting with prayers but with specific regard to Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011	
10. COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION 2012/13	27 - 50
To calculate the Council's Council Tax Requirement and set the Council Tax amounts for each category of dwelling in Herefordshire for 2012/13.	
11. ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HEREFORDSHIRE: COUNCIL SIZE SUBMISSION	51 - 90
To consider and approve the proposed submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission, in respect of council size.	
12. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW - ROSS-ON-WYE	91 - 96
To advise Members of a request by Ross Town Council, supported by Ross Rural Parish Council, for a community governance review of their areas; to make provision for such reviews to be undertaken by Audit and Governance Committee; and to provide an aspirational timetable.	
13. PAY POLICY STATEMENT	97 - 106
To approve a pay policy statement for the authority.	
14. STANDARDS COMMITTEE	107 - 110
To receive the report and to consider any recommendations to Council arising from the meeting/s held on 10 November 2011 and 13 January 2012.	
15. HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY	111 - 114
To receive the report of the meetings of the Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority held on 14 December 2011.	
16. WEST MERCIA POLICE AUTHORITY	115 - 120
To receive the report of the meeting of the West Mercia Police Authority held on 13 December 2011. Councillor WLS Bowen has been nominated for the purpose of answering questions on the discharge of the functions of the Police Authority.	