

## OUTLINE TIMETABLE

### JUNE-JULY

- Update of financial forecasts to reflect changes to known commitments within a 'standstill budget'.
- Analysis of current base budget provision identifying options for redirection of resources to key priorities.

### AUGUST-SEPTEMBER

- Review of Comprehensive Spending Review 2004 data.
- Review of Reserves position.
- Initial public consultation exercise through Herefordshire Matters.
- Review of Service Improvement Project.
- Update Medium Term Financial Plan.
- Draft Corporate Plan.

### OCTOBER

- Further public consultation exercise utilising Herefordshire Voice and Local Area Forums.
- Initial budget seminar for backbenchers.

### NOVEMBER

- Budget Panel meetings to consider revenue budget pressures, redirection of Base Budget Provision, review of charging policies, together with capital programme requirements.

### DECEMBER

- Report to Cabinet on the RSG Provisional Settlement and outcomes of consultation events.

### JANUARY

- Local Area Forum Presentations (continued).
- Further consideration by Budget Panel with recommendations to Cabinet.

### FEBRUARY

- Final budget report to Cabinet incorporating the final Local Government Finance settlement.
- Capital Programme agreed.

**MARCH**

- Alignment of Service Plans to available resources.
- Council set Council Tax.