

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

FULL COUNCIL	5 MARCH 2020	AGENDA ITEM: 27
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PROPOSED MEETING WITH HEREFORD COUNCIL CABINET

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with correspondence received from the office of the Leader of Herefordshire Council in response to a request for a meeting between the Cabinet and Ledbury Town Council.

Detailed Information

Members will recall that the Clerk was asked to investigate the possibility of a meeting between Herefordshire Council Cabinet and Ledbury Town Council. Since that request was made it has been agreed via the Leaders meetings to re-establish the Market Town Forum and as a result of this correspondence has been received as follows:

“Further to the request for a meeting, do you have specific items to discuss with the Cabinet which are Ledbury specific or are the items likely to be discussed at a Market Town Forum in the near future?”

The reason I ask is that the Leader is asking that there is a cabinet presence at the MTF meetings and is speaking to his Cabinet about this. So, we do not want to duplicate meetings/agenda items. He is keen for the line of communication to be open between Market Towns/Council officers/Cabinet.”

At the Chairman’s meeting held on 27 January 2020, Councillor Howells put forward a list of suggested items for discussion at the Market Town Forum (copy attached for information) and Members need to consider the content of this list against items they may wish to discuss with the Cabinet.

Currently, no councillor from Ledbury Town Council has been nominated to represent the council at the Market Town Forums. It is the Clerk’s understanding that Councillor Howells, as a result of attending the Chairman’s meetings in his capacity as Mayor of Ledbury will be attending the meeting along with the Clerk or Deputy Clerk, no formal resolution has been made by Council to appoint the Mayor or any other councillor.

Recommendation

1. Members are requested to give consideration to the attached list of suggested topics for discussion at the Market Town Forum and consider whether there are other items they would wish to discuss with Hereford Council Cabinet and therefore instruct the Clerk to continue to arrange a meeting as previously agreed.
2. That Council formally appoint one or more representative to attend the Market Town Forum on behalf of the Town Council.