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## **CABINET**

# **A G E N D A**

**Date:** Thursday, 26th July 2007

**Time:** 6.00pm

**Venue:** The Earl Baldwin Suite  
Duke House, Clensmore Street,  
Kidderminster

## Cabinet

The Cabinet Members and their responsibilities:-

Councillor J-P Campion	Leader, Strategic Overview & Direction
Councillor M J Hart	Deputy Leader, Property and Operational Services
Councillor S J M Clew	Planning, Regeneration and Prosperity
Councillor J Holden	Corporate and Customer Services
Councillor N J Desmond	Community and Leisure Services
Councillor Mrs A T Hingley	Housing, Health and Rural Affairs

### SCRUTINY OF DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

The Council has two Scrutiny Committees 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 these Committees.

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 Corporate Service and Performance Scrutiny Committee if it is "called in" by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman of the Corporate Service and Performance Committee and any other three non-Cabinet members.

*The deadline for "calling in" Cabinet decisions is Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2007*

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](mailto: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 as appropriate 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: -

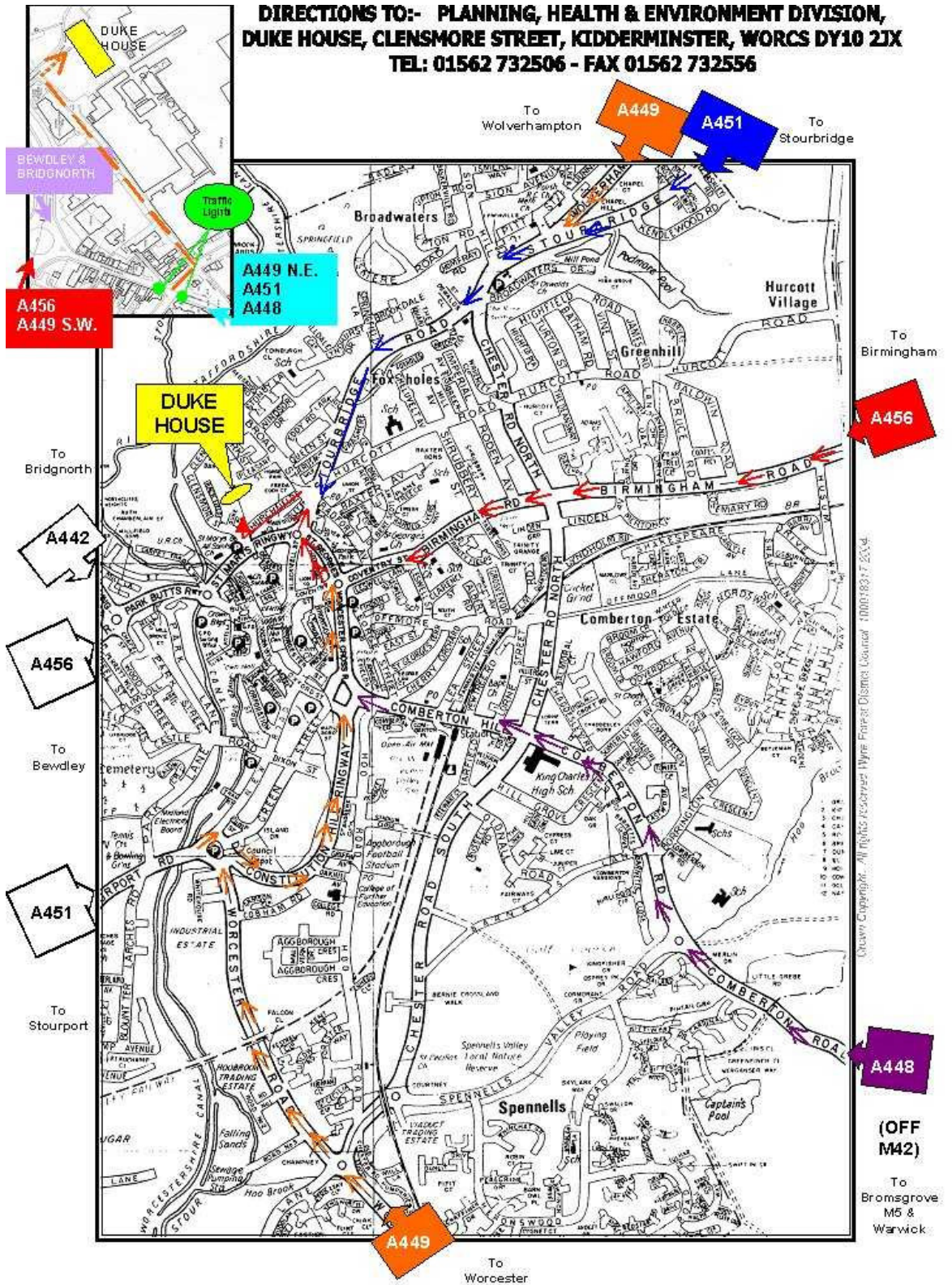
If you have any queries about this Agenda or require any details of background papers, further documents or information you should contact Diana Glendenning, Senior Committee Officer. Telephone : 01562-732763, e-mail [diana.glendenning@wyreforestdc.gov.uk](mailto:diana.glendenning@wyreforestdc.gov.uk)

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(MAP OF VENUE)

LOCATION MAP FOR DUKE HOUSE

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**Wyre Forest District Council  
Cabinet  
Earl Baldwin Suite, Duke House, Kidderminster  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> July 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 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007. (Attached)

[Minutes Cabinet 28th June 2007](#)

**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.

<b>6. <u>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</u></b>	<b><i>John - Paul Campion</i></b>
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**6.1. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**6.2 HOUSING BENEFITS – OVERPAYMENTS POLICY - UPDATE**

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services that recommends to Council the Housing Benefits - Overpayments Policy - July 2007 be approved. (Attached)

[Housing Benefits - Overpayments Policy - Update](#)

**6.3. SECTION 136 GRANT AID BEWDLEY TOWN COUNCIL**

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services that recommends that the Grant Aid application from Bewdley Town Council be approved. (Attached)  
[Section 136 Grant Aid to Bewdley Town Council](#)  
[Section 136 Grant Aid to Bewdley Town Council App1](#)

**6.4. HARDSHIP RATE RELIEF - SEVERN VALLEY RAILWAY (HOLDINGS) PLC**

To consider a report from the Head of Financial Services that asks the Cabinet to give consideration to an application for Hardship Rate Relief from Severn Valley (Holdings) PLC, in respect of their occupation of The Severn Valley Railway. (Attached) [Rate Relief SVR](#)

**7. COMMUNITY AND LEISURE SERVICES *Nathan Desmond***

**7.1 END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE (2006/07) OF THE WYRE FOREST DISTRICT LOCAL PUBLIC SERVICE AGREEMENT 2 (LPSA 2)**

To consider a report from the Chief Executive that reports on the end of year performance (2006/2007) of the Wyre Forest District Local Public Service Agreement 2 (LPSA2) that focuses on crime and fire reduction targets. (Attached)  
[End of Year Performance](#)

**8. PLANNING, REGENERATION & PROSPERITY *Stephen Clee***

**8.1 WEST MIDLANDS ECONOMIC STRATEGY (WMES) REVIEW 2006-2007 CONSULTATION ON DRAFT STRATEGY**

(a) To consider a report that updates Members on the review of the West Midlands Economic Strategy (WMES) and sets out proposed responses to the latest round of consultation. (Attached)

(b) To consider a recommendation from the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007. (Attached)  
[West Midlands Economic Strategy](#)  
[Appendix 1 part 1 West Midlands Economic Strategy](#)  
[Appendix 1 part 2 West Midlands Economic Strategy](#)  
[WMES recommendation](#)

**8.2 WOLVERLEY CONSERVATION AREA RESULTS OF CONSULTATION ON CONSERVATION AREA APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS**

- (a) To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that outlines the results of the public consultation on the draft management proposals and the draft character appraisal for the Wolverley Conservation Area and asks for agreement of the final documents. (Attached)

[The Wolverley Conservation Area](#)

[The Wolverley Conservation Area Appendix 1](#)

- (b) To consider a recommendation from the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007. (Attached)

[Wolverley Conservation Recommendation](#)

### **8.3 UPPER ARLEY CONSERVATION AREA - DRAFT CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL**

- (a) To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that outlines a draft Conservation Area Appraisal for the Upper Arley Conservation Area and seeks authority for a public consultation to be undertaken on the proposals. (Attached)

[Upper Arley Conservation Area](#)

[Appendix 1 Upper Arley Conservation Area](#)

- (b) To consider a recommendation from the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee from the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007. (Attached)

[Recs upperarley.doc](#)

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

### **8.4. KIDDERMINSTER TOWN CENTRE MANAGER**

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that seeks the approval of Cabinet for the appointment of a Town Centre Manager for Kidderminster. (Attached)

[Kidderminster Town Centre Manager](#)

[Appendix 1 Kidderminster Town Centre Manager](#)

### **8.5. 'PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE' - WHITE PAPER CONSULTATION BY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that seeks the approval of Cabinet for a proposed response to the White Paper Consultation 'Planning for a Sustainable Future.' (Attached)

[Cab 26 7 07 Planning for Sustainable Future](#)

[Cab 26 7 07 Planning for Sustainable Future APPENDIX 1](#)

## **9. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

9.1. **CORPORATE SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2007**

Update on "No Surprises" Protocol. (Attached)  
[Recommendation from CSP Scrutiny Committee 21 -06-07](#)

9.2. **CORPORATE SERVICE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE-  
19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2007**

Total Print Solution. (*To follow*)

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MISCELLANEOUS FUNCTIONS COMMITTEE**

### **10.1. Miscellaneous Functions Committee 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

Amendment to the Vehicle Equipment and Systems Renewal Schedule 2007/2008 (Attached)

[Recommendations from Miscellaneous Functions](#)

11. **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.**

### **12. 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 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

### **PART 2**

#### **Not open to the Press and Public**

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.**