

PUBLIC NOTICE

MEETING OF THE CABINET – 15TH MARCH, 2006

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cabinet, at its meeting held on the 15th March, 2006, made the decisions indicated in respect of the items listed:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Minutes	That the minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 th February, 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed.
Council Plan Review, 2006/07	(1) That the policy framework for the revised Council Plan be endorsed. (2) That the alignment of Strategic Plans to the Council Plan framework be noted.
Black Country Study - Preferred Options	(1) That the preferred strategy of the Black Country Study, proposed for submission to the Secretary of State, be endorsed, subject to Resolutions (2) and (3) below. (2) That, during the final drafting stages, should the contents of the document change in a manner which does not alter the document materially, the Leader of the Council be authorised to approve changes. (3) That, should any urgent material changes be necessary, which would be considered to alter the document significantly, a Special Meeting of the Cabinet to consider the revisions be held on the 19 th April, 2006.
Revision of the Local Development Scheme (LDS)	(1) That the LDS for the period 2006-09 be approved as the operational Local Development Scheme for the Borough and submitted to the Government Office for the West Midlands in accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act, 2004, subject to resolutions (2) and (3) below.

- (2) That, should changes to the timescales involved on some documents be necessary in consequence of the commitment of the four Black Country Boroughs working together to produce a joint core strategy (one of the key documents in the LDS), the Cabinet member for Economic Regeneration, in consultation with the Director of the Urban Environment, be authorised to approve minor changes.
- (3) That, should changes required be significant, the LDS be re-submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Cabinet for approval before its submission to the Government Office for the West Midlands.

Submission of the Statement of Community Involvement to the Secretary of State for independent examination

That the submission of the Statement of Community Involvement to the Secretary of State for independent examination and the associated six weeks' statutory public consultation, be approved.

Dudley Economic Strategy 2006/07

- (1) That the revised Economic Strategy for the Borough for 2006/07, as summarised in Appendix 1 to the report submitted to the meeting, be approved.
- (2) That a full copy of the revised Economic Strategy for the Borough for 2006/07 be placed in the Members' Room for future reference.

Birmingham International Airport - Draft Airport Master Plan

That the Birmingham International Airport draft Master Plan be endorsed and that the comments outlined in paragraphs 14 to 16 (inclusive) in the report submitted to the meeting be forwarded to the Airport Company as part of a supportive response to the consultation.

The Principles of the Children's Services Directorate

- (1) That the principles of operation of the Directorate of Children's Services, as set out in paragraphs 23 to 26 of the report submitted to the meeting, be endorsed for wide consultation, alongside the Children and Young People's Plan.
- (2) That it be suggested to Area Committees that one of their vacancies for a co-opted member be reserved for a representative of young people.

- (3) That all members of the Children's Champion Group, and all the staff in the former Education and Lifelong Learning and Social Services Directorates involved, be thanked for their work in establishing the principles of operation of the Directorate of Children's Services and the Children and Young People's Plan.

The Structure of the Directorate of Children's Services

That the structure for the Directorate of Children's Services, as summarised in the report submitted to the meeting, be approved.

The Children and Young People's Plan

That the draft Plan be received and that it be noted that the final Plan will be approved by way of a joint decision sheet of the Cabinet Members for Education and Lifelong Learning and Social Services, for publication from the 1st April, 2006.

Implementing the Statutory duty to Safeguard and Promote the Welfare of Children - the Roles and Responsibilities of the Council.

- (1) That the report submitted to the meeting be noted.
- (2) That the statement "Safeguarding Children - Summary of Roles and Responsibilities within the Council" be endorsed.
- (3) That it be noted that other partners will be engaged in a similar process through the Dudley Safeguarding Children Board.

Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report

That the report submitted to the meeting be received and its content approved.

Capital Programme Monitoring

- (1) That current progress with the 2005/06 Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 2 and Appendix A of the report submitted to the meeting be noted.
- (2) That the Council be recommended:-
 - (a) That the increased Disabled Facilities Grant Allocation be noted, and that the Capital Programme be amended accordingly, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report submitted to the meeting.

- (b) That the Sedgley Superloo project be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (c) That the expenditure of the Waste Performance and Efficiency Grant for 2006/07 be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (d) That the expenditure on developing the Green Waste Collection service be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (e) That the expenditure on fencing off Stepshaft Mine be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (f) That the potential shortfall in funding for the Phase 2 Children's Centre Programme be noted; that the Cabinet Member for Education and Lifelong Learning be authorised to make representations to the Department for Education and Skills concerning the inadequacy of the funding available; and that subject to continued scrutiny with a view to reducing costs, other funding being sought, and to no commitment being entered into for which funding is not secure, the Phase 2 Children's Centre programme be approved, and the individual projects be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 11 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (g) That the expenditure on acquisition and demolition of properties in the Cavendish Quarter be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 12 of the report submitted to the meeting.

- (h) That the Urgent Amendment to the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 13 of the report submitted to the meeting, be noted.

Approval for Submission of Proposals for a Casino in Brierley Hill

That the Director of the Urban Environment, in consultation with the Director of Law and Property, be authorised to submit proposals for an appropriate category of Casino in Brierley Hill for consideration by the Department of Media, Culture and Sport's Casino Advisory Panel.

Exclusion of the Public

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that:-

- (a) They involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 as indicated below; and
- (b) In all the circumstances, the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

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Remodelling of Council Services - Voluntary Severance

That the application for voluntary severance referred to in the report submitted to the meeting be approved on the terms and conditions set out in the report.

Directorate of Finance, ICT and Procurement - Human Resource Issues

That the two requests for early severance set out in the report submitted to the meeting be approved on the terms and conditions set out in the report.

- Appointment of Consultants in Connection with the Dudley Town Centre Area Development Framework
- (1) That the Director of the Urban Environment, in consultation with the Director of Law and Property and the Director of Finance, be authorised to appoint the consultants referred to in the report submitted to the meeting, as advisers to the Council on terms to be negotiated and agreed by the Director of the Urban Environment.
 - (2) The Director of Law and Property and the Director of Finance be authorised to appoint outside Solicitors/Financial Advisers from time to time for specialist advice in connection with the implementation of the Dudley Town Centre Area Development Framework.

The details of each of the above items are set out in the reports submitted to the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 15th March, 2006. Where the items were considered in public session, copies of the reports may be obtained from Democratic Services in the Directorate of Law and Property (contact Richard Sanders, 01384 815236) and are on the Council's CMIS system (<http://cmis.dudley.gov.uk/cmiswebp7ublic/>).

Except where matters have been referred to full Council, the decision will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days of the 21st March, 2006, unless a Select Committee objects to a decision and calls it in.

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Dated: 21st March, 2006