

CABINET

Decision Notices and Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on Monday, 30th June, 2008 at 5.00 p.m. at the Civic Offices, Telford

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(DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN WEDNESDAY, 9th JULY, 2008)

PRESENT: Councillors J.M. Seymour (Vice Chairman – in the Chair)
D.G. Allen, S. Bentley, S. Burrell, and A. Lawrence

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors, G.M. Green, C.F. Smith (representing Cllr R K Austin) (Opposition Group Leaders)

CB-22 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16th June, 2008 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

CB-23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors A.J. Eade (Chairman) and E.J. Carter. Also Councillors R.K. Austin, W.L. Tomlinson and V. Tonks

CB-24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

CB-25 DESIGN FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY – SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

Key Decision identified as “**Design for Community Safety**” **Community Safety Guidance SPD** the Forward Plan published on 16th June 2008.

Councillor S Bentley, Cabinet Member: Environment presented the report of the Corporate Director: Environment & Regeneration that sought approval to adopt the “Design for Community Safety” Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The document, plus the associated sustainability and consultation statements, was appended to the report before the meeting.

The document had been produced in response to Government policy and guidance documents, specifically Planning Policy Statement 1: Delivering Sustainable Places (2005) and its companion guide, “Safer Places: The Planning System and Crime Prevention” (2004).

The “Design for Community safety” SPD was intended to guide developers, planning consultants and members of the public about how to reduce crime when designing development proposals. However it would also be a policy

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document that development control officers could use when assessing the appropriateness of planning applications in respect of crime prevention and community safety.

As part of the formal adoption process under the LDF, formal consultations yielded a number of comments, and they were fully considered in detail at a number of sessions of the Council's Development Plan Steering Group (a cross party member group put in place to advise on LDF preparation).

It had been developed in partnership with West Mercia Police and the Council's Safer Communities Strategic Unit, who had both supported the need for such practical guidance. It was also intended that the publication of the document would strengthen the overall approach to tackling crime reduction both before and after a development was constructed.

Members welcomed the report and commented that the initiatives would be particularly beneficial to those elderly residents, by helping to reduce increase levels of community safety in the Borough.

RESOLVED – that the Supplementary Planning Document “Design for Community Safety” be approved and adopted for use as part of the emerging Local Development Framework and in Development Control for use in assessing planning applications.

CB-26 ANNUAL EFFICIENCY OUTTURN STATEMENT 2007/08

Key Decision identified as **Performance Management, Value for Money and Best Value** the Forward Plan published on 16th June 2008.

Councillor A Lawrence, Cabinet Member: Resources presented a joint report of the Head of Finance and the Head of Policy, Performance and Partnership that updated Members with information relating to the achievement of the Gershon efficiency targets set by Communities & Local Government (CLG) as part of the Delivering Efficiency Agenda. There was a requirement to submit an Annual Efficiency Statement (AES) by the 8th July 2008 showing the efficiencies achieved by the Council in 2007/08 and cumulative efficiencies achieved over the 3 year period since 2005/06.

The information appended to the report would form the basis of the submission to Government and showed that the Council had achieved the Government's target of £2.932m efficiencies in 2007/08 and the 3 year target of £8.796m.

Performance indicators were also reported for each work stream to verify that the efficiencies had not had an adverse impact on the service delivered, and they were currently being reviewed and would be included in the submission to Government.

Members welcomed the report.

RESOLVED – that

- (a) the information in the appendices of the report that would form the basis of the 2007/08 Backward Look AES which will be sent to CLG by the 8th July deadline be approved.
- (b) the Head of Finance / Head of Policy Performance and Partnership be authorised to finalise and submit the AES statement electronically as specified in the guidance

The meeting ended at 5.13 p.m.

Signed for the purposes of the Decision Notices

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Ken Clarke
Head of Audit & Democracy
Date: 4th July 2008

Signed:(Chairman)

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