



THE CABINET

AGENDA

Date: Thursday 29th September 2005

Time: 6.00 p.m.

**Venue: Earl Baldwin Suite
Duke House
Clensmore Street, Kidderminster**

CABINET

The Cabinet Members and their responsibilities:-

Councillor S J M Clee	Leader, Strategic Overview & Direction
Councillor M J Hart	Deputy Leader, Commercial Services
Vacancy	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 Tuesday 11th October 2005.

Councillors wishing to "call in" a decision on this agenda should contact Mrs Diana Glendenning, Committee Officer, Telephone 01562-732763 or e-mail: diana.glendenning@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

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

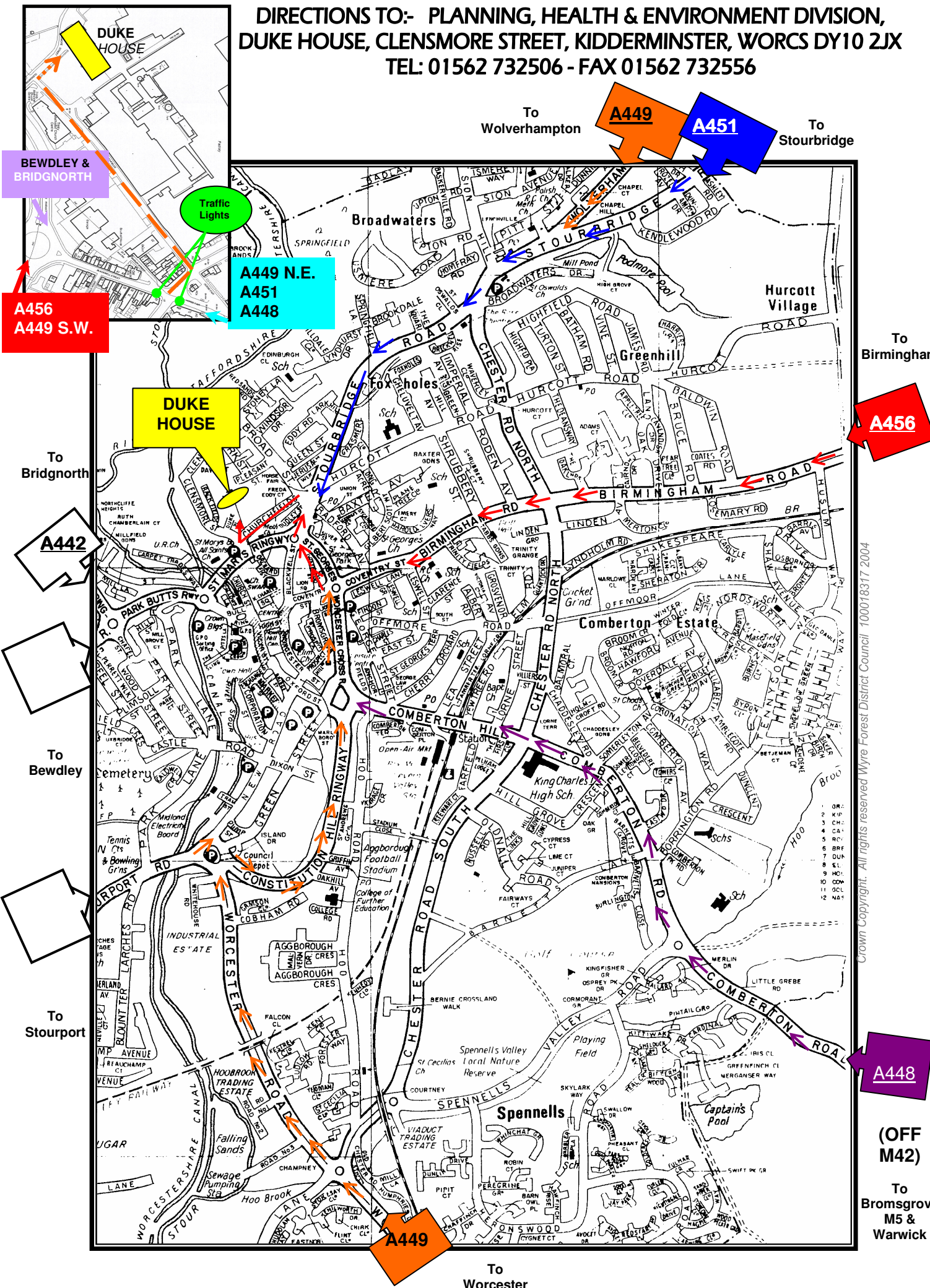
Code of Conduct - Members are reminded that under the Code of Conduct it is the responsibility of individual Members to declare any personal or personal and prejudicial interest in any item on this agenda. A Member who declares a personal interest may take part in the meeting and vote, unless the interest 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

