

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET – 29<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER, 2008**

The Cabinet, at its meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2008, made the decisions indicated in respect of the items listed:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Minutes	That the minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 10 <sup>th</sup> September, 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.
Response to the Regional Spatial Strategy Phase 2 Revision Preferred Options Report	That the Council's response to the Preferred Options Document of Phase 2 of the Regional Spatial Strategy be approved as part of the consultation process to assist in its formulation.
Annual Review of Equality and Diversity 2008	That the annual review of Equality and Diversity 2008 be approved.
Dudley Town Centre Regeneration – Redevelopment of Dudley Civic Quadrant	<p>That the report be noted and the Director of Law and Property and the Director of Finance be authorised to:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) Continue to work with BV Strategies for a period of six months in exploring other possibilities for joint developments;</li><li>(2) Work on developing an estate strategy for resolving the Council's accommodation problems;</li><li>(3) Submit a further report to the Cabinet in due course.</li></ol>
Capital Programme Monitoring	That the current progress with the 2008/09 Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix A to the report, be noted.

The Council be recommended:-

- (1) That the development work on the Primary Social Care Database to support the Transforming Social Care agenda be approved and included in the capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report.
- (2) That the realignment of resources for Housing adaptation works be approved, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report.
- (3) That the Regional Housing Pot allocation for 2008/09 be directed towards supporting

regeneration activity on the North Priory estate, in partnership with Bromford Housing Group, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report.

- (4) That the redevelopment of the BMX Track at Dudley Wood Open Space, and the erection of Ball Stop Fencing to the frontages of houses at Swallow Close be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report.
- (5) That the Transport Asset Management funding allocation be noted, that the arrangements for West Midlands Asset Management Plans be agreed, and any related capital expenditure be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report.
- (6) That the scheme to resurface paths across the Turls Hill and Swanbrook Valley open space be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report.
- (7) That subject to the necessary match funding being secured, the Wrens Nest project be approved and the capital elements included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 11 of the report.
- (8) That the extension of the Fire Alarm System at Himley Hall be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 12 of the report.
- (9) That the improvement works at Crystal Leisure Centre be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 13 of the report.
- (10) That the grant to Ellowes Sports College for an artificial sports surface be noted, and that the project be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 14 of the report.
- (11) That the School Travel Plan Grant allocation be noted, and the associated expenditure be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 15 of the report.

- (12) That the grant allocation in respect of the Old Park School Specialist College be noted, and that the Communication and Interaction Resource Base project be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 16 of the report.

13-51 Orchard Street,  
Brierely Hill Regeneration  
Project

That the Council make a Compulsory Purchase Order(s) under Section 226(1) (a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 13 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 for the acquisition of the land, or the acquisition of new rights, for the purpose of regenerating Orchard Street.

That the Directors of Adult, Community and Housing Services and Law and Property, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Economic Regeneration and Housing, be authorised to:-

- (1) Take all necessary steps to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Compulsory Purchase Order(s) including the publication and service of all notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry;
- (2) Negotiate and acquire interests in land and new rights within the Compulsory Purchase Order(s) either by agreements or compulsorily;
- (3) Settle all compensation claims and ancillary claims fees and costs arising as a direct consequence of the Compulsory Purchase Order(s);
- (4) Approve agreements with land owners setting out the terms for the withdrawal of objections to the Order, including where appropriate seeking exclusion of land or new rights from the Order and/or making arrangements for relocation of occupants.

That, subject to the approval of the Council, any cost of the acquisition of properties be included in the Capital Programme.

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| Transforming Secondary Education – Building Schools for the Future and Academies | <p>(1) That the progress to date on Building Schools for the Future and Academies be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the Cabinet determine to proceed with the Academies programme.</p> <p>(3) That the Expression of Interest for Building Schools for the Future be deferred to Wave 8 or a later Stage.</p> |
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Exclusion of the Public	That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as specified below, and, in all the circumstances, the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.
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<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
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Staffing Issue – MB - Directorate of Children’s Services	That the request for voluntary severance in respect of the officer referred to in the report submitted to the meeting (MB) be approved on the terms and conditions set out in the report.
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Staffing Issues – SK - Directorate of Children’s Services	That the proposal to terminate the contract of employment of the officer referred to in the report submitted to the meeting (SK) be approved on the grounds of redundancy on the terms and conditions set out in the report.
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Staffing Issue – DA - Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services	That the request to terminate the contract of employment of the officer referred to in the report submitted to the meeting (DA) on the grounds of redundancy be approved on the terms and conditions set out in the report.
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Staffing Issue – JT -  
Directorate of Adult,  
Community and Housing  
Services

That the request to terminate the contract of employment of the officer referred to in the report submitted to the meeting (JT) on the grounds of redundancy be approved on the terms and conditions set out in the report.

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 are available from Democratic Services in the Directorate of Law and Property (contact 01384 815235 or e-mail [steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk)) or on the Council's Website [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) and follow the links to Council Decisions/Committee Information.

Except where matters have been referred to full Council, the decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days of 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2008, unless a Select Committee objects to a decision and calls it in.

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Dated: 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2008