

MEETING OF THE CABINET – 11th JUNE, 2008

The Cabinet, at its meeting held on the 11th June, 2008, made the decisions indicated in respect of the items listed:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Decision</u>
Minutes	That the minutes of the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 19 th March, 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed.
Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2007	That the contents of the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter submitted to the meeting and the views of the Auditor be noted. The specific comments and issues raised at the meeting are to be pursued or responded to by the Auditor as necessary.
Council Plan 2010: 2008 Annual Review	That the Council be recommended:- (1) to endorse the policy framework of the revised Council Plan. (2) to note the alignment of the Council Plan and Directorate Strategic Plans to the Community Strategy.
Three Year Community Safety Plan 2008 – 2011	That the information contained in the report submitted to the meeting be endorsed and that the Council be recommended to approve the three year Community Safety Plan for 2008 – 2011. That the concerns expressed relating to Partnerships and Communities Together (PACT) meetings be raised with the Police and the Community Safety Team.
Delivery of Regeneration in the Borough – A Proposed Arms Length Company	(1) That the early establishment of a regeneration Arms Length Company, using existing funding in advance of full funding from Advantage West Midlands and English Partnerships, be supported. (2) That the proposal to extend the scope of the proposed Arms Length Company to cover both Dudley and Brierley Hill Town Centres be supported.

- (3) That the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration, in consultation with the Director of the Urban Environment, be authorised to agree the membership of the Arms Length Company Board prior to the appointment of a Chief Executive.
- (4) That approval be given to develop a town centre partnership in Dudley and, in consultation with the Brierley Hill Regeneration Partnership Board, establish a new town centre partnership for Brierley Hill, both of which would operate through the Arms Length Company.

Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report

- (1) That the content of the Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report submitted to the meeting be approved.
- (2) That the Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Report be referred to Select Committees to consider specific issues within their terms of reference.

Neighbourhood Renewal Fund Transitional Grant

That the Cabinet note the position in relation to the commitments arising from the former Neighbourhood Renewal Fund regime to be met by the transitional funding during 2008/09 and 2009/10 and approve the use of unallocated funding to support priorities arising from the New Generation Local Area Agreement.

Revenue and Capital Outturn 2007/08

- (1) That the draft outturn results for 2007/08, including Gershon efficiencies, as indicated in the report submitted to the meeting, be noted.
- (2) That the effect of the General Fund Revenue Outturn on General Balances at 31st March, 2008 be noted.
- (3) That the position on earmarked reserves at 31st March, 2008 be noted.
- (4) That the latest forecast General Fund Revenue position for 2008/09 be noted.

Capital Programme
Monitoring

- (5) That Cabinet Members, the Chief Executive, Directors and budget holders be reminded to exercise strict budgetary control in managing the 2008/09 budget in accordance with previous Cabinet and Council decisions.
- (1) That the 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 the results of the Post Completion Review of capital projects, as set out in Appendix B to the report submitted to the meeting, be noted.
- (3) That in respect of the European Regional Development Fund Priority 3 Sustainable Urban Development South Black Country Package Plan:-
 - (a) The Director of the Urban Environment be authorised to submit outline and full applications on behalf of the Council to Advantage West Midlands for funding for projects in the European Regional Development Fund Priority 3 Sustainable Urban Development South Black Country Package Plan, and for “Connecting to Opportunity” matchfunding, as set out in paragraph 12 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (b) The Director of the Urban Environment be authorised to accept any grant funding arising from the Advantage West Midlands and European funding applications, as set out in paragraph 12 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (c) The Director of Law and Property be authorised to sign the necessary funding agreements with Advantage West Midlands, as set out in paragraph 12 of the report submitted to the meeting.

- (4) That the Council be recommended:-
- (a) That the allocation of £0.882m extra Disabled Facilities Grant funding be noted, and the Capital Programme amended accordingly, as set out in paragraph 5 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (b) That the expenditure on Stair Lifts be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in Paragraph 6 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (c) That the Capital Programme be amended to include the additional £82,000 of Kick Start Funding, as set out in paragraph 7 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (d) That the Council's allocation of £810,000 from the Regional Housing Pot be noted, and the associated expenditure included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 8 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (e) That the scheme to infill the Stourbridge Rock Caverns be approved, and the Capital Programme amended accordingly, as set out in paragraph 9 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (f) That the Dudley Southern By-Pass resurfacing works be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 10 of the report submitted to the meeting.
 - (g) That the package of works to Future Skills Dudley Accommodation be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 11 of the report submitted to the meeting.

- (h) That subject to funding (and the availability of matchfunding) being confirmed, the European Regional Development Fund Priority 3 Sustainable Urban Development South Black Country Package Plan scheme be included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 12 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (i) That the improvements at Lister Road Depot be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 13 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (j) That the Fens Pool Gating scheme be approved and included in the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 14 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (k) That £100,000 for Disabled Access works be included in the 2008/09 Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 15 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (l) That the "Other Services" Capital Programme for 2008/09 be approved, as set out in paragraphs 17 and 18 of the report submitted to the meeting.
- (m) That the urgent amendment to the Capital Programme, as set out in paragraph 20 of the report submitted to the meeting be noted.
- (n) That the proposals in relation to the Kingswinford Library and the library modernisation programme, as set out in the addendum to the report circulated at the meeting, be approved and that the project be added to the library modernisation capital programme.

Appointment of Council Representatives to Outside Organisations

That the Director of Law and Property, in consultation with the appropriate Group Leaders, be authorised to determine the appointment of representatives to serve on the outside organisations indicated in the Appendix to the report submitted to the meeting.

Exclusion of the Public

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

<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A</u>
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13 – 51 Orchard Street, Brierley Hill Regeneration Project

That, subject to any necessary approval by the Council, the contents of the report submitted to the meeting be noted and approval be given:-

- (1) To declare the land at 13 – 51 Orchard Street, Brierley Hill surplus to be disposed of for the purposes of social housing.
- (2) To dispose of the land to Black Country Housing Group on terms and conditions to be negotiated and agreed by the Director of Law and Property.
- (3) To discount the land value as set out in the report and to provide financial support to Black Country Housing Group of a matching amount through the use of Section 106 commuted sums.
- (4) To seek authorisation to suspend tenants’ right to buy, to give tenants affected by the clearance a re-housing priority and to pay home loss and disturbance allowances.

- (5) To commence the acquisition by agreement of property and rights.

Staffing Issue – Chief Executive's Directorate

That the termination of the contract of the officer referred to in the report submitted to the meeting, on the grounds of redundancy, and on the terms and conditions referred to in the report, 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 are available from Democratic Services in the Directorate of Law and Property (contact Richard Sanders, 01384 815236 or e-mail richard.sanders@dudley.gov.uk) or 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 full Council, the decisions will come into force, and may then be implemented, on the expiry of five working days of 12th June, 2008, unless a Select Committee objects to a decision and calls it in.

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Dated: 12th June, 2008