



**Worcester**  
CITY COUNCIL

## **CABINET**

## **AGENDA**

**Date: Tuesday, 12th February, 2013**

**Time: 7.00 pm**

**Venue: Guildhall**

## CABINET

### Members of the Committee:-

Chairman: Councillor Simon Geraghty (C)  
Vice-Chairman: Councillor Marc Bayliss (C)

Councillor Mrs. Lucy Hodgson (C)  
Councillor Roger Knight (C)

Councillor Jabba Riaz (C)  
Councillor Andrew Roberts (C)

C = Conservative

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N/A – All Items Open to the Public

### Response to any such representation made by the Decision Making Body

N/A

**AGENDA**

**Part 1**  
**(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PUBLIC)**

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| 1. <b>Declarations of Interest</b>  | To receive any declarations of interest.   |
| 2. <b>Public Participation</b>      | Up to a total of fifteen minutes can be allowed, with each speaker being allocated a maximum of five minutes, for members of the public to present a petition, ask a question or comment on any matter on the Agenda or within the remit of the Committee. |
| 3. <b>Minutes</b><br>Page(s): 1 - 4 | Of the meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2013 to be approved and signed.  |

4. **Budget and Council Tax 2013/14 -  
Medium Term Financial Strategy**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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**THE CABINET MEMBER FOR DELIVERING  
VALUE FOR MONEY, COUNCILLOR ANDY  
ROBERTS, RECOMMENDS:**

1. That Cabinet consider any feedback and proposals from the Performance Management and Budget Scrutiny Committee and, in the light of this, recommend that Council approve the following:
  - i. the budget assumptions set out in paragraph 6.1 of this report;
  - ii. the Budget 2013/14 and MTFS 2013-2018 and the details underpinning the numbers as set out in Appendix 1;
  - iii. the proposed savings for 2013/14 (included in December Cabinet papers)
  - iv. the City Band D Council Tax of £162.10 (frozen at same level as for 2012/13) to meet the Council's budget requirement;
  - v. the Capital Programme and Capital Financing as set out in Appendix 2;
  - vi. earmarked reserves (included in December Cabinet papers)
  - vii. the split of funding of New Homes Bonus into the three categories and the proposed allocations to projects, as set out in paragraphs 10.4 and 10.17 of this report;
  - viii. the Commissioning Framework as set out at Appendix 3;
  - ix. the detailed Fees and Charges as set out at Appendix 4;
  - x. Treasury Management Annual Strategy and Prudential Indicators (included in January Cabinet papers and set out at Appendix 5);
  - xi. the Pay Policy Statement 2013/14 (included in January Cabinet papers); and,
  - xii. the detailed revenue budget estimates as set out in the Budget Book (included in December Cabinet papers).

5. **Revenues and Benefits  
Telephony**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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6. **Article 4 Direction for Conversion  
from Residential Dwelling Houses  
to Houses in Multiple Occupation**

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Ward(s): All Wards

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**THE CABINET MEMBER FOR  
DELIVERING VALUE FOR MONEY,  
COUNCILLOR ANDY ROBERTS,  
RECOMMENDS:**

1. That Cabinet approves the transfer of call handling from the County Council Hub Contact Centre to the Revenues and Benefits Shared Service with a target date of 1 April 2013.

**THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC  
PROSPERITY, COUNCILLOR MARC  
BAYLISS, RECOMMENDS:**

1. Cabinet agree the making of an Article 4 Direction is authorised under Article 4(2) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (as amended) to remove permitted development rights in relation to changes of use from Use Class C3 to Use Class C4 (as defined in the Town and Country Planning [Use Classes] Order 1987, as amended).

Twelve months advance notice of the Direction taking effect shall be given and representations will be invited for a period of 28 days from the date of notification. The Direction shall apply to all wards and parishes of the city.

2. Cabinet receive a further report, following the period of 28 days on representations received by the Council, in order to decide whether or not to confirm the Article 4 Direction.

7. **Equalities Priorities**  
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Ward(s): All Wards  
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**THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CUSTOMER SERVICES AND COMMUNICATIONS, COUNCILLOR LUCY HODGSON, RECOMMENDS:**

1. **Cabinet approve the equality priorities.**
2. **Cabinet approve the final versions of the equality strategy, equal opportunities policy and consultation strategy (Appendices 2-4 of the report).**
3. **Cabinet note and approve the proposed training that will be developed.**

8. **Any Other Business**

Which in the opinion of the Chairman is of sufficient urgency as to warrant consideration.

9. **Item Involving the Disclosure of Exempt Information**

The Cabinet is invited to pass the following resolution:-

**That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act.**

**PART II  
(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PRIVATE)**