

MEETING OF THE CABINET

Thursday 6th December, 2012 at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Sparks (Leader of the Council) (Chair)
Councillor Ali (Deputy Leader)
Councillors K Ahmed, Crumpton, Foster, Lowe, Partridge and Wood

together with the following Minority Group Members appointed to attend meetings of the Cabinet

Councillors Blood, Harley, L Jones, Miller, Vickers, Mrs Walker and Wright (Conservative Group)

OFFICERS:-

The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Resources, Director of Children's Services, Treasurer, Director of the Urban Environment, Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services, Director of Public Health, Assistant Director (Human Resources and Organisational Development), Democratic Services Manager, together with other officers.

OBSERVER:-

Councillor J Martin

51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were submitted on behalf of Councillors Islam, Mrs Shakespeare and Waltho.

52 CHANGES IN REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS

It was reported that Councillor Miller had been appointed to serve as a Minority Group representative in place of Councillor Mrs Shakespeare for this meeting of the Cabinet only.

53 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member made a declaration of interest, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 31st October and 13th November, 2012, be approved as correct records and signed.

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING AND EXTERNAL FUNDING

A joint report of the Chief Executive and the Treasurer was submitted on progress with the implementation of the Capital Programme and to seek approval for bids for external funding.

The Cabinet Member for Finance responded to issues raised by the Leader of the Opposition Group concerning the differences between the expenditure to 31st October, 2012 and the forecast and budgeted expenditure for the financial year.

RESOLVED

- (1) That current progress with the 2012/13 Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix A to the report submitted to the meeting, be noted.
 - (2) That the second round application to the Heritage Lottery Fund in respect of the Mary Stevens Park project be supported and approved for submission, as set out in paragraph 4 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (3) That the bid for Big Lottery funding for a Community Magazine be supported and approved for submission, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report submitted to the meeting.
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QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE REPORT

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted on the second Quarterly Corporate Performance Report for 2012/13, relating to performance for the period from 1st July to 30th September, 2012.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Quarterly Corporate Performance Report for the period from the 1st July to the 30th September, 2012 be noted and its contents approved.

- (2) That the referral of the report to Scrutiny Chairs be noted.
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57 DESIGN IN BRIERLEY HILL TOWN CENTRE SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT – APPROVAL TO ADOPT

A report of the Director of the Urban Environment was submitted on the Design in Brierley Hill Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document.

RESOLVED

That the Design in Brierley Hill Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document be approved and adopted.

(This was a Key Decision with the Cabinet being named as Decision Taker)

58 COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY PRELIMINARY DRAFT CHARGING SCHEDULE FOR CONSULTATION

A report of the Director of the Urban Environment was submitted on progress on the feasibility work regarding the development of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and to seek approval for the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule to be published for a statutory six-week period of public consultation.

In response to issues raised by the Opposition Group, the Cabinet Member for Regeneration emphasised that the document would be subject to full consultation and there was no intention to deter development or investment in the Borough. All views and representations would be taken into account following the consultation. Subject to its formal adoption, Members would review the charging schedule in the light of experience and take account of the views of neighbouring Councils.

RESOLVED

That approval be given to publish the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule for a statutory six-week period of public consultation.

(This was a Key Decision with the Cabinet being named as Decision Taker)

59 FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on the Forward Plan of Key Decisions for the four-month period commencing 1st December, 2012.

RESOLVED

That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions be noted.

60 ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

No issues were reported under this item.

61 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

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 indicated 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>
Staffing Issues – Directorate of Children’s Services	1

62 STAFFING ISSUES – DIRECTORATE OF CHILDREN’S SERVICES

A report of the Director of Children’s Services was submitted seeking approval to terminate the contracts of employment of two employees referred to in the report submitted to the meeting, on the grounds of compulsory redundancy, in accordance with the Managing Employees at Risk of Redundancy Policy.

RESOLVED

That the termination of the contracts of employment of the two employees referred to in the report submitted to the meeting be approved, on the grounds of compulsory redundancy, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the report.

The meeting ended at 6.16pm

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL