

# Executive Committee

27th January 2010

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## Notice of Decisions

### Present:

Councillor Carole Gandy (Chair), Councillor Michael Braley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors P Anderson, J Brunner, B Clayton, W Hartnett, N Hicks, C MacMillan and M Shurmer

### Also Present

Councillors K Banks

### Officers:

S Mullins, K Dicks, S Hanley, A Walsh, L Roberts, R Kindon, T Kristunas, G Revans, Head of Environment and A Heighway

### Committee Services Officer:

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#### 1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair advised that the following item of business, scheduled on the Forward Plan to be dealt with at this meeting, had been rescheduled to the meeting on 3rd February 2010. Members were also informed that this report would be going out late as the Council was awaiting further information on a capitalisation request and this would not be received by the Council until 29th January.

- Initial Estimates 2010/11

The Chair also advised that she had accepted the following matter as urgent business:

Item 5 – Public Open Space Consultation Summary and Asset Disposal Programme Update

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**4. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 2nd and 9th December 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair, subject to:**

**in respect of Minute 201 (Opt-in Chargeable Garden Waste Collection – Business Case – Amended Version) it being agreed that Recommendation 7 be amended to read**

- 7) the Council's current collection policy relating to garden waste in grey bins be restated to coincide with the start of the new service to discourage through education garden waste being placed in grey bins.**

**5. PUBLIC OPEN SPACE CONSULTATION SUMMARY AND ASSET DISPOSAL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

**RESOLVED that**

- 1) the comments received regarding the proposed disposals be noted;**
- 2) the sites in Appendix 1, with the exception of Site 2 (Brooklands Lane), Site 6 (Harport Road), Site 8 (Hunt End Lane) and Site 10 (Moorcroft Gardens), be approved for continued inclusion in the Asset Disposal Programme;**
- 3) the site at the corner of Winyates Way and Moons Moat Drive shown identified on plan 17 in Appendix 2 be declared surplus;**
- 4) 31 Mount Pleasant identified on plan 19 in Appendix 2 be declared surplus; and**
- 5) authority be delegated to the Property Services Manager in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to progress and conclude disposals of assets contained in the Asset Disposal Programme.**

(Officers commented that Site 3 (Clifton Close) was in Matchborough Ward and not Lodge Park as incorrectly stated in Appendix 1.

The Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services stated that, in her opinion, no Members of the Planning Committee had fettered their discretion in any subsequent Planning Committee deliberations through their involvement in the decision-making on the above matters.)

## **6. SINGLE EQUALITIES SCHEME**

**RECOMMENDED that**

**the Single Equalities Scheme and Equalities Action Plan included at Appendix 1 to the report be approved.**

(Members requested that a report/action plan be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee or Council detailing what the Council, as Community Leader, expected to receive in terms of education provision for the Borough and its children and young people.)

## **7. ENERGY STRATEGY**

**RECOMMENDED that**

**the Energy Strategy and Action Plan, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report, be adopted.**

(Officers commented that the baseline data in Tables 1 and 2 would need to be amended and highlighted a number of additions to the information within Table 5, information which had not been available at the time of going to print. This new and amended information would be made available prior to the meeting of the Council.)

## **8. WORCESTERSHIRE ENHANCED TWO TIER (WETT) PROGRAMME**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) the two tier and joint working proposals for Property Services, Regulatory Services and Internal Audit presented within the Worcestershire Enhanced Two Tier detailed business cases referenced in this report be agreed;**

**AND**

subject to the agreement of the relevant councils out of Worcestershire County Council and the Worcestershire District Councils, namely Worcester City, Bromsgrove District, Redditch Borough, Malvern Hills District, Wychavon District and Wyre Forest District Councils:

**A. UNIFIED REGULATORY SERVICES**

- 2) a unified Regulatory Service for the Worcestershire Councils, jointly hosted by Bromsgrove and Redditch Councils (with Bromsgrove District Council as the employing authority), be established from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2010 under the auspices of a Joint Committee, on the basis set out in the Regulatory Service Detailed Business Case V10, Part 1 & Part 2 (Rev.1) and supported by the Regulatory Services, Detailed Business Case Executive Summary V3.2 at 'Appendix A' to this report;
- 3) this Council's functions in relation to Environmental Health and Licensing Services (so far as permissible in law) be delegated to a Joint Committee in accordance with Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 and Section 20 of the Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) (Regulations) 2000;
- 4) subject to the agreement in recommendation 1) above being concluded, relevant staff from all Councils which agree to the Regulatory Services business case be transferred to Bromsgrove District Council under TUPE arrangements;
- 5) the financial arrangements for the new service as set out in the Detailed Business Case V10 be approved;
- 6) the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services be requested to draft consequent changes to the Council's Constitution to reflect the Shared Services arrangements, establishment of the new Joint Committee

