

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet**

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2018 at 6.00 pm**  
**In Committee Room 2 at The Council House, Dudley**

**Present:**

**Cabinet Members**

Councillor P Harley (Leader – Chair)  
Councillor D Vickers (Deputy Leader – Vice-Chair)  
Councillors N Barlow, R Buttery, A Lees, S Phipps and K Shakespeare

**Opposition Group Members Nominated to attend the Cabinet**

Councillors P Lowe, J Foster, K Casey, J Martin and Q Zada

**Officers**

S Norman – Chief Executive, A Lunt – Strategic Director Place, M Samuels  
Strategic Director People, I Newman – Chief Officer Finance and Legal Services,  
M Farooq – Lead for Law and Governance, J Cunningham - Interim Project Lead  
for Metro and S Griffiths – Democratic Services Manager

17 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors S Clark, I Kettle and L Taylor.

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18 **Declarations of Interest**

No Member made a declaration of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

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19 **Minutes**

**Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 26<sup>th</sup> July, 2018, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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20 **Capital Programme Monitoring**

A joint report of the Chief Executive and Chief Officer Finance and Legal Services was submitted on progress with the implementation of the Capital Programme and on a number of proposed amendments.

## **Resolved**

That the Council be recommended:-

- (1) That current progress with the most significant capital schemes, as set out in Appendix A of the report, be noted;
- (2) That the contribution to the Stourbridge Canal Towpath project be approved and included in the Capital Programme, and that any transportation expenditure which can be funded from such resources in future be included in the Capital Programme as appropriate, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report;
- (3) That the improvements to Vale Street, Gornal be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report;
- (4) That the project to replace the hammer throw cage and circle at the Dell Stadium be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report;
- (5) That the School Basic Need allocation for 2020/21 be noted, and the associated expenditure included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report;
- (6) That the School Devolved Capital allocation for 2018/19 be noted, and the associated expenditure included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report.

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## 21 **Dudley Bus Network Development Plan: 2019 - 2026**

A report of the Strategic Director Place was submitted on the Dudley Bus Network Development Plan 2019 – 2026 developed by Transport for West Midlands.

### **Resolved**

- (1) That the Dudley Bus Network Development Plan be used to inform the development and delivery of local improvements to the bus network through joint working with West Midlands Bus Alliance partners.
- (2) That the Dudley Bus Network Development Plan, as appended to the report, covering the period 2019 -2026, in line with the objectives of the West Midlands Bus Alliance, be approved.
- (3) That an annual review of the Dudley Bus Network Development Plan be supported.

A joint report of the Strategic Director Place and Chief Office Finance and Legal Services was submitted to revise the current mechanism for the delivery of the Dudley Town Centre Area Development Framework (now Dudley Town Centre Area Action Plan); to encompass the Metro Corridor from Birmingham New Road to Brierley Hill and all relevant Centres covered by an Area Action Plan (Stourbridge, Halesowen and Brierley Hill) as well as the relevant key transport routes identified as Black Country Core Strategy Regeneration Corridors.

**Resolved**

- (1) That following consultation with the Chief Officer Finance and Legal Services and the Cabinet Members for Regeneration and Enterprise and Finance and Legal Services, the Strategic Director Place be authorised to conclude the refresh of the Metro Legal Agreement entered into by Dudley MBC and the then Centro now West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) in 2005;
  
- (2) That subject to a 2km Corridor on either side of the Metro line from Birmingham New Road to Brierley Hill and all relevant Centres covered by an Area Action Plan (Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen and Brierley Hill) as well as the relevant key transport routes as identified as Black Country Core Strategy Regeneration Corridors, following consultation with the Chief Officer Finance and Legal Services and the Cabinet Members for Regeneration and Enterprise and Finance and Legal Services, the Strategic Director Place be authorised to:-
  - Submit funding applications, accept funding and negotiate funding agreements with funding bodies in support of the regeneration of these areas and address any other funding requirements associated with the delivery of regeneration including site investigations and works to the public realm and highways infrastructure;
  - Subject to the availability of funding, incur any revenue expenditure relating to programme delivery;
  - Negotiate and complete any relevant undertaking and required development agreements prior to the making of any Compulsory Purchase Orders;
  - Acquire and extinguish interests in land and new rights to support the assembly of development sites either by agreement or compulsorily.

That the Council be recommended:-

- (3) That subject to external funding being available, any land or property acquisitions or works to be carried out including improvements to public realm and highways infrastructure by the Council be included in the Capital Programme, and any proposals which utilise the Council's own resources be submitted to the Cabinet and Council.
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23 **Review of Council Procedure Rule 11 – Questions by Members at Full Council**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Lead for Law and Governance on a review of Council Procedure Rule 11 relating to questions asked by Members at full Council meetings.

**Resolved**

- (1) That the revised Council Procedure Rule 11, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved;
- (2) That the arrangements for the new 'Question Time' session be piloted at the full Council meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2018;
- (3) That subject to the outcome of the pilot, amendments to Council Procedure Rule 11 be formalised in the Annual Review of the Constitution.

The meeting ended at 6.15 p.m.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL