

## MEETING OF THE CABINET

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2010 at 6.00 p.m.  
in the Council Chamber, the Council House, Dudley

### PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs. Millward (Leader of the Council) (Chairman)  
Councillor L. 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, Hanif, Lowe and Mrs. Ridney (Labour Group)

### OFFICERS:-

Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Resources, Director of the Urban  
Environment, Acting Director of Children's Services, Treasurer, Assistant  
Director of Policy, Performance and Resources (Directorate of Adult,  
Community and Housing Services), Assistant Director of Law, Property  
and Human Resources (Human Resources and Citizenship), Mr Sanders  
(Directorate of Law, Property and Human Resources) and other officers.

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Ms V Little, Joint Director of Public Health, Dudley Primary Care Trust and  
Dudley MBC. (for agenda item numbers 6,8 and 10)

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#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received on behalf of  
Councillors Crumpton, Foster, Ms Partridge and Sparks.

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#### CHANGES IN REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS

It was reported that Councillors Crumpton and Hanif had been appointed  
to serve as Minority Group representatives in place of Councillors Ms  
Partridge and Sparks, respectively, 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 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2010, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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LOCAL INVESTMENT PLAN 2010-2014

A joint report of the Director of the Urban Environment and the Assistant Director of Housing Strategy and Private Sector was submitted seeking approval to the Local Investment Plan 2010-14, which had been developed by the Council in partnership with the Homes and Communities Agency.

RESOLVED

That the Local Investment Plan 2010-14 be approved.

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

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HEALTH INEQUALITIES STRATEGY 2010-2015

A joint report of the Interim Director of Adult Social Services and the Joint Director of Public Health was submitted seeking approval to the draft updated Health Inequalities Strategy 2010-2015.

In the discussion that ensued on consideration of the Strategy and its five strategic aims, comments made included the following:

- there was a need for the Strategy to be linked to carers.
- Certain members expressed some concern that not all areas of the Borough could access local hospitals by way of direct bus services and a suggestion was made that this was a matter that could be pursued through discussions with Centro representatives at Area Committees.
- Language barriers could cause problems in accessing health services.
- In the context of cardiac disease, the importance of preventative care was emphasised.
- With regard to the absence of a health visiting services, the point was made that not all residents or patients had extended families on which they could call on for support.

In relation to the strategic priority of tobacco control, the Joint Director of Public Health affirmed that the Dudley Primary Care Trust worked closely with HM Customs and Excise on this matter and on the control of alcohol.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the Health and Inequalities Strategy 2010-2015, as now drafted, be approved.
- (2) That the Strategy be considered by the Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care and that Members of the Select Committee on Children's Services be invited to attend and speak at meetings of the Select Committee on Health and Adult Social Care at which the Strategy is considered.

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

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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 Council be recommended to note the urgent amendments to the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraphs 4-7 of the report submitted to the meeting.

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

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PREVENTING THE NEED FOR ADULT SOCIAL CARE IN DUDLEY

A report of the Interim Director of Adult Social Services was submitted seeking approval to a proposed new Strategy, 'Preventing the Need for Adult Social Care in Dudley'.

RESOLVED

That the Strategy, as drafted, be approved for further implementation and the completion of an Equality Impact Assessment.

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

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#### QUARTERLY CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT REPORT

A report of the Chief Executive was submitted on the second Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report for 2010/11, relating to performance for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2010.

In the discussion, in response to a question on the date on which the plastic recycling scheme would be effected, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Culture indicated the current position. The Cabinet Member for Regeneration emphasised that, in the current budget situation, no commitment could be given to a roll out date for particular areas.

#### RESOLVED

- (1) That the Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report for the period from the 1<sup>st</sup> July to the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 2010 be noted and its contents 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.

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#### CARE QUALITY COMMISSION ANNUAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT REPORT OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE SERVICES IN DUDLEY 2009-10

A report of the Interim Director of Adult Social Services was submitted on the Care Quality Commission's Annual Performance Assessment Report for Adult Social Care Services in Dudley 2009-10.

#### RESOLVED

That the Care Quality Commission Annual Performance Assessment of performance of the Council's adult social care services within the Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services, be noted.

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#### VISION 2025 AND DUDLEY GRID FOR LEARNING 3 PROCUREMENT

A report of the Acting Director of Children's Services was submitted on the progress on the procurement of the Dudley Grid for Learning 3, ICT strand of Vision 2025 and the decision of the Project Board regarding the appointment of the Preferred Bidder.

#### RESOLVED

- (1) That the progress on the procurement of Dudley Grid for Learning 3 be noted and the decision of the Project Board in the appointment of Research Machines Education plc as the Preferred Bidder, be endorsed.
- (2) That the work to be undertaken next to complete the award of a contract and move rapidly into the implementation phase, noting the tight timescales, be endorsed.

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#### 64 ISSUES ARISING FROM SELECT COMMITTEES

No issues were reported under this item.

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#### 65 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

#### RESOLVED

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 I of Schedule 12A</u>
Staffing Issue – Directorate of Children's Services	1

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#### 66 STAFFING ISSUE - DIRECTORATE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

A report of the Acting Director of Children's Services was submitted seeking approval to terminate the contract of employment of the officer referred to in the report on the grounds of redundancy with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December 2010.

#### 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 with effect from 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010, in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the report.

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The meeting ended at 6.50 p.m..

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL