

CABINET

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

6TH OCTOBER 2010

1. WORCESTERSHIRE SHARED SERVICES JOINT COMMITTEE (FEES AND CHARGES IN RESPECT OF PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES)

The Cabinet has considered the minutes of the Worcestershire Shared Services Joint Committee held on 9th September 2010. The Joint Committee had recommended that each Member Authority adopt the fees and charges in respect of private water supplies.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

That the following fees and charges in respect of private water supplies be adopted:

Risk Assessment	£40 per hour (up to £500 maximum)
Investigation (each investigation)	£40 per hour (up to £100 maximum)
Granting an Authorisation	£100 maximum
Sampling (each visit)	£100 maximum
Analysing a sample	
- taken under regulation 10 (small supplies)	£ 25 maximum
- taken during check monitoring	£100 maximum
- taken during audit monitoring	£500 maximum

2. COUNCIL PLAN 2011-2014 PART1

The Cabinet has considered the a report on the Council Plan 2011-2014 Part 1 which reconfirmed the Council's vision and priorities together with areas of focus for the forthcoming service planning process and budget round.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the Council's vision and priorities as set out in 6.1 to 6.4 of the appendix to the report be reconfirmed;
- (b) that the analysis of the Council's national, regional and local context be noted; and

- (c) that based on this context the areas of focus for the forthcoming budget round as set out in 6.5 of the appendix to the report be approved.

3RD NOVEMBER 2010

1. IMPROVEMENTS TO CHARFORD RECREATION GROUND – SKATE PARK

The Cabinet has considered a report on the proposed enhancement of facilities at Charford Recreation Ground to be funded by way of section 106 monies arising from the development of land at Villiers Road, Charford.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the scheme to enhance play facilities at Charford Recreation Ground, by way of improvement to the existing skate park, be included in the Capital Programme for 2010/2011 and that the scheme be funded from available Section 106 monies; and
- (b) that the work be undertaken prior to the “claw back” point being reached.

2. BROMSGROVE TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

The Cabinet has considered a report on the proposed resurfacing of Bromsgrove High Street and the upgrading of the Public Realm in the Primary shopping Area.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that an additional £1,000,000 be included within the 2010/2011 Capital Programme to fund the majority of the upgrading of the Public Realm and resurfacing work in the High Street, with this being financed from the balance of capital receipts arising from the sale of industrial units (£500,000) together with a contribution from Worcestershire County Council from the sale of capital assets within the Town Centre (£500,000);
- (b) that a further sum of £500,000 be included within the 2011/2012 Capital Programme once a final assessment can be made of the monies available from the Section 106 Agreement with Sainsburys;
- (c) that the sum of £5,000 be allocated to the revenue budget from balances in order to extend the Regeneration Programme into 2010/2011;
- (d) that it be noted that a further report will be submitted in due course seeking approval for the final contribution of £500,000 arising from future asset disposals in the Town Centre.

3. LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIPS

The Leader reported on the latest position regarding Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEP).

The Worcestershire bid had not been accepted by the Government and it was proposed that Bromsgrove now seek to join the Birmingham and Solihull LEP. It was stated that if in the future it became clear that Authorities could be part of more than one LEP and the Worcestershire bid was eventually approved, then Bromsgrove would also look to join this partnership.

It was felt to be important to seek to join the Birmingham and Solihull LEP at an early stage in order to be able to participate fully in its development.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that in the light of the Government's decision not to accept the Worcestershire LEP proposal, Bromsgrove District forms part of the Birmingham and Solihull LEP in order to ensure that the business and economic interests of the businesses and residents within the District can be properly and adequately represented in the important early stages of the LEP's development; and
- (b) that it be recognised that the Government's position on membership of LEP's continues to change, particularly in relation to whether a Council can be represented on more than one LEP and in that regard, if at any future date the Worcestershire is accepted then Bromsgrove be similarly represented on the Worcestershire LEP.