



EXEMPT

CABINET

AGENDA

Date: Thursday, 22nd February 2007

Time: 6 pm

**Venue: Duke House, Clensmore Street,
Kidderminster**

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 Campion	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

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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.

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Councillors wishing to "call in" a decision on this agenda should contact Mrs Diana Glendenning, Senior 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.

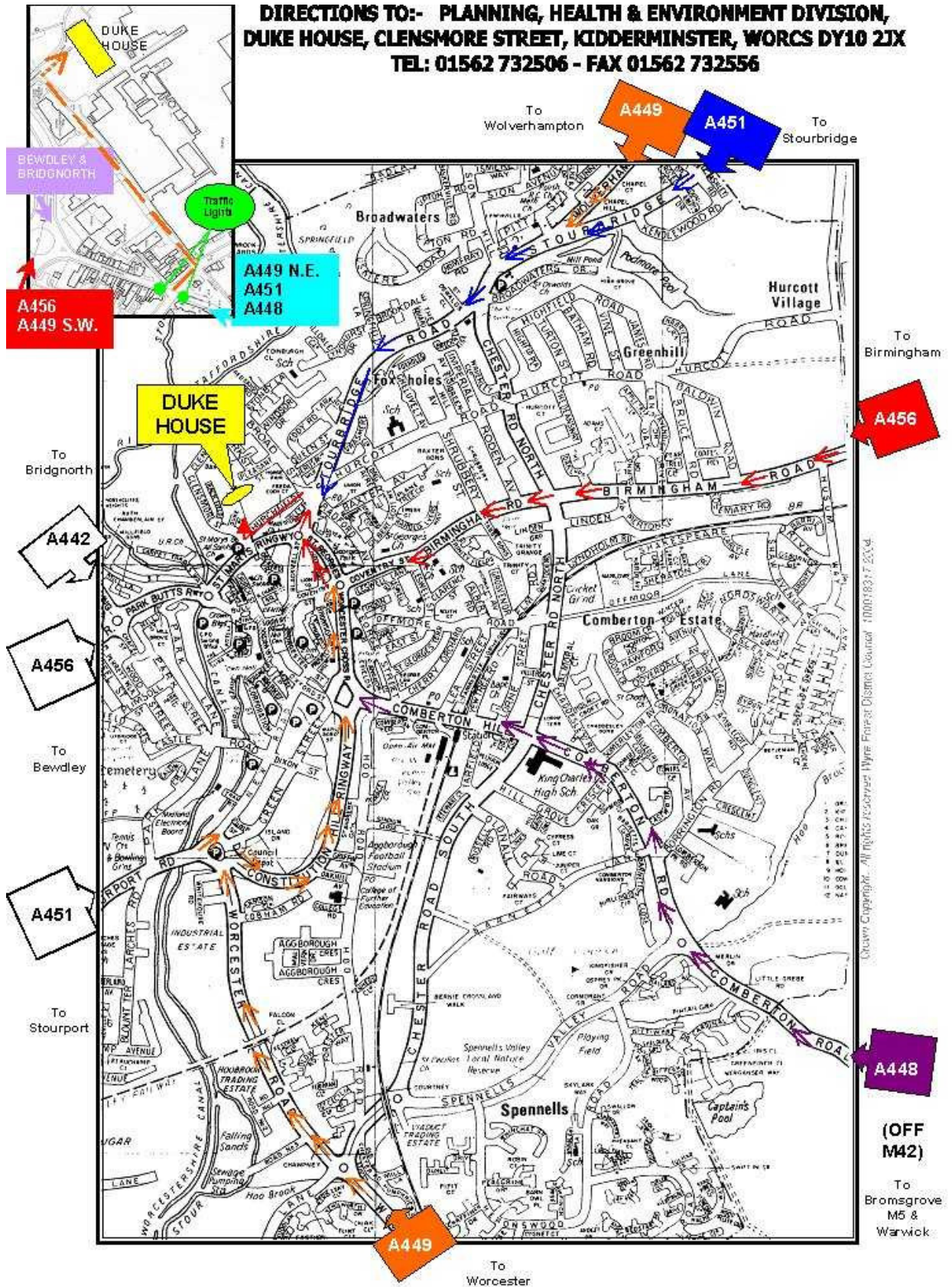
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**Wyre Forest District Council
Cabinet
The Earl Baldwin Suite, Duke House, Kidderminster
22nd February 2007**

