

Council Meeting

16th July 2008

Recommendations from Cabinet

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To consider reports from the Cabinet on matters outside the policy framework or approved budget of the Council.

2. Supporting Information

Would Councillors please note that the report and related documents have not been included in the Council book as they have already been sent to members electronically via the Cabinet agenda. Copies are available for public inspection if requested.

Item	Recommendations to Council	Cabinet Member
1.	<p>The title of Honorary Alderman be conferred on John Clive Simmonds in accordance with Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972.</p> <p><u>Reason for decision:</u> Honorary Aldermen are part of the civic structure of a growing number of local authorities. Apart from the appointments being made in recognition of eminent services to the Council, those appointed are available to give support to the Chairman on appropriate civic occasions.</p>	Councillor Campion
2.	<p>The Sundry/Property Debtor Management Policy – June 2008, attached as Appendix 1 of the report to Cabinet be adopted.</p> <p><u>Reason for decision:</u> The formal adoption of the Sundry/Property Debtor Management Policy and the Cabinet reporting of the Sundry/Property Debtor position on a six monthly basis from July 2008 will provide members with useful management information on debt monitoring.</p>	Councillor Campion

	<p><u>AMENDMENT TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME – STOURPORT SPORTS CLUB</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Capital Programme be amended to provide £36,000 of Grant Aid to Stourport Sports Club by using unallocated Capital receipts. 2. The Head of Property & Operational Services, in consultation with the Leader and the Head of Financial Services, be authorised to release the funds on confirmation that the reconstruction of contracts have been let following approval of the Club’s insurers. <p><u>Reason for decision:</u> If Wyre Forest District Council does not make the funds available it will not be possible to let the contract for construction in accordance with the approved planning consent as the insurers have indicated they will not fund the separation of the garages and storage which is seen as essential in the rebuilding of the Clubhouse in order to improve fire safety and the long term protection of the building.</p>	Councillor Campion
	<p>The Best Value Performance Plan for 2008 be approved.</p> <p><u>Reason for decision:</u> The Local Government Act 1999 requires Councils to produce and publish an annual Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP).</p>	Councillor Desmond

	<p><u>WYRE FOREST COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2008/11</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership Plan 2008/11, which focuses on strategic priorities for criminal damage, vehicle crime, violent crime and public perception, be adopted. 2. The Council, in it's role as a 'Responsible Authority', as defined by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, fully support the Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership Plan 2008/11 <p><u>Reason for decision:</u> The Wyre Forest Community Safety Partnership Plan sets out the priorities for making the District an even safer place to live work and do business in over the next three years and fulfils the Council's statutory duty as a responsible authority.</p>	<p>Councillor Desmond</p>
	<p><u>WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE POLICY 2008</u></p> <p>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy be amended to include mandatory legislative changes to the Disabled Facility Grants (DFG) scheme as set out in paragraph 3.2.of the report to Cabinet. 2. That the Head of Planning, Health and Environment in consultation with the Head of Legal and Democratic Services and the Head of Financial Services develops a policy proposal for the introduction of discretionary charges on properties which have received DFG funding and 	<p>Councillor Hingley</p>

	<p>meet the criteria as set out by the Department for Communities and Local Government.</p> <p>3. That the Head of Planning, Health and Environment progresses the development of the Kickstart scheme in Wyre Forest.</p> <p><u>Reason for decision:</u> To incorporate the changes recently introduced by the Department for Communities and Local Government into current policy.</p>	
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