



Executive Committee

10th January 2011

Notice of Decisions

Present:

Councillor Carole Gandy (Chair), Councillor Michael Braley (Vice-Chair) and Councillors Juliet Brunner, Greg Chance, Brandon Clayton, Gay Hopkins, Jinny Pearce and Debbie Taylor

Also Present

Councillors Peter Anderson, Kath Banks, Andrew Brazier, Michael Chalk, Anita Clayton, Jack Cookson, Andrew Fry, Adam Griffin, Bill Hartnett, Robin King, Wanda King, William Norton, Brenda Quinney, Mark Shurmer, Derek Taylor and Graham Vickery.

Michael Collins (Observer for Standards Committee)

Officers:

E Baker, R Bamford, K Dicks, C Felton, S Hanley, A Marklew, J Pickering and J Staniland

Committee Services Officers:

D Sunman, S Skinner, M Craggs

1. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Hall.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair advised that she had accepted the following matter for consideration as Urgent Business:

Item 8 – Job Evaluation and Terms and Conditions Review

(Report not meeting the publication deadline)

**4. BROMSGROVE AND REDDITCH JOINT CORE STRATEGY -
CONSULTATION RESPONSES**

RESOLVED that

the outcome of the Bromsgrove and Redditch Special Consultation on Redditch Expansion (as detailed at Appendix A to the report) be approved.

5. DRAFT CORE STRATEGY

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) the Revised Preferred Draft Core Strategy (Appendix A to the report) be approved for the purposes of public consultation;**
- 2) the Sustainability Appraisal (Appendix B) for the Preferred Draft Core Strategy be approved for the purposes of public consultation;**
- 3) a consultation period be held from 21st January 2011 for six weeks; and**
- 4) authority be delegated to the Acting Development Plans Manager, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Planning, the Leader of the Council and the Leader of the Opposition, to make any minor amendments to the Revised Preferred Draft Core Strategy and Sustainability Appraisal prior to the consultation period commencing on 21st January 2011.**

(An amendment to the Revised Preferred Draft Core Strategy, relating to a suggested increase in the total number of required newbuild properties under the West Midlands Regional Spatial Strategy (WMRSS), was proposed, seconded and defeated.)

6. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME - UPDATE

RESOLVED that

- 1) work towards the Publication version of the Core Strategy Development Plan Document continue, but with flexibility in the timetable for production; and**

RECOMMENDED that

- 2) **work on the Site Allocations and Policies Development Plan Document be abandoned temporarily.**
7. **WORCESTERSHIRE WASTE CORE STRATEGY AND WORCESTERSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN NO 3 - RESPONSES**

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) **the response prepared to the Worcestershire Waste Core Strategy, as detailed in the Appendix to the report, be endorsed; and**
- 2) **the response to the Worcestershire Local Transport Plan No. 3, as detailed in the Appendix to the report, be endorsed, subject to an amendment in respect of Paragraph 4.2 (iii) of the report regarding the potential opening of bus lanes to other traffic.**

(Members were opposed to any such move and asked Officers to liaise with Councillors Gandy and Debbie Taylor regarding amendment to the wording to reflect the Council's wishes in this respect.)

8. **JOB EVALUATION AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

RESOLVED that

- 1) **the current position on the implementation of the Job Evaluation Scheme be noted and Officers be requested to continue to negotiate with the relevant trade unions to achieve a collective agreement; and**

RECOMMENDED that

- 2) **authority for negotiation and agreement of changes to Terms and Conditions be delegated to the Executive Director Leisure, Environmental & Community Services and Executive Director of Finance and Resources.**

(Officers were instructed requested to report further to the Committee to seek Member decision if a collective agreement could not be reached through negotiation.

Officers advised that, although the item had been circulated as a confidential report, the matter could properly be discussed in public session providing Members did not stray into:

- discussion around Terms and Conditions that would be subject of negotiation between the authority and staff and the Unions; or
- discussion of the Terms and Conditions of individual members of staff.

Members agreed that this item should be dealt with in public session.)

(This report had been accepted as a matter of Urgent Business – not having met the publication deadline – and was considered at the meeting as such, with the approval of the Chair, 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 to matters of urgency being discussed by reason of special circumstances.

In this case the special circumstances were that the report needed to be considered at the current meeting to allow implementation of the Job Evaluation Scheme to progress and to delegate powers to Officers to undertake negotiations aimed at amending a number of Terms and Condition.)

The Meeting commenced at 7.07 pm
and closed at 8.51 pm