

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CABINET

Wednesday, 12th January, 2011 at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. Millward (Leader of the Council) (Chairman)
Councillor Jones (Deputy Leader)
Councillors Adams, D. Blood, Mrs. Faulkner, P. Harley, Simms,
Stanley, A. Turner and Mrs. Walker

together with the following Minority Group Members appointed to
attend meetings of the Cabinet

Councillors Ali, Foster, Lowe, Ms. Partridge and Mrs. Ridley (Labour
Group)

OFFICERS:-

Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Resources, Director of the
Urban Environment, Acting Director of Children's Services, Treasurer,
Assistant Director of Older People and People with Disabilities
(Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services), Assistant
Director of Corporate Resources (Human Resources and Citizenship),
Mr Sanders (Directorate of Corporate Resources) and other officers.

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APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence from the meeting was received on behalf of
Councillor Sparks.

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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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REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2010/11

A joint report of the Chief Executive and the Treasurer was submitted
seeking consideration of the Revenue Budget Strategy for 2011/12 and
Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period from 2011/12 to
2013/14. The report presented spending and funding options for
consultation with Select Committees and representatives of Business
Ratepayers.

Arising from discussion, the relevant Cabinet Members indicated respectively that consideration of the reallocation of some Benefit Office functions might be feasible and that, providing that they were cost neutral, initiatives such as residents' parking schemes might be looked at.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the preliminary strategy outlined in the report submitted to the meeting be approved as a basis for further consultation.
- (2) That the various issues and risks which will need to be taken into account in finalising Budget proposals for 2011/12, and the Medium Term Financial Strategy, be noted.
- (3) That the Treasurer be authorised to agree the basis of the Council's future contributions to the West Midlands Pension Fund as discussed in paragraph 27 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (4) That the process for managing redundancies, as set out in Annex A of the report submitted to the meeting, be noted.

The meeting ended at 6.30 p.m.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL