

## **SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CABINET**

Tuesday, 10th January, 2006 at 6.00 pm  
at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

### **PRESENT:-**

Councillor Caunt (Leader of the Council) (Chairman)  
Councillors Adams, Evans, Fraser-Macnamara, Jones, Mrs Martin, Miller, Mrs Millward, Mrs Shakespeare and Vickers; together with the following Minority Group Members nominated to attend meetings of the Cabinet: Councillors Ali, Crumpton, G.H. Davies, Ms Foster, Sparks and C.L. Woodall (Labour Group); and Councillors Mrs Patrick and Tyler (Liberal Democrat Group)

### **OFFICERS:-**

The Chief Executive, the Director of Finance, the Director of Law and Property, the Director of Children's Services, the Director of Adult, Community and Housing Services, the Director of the Urban Environment, the Head of Personnel and Support Services and the Democratic Services Manager (Directorate of Law and Property).

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101            **COUNCILLOR C L WOODALL MBE**

The Leader expressed congratulations to Councillor C L Woodall for receiving an MBE for services to local government in the Queen's New Year's Honours List. The Leader also wished everyone present a happy new year.

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102            **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2005, be approved as a correct record and signed.

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103            **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member declared an interest, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct, in relation to any matter to be considered at this meeting.

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104            **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

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REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2006/07

A joint report of the Chief Executive and Director of Finance was submitted seeking consideration of the Revenue Budget Strategy for 2006/07 and later years and presenting proposals for spending and funding options for consultation with Select Committees, representatives of business ratepayers and other interested bodies and individuals.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) That the preliminary strategy outlined in the report submitted to the meeting be approved as a basis for further consultation.
- (2) That the various issues and risks which will need to be taken into account in finalising budget proposals for 2006/07, and the longer term financial strategy, be noted.

The meeting ended at 6.08 p.m.

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL