

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

CABINET

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER

13TH MAY 2014 (6.00 PM)

Present:

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

Observers:

Councillors H E Dyke and M Price.

CAB.75 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

CAB.76 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

CAB.77 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 22nd April 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CAB.78 Call Ins

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

CAB.79 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

There were no items requiring urgent attention.

CAB.80 Leader's Announcements

The Leader welcomed members of the public to the meeting.

CAB.81 Enforced Sale Policy

A report was considered from the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place which asked Cabinet to approve the Enforced Sale Policy. Cabinet also considered the recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting on 1st May 2014.

Members agreed that there were properties in the Wyre Forest area that would benefit from the approval of this policy and be bought back into use.

Decision:

- 1. The enforced sale policy set out in the appendix of the report to Cabinet be approved.**
- 2. Delegated authority be granted to the Solicitor to the Council in consultation with the Strategic Housing Services Manager to determine which cases are suitable for action under the policy.**

CAB.82 Community Housing Group – Appointment to Tenant Services Committee

A report was considered from the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place that asked Cabinet to note the discussion that took place at the meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 3rd April 2014 and asked the Leader of the Council to respond to the letter of 11th April 2014, from the Chairman of the Tenant Services Committee/Central Tenants' Forum.

Councillors H E Dyke and M Price arrived at the meeting at this point, (18.08pm).

The Leader of the Council confirmed he would confirm by letter the decision of the Cabinet.

Decision:

- 1. The discussion that took place and the recommendation of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at their meeting on 3rd April 2014 be noted.**
- 2. The Leader of the Council responds to the letter of 11th April 2014, from the Chairman of the Tenant Services Committee/Central Tenants' Forum, acknowledging that the agreement of Council is not required for them to change the way in which tenants become members of their Tenant Services Committee (TSC).**

CAB.83 Recommendations from Committees

Overview & Scrutiny Committee, 1st May 2014

Decision:

The Cabinet noted the Committee's recommendations on Blue Badge Review Panel.

- 1. A publicity campaign via the Media Team be produced to promote the correct use of permits and to help prevent public misconception of the scheme.**
- 2. The Benefits Fraud Hotline telephone number be published and guarantee of anonymity.**

- 3. The continued efforts by the Kidderminster Hub and Worcestershire County Council to improve the application process and streamlining of issuing permits be endorsed.**
- 4. The Civil Enforcement Officers continue with the work they are doing to combat misuse of permits.**

The meeting closed at 6.13 pm.