

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CABINET

Wednesday, 7th January, 2009 at 6.00 p.m.
in Committee Room 2 at the Council House, Dudley

PRESENT:-

Councillor Caunt (Leader of the Council) (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs Millward (Deputy Leader)
Councillors Adams, Evans, Knowles, Miller, Mrs Shakespeare, Simms,
A Turner and Mrs Walker

Opposition Group Members nominated to attend meetings of the
Cabinet

Councillors Ali, Ms Foster, Lowe, Ms Partridge, Mrs Ridley and Sparks

OFFICERS:-

Interim Chief Executive, Director of Adult, Community and Housing
Services, Director of Finance, Director of the Urban Environment,
Interim Director of Children's Services, Interim Director of Law and
Property, Head of Personnel and Support Services, Head of Marketing
and Communications and Mr Sanders (Directorate of Law and
Property)

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor G H
Davies.

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CHANGE IN REPRESENTATION OF MINORITY GROUP MEMBERS

It was reported that Councillor Lowe was serving in place of G H
Davies for this meeting of the Committee only.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No member declared a personal or prejudicial interest, in accordance
with the Members' Code of Conduct, in any matter to be considered at
this meeting.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 10th
December, 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.

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REVENUE BUDGET STRATEGY 2009/10

A joint report of the Interim Chief Executive and Director of Finance was submitted seeking consideration of the revenue budget strategy for 2009/10 and Medium Term Financial Strategy for the period from 2009/10 to 2011/12 which presented spending and funding options for consultation with Select Committees and representatives of business rate payers.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the preliminary strategy outlined in the report be approved as a basis of further consultation.
- (2) That the various issues and risks which will need to be taken into account in finalising budget proposals for 2009/10, and the medium term financial strategy, be noted.

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EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED

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 Paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, and, in all the circumstances, the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

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STAFFING ISSUE – CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DIRECTORATE

A report of the Interim Chief Executive was submitted seeking approval to terminate the contract of employment of the Officer referred to in the report now submitted.

RESOLVED

That the request to terminate the contract of the officer referred to in the report now submitted with effect from 31st January, 2009 on the ground of redundancy, on the terms and conditions stated in the report, be approved.

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STAFFING ISSUE – DIRECTORATE OF FINANCE, ICT AND PROCUREMENT

A report of the Interim Chief Executive was submitted seeking approval to a request for premature retirement from the officer referred to in the report now submitted.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the request for premature retirement by the officer referred to in the report now submitted be approved with effect from 31st March, 2009, on the terms and conditions stated in the report.
- (2) That a report be submitted to the Appointments Committee on appropriate cover arrangements in the Directorate of Finance, ICT and Procurement.

The meeting ended at 6.06 p.m..

CHAIRMAN