

**COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 28th NOVEMBER 2007**

**MATTERS WHICH REQUIRES DECISIONS BY COUNCIL –
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET 22ND NOVEMBER 2007**

Purpose of Report

To consider a recommendation from the Cabinet on a matter outside the policy framework or approved budget of the Council.

As this agenda has been issued before the Cabinet meets on 22nd November 2007, the recommendations are as proposed in the relevant reports to the Cabinet. An update will be given at the Council meeting.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Would Councillors please note that the reports and related documents have not been included in the Council Book as they have already been sent to Members via the Cabinet agenda and copies have been included in the electronic circulation of the Council agenda. Copies of the reports and documents have been posted on the Council's website under the following web link: <http://www.wyreforest.gov.uk/council/meetings/main.htm>. Public inspection copies are available on request. Please see front cover for contact details).

ITEM	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL	CABINET MEMBER
1. <u>BENEFITS SERVICE – VISION & OBJECTIVES AND BENEFITS SERVICE STRATEGY UPDATES</u>	The Cabinet will consider a report from the Head of Financial Services which seeks endorsement of the updated Vision and Objectives of the Benefits Service and the updated Benefits Service Strategy. RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: The Vision and Objectives of the Benefits Service, attached as Appendix 1 of the report to the Cabinet on 22 nd November 2007, and the Benefits Service Strategy, attached as Appendix 2, be endorsed. The report is at Item 6.5 of the Cabinet Agenda of 22 nd November 2007.	John-Paul Campion
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<p><u>PROPOSED MERGER OF NORTH WORCESTERSHIRE CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIPS</u></p>	<p>The Cabinet will consider a report from the Head of Community and Partnership Services on the benefits and efficiencies that would be gained by merging the Crime Disorder Reduction Partnerships for the local authority areas of Bromsgrove, Redditch and Wyre Forest to create a North Worcestershire Crime Disorder Reduction Partnership. The report recommends the merger to Council, subject to consultation and the ability to meet financial safeguards.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</p> <p>The Wyre Forest District Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership be formally merged with the CDRPs in Bromsgrove and Redditch to create a North Worcestershire CDRP, subject to robust consultation and engagement with Responsible Authorities and the ability to meet any additional financial implications within existing budgets that might be incurred in the short to medium term.</p> <p>The report is at Item 8.2 of the Cabinet Agenda of 22nd November 2007.</p>	<p>Nathan Desmond</p>
<p><u>3. STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY (LICENSING ACT 2003) 2008 – 2011</u></p>	<p>The Cabinet will consider a report from the Head of Community and Partnership Services, which seeks approval for the on the Statement of Licensing Policy for the Wyre Forest District.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</p> <p>The Draft Statement of Licensing Policy (in accordance with the Licensing Act 2003) (The Act) for the Wyre Forest District, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report to the Cabinet on 22nd November 2007, be adopted as the Licensing Policy Statement for the period January 2008 – January 2011.</p> <p>The report is at Item 10 of the Cabinet Agenda of 22nd November 2007.</p>	<p>Anne Hingley</p>