

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

SPECIAL COUNCIL

THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE, STOURPORT-ON-SEVERN

1ST DECEMBER 2010 (6.00 PM)

Present:

Councillors: M Ahmed, J Aston, J Baker, G Ballinger, R Bishop, A Buckley, J-P Campion, S Clee, H Dyke, P Dyke, N Gale, B Glass, D Godwin, J Greener, I Hardiman, P Harrison, M Hart, P Hayward, M Hazlewood, A Hingley, J Holden, M Kelly, H Martin, D McCann, D Millis, C Nicholls, T Onslow, J Parish, J Phillips, M Price, K Prosser, M Salter, J Shaw, D Sheppard, K Stokes, N Thomas, S Williams, and G Yarranton,

C.55

Prayers

Prayers were said by Reverend William O'Leary of the Jubilee Community Elim Church, Kidderminster.

C.56

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: N Desmond, T Ingham, F Oborski and J Thomas.

C.57

Declaration of Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

C.58

Local government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007

The Council considered recommendations from the Cabinet on changes to the governance arrangements.

The Leader of the Council advised Members that the Council was required to consider its corporate governance arrangements after the election in May 2011. He commented that a consultation had taken place and a Member workshop had been held. Members were advised that the results of the consultation had been very interesting and whilst the response rate was not high compared with other surveys that had been conducted they were good compared with other consultations in the rest of Worcestershire.

Members learnt that the consultation had resulted in being slightly in favour of the strong leader model and there appeared to be no appetite for all out elections thus no recommendations would be made on the electoral cycle Council would therefore only make recommendations on its preferred governance style. Further Members were advised that the legislation took away the right to appoint and dismiss Cabinet Members as this would solely be a decision for the Leader to make.

Members were advised that the Cabinet was recommending continuing with Leader model. Whilst the Leader perceived that the proposed

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legislation would not find favour with everyone it was, he moved that the Council adopted the strong leader model and that this be put in place following the Annual Council meeting in May 2011.

Members were advised that they would have another opportunity to review changing the electoral cycle options in another 4 years. If it was decided at that time that no changes were necessary there would be no need to bring back the matter to Council.

Decision: The Council agrees the adoption of the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance.

The meeting closed at 18.17.