



CABINET MEMBER RESPONSE FORM

**IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS REFERRED TO
CABINET**

KIDDERMINSTER OUTDOOR MARKET

Date of Cabinet Meeting: 29th September 2005

Recommendations from Policy and Scrutiny Panel:

The Cabinet is asked to DECIDE that:-

- a) In order to achieve enhanced visual appearance and cost benefits to the Council, the Kidderminster outdoor market service is put out to tender.
- b) The Head of Cultural Leisure and Commercial Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal & Democratic Services and the Head of Financial Services and Cabinet member for Commercial Services, be instructed to prepare a specification and tender evaluation model and to invite tenders.
- c) The tenders be reported to the Miscellaneous Functions Committee.

Response to Recommendation:

The Cabinet Member for Commercial Services commended the Task and Finish Group that was set up to scrutinise the outdoor market for its thorough report. He noted that lengthy deliberations had taken place and he wished to thank the Chairman of the Commercial Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel and the Chairman of the Task and Finish Group and all the members of the Task and Finish Group for all their hard work.

He fully supported the recommendations made by the Commercial Services Policy and Scrutiny Panel that the operation of the market be externalised. He commented that there had been a lot of speculation in the press about its future. The Cabinet fully supported its externalisation. Particularly as there was no corporacy or uniformity of the stalls in the current market. It was also hoped that if an external operator took up the operation of the market that additional stalls such as a delicatessen and baker would open in the market.

The externalisation of the Outdoor Market would enhance the market and provide a cost benefit to this authority through the savings made by not using street scene staff to set up and take down the market stalls.