

# COUNCIL MEETING 16<sup>th</sup> November 2005

## AGENDA

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### PART I

#### Open to Press and Public

1. **PRAYERS**

To be said by the Reverend Roger Jones, Foley Park, Cookley, Alveley and Highley Methodist.

2. **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER**

To welcome Councillor John Aston, the newly elected member for the Aggborough and Spennells Ward.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, to invite Members to declare the existence and nature of any personal or personal and prejudicial interests in the following agenda items. Members should indicate the action they will be taking when the item is considered.

Members are also invited to make any declaration in relation to Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

(See guidance note on first page.)

5. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2005. (Attached)

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

In accordance with the Council's Scheme for Public Speaking at Meetings of Full Council, to allow members of the public to present petitions, ask questions, or make statements, details of which have been received by 9am, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005. (See front cover for contact details.)

7. **QUESTIONS**

To receive questions submitted in accordance with Standing Order A5 by Members of the Council, details of which have been received by 9am, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2005, and the replies of the Leader of the Council, or appropriate Cabinet Member.

**8. PETITION – CAR PARKING – STOURPORT SPORTS CENTRE**

To receive a petition, signed by users of Stourport Sports Centre. The petitioners are seeking a concessionary car parking charge at the centre for sports centre users, who do not qualify for the Wyre Forest season ticket available for Senior Citizens over the age of 63 years. The petition refers, in particular, to difficulties faced by senior citizens aged between 60 and 63 years and parents with young children.

In accordance with Standing Order C12, to consider referring the petition to the next appropriate meeting of the Cabinet.

**9. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive such communications as the Chairman of the Council may desire to put before the Council, which are not already included within the agenda. (Attached)

**10. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT**

To receive announcements and any matters for report from the Leader of the Council. (Verbal report)

**11. RETURNING OFFICER'S REPORT – AGGBOROUGH AND SPENNELLS WARD BY-ELECTION 27<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2005**

To receive a report from the Returning Officer regarding the results of the District Council by-election held on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2005 in the Aggborough and Spennells Ward. (Attached)

**12. COMMITTEE CHANGES**

In the light of the election of Councillor John Aston to the Council, to consider changes in the memberships of committees and other bodies. (A paper will be circulated at the meeting.)

**13. POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK – MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE A DECISION BY COUNCIL**

**a) Recommendations from the Cabinet – 29<sup>th</sup> September 2005**  
(Attached)

- Value for Money Policy
- Anti-Money Laundering Policy
- Proposal to Extend Bewdley Alcohol Restriction Zone

Copies of the policy documents, referred to in the above section, have been posted on the Council's website. Public inspection copies are available on request. (See front cover for contact details)

**b) Recommendations from the Cabinet – 27<sup>th</sup> October 2005** (Attached)

- Use of Manual Agency Labour
- Concessionary Travel Scheme
- Wyre Forest Empty Property Strategy

Copies of the policy documents, referred to in the above section have been posted on the Council's website. Public inspection copies are available on request. (See front cover for contact details)

**c) Recommendation from the Licensing and Environmental Committee 17<sup>th</sup> October 2005** (Attached)

- Review of Delegated Powers – Food Safety

**d) Recommendations from the Cabinet Scrutiny Committee 9<sup>th</sup> November 2005** (To follow)

- Police Restructuring – Response to Consultation  
The Chief Executive's report on this matter is attached.

**14. MOTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. D1 (1)**

No motions have been received in accordance with Standing Order No. D1(1).

**15. URGENT MOTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. D1 (7)**

To consider any motions in the order in which they have been received which, by reason of special circumstances, should be considered as a matter of urgency, in accordance with Standing Order No. D1(7).

**16. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

To nominate a representative to serve on each of the following outside organisations:

- **West Midlands Local Government Association - Improvement and Efficiency Member Network**

The West Midlands LGA has set up an Improvement and Efficiency Member Network as a mechanism to ensure that 'lead' members at a local level can most effectively inform and influence the WMLGA's regional portfolio holders in fulfilling their role.

The Council is asked to nominate the Cabinet Member for Finance and Corporate Affairs as the Council's representative on this organisation.

- **Asha Wyre Forest Project**

The Asha Wyre Forest Project is seeking to set up a facility in Wyre Forest on the lines of the Asha Centre in Worcester. The aim is to offer a range of services that benefit disadvantaged and vulnerable women who tend to offend, with a view to keeping them out of prison.

The Council is asked to nominate the Cabinet Member for Housing, Health and Rural Affairs as its representative on this organisation.

## 17. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

To consider passing the following resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of an item containing "exempt" information:

**"DECISION:**

**Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of "exempt information" as defined in paragraphs 7, 9 and 13 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act."**

### **PART 2**

#### **Not Open to Press and Public**

## 18. **MINUTES**

To confirm the 'exempt' minutes of the Council meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2005. (Attached)

<p><b>TO: ALL MEMBERS OF WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL</b></p>
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