



CABINET

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, 26th October 2006

Time: 6.00pm

Venue: The Council Chamber
Town Hall
Kidderminster

PLEASE NOTE VENUE

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 J-P Champion	Finance and Corporate Affairs
Councillor N J Desmond	Community & 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 Tuesday 7th November 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 Mrs Diana Glendenning, Senior Committee Officer. Telephone : 01562-732763, e-mail diana.glendenning@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

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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 28th September 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. COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Marcus Hart

IMPROVEMENTS TO CAR PARKS

7.1 To consider a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services that requests the Cabinet to consider capital expenditure proposals to improve and maintain existing car park facilities. (Attached)

8.1. REPORT ON THE BUSINESS CASE FOR A SHARED REVENUES AND BENEFITS SERVICE IN WORCESTERSHIRE

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services regarding the business case for the formation of a Shared Service for Revenues and Benefits in Worcestershire. (Attached)

The Cabinet is asked to make recommendations to Council after considering the recommendations of the Efficiency Policy Panel from its meeting on 23rd October 2006 in conjunction with this report. (See agenda item number 11.4 below).

8.2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (EARLY TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT) (DISCRETIONARY COMPENSATION) (ENGLAND AND WALES) REGULATIONS 2006

To consider a report from the Head of Human Resources and Head of Financial Services that recommends to Council that the revised policy be endorsed in cases of early termination of employment on the grounds of either redundancy or in the interests of the efficient exercise of the Council's functions. (Attached)

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

9.1 STREET TRADING POLICY

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that asks the Cabinet to recommend to Council that the Street Trading Policy for the District be approved. (Attached)

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendation of the Licensing and Environmental Committee from its meeting on 16th October 2006 which is detailed in paragraph 3.7 of this report.

The appendices to this report are available electronically and a public inspection copy is available on request. (See front cover for details).

9.2 LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that seeks the approval of Cabinet to the submission of a Revised Local Development Scheme for the District. (Attached)

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

9.3. WYRE FOREST DISTRICT RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL LEISURE STUDY 2006

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that outlines the preliminary findings of the Retail and Commercial Leisure Study undertaken by White Young Green Planning and seeks Cabinet approval to publish the findings. (Attached)

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of the Prosperity Policy Panel from its meeting on 4th October 2006 in conjunction with this report. (See agenda item number 11.1. below)

10. COMMUNITY AND LEISURE SERVICES Nathan Desmond

10.1 REVISED CRITERIA FOR DEVELOPMENT FUND

To consider a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services that recommends that the criteria of awards for the Development Fund be replaced with those for the Leisure Grant Scheme. (Attached)

10.2 PLAY STRATEGY - BIG LOTTERY FUND

To consider a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services that recommends the development of a Worcestershire Play Strategy linked to the Worcestershire Children and Young People's Plan, with individual policies and actions plans for each District Council. (Attached)

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICY PANELS

11.1. Recommendations from the Prosperity Policy Panel - 4th October 2006

Re: 1. Stourport Pride Consultation
 2. Local Development Framework: Local Development Scheme (See agenda item 9.2 above)
 3. Wyre Forest District Retail and Commercial Leisure Study 2006 (See agenda item 9.3. above)
 (Attached)

11.2. Recommendations from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee 21st September 2006

Re: 1. Ensuring Ward Members Are Informed About What Happens In Their Ward
 2. Cumulative Impact of Public Policies on Local Areas
 (Attached)

11.3 Recommendations from Cabinet Scrutiny Committee 19th October 2006

Re: 1. The Ward Members' Communication Protocol (To Follow)

11.4 Recommendations from Special Efficiency Policy Panel - 23rd October 2006

Re : A Shared Revenues and Benefits Service in Worcestershire (To follow)
 (See agenda item number 8.1. above).

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

12.1. Recommendations from the Licensing and Environmental Committee 16th October 2006

- Re: 1. Street Trading (See agenda item number 9.1. above)
2. Increases in Fees and Charges for Licensing and Consumer and Environmental Protection 2007/2008. (Attached)

13. 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 paragraphs 3 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

PART 2

Not open to the Press and Public

14. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Exempt minutes of the Cabinet held on the 28th September 2006. (Attached)

15. COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Marcus Hart

15.1. PROPOSED NEW CEMETERY SITE, MINSTER ROAD, STOURPORT

To consider a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services regarding the purchase of two parcels of land to accommodate the provision of a new cemetery. (Attached)

16. FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

John-Paul Campion

16.1. LAND AT BRIDGE STREET, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment regarding land at Bridge Street, Stourport. (Attached)

- 17. 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.**