

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

STOURPORT SPORTS CLUB, KINGSWAY, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

25TH AUGUST 2009 (6:00PM)

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**Present:**

Councillors: J-P Champion (Chairman), M J Hart (Vice-Chairman), S J M Clee, N J Desmond, Mrs A T Hingley and Mrs T L Onslow.

**Observers:**

Councillor: G W Ballinger.

**CAB.63 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**CAB.64 Declarations of Interest**

The Director of Community and Partnership Services declared a personal interest in agenda item 9.1. owing to the fact that she is a Director of the Sports Club on behalf of Wyre Forest District Council.

**CAB.65 Minutes**

**Decision: The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 21st July 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**CAB.66 Call Ins**

No decisions had been called in since the last Cabinet meeting.

**CAB.67 Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There were no items requiring urgent attention.

**CAB.68 Public Participation**

No one had registered to speak under the Council's public participation scheme.

**CAB.69 Leader's Announcements**

The Leader announced that the process for the appointment of the new Chief Executive was underway and advertisements would be placed in September 2009. An Appointments and Appeals Committee would be held on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October and the Chairman's consent had been given for an Extraordinary Council meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009. Members would receive a letter confirming these dates in due course.

**CAB.70 Sundry/Property Debt Position as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009**

A report was considered from the Director of Resources that informed Members of the Sundry/Debt position as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 together with details of performance against the targets.

The Cabinet Member for Resources drew Members' attention to some key details. Members were informed that in the financial year 2008/09 the Council had sent out invoices totalling more than £3 million and the outstanding debt was just over 969,000. It was important to realise that this figure included debts not technically payable until 2009/10. He also highlighted the fact that the total amount of debt written off was low and although it was slightly higher than last year, it was considered acceptable in the current context of global downturn.

- 1. The Sundry/Property debt level, age of debt and performance against targets, as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, be received and noted.**
- 2. The payment methods for debtor accounts be received and noted.**

**CAB.71 Allocation of Section 106 Funding (Oldington Sports Ground/Stourport Road) to Stourport Sports Club**

A report was considered from the Director of Community and Partnership Services that set out a proposal for the development of a 'Sports village' at Stourport Sports Club and asked the Cabinet to approve the allocation of Section 106 funding (Oldington Sports Ground/Stourport Road) to Stourport Sports Club towards professional fees and implementation of a proposed new 'Sports Village' on the site.

The Cabinet Member for Community and Partnership Services reminded Members that in 2005 there had been a controversial planning application by Brintons to sell off its sports field in order to create a business park. As a result of the transaction, the Council secured a significant sum of Section 106 monies for the provision, upgrading or enhancement of sports facilities on land off Kingsway, Stourport-on-Severn.

Members were informed that there was now an opportunity to develop a range of sporting facilities by using the Section 106 monies and through potential external funding from other organisations including British Cycling, Department for Children, Schools and Families and the Rugby Football Union.

**DECISION:**

1. **Approval be given to allocate Section 106 funding of £329,863 (Oldington Sports Ground/Stourport Road) to Stourport Sports Club, on a phased basis, towards the development of a “Sports Village” on the Stourport Sports Club site subject to conditions. The allocation to the Capital Programme or Revenue Budget to be determined as appropriate.**
2. **Delegated authority be granted to the Director of Community and Partnership Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community and Partnership Services, the Director of Resources and the Director of Legal and Corporate Services to determine the conditions of the grant allocation to the Stourport Sports Club.**
3. **The grant is subject to clear conditions outlining the use of said grant for the purposes of enhancing sporting provision.**
4. **Delegated authority be granted to the Director of Legal and Corporate Services in consultation with the Director of Community and Partnership Services and the Cabinet Member for Community and Partnership Services to enter into all necessary documentation with Stourport Sports Club and those giving grants to enable additional land at the Kingsway to be developed and used for sports facilities for a period to end when the current management arrangements for the existing facilities end in 2125.**

**CAB.72 Allocation of Funding into the Council’s Capital and Revenue Budgets, in respect of Section 106 Agreements for White Wickets and Franchise Street Developments**

A report was considered from the Director of Community and Partnership Services that asked the Cabinet to approve the allocation of Section 106 monies received from Franchise Street and White Wickets developments into the Council’s Capital and Revenue budgets.

Members of the Cabinet were informed that the Section 106 monies from Franchise Street would be spent in the following ways:

- Improvements to open space in Brinton Park
- Public art linked to the Heritage Trail in Brinton Park
- Biodiversity improvements and management of grass and heathlands.

The Section 106 monies from Wyre Forest Community Housing Group relating to Wilton Avenue would be spent as follows:

- Replacement play area to be situated at White Wickets
- Open space contribution at White Wickets

**DECISION:**

**The monies paid pursuant to agreements made under S106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 of £78,795.55 from the Franchise Street development and £87,408.80 from Wilton Avenue development be allocated into the Council's Capital and Revenue budgets accordingly.**

**CAB.73 West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy (WMRSS) – Phase 3 Revision Options Consultation**

A report was considered from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that sought the Cabinet's retrospective approval of comments and representations on the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy Phase 3 Revision Options Consultation document which was submitted to the West Midlands Regional Assembly by the response deadline of 14<sup>th</sup> August 2009.

Members were advised that the consultation related to the provision of land for gypsy and traveller sites. The Council was required to identify 41 more plots in the district for these groups.

**DECISION:**

**Approval be given to the responses set out in the Options Consultation Questionnaire attached at Appendix 2 to this report, as the District Council's formal response to the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy Phase 3 Revision Options Consultation which closed on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2009.**

**CAB.74 Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Decision: "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 1,2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.**

**CAB.75 Summary of Minutes**

The following proceedings were considered after the press and public had been excluded from the meeting. A summary of the minutes relating to these items has been made as "exempt information" would be disclosed if the minutes were published in full.

**CAB.76 Minutes**

The Exempt Minutes of the Cabinet held on 21st July 2009 were confirmed as a correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

The meeting closed at 6.18 pm