

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD

Friday, 15th December 2006 at 2.00 p.m.

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

OBSERVERS: Councillors Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., and Mrs. M. M. T. Taylor.

56/06 **OBSERVATIONS FROM THE CHAIR**

Prior to the commencement of the ordinary business of the meeting, the Chairman made the following comments:-

(i) **Date of Future Meeting**

Councillor McDonald indicated that both he, and the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Ruck, were unavailable for the meeting scheduled to be held on Friday, 16th March 2007, and suggested that it might be put back one week, to Friday, 23rd March 2007.

(ii) **Future PMB Agendas**

that, in the interests of economy, members of the Board would only receive a "hard copy" of the Exception Report, with the Improvement Plan Update document being e-mailed instead. However, a number of copies would still be available in the Members' Room.

Both of these items were noted.

57/06 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miss D.H. Campbell J.P. and C.B. Lanham (Board Members) and Mrs. M.A. Sherrey J.P. and Mrs. C.J. Spencer (as Portfolio Holders).

58/06 **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Board held on 24th November 2006 were submitted.

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

59/06

ABANDONED VEHICLES – REPOSSESSIONS (BV218v)

In accordance with the request made at the last meeting, a report from the Head of Street Scene and Waste Management setting out details of the number of abandoned vehicles repossessed within 24 hours of the legal entitlement to do so, was submitted for members information.

RESOLVED: that the report be noted.

60/06

IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Consideration was given to the report on the Improvement Plan for October 2006, together with the corrective action being taken, as set out in the two appendices to the Report, i.e., Appendix 1 (Exception Report) and Appendix 2 (Improvement Plan).

Members raised a number of issues on the Exception Report, and particular questions having been put directly to the Head of Financial Services on PM7 and PM8 -Recovery of overpayments of Housing Benefits (Refs. 21.2.7 and 21.2.8), it was

RECOMMENDED

- (a) that, on future reports, the actual amount(s) of the total overpayment(s) made be included, and that, where necessary, any element of “sensitivity” should be built in to the commentary;
- (b) that, on a general note, the Executive Cabinet be advised that it is the view of this Board that, whenever Shared Services are the subject of discussion with any of our colleagues within the County in the future, a suitable risk assessment should be included in any review; and
- (c) that, in all other respects, the Report be noted.

61/06

BROMSGROVE COMMUNITY PLAN – DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2005-06

The first draft of the Community Plan Annual Report for 2005-06 was submitted to the Board for information and/or comments prior to the circulation of a final draft to Members and partners.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the figure of 75 units of affordable housing per annum for the next five years under the Council’s Housing Strategy (page 6) be amended to read 80;
 - (b) that, in all other respects, the Report be noted.
- (NOTE: Councillor Mrs. S.J. Baxter declared a personal interest in this item as a member of the LSP Board).

The Meeting closed at 3.10 p.m.

Chairman