

Economy, Communities and Corporate

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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Our Ref: Council - 7 March 2014

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Dear Councillor,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the meeting of the Herefordshire Council to be held on **Friday 7 March 2014** at the Council Chamber - Brockington at **10.00 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 Brockington for elected Members.

Yours sincerely

Bill Norman

**BILL NORMAN
SOLICITOR TO THE COUNCIL**

AGENDA

Council

Date: **Friday 7 March 2014**

Time: **10.00 am**

Place: **Council Chamber - Brockington**

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 J Hardwick
Councillor JW Hope MBE
Councillor RC Hunt
Councillor TM James
Councillor AW Johnson
Councillor JLV Kenyon
Councillor JG Lester
Councillor RI Matthews
Councillor PJ McCaull
Councillor JW Millar
Councillor NP Nenadich
Councillor FM Norman
Councillor CA North
Councillor GJ Powell
Councillor R Preece
Councillor SJ Robertson
Councillor A Seldon
Councillor J Stone
Councillor DC Taylor
Councillor PJ Watts

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 EPJ Harvey
Councillor MAF Hubbard
Councillor JA Hyde
Councillor JG Jarvis
Councillor Brig P Jones CBE
Councillor JF Knipe
Councillor MD Lloyd-Hayes
Councillor RL Mayo
Councillor SM Michael
Councillor PM Morgan
Councillor C Nicholls
Councillor J Norris
Councillor RJ Phillips
Councillor AJW Powers
Councillor PD Price
Councillor P Rone
Councillor P Sinclair-Knipe
Councillor GR Swinford
Councillor GA Vaughan-Powell
Councillor DB Wilcox

AGENDA

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| 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 7 February 2014. | 13 - 30 |
| 5. | CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS To receive the Chairman's announcements and petitions from members of the public. | 31 - 32 |
| 6. | QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC To receive questions from members of the public. | 33 - 38 |
| 7. | NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDERS Two Notices of Motion have been received. | |
| | NOTICE OF MOTION ONE | |
| | Proposed by Councillor AM Atkinson and seconded by Councillor NP Nenadich. | |
| | <i>"A Herefordshire University would bring a wide range of benefits to the county including supporting economic growth through the development locally of relevant higher level skills; encouraging younger people to study and work in the county; and contributing to the vibrancy of the county.</i> | |
| | <i>This Council welcomes the developing proposals to establish a university in Hereford, and the wide support being generated for the proposals. This Council requests the Executive to identify the most appropriate way in which the council can assist in securing the future of higher education in the county."</i> | |
| | NOTICE OF MOTION TWO | |
| | Proposed by Councillor FM Norman and seconded by Councillor NP Nenadich. | |
| | <i>"This Council calls on the Executive to consider how it can, through planning and other housing policies, influence the design of new housing, (especially affordable housing), and encourage builders to adopt the highest possible energy efficiency standards, Passivhaus, AECB Silver Standard or similar.</i> | |
| | <i>Orientation and suitability for renewable energy systems, especially passive</i> | |

solar and large-scale active solar should also be included at the design stage of any development.”

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

With the increasingly urgent need to reduce our carbon footprint, the spiralling cost of fuel, growing fuel poverty, and locally low incomes, we need to be positively influencing the quality of housing being built in Herefordshire.

The potential cost of retrofitting inadequate older homes is massive. We need to start now in ensuring that all new homes are built to the highest possible standards, including Passivhaus with potential savings of 90% of current heating costs (and 50% of electricity bills for lighting and appliances). This avoids at least the cost of retrofitting post-2014 home construction.

In setting high energy efficiency standards, Herefordshire Council can also stimulate demand for energy efficient homes and low-carbon technologies, leading to associated local apprenticeships, training and jobs.

NPPF States:

95. To support the move to a low carbon future, local planning authorities should:

- * plan for new developments and ways which reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- * when setting any local requirements for a building’s sustainability, do so in a way consistent with the government’s zero carbon buildings policy and adopt nationally described standards.

96. In determining planning applications, local planning authorities should expect new development to:

- * Take account of landform, layout, building orientation, massing and landscaping to minimise energy consumption.”

Core Strategy Objectives, Figure 3.1:

(Social Progress)

“To meet the needs of all sections of the community (especially those in need of affordable housing), by providing a range of quality, energy efficient homes in the right place at the right time.”

Further information from: <http://www.aecb.net/carbonlite/carbonlite-programme/building-certification/> and www.solarmarstal.dk

8. COUNCIL TAX RESOLUTION

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To approve the council’s council tax requirement and set the council tax amounts for each category of dwelling in Herefordshire for 2014/15, including precepts from West Mercia Police, Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority and parishes.

9. LEADER’S REPORT

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To receive the Leader’s report, which provides an overview of the Executive’s

activity since the last Council meeting.

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

To receive any written questions from Councillors.