

## SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CABINET

Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2009 at 6.00 p.m.  
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley

### PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Millward (Leader of the Council) (Chairman)  
Councillor Jones (deputy Leader) (Vice Chairman)  
Councillors Adams, D Blood, Simms, Stanley, and Mrs Walker

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

Councillors Ali, K Finch, Lowe, Ms Partridge, and Mrs Ridney

### OFFICERS:-

Chief Executive, Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services,  
Director of the Urban Environment, Interim Director of Finance, Interim  
Director of Law Property and Human Resources and Mr Sanders  
(Directorate of Law Property and Human Resources)

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### APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Crumpton, Mrs Faulkner, Foster, Sparks and A Turner.

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### REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS

It was reported that Councillors Crumpton and K Finch had been appointed to serve in place of Councillors Foster and Sparks, respectively, for this meeting of the Cabinet only.

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### DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No member declared a Personal or Prejudicial Interest, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

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### BLACK COUNTRY JOINT CORE STRATEGY – APPROVAL OF THE JOINT CORE STRATEGY FOR PUBLICATION

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A report of the Director of the Urban Environment was submitted seeking approval to the Joint Core Strategy for consultation on publication stage of the production of the document and which also sought agreement to recommend the Council that the Plan be submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination. The report also sought consideration of arrangements for approving any further minor amendments to the document necessary prior to its publication and submission.

RESOLVED

That the Council be recommended.

- (1) That the Black Country Joint Core Strategy be approved in order that the document can be published, and that the document be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.
- (2) That the Director of the Urban Environment, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, be authorised to agree any minor changes to the document prior to submission to the Secretary of State.
- (3) That the Leader of the main Opposition Group, or the Opposition Spokesperson for Regeneration, be notified of any changes made in good time.

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PUBLICATION OF THE BRIERLEY HILL AREA ACTION PLAN FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND SUBMISSION

A report of the Director of the Urban Environment was submitted seeking approval to the Brierley Hill Area Action Plan for consultation on publication stage of the production of the document and which also sought agreement to recommend the Council that the Plan be submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination. The report also sought consideration of arrangements for approving any further minor amendments to the document necessary prior to its publication and submission.

RESOLVED

That the Council be recommended.

- (1) That the Brierley Hill Area Action Plan be approved in order that the document can be published, and that the document be submitted to the Secretary of State for Examination.

- (2) That the Director of the Urban Environment, in consultation with Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, be authorised to agree minor changes to the document prior to submission to the Secretary of State.
  - (3) That the Leader of the main Opposition Group, or the Opposition Spokesperson for Regeneration, be notified of any changes made in good time.
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### GAMBLING POLICY

A report of the Interim Director of Law, Property and Human Resources was submitted which sought consideration of the recommendations of the Licensing and Safety Committee, at its meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2009, in relation to a review of the Council's Gambling Policy in the light of changes to the Gambling Commission's Guidance to Licensing Authorities issued in May, 2009. The recommendations of the Licensing and Safety Committee were circulated at the meeting.

#### RESOLVED

That the Council be recommended.

- (1) That the revised Gambling Policy, as attached to the report submitted to the meeting as Appendix 1, be approved, subject to the inclusion of the following amended wording to the second paragraph under the sub-heading (iii) Premises "ready for gambling" (Page 16 of the draft Policy), to read:-

"If the Applicant does not yet have a right to occupy or does not have an operators licence from the Gambling Commission then an application for a provisional statement should be made instead"

- (2) That, subject to the amendment in (1) above, the draft Gambling Policy, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report submitted to the meeting, be adopted for publication on 4 January 2010.

The meeting ended at 6.10 p.m.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL