

Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet

Thursday, 4th December, 2014 at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley

Present:

Councillor P Lowe - Leader of the Council (in the Chair)
Councillors K. Ahmed, H. Bills, D. Branwood, T. Crumpton, J. Foster,
R. Harris, G. Partridge and S. Turner

Opposition Group Members nominated to attend meetings of the Cabinet:-

Councillors P. Harley, L. Jones, I. Kettle, P. Miller and M. Wood (Conservative Group); Councillors P. Brothwood and S. Etheridge (UKIP Group)

Officers:-

J. Polychronakis (Chief Executive), A. Pope-Smith (Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services), P. Tart (Director of Corporate Resources), K. Jackson (Interim Director of Public Health), I. Newman (Treasurer), P. Coyne (Assistant Director, Economic Regeneration and Transportation), T. Reilly (Assistant Director, Human Resources and Organisational Development), R. Sanders (Assistant Principal Officer, Democratic Services) and other officers.

42. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of Councillors R. James, D. Sparks and D. Vickers.

43. **Changes in representation of Opposition Group Members**

Councillors I. Kettle and L. Jones were serving in place of Councillors R. James and D. Vickers, respectively, for this meeting of the Cabinet only.

44. **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, were made in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

45. **Minutes**

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 29th October, 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed, subject to the deletion of the words "as Cabinet Member for Finance" in the second and third paragraphs of the preamble to minute 35.

46. **Corporate Quarterly Performance Management Report**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive under cover of which was submitted the second Corporate Quarterly Performance Management Report for 2014/15, relating to performance for the period 1st July to 30th September, 2014.

Resolved

That the contents of the report submitted to the meeting and the Corporate Quarterly Performance Management Report for the second quarter of 2014/15, be noted.

47. **Public Consultation on the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy and Cost Recovery Policy for Dudley**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of the Urban Environment seeking approval for the draft Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy and Cost Recovery Policy for Dudley Borough to be used as a basis for a statutory public consultation commencing on 12th December, 2014 for a period of five weeks.

Resolved

That the Contaminated Land Inspection Strategy and the Cost Recovery Policy documentation, as placed on the Committee Management Information System and in hard copy in the Members' Room, be approved as a basis for public consultation commencing on 12th December, 2014 for a period of five weeks.

(This was a Key Decision with the Cabinet named as Decision Taker)

48. **Public Consultation on the Dudley Area Action Plan "Preferred Options" stage document**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Director of the Urban Environment seeking approval for the Preferred Options stage of the Dudley Area Action Plan document to be used as a basis for public consultation commencing in January, 2015 for a period of six weeks.

In the discussion, the Leader gave a commitment to cross party working, where possible, in the regeneration of Dudley Town Centre.

Resolved

That the Dudley Area Action Plan Issues and Options document, as placed on the Committee Management Information System and in hard copy in the Members' Room, be approved as a basis for public consultation commencing on 16th January, 2015 for a period of six weeks.

(This was a Key Decision with the Cabinet named as Decision Taker)

49. **Exclusion of the public and press**

Resolved

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to any individuals as defined under Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended).

50. **Update of Senior Management and Corporate Restructure Implementation**

The Cabinet considered a report of the Chief Executive on this matter.

Resolved

- (1) That the update on voluntary redundancies and recruitment, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted.
- (2) That the updated implementation plan, which includes an indicative timetable including a report back to the Cabinet on 25th February, 2015, to consider the proposals indicated in paragraph 13 of the report submitted to the meeting, be approved.

The meeting ended at 6.13 p.m.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL