

# AGENDA



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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, 10<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010 at 7.30 pm** for the transaction of the following business, viz: -

## BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

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

Cllr Mrs. T Knibb.

### **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 Wednesdays 27<sup>th</sup> January and 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 (papers already circulated).

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

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

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

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

Councillors to consider recent concerns raised by residents (enclosed or previously circulated).

### **6. NALC Business Plan.**

Members to consider NALC Development Strategy and Business Plan and agree a response to the consultation (see enclosed). Consultation note previously circulated – deadline 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2010.

### **7. Councillor's Personal Financial Liability.**

Members to note the advice previously received from WALC confirming that the power for external auditors to surcharge Members was repealed when the Code of Conduct was introduced in 2002 (see enclosed).

### **8. Royal British Legion – Dedication of new Standard.**

Members to consider the request for the Parish Council's Civic Service taking place on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2010 to include the dedication of the Legion's new Standard.

### **9. Place of Parish Council Meetings.**

Members to note the advice received from WALC in response to Cllr Knibb's query on meeting free of charge in public buildings (see enclosed).

### **10. Youth Parish Council - publicity.**

Members to consider in principle the request of the Youth Parish Council to have their own page on the council website to promote their activities.

### **11. Training.**

In accordance with policy, members to consider training issues and requests for training (see enclosed).

### **12. Payments.**

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

### **13. Motions by Cllr Mrs. Knibb – Financial Budgeting.**

At the request of the Chairman, members to consider the following motions (see enclosed):

- That members consider providing councillors with financial planning and budgeting setting training from a suitably qualified financial professional and that this training incorporates an understanding of simple financial modeling to enable any implications of the current precept decision on future years' precept requests to be understood
- That members consider implementing a zero based budget procedure in so far as it is practical when determining the 2011/2012 budget so that expenditure cost and efficiency savings are investigated and made as necessary and that ways of increasing income are also considered.
- That in setting the 2011/2012 budget Members consider the possible effect of precept setting on future years precepts by utilising some simple financial modeling.
- That Members consider what minimum level of reserve Castle Bromwich Parish Council should hold.
- That Members consider the ideal level of reserve Castle Bromwich Parish Council should hold.

### **14. Clerk's Report.**

The Clerk to present her report (to be tabled).

Yours faithfully,

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

#### NOTE TO THE PUBLIC:

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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