

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, 12TH NOVEMBER 2008 at 7.30 pm** for the transaction of the following business, viz: -

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllr Mrs. Haywood.

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 24th September and 8th October 2008. (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 (previously circulated or enclosed).

6. Communications.

Communications received since last meeting: Routine bulletins and newsletters / confirmation from SMBC re Road Closure for Remembrance Parade / Whist Group request for better lighting in Lounge / Record RSS quote for remedial work / thanks from Community Transport Solihull for grant aid enabling purchase of new mini bus / Britain in Bloom results / Arden Hall re-confirmed as a dedicated Emergency Centre for SMBC / nPower query on energy supply and outstanding debt / Sustain survey request re North Solihull community / Warwickshire County Council community computers scheme / residents suggestion to improve Arden Hall / Justice Fire & Security quotation to replace door access system / marketing opportunities North Solihull Business Forum.

7. Christmas Tree Lighting Event.

Members to be updated on this event.

8. Hire Charges 2009/10.

Members to consider recommendations of the Leisure Services Committee to reduce some A rate prices, introduce additional Residents' rates, and 5% increase on other rates (details to be tabled).

9. Budget Planning 2009/10.

Members to consider draft budget for Finance and General Purposes plans, as recommended by Working Party (enclosed or previously circulated).

10. Grant Aid Application.

Councillors to consider application for Grant Aid (see enclosed).

11. Youth Council.

Members to be updated on the Youth Council and consider how to best support young councillors with their aims, plans and future deliberations.

12. Village Green access request.

Under confidential terms, members to receive an update from the Leisure Services Committee and consider any appropriate action (enclosed or previously circulated).

13. Payments.

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

14. The 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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