

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY 2011 AT 6.00 P.M.

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

108/10 **PRAYER**

At the request of the Chairman, the Reverend Beverley Robertson opened the meeting with a prayer.

109/10 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. T. Duddy, Mrs. J. D. Luck, Ms. J. A. Marshall and Mrs. M. A. Sherrey JP.

110/10 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received at the start of the meeting.

During the meeting, Councillors P. M. McDonald and S. R. Peters each declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 (Recommendations from the Cabinet - Asset and Facility Management) as members of Worcestershire County Council.

111/10 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19th January 2011 and the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 20th January 2011 were submitted.

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a correct record, subject to the amendment of Minute No. 98/10 (i) (Draft Core Strategy 2) within the minutes dated 19th January 2011 to record that it was clarified that the final version of the Core Strategy 2 would be submitted to the Council for approval.

112/10 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SPECIAL CABINET MEETING HELD
ON 23RD FEBRUARY 2011**

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2011/12 TO 2013/14

The Chairman announced that the meeting would be adjourned for a few minutes to allow Members to read the papers which had been made available immediately prior to the meeting in respect of this item and the following item on the agenda. The meeting stood adjourned from 6.05 p.m. to 6.12 p.m.

Having reconvened the meeting, the recommendations from the Cabinet were moved by Councillor G. N. Denaro and seconded by Councillor R. Hollingworth. Thanks were extended to the Executive Director (Finance & Resources) and other officers for their hard work in connection with the Medium Term Financial Plan and to the Budget Jury for its contribution.

On a requisition under Council Procedure Rule 17.5, the following details of voting on the recommendations were recorded:

For the recommendations: Councillors A. N. Blagg, Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, Mrs. M. Bunker, Miss D. H. Campbell, S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, G. N. Denaro, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. A. E. Doyle, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., D. Hancox, R. Hollingworth, Ms. H. J. Jones, B. Lewis, D. McGrath, W. R. Newnes, D. L. Pardoe, S. R. Peters, J. A. Ruck, C. R. Scurrall, R. D. Smith, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, E. C. Tibby, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb and P. J. Whittaker (29);

Against the recommendations: Councillors Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, E. J. Murray, S. P. Shannon and C. J. K. Wilson (5).

RESOLVED:

- (a) that the budget pressures identified as high in Appendix A of the report be included within the Medium Term Financial Plan as follows:

2011/12	£304,000
2012/13	£239,000
2013/14	£239,000

- (b) that the savings identified in Appendix B of the report be included within the Medium Term Financial Plan as follows:

2011/12	£873,000
2012/13	£1,458,000
2013/14	£1,794,000

- (c) that income shortfalls identified in Appendix C of the report be included within the Medium Term Financial Plan as follows:

2011/12	£622,000
2012/13	£625,000
2013/14	£625,000

- (d) that the budget pressures identified as unavoidable in Appendix D of the report be included within the Medium Term Financial Plan as follows:

2011/12	£261,000
2012/13	£217,000
2013/14	£217,000

- (e) that the capital bids identified as high in Appendix E (i) of the report be included within the Medium Term Financial Plan as follows:

2011/12	£737,000
2012/13	£873,000
2013/14	£1,467,000

- (f) that the use of balances totalling £323,000 be approved;
- (g) that the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Board as set out in Appendix G to the report be noted, that no action be taken with regard to the recommendations on revenue bids (a) (i) to (iv) or on capital bids (b) (i) to (iii) but that (b)(iv) be approved.
- (h) that the Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix H to the report be approved.

113/10 **COUNCIL TAX 2011/12**

Further to the Council's budget requirements for 2011/12 agreed by the Council earlier in the meeting (Minute No. 112/10 above refers), Members received a report of the Executive Director (Finance & Resources) with regard to the setting of the Council Tax for 2011/12.

The recommendations were moved by Councillor G. N. Denaro and seconded by Councillor R. Hollingworth.

On a requisition under Council Procedure Rule 17.5, the following details of voting were recorded:

For the recommendations: Councillors A. N. Blagg, Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, Mrs. M. Bunker, Miss D. H. Campbell, S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, G. N. Denaro, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. A. E. Doyle, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., D. Hancox, R. Hollingworth, Ms. H. J. Jones, B. Lewis, Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, D. McGrath, E. J. Murray, W. R. Newnes, D. L. Pardoe, S. R. Peters, J. A. Ruck, C. R. Scurrill, S. P. Shannon, R. D. Smith, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, E. C. Tibby, C. J. Tidmarsh, L. J. Turner, M. J. A. Webb, P. J. Whittaker and C. J. K. Wilson (34);

Against the recommendations: (0).

RESOLVED that the recommendations set out as an Appendix to these minutes, setting a Council Tax for 2011/12 of £192.85 for a Band D unparished property be approved.

114/10 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET HELD ON 19TH JANUARY 2011**

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 19th January 2011 were received for information.

115/10 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

A motion to exclude the public prior to consideration of agenda item 8 (recommendations from the Cabinet on 2nd February 2011 on Asset and Facility Management) was moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor G. N. Denaro on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act as amended, being information in relation to any individual and to ongoing or contemplated negotiations in connection with labour relations matters between the Council and officers. Members needed to consider whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information by debating the matter in public.

On a requisition under Council Procedure Rule 17.5, the following details of voting on the motions were recorded:

For the motion: Councillors A. N. Blagg, Dr. D. W. P. Booth JP, Mrs. J. M. Boswell, Mrs. M. Bunker, Miss D. H. Campbell, S. R. Colella, R. J. Deeming, G. N. Denaro, Mrs. R. L. Dent, Mrs. A. E. Doyle, Mrs. J. Dyer M.B.E., D. Hancox, R. Hollingworth, Ms. H. J. Jones, B. Lewis, D. McGrath, W. R. Newnes, D. L. Pardoe, J. A. Ruck, C. R. Scurrall, R. D. Smith, Mrs. C. J. Spencer, C. B. Taylor, E. C. Tibby, C. J. Tidmarsh, M. J. A. Webb and P. J. Whittaker (27);

Against the motion: Councillors Mrs. C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, E. J. Murray, S. P. Shannon and C. J. K. Wilson (5);

Abstentions: Councillors S. R. Peters and L. J. Turner (2).

RESOLVED that under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraph of that part, in each case, being as set out below, and that it is in the public interest to do so:-

<u>Minute No.</u>	<u>Paragraphs</u>
116/10	1 and 4

116/10 **RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2011**

ASSET AND FACILITY MANAGEMENT

The recommendations from the Cabinet were moved by Councillor R. Hollingworth and seconded by Councillor G. N. Denaro.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that following the full consideration undertaken at the Shared Services Board, this Council withdraw from the current arrangements whereby its Asset and Facility management is delivered by Worcestershire County Council;
- (b) that officers be requested to put in place the necessary arrangements to transfer the affected staff back to this Council in accordance with TUPE regulations;
- (c) that the cost of the transfer of £11,000 be paid to the County Council and that this be met from revenue balances for 2010/2011; and
- (d) that officers be requested to consider alternative management and staffing arrangements in order to deliver savings within the service in the future.

117/10 **HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The Leader informed Members that Ms. A. Highway, Head of Community Services was seriously ill in hospital. It was agreed that the best wishes of the Council be conveyed to her.

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

Chairman