

MEETING OF THE CABINET – 12TH DECEMBER, 2007

The Cabinet, at its meeting held on the 12th December, 2007, made the decisions indicated in respect of the items listed:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Minutes	That the minutes of the Cabinet held on 31 st October, 2007, be approved as a correct record and signed.
Annual Performance Assessment of Social Care Services for Adults in Dudley	That the excellent Three Stars performance of the Council's adult and social care services within the Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services be noted.
Annual Performance Assessment (APA) of Children's Services	<p>(1) That the information on the APA process be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the contents of the APA Letter be welcomed.</p>
Draft Joint Commissioning Framework and Strategy for Health and Adult Social Care	<p>(1) That the progress made on developing a draft Joint Commissioning Framework for Dudley be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the commissioning priorities set out in paragraph 10 of the report submitted to the meeting be endorsed.</p>
Development of a Community Cohesion Strategy for the Borough	<p>(1) That the progress in developing a Borough Community Cohesion Strategy, the proposed vision for Community Cohesion and the suggested areas of focus be noted.</p> <p>(2) That an appropriate reference be included in the document to emphasise the need for active engagement and involvement of local ward Councillors.</p>
Investing in the Future - Transforming Secondary Education	<p>(1) That the draft Strategy for Change including the proposals set out in paragraphs 19 to 22 of the report submitted to the meeting be endorsed.</p> <p>(2) That the Director of Children's Services be authorised to use the draft Strategy for Change and proposals as a basis for further discussion with the Department for Children, Schools and Families.</p>

	(3)	That the draft Strategy for Change and proposals be subject to a full consultation process taking account of the views expressed at the meeting.
Birmingham, Coventry and Black Country City Region – Progress Report and Company Limited by Guarantee	(1)	That the report be noted.
	(2)	That approval be given for Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council to become a member of the proposed company.
Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report	(1)	That the Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report be approved.
	(2)	That the information contained within the Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report be referred to Select Committees to consider specific issues within their terms of reference.
Provisional Revenue Support Grant (RSG) Settlement	(1)	That the details of the Provisional RSG Settlement for 2008/09 to 2010/11 be noted.
	(2)	That the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, be authorised to make an appropriate response along the following lines: - Reiterating disappointment that the damping mechanisms applied to the RSG formula are continuing to significantly restrict the level of resources available to the Council; and Expressing concern that despite growing pressures on Councils, particularly in the areas of Care of Children and Adults, and Waste Recycling and Disposal, sufficient additional resources have not been allocated by the Government, with the result that the burden will fall on Council Tax payers.
Capital Programme Monitoring	(1)	That the current progress with the 2007/08 Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix A to the report submitted to the meeting, be noted.

- (2) That in respect of the South Black Country Innovation Campus:

The Director of the Urban Environment be authorised to: -

- (a) submit an outline and full application on behalf of Dudley MBC to Advantage West Midlands (AWM) for contributory funding for the South Black Country Innovation Campus;
- (b) submit funding applications under the 2007-13 European Programme to support the revenue and capital requirements of the South Black Country Innovation Campus;
- (c) accept any grant funding arising from the AWM and European funding applications;
- (d) approve a procurement exercise commensurate with the size and scope of the project and enter into a Joint Venture Agreement between the Council and the preferred developer;

The Director of Law and Property be authorised to sign the necessary legal agreements with AWM as set out in paragraph 7 of the report submitted to the meeting.

- (3) That in respect of Lye and Wollescote Cemetery Chapel:

- (a) The West Midlands Historic Buildings Trust (WMHBT) be supported in the submission of an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund for funding of the estimated cost of repair, restoration & conversion of £500,000;
- (b) Subject to funding being approved, the Director of Law and Property be authorised to dispose of the Chapel to the WMHBT on terms to be agreed.

as set out in paragraph 9 of the report submitted to the meeting.

- (4) That the results of the Post Completion Review of capital projects, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be noted.
- (5) That the Council be recommended:
 - (a) That the Big Lottery funding award in respect of Stevens Park, Wollescote be noted, and the associated expenditure included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (b) That the Disabled Crossing Programme budget be increased by £40,000, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (c) That subject to the necessary external funding being forthcoming, the South Black Country Innovation Campus project, be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (d) That the Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd. (WREN) grant allocation for Cotwall End Valley Local Nature Reserve be noted, and the associated expenditure included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (e) That subject to funding being found from internal resources, the project to relocate the Benefits Shop to the former banking hall be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (f) That the allocation of Pooled Treatment Budget funding be noted, and that if the funding is to be managed by the Council, the related expenditure be transferred to the Council and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 11 of the report submitted to the meeting.

- (g) That the urgent amendments to the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraphs 12 and 13 of the report submitted to the meeting, be noted

Local Area Agreement (LAA) That the progress on developing the revised LAA for the Borough and the range of issues comprising the long list of priorities, be noted.

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Stations and Access Arrangements

- (1) That the Chief Executive, together with appropriate officers, meet with Councillor Crumpton to discuss specific concerns regarding the proposal to change the polling place for polling districts U04 and U07 from Tanhouse Estate Office to Providence Methodist Church, Colley Gate.
- (2) That, subject to (1) above, the proposed alterations to polling places as detailed in the report, including details of existing and proposed arrangements, submissions, the Returning Officers comments and the final recommendations contained in Appendix A of the report submitted to the meeting, be approved.

Approval for adoption of the "Planning Obligations" Supplementary Planning Document

That the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document be approved and adopted.

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 12(A) 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>
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Birmingham International
Airport

- (1) That a new Districts' Side Agreement for Birmingham International Airport be approved to incorporate the changes summarised in paragraph 4 of the report submitted to the meeting, and the Director of Law and Property be authorised to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Council and to take any other necessary action to implement this decision.
- (2) That the Director of Law and Property be authorised to agree amendments to the Shareholders' Agreement, as described in paragraphs 6 to 8 of the report submitted to the meeting, and to execute a new Shareholders' Agreement on behalf of the Council.

Staffing Issue – Directorate
of the Urban Environment

That the proposal to terminate the contract of employment, on grounds of redundancy, of the member of staff referred to in the report submitted to the meeting and on the terms and conditions specified in the report, be approved.

The details of each of the above items are set out in the reports submitted to the meeting of the Cabinet held on 12th December, 2007. Copies of the public reports are available from Democratic Services in the Directorate of Law and Property (contact 01384 815236 or e-mail richard.sanders@dudley.gov.uk) or by clicking [here](#) to access the Council's Committee Management Information System.

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 14th December, 2007 unless a Select Committee objects to a decision and calls it in.

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Dated: 14th December, 2007