

EXEMPT

Cabinet

Agenda

6 pm
Thursday 24th July 2008
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, Leisure Services
Councillor S J M Clew	Regeneration and Enterprise
Councillor N J Desmond	Community and Corporate Service
Councillor Mrs A T Hingley	Housing, Health & Rural Affairs
Councillor Mrs T Onslow	Operational Services

SCRUTINY OF DECISIONS OF THE CABINET

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

The deadline for "calling in" Cabinet decisions is Tuesday 5th August 2008.

Councillors wishing to "call in" a decision on this agenda should contact Mrs Diana Glendenning, Principal 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 relevant Scrutiny Committee Chairman must be obtained. If the 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.

For further information: -

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Cabinet
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24th July 2008

Part 1

Open to the Press and Public

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1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2.	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Members are also invited to make any declaration in relation to Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.</p> <p>(See guidance note on cover.)</p>	
3.	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Cabinet held on the 26TH June 2008. Minutes 26th June 2008</p>	9 - 20
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.	<p>ITEMS REQUIRING URGENT ATTENTION</p> <p>Any item which, in the opinion of the Chairman requires consideration at the meeting as a matter of urgency.</p>	
6.	<p>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</p> <p>In accordance with the Council's scheme for public speaking at meetings of full Council/Cabinet, to allow members of the public</p>	
7.	<p>PRESENTATION - CARPET MUSEUM TRUST</p> <p>To receive a presentation from Mr Charles Talbot (Trustee and Honorary Secretary) and Mr Peter Reed (Museum Project Advisor), from the Carpet Museum Trust which outlines to Members the aims of the project and details of the bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund.</p>	
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No. 8.	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL	John-Paul Campion	No.
8.1.	LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS		
9.	REGENERATION AND ENTERPRISE		Stephen Clee
9.1.	<p>LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME</p> <p>1. To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that seeks Cabinet's approval to the submission of a Revised Local Development Scheme for the district. LDF - Revised Local Development Scheme Appendix 1 LDS</p> <p><i>The appendix to this report has been circulated electronically and a public inspection copy is available on request. (See front cover for details).</i></p> <p>2. To consider recommendations from the Regeneration and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee from its meeting on 23rd July 2008. (To follow)</p>		21 - 24
9.2	<p>BROOME CONSERVATION AREA – RESULTS OF CONSULTATION ON CONSERVATION AREA CHARACTER APPRAISAL</p> <p>1. To consider a report from the Head of Planning, health and Environment that asks the Cabinet to consider the results of the public consultation on the draft character appraisal for the Broome Conservation Area and to agree the final document. Cabinet 24 7 08 Broome Conservation Area</p> <p>2. To consider the recommendations of the Regeneration and Enterprise Committee from its meeting held on 23rd July 2008. (To follow)</p>		25 - 28

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9.	REGENERATION AND ENTERPRISE Stephen Clee	
9.3..	<p>LOCAL AUTHORITY BUSINESS GROWTH INCENTIVE (LAGBI) – ALLOCATION OF UNCOMMITTED GRANT</p> <p>To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that reports to Members the 2008 Provisional Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Grant and asks the Cabinet to agree its future expenditure.</p> <p>Local Authority Business Growth Incentive</p>	29 - 32
9.4.	<p>KIDDERMINSTER REGENERATION PROSPECTUS UPDATE</p> <p>1. To consider a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment that advised Members of the consultation responses received during the initial stage of consultation on the Scoping Paper published in February 2008 and to agree the next steps in the development of the Regeneration Prospectus.</p> <p>Kidderminster Regeneration Prospectus Update Appendix 1 Kidderminster Prospectus</p> <p><i>The appendix to this report has been circulated electronically and a public inspection copy is available on request. (See front cover for details).</i></p> <p>2. To consider the recommendations of the Economic and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee from its meeting held on 23rd July 2008. (To follow)</p>	33 - 38
10.	COMMUNITY AND PARTNERSHIP SERVICES Nathan Desmond	
10.1	<p>COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP FUND – CRITERIA</p> <p>To consider a report from the Head of Community and Partnership Services that recommends to Cabinet an amendment to the eligibility criteria for the Community Leadership Fund 2008/09.</p> <p>Community Leadership Fund - Criteria Appendix 1 Amended Eligibility Criteria</p>	39 - 44
10.2	<p>NATURAL ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL COMMUNITIES ACT 2006 – SECTION 40 DUTY TO CONSERVE BIODIVERSITY WEST MIDLANDS BIODIVERSITY PLEDGE</p> <p>To consider a report from the Head of Community and Partnership Services that informs the Cabinet of the new duty under Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.</p> <p>West Midlands Biodiversity Pledge</p>	45 - 50
11.	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE	
11.1.	<p>Audit Committee Recommendations</p> <p>1. Annual Report from the Financial Services Manager</p>	51 - 52

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12.1.	Recommendations Re : Grants to Voluntary Review Panel Corporate Services Recommendations Corporate Services Recommendations App C Corporate Services Recommendations App D Corporate Services Recommendations App E	53 - 54
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 paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.	

PART 2

Not open to the Press and Public

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15.	EXEMPT MINUTES To confirm as a correct record the Exempt Minutes of the Cabinet held on 26 th June 2008. Exempt Minutes 26th June 2008	55 - 56
16.	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.	