### SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CABINET

# Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2010 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)

Councillors Adams, D. Blood, Evans, Mrs. Faulkner, Simms, Stanley, A. Turner and Mrs. Walker

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

Councillors Ali, Crumpton, Ms. Foster, Ms. Partridge and Mrs. Ridney (Labour Group)

#### **OFFICERS:-**

Chief Executive, Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services, Director of Children's Services, Director of Corporate Resources, Director of the Urban Environment, Interim Director of Finance, Assistant Director (Human Resources and Citizenship), Democratic Services Manager (Directorate of Law, Property and Human Resources) and other officers.

### 95 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors Lowe and Sparks.

# 96 CHANGES IN REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS

It was reported that Councillor Crumpton was serving in place of Councillor Sparks for this meeting of the Cabinet only.

# 97 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

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

## 98 REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2010/11

A joint report of the Chief Executive and Interim Director of Finance was submitted seeking consideration of the Revenue Budget Strategy for 2010/11 and Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period from 2010/11 to 2012/13. The report presented spending and funding options for consultation with Select Committees, and representatives of business ratepayers.

#### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That approval be given to the preliminary strategy outlined in the report submitted to the meeting as a basis for further consultation.
- (2) That the various issues and risks which will need to be taken into account in finalising budget proposals for 2010/11 and the Medium Term Financial Strategy, as set out in the report submitted to the meeting, be noted.
- (3) That the Local Area Agreement reward grant be allocated as set out in the notes to the table in paragraph 20 of the report submitted to the meeting.

The meeting ended at 6.29pm.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL