

Chairman's Announcements – Council Meeting – 13th October 2017

Events attended by the Chairman/Vice Chairman since the last Council meeting on 14th July 2017

14th July – High Sheriff's Reception – Blakemere
22nd July – Three Choirs Festival, Worcester Cathedral
23rd July – British Empire Medal Presentation to Mrs B Mitcheson BEM - Bodenham
27th July – Purple Flag Award - Hereford City Council
15th August – Hereford & Worcester Army Cadets Annual Camp - Altcar
5th September – Kate Adie talk 'Rotherwas, Women and War'
9th September – 200th Anniversary of the Shire Hall & Heritage Open Day
11th September – Citizenship Ceremony
14th September – Royal Visit by the Duchess of Gloucester to H&WGTA, Children's Fostering Team & Wye Valley Recycling
15th September – Home Start AGM, Hereford
19th September – Dying 2 Drive, Leominster Police Station
21st September – ECHO AGM, Leominster
22nd September – Lions Centenary Celebratory Reception, Town Hall
29th September – Hereford Business Awards, Three Counties Hotel
1st October – Ledbury Civic Service
5th October – St Michael's Hospice 'What has been achieved through your support'
8th October AM – Ross-on-Wye Civic Service
8th October PM – High Sheriff's Shrievalty Service, Hereford Cathedral
9th October – Citizenship Ceremony

Chairman's Charity Event - Last Choir Standing – in aid of Breast Cancer Haven.
Please make a note in your diaries of a most entertaining competition to which all councillors are invited (£10 per ticket – all of which will go to Breast Cancer Haven - Hereford).

The event is **Last Choir Standing** with up to 12 choirs competing for the title. A particular star attraction will be a performance by the internationally renowned *Cantabile Choir* from Hereford Cathedral School.

The competition will be held at the Shire Hall commencing at 7.30pm on Friday 17th November, 2017, and tickets may be purchased at Haven's offices at 37 St Owen Street, or via their web site on: <https://www.breastcancerhaven.org.uk/Event/last-choir-standing>

Chief Executive's Announcements

The announcements from the Chief Executive will include the following:

- Major bid submitted for £95million to the Homes and Communities Agency for infrastructure funding.
- Hosted Urban Panel visit to Hereford to work with the university on their development in the city.
- Ready for adverse weather: fleet of 15 gritters, snowploughs, 4 snow blowers, 6,500 tonnes of salt and 24hr surveillance team.
- City Link Road is on-track to open by the end of the year.
- Next phase of broadband delivery, has contracted Gigaclear to reach further into rural parts of the county.
- In Children's Social Care, we have had more peer review work, with a further peer review being scheduled for spring 2018.
- In Adult's Wellbeing, set the highest target in England, the AWB team has achieved its Delayed Transfer of Care September target (awaits verification).
- The Council has led work to secure purpose-built home to meet needs of a family with 3 children who have juvenile Battens disease.
- Council has launched a 'Better Off' website, with links from both the council's main website, WISH and DWP.
- Physical Activity programme has so far seen around 700 people become involved, around 50% over 60 years of age.
- We are conducting an Employee Opinion Survey, ending 16th October.