

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING
27TH JULY 2006

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PROSPERITY POLICY PANEL
12TH JULY 2006

Regional Spatial Strategy Draft Phase One Revision: The Black Country

The Panel considered a briefing paper which outlines the consultation arrangements for the first phase in the review of the Regional Spatial Strategy for the West Midlands, which looks specifically at the Black Country. It follows previous consultation on the Black Country Study Choices report, which was published on 14th November 2005.

The Panel made the following recommendation to Cabinet:

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

The proposed responses contained within the report be endorsed.

West Midlands Rail Franchise – Consultation Document June 2006

Members considered a briefing paper informing them of the content of the Department for Transport's Consultation Document on the West Midlands Rail Franchise which set out a number of representations for the Panel's consideration at Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

- 1. The Officer's comments set out at Appendix 1 to the report be endorsed for approval by Cabinet and submission to the Department for Transport by the 7th August 2006, with the following additional comments:**

Appendix 1, Page 1 of 5:

“The provision of extra services in the evening peak between Birmingham Snow Hill and Kidderminster AND BETTER OFF PEAK SERVICES.”

Appendix 1, Page 3 of 5:

“The District Council would welcome measures to improve connectivity to Birmingham International AND THE NEC for travellers from the Wyre Forest area.”