



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 27TH JUNE, 2007

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs. J. M. Boswell (Chairman), Mrs. C. J. Spencer (Vice-Chairman), A. N. Blagg, Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP, Mrs. M. Bunker, S. R. Colella, G. N. Denaro, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. A. E. Doyle, J. T. Duddy, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., Mrs. J. M. L. A. Griffiths, D. Hancox, R. Hollingworth, B. Lewis F.CMI, Ms. J. A. Marshall, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, D. McGrath, E. J. Murray, W. R. Newnes, D. L. Pardoe, S. R. Peters, C. R. Scurrrell, G. G. Selway, S. P. Shannon, R. D. Smith, E. C. Tibby, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. J. K. Wilson

15/07 **PRAYER**

At the request of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs. C. J. Spencer opened the meeting with a prayer.

16/07 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 15th May 2007 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17/07 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R. J. Deeming, Mrs. H. J. Jones, Dr. G. H. Lord, Mrs. J. D. Luck, Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP and C. B. Taylor.

18/07 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

19/07 **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

- (a) The Chairman referred to a reception to be held on 28th June 2007 for Bromsgrove Rovers Football Club to celebrate the Club's recent promotion.

- (b) The Chairman referred to the national 'Shades Day' to be held on 29th June 2007 to raise funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind and encouraged Members to participate.
- (c) The Chairman referred to the annual Bromsgrove Carnival to be held on 30th June 2007 and hoped that as many Members as possible would be able to attend.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER

- (a) The Leader referred to the significant improvements in Member/Officer relations which had been achieved in the past 12-18 months and he emphasised, particularly for the benefit of those who had been newly elected, the need for Members to show respect to officers at meetings.
- (b) At the end of the meeting the Leader announced that Councillor A. N. Blagg had resigned from the Cabinet due to pressure of work and that he had asked Councillor R. D. Smith to replace him as Portfolio Holder for HR and Legal and Democratic Services.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET MEETINGS HELD ON 13TH JUNE 2007 AND 27TH JUNE 2007

(i) TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The recommendations having been moved and seconded, Councillor P. M. McDonald referred to the need for the Council to have an ethical/social responsibility policy for banks and organisations that it dealt with. The Leader subsequently agreed to his suggestion that this was a matter which could be looked into by the Audit Board.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the Strategy attached to the Cabinet report be approved and adopted;
- (b) that the Authorised Limit for borrowing be set at £6,000,000 as required by CIPFA; and
- (c) that the maximum level of investment to be held within each organisation be set at £3,000,000.

(ii) RESTRUCTURE OF STREET SCENE AND WASTE MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

RESOLVED that the proposed changes to the structure be approved and that the cost of £95,478 be met from Council balances and refunded to balances over a period of approximately two years.

(iii) INTEGRATED PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL OUTTURN REPORT 2006/07

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the considerable improvement in the Council's performance be noted, in particular, that 38% of the Council's indicators are now above the local authority average compared to 21% in 2005/06;
- (b) that the net revenue outturn position of £11.092 million against the Budget of £11.564 million giving an underspend of £472,000 be noted;
- (c) that the list of revenue items to be carried forward be approved;
- (d) that the use of General Fund Revenue Balances and earmarked reserves be approved;
- (e) that the capital underspend of £2.597 million against the total Profiled Capital Budget be noted together with the progress made on capital schemes;
- (f) that the additional Capital Budget carry forwards totalling £345,000 be approved;
- (g) that the financing of capital expenditure totalling £4.077 million for the year 2006/07 be noted.

(iv) ANNUAL REPORT 2006/07 PARTS 1 TO 4

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the information contained in Parts 2, 3 and 4 of the Annual Report be noted together with the intention that Part 1 in "Together Bromsgrove" be based on the approved information contained in Parts 2, 3 and 4;
- (b) that Part 2, the unaudited Annual Report Performance, be approved in accordance with the Local Government Act 1999 (Best Value);
- (c) that Part 3, the unaudited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2007, be approved in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 (amended 2006);
- (d) that the Statement of Internal Control be approved.

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DELEGATION

RESOLVED that authority be delegated to the Head of Planning and Environment Services and his nominated deputies to authorise Officers to implement the provisions of the Health Act 2006 and Regulations made thereunder.

The meeting closed at 6.25 pm

Chairman