



HEREFORD & WORCESTER Fire Authority

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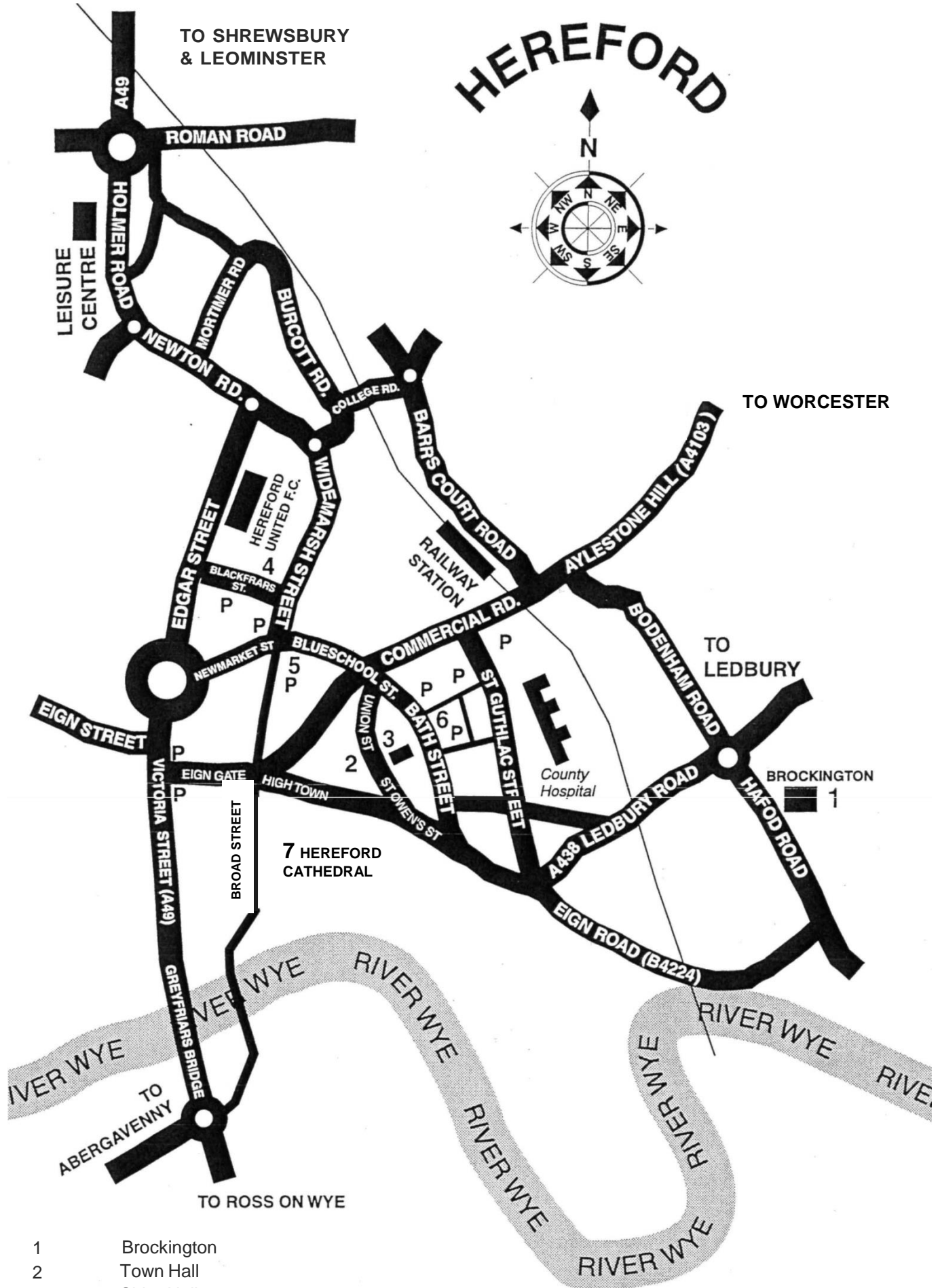
AGENDA

