

MEETING OF THE CABINET – 14TH MARCH, 2012

NOTICE OF DECISIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cabinet, at its meeting held on the 14th March, 2012, made the decisions indicated in respect of the items listed:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Annual Audit Letter 2011	That the Annual Audit Letter, together with the views and positive comments of the Audit Commission, be noted.
Safer Routes to School – 20mph Speed Limit Policy	That the 20mph speed limit policy outside schools be approved, subject to an amendment to the policy to clarify the process on how schools will be considered for a 20mph zone.
Capital Programme Monitoring	<p>(1) That the results of the Post Completion Review of capital projects, as set out in Appendix B of the report submitted to the meeting, be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the Council be recommended:-</p> <p>(a) That current progress with the 2011/12 Capital Programme, as set out in Appendix A of the report submitted to the meeting, be noted, and that budgets be amended to reflect the reported variances.</p> <p>(b) That the Capital Programme be amended to include the additional costs of £15,000 for the Lister Road depot improvements, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report submitted to the meeting.</p> <p>(c) That the Transforming our Workplace project be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 6 of the report submitted to the meeting.</p> <p>(d) That the refurbishment of Ward House be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report submitted to the meeting.</p>

Equality Scheme 2012-15	That the Equality Scheme 2012-15, including the statutory equality objectives and a revised equality policy statement for the Council, be approved.
Stourbridge Area Action Plan (AAP) (publication stage)	<p>(1) That the Council be recommended to approve the Stourbridge Area Action Plan in order that the document can be published, subject to consultation and, along with representations received, be submitted to the Secretary of State.</p> <p>(2) That the Director of the Urban Environment, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Regeneration be authorised to agree any minor changes to the document prior to submission to the Secretary of State.</p>
Public Consultation on the Design in Brierley Hill Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document	That the Design in Brierley Hill Town Centre Supplementary Planning Document be approved for a six week consultation.
Proposed Dudley Local Enterprise Zone	<p>(1) That a Dudley Local Enterprise Zone at the Waterfront/Harts Hill area of Brierley Hill as detailed in the report submitted to the meeting, be approved in principle.</p> <p>(2) That the Director of the Urban Environment and the Director of Corporate Resources, in consultation with the appropriate property owners be authorised to undertake further work in relation to this initiative and to report back to a future meeting of the Cabinet with a detailed management and operation plan.</p> <p>(3) That the proposed Waterfront/Harts Hill Local Enterprise Zone become the Council's single target area for the use of Business Rate incentives as a mechanism to promote investment and economic growth.</p>
Dudley Business Loan Fund	That the Council be recommended:-

- (1) That an investment of £500,000, over a two year period (2012/13 to 2013/14), be made to Black Country Reinvestment Society (BCRS) to create a local business loan fund to support small businesses in the Dudley Borough and that the investment be matched by a further £500,000 of European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) monies to create a business loan fund of £1 million.
- (2) That the Director of the Urban Environment and the Director of Corporate Resources, or their nominated representative(s), in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Regeneration and Finance be authorised to enter into negotiations and to sign a formal contract with BCRS.
- (3) That the capital element of the investment be included in the Capital Programme.

The Health and Social Care Bill and its implications for Dudley MBC

- (1) That the report submitted to the meeting be noted.
- (2) That Public Health be located within the Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services and that the arrangements for ensuring that Public Health be delivered on a Corporate basis be approved.
- (3) That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Adult and Community Services and the Leader of the Opposition Group, be authorised to determine whether there should be a joint or single appointment of the Director of Public Health and then make appropriate arrangements for the appointment through the Appointments Committee.

Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011

- (1) That approval be given to the appointment of a Police and Crime Panel for the West Midlands comprising twelve elected members, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report submitted to the meeting, subject to the approval of the Home Secretary.

- (2) That the operation of the Panel in shadow form from June 2012, until the election of the Police and Crime Commissioner in November 2012, be noted.
- (3) That the Council make its appointment(s) to the Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Council in May.

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 Corporate Resources (contact 01384 815235 or e-mail steve.griffiths@dudley.gov.uk) or on the Committee Management Information System on the Council's Website www.dudley.gov.uk and follow the links to Meetings and Decisions.

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 15th March, 2012, unless a Scrutiny Committee objects to a decision and calls it in.

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