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Dear Councillor,

MEETING OF CABINET

THURSDAY, 6TH MAY, 2004 AT 2.15 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, BROCKINGTON, 35 HAFOD ROAD, HEREFORD

AGENDA (03/28)

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. TREASURY MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2004/2005

To endorse the Treasury Management Investment Strategy for 2004/05 attached to this report for Council approval. *(Pages 1 - 14)*

4. EQUALITY STANDARDS

To approve an updated Equal Opportunities Policy (EOP) and to note progress of and proposals for diversity work within Herefordshire Council. *(Pages 15 - 32)*

5. LOCAL AREA FORUMS

To receive feedback on the first round of the Local Areas Forums, and to note any issues raised by the community. *(Pages 33 - 38)*

6. STRATEGIC AUDIT PLAN 2004/05 - 2007/08

To note the process used to develop the Strategic Audit Plan for 2004/05 to 2007/08 and to endorse the Annual Plan for 2004/05. *(Pages 39 - 78)*

7. COUNTY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

To identify a suitable model for Herefordshire to enter a County Sports Partnership with Worcestershire to enable access to national and regional funding for sport. *(Pages 79 - 82)*

8. CITIZENSHIP CEREMONIES

To receive an update on proposed arrangements. *(Pages 83 - 84)*

9. STRATEGIC MONITORING COMMITTEE

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

10. ROTHERWAS ACCESS ROAD, COMPULSORY PURCHASE AND SIDE ROADS ORDERS

To approve the necessary Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) and Side Roads Orders (SRO) to facilitate the construction of the proposed Rotherwas Access Road. *(Pages 85 - 86)*

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

In the opinion of the Proper Officer, the appendix to previous report and the next item will not be, or are likely not to be, open to the public and press at the time they are considered

RECOMMENDATION:

That under the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act as indicated below

10. ROTHERWAS ACCESS ROAD, COMPULSORY PURCHASE AND SIDE ROADS ORDERS - EXEMPT APPENDIX

To consider the confidential information attached to the report. *(Pages 87 - 90)*

This item discloses information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (other than the authority).

This item discloses any instructions to counsel and any opinion of counsel (whether or not in connection with any proceedings) and any advice received, information obtained or action to be taken in connection with –

- a) any legal proceedings by or against the authority, or**
- b) the determination of any matter affecting the authority (whether, in either case, proceedings have been commenced or are in contemplation)**

11. HEREFORDSHIRE HOUSING - VAT SHELTER ARRANGEMENTS

To receive a report on proposals by Herefordshire Housing to revise the VAT shelter agreed at the time of the transfer of the housing stock. *(Pages 91 - 94)*

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Yours sincerely,



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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