

AGENDA ITEM 13(b)

COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2005

POLICY AND BUDGET FRAMEWORK

MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE A DECISION BY COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET – 27TH OCTOBER 2005

Purpose of Report

To consider recommendations from the Cabinet on matters outside the policy framework or approved budget of the Council.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Would Councillors please note that the related reports and documents have not been included in the Council Book as they have already been sent to Members via the Cabinet agenda. Copies have been included in the electronic circulation of the Council agenda. In addition, a copy of the Cabinet agenda has been placed in Group Rooms and a public inspection copy is available on request. The policy documents, referred to below, have been posted on the Council's website. (See front cover for contact details.)

ITEM	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL	CABINET MEMBER
1. <u>USE OF MANUAL</u> <u>AGENCY LABOUR</u>	The Cabinet considered a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services regarding a market testing exercise recently undertaken by the Worcestershire Procurement Partnership (WPP) with the support and guidance of the West Midlands Centre of Excellence (WMCOE). The Council is recommended that: 1. An Exception to Standing Orders be made to allow Wyre Forest District Council to undertake a pilot scheme, as detailed in the report to the Cabinet on 27th October 2005, for a nine month period in order that the unique services of Comensura can be evaluated.	John-Paul Campion

	<p>2. If the Pilot Scheme is successful, Wyre Forest District Council place the required Official Journal of European Union (OJEU) advertisements and carry out a full tender procedure for Manual Agency Labour.</p> <p>The report is at item 7.1 of the Cabinet agenda of 27th October 2005.</p>	
<p><u>2.</u> <u>CONCESSIONARY</u> <u>TRAVEL SCHEME</u></p>	<p>The Cabinet considered a report from the Head of Financial Services and a recommendation from the Finance and Corporate Affairs Policy and Scrutiny Panel regarding a new Concessionary Travel Scheme for 2006/2007 onwards.</p> <p>The Council is recommended that:</p> <p>1. A new Concessionary Travel Scheme be approved for 2006/2007 onwards as detailed below:-</p> <p>a) Wyre Forest District Council's local scheme comprise free travel at all times including travel inside and outside of the county, starting or ending only in the District, at an estimated cost of £418,000 per annum.</p> <p>b) Subject to a formal offer of grant from the County Council for 2006/07, the Council's local scheme be extended, to include travel starting or ending anywhere in the County and including cross border travel. The estimated additional cost of the extended scheme (£46,000) be met by offer of a contribution from the County of £59,000. This offer is conditional subject to all six Worcestershire Districts accepting the offer by 31st October 2005. This contribution</p>	<p>John-Paul Campion</p>

	<p>has been calculated to meet additional costs based on £2.50 for each eligible resident aged over 60 years.</p> <p>2. Discussions continue with Dial-a-Ride to consider the application of the new scheme</p> <p>The report is at item 7.2 of the Cabinet agenda of 27th October 2005.</p>	
<p><u>3. WYRE FOREST EMPTY PROPERTY STRATEGY</u></p>	<p>The Cabinet considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment seeking approval for an updated Wyre Forest Empty Property Strategy.</p> <p>The Council is recommended that:</p> <p>The updated Wyre Forest Empty Property Strategy, as detailed in the separate Appendix to the report to the Cabinet on 27th October 2005, be approved.</p> <p>The report is at item 8.1 of the Cabinet agenda of 27th October 2005.</p>	<p>Anne Hingley</p>