

# Executive Committee

26th May 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, G Chance, M Hall and J Pearce

### Also Present

Councillors K Banks and A Brazier

### Officers:

R Bamford, H Bennett, J Bough, M Bough, J Cochrane, C Felton, J Godwin, S Hanley, A Marklew, J Pickering, I Ranford, J Staniland, A Williams and L Williams

### Committee Services Officer:

I Westmore

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Taylor.

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Leader advised that she had accepted the following matter as Urgent Business:

Item 12 – WETT Regulatory Service – Delegation to Joint Committee.

#### 4. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED that

**the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 31st March 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.**

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**5. COUNCIL PLAN 2010 / 2013**

**RESOLVED that**

**the Council Plan 2010-13 be deferred for consideration at a future meeting of the Committee.**

(Officers undertook to circulate a definition of the acronym GV to Members of the Committee following the meeting.)

It was agreed that the Plan be deferred to allow time for amendments to be made to reflect Members' comments on layout and content)

**6. STRATFORD-ON-AVON DISTRICT DRAFT CORE STRATEGY - CONSULTATION RESPONSE**

**RESOLVED that**

- 1) the response from Redditch Borough Council to the Stratford-on-Avon Consultation Core Strategy (Appendix A) be retrospectively endorsed; and**
- 2) the Officer response be supplemented to include reference to an alternative area of land for possible employment use.**

(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 which related to potential negotiations for the acquisition of land or property)

**7. EMPLOYMENT LAND REVIEW UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) the Employment Land Review as attached in Appendix A to the report be endorsed as part of the Local Development Framework Evidence Base; and**
- 2) for the 2010/11 period onwards, Authority be delegated to Officers (Head of Planning and Regeneration) to review and annually update the Employment Land Review, subject to there being no indication that policies need to be reviewed.**

**8. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK EVIDENCE BASE - WINYATES GREEN TRIANGLE TRANSPORT ASSESSMENT**

**RESOLVED that**

**the Winyates Green Triangle Transport Assessment prepared by Morgan Tucker Consulting Engineers (November 2009) (Appendix A to the report) be endorsed as part of the Local Development Framework Evidence Base.**

**9. WORCESTERSHIRE SUPPORTING PEOPLE STRATEGY 2010 TO 2013**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) the Supporting People Strategy 2010/13 attached at Appendix 1 to the report be approved; and**

**RESOLVED that**

- 2) Officers bring a report to a future Executive Committee on the financial impact to the Council of any possible future Supporting People funding cuts**

**10. CAPITAL BUDGET PROVISION 2009/10 AND 2011/12 FOR ASBESTOS REMOVAL**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) funding of the shortfall in the Asbestos Removal Capital contract budget 2009/10 in the sum of up to £120,000 be approved;**
- 2) up to £175,000 additional Capital funding for Asbestos Removal for the years 2010/11 and 2011/12 be approved;**
- 3) funding from the Housing Revenue Account for the cost of borrowing for the above bids estimated at £15,500 for 2010/11 and £28,000 for 2011/12 be approved; and**

**RESOLVED that, subject to the Council's approval of the budgetary implications, as specified separately above, and consequent adjustment of the Capital Programme**

- 4) approval be given to incur up to the expenditure detailed in 1 and 2 above for the purposes detailed in the report, in accordance with Standing Order 41; and**

- 5) **Officers review the procurement of the contract for the removal of asbestos.**

(Officers were requested to include a detailed update on asbestos removal as a separate appendix to the forthcoming half-yearly report on the Housing Capital Programme)

**11. SPRING INDUSTRY PUBLIC ART PROJECT**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) **as part of the Borough Council's commitment to the provision of public art, a project to celebrate and commemorate the spring industry in Redditch be approved. The project will create a fitting and permanent artwork with in the town centre to reflect the positive contribution to the economy and community that the spring industry has provided; and**
- 2) **a financial contribution of £2000 towards the programme be approved, to be funded from General Fund revenue balances.**

**12. WETT REGULATORY SERVICE - DELEGATION TO JOINT COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED that**

**the functions of the Regulatory Service, insofar as they are Executive functions, be delegated to the Joint Committee of the Worcestershire Enhanced Two-Tier (WETT) Regulatory Service.**

(This report had been accepted as a matter of Urgent Business – not included on the Forward Plan and was considered at the meeting as such, with the approval of the Chair, and in accordance with the Council's constitutional rules and powers vested in the Chair by virtue of Section 100 (B) (4) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972 to agree matters of urgency being discussed by reason of special circumstances.)

In this case the special circumstances were that the information, which was not included on the Forward Plan for this meeting, was required to be considered at the present meeting in order to make the necessary delegations prior to the commencement of the service at the beginning of June 2010.)

**13. IRRECOVERABLE DEBTS**

**RESOLVED that**

**the debts totalling £43,175.92 detailed in the schedule attached to the report be written off as irrecoverable.**

(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 which contained the personal details of individuals.)

**14. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED that**

**the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 17th and 22nd March and 7th April 2010 be received and noted.**

(Members noted that the one outstanding recommendation, that relating to the discontinuation of the Community Safety Advisory Panel, had already been acted upon at the Annual Meeting of the Council and therefore no longer required determination.)

**15. SHARED SERVICES BOARD - RECOMMENDATIONS**

**Framework Agreement**

**RECOMMENDED that**

- 1) the overarching Strategic Alliance / Shared Services Framework Agreement, as amended, be approved;**
- 2) the Leader of each Council be authorised to sign it on behalf of that authority;**

**Economic Regeneration and Development in North Worcestershire**

- 3) the four principal recommendations from the Inspira report 'Review of Economic Regeneration & Development - Strategy & Arrangements be agreed as amended; and**

**RESOLVED that**

- 4) the delivery of a North Worcestershire Economic and Regeneration service by a single team hosted by Wyre Forest District Council be approved; and
- 5) an Implementation Plan be agreed between the three Councils with effect from 1st October 2010 or such other date as may be agreed by the three Councils, this Implementation Plan to deal with those matters set out in paragraph 4.27 of the report submitted to the Board.

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

There were no minutes or referrals under this item.

**17. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT**

**RESOLVED that**

the report be noted.

**18. ACTION MONITORING**

**RESOLVED that**

the report be noted.

**19. 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 paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended.

**Stratford-on-Avon District Draft Core Strategy – Consultation Response (as detailed at Minute 6 above); and**

**Irrecoverable Debts (as detailed at Minute 13 above).**

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The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm  
and closed at 9.11 pm

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