

A G E N D A

Council

Date: **Friday, 23rd May, 2003**

Time: **11.30 a.m.**

Place: **The Assembly Hall, The Shirehall,
Hereford.**

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

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**County of Herefordshire
District Council**

AGENDA

for the Meeting of the Council

To: All Members of the Council

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<p>Please note that under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, the Chairman, Councillor P.E. Harling and the outgoing Vice-Chairman, Mrs. J.H. Thomas, continue in office until the election of the Chairman and the appointment of Vice-Chairman at the Annual Meeting of the Council.</p>	
<p>1. CHAIRMAN To elect the Chairman of the Council.</p>	
<p>2. PRAYERS</p>	
<p>3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive apologies for absence</p>	
<p>4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive any declarations of interest by Members in respect of items on this Agenda</p>	
<p>5. VICE-CHAIRMAN To appoint the Vice-Chairman of the Council.</p>	
<p>6. MINUTES To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th April, 2003</p>	1 - 10
<p>7. PERSONS ELECTED AS COUNCILLORS</p> <p>(a) To receive the report of the Returning Officer as to the persons elected on 1st May, 2003 to serve as Councillors; and</p> <p>(b) To note that all persons so elected have made their declarations of acceptance of office.</p>	11 - 14

8.	POLITICAL COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL AND FORMATION OF POLITICAL GROUPS	15 - 18
	To receive a report from the Chief Executive setting out the notifications received under Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 at the date of the despatch of the agenda. Notification can be given up to the time of the commencement of the meeting and the Chief Executive will make a further oral report as necessary.	
9.	APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	
	To appoint the Leader of the Council.	
10.	CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION	19 - 32
	To receive a report from the Chief Executive to enable the Council to address, as necessary, prospective changes to the Constitution.	
	To give effect to any changes at the Annual Meeting of the Council it is necessary to suspend Standing Order 4.31. Notice is hereby given under Standing Order 4.32 of a motion to suspend Standing Orders which will have to be moved and seconded at the Annual Meeting.	
11.	APPOINTMENT TO OFFICES RESERVED TO COUNCIL, ALLOCATION OF SEATS TO POLITICAL GROUPS AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, ETC	33 - 36
	(a) To make appointments to the positions of Deputy Leader, Cabinet Members, and Chairmen and vice-chairmanships of Committees and other offices;	
	(b) To establish the allocation of seats to political groups based on political proportionality and to agree arrangements for making the necessary adjustments to proportionality based on appointments to individual committees in order that proportionality can be applied across the Council as a whole;	
	(c) To make arrangements for such appointments to Committees and other bodies as may be necessary.	
	Please note that the Council may be 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.	
12.	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	
	To receive the Chairman's announcements.	
13.	QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC	37 - 38
	To receive questions from members of the public.	
	Standing Orders require this item to be listed on the agenda but exceptionally at this meeting the questions will stand referred to the appropriate office holders once appointed.	

14. QUESTIONS TO THE CABINET MEMBERS AND CHAIRMEN UNDER STANDING ORDERS

To receive any written questions.

Standing Orders require this item to be listed on the agenda but exceptionally at this meeting the questions will stand referred to the appropriate office holder once appointed.

15. NOTICES OF MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDERS

To receive any Notices of Motion.

16. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Dates determined for Council meetings in the year 2003/04 are as follows:

Friday, 25th July, 2003

Friday, 7th November, 2003

Friday, 16th January, 2004

Friday, 5th March, 2004

Friday, 21st May, 2004 (Annual Council) (Shirehall)

All meetings will commence at 10.30 a.m. and will be held in the Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road, Hereford unless advised otherwise.