

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

THE EARL BALDWIN SUITE, DUKE HOUSE, CLENSMORE STREET,  
KIDDERMINSTER

25TH JANUARY 2011 (6.00PM)

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**Present:**

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

**Observers:**

Councillors: G W Ballinger, A J Buckley, H E Dyke, F M Oborski, M A Salter and G C Yarranton.

**CAB.88 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

**CAB.89 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

**CAB.90 Minutes**

**Decision: The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.**

**CAB.91 Call Ins**

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

**CAB.92 Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There were no items requiring urgent attention.

**CAB.93 Leader's Announcements**

The Leader informed Members that £500 would be donated to Hagley Catholic High School from pump priming money which would help to promote music throughout the County.

**CAB.94 Future Arrangement for Management of Sports and Leisure Centres.**

A report was considered from the Director of Community & Partnership Services that set out issues to be considered as part of an options appraisal for the future management of sports and leisure centre provision in the District.

The Cabinet Member for Community & Partnership Services informed Members that as part of the options appraisal, provision would need to be looked at in terms of the changing trends in leisure. A public consultation would also be carried out as part of the review.

The Director of Community & Partnership Services and the Cultural Services Manager were thanked for the work they had done to date and Members were advised that if they required further information, they should contact Community and Partnership Services directly.

The Leader of the Council hoped Members would get involved in the process as it was an opportunity for the district to consult on leisure and regeneration.

In response to a Member's question, it was confirmed that the Bewdley Leisure Centre was managed by DC Leisure. It was also noted that Bewdley Youth Centre would need to be taken into consideration when the review commenced as they used the building.

The Director of Resources would circulate to Members information on depreciation charges for the leisure centres.

**Decision:**

- 1. A full strategic options appraisal for the future management of sports and leisure centres be prepared by the Director of Community and Partnership Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community & Partnership Services, Director of Resources, Director of Legal and Corporate Services and Director of Planning & Regulatory Services and a report be presented to Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee prior to consideration by Cabinet in early summer 2011.**
- 2. A sum of up to £35,000 be allocated from General Reserves to carry out site appraisals in order for option 3 (in 4.2.1 of the report to Cabinet) to be fully costed as part of the full strategic review.**

**CAB.95 Draft Areley Kings Conservation Area Appraisal –Consultation Proposal**

A report was considered from the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services which asked Cabinet to support the draft Conservation Area Character Appraisal.

**Decision:**

- 1. The draft Conservation Area Character Appraisal, as set out in Appendix 1 to the Cabinet Report, be supported.**
- 2. The Director of Planning and Regulatory Services be given delegated authority to make any final amendments as suggested at paragraph 4.3 of the report to Cabinet.**
- 3. Officers be authorised to undertake a public consultation on the Appraisal before reporting back with a further recommendation.**

**CAB.96 Recommendations from Policy and Scrutiny Panels**

**Recommendations from Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Housing Services Assessment and Improvement Plan**

**Decision: The Strategic Housing Services Assessment be signed off and the Improvement Plan be agreed.**

**CAB.97 Recommendations from Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**Recommendations from the Parking Review Phase II Review Panel**

The Chairman of the Community and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee thanked Officers and Members for the input they had given especially in light of the tight timescale involved. The panel had consisted of Members of both scrutiny committees and the public had also been invited to attend to give their views. The public that attended were pleased to have an opportunity to put their points forward and to be involved in the process.

The Cabinet Member for Housing & Environmental Services thanked the Chairman of Community & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee for chairing the Review Panel and informed Members that a formal report would be presented to the February 2011 Cabinet meeting. It was felt that the recommendations that had been presented were consistent with the initial consultations proposals.

**Decision: The recommendations as set out below be noted and a formal report be brought back to the next Cabinet meeting.**

- 1. 60 minutes free parking Monday to Saturday and 90 minutes free parking on Sundays for outer car parks.**
- 2. The disparity in the inner charging rate be adjusted so that Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley have a universal charge of £4.30 for over 3 hours and £8.60 for 24-48 hours.**
- 3. Further investigation be made regarding the possibility of other groups running the Horsefair car park.**
- 4. To allow the use of restricted passes in Dog Lane, Bewdley, permanently, not just for a transition period.**
- 5. The Panel acknowledges this is a change in the way the Council's parking system is due to operate and feels it would be appropriate to have a review of the charges and the assumptions made after 12 months from implementation.**

**CAB.98 Recommendation from Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

**Development of a new Corporate Plan**

The Chairman of the Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee thanked Members and the Chairman of the Review Panel for their involvement and commented that it was pleasing to see that schools had been involved in the process.

The Leader of the Council also thanked the Corporate Development and Improvement Manager for the work she had undertaken for the panel. It was important that the Council refreshed its corporate plan.

**Recommended to Council:**

**Decision: The draft Corporate Plan (2011-2014) be recommended to Council for adoption.**

**CAB.99 Recommendations from Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

**New Shared Services Strategy**

The Chairman of the Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee informed Members that this had been a sensitive issue but the strategy was not about any one particular Council service.

The Leader said that the future strategy of the Council would include shared services.

**Recommended to Council:**

**Decision: The Shared Services Strategy (2011 onwards) be recommended to Council for adoption.**

**CAB.100 Exclusion of Press and Public**

**Decision : 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 it involves the likely disclosure of 'exempt information' as defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.**

**CAB.101 Future Management of Stourport Community Centre**

A report was considered from the Director of Community and Partnership Services which asked Cabinet to consider the grant of an underlease for Stourport Community Centre.

The interested party for the underlease had agreed to honour all current users of the Community Centre and to promote the Centre. They had also agreed to maintain the building.

### Agenda Item No. 3

In response to a Member's question, it was confirmed that all users of the Community Centre had been contacted but unfortunately none were in a position to be able to take the Centre on.

The Director of Community & Partnership Services and the Cultural Services Manager were thanked for their work in the process.

**Decision: Delegated authority be given to the Director of Community and Partnership Services and the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to grant an underlease for a period of 10 years, subject to the production of satisfactory documentation outlined in 4.3 of the report to Cabinet.**

The meeting closed at 6.32 pm.