

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CABINET – 13TH NOVEMBER, 2012

NOTICE OF DECISIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cabinet, at its meeting held on the 13th November, 2012, made the decisions indicated in respect of the items listed:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Review of Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries	<p>(1) That representations be made to the Boundary Commission for England to the effect that the proposed Stourbridge and Dudley Constituency should be re-designated as the Stourbridge Constituency.</p> <p>(2) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Councillor L Jones, be authorised to examine any viable alternative proposal for Parliamentary constituency boundaries within the borough and make an appropriate submission to the Boundary Commission for England.</p>
Review of Area Committees	<p>That the Council be recommended:-</p> <p>(1) That the outcome of consultation be noted and the issues raised be taken into account in the implementation and ongoing review of the proposals.</p> <p>(2) That nine Community Forums be established, on the basis outlined in the report submitted to the meeting (Page 13 - Appendix 1), to replace the existing Area Committee structure and that the Community Forums maintain a clear focus on community engagement and participation.</p> <p>(3) That the revised structure and area arrangements be funded from existing resources.</p>

- (4) That the proposed dates of the meetings of the Community Forums for the remainder of the municipal year be as set out in the schedule circulated at the meeting and that the meetings of Area Committees previously programmed in 2013 be no longer proceeded with.
- (5) That Members be nominated to serve as the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Community Forums initially with effect from the first meeting in February, 2013 until the annual meeting of the Council in May, 2013.
- (6) That, pending a review of the Members Allowances Scheme in 2013, annual Special Responsibility Allowances be paid to the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Community Forums and that it be noted that these payments will be within the existing budget allocation for the allowances currently paid to the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Area Committees.
- (7) That the payment of Special Responsibility Allowances to the existing Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Area Committees cease with effect from the launch of the new Forums on 11th February, 2013 and the Members Allowances Scheme, as set out in the Constitution, be amended accordingly.
- (8) That the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, be authorised to determine the reallocation of any unspent Area Committee local area budgets to the Community Forums on a ward by ward basis in due course.
- (9) That the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to organise development sessions for Members and Officers and to determine any other consequential arrangements to ensure the implementation of the Community Forums from February, 2013.

- (10) That the revised area arrangements be the subject of an ongoing review to ensure that they remain flexible and a full review of the operation of the Community Forums be undertaken after 12 months of experience.

Annual Review of the
Constitution

That the Council be recommended:-

- (1) That the standards arrangements, produced by the Monitoring Officer under delegated powers, as set out in Appendix 1 of the report submitted to the meeting, be endorsed.
- (2) That the Petition Scheme, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report submitted to the meeting, be approved.
- (3) That Article 10 of the Constitution be revised, as set out in Appendix 3 of the report submitted to the meeting, to reflect the replacement of Area Committees with the new Community Forums.
- (4) That the Director of Corporate Recourses be given delegated authority to action recommendations from the Community Forums in respect of area budgets, as referred to in paragraph 16 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (5) That the revisions and updates to the scheme of delegation, as referred to in paragraph 18 of the report submitted to the meeting, be approved and adopted.
- (6) That the provisions for the “reference up” of decisions, as set out in paragraph 19 of the report submitted to the meeting, be approved and incorporated in Article 7.06 of the Constitution.
- (7) That the arrangements for calling special meetings of any Committee, as referred to in paragraph 20 of the report submitted to the meeting, be approved to ensure consistency in all parts of the Constitution.

- (8) That the Council's existing overview and scrutiny arrangements and Scrutiny Committee structure be reviewed and that recommendations be presented to the Council in advance of the 2013/14 municipal year.
- (9) That the implications of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, be noted and that the Director of Corporate Resources be authorised to make any consequential changes to the Access to Information Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution.
- (10) That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions be reported to all ordinary meetings of the Cabinet, as referred to in paragraph 31 of the report submitted to the meeting.

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) or on the Committee Management Information System on the Council's Website www.dudley.gov.uk and follow the links to Meetings and Decisions.

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 15th November, 2012, unless a Scrutiny Committee objects to a decision and calls it in.

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