

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET MEETING
THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER 2006

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE PROSPERITY POLICY PANEL
4TH OCTOBER 2006

STOURPORT PRIDE CONSULTATION

Members considered a briefing note from the Economic Regeneration and Funding Officer, which updated Members on the work of the 'Stourport Pride' project and reported the results of the public consultation exercise.

RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:

1. The draft Public Realm Design Guide: Stourport-on-Severn (Appendix A) as amended by appendix C and its proposed adoption as a 'Companion Guide to Wyre Forest District Design Quality Supplementary Planning Guidance (July 2004) be endorsed.
2. The following comments/ amendments made by the Panel be noted:
 - Page 3 of Appendix B: "Options to include a ramp should also be considered, but if this is not possible suitable sign posting should be provided to help those unable to use steps to find the existing ramp adjacent to the Black Star public house." Members felt that although technically this would comply with the Disability Discrimination Act, it would be unfair for visitors to have only this access. As public authorities, the Council and British Waterways should be responsible for doing more than the minimum.
 - Members supported the re-wording to page 33 as follows: "Pedestrian routes need to be wide enough to permit two wheelchairs or two side-by-side twin pushchairs to pass in opposite directions"
 - With regard to page 5 of appendix B, "Litter bins subject to funding", Members hoped that Stourport Forward could organise sponsorship of this type.
3. A proposal to submit a service option for £25,000 for the financial year 2007/08 to contribute towards the implementation of the strategy be endorsed.

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK:
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME**

Members considered a briefing paper from the Principal Forward Planning Officer, which outlined proposals for the revision of the Local Development Scheme, which were due to be considered by Cabinet on 26th October 2006.

RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:

The proposed Revised Local Development Framework: Local Development Scheme as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be endorsed.

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT RETAIL AND COMMERCIAL
LEISURE STUDY 2006**

Members considered a report from the Principal Forward Planning Officer, which outlined the preliminary findings arising out of the Retail and Commercial Leisure Study undertaken by White Young Green Planning.

The Council had appointed White Young Green Planning Ltd., who were specialists in the retail planning field, to undertake a retail and commercial leisure study to support the preparation of the LDF Core Strategy.

RECOMMENDED to Cabinet:

- 1. The preliminary findings of the Retail and Commercial Leisure Study be noted.**
- 2. Upon finalisation of the Retail and Commercial Leisure Study, the Head of Planning, Health and Environment make the necessary arrangement to publish the study for sale at a cost of £50 (as per the 2001 study).**
- 3. The Head of Planning, Health and Environment has regard to the findings of the study when preparing the Local Development Framework and in undertaking the Council's Economic Development function.**