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 25th January 2007. (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

**6.2. WEST MIDLANDS ECONOMIC STRATEGY (WMES) REVIEW 2006 - 2007
CONSULTATION ON POLICY CHOICES**

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that asks the Cabinet to approve the responses to the set questions from Advantage West Midlands regarding the Policy Choices. (Attached)

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of the Prosperity Policy Panel at 11.2.(ii) from its meeting on 7th February 2007 in conjunction with this report.

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

6.3. UPDATE ON THE WORCESTERSHIRE LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT 2006-2009

To consider a report from the Chief Executive that provides the Cabinet with an update on Worcestershire's Local Area Agreement (LAA) 2006-2009. (Attached)

7. COMMERCIAL SERVICES

Marcus Hart

7.1. UPPER SEVERN AGAINST FLY TIPPING - JOINT STATEMENT OF INTENT

To consider a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services that asks the Cabinet to recommend to Council that The Upper Severn Against-Fly-Tipping Joint Statement of Intent be adopted. (Attached)

8. FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

John-Paul Campion

8.1. FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2007/2010

To receive reports from the Head of Financial Services regarding the following:

- (a) **Proposed Decision and Reports recommended to Council**
Approved at Cabinet meeting on 21st December 2006. (Attached)
- (b) **Recommendations of the Efficiency Policy Panel from its meeting on 6th February 2007.** *(to follow)*
- (c) **Consultation on the Cabinet's Financial Strategy 2007/2010.** (Attached)
- (d) **Final Determination of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2007/2008** (Attached)
- (e) **Prudential System of Local Government Finance and The Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Report 2007/2008.** (Attached)

8.2. REPORT ON BUDGET MONITORING : THIRD QUARTER 2006/07

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services that requests 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)

9. PLANNING, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT *Anne Hingley*

9.1. WYRE FOREST DISTRICT LOCAL PLAN : POLICIES TO BE SAVED BEYOND SEPTEMBER 2007

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that asks the Cabinet to recommend to Council that agreement be sought to the submission of a request to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to save appropriate Local Plan Policies beyond September 2007. (Attached)

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of the Prosperity Policy Panel at 11.2.(iii) from its meeting on 7th February 2007 in conjunction with this report.

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9.2. BRIDGE STREET (STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN) PARTNERSHIP PROGRESS

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that apprises Members of the work of the Bridge Street Partnership and seeks approval for future progress. (Attached)

9.3. DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS ON CLIMATE CHANGE

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that:

1. Informs Members of the content of documents published by the Department for Communities and Local Government in December 2006 on matters relating to Climate Change.
2. Requests agreement to a Wyre Forest District Council response to the Department of Communities and Local Government consultation documents. (Attached)

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations at 11.3.(iii) of the Special Joint Prosperity and Service Policy Panel from its meeting held on 12th February 2007 in conjunction with this report. (To follow)

9.4. REVIEW OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE AND PRIVATE HIRE LICENCE CONDITIONS TO REFLECT THE DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT'S 'BEST PRACTICE GUIDANCE'

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that recommends a public and stakeholder consultation on reviewing certain Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licence Conditions to reflect the Department for Transport's (DfT) 'Best Practice Guidance.' (Attached)

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of the Licensing and Environmental Committee at 12.1.(i) from its meeting on 19th February 2007 in conjunction with this report. (To follow)

The appendices to this report have been circulated electronically and a public inspection copy is available on request. Please see front cover for details.

