

CABINET

Decision Notices and Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on Tuesday, 26th October, 2010 at 5.00 p.m. at the Civic Offices, Telford

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(DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN: THURSDAY, 4th NOVEMBER, 2010)

PRESENT: Councillors A.J. Eade (Leader and Chairman), S. Bentley, S.P. Burrell, E. Carter, E.J. Greenaway, A. Lawrence and J.M. Seymour

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors R.K. Austin, G.M. Green and V. Tonks (Opposition Group Leaders)

CB-81 MINUTES

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meetings of the Cabinet held on 7th October, 2010 and 12th October 2010 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

CB-82 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillors M.B. Hosken and S.M. Kelly,

CB-83 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

CB-84 IRONBRIDGE GORGE MUSEUM TRUST (IGMT) PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Non Key Decision

Councillor E.J. Carter, Cabinet Member for Housing, Regeneration & Prosperity, presented the joint report of the Corporate Director and the Arts & Culture Manager, which sought support for the progress being made in building up the partnership with IGMT- a key organisation in the local economy - by extending the current loan arrangements to the full 3 year period envisaged in the original cabinet approval report in November 2009.

Members were reminded that Ironbridge Gorge Museums Trust (IGMT) delivered a package of ten award-winning museums spread along the valley beside the River Severn - still spanned by the world's first Iron Bridge. The World Heritage Site, including the Iron Bridge itself, was enhanced by the network of museums celebrating the industrial age and the birthplace of industry with craftsmen, costumed demonstrators and interactive sites that gave the whole area a unique national and international profile.

In November 2009 Cabinet agreed the further development of a partnership between the two key organisations in the local economy and supported the investment with a £0.5m loan to the Trust to be reviewed and extended to the full three years, subject to satisfactory progress in developing that partnership.

The extension of the loan to IGMT would enhance and promote the opportunities mentioned above which were likely to promote the economic, social or environmental wellbeing of the area and were in accordance with the Council Plan. Use of the wellbeing powers in this way was consistent with the guidance issued by the Secretary of State in that regard.

RESOLVED –

- (a) **that the continued development of the partnership with IGMT be supported;**
- (b) **that the 2 year extension to the current £0.5m loan arrangements, as outlined in the report, be approved;**
- (c) **that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Governance to execute all legal documents necessary to give effect to (a) and (b) above.**

CB-85 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

CB-86 SUBSIDISED BUS ROUTES

Key Decision identified as **Transport Review** in the Forward Plan published on 16th September 2010.

Councillor A.Lawrence, Cabinet Member for Environment & Rural Area, presented the report of the Head of Environmental Services that stated that following a review and route changes earlier in the year, Arriva had announced it would take over a further 3 routes (or part of routes) commercially; thereby impacting on the cost to the Council of providing bus services. That would result in Arriva operating approximately 98% of the Telford bus network commercially. The Council would therefore from November 2010 be responsible for operating the remaining 2% of the network as subsidised services.

The current tenders were due for renewal at the end of October 2010, providing the opportunity to review the subsidised routes.

The total cost in 2009-10 to the council for the subsidised routes subject to retender was explained in the report. The net cost of the new routes as a result of the changes to the network as proposed was also explained to the Cabinet, and there was an estimated saving of £59,588 against 2009/10 actual costs.

A full list of current subsidised and commercial routes was appended to the report together with plans showing the changes to the network.

The financial impact of the recommended changes to subsidised bus services were summarised in the report also.

RESOLVED – that the Head of Environmental Services be granted delegated authority, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Rural Area, to accept the tenders for the following bus services:

- I. Introduce a new “65” service to serve North of Wellington and cease the 822 service (para 4.3.1)
- II. Re-let the existing 24 service in Priorslee (para 4.4.1)
- III. Re-let the existing 519 service Newport-Edgmond – Roden-Shrewsbury (para 4.5.1)

CB-87 **CONTRACT FOR IDENTITY MANAGEMENT AND
MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM**

Key Decision identified as **Contract for ID Management and MIS** in the Forward Plan published on 16th July 2010.

Councillor S. Burrell, Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, presented the report of the Head of Property & Design, which explained that Telford & Wrekin Council tendered for software and services to meet the needs of schools and learning centres. This particular contract was an opportunity to build on the functionality of the existing provision, strengthen the tools and services available to enhance learning and to satisfy all legislation regarding school census, attendance and assessment data. The objective of the contract was to appoint a supplier to provide a reliable, efficient and flexible service to meet the Authority’s existing and future needs for School integration of ICT. The contract period was for 5 years.

It was explained the Identity Management (IDM) allowed users to ‘log on’ once and then gain access to authenticated software applications (such as learning platform, finance management application, and other interactive learning packages etc) without re-entering logon information. That brought considerable benefits in terms of time taken to authenticate into applications. Management Information systems (MIS) allowed schools to manage and track all pupil data, assessment, timetable, behaviour etc. It was the most critical administration application used in Schools, it removed duplication of tasks and data entry and enabled parents and governors to view data remotely.

The Borough Towns Initiative Sports and Learning Communities ICT Managed Service had the provision of IDM & MIS as essential requirements for all secondary schools that had 'signed up' to the service provision. Procuring the Primary schools solution at the same time delivered considerable economies of scale.

RESOLVED – that delegated authority be granted to the Head of Property & Design, after consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children & Young People, to award the contract to Serco Learning.

The meeting ended at 5.06 p.m.

Signed for the purposes of the Decision Notices

**Jonathan Eatough
Head of Governance
Date: 1st November 2010**

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