

MEETING OF THE CABINET

Wednesday, 27th October, 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 L Jones (Deputy Leader)
Councillors Adams, D. Blood, 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, Hanif, Ms. Partridge, Mrs. Ridley and Sparks (Labour
Group)

OFFICERS:-

Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Resources, Director of the Urban
Environment, Acting Director of Children's Services, Interim Director of
Adult Social Services, Treasurer, Mr Sanders (Directorate of Law,
Property and Human Resources) and other officers.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of
Councillors P Harley, Foster and Lowe.

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CHANGES IN REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS

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

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

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MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 22nd
September, 2010, be approved as a correct record and signed.

(Councillor Ali requested that his disagreement with Minute 35 (Proposed Dudley Mosque and Community Training and Enterprise Centre), which he considered inaccurate and incomplete, be placed on record.)

42 APPROVAL FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BLACK COUNTRY JOINT CORE STRATEGY

A report of the Director of the Urban Environment was submitted on the Black Country Joint Core Strategy.

RESOLVED

- (1) That, subject to resolution (2) below, the Black Country Joint Core Strategy be approved and recommended to the Council for adoption.
- (2) That the Cabinet Member for Regeneration, in consultation with the Director of the Urban Environment, be authorised to agree any minor changes to the document prior to adoption.

(This was a Key Decision with the Council and Cabinet being named as Decision Takers)

43 REVIEW OF LICENSING POLICY

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on the review of the Licensing Policy.

RESOLVED

That the Council be recommended to approve the revised Licensing Policy.

(This was a Key Decision with the Council and Cabinet being named as Decision Takers)

44 DUDLEY DEMENTIA STRATEGY

A report of the Interim Director of Adult Social Services was submitted on progress with developing a joint Dementia Strategy in line with National Guidance and to seek approval for the outcomes, objectives and actions to deliver the strategy for people with dementia and their carers.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the action plan in Appendix A to the report submitted to the meeting to implement the draft Dementia Strategy to improve outcomes for people with dementia and their carers, be endorsed.
- (2) That the proposals to develop the Dementia Gateways as outlined in paragraphs 24 – 31 of the report submitted to the meeting, be endorsed.
- (3) That a further report be submitted to a future meeting with the final joint Dementia Strategy for Dudley.

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

CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING

A joint report of the Chief Executive and the Treasurer was submitted on progress with the implementation of the Capital Programme and which proposed certain amendments to the Programme.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the current progress with the 2010/11 Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix A to the report submitted to the meeting, be noted.
- (2) That the results of the Post Completion Review of capital projects, as set out in Appendix B to the report submitted to the meeting, be noted.
- (3) That the Director of the Urban Environment, in conjunction with Future Skills Dudley be authorised to:-
 - (a) Submit bids to all key funding agencies to deliver employment and skills related support as set out in paragraph 8 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (b) Enter into the necessary contracts with the key funding agencies and approve any subsequent contract variations as set out in paragraph 8 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (c) Enter into contracts/Service Level Agreements with key partners to assist Dudley Council with the delivery of approved bids as set out in paragraph 8 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (d) Submit proposals to external organisations for Dudley Council to deliver employment and skills related support as a subcontractor to them and to

deliver any resultant contracts as set out in paragraph 8 of the report submitted to the meeting.

- (4) That the Council be recommended:-
- (a) That the expenditure on Lister Road Depot amounting to £78,000 be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (b) That the refurbishment of Leisure Centre Plant be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (c) That the works to the former Stuart shop and associated buildings at the Red House Glass Cone be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (d) That in connection with Future Skills Dudley (subject to any funding being confirmed), projects be included in the Capital Programme where appropriate, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (e) That the capital expenditure within the Dudley Grid for Learning contract be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (f) That the National Treatment Agency funding be noted and the related expenditure included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report submitted to the meeting.

(This was a Key Decision with the Council and Cabinet being named as Decision Takers)

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on the current position on the annual review of the Constitution.

Reference was made in the discussion to the current position with regard to the arrangements for call-in, in the light of there being only two political groups on the Council.

RESOLVED

That, subject to the issue of the arrangements for call-in being reviewed as soon as possible, the annual review of the Constitution be deferred pending the receipt of further details of the Government's legislative programme over the next 12 months.

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

47 ANNUAL REVIEW OF EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY 2010

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on the Annual Review of Equality and Diversity 2010.

RESOLVED

That the annual review of equality and diversity 2010 be approved.

48 EQUITY AND EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH – LIBERATING THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (NHS) – THE NHS WHITE PAPER

A report of the Interim Director of Adult Social Services was submitted on this White Paper, in which the initial perceived implications for local government were set out.

Reference was made in the discussion to the seminar on the White Paper proposed in the report, in relation to which the Interim Director of Adult Social Services confirmed that feedback from the seminar would be recorded and taken into account in implementation. The Interim Director also confirmed that action arising would cover all sectors of the population, including children and young people.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the publication of the NHS White Paper and Dudley's response to the consultation be noted.
- (2) That the holding of a seminar on the White Paper be approved and that the proposed date of the seminar of Tuesday, 23rd November, 2010, as now reported, be noted.

49 ISSUES ARISING FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

No issues were reported under this item.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

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.

<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</u>
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Staffing Issue – Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services	1

PROPOSALS FOR RESTRUCTURING THE NEW DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE RESOURCES

A report of the Director of Corporate Resources was submitted on proposals for the restructuring of the Directorate of Law, Property and Human Resources and the Directorate of Finance, ICT and Procurement to create the new Directorate of Corporate Resources.

Reference was made in the discussion to the arrangements for strategic human resources issues.

RESOLVED

That the proposals for the creation of the Directorate of Corporate Resources, as set out in the report now submitted, be approved.

STAFFING ISSUE - DIRECTORATE OF ADULT, COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES

A report of the Interim Director of Adult Social Services was submitted seeking approval to terminate the contract of employment of Mr JL on the grounds of redundancy in accordance with the Council's Redeployment and Retraining Policy (April 2008).

RESOLVED

That the termination of the contract of employment of the officer referred to in the report submitted to the meeting be approved, on the grounds of redundancy, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the report.

The meeting ended at 6.45pm.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL