

MEETING OF THE CABINET – 13th JUNE, 2007

The Cabinet, at its meeting held on the 13th June, 2007, made the decisions indicated in respect of the items listed:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Minutes	That the minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 21 st March, 2007 be approved as a correct record and signed.
Annual Audit And Inspection Letter 2006	That the contents of the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter, together with the views of the Auditor, be noted.
Delivering The Master Plan For Dudley Town Centre	(1) That approval be given to the principle of delivering the Dudley Area Development Framework via a traditional Joint Venture approach as outlined in the report. (2) That the Director of the Urban Environment, in consultation with the Director of Law and Property and the Director of Finance, be authorised to identify resources and develop a business case for procurement of a Joint Venture for presentation at the meeting of the Cabinet in September, 2007.
Dudley Town Centre Regeneration – Redevelopment of Dudley Civic Quadrant	That the progress on the Civic Quadrant Project be noted.
Progress on The Brierley Hill Area Action Plan	That the Brierley Hill Area Action Plan Issues and Options document be approved as a basis for public consultation.
The Black Country Joint Core Strategy – Approval of a Proposed Spatial Options Paper For Initial Consultation	That the Spatial Options Paper for the Black Country Joint Core Strategy be approved for consultation purposes to assist in the formulation of a preferred option.
Day Opportunities For People With A Learning Disability	(1) That approval be given to the further service modernisation, as detailed in the report, including the promotion of individual budgets, travel training, community based services and social enterprises.

- (2) That a formal policy be adopted whereby day opportunity places will be allocated according to the needs of the client and his/her carer and that the primary purpose of the Service be to support people living at home with their families or living independently.
- (3) That two Reviewing Officers be appointed to undertake a programme of reviews of individual care plans to ensure that all clients are receiving the appropriate level and type of day opportunities.
- (4) That, subject to the necessary approval of the Council, the sale of the Lower Gornal Centre site be approved, together with the building of a new smaller centre in the North of the Borough with 50 to 60 places, and that the Centre be equipped to care for the most dependent and challenging clients.
- (5) That the capital receipts for Audnam Centre, Grange House and Lower Gornal Centre be earmarked for the replacement cost of a new centre in the North of the Borough.

A Strategy For Services For Adults With Autism And Aspergers Syndrome In Dudley

That the draft strategy, as set out in the Appendix to the report, be approved.

Housing Strategy 2007 – 2010

- (1) That the Housing Strategy 2007-2010 and Housing Market Renewal Partnership Prospectus be approved.
- (2) That the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services be authorised to carry out any actions related to the implementation of the Housing Strategy Action Plan and the development of the Housing Market Renewal Partnership.

Investing For The Future - Transforming Secondary Education

- (1) That the Council be recommended to include the project management costs of up to £3m in the capital programme.

- (2) That up to £3m of the sale proceeds from the disposal of property within the control of the Directorate of Children's Services be earmarked to fund the project management costs associated with the development of the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) scheme for Dudley and that, in the event of this funding not becoming available, alternative funding be identified within the Directorate of Children's Services.
- (3) That the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and the Director of Children's Services bring forward proposals to the Cabinet by the end of 2007 with a view to successful inclusion of the Borough's schools in Wave 7 of BSF, starting in 2010.

Best Value Performance Plan 2007 That the contents of the Plan be approved and that the completed Best Value Performance Plan be submitted to the Council for approval.

Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report

- (1) That the Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report be approved.
- (2) That the information contained in the report be referred to Select Committees to consider specific issues within their terms of reference.

Capital Programme Monitoring

- (1) That current progress with the 2007/08 Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 4 and Appendix A be noted.
- (2) That the results of the Post Completion Review of capital projects, as set out in Appendix B be noted.
- (3) That the Council be recommended:
 - (a) That the additional expenditure on Disabled Facilities Grants be approved, and the Capital Programme be amended accordingly, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report.

- (b) That the expenditure on home adaptations consequent to the re-provision of Grange House be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report.
- (c) That the additional Kick Start grant be noted, and the Capital Programme be amended accordingly, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report.
- (d) That the schedule of street lighting replacement works be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report.
- (e) That the project to construct a replacement Warden's Base at the Wren's Nest Nature Reserve be approved and included in the Capital Programme, and that the Director of Law and Property be authorised to enter into the necessary lease arrangements with Dudley College, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report.
- (f) That the enhancements to the Liveability programme be approved, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report.
- (g) That the expenditure on Black Waste Bins be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 11 of the report.
- (h) That the extra expenditure relating to Civil Parking Enforcement be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 12 of the report.
- (i) That the Security Improvements at the Council House, Mary Stevens Park, be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 13 of the report.

- (j) That the annual expenditure on Major Kitchen Equipment be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 14 of the report.
- (k) That the "Other Services" Capital Programme for 2007/08 be approved, as set out in paragraph 16 of the report.
- (l) That the urgent amendments to the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraphs 18 and 19 of the report, be noted.

Revenue And Capital Outturn 2006/07 That the following be noted:-

- (a) The draft outturn results for 2006/07, including Gershon efficiencies.
- (b) The effect of the General Fund Revenue Outturn on General Balances at 31st March 2007.
- (c) The position on earmarked reserves at 31st March 2007.
- (d) The latest forecast General Fund Revenue position for 2007/08.

Appointment Of Council Representatives To Outside Organisations

That the Director of Law and Property, in consultation with the appropriate Group Leaders, be authorised to determine the appointment of representatives to serve on the outside organisations indicated in the Appendix to the report submitted to the meeting.

Supplementary Planning Document For Open Space, Sport And Recreation Provision

That the final version of the Council's Supplementary Planning Document for Open Space, Sport and Recreation Provision be approved and adopted.

Approval For Public Consultation Of The Draft 'Planning Obligations' Supplementary Planning Document

That the draft Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document be approved for publication for a statutory public consultation period of six weeks.

Exclusion Of The Public

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>Item</u>	<u>Paragraph No.</u>
	Request for Early Retirement	1
	Termination of Contracts on the Grounds of Redundancy	1
Request For Early Retirement	That the request for early retirement be approved as set out in the report.	
Termination Of Contracts On The Grounds Of Redundancy	That the proposals to terminate the contracts of employment for the employees concerned be approved on the basis set out in the report.	

The details of each of the above items are set out in the reports submitted to the meeting of the Cabinet held on 13th June, 2007. Copies of the public reports are available from Democratic Services in the Directorate of Law and Property (contact Richard Sanders, 01384 815236).

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 15th June, 2007 unless a Select Committee objects to a decision and calls it in.

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Dated: 15th June, 2007