

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE CABINET

WEDNESDAY, 22ND JUNE 2011 AT 4.00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councillors R. Hollingworth (Chairman), Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP (Vice-Chairman), M. A. Bullivant, C. B. Taylor and M. J. A. Webb (during part of Minute No. 19/11 to Minute No. 20/11)

Observers: Councillor Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths

Officers: Mr. K. Dicks, Ms. J. Pickering, Mr. J. Godwin, Ms. D. Poole, Mr. G. Revans, Ms C. John and Ms. R. Cole

13/11 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP.

14/11 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

15/11 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 1st June 2011 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a correct record.

16/11 **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 13th June 2011 were submitted.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the minutes be noted;
- (b) that the recommendation contained at 6/11 relating to the report template be approved; and
- (c) that the recommendation contained at 7/11 relating to the inclusion of sickness absence in the performance information received by the Board be approved.

17/11 **AUDIT BOARD**

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit Board held on 9th June 2011 were submitted.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the minutes be noted;
- (b) that the recommendation contained at 6/10 relating to the implementation of processes and procedures in relation to the Bribery Act 2010 be approved;
- (c) that the recommendations contained at 7/11 relating to International Financial Reporting Standards and Accounting Policies be approved.

18/11 **VERBAL UPDATES FROM THE LEADER AND/OR OTHER CABINET MEMBERS ON ANY RECENT MEETINGS ATTENDED IN AN EX-OFFICIO CAPACITY**

No updates were received on this occasion.

19/11 **FINANCIAL OUTTURN REPORT 2010/11**

The Cabinet considered a report on financial information for the year ended 31st March 2011. The information included the Revenue and Capital outturn figures and the Annual Governance Statement.

As part of discussion on this item the Climate Change Manager reported that there was an opportunity, as part of the Government's current Feed in Tariff Scheme (FiTS), for the Authority to benefit from the installation of electricity generating solar panels at the Council's Depot. It was noted this would cost £68,000 which could be met from Capital receipts but that the panels would reduce electricity costs at the Depot and generate income for the Authority through the FiTS.

RESOLVED that the outturn financial information on Revenue and Capital for 2010/2011 be noted.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the increase in the Capital Programme for 2011/2012 of £2.479m in relation to the carry forward requests as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (b) that £5,587 be released from balances following the abolition of Lickey End Parish Council;
- (c) that the Annual Governance Statement as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved; and
- (d) that the Capital Programme for 2011/2012 be increased by £68,000 to meet the cost of solar panels to be installed at the Council's Depot to be funded by Capital receipts.

20/11 **FINANCIAL RESERVES STATEMENT 2010/2011**

The Cabinet considered a report on earmarked reserves for 2010/2011 and on the proposal to create new reserves where required to support the future plans of the Authority.

RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the establishment of new reserves of £474,000 as set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved;
- (b) that the release of reserves of £419,000 which reflects the approval required for January – March 2011 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved; and
- (c) that the addition to existing reserves of £289,000 which reflects the approval required for January – March 2011 as set out in Appendix 2 to the report be approved.

The meeting closed at 4.50 p.m.

Chairman