

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING  
26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2006

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
21<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2006

ENSURING WARD MEMBERS ARE INFORMED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS  
IN THEIR WARD

**RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:**

1. The Cabinet Scrutiny Committee believes that a “no surprises” policy on Ward issues for Ward Members is absolutely essential in facilitating the role of Ward Members as local representatives and community leaders.
2. The Cabinet Scrutiny Committee requests that Cabinet instructs Officers to prepare an appropriate draft “No Surprises” Protocol for consideration by both the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet at the earliest possible opportunity.

CUMULATIVE IMPACT OF PUBLIC POLICIES ON LOCAL AREAS

**RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:**

1. The Cabinet Scrutiny Committee believes that a major problem for Ward Members in developing their local representational and community leadership roles is the difficulty in identifying how the totality of public policy initiatives by Government, local authorities and other public bodies and partners is likely to impact on the areas they represent across the short and medium term future.
2. The Cabinet Scrutiny Committee recognises that this issue is so complex that there is no simple or definitive solution to providing Ward Members with a clear “vision” of the likely impact of the totality of public policy on the areas which they represent.
3. The Cabinet Scrutiny Committee does believe, however, that a regular update briefing on key themes in public policy would be of assistance to Members in trying to gain an overall grasp of the impact of the totality of public policy on the area.
4. The Cabinet Scrutiny Committee requests the Cabinet to instruct Officers to produce a specimen briefing of the type referred to in number 3 above.