

CABINET

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

10TH JULY 2007

1. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2007/08

The Cabinet has given consideration to a report on the Audit Commission's Comprehensive Performance Assessment together with the new Improvement Plan for July 2007 to June 2008.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the Audit Commission's Comprehensive Performance Assessment report and in particular the areas for improvement set out on page 7 of the report be noted;
- (b) that the Improvement Plan 2007/2010 be approved;
- (c) that it be noted that the Improvement Plan cross references to the recommendations contained in the Audit Commission's Comprehensive Performance Assessment report but also contains other actions for 2007/2008 designed to deliver the Council Plan 2007/2010;
- (d) that the changes to the Council Plan set out in section 3.4 of the report, based on the Corporate Management Team's view of the Council's capacity to deliver the Council Plan 2007/2010 be approved; and
- (e) that it be agreed that further updates to the Improvement Plan for 2007/08 may be required as determined by discussions between the Improvement Director and Corporate Management Team.

2. CAPITAL PROGRAMME INCREASE – OAKALLS PLAY FACILITY

The Cabinet has given consideration to a report on the amendment of the Capital Programme to include an additional £25,000 in respect of the provision of play facilities on the Oakalls Estate in Bromsgrove.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the payment of an additional £25,000 in respect of play facilities at the Oakalls Estate in Bromsgrove from Section 106 monies be approved; and
- (b) that the Capital Programme for 2007/2008 be amended accordingly.

3. TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION

The Cabinet has considered a report on the regeneration of Bromsgrove Town Centre.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that a Development Partner be sought either by way of the Official Journal of the European Union process or other appropriate mechanisms;
- (b) that specialist expertise be obtained to assist with the project management of the regeneration of the Town Centre until March 2008 and that this be funded from the Town Centre budget; and
- (c) that authority be delegated to the appropriate officers to issue Compulsory Purchase Orders to facilitate the redevelopment of the Town Centre in accordance with an agreed Area Action Plan.

4. CAPITAL PROGRAMME INCREASE – DOLPHIN CENTRE CATERING CONTRACT

The Cabinet has considered a report on the catering contract at the Dolphin Centre.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the payment of £45,000 in respect of the capital investment relating to the cancellation of the current catering contract at the Dolphin Centre be approved;
- (b) that the Capital Programme for 2007/2008 be amended accordingly; and
- (c) that in order to ensure the availability of the catering service to customers and having regard to the income implications, the continuation of the service on site until at least 31st October 2007 be approved.