

**WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL
CABINET**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER
16TH SEPTEMBER 2015 (6.00 PM)**

Present:

Councillors: M J Hart (Chairman) , J-P Campion, S J Chambers,
N J Desmond, S E Fearn and I Hardiman.

Observers:

Councillors: T A Muir.

CAB.24 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

CAB.25 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

CAB.26 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 14th July 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CAB.27 Call Ins

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

CAB.28 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

There were no items requiring urgent attention.

CAB.29 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

CAB.30 Leader's Announcements

The Leader of the Council advised that due to a clash of meetings with the Charter Trustees, apologies had been received from the Leaders of the opposition groups.

CAB.31 Budget Monitoring First Quarter 2015/16

A report was considered from the Chief Financial Officer which informed Members of the budget monitoring for the first quarter of 2015/16.

The Cabinet Member for Resources led Members through the report and advised that the projected outturn at 31st March 2016 of £183,000 was made up of a Services over spend of £50,500 and £133,000 as a result of Business Rate appeals in respect of GP Surgeries.

The Leader advised that the Council had been advised by the Valuation Office of appeals which related to the 2010 rating list, neighbouring authorities in the Southern part of the County had been hit much harder and had to pay out for appeals going back to the 2005 rating list. The Leader added he would continue to pursue the issue with the Member of Parliament for Wyre Forest.

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

CAB.32 Revised Partnership Arrangements for Worcestershire Regulatory Services

A report was considered from the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place which set out the proposed changes to the Worcestershire Regulatory Shared Service partner arrangements.

Members were informed the proposed changes had come about as part of the collective partner response to managing the risks to the Worcestershire Regulatory Services as a whole.

Decision: RECOMMEND to Council that:

- 1. The current Worcestershire Shared Services Partnership is dissolved by mutual agreement on 31 March 2016;**
- 2. A new Worcestershire Shared Services Partnership comprising the six district councils is created on 1 April 2016, in accordance with the terms recommended by Worcestershire Shared Services Joint Committee; and that the Council's Licensing functions be delivered through this Shared Service.**
- 3. The new Worcestershire Shared Services Partnership enters into a service level agreement with Worcestershire County Council for the provision of trading standards services in accordance with terms to be agreed by the Acting Head of Worcestershire Regulatory Services; and,**
- 4. All existing contracts and service level agreements between the existing Worcestershire Shared Services Partnership and other local authorities are novated to the new Worcestershire Shared Services Partnership.**

Decision:

The Council's Environmental Health functions be delivered through the new Shared Service.

CAB.33 Disposal of Land at Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn

A report was considered from the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place which asked Members to agree the disposal of land at Vale Road, Stourport-on-Severn forming part of the public car park and disused public toilets.

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Regeneration took Members through the report and advised that over the last three years there had been a significant drop in the usage of the car park. The public conveniences on the site had been closed since 2014 and were becoming unsightly. The proposals for the land would result in fewer parking spaces which would meet the local parking need.

Decision:

1. **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:**
 - a) **Agree terms for and dispose of land at Vale Road, subject to obtaining planning permission for residential development, for a capital receipt that will be made available for the Evergreen Investment Fund.**
 - b) **Advertise the removal of part of the Vale Road Car Park in the Wyre Forest (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2015 No 2 ("the Parking Places Order"); to consider any objections made as a result of the advertisement; and, following such consideration, to decide whether the car park should be removed from the Parking Places Order.**

CAB.34 Recommendations from the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, 8th September 2015.

- **Climate Change Update**

Decision: The Climate Change Action Plan 2015/16 as set out at Appendix 2 of the report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be approved.

- **Wyre Forest Health and Wellbeing Plan Update**

Members acknowledged that the Health and Wellbeing plan was a comprehensive document which contained a lot of information. The plan had been developed in conjunction with partners and it was felt there was no benefit in changing the name of the document.

Decision: The Wyre Forest Health and Wellbeing Plan 2015/16 as attached at Appendix 1 of the report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be approved.

Decision: The following was not accepted:

Consideration be given to renaming the Wyre Forest Health and Wellbeing Plan to information on Wellbeing in Wyre Forest.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.25pm.