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Dear Councillor,

**MEETING OF CABINET
THURSDAY, 25TH SEPTEMBER, 2003 AT 2.15 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROCKINGTON, 35 HAFOD ROAD, HEREFORD**

AGENDA (03/14)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest by members in respect of items on this agenda.

3. NOTES OF CABINET MEETING HELD ON 4TH SEPTEMBER, 2003 (03/13)

To receive the notes of Meeting (03/3) held on 4th September, 2003. *(Notes have been previously circulated to Cabinet Members only)*

4. REVENUE BUDGET 2004/05 - 2007/08 BUDGET FORECAST

To note the latest resource forecasts. *(Pages 5 - 8)*

5. APPROACH TO REVENUE BUDGET 2004/05 - 2007/08

To consider how to take forward initial consideration of the forthcoming year's revenue budget 2004/05 to establish principles for the setting of the annual revenue budget for the four year period of this Council culminating in the budget for 2007/08. *(Pages 9 - 12)*

6. COUNCIL TAX CONSULTATION

To consider the approach to consulting the public on council tax and budget issues. *(Pages 13 - 16)*

7. BALANCE OF FUNDING REVIEW

To receive an update on the Council's response in relation to Local Government Balance of Funding Review. *(Pages 17 - 20)*

8. HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL IMPROVEMENT PLAN - MONITORING REPORT

To consider and agree the first monitoring report on the Herefordshire Council Improvement Plan and to identify any action to be taken as a result. *(Pages 21 - 40)*

9. REVISED RACE EQUALITY SCHEME ACTION PLAN

To comment on and approve the revised action plan and timetable. *(Pages 41 - 50)*

10. 2003/2004 CORPORATE PERFORMANCE OUTTURNS

To note details of the Council's reporting and scrutiny arrangements in relation to the National Best Value Performance Indicators, and an update on corporate performance from 1st April to 31st July, 2003. *(Pages 51 - 68)*

11. COUNTY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

To approve, in principle, the establishment of a Herefordshire/Worcestershire joint County Partnership for the delivery of sport and physical activity throughout the County. *(Pages 69 - 70)*

12. PUBLIC LIBRARY POSITION STATEMENT

To approve the Public Library Position Statement before submission to the Department of Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS). *(Pages 71 - 88)*

13. CHILDREN'S CENTRES

To approve a strategy for the development of Children's Centres in Herefordshire, which would involve the provision of services to young children and their families in areas of deprivation. *(Pages 89 - 92)*

14. HEREFORDSHIRE UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (UDP): PART 1 (STRATEGY)

To give initial views on strategic planning policy matters raised by representations to Part I of the UDP, prior to detailed consideration by the UDP Group. *(Pages 93 - 100)*

15. EXTRA CARE HOUSING

To approve the development of Extra Care Housing within Hereford City. *(Pages 101 - 110)*

16. HEREFORDSHIRE HOMELESSNESS REVIEW AND STRATEGY 2003

To note the Homelessness Review and to agree the Homelessness Strategy, including the associated Action Plan, prior to full publication in accordance with the requirements of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's Homelessness Unit. *(Pages 111 - 116)*

17. REGIONAL HOUSING STRATEGY FOR THE WEST MIDLANDS AND REGIONAL HOUSING BOARD ALLOCATIONS STRATEGY

To note the Regional Housing Strategy and Allocations Strategy for the West Midlands which will form the basis of investment and other decisions taken by the Regional Housing Board. *(Pages 117 - 120)*

18. ANNUAL REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE IN 2002-03 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL SOCIAL SERVICES

To note the performance assessment by Social Services Inspectorate (SSI) for 2002-03. *(Pages 121 - 130)*

Yours sincerely,



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