

## WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

**COUNCIL**  
**19<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2010**

**POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK**  
**MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE A DECISION BY COUNCIL**

**Purpose of Report**

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

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

Would Councillors please note that the related reports and documents have not been included in the Council Book as they have already been sent to Members via the Cabinet agenda. Copies have been included in the electronic circulation of the Council agenda and a public inspection copy is available on request. The policy documents, referred to below, have been posted on the Council's website. (See front cover for contact details.)

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET – 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2010**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL</b>	<b>CABINET MEMBER</b>
<b>Flexible Retirement Policy</b>	<p>The Council is asked to consider a report regarding the Flexible Retirement Policy.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</b></p> <p><b>The draft Flexible Retirement Policy be adopted by Council.</b></p>	

**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET – 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2010**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL</b>	<b>CABINET MEMBER</b>
<b>Directorate Business Plans 2010/2011</b>	<p>The Council is asked to consider a report asking approval of the Directorate Business Plans for 2010/11.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</b></p> <p><b>The Directorate Business Plans as set out in Appendices 1 – 4 of the report to Cabinet be adopted.</b></p>	

<p><b>Corporate Plan 2008-2011 Refresh of Priorities for 2010/11</b></p>	<p>The Council is asked to consider a report regarding the proposed amendments to the Corporate Plan including Priority Actions and Performance Indicators for 2010/11.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</b></p> <p><b>To consider the revised Corporate Plan and recommend that it be adopted.</b></p>	
<p><b>Economic Regeneration &amp; Development in North Worcestershire</b></p>	<p>The Council is asked to consider a report on the way forward for the development of an Economic Regeneration and Development Strategy for North Worcestershire.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The four principal recommendations from the Inspira report ‘Review of Economic Regeneration &amp; Development – Strategy &amp; Arrangements’ be agreed.</b></li> <li><b>2. Wyre Forest District Council host the single North Worcestershire Economic Regeneration &amp; Development Team and delegate authority to the Chief Executive and Director of Planning &amp; Regulatory Services in consultation with the Director of Resources and Director of Legal and Corporate Services to progress to implementation, in conjunction with Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove District Councils, to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 or such other date as may be agreed by the three Councils.</b></li> <li><b>3. An Implementation Plan be agreed between the three Councils to effect the implementation of the joint service. Such Implementation Plan to be agreed with the Cabinet Member for Planning &amp; Economic Regeneration. The Implementation Plan to deal with those matters set out in paragraph 4.26 of the report to Cabinet.</b></li> <li><b>4. The Chief Executive be given delegated authority to undertake any necessary action relating to employee and union matters regarding the TUPE transfer of staff from Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove District Councils to Wyre Forest, including any temporary arrangements under S113 of the</b></li> </ol>	

	<p><b>Local Government Act 1972; and, in conjunction with the Director of Planning &amp; Regulatory Services, to make any necessary residual staffing arrangements in relation to the Planning Policy team within the Council.</b></p> <p><b>5. The Director of Planning &amp; Regulatory Services progress the preparation of a North Worcestershire Economic Regeneration &amp; Development Strategy with a view to its adoption by Cabinet and Council at future meetings.</b></p> <p><i>(Note: since the Cabinet meeting on 20 April, the other two councils have confirmed that the appointment of the officer who would lead the proposed shared service would, under their constitutions, be made by senior officers and Wyre Forest District Council will therefore take part in the process on the same basis.)</i></p>	
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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE ETHICS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE –**  
**29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2010**

**Purpose of Report**

To consider recommendations from the Ethics and Standards Committee on matters outside the policy framework or approved budget of the Council.

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL</b>	<b>CABINET MEMBER</b>
<p><b>Use of ICT in Meetings</b></p>	<p>The Council considered a report from the Monitoring Officer regarding the Use of ICT in Meetings.</p> <p><b>RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. The Council’s constitution be amended to prohibit the making or receiving of calls at all public meetings and all phones to be turned to silent or off.</b></li> <li><b>2. The use of hand held devices, including texting or emailing or receiving texts or email is not permitted at public meetings.</b></li> </ol>	