



OPEN

SERVICE POLICY PANEL

AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, 21st June 2006

Time: 6.00pm

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

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR COPY OF THE
FORWARD PLAN TO THE MEETING.**

THANK YOU.

Service Policy Panel

Members of Panel:

Chairman: Councillor J Holden
Vice-Chairman: Councillor M J Shellie

Councillor Mrs H E Dyke
Councillor Mrs R L Lewis
Councillor Miss S C Meekings
Councillor M A Salter
Councillor K J Stokes

Councillor Mrs S M Hayward
Councillor Miss M A Mason
Councillor C D Nicholls
Councillor D R Sheppard
Councillor G C Yarranton

SUBSTITUTION ARRANGEMENTS

Would Members please note that, to ensure continuity in scrutiny reviews, substitutes should only be appointed for the Policy and Scrutiny Panels in exceptional circumstances.

Information for Members of The Public:-

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Part II of the Agenda (if applicable) deals with items of "Exempt Information" for which it is anticipated that the public may be excluded from the meeting and neither reports nor background papers are open to public inspection.

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 Heather Jones, Committee/Scrutiny Officer, Civic Centre, Stourport-on-Severn. Telephone No: 01562 732733 or email heather.jones@wyreforestdc.gov.uk.

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PART I

Open to the Press and Public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To receive the name of any Councillor who is to act as a substitute, notice of which has been given to the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, together with the name of the Councillor for whom he/she is acting. (Please see cover note.)

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

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.)

4. CABINET MEMBER RESPONSE FORMS

a) To consider a Cabinet Member Response Form from the Cabinet Member for Commercial Services on the outcome of the recommendations from the Miscellaneous Functions Committee on 24th April 2006 regarding the Kidderminster Street Market. (Attached)

b) To consider Cabinet Member Response Forms from the Cabinet Member for Commercial Services on the outcome of the Panel's recommendations to the Cabinet on 27th April 2006 regarding the following:

- i) Public Conveniences (Attached)
- ii) Health and Safety Issues relating to Memorial Stones (Attached)

c) To consider a Cabinet Member Response Form from the Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services on the outcome of the Panel's recommendations to the Cabinet on 27th April 2006 regarding the Skateboarding review. (Attached)

5. OUTSIDE BODIES: NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CLEAN AIR AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NSCA) AND WEST MIDLANDS LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION: URBAN COMMISSION

It was agreed at Annual Council on 17th May 2006 that two organisations: National Society for Clean Air and Environmental Protection (NSCA) and West Midlands Local Government Association: Urban Commission would go to the relevant Policy Panel to recommend to the relevant Cabinet Member whether or not to appoint someone to attend these organisations.

a) Urban Commission LGA

The following background papers are attached for Members' information:

- i) The latest edition of the **Urban Commission** bulletin from September 2005.
- ii) The notes from the meeting on 13th February 2006. (The next meeting of the Urban Commission will take place on Monday 24 July in 2006 in London).

b) National Society for Clean Air and Environmental Protection (NSCA)

The following background paper is attached for Members' information:

- i) The NSCA's Annual Review for 2004/2005.

6. UPDATE ON YOUTH PROVISION SCRUTINY REVIEW

To consider a briefing paper from the Cultural Services Manager updating Members on the progress of the Youth Provision Task and Finish Group. (Attached)

(At the former Community and Leisure Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel's meeting on 14th July, 2005, two Task and Finish Groups were established, one to concentrate on Skateboarding and the other to look at the District's youth provision in general.

(There was no formal deadline for the Panel to report back to cabinet with its proposed recommendations. The Skateboarding review has concluded its review but the Youth Provision is yet to finalise its recommendations).

7. PETITION - ICE RINK

To receive a verbal report from the Cultural Services Manager on her recent discussions with Telford and Wrekin Council concerning Telford Ice Rink.

(At the Council's meeting on 19th Apr 12006 Councillor Mrs J L Salter presented a Petition signed by 123 residents, asking for a local ice rink. The Petition had been instigated and submitted by a local schoolgirl, ten year old Chloe Worley. In accordance with Standing Order C12, the petition was referred to the appropriate Policy Panel)
(Attached)

8. HOUSING STRATEGY ACTION PLAN REVIEW AND UPDATE

To consider a briefing note from the Housing Services Manager on progress on the implementation of the Council's Housing Strategy 2004 - 2007, prior to it being considered by the Cabinet at its meeting scheduled for 29th June 2006. (Attached)

9. PROPOSAL FOR THE INTRODUCTION OF A LOCAL LETTINGS POLICY FOR THE HURCOTT ROAD ESTATE, KIDDERMINSTER

To consider a briefing note from the Housing Services Manager which provides Members with the history and context of the problems and issues on the Hurcott Road Estate, Kidderminster and to seek their approval of a Local Lettings Policy to help address these issues, as an important part of a comprehensive approach to regenerate the area.
(Attached)

10. CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN

To consider a briefing note and Climate Change Action Plan 2006/07 from the Senior Health and Sustainability Officer updating Members on the Council's activities on Climate Change adaptation and mitigation, to ensure it delivers on commitments made in the Worcestershire Climate Change Pledge. (Attached)

11. COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SCRUTINY PANEL

To receive an update from the Chairman on matters considered by the County Council Health Scrutiny Panel.

12. WORK PROGRAMME

To review the work programme for the current municipal year with regard to the Community Strategy, Corporate Plan, Annual Priorities and the Forward Plan. (Attached)

- a) **Building a Better Future: Wyre Forest District Council's Corporate Plan 2003/2008**
- b) **Building a Better Future: Wyre Forest District Council's Priorities for 2006/2007**
- c) **Wyre forest District Council: Priorities for 2006/2007**
- d) **Overview and Scrutiny Policy Panels: Terms of Reference and Areas of Responsibility**

13. PRESS INVOLVEMENT

To consider any future items for scrutiny that might require publicity.

14. 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.

15. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

If necessary, 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of “exempt information” as defined in the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act”

PART 2

Not open to the Press and Public

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.

There are no items in this part of the Agenda.