

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE CABINET

Tuesday, 10th January 2006 at 5.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors R. Hollingworth (Executive Leader), Miss D. H. Campbell J.P., Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey J.P., Mrs C. J. Spencer, Mrs. M. M. T. Taylor and P. J. Whittaker.

OBSERVERS: Councillors G. N. Denaro, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., Mrs. K. M. Gall, B. L. Fuller C.B.E., Q.F.S.M., J. H. Gardener, W. R. Newnes, S. R. Peters, N. Psirides J.P., C. R. Scurrall and P. J. Whittaker.

143/05 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 14th December 2005 were submitted.

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

144/05 **REVIEW OF THE SCRUTINY PROCESS**

Consideration was given to the report on the review of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: that the Standards Committee be recommended to approve the revised Scrutiny Committee structure, terms of reference and working arrangements, as detailed in the report submitted to the Meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 14th December 2005, subject to:

- (a) the adoption of a system of time limited ad hoc task groups, on the basis that no more than five such groups be existing at any one time;
- (b) any Member, with the exception of Members of the Executive Cabinet, being entitled to be a Member of one or more Scrutiny Task Groups;
- (c) the current call-in procedure being maintained apart from the amendment of paragraph 15(c) of the Overview and Scrutiny Rules to allow two Members of the Committee rather than three Members of the Committee to request a call-in of a decision;
- (d) the new Overview and Scrutiny Committee referred to in paragraphs 3.16 and 3.18 of the report dated 19th October 2005 be entitled "The Scrutiny Steering Board";
- (e) the amendment of the first sentence of paragraph 3.19(2) of the report dated 19th October 2005 to read "Each task group may co-opt non-elected Members to serve on the task group".

145/05 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

RESOLVED: that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the Meeting during the consideration of the items of business the subject of the following Minutes on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of "Exempt Information" as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, the relevant paragraph of that part, in each case, being as set out below:-

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REVIEW OF E.GOVERNMENT AND ICT

Consideration was given to a report on some of the developments required in relation to ICT and e.Government in order to support the Authority's objectives and meet the needs of the Recovery Plan. Following discussion it was

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the performance in relation to statutory e.Government targets and the need for investment to achieve these targets be acknowledged;
- (b) that it be agreed that the Internet/Intranet business case presents the best option and that the Corporate Director (Resources) be authorised to enter into a contract for the preferred option within the cost of £27,950;
- (c) that the sum of £30,000 be included in the Capital Programme 2005/06 in respect of Government Connect;
- (d) that revenue expenditure of £39,500 be included in the medium term financial plan in respect of the Internet/Intranet and Government Connect;
- (e) that it be agreed that the ICT infrastructure business case presents the best option and that the Corporate Director (Resources) be authorised to enter into a contract for the preferred option within the cost of £1,873,127;
- (f) that revenue expenditure of £254,356 be included in the medium term financial plan in respect of the ICT infrastructure;
- (g) that the sum of £1,696,452 be released from Capital Reserves in 2005/06 in order to fund the projects;
- (h) that £48,476 be released from revenue reserves in order to cover the additional revenue expenditure in 2005/06.

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TENDERS FOR THE PROCUREMENT AND INSTALLATION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Consideration was given to a report on the supply and installation of a pedestrian bridge across the Spadesbourne Brook. Following discussion regarding the background to the proposal, it was

RECOMMENDED: That the project be included within the revised Capital Programme for 2005/06 and the cost of up to £11,640 be met from savings made on other projects within the approved Capital Programme 2005/06, and the final selection of the company to undertake the work be delegated to the Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Street Scene and Waste Management and the Head of Street Scene and Waste Management.

The Meeting closed at 5.55 p.m.

Chairman