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CABINET – 2 MARCH 2005

DECISIONS

PART I – PUBLIC SESSION

ITEM	PAGE	DECISION
1. Apologies		Received
2. Minutes	4 - 20	Received
3. Declarations of Interest		Received
4. Forward Plan	21 - 27	That any changes to the forward plan be noted.
5. Walsall Development scheme	28 – 34	<p>(1) That the Local Development Scheme (LDS) for Walsall be agreed for formal submission to the Government for the West Midlands (GOWM).</p> <p>(2) That the Assistant Director, Urban Regeneration be authorised to amend the LDS as necessary in the event of any comments being received from GOWM and also to update as appropriate to take on board any areas of work that might be identified over the course of the next 12 months.</p>
6. Neighbourhood Resource Centres	35 – 53	(1) That Cabinet agree that a sustainability plan, covering a 2 year period up to 31 March 2007, be drawn up in consultation with the Neighbourhood Resource Centres (NRCs) to be submitted to Advantage West Midlands and Government Office for the West Midlands by 31 March 2005, these plans must contain the framework for agreed lease arrangements with the Council.

		<p>(2) That the relevant Local Neighbourhood Partnerships (LNP) receive review reports on the activities of NRCs as part of the reviewing progress of their LNP plan.</p> <p>(3) That standard leases for all the NRC's be established, to include clear criteria relating to any concessions, be introduced on 1 April 2005 as outlined in Appendix 2.</p> <p>(4) That the implementation of the preferred options for each NRC as indicated in the report be agreed.</p> <p>(5) That progress on developments at Goscote NRC be submitted to Cabinet by September 2005.</p>
7. Brownhills Neighbourhood Resource Centre	Circulated separately	That the use of delegated authority by the Chief Executive to enter into a contract with the developer for the Brownhills Neighbourhood Resource Centre, in accordance with a previous decision of Cabinet, be noted.
8. Outcome of consultation on amalgamation of Elm Street Infant and Albion Road Junior Schools	54 – 57	That approval be given to the publication of statutory proposals to close Elm Street Infant School and Albion Road Junior School from 31 August 2005 and to open a single replacement primary school from 1 September 2005.
9. Education capital programme 2004/5 – further schemes	58 – 67	That the schemes and expenditure set out in the report be approved.
10. Redhouse Primary School	68 – 74	<p>(1) That approval be given for informal public consultation to take place on the federation or closure of Redhouse Primary School, consistent with the options outlined in the report.</p> <p>(2) That a report on the outcome of the public consultation be presented to Cabinet on 11 May 2005.</p>

11. Community Plan		That the presentation be received.
12. Implications of the Traffic Management Act 2004	75 – 83	<p>(1) That the financial, organisational and legislative implications of the Traffic Management Act 2004 be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the adoption of a 'permit' scheme under an order and regulations granted by the Secretary of State be approved.</p> <p>(3) That the charging for each and every working day occupation of the highway by Statutory Undertakers under the regulations for Section 74A under the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (NRSWA), be approved.</p> <p>(4) That approval be given to the operation of permit schemes under NRSWA for the placing of skips, scaffolds, hoarding and materials on the public highway.</p> <p>(5) That the Head of Planning and Transportation be authorised to commission a study for the implementation of civil enforcement of bus lane and moving traffic offences within Walsall.</p> <p>(6) That the Head of Planning and Transportation be authorised to appoint a permanent Traffic Manager and support staff as detailed within section 5 of this report, within budgets identified and subject to preparation of a project plan for implementation in consultation with the portfolio holder.</p>
13. Street Lighting PFI – lighting alleyways	84 – 90	That the spend on the priority list of alleyways detailed in the appendix to the report be approved.

<p>14. Lease of land for the development of a new residential short breaks unit for adults with learning difficulties</p>	<p>91 – 96</p>	<p>(1) That the Cabinet approve the grant of a 75 year lease to the Norman Laud Association in respect of the land shown edged bold on plan EPMS 2636 and extending to 1932 sq. metres or thereabouts, without premium and at a peppercorn rent, being less that best consideration;</p> <p>(2) That the local authority enters into an agreement with Norman Laud on the basis of the recommendations agreed at the Cabinet meeting on 12 March 2003.</p>
<p>15. VAT shelter for housing regeneration</p>	<p>97 – 110</p>	<p>(1) That the Cabinet agree to the establishment of a joint VAT Shelter with Walsall Housing Group using the model of a new charitable Industrial & Provident Society within WHG (option 2 in report).</p> <p>(2) That the Cabinet agree to the governance arrangements proposed in the report (that is, 5 from Council, 5 from WHG and 5 to be jointly appointed between the Council and WHG drawn from the Borough Strategic Partnership and through its theme groups).</p> <p>(3) That Council be recommended to nominate three elected members and that the Chief Executive nominate two senior officers to the proposed VAT Charico with responsibility for strategic housing and regeneration to be included as the Council's nominees.</p> <p>(4) That Cabinet receive an annual report on activities of the VAT Shelter, including work programme and expenditure.</p>
<p>16. Housing renewal assistance Regulation Reform Order policy</p>	<p>111 – 113</p>	<p>That the Repair Assistance Policy be approved.</p>
<p>17. Result of “call in” – Implementing Local Neighbourhood Partnerships</p>	<p>114 – 115</p>	<p>That the conclusions of the Community Organisation, Leisure and Culture Scrutiny and Performance Panel be noted</p>