

**COUNCIL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2006**

**MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE A DECISION BY COUNCIL - RECOMMENDATIONS  
FROM THE CABINET 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006**

**Purpose of Report**

To consider recommendations from the Cabinet on matters outside the policy framework or approved budget of the Council.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Would Councillors please note that the related reports and documents have not been included in the Council Book as they have already been sent to Members via the Cabinet agenda. Copies have been included in the electronic circulation of the Council agenda. In addition, a copy of the Cabinet agenda has been placed in Group Rooms and a public inspection copy is available on request. (See front cover for contact details.)

| <b>ITEM</b>  | <b>RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL</b>   | <b>CABINET MEMBER</b> |
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| <b>1.</b><br><b><u>LYONS ENQUIRY -<br/>CONSULTATION<br/>PAPER AND INTERIM<br/>REPORT</u></b> | The Cabinet considered a report from the Chief Executive regarding the Lyons Inquiry into the role, functions and funding of local government.<br><br><b>The Council is recommended:</b><br><br><b>A response, agreed by Group Leaders, be submitted to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister by 13 March 2006.</b><br><br>The report is at item 6.1 of the Cabinet agenda of 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2006. | Stephen Clee          |
| <b>2.</b><br><b><u>SHAPING THE<br/>FUTURE OF LOCAL<br/>STRATEGIC<br/>PARTNERSHIPS</u></b>    | The Cabinet considered a report from the Chief Executive which outlined the key issues of the recent "Local Strategic Partnerships – Shaping Their Future" Consultation Paper from the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister, together with proposals for responding to this document.<br><br><b>The Council is recommended:</b>  | Stephen Clee          |

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|   | <p>The proposed response in Appendix 2 to the report to the Cabinet, on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006, be submitted to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister as the Council's response to the Consultation "Local Strategic Partnerships – Shaping Their Future".</p> <p>The report is at item 6.2 of the Cabinet agenda of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006.</p>   |                     |
| <p><b>3.</b><br/><b><u>HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY REVIEW</u></b></p>               | <p>The Cabinet considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment regarding the process by which the Council's Homelessness Strategy and action plan had been updated and which sought approval to publish the finalised documents.</p> <p><b>The Council be recommended:</b></p> <p><b>The revised Wyre Forest District Council Homelessness Review and Strategy 2003 – 2008, as referred to in the report to the Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006, be adopted.</b></p> <p>The report is at item 8.1 of the Cabinet agenda of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006.</p>   | <p>Anne Hingley</p> |
| <p><b>4.</b><br/><b><u>ENSURING A PATIENT-LED NHS – CONSULTATIONS</u></b></p> | <p>The Cabinet considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment regarding three consultation papers under the heading "Ensuring a Patient-Led NHS".</p> <p>The Cabinet agreed proposed responses having also considered recommendations from the 24<sup>th</sup> January 2006 meeting of the Housing, Health and Rural Affairs Policy and Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p><b>The Council is recommended:</b></p> <p><b>1. The proposal to reduce the 31 Ambulance Trusts in England to 11 larger, integrated Ambulance Trusts be supported, subject to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The current level of local service provision being retained especially at</b></li></ul> | <p>Anne Hingley</p> |

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|  | <p><b>Bransford.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Each local Ambulance Station in the District being retained.</b></li><li>• <b>The use of the drug Tenecteplase previously only used by Hereford and Worcester ambulance crews to assist with thrombolysis be used by the integrated Ambulance Trusts.</b></li></ul> <p><b>2. (a) The Council feels strongly that the status quo, namely Wyre Forest PCT be retained to provide stability for PCTs to develop.</b></p> <p><b>(b) From the options presented in the consultation document, Option 2* namely Worcestershire PCT, (see below), is considered to be the best as it is the closest to the current system, subject to the following reassurances:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>That a local focus for the Wyre Forest District, which guarantees local service delivery and maintains relationships with Wyre Forest District Council for the delivery of Public Health Services be maintained.</b></li><li>• <b>That commitments to funding increases for 2007/08 be honoured.</b></li></ul> <p><b>3. The creation of a single West Midlands Strategic Health Authority combining the existing three strategic Health Authorities of Birmingham and the Black Country, Shropshire and Staffordshire and West Midlands South be accepted.</b></p> <p><b>*(Option 2 - four PCTs: create Worcestershire and Warwickshire PCTs and leave Herefordshire PCT and Coventry PCT as at present. This would involve merging Wyre Forest PCT, Redditch and Bromsgrove and South Worcestershire PCTs and maintaining the existing arrangements in Herefordshire</b></p> |  |
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|   | <p>PCT).</p> <p>The report is at item 8.2 of the Cabinet agenda of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006.</p>  |                     |
| <p><b><u>5.</u></b><br/><b><u>CONSULTATION</u></b><br/><b><u>DRAFT –</u></b><br/><b><u>WORCESTERSHIRE</u></b><br/><b><u>TRANSPORTATION &amp;</u></b><br/><b><u>DEVELOPMENT</u></b><br/><b><u>CONTROL GUIDE</u></b></p>                                | <p>The Cabinet considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment regarding the publication of the Worcestershire County Council Consultation Draft Transportation and Development Control Guide. Approval was sought for the submission of representations, as recommended in the report.</p> <p><b>The Council is recommended:</b></p> <p><b>The summary of representations and further detailed comments, set out in Appendix B to the report to the Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006, be submitted to Worcestershire County Council as the District Council’s response to the consultation exercise on the Draft Transportation and Development Control Guide.</b></p> <p>The report is at item 9.2 of the Cabinet agenda of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006.</p> | <p>James Dudley</p> |
| <p><b><u>6.</u></b><br/><b><u>BID TO HERITAGE</u></b><br/><b><u>LOTTERY FUND FOR</u></b><br/><b><u>A TOWNSCAPE</u></b><br/><b><u>HERITAGE INITIATIVE</u></b><br/><b><u>(THI) FOR</u></b><br/><b><u>STOURPORT-ON-</u></b><br/><b><u>SEVERN</u></b></p> | <p>The Cabinet considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment regarding a proposed two-stage bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding under a Townscape Heritage Initiative for Stourport-on-Severn. Approval was sought for the necessary work on this bid to be undertaken.</p> <p><b>The Council is recommended:</b></p> <p><b>1. Approval be given to the submission of a two-stage bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding under a Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) for Stourport-on-Severn, as detailed in the report to the Cabinet on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006, and the Head of Planning, Health and Environment be authorised to undertake the bid preparation and submission.</b></p>  | <p>James Dudley</p> |

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|  | <p><b>2. Approval be given to the slippage of £40,000, allocated to Conservation in the Capital Programme, to 2007/08 to act as match-funding for the Townscape Heritage Initiative.</b></p> <p><b>3. As part of the 2007/08 budget process, consideration be given to a Cabinet proposal for further capital expenditure on the initiative in 2008/09 and 2009/10, as a minimum.</b></p> <p>The report is at item 9.3 of the Cabinet agenda of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2006.</p> |  |
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