

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Friday, 20th October 2006 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Councillors P.M. McDonald (Chairman), J.A. Ruck (Vice-Chairman), S.J. Baxter, A.N. Blagg, Miss D.H. Campbell J.P., and J.A. Ruck.

OBSERVERS: Councillor Mrs. M.M.T. Taylor was also in attendance.

45/06 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. J.D. Luck and C.B. Lanham (Board Members) and Mrs J. Dyer and Mrs. M.A. Sherrey J.P. (Portfolio Holders/Observers).

46/06 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 15th September 2006 were submitted.

RESOLVED: that, subject to the inclusion of Councillor A.N. Blagg in Minute No. 40/06 (Apologies), the Minutes be approved and confirmed as a correct record.

47/06 **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Prior to the consideration of the main items of business on the agenda, some Members expressed concern that the current timescale for collating and presenting information before the Board was likely, in some instances, to mean that details would be out of date and that it was, therefore, difficult to establish the "true picture". In reply, the Assistant Chief Executive indicated that these statistics were those which had been submitted to the last meeting of the Government Monitoring Board (as had always been the case previously), but, notwithstanding this, Members felt that it would be beneficial if this Board were to examine the details first. It was reported that the Government Monitoring Board had changed their next meeting (November) from the end of the month to an earlier date, and, accordingly, it was proposed by Councillor P.M. McDonald and seconded by Councillor J. A. Ruck and

RESOLVED: that, wherever possible on future occasions, this Board meet on the Friday preceding the Government Monitoring Board.

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IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Consideration was given to the report on the Improvement Plan for August 2006. Members raised a number of issues, and particular reference was made to the following:-

- Modernisation of the Council Brand
- Press Releases used for potential “banana skins”
- PACT Meetings - Questions were asked over whether this Council’s officers were able to devote sufficient time to these meetings under current circumstances. It was noted that the majority of complaints raised at these events concerned either the Police and/or the County Highways Partnership Unit, and members made a plea to officers to assist them in attempting to solicit responses by any means possible to their many unanswered queries, and also to endeavour to promote regular meetings in an attempt to improve dialogue and to resolve a number of highway issues at first hand. Accordingly, the following were proposed by Councillor P.M. McDonald, seconded by Councillor J.A. Ruck, and it was agreed that it be

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that, with regard to the issue relating to the new letterheads, the Executive Cabinet be requested to issue a directive that no supplies of the new letterheads (when available) should be introduced until all of the old stationery stock has been exhausted;
- (b) that the dates of future PACT meetings be circulated to all Members of the Council for information;
- (c) that details of “The Bromsgrove Way” be circulated electronically to all Members of the Council for information; and
- (d) that, in all other respects, the Report be noted.

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EXCEPTION REPORT

The first “Exception Report”, i.e., a report setting out the progress of those areas of most concern contained within the Improvement Plan for August 2006, was submitted.

RESOLVED: that the Report be noted.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED: that the next meeting of the Group be held at 2.00 p.m. on Friday, 24th November 2006.

The Meeting closed at 3.30 p.m.

Chairman