

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

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

**KIDDERMINSTER**

**31ST MARCH 2011 (6.00 PM)**

**Present:**

Councillors: J-P Campion (Chairman), N J Desmond, A T Hingley and T L Onslow.

**Observers:**

Councillors: G W Ballinger, M B Kelly, J W Parish, M A Salter and N J Thomas.

**CAB.132 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M J Hart (Vice-Chairman) and S J M Clee.

**CAB.133 Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were made.

**CAB.134 Minutes**

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

**CAB.135 Call Ins**

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

**CAB.136 Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

There were no items requiring urgent attention.

**CAB.137 Leader's Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**CAB.138 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 paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.**

**CAB.139 Award of Contract for Construction of New Council Headquarters**

A report was considered from the Chief Executive which asked Cabinet to award the Contract for Construction of the New Council Headquarters.

Members discussed the award of the contract and felt that after completing a full tender exercise, the agreed contractor appeared to be competitive, technically sound and represented best value for money.

In response to a Member's question, the Director of Legal & Corporate Services confirmed that the Cabinet had been authorised by Council to take all appropriate decisions to ensure completion of the project.

Members were advised that following the decision, there would be a 10-day standstill period until the announcement of the award of the contract could be made public. This complied with EU procurement regulations.

**Decision: The contract for construction of the new Council Headquarters be awarded to the company named in paragraph 2.1 of the report to Cabinet.**

The meeting closed at. 6.16 pm.