



**WYRE FOREST
DISTRICT COUNCIL**

THE CABINET

AGENDA

Date: Thursday 25 August 2005

Time: 6PM

**Venue: Wribbenhall Community Centre
Shawhedge Road
Bewdley**

Cabinet

The Cabinet Members and their responsibilities:-

Councillor S J M Clee	Leader, Strategic Overview & Direction
Councillor M J Hart	Deputy Leader, Commercial Services
Councillor Mrs M B Aston	Housing, Health and Rural Affairs
Councillor J-P Campion	Finance and Corporate Affairs
Councillor J W Dudley	Environment & Economic Regeneration
Councillor N J Desmond	Community & Leisure Services

SCRUTINY OF DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

The Council has one Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and five Policy and Scrutiny Panels, that have power to investigate policy issues and question members of the Cabinet who have special responsibility for a particular area of the Council's activities. The Cabinet also considers recommendations from the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and five Policy and Scrutiny Panels.

In accordance with Part 4 of the Council's Constitution Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules and Standing Order B4 any item on this agenda may be scrutinised by the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee if it is "called in" by any three non-Cabinet Members and the Chairman of the relevant Policy and Scrutiny Panel or by three members of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and any member of the relevant Policy and Scrutiny Panel.

The deadline for "calling in" Cabinet decisions is Wednesday 7th September 2005.

Councillors wishing to "call in" a decision on this agenda should contact Mrs Diana Glendenning, Committee Officer, Telephone 01562-732763 or e-mail:

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Urgent Key Decisions

If the Cabinet needs to take an urgent key decision, the consent of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee Chairman must be obtained. If the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee Chairman is unable to act the Chairman of the Council or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairman of the Council, must give consent. Such decisions will not be the subject to the call in procedure.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - GUIDANCE NOTE

Code of Conduct - Members are reminded that under the Code of Conduct it is the responsibility of individual Members to declare any personal or personal and prejudicial interest in any item on this agenda. A Member who declares a personal interest may take part in the meeting and vote, unless the interest is also prejudicial. If the interest is prejudicial, as defined in the Code, the Member must leave the room. However, Members with a prejudicial interest can still participate if a prescribed exception applies or a dispensation has been granted.

Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 - If any Member is two months or more in arrears with a Council Tax payment, they may not vote on any matter which might affect the calculation of the Council Tax, any limitation of it, its administration or related penalties or enforcement.

For further information: -

If you have any queries about this Agenda or require any details of background papers, further documents or information you should contact Diana Glendenning, Committee Officer. Telephone : 01562-732763, e-mail diana.glendenning@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

(MAP OF VENUE)

PART 1

Open to the Press and Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, to invite Members to declare the existence and nature of any personal or personal and prejudicial interests in the following agenda items. Members should indicate the action they will be taking when the item is considered.

Members are also invited to make any declaration in relation to Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(See guidance note on cover.)

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Cabinet held on the 28th July 2005. (Attached)

4. CALL INS - a verbal update will be given on any decisions which have been "called in" since the last meeting of the cabinet.

5. ITEMS REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION

Any item which, in the opinion of the Chairman requires consideration at the meeting as a matter of urgency.

6. LEADER'S PORTOFOLIO

Stephen Clee

6.1 WORCESTERSHIRE'S LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

To consider a report from the Chief Executive that asks the Cabinet to recommend the Council to support the development of a Local Area Agreement for Worcestershire. (Attached)

7. FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

John Campion

7.1 BUDGET MONITORING

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services which enables the Cabinet to monitor the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 and Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) guidelines. (Attached)

8.1 HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE DEREGULATION PLAN

1. To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment (attached) that seeks approval of the Wyre Forest Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Deregulation Plan 2005-08 Part 1 and Part 2 with the exception of Appendix 2, as outlined in the report, to become effective on 1st October 2005.
2. The Cabinet is asked to refer Appendix 2 (Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Conditions) to the Licensing and Environmental Committee on 5th September 2005 for consideration and further recommendation to Cabinet on 29th September 2005.

Copies of the Appendices to this report have been placed in Party Group Rooms and a Public Inspection Copy is available on request (see front cover for details).

8.2 THE HOUSING ACT 2004

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that sets out the key elements of the Housing Act 2004 and asks the Cabinet to agree how the Council will implement the powers and duties of the Act. (Attached)

9.1 STC. 4: DRAFT DEVELOPMENT BRIEF – BRIDGE STREET BASINS LINK, STOURPORT

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment on the proposed Development Brief (supplementary planning document) in support of Local Plan Policy STC.4 (Bridge Street Enhancement Area) and associated public consultation arrangements. The Cabinet is asked to approve the Draft Supplementary Planning Document as the basis for public consultation. (Attached)

Copies of the Appendices to this report have been placed in Party Group Rooms and a public inspection copy is available on request. (See front cover for details).

10.1. BEWDLEY MUSEUM - CHANGE OF REPRESENTATION ON COMMITTEE

To consider a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services that recommends to Council that changes in the representation on the Committee are made and referred to the Charity Commission for approval. ***(To follow)***

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICY AND SCRUTINY PANELS

11.1. Recommendations from the Commercial Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel 17th August 2005 re: Outdoor Market

(To follow)

12. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, DETAILS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES CONSIDERS TO BE OF SO URGENT A NATURE THAT IT CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.

13. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC:**

To consider passing the following resolution:

"That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "exempt information" as defined in paragraph 9 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

PART 2

Not open to the Press and Public

14. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the Exempt minutes of the Cabinet held on the 28th July 2005. (Attached)

15. ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMIC REGENERATION

James Dudley

15.1. **STOURPORT ROAD EMPLOYMENT CORRIDOR - POTENTIAL ACQUISITION OF BRITISH SUGAR SITE**

To consider a report from the Chief Executive that asks the Cabinet to make recommendations to Council regarding the potential acquisition of the British Sugar Site. (Attached)

16. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS, DETAILS OF WHICH HAVE BEEN COMMUNICATED TO THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES BEFORE THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING, WHICH THE CHAIRMAN, BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES, CONSIDERS TO BE OF SO URGENT A NATURE THAT IT CANNOT WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING.