



CABINET

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, 24th August 2006

Time: 6.00pm

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

Cabinet

The Cabinet Members and their responsibilities:-

Councillor S J M Clee	Leader of the Council
Councillor M J Hart	Deputy Leader, Commercial Services
Councillor J-P Campion	Finance and Corporate Affairs
Councillor N J Desmond	Community and Leisure Services
Councillor Mrs A T Hingley	Planning, Health and Environment

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 Wednesday 6th September 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

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(MAP OF VENUE)

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 27th July 2006. (To follow)

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

6.2. WORCESTERSHIRE TOURISM DESTINATION PARTNERSHIP : "DESTINATION WORCESTERSHIRE"

To consider a report from the Chief Executive that asks the Cabinet to agree proposals to establish "Destination Worcestershire," a new public/private sector partnership to develop, market and improve Worcestershire's tourism economy through the year. (Attached)

7.1 FINAL ACCOUNTS 2005/2006

To approve the Head of Financial Services Management Representations Letter to the Council's external auditor, KPMG. (Attached)

7.2 BUDGET MONITORING - FIRST QUARTER 2006/2007

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services to enable the Cabinet to monitor the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 and Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA) guidelines. (Attached)

7.3. SECTION 136 GRANT AID TO BEWDLEY TOWN COUNCIL

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services that asks the Cabinet to consider a request from Bewdley Town Council for payment of its £8,704 Grant Aid for 2006/2007, under Section 136 of the Local Government Act 1972. (Attached)

7.4 FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPING A CUSTOMER SERVICES 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 Customer Services Strategy. (Attached)

8.1 AMEY MOUCHEL STUDY TO REVIEW SAFETY AT A449/A456 TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROL JUNCTION

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that appraises Members of the content of the Amey Mouchel Study and seeks approval for an appropriate response. The Study, which reviews the safety of the A449/A456 Traffic Signal Control Junction (the Land Oak Junction), Kidderminster, has been sent to the Council for information by the Highways Agency. (Attached)

8.2. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE AWARD OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING THROUGH THE CAPITAL STRATEGY

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that proposes new arrangements for the Council to evaluate bids for financial support through the Capital Strategy following the establishment of the Service Policy Panel and abolition of the Housing, Health and Rural Affairs Policy and Scrutiny Panel. (Attached)

8.3. THE OLDER PEOPLE'S STRATEGY FOR WORCESTERSHIRE

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that asks the Cabinet to recommend to the Council the adoption of the Older People's Strategy for Worcestershire. (Attached)

The Strategy and a Summary can be found on the following web link: <http://www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/corpgen/new/Azo.htm> and a public inspection copy is available on request. (Please see front cover for details).

8.4. STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING - APPLICATION TO REQUEST A CHANGE OF POSTAL ADDRESSES - NUMBERS 8 AND 9 BEWDLEY GRANGE, KIDDERMINSTER

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that informs Members of the outcome of a recent consultation process relating to an application to change property addresses at 8 & 9 Bewdley Grange, Kidderminster. The Cabinet is asked to decide whether to proceed with the renumbering. (Attached)

The appendix to this report is available electronically and a public inspection copy is available on request. (Please see front cover for details).

9. RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT CONTROL) COMMITTEE

Planning (Development Control) Committee 8th August 2006

9.1. Re : Development Control Customer Satisfaction Survey 2006

To consider a recommendation from the Planning (Development Control) Committee regarding the Development Control Customer Satisfaction Survey as detailed in the report to that Committee. (Attached)

10. 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.

11. 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 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

PART 2

Not open to the Press and Public

12. FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS *John-Paul Campion*

12.1. USE OF COMPULSORY PURCHASE POWERS

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment which asks the Cabinet to make a recommendation to Council regarding the use of compulsory powers to purchase some properties. (Attached)

12.2. COUNCIL TAX – WRITE OFF OF AMOUNTS OUTSTANDING

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services which seeks approval to write off a sum in respect of Council Taxes and National Non-Domestic Rates. (Attached)

13. 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.