

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

17TH SEPTEMBER 2013 (6.00PM)

Present:

Councillors: J-P Campion, N J Desmond, I Hardiman, M J Hart and A T Hingley.

Observers:

Councillors: C Brewer, H E Dyke and M Price.

CAB.17 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

CAB.18 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

CAB.19 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 16th July 2013 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CAB.20 Call Ins

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

CAB.21 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

There were no items requiring urgent attention.

CAB.22 Leader's Announcements

The Leader of the Council reported that he would make an announcement about the Landsbanki investments at Council on 25th September 2013.

CAB.23 Annual Report on Treasury Management Service and Actual Prudential Indicators 2012/13

A report was considered from the Chief Financial Officer which recommended to Council approval of the actual 2012/13 Prudential and Treasury Indicators and to consider the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 12th September 2013.

The Cabinet Member for Resources and Transformation informed Members that no indicators had been broken and the Council had complied 100% with the strategy. The Council had received £89,000 in interest compared to the original budget of £66,000.

He also advised that the contract with the Council's Treasury Management advisors – Capita Asset Services - Treasury Solutions, had been extended for an additional two years with effect from 1st September 2013. Members had also recently received Treasury Management training by Sector which had been welcomed.

Decision:

Recommended to Council:

- 1. The actual 2012/13 prudential and treasury indicators in this report to Cabinet be approved.**
- 2. The annual treasury management report for 2012/13 be noted.**

CAB.24 Budget Monitoring First Quarter 2013/14

A report was considered from the Chief Financial Officer that outlined the monitoring of the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003.

Members were informed that the projected outturn at 31st March 2014 was an overspend of £124,500 but as it was only the start of the year, there were no undue worries and Cabinet, together with the Corporate Management Team would continue to monitor the situation.

Decision: The projected budget variations and comments outlined within this report to Cabinet and appendices 2 to 6 be noted.

CAB.25 Community Housing Group – Right To Buy Receipts

A report was considered from the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place which recommended to Council new arrangements in respect of preserved right to buy receipts for the period 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2019.

Members were pleased with the recommendation as they felt it was the right thing for the Council to progress and this would be presented to the next Council meeting for debate. The Chairman of the Housing Review Panel welcomed the recommendations.

Decision:

Recommended to Council:

1. **Subject to clarification from the Secretary of State regarding a variation to the original transfer deed, preserved right to buy receipts in the period from 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2019 be shared equally between the Community Housing Group and Wyre Forest District Council.**
2. **The receipts retained by CHG will be invested in affordable housing in Wyre Forest, with the mix of affordable housing units concerned being agreed with WFDC.**

CAB.26 West Midlands Safari and Leisure Park – Planning Brief and Masterplan

A report was considered from the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place which reported on the final version of the West Midlands Safari and Leisure Park – Planning Brief and Masterplan and to seek approval for the document as an appropriate basis for meeting the policy requirements of the Council's recently adopted Site Allocations and Policies Local Plan. To also consider the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 12th September 2013.

The Leader of the Council acknowledged the work of the Local Development Framework Review Panel and reported that he was proud of the way the Council had used its policy to progress forward.

Members were pleased with the plans for the future and the linking up of major attractions in the district.

Decision:

1. **The West Midlands Safari and Leisure Park Planning Brief and Masterplan (as set out at Appendix 1 to the report to Cabinet), be approved as a suitable framework to meet the policy requirements of the Site Allocations and Policies Local Plan (Policy SAL.GPB5)**
2. **If any minor amendments are proposed to the Brief and Masterplan that delegated authority be granted to the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place to agree the final form of the wording of the document with West Midlands Safari & Leisure Park.**

The meeting closed at 6.29 pm.