

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
CABINET
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER
17TH MARCH 2015 (6.00 PM)**

Present:

Councillors: M J Hart (Chairman), J-P Campion, N J Desmond, H E Dyke and A T Hingley.

Observers:

Councillors: P Dyke and J Shaw.

CAB.49 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

CAB.50 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

CAB.51 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 17th February 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CAB.52 Call Ins

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

CAB.53 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

There were no items requiring urgent attention.

CAB.54 Leader's Announcements

The Leader of the Council advised Members there were new tenants in Wyre Forest House, the surface on the car park was being relaid and the visitors car park had been completed. The heating in the building had now been resolved with a new gas boiler having been commissioned. He also announced that planning consent had been granted for the new leisure centre at the Silverwoods site in Kidderminster with a view to opening in Summer 2016.

CAB.55 Kidderminster’s Music Heritage Trail – Consultation Response and Revised Strategy document

A report was considered from the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place which detailed the results of the public consultation on the draft Music Heritage Trail and to agree the Kidderminster Music Heritage Trail Art Strategy. The recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 5th March 2015 were also considered.

Decision: The Music Heritage Trail be approved

CAB.56 Public Space Protection Order for Kidderminster Town Centre

A report was considered from the Director of Community Well-Being and Environment which outlined the results from the consultation process.

Decision:

- 1. A Public Space Protection Order to prohibit consumption of alcohol within the specified area, outlined in Appendix 3 of the report to Cabinet (using the outer edge of the ring road as the boundary), be implemented.**
- 2. The Public Space Protection Order be reviewed 6 months after its implementation.**

CAB.57 Disposal of Land at Broad Street, Kidderminster

A report was considered from the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place which asked Cabinet to agree to the disposal of land at Broad Street, Kidderminster forming the public car park, also known as ‘Horsefair Car Park’.

Members were informed that as part of the financial strategy, the Council’s assets were to be looked at and it was proposed that the Broad Street car park be disposed of as it was under utilised and the Council only received a small sum of money from car parking fees.

Decision:

Delegated authority be granted to the Director of Economic Prosperity & Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning & Economic Regeneration and the Cabinet Member for Operational Services to:

- 1. Agree terms for and disposal of land at Broad Street for a capital receipt that will be made available for the Evergreen Investment Fund.**
- 2. Advertise the removal of the Broad Street Car Park from the Wyre Forest (Off-Street Parking Places) (Consolidation) Order 2009 (“the Parking Places Order”); consider any objections made as a result of the advertisement; and, following such consideration, decide whether the car park should be removed from the Parking Places Order.**

CAB.58 Recommendations from Committees

Overview & Scrutiny Committee, 19th February 2015

- **Wyre Forest House – Heating and Cooling System**

Members were advised that Overview & Scrutiny Committee had looked in depth at the report and a good debate had been held.

Decision: The following be noted:

1. **The Committee considered the information in the report and concluded that all reasonable steps were taken in the design of the building and in dealing with the issues encountered with the heating and cooling system.**
2. **Strong advice to Cabinet that for future projects we continue to ensure that all possible measures are taken to protect the authority's position, with maximum transparency and a strong audit trail.**

The meeting closed at 18.25 pm.