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Approval was now sought to the CPNA so that the findings and recommendations of the document could be used to form the basis for the review of the Anti-Poverty Strategy for Sandwell and the publication of the Sandwell Child Poverty Strategy and Action Plan

Resolved that the Child Poverty Needs Assessment, as now submitted, be approved and that the findings and recommendations of the document be used to form the basis for the review of the Anti-Poverty Strategy for Sandwell and the publication of the Sandwell Child Poverty Strategy and Action Plan.

73/11 Sandwell Compact

It was reported that the Sandwell Compact set out the relationship between the voluntary and community sector (vcs) in Sandwell and their statutory partners. The existence of a local Compact helped to build and maintain positive relationships between voluntary and community organisations and the Council.

The current Compact and Funding Code of Practice had now been in place for over three years and a consultation process had been undertaken in order to refresh the documents, bringing them into line with the national policy context.

Approval was now sought to the revised Compact and Funding Code of Practice. Neither the refreshed Compact or the new Funding Code of Practice made any new commitments over and above the existing Compact documents.

Resolved that the revised Compact and Funding Code of Practice, as now submitted, be adopted by the Council with immediate effect

74/11 Asset Management and Land Disposal Committee of Cabinet

At the Annual meeting of Council on 24th May, 2011 details were received of the members to be appointed by the Leader of the Council to the Executive, including their portfolio responsibilities. The Constitution also provided for executive functions to be discharged by means of a committee of the executive.

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An Asset Management and Land Disposal Cabinet Group was subsequently established to consider the Council's management and processes for the disposal of land and property and to make recommendations for improvement. In addition, the Cabinet Group was asked to investigate and produce recommendations for change in relation to how the formal decision-making process regarding the disposal of Council land and property related to the officer function.

In order to provide strategic policy direction for all matters relating to the acquisition, management and disposal of land and property and to maximise the value of capital assets to achieve priority outcomes, the Cabinet Group had recommended the establishment of an Asset Management and Land Disposal Committee of Cabinet.

Approval was therefore sought to the establishment of the Committee, its membership and Terms of Reference.

Resolved:-

- (1) that an Asset Management and Land Disposal Committee of Cabinet be established to comprise the following members:-

Cabinet Member for Strategic Resources (Councillor Eling);

Cabinet Member for Housing (Councillor Hackett);

Cabinet Member for Jobs and Economy (Councillor I Jones);

Cabinet Member for Service Improvement (Councillor Hussain);

- (2) that the Terms of Reference of the Asset Management and Land Disposal Committee of Cabinet be approved as follows:-

In accordance with the aims and objectives of the Council and in so far as matters are of an Executive nature:

To provide the strategic direction for all matters relating to the effective use of land within the Borough to maximise social and economic benefits and regeneration.

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To develop, consider and determine all matters relating to land and property assets to ensure the delivery of social and economic benefits and regeneration through:

Land and property disposal;
Land and property acquisition;
Innovative land and property usage;
The development and management of a revolving capital fund.

To recommend changes to, or exceptions to land use policies and statements in support of the aims and objectives of the committee.

The quorum of the Cabinet Committee is two members;

- (3) that the Director of Legal and Governance Services and Monitoring Officer be authorised to make the necessary changes to the Council's Constitution in accordance with Article 15 of the Constitution, to reflect the decision to establish an Asset Management and Land Disposal Committee of Cabinet;
- (4) that a report be submitted to the Leader of the Council on a review of the functions and work of the Asset Management and Land Disposal Committee of Cabinet following a period of nine months of operation.

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Scrutiny Work Programme 2011–12

The Cabinet received a summary of the work programme for scrutiny during 2011/12.

The work programme had been arrived at primarily through the stakeholder event held on 21st May and 26th May, 2011. All topics identified for scrutiny needed to be considered with one key question in mind: can scrutiny add value to this?