WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL CABINET

COUNCIL CHAMBER, WYRE FOREST HOUSE, FINEPOINT WAY, KIDDERMINSTER 16TH SEPTEMBER 2014 (6.00PM)

Present:

Councillors: M J Hart (Chairman), J-P Campion, N J Desmond, H E Dyke and A T Hingley.

Observers:

Councillors: C Brewer, A R Clent, J Holden, J Phillips, J A Shaw, M J Stooke, P W Wooldridge and M J Wrench.

CAB.16 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

CAB.17 Declarations of Interests by Members

No declarations of interest were made.

CAB.18 Minutes

Decision: The minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 22nd July 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

CAB.19 Call Ins

No decisions had been called in since the last Cabinet meeting.

CAB.20 Items Requiring Urgent Attention

There were no items requiring urgent attention.

CAB.21 Leader's Announcements

There were no Leader's announcements.

CAB.22 Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) – Changes to Partnership Agreement

A report was considered from the Director of Economic Prosperity and Place which asked Cabinet to recommend to Council changes to the Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) Partnership Agreement.

The Leader of the Council advised Members that the report was separate to any partnership arrangement which would be part of a separate report at a later date should it be required.

Decision:

Recommend to Council:

The proposed changes to the WRS Partnership Agreement as set out in Appendix 1 to the report to Cabinet be agreed and delegated authority be granted to the Director of Economic Prosperity & Place and Solicitor to the Council to agree and enter into the revised Partnerships Agreement.

CAB.23 Chaddesley Corbett Neighbourhood Plan – Referendum

A report was considered from the Director of Economic Prosperity & Place which asked whether the Chaddesley Corbett Neighbourhood Plan should be made part of the Development Plan for Wyre Forest District following the referendum which was held on Thursday 11th September 2014.

Members were informed that the turnout for the referendum had exceeded 27% which was very pleasing. There had been overwhelming support for the plan with 81% voting for it and 19% against. Members of Chaddesley Corbett Parish Council and Council officers were thanked for their hard work.

Decision:

1. The Chaddesley Corbett Neighbourhood Plan should form part of the Development Plan for Wyre Forest District Council and that the Decision Statement set out at Appendix 1 to the report to Cabinet be approved.

Recommend to Council

1. The adoption of the Chaddesley Corbett Neighbourhood Plan as part of the Development Plan for Wyre Forest District Council be agreed.

CAB.24 Recommendations from Committees

Overview & Scrutiny Committee, 10th September 2014

(a) Wyre Forest Health Action Plan Update.

The Vice-Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee informed Members that the committee had held a lengthy discussion on the subject.

Decision:

- The Wyre Forest Health Action Plan 2014/15, as attached at Appendix 2 to the report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be endorsed.
- The Health Data for the District be used to identify 'hotspot' areas within the District (where available) to enable a more targeted approach to specific projects subject to the agreement of the Health Improvement Co-ordinator.

CAB.25 Budget Monitoring First Quarter 2014/15

A report was considered from the Chief Financial Officer which asked Cabinet to note the projected variances.

Members were reminded that the budget process would commence shortly with the first meeting on 30th September 2014, and asked Members to play an active role in the committee and looked forward to ideas coming forward.

Decision: The projected budget variations and comments outlined within the report and appendices 2 to 6 of the report to Cabinet be noted.

CAB.25 National Non-Domestic Rates, Write Off of Amounts Outstanding

A report was considered from the Chief Financial Officer which asked Cabinet to give consideration to the writing off of sums in respect of National Non-Domestic Rates.

Members were informed that the Council did everything possible to pursue outstanding debts.

Decision: The total of £75,301.41 relating to outstanding National Non-Domestic Rates, as detailed in the Appendices to the report to Cabinet. be written off.

CAB.25 Exclusion of Press and Public

Decision: "Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "exempt information" as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

CAB.26 Amendment to the Capital programme

A report was considered from the Director of Community Well-being and Environment which asked Cabinet to recommend to Council that the Capital Programme be updated.

Decision:

Recommend to Council:

- 1. The Capital Programme be updated as detailed in the confidential report to Cabinet.
- 2. Any additional expenditure, as detailed in the confidential report to Cabinet, be undertaken <u>only if funding</u> is available from a third party to fund in full the extra borrowing in accordance with rules on prudential borrowing.

The meeting closed at 6.23 pm.