

# COUNCIL MEETING 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2006

## AGENDA

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### PART I

#### Open to Press and Public

1. **PRAYERS**

To be said by the Reverend Hugh Burton, Saint George's Parish Team, Kidderminster.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3. **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 front cover)

4. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and the extraordinary meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006. (Attached)

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

In accordance with the Council's Scheme for Public Speaking at Meetings of Full Council, to allow members of the public to present petitions, ask questions, or make statements, details of which have been received by 9 am, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006. (See front cover for contact details.)

6. **QUESTIONS**

To receive questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order A5 by Members of the Council, details of which have been received by 9 am, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2006 and the replies of the Leader of the Council, or appropriate Cabinet Members.

7. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive a list of functions attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman since the previous meeting of the Council (attached) and such verbal communications as the Chairman of the Council may desire to put before the Council, which are not already included within the agenda.

**8. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT**

To receive announcements and any matters for report from the Leader of the Council. (Verbal report)

**9. POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK – MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE A DECISION BY COUNCIL**

**a) Recommendations from the Cabinet – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006**  
(Attached)

- Disability Equality Scheme 2006-2009.  
(See also Agenda Item no. 12 below.)
- Officers' Licensing Code of Good Practice.

**b) Recommendations from the Cabinet – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2006** (Attached)

- Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006.
- Street Trading Policy.
- Public Realm Design Guide – Stourport-on-Severn.

**c) Recommendations from the Audit Committee – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006** (Attached)

- Expanded Terms of Reference.

**d) Recommendations from the Special Efficiency Policy Panel - 8<sup>th</sup> November 2006** (To follow)

- Business Case for Shared Services for Revenues and Benefits Services in Worcestershire.

The reports and associated documents, referred to above, have been circulated electronically to Members and posted on the Council's website under "Know Your Councillor – Meetings Diary, and the relevant meeting dates. Public inspection copies are available on request. (Please see front cover for contact details).

**10. MOTION SUBMITTED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. D1 (1)**

To consider the following motion received in accordance with Standing Order No. D1 (1):

**The Community Housing Group – Midlands Excellence Award**

Submitted by Councillors G W Ballinger, P B Harrison and M M G Oborski.

**11. URGENT MOTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. D1 (7)**

To consider any motions in the order in which they have been received which, by reason of special circumstances, should be considered as a matter of urgency, in accordance with Standing Order No. D1(7).

**12. DISABILITY EQUALITY SCHEME – 2006/2009 – CONSULTATION FEEDBACK**

To consider a report from the Chief Executive giving feedback from the Promoting Disability Equality Event “Countdown to Disability Equality in Wyre Forest” held at Duke House, Kidderminster on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006. (Attached)

**13. REPORT FROM THE CABINET SCRUTINY CHAIRMAN**

To consider an update on scrutiny issues from the Chairman of the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee. (To follow)

**14. WORCESTERSHIRE LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING**

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment which seeks the Council’s endorsement of the Worcestershire Countywide Local Area Agreement policies and targets for housing. (Attached)

**15. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS**

**a) Worcestershire Hub Board**

To appoint the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Affairs and the Cabinet Member for Commercial Services to represent the Council on the Worcestershire Hub Board. The Board will consist of two elected representatives from the county and district councils in the county, supported by chief officers. Other partners may be added as the Hub progresses.

The Board will have responsibility for overseeing the work of the Hub, both in terms of new developments and operational management. The Board will report to the Worcestershire Partnership and to individual partner organisations via their respective Board members. Responsibility for executive decision-making remains with individual partner organisations.

**b) Dudley Group of Hospitals’ Council of Governors**

To confirm the appointment of the Cabinet Member for Planning, Health and Environment to the Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust’s Council of Governors. This has been established to work with the Trust’s Board of Directors. It will represent the views of the local community and be consulted on proposed changes to services.

**16. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

To consider passing the following resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of items containing “exempt” information:

**“DECISION:**

**Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of “exempt information” as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.”**

**PART 2**

**Not Open to Press and Public**

**17. MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the exempt minutes of the Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and the extraordinary meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2006. (Attached)

**18. POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK – MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE A DECISION BY COUNCIL**

**a) Recommendations from the Cabinet – 28<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

(Attached for Members and relevant officers only)

- Indoor Netball Facility at Stourport Sports Club.

**b) Recommendations from the Cabinet – 26<sup>th</sup> October 2006**

(Attached for Members and relevant officers only)

- Funding of Play Area Equipment at Springfield Park, Kidderminster and Northwood Lane, Bewdley, Play areas.

<b>TO: ALL MEMBERS OF WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL</b>
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