

**COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 1ST MARCH 2006**

**MATTERS WHICH REQUIRE A DECISION BY COUNCIL - RECOMMENDATIONS
FROM THE CABINET 22ND DECEMBER 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. (See front cover for contact details.)

ITEM	RECOMMENDATIONS TO COUNCIL	CABINET MEMBER
1. <u>WORCESTERSHIRE PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURES</u>	<p>The Cabinet considered a report from the Chief Executive on revised structures for the Worcestershire Partnership. This had been established in 1999 to improve the quality of life for Worcestershire residents through joint working between partners from all sectors.</p> <p>The Council is recommended:</p> <p>The revised structures for the Worcestershire Partnership, as set out in Appendix A to the report to Cabinet on 22nd December 2005, be endorsed and that regular reports on the work of the Partnership be received from the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive, as this authority's representatives on the Worcestershire Partnership Board.</p> <p>The report is at item 6.3 of the Cabinet agenda of 22nd December 2005.</p>	Stephen Clee

<p><u>2.</u> <u>DEVELOPING A</u> <u>PARTNERSHIP</u> <u>FRAMEWORK</u></p>	<p>The Cabinet considered a report from the Chief Executive regarding the results of the Council's third partnership audit. The report recommended the development of a framework to guide the Council's approach to, involvement in and evaluation of partnerships.</p> <p>The Council is recommended:</p> <p>The Partnership Framework, as set out in Appendix B of the report to the Cabinet on 22nd December 2005, be adopted with immediate effect, and that over the next 12 months the Council's officer membership on all partnerships be reviewed with a view of rationalisation.</p> <p>The report is at item 6.4 of the Cabinet agenda of 22nd December 2005.</p>	<p>Stephen Clee</p>
<p><u>3.</u> <u>DECRIMINALISATION</u> <u>OF ON STREET</u> <u>PARKING</u></p>	<p>The Cabinet considered a report from the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services regarding proposals for the decriminalisation of parking enforcement within the District.</p> <p>The Cabinet also considered recommendations on this matter from the 12th December 2005 meeting of the Environment and Economic Regeneration Policy and Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>The Council is recommended:</p> <p>1. The Council instruct the Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services and Head of Legal and Democratic Services to appoint consultants to review, measure and map the existing orders and to make an application with the Highways Authority, to the Secretary of State to decriminalise On Street Parking in Wyre Forest in accordance with existing provision.</p>	<p>James Dudley</p>

	<p>2. The financial model shown in Appendix 1 of the report to Cabinet be noted and Council be asked to incorporate the funding in the base budget.</p> <p>3. The Head of Cultural, Leisure and Commercial Services, the Head of Financial Services and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Economic Regeneration commence formal negotiations with:</p> <p>(i) Wychavon District Council to provide administrative support for the operation of the Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement.</p> <p>(ii) Worcestershire County Council to accept this Council's proposals for decriminalisation of parking enforcement and enter into the required agency and funding agreements.</p> <p>4. The recommendations from the Environment and Economic Regeneration Policy and Scrutiny Panel as set out below be agreed:</p> <p>(a) A dedicated team of On Street Parking Supervisors be established for the decriminalisation of On Street Parking and Off Street Parking enforcement. These supervisors would also have the power (but not the primary function) to exercise enforcement powers in respect of littering, dog fouling, fly posting, graffiti, sales of cars on the highways and other related environmental protection and enforcement matters.</p>	
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	<p>(b) The Scrutiny Panel agrees, in principle, with moving towards the decriminalisation of on-street parking. The Panel recognises the potential advantages of working in partnership with other authorities such as Wychavon District Council to help administer the scheme.</p> <p>(c) The Panel note the need to employ additional staff and recommend that a staffing level of approximately 8 additional patrol officers (2 of whom would be on temporary contracts) would be prudent in the first instance, rather than the 11, as suggested in the consultant's report. This would be on the basis of the experiences of other Councils who have employed fewer patrol officers than originally recommended by their consultants.</p> <p>The report is at item 9.4 of the Cabinet agenda of 22nd December 2005.</p>	
<p><u>4.</u> <u>STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING - REVISED PROCEDURES AND POLICY NOTE</u></p>	<p>The Cabinet considered a report from the Head of Planning, Health and Environment regarding the background and procedures relating to the street naming and numbering functions of the District Council. Approval was sought for a revised Street Naming and Numbering Policy Note.</p> <p>The Cabinet also considered recommendations on this matter from the 12th December 2005 meeting of the Environment and Economic Regeneration Policy and Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>The Council is recommended:</p> <p>1. The Revised Street Naming and Numbering Procedures Policy, as set out at Appendix 1 of the report to Cabinet on 22nd December 2005, be approved.</p>	<p>James Dudley</p>

	<p>2. The recommendation as set out below from the Environment and Economic Regeneration Policy and Scrutiny Panel be approved:</p> <p>The proposed Street Naming and Numbering Revised Procedures Policy Note be endorsed subject to the inclusion of additional text under Section 6: to ensure that Ward Members are consulted on all developments over 10 dwellings and receive the postal changes circular setting out all changes on a monthly basis.</p> <p>The report is at item 9.5 of the Cabinet agenda of 22nd December 2005.</p>	
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