

# AGENDA

## General Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Monday 14 January 2013**

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Time: **10.00 am**

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Place: **The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road,  
Hereford**

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

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# **Agenda for the Meeting of the General Overview & Scrutiny Committee**

## **Membership**

**Chairman**                      **Councillor A Seldon**  
**Vice-Chairman**              **Councillor EPJ Harvey**

**Councillor EMK Chave**  
**Councillor BA Durkin**  
**Councillor DW Greenow**  
**Councillor EPJ Harvey**  
**Councillor JW Hope MBE**  
**Councillor RC Hunt**  
**Councillor TM James**  
**Councillor Brig P Jones CBE**  
**Councillor R Preece**  
**Councillor GR Swinford**  
**Councillor DB Wilcox**

**Statutory co-optees (for educational matters only)**  
**Mr P Burbidge – Roman Catholic Church**  
**Miss E Lowenstein – Secondary School Parent Governors**  
**Mr T Plumer – Primary School Parent Governors**  
**Mr P Sell – Church of England**

## **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

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1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>To receive apologies for absence.</p>	
2.	<p><b>NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY)</b></p> <p>To receive details of Members nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.</p>	
3.	<p><b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b></p> <p>To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on the Agenda.</p>	
4.	<p><b>MINUTES</b></p> <p>To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2012.</p>	5 - 10
5.	<p><b>SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY</b></p> <p>To consider suggestions from members of the public on issues the Committee could scrutinise in the future.</p> <p><i>(There will be no discussion of the issue at the time when the matter is raised. Consideration will be given to whether it should form part of the Committee's work programme when compared with other competing priorities.)</i></p>	
6.	<p><b>QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC</b></p> <p>To note questions received from the public and the items to which they relate.</p> <p><i>(Questions are welcomed for consideration at a Scrutiny Committee meeting so long as the question is directly related to an item listed on the agenda. If you have a question you would like to ask then please submit it <b>no later than two working days before the meeting</b> to the Committee Officer. This will help to ensure that an answer can be provided at the meeting).</i></p>	
7.	<p><b>MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY</b></p> <p>To receive a presentation on the Medium Term Financial Strategy and consider the report to Cabinet and make recommendations to Cabinet.</p>	
8.	<p><b>HEREFORD FUTURES GOVERNANCE UPDATE</b></p> <p>To update the Committee on the governance and oversight arrangements of Hereford Futures Ltd.</p>	11 - 18
9.	<p><b>COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>To consider the Committee work programme.</p>	19 - 34