**B. PROPERTY SERVICES**

- 7) a Shared Property Service, hosted by Worcestershire County Council, on the basis set out in the Property Services Detailed Business Case V6 and the supporting Detailed Business Case Executive Summary V1 at 'Appendix B' to this report be established;
- 8) the transfer of staff to Worcestershire County Council as service provider be approved on the terms proposed from the Commencement Date;
- 9) Authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Democratic & Property Services to enter into a service level agreement on the basis set out in the Property Services Detailed Business Case V6 and supporting Property Services Detailed Business Case V1 (Appendix B), as amended to reflect any final agreement made between the Partner authorities, be approved;

**C. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES**

- 10) a Shared Internal Audit Service (hosted by Worcester City Council) on the basis set out in the Internal Audit, Detailed Business Case V10 and the supporting Detailed Business Case Executive Summary V2 at 'Appendix C' to this report be established;
- 11) the transfer of staff to Worcester City Council as service provider be agreed, on the terms proposed, from the Commencement Date;
- 12) Authority be delegated to the Head of Legal, Democratic & Property Services to enter into a service level agreement on the basis set out in the Internal Audit Detailed Business Case V10 and supporting Internal Audit Detailed Business Case V2 (Appendix B), as amended to reflect any final agreement made between the Partner authorities;

**TIMELINE AND RECRUITMENT**

- 13) the timeline proposed at 'Appendix D' to the report, which details the order and dates for each consultation period and decision point in relation to the detailed business case development for Internal Audit, Property and Regulatory Services, be supported.

- 14) agrees to the creation of and terms of reference for a Joint Appointments Committee comprising one member of each participating Council for the proposed Head of Regulatory Services.

(Officers highlighted the undertaking that had been made at a recent meeting of the WETT Programme Management Group to provide further detail to the participating Councils on the proposed service standards and related information)

**9. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2010 TO 2013**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) the Capital Strategy appended to the report be approved; and
- 2) the Capital Strategy be added to the list of the Council's Policy Framework documents and incorporated as such into the Council's formal Constitution.

**10. HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT 2010/11**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) the draft 2010/11 Estimates for the Housing Revenue Account attached to the report at Appendix A, be approved;
- 2) the actual average rent increase for 2010/11 be 2.6%;
- 3) the Housing Revenue Account bids for revenue resources categorised as unavoidable and high set out in Appendix B be approved as follows:

2010/11	£63,000
2011/12	£49,000
2012/13	£187,000;

- 4) the Housing Revenue Account bids for capital resources categorised as high and unavoidable set out in Appendix C be approved as follows:

2010/11	£600,000
2011/12	£730,000
2012/13	£6,020,000; and

- 5) the bid as recommended by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be approved as follows:

Cleaning and maintenance of flooring at Three Storey Flats - estimated cost £6,000.

**11. COUNCIL TAX BASE**

**RESOLVED that**

- 1) the calculation of the Council's Tax Base for the whole and parts of the area for 2010/11, as detailed in the Appendices to the report, be approved; and
- 2) in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) Regulations 1992, the figures calculated by the Redditch Borough Council as its tax base for the whole area for the year 2010/11 be 27,470.42 and for the parts of the area listed below be:

Parish of Feckenham:	<u>363.54</u>
Rest of Redditch:	<u>27,106.88</u>

**12. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED that**

- 1) the minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 25th November and 16th December 2010 be noted;

**and RECOMMENDED that**

- 2) Councillor Robin King be nominated to represent the Council as a co-optee on the Worcestershire Hub Scrutiny Group.

(Members agreed that consideration of the recommendations relating to the Former Covered Market be deferred until that matter was considered by the Executive Committee at its next meeting on 3rd February.)

**13. MINUTES / REFERRALS - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE PANELS, NEIGHBOURHOOD GROUPS ETC.**

There were no minutes or referrals under this item.

**14. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT**

**RESOLVED that**

**the report be noted.**

(It was noted that further meetings had been arranged, as follows:

Leisure Contracts Advisory panel – 1st February;  
Constitutional Review Working Party – 24th February;  
Climate Change Advisory Panel – 9th March.)

**15. ACTION MONITORING**

**RESOLVED that**

**the report be noted.**

**16. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED that**

**under S.100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matters on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.**

**Easemore Road Site – Consultation with Tenants (as detailed at Minute 228 (Item 17) below);**

**17. EASEMORE ROAD SITE - CONSULTATION WITH TENANTS**

(During the consideration of this item, Members discussed matters that necessitated the disclosure of exempt information. It was therefore agreed to move to exclude the press and public prior to any debate on the grounds that information would be revealed relating to provisional terms of land disposal under negotiation.)



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27th January 2010

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm  
and closed at 9.39 pm

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Chair