

Meeting of the Cabinet – 29th June 2011

Report of the Chief Executive

City Status Application

1. Purpose

1.1 To advise the Cabinet of the submission of an application for City Status as part of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

2. Background

2.1 As part of the celebration arrangements to commemorate Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 there was an open invitation for local authorities to apply for City Status. The deadline for submission was 27th May 2011.

2.2 There were no specific criteria set out, and following a review of the application requirements it was felt that Dudley Borough would be a highly suitable applicant. The City Status submission highlights the unique and exceptional heritage we offer. It draws out the clear ambition we have for the future and the distinctive pride of local people at the heart of the Black Country. A copy of the application summary, a more detailed profile of the area and a set of photographs of the area is on the Council website.

2.3 The decision on the City Status application will be made by Her Majesty and on ministerial advice. The results will be announced in 2012.

3. Finance

3.1 There are no specific financial implications of this report.

4. Law

4.1 The decision on City Status will be made by Her Majesty under the Royal Prerogative, and is open to any local authority in the United Kingdom.

5. Equality Impact

5.1 The City Status submission highlights the diversity of our communities and the steps taken is to promote positive outcomes for all local people.

6. Recommendations

6.1 The Cabinet is asked to note the submission of a City Status application as part of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations.

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List of background papers
Nil