Thursday, 08 October 2015

10:30

Shire Hall

St Peter's Square, Hereford, HR1 2HY



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WELCOME AND GUIDE TO TODAY’S MEETING. These notes are written to assist you to follow the meeting. Decisions at the meeting will be taken by the **Councillors** who are democratically elected representatives and they will be advised by **Officers** who are paid professionals. The Fire and Rescue Authority comprises 25 Councillors and appoints committees to undertake various functions on behalf of the Authority. There are 19 Worcestershire County Councillors on the Authority and 6 Herefordshire Council Councillors.

Agenda Papers - Attached is the Agenda which is a summary of the issues to be discussed and the related reports by Officers.

Chairman - The Chairman, who is responsible for the proper conduct of the meeting, sits at the head of the table.

Officers - Accompanying the Chairman is the Chief Fire Officer and other Officers of the Fire and Rescue Authority who will advise on legal and procedural matters and record the proceedings. These include the Clerk and the Treasurer to the Authority.

The Business - The Chairman will conduct the business of the meeting. The items listed on the agenda will be discussed.

Decisions - At the end of the discussion on each item the Chairman will put any amendments or motions to the meeting and then ask the Councillors to vote. The Officers do not have a vote.



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Councillors

Mr D W Prodger MBE (Chairman), Mr R J Phillips (Vice Chairman), Mr R C Adams, Ms P Agar, Mr A Amos, Mr B A Baker, Mr S C Cross, Ms L R Duffy, Mrs E Eyre, Mr A Fry, Mr W P Gretton, Ms K S Guthrie, Mrs A T Hingley, Ms R E Jenkins, Mr J L V Kenyon, Mr R I Matthews, Mrs F M Oborski MBE, Professor J W Raine, Mr C B Taylor, Mr J W R Thomas, Mr P A Tuthill, Mr R M Udall, Mr G J Vickery, Mr S D Williams, Mr G C Yarranton

No.	Item	Pages
1	Apologies for Absence To receive any apologies for absence.	
2	Declarations of Interest (if any) This item allows the Chairman to invite any Councillor to declare an interest in any of the items on this Agenda.	
3	Confirmation of Minutes To approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on 17 June 2015.	8 - 16
4	Chairman's Announcements To update Members on recent activities.	

5	Public Participation	
	To allow a Member of the public to present a petition, ask a question or make a statement relating to any topic concerning the duties and powers of the Authority.	
	Members of the public wishing to take part should notify the Head of Legal Services in writing or by email indicating both the nature and content of their proposed participation no later than 2 clear working days before the meeting (in this case by 5pm on 5 October 2015). Further details about public participation are available on the Council's website. Enquiries can also be made through the telephone numbers/email listed below.	
6	A Service for the Future	17 - 23
	To introduce the work of the Local Government Association (LGA) in relation to Fire and Rescue Authorities. A short presentation will be provided at the meeting by guests from the LGA.	
7	Enabling Closer Working Between Emergency Services	24 - 53
	To consider and approve a response to the recent Government consultation document on a proposed series of measures to drive greater collaboration between the police, fire and rescue and NHS ambulance services.	
8	Approval of Early Retirement	54 - 55
	To extend the Scheme of Delegation so as to permit the Chief Fire Officer to determine any applications for early retirement received from officers at Station Commander rank.	
9	Constitution Changes	56 - 64
	To propose amendments to the Officer Employment Procedure Rules and subsequent amendments to the Appointments Committee terms of reference to give effect to the Local Authorities (Standing Orders)(England)(Amendment) Regulations 2015.	
10	Chief Fire Officer's Service Report	65 - 67
	To inform the Authority of recent key developments and activities.	

11	Minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee	68 - 69
	To receive the minutes from the meetings held on 29 June 2015 (attached) and 28 September 2015 [to follow].	
12	Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee	70 - 88
	To receive the minutes from the meeting held on 14 September 2015.	