

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

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

15TH MARCH 2011 (6.00PM)

Present:

Councillors: J-P Campion (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, H E Dyke, M B Kelly, F M Oborski, M A Salter and G C Yarranton.

CAB.119 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

CAB.120 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

CAB.121 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 15th February 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CAB.122 Call Ins

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

CAB.123 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

There were no items requiring urgent attention.

CAB.124 Leader's Announcements

Members were informed that the Council had been accepted as a Member of the Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

CAB.125 Wyre Forest Forward – Terms of Reference

A report was considered from the Chief Executive which asked Cabinet to agree the terms of reference for the fundamental review of the Council.

Members were informed that the process detailed in the report would help the Council meet future budget challenges and would include a strategic review of key services and priorities.

Decision: The terms of reference for the Wyre Forest Forward review, set out in appendix 1 of the report to Cabinet be agreed.

CAB.126 Budget Monitoring – Third Quarter 2010/2011

A report was considered from the Director of Resources that outlined the monitoring of the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 and informed Members of the Housing Benefits Overpayment debt position as at 30th September 2010 and of the Sundry/Property debt position as at 30th September 2010.

Members were informed that all the Cabinet proposals had been actioned and majority of them had been completed. The Corporate Management Team and staff were thanked for their efforts during the challenging time the Council found itself in.

Decision: The projected budget variations and comments outlined within the report to Cabinet and appendices 2 to 8 be noted.

CAB.127 Land at Cemetery Site, Minster Road, Kidderminster

A report was considered from the Director of Legal and Corporate Services that sought Members' approval to enter into negotiations to dispose of the freehold interest of a new electricity site that forms part of the Cemetery Site, Minster Road, Kidderminster.

Decision: Delegated authority be given to the Director of Legal and Corporate Services to enter into negotiations with Central Networks West Plc to complete the transfer of the freehold of the electricity substation site and granting of access rights for the purposes of laying maintaining electricity cabling serving the cemetery site.

CAB.128 Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee, 10th March 2011

Fees and Charges Policy

The Chairman of the Corporate Resources Scrutiny Committee informed Members that the Scrutiny Committee had thought it logical to have a policy in place which would set out the Council's fees and charges.

Decision: Recommended to Council: The Fees and Charges Policy be endorsed and adopted.

CAB.129 Charging for Discretionary Services

A report was considered from the Director of Legal & Corporate Services which asked Cabinet to consider the introduction of charging for some Discretionary Services.

Decision: The introduction of charges for discretionary services as detailed in the appendices of the report to Cabinet be approved.

CAB.130 Regeneration of Stourport Canal Basins, Bridge Street Basins Link – STC4

A report was considered from the Director of Planning and Regulatory Services which asked for approval of the evaluation model for selecting a development partner to implement for Bridge Street Basins Link Development.

Members were informed that 11 Expressions of Interest had been received to date.

Decision:

- 1. The evaluation model set out at paragraph 4.2 of the report to Cabinet be approved.**
- 2. Delegated authority be granted to the Director of Planning & Regulatory Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning & Regeneration and the Director of Legal & Corporate Services to award the contract for the redevelopment of the Bridge Street Basins Link (STC4) to a development partner, in accordance with the evaluation model.**

CAB.131 Award of Contract for Single Site

Members were informed that the report on the Contract for Single Site had been withdrawn and would be considered at an additional meeting on Thursday 31st March 2011 at 6pm.

The meeting closed at 6.19 pm.