

## MEETING OF THE CABINET – 1<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER, 2006

The Cabinet, at its meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2006, made the decisions indicated in respect of the items listed:

| <u>Issue</u>              | <u>Decision</u>   |
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| Minutes                   | That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 13 <sup>th</sup> September, 2006 be approved as a correct record and signed.   |
| Civil Parking Enforcement | <p>Subject to the necessary approval of the Council:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) That, having regard to Parliamentary processes, approval be given for the adoption of powers to permit the enforcement of on-street parking restrictions, through the creation of a Special Parking Area and a Permitted Parking Area throughout the Borough for implementation on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2007.</li><li>(2) That approval be given to funding the full implementation of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) initially from Council reserves.</li><li>(3) That the Director of Law and Property and the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transportation and the Director of the Urban Environment, be authorised to establish the legal and budgetary frameworks for the introduction of CPE.</li><li>(4) That approval be given to the Council participating in the National Parking Adjudication Service (NPAS) Joint Committee under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972.</li><li>(5) That two Council Members (one acting as the other's deputy) be nominated to represent the Council on the NPAS Joint Committee as and when necessary.</li><li>(6) That approval be given to the setting of nationally accepted penalty charges of £60 (reduced to £30 payment within 14 days, and incremented to £90 after non payment) for parking offences from the date of the commencement of Decriminalised Parking Enforcement.</li><li>(7) That the Director of Law and Property be authorised to enter into a NPAS Joint Committee Agreement.</li><li>(8) That the Director of Law and Property be authorised to assess bailiff service requirements for the non-payment of Penalty Charge Notice costs.</li></ol> |

Cultural Strategy 2006-2009

That subject to the necessary approval of the Council, the Cultural Strategy be approved and adopted.

That the concept of the “Dudley Community Olympics” be supported in principle, subject to further detailed analysis of the financial and other implications (including the need to revise the title of the event).

North Priory Estate Regeneration Project

That, subject to the necessary approval of the Council, authority be given to:-

- (1) Continue with the project and to develop a prospectus inviting proposals from potential development partners.
- (2) Procure a development partner to work with the Council on the regeneration of the North Priory with the 100% redevelopment option, a minimum 30% of affordable housing and generating a capital receipt adequate to cover the Council’s initial costs.
- (3) Incur expenditure as outlined in paragraph 20 of the report.
- (4) Seek approval to bid for Housing Corporation funds.

Annual Property Performance Report 2005/06.

- (1) That the Annual Property Performance Report for 2005/06 and its conclusions be approved and that the Director of Law and Property, in consultation with relevant Directorates, be authorised to take the necessary action identified in the report.
- (2) That the Strategic Work plan for the Corporate Property Policy be approved.

Annual Review of Equality and Diversity 2006

That the annual review of equality and diversity 2006 be approved.

Draft Disability Equality Scheme

- (1) That the Director of Law and Property be authorised, in consultation with Councillor Shakespeare, to approve the final version of the Disability Equality Scheme for publication by 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2006.
- (2) That the progress towards the preparation of the overall Equality Scheme be noted.
- (3) That the updated Equality and Diversity Policy, as set out at Appendix A to the draft Scheme, be approved.

Draft Supplementary Planning Document on Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision - Approval for Public Consultation and Participation

That the draft Supplementary Planning Document on Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision be approved as a basis for public consultation.

Adoption of the Statement of Community Involvement

That the Statement of Community Involvement be approved and adopted.

Draft Local Area Agreement

That the draft Local Area Agreement be endorsed and the requirement to develop the draft for the next stage of submission by December 2006 be noted.

Gambling Policy

That the recommendation of the Licensing and Safety Committee in respect of the Council's Gambling Policy be endorsed and that the policy be recommended to the Council for approval.

Capital Programme Monitoring

- (1) That current progress with the 2006/07 Capital Programme be noted.
- (2) That the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services be authorised to make a bid for Wellbeing Lottery funding and to accept any resultant offer of resources.
- (3) That the Council be recommended:-
  - (a) That the refurbishment of the North Wing of Himley Hall be approved and included in the Capital Programme.
  - (b) That the expenditure items set out in paragraph 7 of the report be approved and added to the Liveability programme.
  - (c) That the expenditure on Incinerator Equipment be included in the Capital Programme.
  - (d) That the Stourbridge Area Skatepark project be approved and included in the Capital Programme
  - (e) That the Highways Capital Programme be amended, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report

- (f) That the project to replace the Huntingdon Gardens Play area be approved and included in the Capital Programme.
- (g) That the Drews Holloway Culvert parapet upgrade be included in the Capital Programme.
- (h) That the ICT hardware and software expenditure be approved and included in the Capital Programme.
- (i) That the Committee Room ICT equipment project be approved and included in the Capital Programme.
- (j) That the additional works relating to the relocation of the PULSE Team be approved and included in the Capital Programme.
- (k) That replacement of the utility blocks at the Oak Lane Gypsy Site be approved and included in the Capital Programme.
- (l) That the Netherton Community Café Project be approved in principle and included in the Capital Programme, subject to further analysis of the estimated costs and sources of funding, including the contribution from Advantage West Midlands.
- (m) That the Housing Market Renewal funding of £283,000 be directed to the provision of Housing Assistance grants in the designated market renewal areas of Dudley, Brierley Hill and Lye, in turn enabling the release of £189,000 to address waiting times for Disabled Facilities Grants.
- (n) That subject to satisfactory legal arrangements being made to protect the Council's interests, the request of Dudley Primary Care Trust to meet the initial refurbishment cost of the Priory Road Pharmacy be agreed, and the project be included in the Capital Programme.
- (o) That subject to success of the funding bid, any capital elements of the Wellbeing project be included in the Capital Programme.

- (p) That a capital budget of £100,000 be established to undertake feasibility works and minor improvements arising out of the Library review.

Confidential Reporting Policy

That the Council be recommended to approve the updates to the Confidential Reporting Policy.

Dudley Town Centre Conservation Area Management Plan

- (1) That the Dudley Town Centre Conservation Area Management Plan be approved and adopted and that approval be given to its proactive implementation throughout the lifetime of the Townscape Heritage Initiative and beyond.
- (2) That the Cabinet support the proactive application of the Council's planning powers, as set out in the Dudley Conservation Area Management Plan and supported by Development Control Committee, to ensure the effective ongoing management of the Dudley Town Centre Conservation Area.

The details of each of the above items are set out in the reports submitted to the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2006. Copies of the reports are available to members from Democratic Services in the Directorate of Law and Property (contact Richard Sanders, 01384 815236) or electronically on the Council's Committee Management Information System (CMIS).

<http://cmis.dudley.gov.uk/cmiswebpublic/CommitteeSelection.aspx>

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 the 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2006, unless a Select Committee objects to a decision and calls it in.

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Dated: 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2006