

# Executive Committee

29th October 2008

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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 and M Hall

### Also Present

Councillor D Hunt

### Officers:

K Dicks, T Kristunas, S Mullins, J Smith and Jane Smith

### Committee Services Officer:

S Skinner

### 121. APOLOGIES

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

### 122. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

### 123. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no Leader's announcements.

### 124. CIVIL PARKING ENFORCEMENT - UPDATE

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that

- 1) **authority be delegated to the Director of Housing, Leisure and Customer Services, in consultation with the Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services and the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management, to negotiate and enter into appropriate agreements on behalf of Redditch Borough Council with Worcestershire County Council, Wychavon District Council and West Mercia Police to enable the provision of civil parking enforcement within the Borough;**

- 2) a Lead elected Member and Deputy (*to be designated at the Council meeting on 8 December 2008*) be nominated to the Traffic Penalty Tribunal with effect from February 2009;
- 3) the Cancellation Policy attached at Appendix 1 to the report be adopted; and
- 4) the Dispensations and Waivers Policy attached at Appendix 2 to the report be adopted.

[Members noted that future annual statistical reports 'to the Council', as mentioned at Paragraph 5.8 of the report, would in fact be routed, as usual, via the Executive Committee.]

## 125. THE WORCESTERSHIRE HUB - OPTIONS FOR THE FUTURE

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that

- 1) the vision and staged approach for the future development of the Worcestershire Hub described in this report and the business case executive summary, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be endorsed;
- 2) Redditch Borough Council maintain its district telephony until such time that it is demonstrated that real service improvements can be achieved through process improvements as described in 5.13 of the report;
- 3) Redditch Borough Council agree to consider moving to a shared service only subject to a robust understanding of what gains in terms of efficiency and service improvement would be realised;
- 4) progress on the Worcestershire Hub Business case be reported through the One Stop Shop Advisory Panel; and
- 5) all of the above be subject to consultation with the workforce and trade unions.

[The word 'only' in recommendation 3 above was added orally at the meeting by the report author.]

**126. VALUE FOR MONEY STRATEGY**

The Committee **RECOMMENDED** that

- 1) the Draft Value for Money Strategy appended to the report be approved;
- 2) the Value for Money Strategy be added to the list of the Council's Policy Framework documents and incorporated as such into the Council's formal Constitution; and
- 3) a Value for Money Steering Group, comprising Officers and Members, be formed to draw up a Value for Money Plan and to monitor progress on the Value for Money Strategy.

[The report pointed out that the Value for Money Steering Group would report the results of its work and key findings to the Corporate Management Team and the Executive Committee on a regular basis.

The Terms of Reference for the Steering Group would be agreed by the Strategic Management Team.]

**127. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**RESOLVED** that

**The minutes of the meeting off the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 24 September 2008 be received and adopted.**

[There were no recommendations to consider in this set of minutes and no comments were raised.]

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

There were no minutes or referrals under this item.

**129. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT**

**RESOLVED** that

**the update report on the work of the Committee's Advisory Panels, etc. be received and noted, subject to the following further updates:**

- 1) **The Community Safety Advisory Panel would next be meeting on 7 November at 3.30 p.m.;**
- 2) **dates of future meetings of the Housing Advisory Panel would be confirmed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee;**
- 3) **the IT Steering Group would next be meeting on 12 November 2008.**

**130. ACTION MONITORING**

**RESOLVED that**

**the Action Monitoring report be received and noted, subject to the following update:**

**in respect of Executive Minute 104 (Redditch Borough Council Establishment), the Committee noting that the report back to Councillor Anderson had taken place, and the action therefore discharged.**

[The vacant posts in question had been held vacant, pending a restructuring.]

**131. 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 matter on the grounds that it involves 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.**

**Item 12 – The Anchorage & Arden House – Options Update.**

**133. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES / REFERRALS (IF ANY)**

There were no further confidential matters / referrals.

**SUMMARY OF CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

**132. THE ANCHORAGE AND ARDEN HOUSE - OPTIONS UPDATE**

Members considered a report advising the Committee of the current status of the properties known as The Anchorage, Arden House and Sandycroft. Consideration of this report took place after the exclusion of the public in view of the fact that it would be necessary to discuss exempt matters.

In this case the exempt matters were in relation to buildings and services provided for very vulnerable individuals and disclosure at this stage may be prejudicial to their wellbeing.

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm  
and closed at 8.25 pm