

# AGENDA



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1<sup>st</sup> September, 2010

To: All Members of the Finance & General Purposes Committee

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to be held in the **WINDSOR ROOM** at Arden Hall, Castle Bromwich, on **WEDNESDAY, 8TH SEPTEMBER 2010 at 7.30 pm** for the transaction of the following business, viz: -

## **BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED**

### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

None.

### **2. Declarations of personal or other interests.**

Members are asked to declare interests in items on the agenda, in accordance with Section 94 of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authorities Code of Conduct Order 2007.

### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

To read and confirm the Minutes of the Meetings held on Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> June and 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 (papers already circulated).

### **4. Planning Applications.**

Planning Applications received since the last Meeting (see enclosed). Solihull MBC now prefer to make APPLICATIONS AND DECISIONS AVAILABLE ON LINE at:

<http://www.solihull.gov.uk/planning/dc/viewapp.asp>

### **5. Residents' Concerns.**

Councillors to consider recent concerns raised by residents (see enclosed/previously circulated). Members of Leisure Services Committee noted the misconception of parish council responsibilities and suggest production of an information leaflet could help to reduce confusion.

### **6. Licensing Application.**

Members to be updated on the licensing application by Castle Convenience Stores, Bradford Road.

### **7. Submission of Planning Applications.**

Members to consider appointing an agent to act for the Parish Council to submit planning applications (information to be tabled).

### **8. Solihull MBC – Walks Leaflet (Festival Way, Castle Bromwich).**

Members to consider final draft of revised leaflet (see enclosed/previously circulated).

### **9. Internal and External Audit 09/10.**

Members to consider the queries of the external auditor and the example letter for appointment of internal auditors. Members also to note the NALC Legal briefing L07-10 about the independence of internal audit arrangements (see enclosed).

### **10. Former Finance and Planning Software.**

Members to consider whether to purchase a post cancellation licence to access old data (possibly for up to 5 years) at a cost of £150.

### **11. Marketing and Promotion.**

Members to consider ordering of Christmas Cards and stationery (to be tabled).

**12. Consideration of Consultation on possible Referendum to veto excessive council tax increases.**

Members to consider response to this consultation (previously emailed/also enclosed).

**13. Training.**

In accordance with policy, members to consider training issues, requests for training and note report on recent training (see enclosed). As previously agreed, members to consider whole council training on budget reviews and risk management – suggested date of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October?

**14. Payments.**

Councillors to consider list of recent invoices received for approval (see enclosed).

**15. Clerk's Report.**

Members to consider the Clerk's report.

Yours faithfully,

Cathy Tibbles (Mrs.)  
**Clerk to the Council**

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Members of the Public are most welcome to observe proceedings at Committee meetings (yellow, pink or blue agendas) but Standing Orders do not allow participation by members of the public. **Informal questions may be discussed individually with any Councillor** prior to the start of the Committee meeting **which may or may not be considered depending on the contents of the Agenda.**

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