

Executive Committee

2nd December 2010

Notice of Decisions

Present:

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

Also Present

Councillors Kath Banks and Derek Taylor

Officers:

R Bamford, H Bennett, J Bough, M Bough, K Dicks, C Felton, S Hanley, T Kristunas, A Marklew, J Pickering, G Revans, D Taylor and D Hancox

Committee Services Officer:

S Skinner

118. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

119. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

120. LEADER'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair advised the Committee that the following items of business, scheduled on the Forward Plan to be dealt with at this evening's meeting, had been re-scheduled to a later meeting of the Committee:

- Draft Core Strategy
- Bromsgrove and Redditch Joint Core Strategies – Consultation Responses
- Local Development Scheme Update
- Fees and Charges 2011.

The Chair advised that she had accepted late circulation of the following papers:

- Item 4 – Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee on 10th November 2010.

Finally, the Chair also advised that she had accepted the following additional item as Urgent Business:

- Local Enterprise Partnerships.

121. MINUTES

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on 10th November 2010 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

122. BUDGET UPDATE 2011/12 - PRESENTATION

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

(Oral report / No decisions or recommendations.)

Members noted that the financial announcements anticipated on 2nd December had not yet been made and that further reports to Members would be provided as soon as more was known.)

123. NEW CEMETERY - SITE AND FUNDING

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) **a sum of up to £35,000 be allocated in the Capital Programme 2011/12 for the pre-planning permission survey works and any preliminary civil works on the chosen site so that a report can be brought to a future meeting of the Executive Committee regarding future capital funding requirements; and**

RESOLVED that

- 2) **site investigation be carried out at the Brooklands Lane site to establish its suitability as a cemetery site, prior to Members taking a final decision on the location of a new Borough Council cemetery; and**
- 3) **expenditure of up to the sum agreed by the Council at 1) above be approved in accordance with Standing Order 41, for the purposes defined in the report.**

(Members requested the insertion of 'up to' the sums indicated above, in order to confirm their interest in minimising expenditure if early investigations revealed that the site was not going to prove suitable.)

124. TENANT INVOLVEMENT AGREEMENT

RECOMMENDED that

subject to Members' comments*, the new Tenant Involvement Agreement, attached to the report at Appendix 1, be adopted.

(*Members' comments included:

- Fixing the quorum figure for BTP meetings at 4;
- Auditing of accounts in an appropriate and proportionate ('light touch') way only;
- Some minor rephrasing and textual amendment to improve the wording, such as using '*to be apolitical*' rather than ('*not to be party political*').")

125. VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR GRANTS POLICY

RECOMMENDED that

- 1) **the updated Voluntary Sector Grants Policy attached to the report at Appendix 1 be approved;**
- 2) **the following themes and percentages of funding be allocated for the 2011/12 voluntary and community sector grants process:**

- **Enterprising Communities - 55% = £130,000**
- **Safe/ Clean & Green - 8% = £ 20,000**
- **LSP theme - Health and Wellbeing - 8% = £ 20,000**

- LSP theme - Education - 25% = £ 60,000
 - LSP theme – Stronger Communities - 4% = £ 9,000;
- 3) £2,000 be re-allocated from the existing Grants budget for the use by the Grants Team to deliver:
- workshops, networking and promotional events;
 - advertising and communication support;
 - newsletters; and
 - support packages;

and

RESOLVED that, subject to the Council's approval of the above recommendations 1) & 2),

- 4) authority be delegated to the Head of Community Services, in consultation with the Grants Panel, to agree the allocation of community grants under the Local Strategic Partnership 'Stronger Communities' theme.

(Members noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had pre-scrutinised, and recommended approval of, these proposals.)

126. QUARTERLY BUDGET MONITORING - QUARTER 2 - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2010

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

(Members noted a number of variations and improvements to the reported position.)

127. QUARTERLY PERFORMANCE MONITORING - QUARTER 2 - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2010

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

**128. QUARTERLY MONITORING OF THE BENEFITS SERVICE
IMPROVEMENT PLAN - QUARTER 2 - JULY TO SEPTEMBER
2010**

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

**129. QUARTERLY MONITORING OF FORMAL COMPLAINTS AND
COMPLIMENTS - QUARTER 2 - JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2010**

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

**130. DISPOSAL OF LAND – “TEAR DROP” ADJ. A441
ALVECHURCH HIGHWAY**

RESOLVED that

- 1) the land known as the “Tear Drop” be disposed of for the purposes detailed in the report; and**
- 2) Officers be instructed to proceed with the offer from Party E as detailed in the confidential Appendix 2 to the report.**

(Members re-affirmed their intention to direct the income towards the Abbey Stadium Redevelopment project. There was no discussion in confidential Session.)

131. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

RESOLVED that

the minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 27th October 2010 be received and noted.

(There were no additional decisions for the Executive Committee or full Council to make.)

**132. WORCESTERSHIRE ENHANCED TWO TIER SHARED SERVICE
JOINT COMMITTEE**

There were no minutes or recommendations to consider.

133. LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIPS

RECOMMENDED that

in order to ensure that the business and economic interests of the businesses and residents within the Borough of Redditch can be properly and adequately represented, the Council approve that Redditch Borough forms part of both the Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) if successful, and the Birmingham and Solihull LEP.

(This item was accepted by the Chair for consideration by the Committee as Urgent Business, in view of the need to obtain a full Council decision before the Christmas break 2010.)

An explanatory briefing note was tabled at the meeting which will be provided to all Council members in relation to the 13th December Council meeting.)

134. MINUTES / REFERRALS - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE, EXECUTIVE PANELS ETC.

There were no minutes or referrals under this item.

135. ADVISORY PANELS - UPDATE REPORT

RESOLVED that

the report be noted.

(Members noted that a schedule of meetings had been drawn up for the Constitutional Review Working Party and Member Development Steering Group for the period up to the next Council Annual Meeting.)

136. ACTION MONITORING

RESOLVED that

subject to Members' comments*, the report be noted.

(* Members requested reinstatement of more regular reports in relation to sickness monitoring and vacancies.)