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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

12 July 2012

Dear Councillor

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the meeting of the Herefordshire Council to be held on **Friday 20 July 2012** at **The Shirehall, St Peter's Square, Hereford.** at **9.30 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 20 July 2012**

Time: **9.30 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 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.	PRAYERS	
2.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive apologies for absence.	
3.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.	
4.	MINUTES To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2012.	1 - 18
5.	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS To receive the Chairman's announcements and petitions from members of the public.	
6.	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC To receive questions from members of the public.	19 - 26
7.	FORMAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS TO THE CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN UNDER STANDING ORDERS To receive any written questions from Councillors.	
8.	NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDERS Two Notices of Motion have been submitted for consideration by Council. Notice of Motion One Submitted by Councillors EPJ Harvey, AM Atkinson, MAF Hubbard, JLV Kenyon and FM Norman. Background: In December 2012 The Portas Review: "An independent review into the future of our high streets" was published by the Department of Business Innovation & Skills. In 2012 funds have been made available for pilot projects across the country to implement some of this report's recommendations. Currently this county has 4 bids submitted for funding under the second tranche of Portas Pilot projects covering: Hereford City, Ledbury, Leominster and Ross-on-Wye. Huge amounts of thought and effort have come together to construct these bids – which are all aimed at strengthening and improving the retail centres of our market towns and cathedral city. The teams submitting these bids have brought together the ideas and enthusiasm of communities across our county. Whether or not one or more of our bids is successful in the latest round of funding, there is much which this Council can do to support and encourage these communities to deliver on their visions and to work together to share their ideas to the benefit of all the high streets of Herefordshire. With this in mind, I propose that this Council resolves to support the high	

streets of Herefordshire by implementing the local government level recommendations of the Portas report; encouraging landlords, business owners and communities to work together to ensure the relevance, resilience and renewal of all of our town centres. Specifically we shall:

1. endorse, encourage and materially support the “Town Team” model of community engagement in the operational management of our high streets;
2. celebrate markets in all their forms and encourage new market traders by actively reviewing trading regulations and promoting a “Herefordshire Market Day”;
3. encourage new business through the exercise of new powers to approve business rate concessions and by the implementation of parking schemes tailored to the needs of a Locality in discussion with Town Teams;
4. facilitate skills sharing and mentoring between large businesses and small local and independent retailers;
5. engage with commercial landlords to support new and existing businesses through more flexible rent reviews, short tenancies and pop-up business models, and, if necessary, use statutory powers of compulsory purchase to ensure the redevelopment of key high street retail space; and
6. promote Neighbourhood Planning and encourage the inclusion of the High Street as a distinct area in Neighbourhood Plans.

Notice of Motion Two

Submitted by Councillor PM Morgan.

This Council is extremely concerned that the West Mercia Police are planning to reduce the number of Community Support Officers within Herefordshire.

This Council would like to ask the West Mercia Police to reconsider this decision, and see if there are ways in which we could work together to preserve and enhance the Community Support Officer role, which we believe performs an extremely valuable service within our communities.

9.	LEADER'S REPORT	27 - 34
	To provide an overview of the Executive's activity since the last Council meeting.	
10.	ELECTORAL REVIEW OF HEREFORDSHIRE: PROPOSALS FOR WARDING ARRANGEMENTS	35 - 50
	To consider and approve the proposed submission to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, in respect of council warding arrangements for Herefordshire.	
11.	STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN HEREFORDSHIRE; THE "YES WE CAN" PLAN	51 - 78
	To consider and approve the <i>Yes We Can</i> plan, as the strategic partnership	

plan for children and young people in Herefordshire.

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| 12. IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCALISM ACT 2011 CHAPTER 7 - STANDARDS | 79 - 102 |
| To advise Council of the steps required to implement the provisions of Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011 regarding standards of conduct for Members and co-opted members of the Authority. | |
| 13. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT | 103 - 116 |
| To approve the Treasury Management Outturn Report as agreed at Cabinet on 14 June 2012. | |
| 14. HEREFORDSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY STRATEGY 2011-2014 | 117 - 144 |
| To endorse the Herefordshire Community Safety Strategy 2011-2014. | |
| 15. HEREFORD & WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY | 145 - 152 |
| To receive the report of the meetings of the Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority held on 15 February and 20 June 2012. | |
| 16. WEST MERCIA POLICE AUTHORITY | 153 - 162 |
| To receive the report of the meetings of the West Mercia Police Authority held on 14 February 2012 and 19 June 2012. Councillor WLS Bowen has been nominated for the purpose of answering questions on the discharge of the functions of the Police Authority. | |

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

In the opinion of the Proper Officer, the following item will not be, or is likely not to be, open to the public and press at the time it is considered.

RECOMMENDATION: **that under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, 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 and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

Paragraph 1 Information relating to any individual.

Paragraph 5 Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

17. REPORT OF THE EMPLOYMENT PANEL

To receive the report of the Employment Panel held on 12 June 2012. (To follow.)