

MEETING OF THE CABINET – 18TH MARCH, 2009

NOTICE OF DECISIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cabinet, at its meeting held on the 18th March, 2009, made the decisions indicated in respect of the items listed:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Minutes	That the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on the 11 th February, 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed.
Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2008	That the views of the Auditor be noted.
Dudley Borough Economic Strategy 2009/10	That the revised Dudley Borough Economic Strategy for 2009/10 be approved.
A Strategy for Learning Disability in Dudley	That the Strategy for Learning Disability in Dudley and Action Plan, as drafted, be approved.
Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults	<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) That the Department of Health Consultation on the Review of the 'No Secrets' Guidance; the response of the Dudley Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board and progress with the safeguarding agenda in Dudley as set out in paragraphs 19 – 30 of the report submitted to the meeting, be noted.(2) That the Council accountabilities and responsibilities for safeguarding of vulnerable adults attached at Appendix A to the report submitted to the meeting, be approved.(3) That the Annual Report of the Dudley Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Board, be approved.(4) That the training plan as set out in paragraph 33 of the report submitted to the meeting, to ensure that all elected Members received training on safeguarding of vulnerable adults, be approved.
City Region Multi Area Agreement (MAA) for Employment and Skills	<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) That the progress to date with regard to the development of a Multi Area Agreement for Employment and Skills across the City Region, be noted.

- (2) That the timetable for approval of the Multi Area Agreement outlined in paragraph 7 of the report submitted to the meeting, be endorsed.
- (3) That the Director of the Urban Environment, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Director of the Dudley Community Partnership be authorised to agree and finalise the Multi Area Agreement prior to its submission to the City Region Board.
- City Region Pilot Proposal
- (1) That the progress to date with regard to the development of a proposal for a Pilot City Region for Birmingham, Coventry and the Black Country, be noted.
- (2) That the Interim Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, be authorised to progress further stages of the bid to take the process forward on behalf of the Council, in the event that the Proposal for a Pilot City Region is successful.
- Housing Revenue Account (HRA): Rent Increase 2009/10
- (1) That, subject to there being no detrimental effect on the Council's financial position, the Cabinet Members for Housing and Finance and the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services and Finance, be authorised to:-
- (a) Apply for additional subsidy.
- (b) Agree new rent levels in accordance with the revised national guideline.
- (c) Report on the impact on the Housing Revenue Account budget to Cabinet at the earliest opportunity.
- Capital Programme Monitoring
- (1) That current progress with the 2008/09 Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix A to the report submitted to the meeting, be noted.

- (2) That in respect of Connections to Opportunities, the Director of the Urban Environment be authorised to submit full applications on behalf of the Council to Advantage West Midlands for funding for projects, and to accept any grant funding arising from the applications; and that the Interim Director of Law and Property be authorised to sign the necessary funding agreements with Advantage West Midlands and any agreements with third party organisations, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (3) That the Council be recommended:-
 - (a) That the safety and security measures at the Oak Lane Traveller Site be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (b) That the Capital Programme be amended to reflect the increased costs of the Dudley Wood BMX Track and Fencing project, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (c) That the Growth Point funding allocation be noted, and any associated capital spend included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (d) That subject to funding being confirmed, any capital elements of the Connections to Opportunities scheme be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (e) That the Capital Programme be amended in respect of the revised costs of the extension of the fire alarm system at Himley Hall, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report submitted to the meeting.

- (f) That the project to relocate Coseley Youth Centre be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (g) That the extra Play Pathfinder funding allocation be noted, and the Capital Programme be amended accordingly, as set out in paragraph 11 of the report submitted to the meeting.

Partnership for Regeneration (1) That approval be given to the formation of an Limited Liability Partnership with BV Strategies Facilitating Limited and that the Interim Chief Executive be authorised to negotiate and approve the final form of the Limited Liability Partnership and to formalise this in a new Limited Liability Partnership Agreement, to be executed by the Interim Director of Law and Property.

- (2) That, through the medium of the Limited Liability Partnership, the participation of its officers in the promotion and use of the model elsewhere, be approved.

Transfer of Responsibility for the Commissioning and Funding of Social Care for Adults with Learning Disability from the National Health Service to Local Government (1) That the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services, in consultation with the Director of Finance, the Interim Director of Law and Property, and with appropriate Cabinet Members, be authorised to:

- (a) Negotiate, finalise, and agree with the Dudley Primary Care Trust (PCT) the total amount of funding for social care to transfer from the PCT to Dudley MBC with effect from 1st April, 2009.
- (b) Finalise and agree a Section 75 Agreement, which confirms the transfer amount.
- (c) Inform the Department of Health that the funding transfer has taken place by 30th June, 2009.

Approval for Adoption of the Revised 'Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document'	That approval be given to the adoption of the revised Planning Obligations, Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document.
Transforming Secondary Education – Building Schools for the Future (BSF) and Academies	<p>(1) That the cessation of the Academy Programme in Dudley be approved with immediate effect.</p> <p>(2) That progress to date on BSF be noted.</p> <p>(3) That approval be given to the start of preparation work for "Readiness to Deliver", for the next stage of the BSF process.</p>
Review of Leisure Centres	<p>(1) That the report and safety concerns raised in relation to Coseley Baths, be noted.</p> <p>(2) That option C in paragraph 22 of the report submitted to the meeting be approved and implemented before the end of August 2009.</p> <p>(3) That a further report on alternative leisure provision for Coseley and surrounding area be prepared for North Dudley Area Committee and Cabinet in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Culture and the three Ward Members for Coseley.</p> <p>(4) That a feasibility study using the "free swimming" grant be undertaken in relation to pool provision borough wide to include evaluating any support that could be given to local schools aimed at increasing public access and participation in swimming clubs and lessons.</p>
Review of the Housing Allocations Scheme	<p>(1) That the bandings scheme, as detailed in Appendix A to the report submitted to the meeting, be approved in principle and developed, further tested and implemented in accordance with a timetable to be confirmed.</p> <p>(2) That the Bedroom Standard be not implemented within Dudley's Allocations Scheme at this time.</p>

- (3) That within the bands, applicants be ordered by band date (except in band 3 by number of needs and then band date), and that any applicant dropping from one band to another generally keep their earlier band date.
- (4) That provision for exceptions to the allocations process be confirmed as outlined in paragraphs 28-31 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (5) That it be noted that the action above will conclude the Review of Allocations, except for the ongoing Equality Impact Assessment and the following specific pieces of work to be undertaken in 2009/10:
 - (a) The review of the process for moving on grounds of ill health or disability.
 - (b) The introduction of an Incentive Scheme including incentives to facilitate better use of stock and to recognise good tenants in the allocations criteria.
 - (c) The review of the process for appeals.

Staffing Issue - Directorate of the Urban Environment

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 31st March, 2009, in accordance with the terms and conditions 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. Copies of the public reports may be obtained from Democratic Services in the Directorate of Law and Property (contact 01384 815243 or e-mail josef.jablonski@dudley.gov.uk or on the Committee Management Information System on the Council's Website www.dudley.gov.uk and follow the links to Council Decisions/Committee Information.

Except where matters have been referred to the Council, the decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days of the 20th March, 2009, unless a Select Committee objects to a decision and calls it in.

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