

#### **Economy, Communities and Corporate**

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TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Our Ref: Council - 17 January 2014

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Dear Councillor,

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend the meeting of the Herefordshire Council to be held on Friday 17 January 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

**A BROOKES DEPUTY MONITORING OFFICER** 

Annic-Broske



# **AGENDA**

## Council

Date: Friday 17 January 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-Haves 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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		Pages		
1.	PRAYERS			
<b>2</b> .	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	13 - 30		
	To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2013.			
5.	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS			
	To receive the Chairman's announcements and petitions from members of the public.			
6.	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	31 - 34		
	To receive questions from members of the public.			

#### 7. NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDERS

There are two Notices of Motion for consideration by Council.

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION ONE**

Proposed by Councillor BA Durkin and seconded by Councillor J Stone.

This Council welcomes the Government's intention to introduce a national funding formula for schools from 2015-16.

Herefordshire funding is £244.10 per pupil below the national average despite the additional costs we face in maintaining a network of small schools to support our rural communities.

We are anxious to see greater fairness and consistency in the way schools and academies are funded and support the approach taken by the Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing, working with local authority colleagues through the f40 group, in seeking a national funding formula as the way to achieve this.

We believe that the funding formula should:

- Have at its core a basic unit of funding per pupil that is based on a clear expectation of what schools are expected to deliver.
- Allow a degree of local discretion to cover those local circumstances that a formula covering more than 24,000 schools cannot be expected to embrace.
- Include support for rural primary schools through a lump sum and a an allowance for 'sparsity'.

We join with the Cabinet Member for Children's Wellbeing in urging the Government to work closely with local authorities, and the f40 group in particular, in developing an appropriate funding model for schools.

We acknowledge that a redistribution of the budget for schools will need to be implemented over time in order for the change to be manageable for those areas where funding is currently more generous.

#### **NOTICE OF MOTION TWO**

Proposed by Councillor PM Morgan and Seconded by Councillor ARC Chappell.

This Council resolves to amend the Constitution, with immediate effect, so that a named vote at Council will only be required if 8 or more members present so request it.

#### 8. LEADER'S REPORT

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To receive a report from the Leader on the activities of Cabinet since the meeting of Council in October 2013.

# 9. APPOINTMENT OF MONITORING OFFICER, RETURNING OFFICER, ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER, STATUTORY SCRUTINY OFFICER AND PROPER OFFICER FOR REGISTRATION SERVICES

49 - 52

To designate specific posts to discharge the functions of Monitoring Officer, Returning (and Acting Returning) Officer, Electoral Registration Officer, statutory Scrutiny Officer and Proper Officer for Registration Services (including responsibility for the Coroners Service).

#### 10. APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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In light of changes to the political balance of the Council, to:

- (a) determine the number of seats on each committee;
- (b) approve the allocation of seats to political groups; and
- (c) receive nominations from those groups.

Please note that the Council is being asked under this item to approve alternative arrangements to strict political proportionality for appointments to Committees and other bodies in accordance with Regulation 20 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990.

#### 11. REVISION TO THE CURRENT COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME

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To agree amendments to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme as recommended by the Cabinet Member.

(The recommendations below are subject to a Cabinet Member decision to be taken on 13 January; should any changes to the recommendations result, these will be published as a supplement to this Council Agenda.)

# 12. GENERAL OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TASK AND FINISH GROUP REPORT - HEREFORD AND WORCESTER FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY CONSULTATION RESPONSE

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To inform Council of the work undertaken by General Overview and Scrutiny Committee's task and finish group on Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority's Community Risk Action Plan 2014-2020 Consultation and the response submitted to the Fire and Rescue Authority.

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

To receive any written questions from Councillors.