

## **SELECT COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT**

Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2008 at 6.00pm  
in Committee Room 2, The Council House, Dudley

### **PRESENT:-**

Councillor Mrs Cowell (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs Turner (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillors Harley, James, Kettle, J Martin, Stanley and Waltho

### **Officers**

Director of Law and Property (As Lead Officer to the Committee),  
Director of Finance, Assistant Director Development and Environmental  
Protection, Assistant Director Environmental Management and Head of  
Public Protection (all Directorate of the Urban Environment), Assistant  
Director Housing Management (Directorate of Adult, Community and  
Housing Services) and Mr J Jablonski (Directorate of Law and  
Property).

### 36      **APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence from the meeting was submitted on behalf of  
Councillor Lowe.

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### 37      **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBER**

It was reported that Councillor J Martin had been appointed as a  
substitute member for Councillor Lowe for this meeting of the  
Committee only.

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### 38      **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

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### 39      **MINUTES**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Special meeting of the Committee held  
on 28<sup>th</sup> November, 2007, be approved as a correct record and  
signed.

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PUBLIC FORUM

No issues were raised under this agenda item.

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REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2008/09

A joint report of officers was submitted on the proposed Revenue Budget Strategy for 2008/09 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2008/09 – 2010/11 that had been approved by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2008.

The Director of Finance in his presentation of the report, and Appendices to the report, submitted, commented on the background to the proposals and in particular to paragraphs 27 to 33 in respect of implications for services covered by the terms of reference of this Select Committee.

Arising from the presentation given and comments made it was

RESOLVED

That the Cabinet's Revenue Budget Strategy proposals for 2008/09 and Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2008/09 – 2010/11 be noted and that the Cabinet be informed that this Select Committee had no other observations that it would wish to make.

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AN UPDATE ON AIR QUALITY WITHIN DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

A report of the Director of the Urban Environment was submitted updating the Committee on the current situation with respect to air quality monitored within the Borough and addressing issues of air quality monitoring undertaken within the Borough; areas identified as having poor air quality and on the Air Quality Management Area and Action Plan progress.

Arising from the presentation of the content of the report by the Head of Public Protection Members asked a number of questions in particular relating to air quality and possible improvement in traffic management that might assist this and it was noted that the Assistant Director Environmental Management would forward to the appropriate section a request made at the meeting that traffic flows especially in urban areas with high concentrations of pollution be looked at with a view to increasing the flow of traffic in those areas thereby hopefully preventing the situation from worsening.

The Head of Public Protection was also asked to inform Council Kettle when the decision was taken to no longer monitor the pollutants referred to in paragraph 2.2 of the report submitted on a permanent basis and asked to provide Councillor J Martin with details of air pollution monitoring undertaken in his ward.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report submitted on progress made with air quality monitoring be noted and that support be given to the continued monitoring in 2008/09 so as to assist in furthering understanding and making further improvements to air quality.

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QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

A report of the Lead Officer to the Committee was submitted on performance in the second quarter of 2007/08, for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2007 to 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2007, in relation to the activities relating to the terms of reference of this Committee.

Arising from consideration of the details submitted in respect of the performance indicators, with particular reference to those indicators showing performance below target, it was noted that the Assistant Director Environmental Management would provide details to Councillor Stanley, and other members of the Committee, on the number of persons prosecuted and fined for carrying out acts of graffiti.

RESOLVED

That the information contained in the report, and coloured copy of the extracted report circulated separately, on performance in the second quarter of 2007/08, for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2007 to 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2007, in relation to activities relating to the terms of reference of this Committee, be noted.

The meeting ended at 6.40pm

CHAIRMAN