Herefordshire Council

Agenda

Shareholder Committee

Date:	**Thursday 19 March 2026**
Time:	**3.00 pm**
Place:	**Conference Room 1 - Herefordshire Council, Plough Lane Offices, Hereford, HR4 0LE**
Notes:	Please note the time, date and venue of the meeting. For any further information please contact: **Samantha Gregory, Democratic Services Officer** Tel: Email: samantha.gregory@herefordshire.gov.uk

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Agenda for the meeting of Shareholder Committee

Membership

Chairperson	**Jonathan Lester , Leader of the Council**
	Councillor Graham Biggs **Councillor Carole Gandy** **Councillor Jonathan Lester** **Councillor Pete Stoddart**

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interests in respect of Table A, Table B or Other Interests from members of the committee in respect of items on the agenda.

3. MINUTES 5 - 12

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2025.

HOW TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS

The deadline for submission of questions for this meeting is:

5pm on Friday 13th March 2026.

Questions must be submitted to councillorservices@herefordshire.gov.uk Questions sent to any other address may not be accepted.

Accepted questions and the response to them will be published as a supplement to the agenda papers prior to the meeting. Further information and guidance is available at https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/getinvolved

4. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

To receive questions from members of the public.

5. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

To receive questions from councillors.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

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

RECOMMENDATION:
That under Section 100(A)(4) of 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 and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information

Information relating to any individual

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

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PUBLIC - Minutes of the meeting of Shareholder Committee held at Herefordshire Council Offices, Plough Lane, Hereford, HR4 0LE on 10 December at 3:30pm

Shareholder Committee Members Physically Present and voting:	**Councillors Jonathan Lester, Councillor Gandy and Councillor Swinglehurst (attending as substitute for Councillor Stoddart)**
Shareholder Committee Members in remote attendance	**None** *Shareholder Committee members attending the meeting remotely, e.g. through video conferencing facilities, may not vote on any decisions taken.*

Other members / representatives in attendance	Cllr Stef Simmons (Acting Group Leader for Green Party), online Cllr David Hitchiner (Chair of Audit and Governance and substitute for Cllr Harvey, in person
Officers in attendance:	Roger Allonby (Service Director Economy and Growth), Hilary Hall (Corporate Director Community Wellbeing), Sean O'Conner (Head of Legal Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer), Rachael Sanders, (Director of finance), Audrey Clements (Chief Executive, Hoople) in attendance for Hoople item only. Donna Thornton and Samantha Gregory (Clerk).

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: Councillor Biggs and Councillor Stoddart,

Apologies were received from non-committee members: Councillor Harvey

Apologies were received from officers: Paul Walker

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

25. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2025 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairperson.

26. How to submit questions

None were received.

27. Questions from members of the Public

None were received.

28. Questions from councillors

None were received.

For the following three items on the agenda, the Chair proposed a vote that the meeting moved into a private session. This being due to the reports containing information relating to information relating to any individual (pursuant to paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972) and the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) pursuant to paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was resolved that:

a) **under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act paragraphs 1 and 3, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information**

The next meeting was confirmed to take place on 19 March 2026.

29. Appointment of Directors to Hoople Ltd and Cyber Quarter Ltd

It was resolved that:

a. **under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

30. Cyber Quarter Limited Update

It was resolved that:

a. **under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the**

grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

31. Hoople Ltd Update

It was resolved that:

a. **under section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12(A) of the Act, and it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.**

The public meeting ended at 15:40

Chairperson

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