

## **MEETING OF THE CABINET – 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2013**

### **NOTICE OF DECISIONS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cabinet, at its meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, made the decisions indicated in respect of the items listed:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Revenue and Capital Outturn 2012/13	<p>(1) That the information contained in the report be noted in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the draft outturn for 2012/13.</li><li>- the effect of the General Fund Revenue outturn on General Balances at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2013.</li><li>- the position on earmarked reserves at 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2013.</li><li>- the latest forecast General Fund Revenue position for 2013/14.</li></ul> <p>(2) That the Chief Executive, the Director of Children's Services and the Treasurer, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Lifelong Learning, the Deputy Leader and the Opposition Spokesperson for Children's Services and Lifelong Learning, monitor the data and costs relating to Looked After Children and submit a further report to the Cabinet in September, 2013.</p> <p>(3) That the Council be recommended:-</p> <p>(a) To amend the 2013/14 General Fund revenue budget to reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the receipt of £0.511m of Council Tax Support Transitional Grant, as set out in paragraph 4 of the report;</li><li>- the net saving of £0.170m resulting from economies of scale in the provision of support services to Public Health, as set out in paragraph 16 of the report.</li></ul> <p>(b) To implement a 50% Empty Homes Premium from 1st April, 2014 to properties that have been unoccupied for more than two years.</p>

Review of Housing Finance	<p>(1) That the Council be recommended to approve:-</p> <p>(a) the revised Housing Revenue Account (HRA) budget for 2013/14 as referred to in paragraphs 5 to 11 and Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>(b) the revised Public Sector Housing capital programme for 2013/14 to 2017/18 as referred to in paragraphs 12 to 19 and Appendix 2 to the report;</p> <p>(2) That the HRA 30 Year Business Plan, as referred to in paragraphs 20 to 22 and Appendix 3 to the report, be approved.</p>
Council Plan 2013/16	<p>(1) That the Council be recommended to approve the Council Plan 2013/16 and to note the alignment of Cabinet priorities to the Council Plan and Directorate Strategic Plans.</p> <p>(2) That in connection with the regeneration, skills and employment priorities, a report be submitted to the Cabinet in September, 2013 on sub-regional developments including the Local Enterprise Partnership, City Deal and the transfer of strategic transport functions from the Integrated Transport Authority.</p>
Capital Programme Monitoring	<p>(1) That the results of the Post Completion Review of capital projects, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the Council be recommended:-</p> <p>(a) That current progress with the 2013/14 Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix A to the report be noted.</p> <p>(b) That the budget for Disabled Facilities Grants be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 4 of the report.</p> <p>(c) That the capital schemes to be funded from the disposal of the Gornal Wood Cemetery Lodge be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report.</p>

- (d) That the additional Integrated Transport Authority capital funding be used to increase the Integrated Transport programme, and that the Capital Programme be amended accordingly, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report.
- (e) That up to £370,000 (subject to final negotiations on land value) be allocated to support the Cradley Extra Care Housing development and that this expenditure be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report.
- (f) That the construction of permanent changing rooms at Homer Hill Park, Cradley, be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report.
- (g) That the Corbyn Road site be retained for use as a base for a joint Children's Safeguarding Unit and frontline social work teams; that £945,000 of the forecast sale proceeds from the disposal of the Cradley High site be reallocated to contribute to the new Old Park school capital project; and that the cost of refurbishment of the Corbyn Road site of £1,300,000 (to be funded from 14-19/SEN capital grant) be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report.
- (h) That the loft conversion at a foster carer's property be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report.

Quarterly Corporate  
Performance Management  
Report

- (1) That the corporate quarterly performance management report be approved.
- (2) That the consideration of the report by the Corporate Performance Management, Efficiency and Effectiveness Scrutiny Committee be noted.

Domestic Collective Fuel Switching – Tackling Fuel Poverty	(1)	That the report be noted.
	(2)	That the approach set out in the report to explore and appraise the various options (including the Black Country approach) for a collective energy switching scheme for Dudley households (including incorporating any findings from the pilot) be approved.
	(3)	That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and the Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety, be authorised to enter into a collective energy-switching scheme.
	(4)	That approval be given for the use of up to £10,000 to support this initiative and to undertake a range of promotional activities.
	(5)	That any referral fees (income paid to the Council through the collective fuel energy-switching scheme) be used as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 50% towards continued support for tackling fuel poverty initiatives in Dudley including future promotional activity for successive rounds of collective fuel switching.</li> <li>- The remaining 50% be considered as additional income for the Council.</li> </ul>
Safer Routes to School – 20mph Update	(1)	That the consultation that has taken place be noted.
	(2)	That the Cabinet Member for Transport, in consultation with the Opposition Spokesperson for Transport and the Director of the Urban Environment, develop a programme of 20 mph schemes or alternative safety measures based upon the highest ranking priority locations shown in Appendix A to the report and any schemes shown in Appendix A that are not completed this financial year be carried over to next financial year.
	(3)	That the Cabinet endorse the principle that any ward member queries on the priority ranked programme or specific queries on schools in their ward be channelled via the Cabinet Member for Transport to ensure an investigation and an appropriate response.

Localised Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2014/15	(1)	That the timetable required to develop a revised Council Tax Reduction Scheme for 2014/15, as set out in paragraph 12 of the report, be noted.
	(2)	That approval be given for consultation to commence based on the options set out in paragraph 16 of the report.
Food Service Plan 2013/14		That the Council be recommended that the contents of the Food Service Plan for 2013/14 be approved.
Appointment of Council Representatives to Outside Organisations		That the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Opposition Group Leader, as appropriate, be authorised to determine the appointment of representatives to serve on the outside organisations indicated in the Appendix to the report.
Forward Plan of Key Decisions		That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions be noted.
Exclusion of the Public		That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves 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 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
Directorate of the Urban Environment – Waste Care Restructuring Proposals	1
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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 may be obtained from Democratic Services in the Directorate of Corporate Resources (contact 01384 815235 or e-mail [steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk)) or on the Committee Management Information System on the Council's Website [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) and follow the links to Councillors in Dudley and Committee Management Information System.

**Except where matters have been referred to the Council, the decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days of 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2013, unless a decision is called in for Scrutiny under the provisions of the Council's Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules.**

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