



THE CABINET

AGENDA

Date: Thursday 16th February 2006

Time: 6.00 p.m.

**Venue: Earl Baldwin Suite
Duke House
Kidderminster**

*Please bring to the meeting the Financial Strategy 2006 - 2009
(Blue Budget Book)*

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 A T Hingley	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 28th February 2006.

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 26th January 2006. (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. LYONS INQUIRY – CONSULTATION PAPER AND INTERIM REPORT

To consider a report from the Chief Executive that informs Members of a consultation document issued by the Lyons Inquiry into the role, functions and funding of local government. (Attached)

6.2. SHAPING THE FUTURE OF LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

To consider a report from the Chief Executive that outlines the key issues of the recent "Local Strategic Partnerships - Shaping Their Future" consultation paper from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM) and make recommendations for responding to this document. (Attached)

7. FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

John-Paul Campion

7.1. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2006/07 - 2008/09

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services

- (a) Proposed Decision and Budget Reports recommended to Council by the Cabinet on the 22nd December 2005. (Attached)
- (b) Recommendations of the Finance and Corporate Affairs Policy and Scrutiny Panel from its meeting on 31st January 2006. ***(To follow)***

(The Budget Reports are contained in the separate blue budget book entitled Financial Strategy 2006-2009).

A public inspection copy is available on request please see front cover for details.

- (c) Consultation on the Cabinet's Budget Proposals 2006/09. (Attached)
- (d) Final Determination of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2006/08. (Attached)
- (e) The Prudential System of Local Government Finance and the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy report 2006/07. (Attached)

7.2. REPORT ON BUDGET MONITORING

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services that asks 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)

7.3. VOLUNTARY REGISTRATION OF TITLE TO ALL COUNCIL LAND AND BUILDINGS AT LAND REGISTRY

To consider a report from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services that

- (1) outlines the Cabinet of the Council's intention to voluntarily register its land and property portfolio with the Land Registry
- (2) seeks delegated authority for officers to agree minor adjustments to the boundaries of Council owned land should it prove necessary. (Attached)

7.4. ACQUISITION OF WOODED LAND AT QEII GARDENS, BEWDLEY

To consider a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services that seeks Cabinet approval to acquire land at the QEII Gardens in Bewdley. (Attached)

8. HOUSING, HEALTH AND RURAL AFFAIRS Anne Hingley

8.1. HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY REVIEW

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that recommends to Council that the updated Strategy and Action Plan be adopted. (Attached)

8.2. ENSURING A PATIENT-LED NHS - CONSULTATIONS

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that reports on the details of three Consultation Papers under the above heading and to recommend to Council a response to these consultations. (Attached)

9. ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMIC REGENERATION James Dudley

9.1. RESPONSE TO ODPM CONSULTATION PAPER ON A NEW PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT 3 (PPS3) : HOUSING

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that reports on the details of the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister's Consultation Paper on the new Planning Policy Statement (PPS3) published in December 2005 and asks the Cabinet to agree a response. (Attached)

9.2. CONSULTATION DRAFT - WORCESTERSHIRE TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL GUIDE

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that informs Cabinet of the publication of the Worcestershire County Council Consultation Draft Transportation and Development Control Guide and seeks approval for the submission of presentations. (Attached)

9.3. BID TO HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND FOR A TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE (THI) FOR STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that recommends to Council that a two-stage bid be submitted to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding under a Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) for Stourport-on-Severn and seeks approval to undertake the necessary work for this bid. (Attached)

9.4. KIDDERMINSTER TOWN CENTRE PARTNERSHIP - TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT BUSINESS PLAN

To consider a report from the Chief Executive that advises members of Kidderminster Town Centre Partnership's (KTCP) proposals to establish and fund a Town Centre Manager. (Attached)

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICY AND SCRUTINY PANELS

10.1. Recommendations from Housing, Health and Rural Affairs Policy and Scrutiny Panel 24th January 2006

- (i) Consultation on the Configuration of NHS Ambulance Trusts in England
 - (ii) Consultation on new Strategic Health Authority Arrangements in the West Midlands
 - (iii) Consultation on New Primary Care Trust Arrangements in West Midlands South (Coventry, Warwickshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire).
- (Attached)

10.2. Recommendations from Environment and Economic Regeneration Policy and Scrutiny Panel 8th February 2006

Consultation Draft Worcestershire Transportation and Development Control Guide
(To follow)

11. **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.**

12. **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 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

PART 2

Not open to the Press and Public

13. EXEMPT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICY AND SCRUTINY PANELS

Environment and Economic Regeneration Policy and Scrutiny Panel 23rd
November 2005

23 - 24 Bridge Street. (Attached)

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