

# Cabinet minutes

**Wednesday 8 November 2006 at 6.00 p.m.**

**in Conference Room 2 at the Council House Walsall**

## **Present**

Councillor Tom Ansell	Leader of the Council
Councillor Zahid Ali	Children's services
Councillor Rachel Walker	Environment and street pride
Councillor Louise Harrison	Leisure and culture
Councillor Adrian Andrew	Regeneration and enterprise
Councillor John O'Hare	Resources
Councillor Garry Perry	Safer stronger communities, partnerships and Vision 2021
Councillor Alan Paul	Social care, health and housing
Councillor Marco Longhi	Transformation and performance management

## 1629 **Minutes**

### **Resolved**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2006, copies having been sent to each member of the Cabinet be approved and signed as a correct record.

## 1630 **Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 1631 **Forward plan**

The forward plan as at 19 October 2006 was submitted:-

(see annexed)

### **Resolved**

That the following changes to the forward plan be noted:-

- 51/06 – Joint Area Review – withdrawn
- 81/06 – Children's Centres move to 29 November 2006

1632 **Annual Performance Assessment judgement for children and young persons services**

Councillor Zahid presented the report:

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

- (1) That Cabinet welcomes the findings of the APA review and inspection of achievements during 2005-06;
- (2) That Cabinet commends managers, and all staff working with children and young people;
- (3) That Cabinet acknowledges the key contribution of agency partners; and
- (4) That Cabinet notes the improvement agenda for 2007-08 will be incorporated into the Children and Young Persons Plan, Directorate Plan.

**Performance of Schools 2005/2006**

Councillor Zahid presented the report:

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

- (1) That Cabinet note the continued improvements in schools and write to schools to congratulate them on their achievements.
- (2) That Cabinet charge the portfolio holder with setting up a Working Group to review and monitor the actions taken to improve the achievement of BME children and young people and to identify any gaps, particularly in relation to wider community support for education and recommend a course of action.

**The Nottingham declaration on climate change**

Councillor Walker presented the report:

(see annexed)

**Resolved**

- (1) That the Cabinet agree to the Council making a public commitment to tackling climate change, by signing the Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change.

- (2) That officers be authorised to develop a council-wide strategy on climate change and a Climate Change Action Plan by December 2008 and to ensure that all Service Areas within the Council are integrating climate change actions within their areas of responsibility.

### **Walsall Waterfront supplementary planning document**

Councillor Andrew presented the report:

(see annexed)

#### **Resolved**

That the Cabinet adopt the Walsall Waterfront Supplementary Planning Document and the associated documents (Sustainability Appraisal, Statement on Consultation) and authorise the publication of the Adoption Statement.

### **Black Country Consortium Living Landmarks Big Lottery Fund application**

Councillor Harrison presented the report:

(see annexed)

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That Cabinet authorise officers to work with Black Country Consortium on the preparation of the Stage 2 Development Plan for the Black Country as Urban Park initiative and to delegate authority to the Executive Director Regeneration to commission all necessary work to assist with the development of the Walsall elements of the BLF Development Plan.
- (2) That a report be received at a future Cabinet in order to consider and endorse the final Stage 2 Development Plan, prior to its submission to the Big Lottery Fund.

### **Corporate financial performance 2006/7**

Councillor O'Hare presented the report:

(see annexed)

#### **Resolved**

- (1) That the following currently predicted year end forecasts be noted:

- A net revenue overspend of c £1.4m (0.23% of gross budget) which, if no further action is taken, would leave estimated general reserves of c £4.2m, but plans are being implemented which seek to further improve this position;
  - A surplus of c £6.23m on the capital programme.
- (2) That action being taken to seek to improve the currently forecast position be noted.

### **Medium term financial strategy 2006/7 to 2011/12**

Councillor O'Hare presented the report:

(see annexed)

#### **Resolved**

That the updated Medium term financial strategy set out in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

The meeting terminated at 6.20 p.m.

Leader:

Date: