

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE CABINET

Wednesday, 19th October 2005 at 5.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. M. M. T. Taylor (Deputy Executive Leader) (in the Chair), B. L. Fuller C.B.E. Q.F.S.M., Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, R. Hollingworth and P. J. Whittaker

Observers: Councillors Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., Mrs. K. M. Gall and D. C. Norton

97/05 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 28th September 2005 were submitted.

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

98/05 **REVIEW OF THE SCRUTINY PROCESS**

The Cabinet received a report on the outcome of a review of the Council's current Overview and Scrutiny Committees and scrutiny process which had taken into account the views of Members expressed in a survey, examples of best practice and examples of other authorities with a 'poor' or 'weak' CPA rating who had since reviewed their scrutiny processes. Having referred to the need to undertake further consultations on the proposals, it was

RESOLVED: that the proposals set out in the report be referred for consideration at a forthcoming Members Workshop on Scrutiny and then by Scrutiny Committees, with a view to any comments being reported back to a future Meeting of the Cabinet at which any recommendations will then be made to the Standards Committee and full Council as appropriate.

99/05 **DELEGATION FOR TEMPORARY STOP NOTICES**

The Cabinet considered a report on a proposal to delegate authority to officers to issue and serve Temporary Stop Notices in order to permit rapid action to be taken where the contravention of planning controls was likely to occur or had occurred. Members were also informed of the related need to delegate authority to officers to issue Enforcement Notices, which would require a separate report to be submitted to the Planning Committee. Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED:

- (a) that approval in principle be given to the delegation of authority to officers to issue and serve Temporary Stop Notices;
- (b) that the process identified in the report for the authorisation of such Notices be endorsed;
- (c) that the Standards Committee be requested to recommend the approval of the proposed delegation and procedures;
- (d) that in view of the imminence of the next meeting of the Standards Committee, the decision on this matter be not subject to the Council's scrutiny call-in procedure.

100/05 **PRIORITIES 2006 / 2007**

Consideration was given to a report on the need to agree priorities for the Council for the forthcoming municipal year in order to drive the review of the Medium Term Financial Plan, the organisational restructuring and the development of Service Business Plans. It was acknowledged that the Council within its self assessment had

given a commitment to achieving recovery by March 2007. It was also recognised that priorities were short-term and that areas of non-priority would change beyond the recovery period and might become a priority in the future to achieve the long term objectives of the Council. It was

RECOMMENDED: that the Council priorities for the 2006/2007 municipal year be as follows:

1. To achieve recovery by March 2007.
2. To fulfil statutory duties and 'sensitive' areas adequately.
3. 'Putting Bromsgrove first' and the Local Area Agreement.
4. To consider Non-Priorities.

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SHARED SERVICES

Consideration was given to a report on the way forward with regard to Shared Services, during which reference was made to a forthcoming meeting of Leaders and Chief Executives from the six districts within the County to consider the Shared Services agenda. It was

RESOLVED: that the Shared Services philosophy be agreed in principle but that in view of the meeting referred to above, further detailed consideration of the matter be deferred to a future Meeting of the Cabinet.

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PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD - TERMS OF REFERENCE

Having considered the proposed terms of reference for the Performance Management Board, it was

RESOLVED: that the terms of reference and list of reports to be considered by the Performance Management Board, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

The Meeting closed at 5.22 p.m.

Chairman