

## Meeting of the Cabinet – 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015

### Notice of Decisions

**Notice is hereby given** that the Cabinet, at its meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, made the following decisions:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Annual Audit Letter 2013/14	That the report and the views of the Auditor be noted.
Deployment of Resources: Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and Public Sector Housing Capital	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>(1) That rents for Housing Revenue Account (HRA) dwellings be maintained at current levels from 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2015.</li><li>(2) That an increase of 1.2% in service charges be approved.</li><li>(3) That an increase of 1.2% in heating and lighting charges for sheltered housing from an average weekly charge of £14.43 to an average weekly charge of £14.60 be approved.</li><li>(4) That an increase from £2.20 to £2.30 for laundry tokens be approved.</li><li>(5) That the current charge for pitch licences at Oak Lane be maintained.</li><li>(6) That an increase of 1.2% in water charges at Oak Lane to £6.25 per week be approved.</li><li>(7) That the leaseholders' administration fee and the charge for the leasehold information pack be maintained at current levels.</li><li>(8) That an increase of 1.2% (10p per month) for private Telecare clients be approved.</li><li>(9) That the Council be recommended to approve the revised HRA budget for 2014/15 and the HRA budget for 2015/16.</li><li>(10) That Council be recommended to approve the public sector housing revised capital budget for 2014/15 and the capital budget for 2015/16 to 2019/20.</li></ol>

- (11) That the Council be recommended to authorise the Strategic Director (Environment Economy and Housing) and the Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation) to bid for and enter into funding arrangements for additional resources to supplement investment in the public sector housing stock and that expenditure funded from such resources be added to the Capital Programme.
- (12) That the Council be recommended to authorise the Strategic Director (Environment, Economy and Housing), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing and Community Safety, to manage and allocate resources to the capital programme.
- (13) That the Council be recommended to confirm that all capital receipts arising from the sale of HRA assets (other than those specifically committed to support private sector housing) continue to be used for the improvement of Council homes.
- (14) That the Strategic Director (Environment, Economy and Housing) be authorised to procure and enter into contracts for the delivery of the capital programme.
- (15) That the HRA medium term financial strategy and thirty year business plan be received.

Capital Programme  
Monitoring

- (1) That the result of the Post Completion Review of relevant capital projects be noted.
- (2) That the Council be recommended:
  - (a) That current progress with the 2014/15 Capital Programme be noted, and that budgets be amended to reflect the reported variances.
  - (b) That the grant funding for a toucan crossing in Colley Gate, Halesowen be noted and the project included in the Capital Programme.
  - (c) That the Wordsley Park Garage project be approved and included in the Capital Programme.
  - (d) That the CCTV project at Blowers Green and Lister Road depots be approved and included in the Capital Programme.
  - (e) That the Highways Maintenance Block allocations 2015/16 – 2017/18 be included in the Capital Programme.

- (f) That the funding to install a new kitchen at Netherton Church of England Primary School be noted and the project included in the Capital Programme.
- (g) That the initial Energy Efficiency projects be approved and included in the Capital Programme, and that the Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation) be authorised to include further projects subject to establishing value for money and the availability of funding.
- (h) That the urgent amendments to the Capital Programme be noted.
- (i) That the Prudential Indicators as required to be determined by the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities and the Local Government Act 2003 be approved.
- (j) That the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy for 2014/15 be approved.

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 (contact 01384 815236 or e-mail [steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk](mailto:steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk)) or on the Committee Management Information System on the Council's Website [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk).

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 12<sup>th</sup> February, 2015, unless a Scrutiny Committee objects to a decision and calls it in.

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