9.5. WEST MIDLANDS REGIONAL SPATIAL STRATEGY - PHASE TWO REVISION SPATIAL OPTIONS CONSULTATION

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that asks the Cabinet to recommend to Council that endorsement be given to the recommended responses to the Regional Spatial Strategy - Phase Two Revision: Spatial Options consultations questions. (Attached)

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of the Prosperity Policy Panel at 11.2.(iv) from its meeting on 7th February 2007 in conjunction with this report. (To follow)

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9.6. WYRE FOREST DISTRICT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK PLANNING OBLIGATIONS SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that recommends to Council the approval of the Head of Planning, Health and Environment's recommended amendments arising from consultation to the Draft Supplementary Planning Document. (Attached)

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of the Prosperity Policy Panel at 11.2.(i) from its meeting on 7th February 2007 in conjunction with this report. (To follow)

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9.7. PARK LANE OPEN SPACE, KIDDERMINSTER

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that appraises Members of a public realm framework for Park Lane, Kidderminster, prepared by Taylor Young and to seek approval for preliminary works to improve the open space. (Attached)

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of the Prosperity Policy Panel from its meeting on 10th January 2007 at 11.1 in conjunction with this report. (Attached)

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

9.8. GAMBLING ACT 2005 - PREMISES LICENCE FEES

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that asks the Cabinet to recommend to Council a delegation of authority to set Premises Licences Fees granted under the provisions of the Gambling Act 2005. (Attached)

The Cabinet is asked to consider the recommendations of the Licensing and Environmental Committee at 12.1.(ii) from its meeting on 19th February 2007 in conjunction with this report. (To follow)

10. COMMUNITY AND LEISURE SERVICES

Nathan Desmond

10.1 PLAY STRATEGY - BIG LOTTERY FUND

To consider a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services that recommends to Council the endorsement of the Worcestershire Play Strategy. (Attached)

Appendix 2 of the report has been circulated electronically and a public inspection copy is available on request. (Please see front cover for details).

11. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM POLICY AND SCRUTINY PANELS

11.1. Prosperity Panel 10th January 2007

Re : Park Lane Open Space, Kidderminster (Attached)

11.2. Prosperity Panel 7th February 2007

Re : (i) Wyre Forest District Local Development Framework Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document. (To follow)

(ii) West Midlands Economic Strategy (WMES) Review 2006 - 2007 Consultation On Policy Choices. (To follow)

- (iii) Wyre Forest District Local Plan : Policies to be Saved Beyond September 2007. *(To follow)*
- (iv) West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy - Phase Two Revision Spatial Options Consultation *(To follow)*

11.3. Special Joint Prosperity and Service Policy Panel Meeting 12th February 2007

- (i) Code for Sustainable Homes - A Step Change in Sustainable Home Building Practice. *(To follow)*
- (ii) Building a Greener Future : Towards Zero Carbon Development. *(To follow)*
- (iii) Consultation on Planning Policy Statement : Planning and Climate Change - Supplement to Planning Policy Statement 1. *(To follow)*
- (iv) Water Efficiency in New Buildings - A Consultation Document. *(To follow)*

11.4. Service Policy Panel 23rd January 2007

- (i) Housing Strategy Action Plan Review and Update. *(Attached)*
- (ii) Climate Change Action Plan 2006/2007 Progress Report. *(Attached)*

12. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE LICENSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

12.1. To consider recommendations from the Licensing and Environmental Committee from its meeting on 19th February 2007 re:

- (i) Review Of Hackney Carriage And Private Hire Licence Conditions To Reflect The Department For Transport's 'Best Practice Guidance.' *(To follow)*
- (ii) Gambling Act 2005 - Premises Licence Fees *(To follow)*

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.

14. 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 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

PART 2

Not open to the Press and Public

15. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Exempt minutes of the Cabinet held on the 25th January 2007 (Attached)

16. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Stephen Clee

16.1 CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM REVIEW DIVISIONAL RECONFIGURATION

To consider a report from the Chief Executive that recommends to Council the adoption of revised recommendations for the CMT Review and Divisional Reconfiguration. (Attached)

17. FINANCE AND CORPORATE AFFAIRS

John-Paul Campion

17.1. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services that seeks approval for the principle of joint working with the City of Worcester for the provision of internal Audit Management Services and Audit Services. (Attached)

18. 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.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

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