

COUNCIL MEETING 19th SEPTEMBER 2007

AGENDA

PART I

Open to Press and Public

1. **PRAYERS**

To be said by Reverend Mary Austin, Trinity Methodist Church, Kidderminster.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, to invite Members to declare the existence and nature of any personal or personal and prejudicial interests in the following agenda items. Members should indicate the action they will be taking when the item is considered.

Members are also invited to make any declaration in relation to Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(See guidance note on first page.)

4. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 18th July 2007. (Attached)

[Council Open Minutes 18th July 2007](#)

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

In accordance with the Council's Scheme for Public Speaking at Meetings of Full Council, to allow members of the public to present petitions, ask questions, or make statements, details of which have been received by 9am, on Monday 17th September 2007. (See front cover for contact details.)

Petition - Green Waste - Bewdley

To receive a petition, submitted by the Town Clerk of Bewdley, containing 98 signatures urging the Council to provide a garden waste disposal facility in Bewdley. The petition will be presented by Councillor A D Williams of Bewdley Town Council.

To consider referring the petition for consideration by Worcestershire County Council.

6. **QUESTIONS**

To receive questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order A5 by Members of the Council, details of which have been received by 9am, on Monday 17th September 2007, and the replies of the Leader of the Council, or appropriate Cabinet Member.

7. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive a list of functions attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman since the previous meeting of the Council (attached) and such verbal communications as the Chairman of the Council may desire to put before the Council, which are not already included within the agenda.

[Chairman's Engagements](#)

8. **LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT**

To receive announcements and any matters for report from the Leader of the Council. (Verbal report)

9. **POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK – MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE A DECISION BY COUNCIL**

a) **Recommendations from the Cabinet – 26th July 2007** (Attached)

[Referrals from Cabinet 26.07.07](#)

- Housing Benefits - Overpayments Policy - Update

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- Amendment to the Vehicle, Equipment and Systems Renewal Schedule 2007/08

[Recommendations from Miscellaneous Functions](#)

b) **Recommendations from the Cabinet 30th August 2007** (Attached)

[Referrals from Cabinet 30.08.07](#)

- Standing Orders Relating to Contracts - Update

[Standing Orders Report](#)

[Appendix Standing Orders](#)

c) **Recommendation from the Ethics and Standards Committee – 31st July 2007** (Attached)

[Referrals from Ethics and Standards](#)

- Protocol for the Disclosure of Confidential Information

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d) **Recommendation from Planning (Development Control) Committee
11th September 2007**

[Referrals from Development Control](#)

- New Code of Good Practice for Planning Matters

[DC 11 9 07 New Code of Good Practice for Planning](#)

[DC 11 9 07 APPENDIX Code of Good Practice](#)

The reports and associated documents, referred to above, have been circulated electronically to Members and posted on the Council's website meetings diary under the following web link
<http://www.wyreforest.gov.uk/council/meetings/main.htm>
Public inspection copies are available on request. (Please see front cover for contact details)

10. **MOTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. D1 (1)**

No motions have been received under Standing Order No. D1 (1).

11. **URGENT MOTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. D1 (7)**

To consider any motions in the order in which they have been received which, by reason of special circumstances, should be considered as a matter of urgency, in accordance with Standing Order No. D1 (7).

[Urgent Decision Council Tax Discount](#)

12. **URGENT DECISION MADE OUTSIDE THE BUDGET AND POLICY
FRAMEWORK - COUNCIL TAX DISCOUNT ARISING FROM SUMMER
FLOODS**

To consider a report from the Chief Executive and Head of Legal and Democratic Services regarding the urgent decision in respect of Council Tax Discount made by the Leader of the Council pursuant to Rule 6 of the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules Part 4 of the Council's Constitution. (Attached)

13. DECriminalISATION OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT CANCELLATION AND INFORMAL CHALLENGE POLICY

To consider a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services, which seeks the adoption of a Cancellation and an Informal Challenge Policy in relation to the Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement in Wyre Forest. (Attached)

[Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement Cancellation and Informal Challenge Policy](#)

[Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement Cancellation and Informal Challenge Policy APPENDIX 1](#)

14. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATION

(i) Bewdley United Charity and The Bewdley Charity

The Council is requested to consider appointing two nominative trustees to each of the above charities. The persons appointed may be, but need not be Members of the Council. The secretary to the charities has requested that the following persons be appointed:

1. Mr Richard Perrin and Mr Kenneth Hobson to the Bewdley United Charity, the object of which is to provide assistance to residents in the Bewdley area who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.
2. Mr Kenneth Hobson and the Reverend Canon Hazel Hughes to the Bewdley Charity, the object of which is to devote its income to charities in the Bewdley area.

(ii) The Carpet Museum

The Council is requested in its capacity as a Trustee of the Carpet Museum to:

1. Approve the appointment of Robin C Hill of the Worcestershire County Museum as a new Trustee.
2. To authorise the sealing of the Deed of Appointment confirming the Trustees as:
 - Wyre Forest District Council
 - Charles Ellis Talbot
 - Richard Pugh-Cook
 - Robin Charles Hill

15. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

If necessary, to consider passing the following resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of items containing “exempt” information:

“DECISION:

Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of “exempt information” as defined in the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.”

PART 2

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There are no items scheduled for this part of the agenda.

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
