

CABINET

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL

7TH DECEMBER 2011

1. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION REGARDING CORPORATE DELEGATIONS IN RELATION TO CONSULTATIONS

One of the recommendations to the Cabinet of the Overview and Scrutiny Task Group on the Reduction in Bus Services related to the amendment of the Constitution regarding Corporate Delegations relating to Consultation Documents.

The Cabinet at its meeting on 5th October 2011 accepted the spirit of the recommendation but requested officers to report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Board with suitable wording.

The Cabinet response was reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 24th October 2011 together with suggested wording for the amendment to the Constitution.

This was approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Board at that meeting as a recommendation to Cabinet on 7th December 2011. The Cabinet was satisfied with the proposed wording.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED

that the proposed changes to the Constitution with regard to Corporate Delegations in respect of consultations be approved; and accordingly the wording be amended to read as follows:

- “1.1 Where the Council is asked to respond to a consultation on a matter for which the local authority has a responsibility or where it affects the District of Bromsgrove and where the time scales for responding permit then they shall be a matter for the Full Council to consider.
- 1.2 In any event all consultations will pass automatically upon receipt to the Chief Executives Department and will either be managed in accordance with 1.1 above or where 1.1 does not apply will be passed to the Leader of the Council for comment and the relevant Head of Service or Director to provide a response as appropriate.

For the purposes of this delegation a consultation shall not be regarded as affecting the District of Bromsgrove if it relates to a national issue and would have no more effect on the District of Bromsgrove than it would on any other area; or

If it relates to actions taken by or statements made by a body or individual connected with the District, but those actions or statements are not specifically related to the District of Bromsgrove.”

4TH JANUARY 2012

1. AUDIT BOARD – RECOMMENDATION ON TREASURY MANAGEMENT

The Cabinet considered the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Board held on 15th December 2011.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED

that as set out in minute 21/11 of the meeting of the Audit Board held on 15th December 2011, the maximum level of investment to be held within a single organisation (bank or building society), as detailed in the report be set at £3 million, subject to market conditions.

2. HOME INSULATION FUNDING

The Cabinet has considered a report on the offer of funding of £40,000 from Worcestershire County Council specifically for the purpose of installing free cavity wall, draught proofing and loft installation measures for homeowners within the Bromsgrove District aged 60 years or over.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

that the funding of £40,000 from Worcestershire County Council be incorporated into this Council's "Energy Efficiency Grants Home Insulation Projects" budget and that the Capital Programme be amended accordingly.

3. ANTI-BRIBERY POLICY AND OFFICERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

The Cabinet has considered a report on the proposed updating of the Council's Anti-Bribery policies and procedures and following the coming into force of the Bribery Act 2010. The report also referred to the introduction of a Code of Conduct for officers.

It is therefore RECOMMENDED:

- (a) that the Anti-Bribery Policy attached at appendix 1 to the report be approved, and
- (b) that that the Officers' Code of Conduct attached at appendix 2 to the report be approved and included in the Council's Constitution.