

INTRODUCTION

This Cabinet Bulletin covers the meeting held on 8th February, 2007 and reviews the agenda for the forthcoming meeting to be held on Thursday, 22nd February, 2007.

Please note that all meetings of Cabinet will start at 2.00 p.m. until further notice

CABINET MEETING – 8th February, 2007

- (a) **Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2007/08** – Cabinet has received a report on the revenue budget and capital programme for 2007/08 as a basis for seeking the views of the Strategic Monitoring Committee. A further report will be submitted to the Cabinet meeting on 22nd February. The final approval will be given by Council on 9th March, 2007.
- (b) **Public Service Trust Project Initiation Document** – Cabinet has noted the progress being made in relation to the formation of a Public Service Trust. It has approved a Project Initiation Document and Terms of Reference, previously approved by the Primary Care Trust, as a basis for advancing the work of the Public Service Trust.
- (c) **Herefordshire Council Services in Ledbury Linking to a Library Big Lottery Application** – Cabinet has received a report giving an overview of schemes in Ledbury that will inform the way forward in developing new facilities in the town. It has agreed that an outline application be submitted for Big Lottery Funding by March 2007 to support the library element of an integrated centre incorporating Info (customer services) and provision for young people and agreed that a Consultation Partnership Board be established to oversee the project.
- (d) **Asset Management Plan: Overview Issues Report (deferred from the 18th January meeting of Cabinet)** – The Asset Management Plan (AMP) sets out the Council's approach to managing its property assets. There is no longer a requirement to submit the AMP to the Government Office for the West Midlands but there is an expectation that it will continue to represent a significant statement of the Council's intentions in respect of how it uses its resources and will, therefore, form a key part of the Use of Resources Assessments by the Audit Commission.

Cabinet has endorsed the Asset Management Plan 2006/07, approved revised Asset Management arrangements and noted the key issues and actions relating to the implementation of the Council's Asset Management Plan 2006/07.

FORTHCOMING CABINET MEETING – 22nd February, 2007

- (a) **Draft Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2007/08** - Cabinet will receive the Corporate Management Board's suggested revenue budget and capital programme for 2007/08.

- (b) **Proposed Corporate Plan 2007/10 and the Annual Operating Plan 2007/08** - Cabinet will be asked to agree the proposed Corporate Plan 2007/10 and the Annual Operating Plan 2007/08 which will be recommended to Council for approval.
- (c) **Every Disabled Child Matters** - Cabinet will receive a report on the work being undertaken in Herefordshire to ensure that disabled children and young people are not marginalised in implementing the Every Child Matters agenda.
- (d) **Progress on Improvement - Children and Young People's Services** - Cabinet will receive a routine report on the improvement in outcomes and performance management.
- (e) **Integrated Performance Report** - Cabinet will receive a report on performance to the end of January 2007 against the Annual Operating Plan 2006/07, together with performance against revenue and capital budgets and corporate risks, and remedial action to address areas of underperformance. The report also covers the progress being made against the Council's Overall Improvement Programme.
- (f) **Local Government Pension Scheme** - Response to Statutory Consultation - Cabinet will be asked to endorse the proposed response to the statutory consultation being undertaken by the Department of Communities and Local Government in respect of the proposed changes to the Local Government Pension Scheme.
- (g) **West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy Phase 2 Revision** - Cabinet will be asked to agree a response to the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy - Phase 2 Revisions Spatial Options.
- (h) **Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document** - Cabinet will be asked to agree a draft Supplementary Planning Document setting out the Council's policy and use of planning obligations for consultation purposes.
- (i) **Smokefree Herefordshire** - Cabinet will be asked to note the changes made by the Health Act 2006 that will mean that from 1 July 2007 virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces in England will become smokefree. It will also be asked to approve the activities of the Council and its partners in the Smokefree Herefordshire Partnership in ensuring compliance by businesses and the population of Herefordshire.

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