

COUNCIL MEETING 28TH FEBRUARY 2007

AGENDA

PART I

Open to Press and Public

1. **PRAYERS**

To be said by Canon Hazel Hughes, All Saints, Wribbenhall.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3. **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.)

4. **MINUTES**

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th November 2006. (Attached)

5. **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 26th February 2007. (See front cover for contact details.)

6. **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 26th February 2007, and the replies of the Leader of the Council, or appropriate Cabinet Member.

7. **CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive a list of functions attended by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman since the previous meeting of the Council (attached) and such verbal communications as the Chairman of the Council may desire to put before the Council, which are not already included within the agenda.

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

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

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

a) **Recommendations from the Cabinet – 23rd November 2006** (Attached)

- Gambling Act 2005 - Statement of Principles

b) **Recommendations from the Cabinet – 21st December 2006** (Attached)

- Draft Brand Strategy for Wyre Forest District Council
- North Worcestershire Code of Practice for Adaptations

c) **Recommendations from the Cabinet – 25th January 2007** (Attached)

Development of a Shared Services Strategy

d) **Recommendations from the Cabinet – 22nd February 2007** (Attached)

As this agenda has been issued before the Cabinet meets on 22nd February 2007, the recommendations, which have been included, are as proposed in the relevant reports to the Cabinet. An update will be given at the Council meeting.

- Upper Severn Against Fly Tipping - Joint Statement of Intent
- Wyre Forest District Local Plan - Policies to be Saved Beyond September 2007
- West Midlands Spatial Strategy - Phase Two Revision Spatial Options Consultation
- Wyre Forest Local Development Framework Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document
- Gambling Act 2005 - Premises Licence Fees – Delegation
- Play Strategy Big Lottery Fund

e) **Recommendations from the Efficiency Policy Panel 6th February 2007 (Attached)**

- Revised Terms of Reference of the Budget Review Group

- f) **Recommendations from the Licensing and Environmental Committee 8th January 2007** (Attached)
- Annual Report October 2006-2007 To Council On Licences Issued For Hackney Carriages In Accordance With The Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Deregulation Plan
 - Annual Report November 2005 To November 2006 To Council On Licences Issued Under the Licensing Act 2003
- g) **Recommendations from the Licensing and Environmental Committee 19th February 2007** (Attached)
- Gambling Act 2005 – Premises Licence Fees
- h) **Recommendations from the Ethics and Standards Committee -14th February 2007** (Attached)
- Appointment of New Independent Member

The reports and associated documents, referred to above, have been circulated electronically to Members and posted on the Council's website under the following web link
www.wyreforest.gov.uk/council/meetings/main.htm
 Public inspection copies are available on request. (Please see front cover for contact details)

10. **THE BUDGET PROPOSALS 2007/2010**

To approve the Council's Budget for 2007/2010 having considered:

- a) The proposed decision and budget reports recommended to Council by the Cabinet on 22nd February 2007. (To follow)
- b) The recommendations from the Efficiency Policy Panel on 26th February 2007. (To follow)
- c) Consequential recommendations, if any, from the Cabinet on 27th February 2007. (To follow)
- d) The report of the Head of Financial Services in respect of Sections 25 to 28 of the Local Government Act 2003. (To follow)

Members are requested to bring to the meeting their Financial Strategy 2007 – 2010, as printed in the purple budget book. A public inspection copy is available on request.

11. COUNCIL TAX 2007/2008

To consider and approve the formal resolution for setting the Council Tax for 2007/2008. This will be subject to the formal setting of precepts by Worcestershire County Council, West Mercia Police Authority and the Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority. **As the County Council's precept setting takes place after the issue of this agenda, the proposed resolution will follow.**

12. MOTIONS SUBMITTED UNDER STANDING ORDER NO. D1 (1)

To consider the following motions which have been received in accordance with Standing Order No. D1(1):

- Rural Post Offices – from Councillors Mrs P V Hayward and S J Williams.
- Bus Services – from Councillor J A Shaw.
- Bus Services - from Councillors S J M Clee and M A W Hazlewood.

(Attached)

13. 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).

14. ROYAL GARDEN PARTIES

To note nominations to the Royal Garden Parties to be held at Buckingham Palace on Tuesday 10th July, Tuesday 17th July and Thursday 19th July 2007. The Council may make four nominations.

15. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO OUTSIDE ORGANISATION

To consider nominating the Cabinet Member for Cultural and Leisure Services to represent the Council on the Kidderminster and District Youth Trust, in place of the current representative, Councillor Mrs L Hyde, who has requested this change.

16. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN OF ETHICS AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Following the resignation, from the Ethics and Standards Committee, of its Chairman, Mrs A McDowell, Independent Member:

to consider the appointment of Mr C J Brighton, Independent Member and current Vice-Chairman, as the new Chairman of the Ethics and Standards Committee and the Reverend J Cox as the new Vice-Chairman.

17. SCHEME OF DELEGATION TO OFFICERS

The Council is asked to formally approve the current Scheme of Delegation to Officers, in an updated format, and to agree to its being amended, if necessary, in accordance with any decision regarding divisional reconfiguration, referred to in agenda item 20 below.

The scheme is available electronically and has been posted on the Council's website under the following web link
www.wyreforestdc.gov.uk/wfdc_docs/legal/303officers.pdf
 A public inspection copy is available on request. Please see front cover for contact details.

18. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider passing the following resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of items 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 items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "exempt information" as defined in paragraphs 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act."

PART 2

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19. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the exempt minutes of the Council meeting held on 15th November 2006. (Attached)

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

Recommendations from the Cabinet – 22nd February 2007 (Attached)

As this agenda has been issued before the Cabinet meets on 22nd February 2007, the recommendations, which have been included, are as proposed in the relevant report to the Cabinet. An update will be given at the Council meeting.

- Corporate Management Team (CMT) Review – Divisional Reconfiguration

The recommendations are subject to approval by the Cabinet at its meeting on 22nd February 2007 and should be read in conjunction with the budget proposal to provide resources to implement the CMT review.

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL