



EXEMPT

CABINET

AGENDA

Date: Thursday 27th July 2006

Time: 6PM

**Venue: The 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
Councillor Mrs A T Hingley	Planning, Health and Environment
Councillor J-P Campion	Finance and Corporate Affairs
Councillor N J Desmond	Community & Leisure Services

SCRUTINY OF DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

The Council has one Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and three Policy 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 the Policy 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 the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and any four other non-Cabinet members.

The deadline for "calling in" Cabinet decisions is Tuesday 8th August 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. Documents referred to in this agenda may be viewed on the Council's website - www.wyreforest.gov.uk/council/meetings/main.htm.

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Cabinet
27th July 2006
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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 29th June 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 OF THE COUNCIL

Stephen Clee

6.1. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1. IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2005-2008

To consider a report from the Corporate Performance Advisor, that reports on the first year's (2005/06) progress with implementing the Council's three year Improvement Plan and highlights action to be taken during the second year (2006/07). (Attached)

Appendices 1 and 2 to this report are available electronically at the time of publication of this agenda. Appendix 3 will be available from 21st July 2006. (Please see front cover for details).

7.2. FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPING A BRAND STRATEGY FOR WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

To consider a report from the Chief Executive on the development of the Council's draft framework for developing a Brand Strategy. (Attached)

8. PLANNING, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**Anne Hingley****8.1. WEST MIDLANDS RAIL FRANCHISE CONSULTATION JUNE 2006**

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that:

1. Informs members of the content of the Department for Transport's consultation document on the West Midlands Rail Franchise and the key issues relating to the Wyre Forest District.
2. Sets out comments and representations on the consultation document for the Cabinet's approval for submission to the Department for Transport by 7th August 2006. (Attached)

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of the Prosperity Panel from its meeting on 12th July 2007 in conjunction with this report. (See agenda item number 9.1 below.)

8.2. REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY DRAFT PHASE ONE REVISION : THE BLACK COUNTRY

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that outlines the consultation arrangements for the first phase in the review of the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the West Midlands, which looks specifically at the Black Country. The report seeks Cabinet approval for representations to be submitted to the Government Office for the West Midlands. (Attached)

The appendix to this report is available electronically. (Please see front cover for details.)

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of the Prosperity Panel from its meeting on 12th July 2007 in conjunction with this report. (See agenda item number 9.1 below.)

9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICY PANELS

9.1. Prosperity Panel, 12th July 2006

- (i) **Regional Spatial Strategy Draft Phase One Revision: The Black Country** (See agenda item number 8.2. above.) (Attached)
- (ii) **West Midlands Rail Franchise Consultation June 2006** (See agenda item number 8.1. above.) (Attached)

10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE 17TH JULY 2006

Recommendations regarding Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicles Licensing Conditions. (Attached)

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 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act."

PART 2

Not open to the Press and Public

13. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Exempt minutes of the Cabinet held on the 29th June 2006. (Attached)