

## MEETING OF THE CABINET – 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2013

### NOTICE OF DECISIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cabinet, at its meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2013, made the decisions indicated in respect of the items listed:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Annual Audit Letter 2011/12	That the Annual Audit Letter, together with the views and comments of the Audit Commission, be noted.
Borough Housing Strategy 2013-16	That the Borough's Housing Strategy be approved.
Establishment of the Black Country Strategic Transport Board	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) That the establishment of the Black Country Strategic Transport Board to act as the Black Country Local Transport Body be approved.</li><li>(2) That the Cabinet Member for Transportation and Community Safety be appointed as the Council's representative on the Board.</li><li>(3) That the Cabinet Member for Regeneration be nominated to act as substitute for the Cabinet Member for Transportation and Community Safety when needed.</li><li>(4) That Wolverhampton City Council act as the Accountable Body for the Board, including undertaking the role as Secretary, Auditor and Co-ordinator for Freedom of Information requests, subject to further discussions in relation to the apportionment of all reasonable costs incurred in relation thereto.</li></ol>
Capital Programme Monitoring and External Funding	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) That the Expression of Interest to the Big Lottery for Fulfilling Lives: A Better Start funding be noted, and that an update on progress be given in due course, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report submitted to the meeting.</li><li>(2) That the results of the Post Completion Review of capital projects, as set out in Appendix B of the report submitted to the meeting, be noted.</li><li>(3) That the Council be recommended:-</li></ol>

- (a) That current progress with the 2012/13 Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix A to the report submitted to the meeting be noted and that budgets be amended to reflect the reported variances.
- (b) That the Council's redistributed Kickstart funding of £252,000 be reinvested through current Housing Assistance Grants schemes, and that this expenditure be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (c) That the Schools Grant allocation be noted, and the associated spend included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (d) That the Urgent Amendments to the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraphs 8-9 of the report submitted to the meeting be noted.

Draft "Planning for Health Supplementary Planning Document" – Approval to Consult

That the draft Planning for Health Supplementary Planning Document be approved for consultation.

Externally Funded Projects: (1) Economic Development

That the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Cabinet Member for Finance, in consultation with the Director of the Urban Environment and Director of Corporate Resources (or their nominated representatives) be authorised to negotiate and agree all terms, conditions and financial commitments of the Black Country Collaboration Agreements for the following four projects:-

- (a) Black Country Regional Growth Fund (Round 3) Programme Bid;
- (b) Black Country Business Property Investment Programme (ERDF);
- (c) Black Country Growth Opportunities: Local Delivery (ERDF); and

(d) Black Country ERDF Technical Assistance.

(2) That the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Cabinet Member for Finance, in consultation with the Director of the Urban Environment and Director of Corporate Resources (or their nominated representatives) be authorised to negotiate and agree all terms and conditions of future Black Country Collaboration Agreements for collaborative economic development projects across the Black Country as part of:

(a) The current European Regional Development Fund Programme (2007 to 2013)

(b) The next European Regional Development Fund Programme (2014 to 2020); and

(c) Future or exceptional rounds of Regional Growth Fund.

Green Deal/Energy Company Obligation (ECO) update and Home Energy Conservation Act (HECA)

(1) That the contents of the report submitted to the meeting be noted.

(2) That the various options for delivering Green Deal/ Energy Company Obligations in Dudley be developed further to finalise the Borough's approach to Green Deal/ Energy Company Obligations with a further report to be submitted to a future meeting for decision.

(3) That the Council be recommended to authorise the Cabinet Member for Housing, Libraries and Adult Learning, the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services and the Director of Corporate Resources to bid for and enter into an Energy Company Obligations funding arrangement.

(4) That the Dudley Home Energy Conservation Act report be approved and made publically available on the Council's internet site.

Forward Plan of Key Decisions                      That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions be noted.

Exclusion of the Public                      That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as specified below and, in all the circumstances, the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
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Staffing Issues – Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services	1
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Staffing Issues – Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services	That the termination of the contract of employment of the employee referred to in the report submitted to the meeting be approved, on the grounds of redundancy, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the report.
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The details of each of the above items are set out in the reports submitted to the meeting of the Cabinet.

Copies of the public reports may be obtained from Democratic Services in the Directorate of Corporate Resources (contact 01384 815235 or e-mail [steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk)) or on the Committee Management Information System on the Council's Website [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) and follow the links to Councillors in Dudley and Committee Management Information System.

**Except where matters have been referred to the Council, the decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days of 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2013, unless a Scrutiny Committee objects to a decision and calls it in.**

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(Display until: 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013)