

Exempt

Cabinet

Agenda

6:00pm
Tuesday, 23rd March 2010
The Earl Baldwin Suite
Duke House, Clensmore Street, Kidderminster



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The Cabinet Members and their responsibilities:-

Councillor J-P Campion	Leader of the Council
Councillor M J Hart	Deputy Leader, Community & Partnership Services
Councillor S J M Clee	Planning & Economic Regeneration
Councillor N J Desmond	Resources
Councillor Mrs A T Hingley	Legal & Corporate Services
Councillor Mrs T L Onslow	Housing & Environmental Services

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

The deadline for "calling in" Cabinet decisions is Wednesday 31st March 2010.

Councillors wishing to "call in" a decision on this agenda should contact Diana Glendenning, Principal Committee Officer, Civic Centre, Stourport-on-Severn. Telephone: 01562 732763 or email diana.glendenning@wyreforestdc.gov.uk

Urgent Key Decisions

If the Cabinet needs to take an urgent key decision, the consent of the 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: -

If you have any queries about this Agenda or require any details of background papers, further documents or information you should contact Diana Glendenning, Principal Committee Officer, Civic Centre, Stourport-on-Severn. Telephone: 01562-732763.

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Part 1

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Agenda item	Subject	Page Number
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 meeting held on the 16th February 2010.	7
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.	
6.	Public Participation In accordance with the Council's Scheme for Public Speaking at Meetings of Full Council/Cabinet, to allow members of the public to present petitions, ask questions, or make statements, details of which have been received by 9 am on Friday 19 th March 2010. To receive a petition regarding allotment charges. (See front cover for contact details).	

7. Leader of the Council		John-Paul Campion
7.1	Leader's Announcements	
8. Resources		Nathan Desmond
8.1	Grants to Voluntary Bodies To consider a report from the Director of Resources that asks the Cabinet to consider a request from Bliss Gate Playing Fields for a grant from the Pump Priming Fund.	13
9. Housing & Environmental Services		Tracey Onslow
9.1	Housing Assistance Policy To consider a report from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that informs the Cabinet of the proposed Private Sector Assistance Policy 2010, a replacement for the existing 2009 Policy, including changes to Discretionary Financial Assistance provided to improve housing standards. <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>	16
9.2	Supporting People Strategy 2010-2013 To consider a report from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that outlines the new Supporting People Strategy 2010-2013 which has been developed by the Supporting People Team and supported by the Supporting People Commissioning Body of which Wyre Forest District Council is a member. <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>	19
9.3	Charging Policy for Home Choice Plus To consider a report from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that provides details of the work and cost involved with the operation and management of the sub regional choice based letting scheme, Home Choice Plus.	23
9.4	Communities for Legal Government (CLG) Homelessness Funding 2010-2011 To consider a report from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that proposes arrangements for the Council to utilise the Community and Local Government's Priority need Order Funding 2010/11.	28

10. Planning & Economic Regeneration		Stephen Clee
10.1	<p>Ribbesford Conservation Area Appraisal - Consultation Responses</p> <p>To consider a report from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services that outlines the results of the public consultation on the draft Management Proposals and the draft Character Appraisal for the Ribbesford Conservation Area and to agree the final documents.</p> <p><i>The appendices to this report have been circulated electronically and a public inspection copy is available on request. (See front cover for details).</i></p>	33
11. Recommendations from Scrutiny Committees		
11.1	<p>Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee 18th March 2010</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexible Retirement Policy. (To follow) 	
12.	<p>To consider any other business, details of which have been communicated to the Director of Legal and Corporate 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.</p>	
13.	<p>Exclusion of the Press and Public</p> <p>To consider passing the following resolution:</p> <p>“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 item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of “exempt information” as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act”.</p>	

Part 2

Not open to the Press and Public

14.	<i>Legal & Corporate Services</i>	<i>Anne Hingley</i>
14.1	Property Matters To consider a report from the Director of Legal and Corporate Services that seeks approval regarding a Deed of Grant for land in Stourport-on-Severn.	36
15.	To consider any other business, details of which have been communicated to the Director of Legal and Corporate 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.	