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**TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

Our Ref: Council - 18 October 2013

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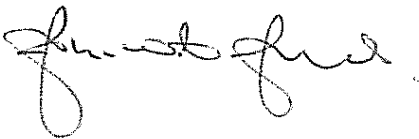
10 October 2013

Dear Councillor

**YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED** to attend the meeting of the Herefordshire Council to be held on **Friday 18 October 2013** 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



**J JONES  
HEAD OF GOVERNANCE AND MONITORING OFFICER**



# AGENDA

## Council

Date: **Friday 18 October 2013**

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Time: **10.00 am**

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Place: **Council Chamber - Brockington**

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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 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 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 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

Vacancies (2)

## 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 extraordinary meeting and the ordinary meeting held on 19 July 2013.	13 - 52
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.	53 - 56
7.	<b>NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDERS</b> There is one Notice of Motion for consideration by Council.  <b>NOTICE OF MOTION</b>  Proposed by Councillor MD Lloyd-Hayes and seconded by Councillor RI Matthews.  <b>Potential Combination of the Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service and Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service/Resource at Hereford Fire Station</b>  On 3 October 2013 the Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority considered a report that sought approval for the Chief Fire Officer to progress discussions with Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service regarding future options for combination. The Authority resolved that the matter be deferred until the next meeting of the Fire and Rescue Authority.  This motion proposes that this Council does not support a merger of the Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service with Warwickshire Fire and Rescue Service. A combined organisation would stretch from the Welsh Borders to Northamptonshire, resulting in Herefordshire having even less influence than it does at present – an unwelcome democratic deficit.  <b>This Council therefore resolves to inform Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority that, whilst we would welcome closer collaboration with any neighbouring Fire and Rescue Service, we totally oppose any merger because of the obvious deleterious impact on the people we represent.</b>	

Also on 3 October 2013 the Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority agreed that the draft Community Risk Management Plan 2014-2020 be approved for consultation.

This motion proposes that this Council does not support the proposed reduction of staff or vehicles at the Hereford Fire Station for the following reasons: Hereford City is the only 24 hour station in the County; as a standalone station it is isolated from any other 24 hour support. Herefordshire covers an area larger than Worcestershire but relies on part time or retained fire fighters.

Worcester Fire Station, however, is supported by Kidderminster, Redditch, Bromsgrove whole time cover with additional back up from Droitwich, Evesham and Malvern.

Herefordshire is further disadvantaged by the poor road infrastructure and lack of motorways. Any reduction in personnel would seriously affect the response times to the life threatening road traffic accidents and call outs to flooding incidents in this County.

**This Council therefore resolves to inform Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority that it opposes the reduction in staff, pumps or equipment at Hereford Fire Station.**

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| <b>8. LEADER'S REPORT</b>  | 57 - 70   |
| To receive the Leader's report, which provides an overview of the Executive's activity since the last Council meeting.   |           |
| <b>9. YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN</b>   | 71 - 120  |
| To approve the Youth Justice Plan as recommended by Cabinet on 25 July 2013.   |           |
| <b>10. CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER AND SECTION 151 OFFICER DESIGNATION</b>   | 121 - 122 |
| To designate the post of Chief Finance Officer as the authority's Section 151 officer.   |           |
| <b>11. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMEN - AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AND HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>  |           |
| To consider the following appointments where vacancies have arisen:  |           |
| (a) Vice-Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee; and   |           |
| (b) Vice-Chairman of the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee.   |           |
| <b>12. MONITORING OFFICER'S ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13</b>  | 123 - 126 |
| To inform the council about the matters within the responsibility of the monitoring officer and the council's performance for 2012-2013 with regard to the complaints under the standards framework. |           |
| <b>13. HEREFORD &amp; WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY</b>  | 127 - 130 |
| To receive a supplementary annual report of the Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority.  |           |
| <b>14. FORMAL QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS TO THE CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN UNDER STANDING ORDERS</b>   |           |
| To receive any written questions from Councillors.   |           |

**15. DATES OF MEETINGS**

The following meetings of Council are scheduled:

Friday 13 December 2013 (10 am)

Friday 7 February 2013 (10 am)

Friday 7 March 2013 (10 am)

Friday 23 May 2013 (10 am)