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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 25th August 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 PORTFOLIO *Stephen Clee*

6.1 LEADERS ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. FINANCE & CORPORATE AFFAIRS *John-Paul Campion*

7.1. VALUE FOR MONEY

1. To consider a report from the Chief Executive and Head of Financial Services (attached) that seeks approval from Cabinet for a Value for Money Self-Assessment for submission to the external auditors.
 2. To recommend to Council that the Value for Money Policy be adopted with immediate effect.
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A copy of the Value for Money Appendix has been placed in Party Group Rooms and a public inspection copy is available on request (see front cover for details)

7.2. ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING POLICY

To consider a report from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services (attached) that recommends to Council that an Anti-Money Laundering Policy be adopted.

A copy of the Anti-Money Laundering Policy has been placed in Party Group Rooms and a public inspection copy is available on request (see front cover for details).

7.3. SECTION 136 GRANT AID TO BEWDLEY TOWN COUNCIL

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services (attached) that asks Cabinet to consider a request from Bewdley Town Council for payment of their Section 136 Grant Aid for 2005/2006.

7.4. TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2004/2005

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services (attached) seeking approval for an Annual Report outlining details of Treasury Management activities for the period 1st April 2004 to 31st March 2005.

7.5. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUESTS RECEIVED IN THE FIRST 6 MONTHS OF 2005

To consider a report from the Chief Executive (attached) that advises Cabinet of the Council's response to Freedom of Information Act 2000 enquiries received during the first six months of the full implementation of the Act.

8. ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMIC REGENERATION *James Dudley*

8.1. DRAFT FLUVIAL RIVER SEVERN FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment (attached) on the draft Fluvial River Severn Flood Risk Management Strategy published for consultation by the Environment Agency.

8.2. HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE LICENCE CONDITIONS

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment (attached) that asks Cabinet to consider the revised Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Conditions.

A copy of the Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Deregulation Plan 2005-2008 has been placed in Party Group Rooms and a public inspection copy is available on request.

9. COMMUNITY & LEISURE SERVICES

Nathan Desmond

9.1. PROPOSAL TO EXTEND BEWDLEY ALCOHOL RESTRICTION ZONE

To consider a report (attached) from the Chief Executive on the results of the statutory consultation process for the potential designation of additional public areas in Bewdley, where the drinking of alcohol would be restricted.

The Cabinet is asked to recommend to Council the designation of the relevant areas.

A summary of the comments from the statutory consultation has been placed in Party Groups Rooms and a public inspection copy is available on request.

9.2. RICHARD EVE MEMORIAL - RECEIPT OF GRANT

To consider a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services (attached) that reports on the receipt of a grant to refurbish the Richard Eve Memorial and requests the Cabinet to allocate this grant to the capital programme.

10. COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Marcus Hart

10.1. OUT OF HOURS DOG WARDEN SERVICE

To consider a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services (attached) that advises Cabinet on the implications of the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 relating to the Dog Warden Service.

10.2. KIDDERMINSTER OUTDOOR MARKET

To consider a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services (attached) that reports the recommendations of the Commercial Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel on the scrutiny exercise relating to the future of Kidderminster Outdoor Market.

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICY AND SCRUTINY PANELS

11.1. Recommendations from the Community and Leisure Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel - 8th September 2005 re: Community Safety Section 17 Audit - Summer 2005 (attached)

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 paragraphs 7, 8 and 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 25th August 2005. (Attached)

15.1. Interim Report : Wyre Forest Highways Partnership Review

To consider a report from the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee (attached) that gives an interim report on the Wyre Forest Highways Partnership Scrutiny Review.

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