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Dear Councillor,

**MEETING OF CABINET
THURSDAY, 18TH DECEMBER, 2003 AT 2.15 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROCKINGTON, 35 HAFOD ROAD, HEREFORD**

AGENDA (03/20)

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. PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT UPDATE

To note the latest performance against the Public Service Agreement (PSA) targets and receive a brief introduction to the second round of PSAs to be negotiated with the Government. *(Pages 1 - 10)*

4. MID-YEAR ASSURANCE REPORT

To note the key internal control issues identified during the course of audit. *(Pages 11 - 14)*

5. REVIEW OF THE CONSTITUTION

To consider proposed amendments to the Constitution. *(Pages 15 - 20)*

6. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2003

To note the effect on Herefordshire of the provisions within the Local Government Act 2003 which received Royal Assent on 18th September, 2003. *(Pages 21 - 26)*

7. CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES

To approve a Communications Strategy for the Council. *(Pages 27 - 54)*

8. EDGAR STREET GRID MASTERPLAN

To endorse the masterplan for the Edgar Street Grid site in Hereford for inclusion in the Unitary Development Plan. *(Pages 55 - 62)*

9. CAR PARKING STRATEGY AND CHARGES

Consultation meetings are due to be held in Kington and Leominster this week and it will then be necessary to decide whether or not to present a report to Cabinet on 18th December and/or to arrange a special meeting of Cabinet in January. This is the first date following consultation on which a Cabinet decision could be taken. If the report has to be considered as a matter of urgency on 18th December, it will be prepared to follow despatch of this agenda.

10. FOSTERING SERVICE STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To consider and approve the Herefordshire Council Fostering Service Statement of Purpose which is required under the Fostering Services Regulations 2002. *(Pages 63 - 72)*

11. STRATEGIC MONITORING COMMITTEE

To note the report of the Strategic Monitoring Committee to Council. *(To follow)*

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

In the opinion of the Proper Officer, the next item will not be, or is likely not to be, open to the public and press at the time it is considered.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated below.

12. COUNCIL'S RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES PROPOSED TRANSFER TO SHAW HOMES LIMITED

To endorse the draft Heads of Terms agreed to date which will form the basis of the partnership arrangement with SHAW Homes for the management and development of all the Council's residential care homes for older people; and to authorise officers to conclude the negotiations within the parameters outlined in the report. *(Pages 73 - 80)*

This item discloses

- (a) the amount of any expenditure proposed to be incurred by the authority under any particular contract for the acquisition of property or the supply of goods or services; and**
- (b) any terms proposed or to be proposed by or to the authority in the course of negotiations for a contract for the acquisition or disposal of property or the supply of goods or services.**

Yours sincerely,



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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