

COUNCIL

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT
ON THURSDAY 7TH MAY, 2009**

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Tweed) (in the Chair)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Doran) (Vice Chair)

Councillors Barber, Bigley, Blackburn, Booth, Brady, Brennan, Brodie - Browne, Byrne, Cluskey, Connell, Cummins, Cuthbertson, Dodd, M Dowd, P Dowd, Fairclough, Lord Fearn, M Fearn, Fenton, Friel, Gibson, Glover, Griffiths, Hands, D Hardy, P Hardy, Hill, Hough, Ibbs, D Jones, T Jones, Maher, C Mainey, S Mainey, McGinnity, McGuire, Moncur, Papworth, Parry, Pearson, Platt, Porter, Preston, D Rimmer, Roberts, Robertson, Shaw, Sumner, Tattersall, Tonkiss, Veidman, Sir Ron Watson, Weavers and Webster

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bradshaw, Byrom, Colbert, Howe, Larkin, Mahon, B. Rimmer and Storey.

102. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made.

103. MINUTES

That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 March 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

104. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Death of Mr. Philip Berrill

The Mayor reported on the sad death of Mr. Philip Berrill whose funeral took place on 29 April 2009. Mr Berrill served as a Sefton Councillor from 1998 to 2000.

Councillor Porter paid tribute to Mr. Berrill and the Council then stood in silence for one minute as a mark of respect.

Mr. Stan Mercer

The Mayor reported that Mr. Stan Mercer - Mayoral Attendant continues to undergo treatment for his illness with commendable courage and humour.

Stan and his wife Sharon have asked for their thanks to be passed on for all the cards and messages of support they have received over the past few weeks, and for the many visits they have received from friends and colleagues, which have helped to sustain them over a very difficult period.

PUBLIC SESSION

105. MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC

The Mayor reported that members of the public had not submitted any petitions or questions.

COUNCIL BUSINESS SESSION

106. QUESTIONS RAISED BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

The Mayor reported that no questions had been submitted by Members of the Council.

107. APPOINTMENT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, THE CABINET, COMMITTEES AND SPOKESPERSONS FOR 2009/10

The Council considered a draft motion and schedule indicating the nominations submitted by the three political groups for the Membership of the Cabinet, Committees, Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Spokespersons for 2009/10 which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Blackburn, seconded by Councillor Robertson and

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Councillor Robertson as the Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, be appointed as the Leader of the Council;
- (2) Councillors P. Dowd and Parry as the Leaders of the Labour and Conservative Groups, be appointed as Deputy Leaders of the Council;
- (3) the Cabinet and Spokespersons comprising the Members indicated below be appointed for 2009/10, to take effect from the date of this meeting:

CABINET (10)

(Lib Dem 4 Lab 3 Con 3)

Portfolio	<u>Member</u>
Leader of the Council	Cllr. Robertson
Cabinet Member - Children's Services and Deputy Leader	Cllr. P. Dowd
Cabinet Member - Communities	Cllr. Griffiths
Cabinet Member - Corporate Services and Deputy Leader	Cllr. Parry
Cabinet Member - Environmental	Cllr. Tattersall
Cabinet Member - Health and Social Care	Cllr. Porter
Cabinet Member - Leisure and Tourism	Cllr. Lord Fearn
Cabinet Member - Performance and Governance	Cllr. Brodie-Browne
Cabinet Member - Regeneration	Cllr. Maher
Cabinet Member - Technical Services	Cllr. Fairclough

CABINET URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE (3)

The 3 Party Leaders or their nominees (who must be Cabinet Members).

Councillors Robertson, P. Dowd and Parry

CABINET MEMBER - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. P. Dowd	Cllr. Fairclough

<u>Spokespersons</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. M. Fearn	Cllr. Howe
Cllr. Platt	Cllr. Sir Ron Watson

The Education Added Members - Mr. A. Bell and 1 Vacancy (Church Diocesan Representatives); Mrs. S. Roberts and 1 Vacancy (Parent Governor Representatives) are invited to attend the Cabinet Member - Children's Services Meetings.

Mr. R. Gregson (Sefton Governors Forum) is also invited to attend the meetings.

CABINET MEMBER - COMMUNITIES

<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. Griffiths	Cllr. Porter

<u>Spokespersons</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. Booth	Cllr. Weavers
Cllr. Veidman	Cllr. Friel

CABINET MEMBER - CORPORATE SERVICES

<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. Parry	Cllr. Griffiths

<u>Spokespersons</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. McGuire	Cllr. Hands
Cllr. Tweed	Cllr. McGinnity

CABINET MEMBER - ENVIRONMENTAL

<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. Tattersall	Cllr. Brodie-Browne

<u>Spokespersons</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. P. Hardy	Cllr. Friel
Cllr. D. Jones	Cllr. Ibbs

CABINET MEMBER – HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. Porter	Cllr. Parry

<u>Spokespersons</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. Brennan	Cllr. Friel
Cllr. D. Rimmer	Cllr. Preston

CABINET MEMBER - LEISURE AND TOURISM

<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. Lord Fearn	Cllr. Robertson

<u>Spokespersons</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. Cummins	Cllr. Webster
Cllr. Glover	Cllr. D. Jones

CABINET MEMBER - PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE

<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. Brodie-Browne	Cllr. Lord Fearn

<u>Spokespersons</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. Barber	Cllr. Cuthbertson
Cllr. Friel	Cllr. Brennan

CABINET MEMBER - REGENERATION

<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. Maher	Cllr. P. Dowd

<u>Spokespersons</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. Hough	Cllr. McGuire
Cllr. Ibbs	Cllr. Pearson

CABINET MEMBER - TECHNICAL SERVICES

<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. Fairclough	Cllr. Maher

<u>Spokespersons</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
Cllr. T. Jones	Cllr. Ibbs
Cllr. Tonkiss	Cllr. Sumner

- (4) the Committees, Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Spokespersons for the following Committees indicated below be appointed for 2009/10 to take effect from the date of this meeting:

(In seconding the motion, Councillor Robertson indicated that he would like the issue of proportionality for the allocation of Committee Chairs to be considered as part of the current Governance Review)

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (CHILDREN'S SERVICES)
(10)

(Lib Dem 4 Lab 4 Con 2)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Hands	Cllr. Colbert
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr Gibson	Cllr. Booth
3.	Cllr. Bradshaw	Cllr. Moncur
4.	Cllr. Byrom	Cllr. Kerrigan
5.	Cllr. Connell	Cllr. McGuire
6.	Cllr. Cummins *	Cllr. Veidman
7.	Cllr. Cuthbertson	Cllr. Ibbs
8.	Cllr. Hough	Cllr. Hill
9.	Cllr. T. Jones*	Cllr. Glover
10	Cllr. Larkin	Cllr. McGinnity

* Spokesperson

- Education Added Members:- Father D. Seddon and 1 Vacancy (Church Diocesan Representatives);
Mrs. S. Roberts and 1 Vacancy. (Parent Governor Representatives)
- Cabinet Members must not sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE) (10)

(Lib Dem 4 Lab 3 Con 3)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Hill	Cllr. Colbert
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. McGuire	Cllr. Blackburn
3.	Cllr. Barber	Cllr. D. Jones
4.	Cllr. Fenton	Cllr. S. Mainey
5.	Cllr. Howe	Cllr. C. Mainey

6.	Cllr. Larkin	Cllr. Cluskey
7.	Cllr. McGinnity*	Cllr. Mahon
8.	Cllr. Pearson	Cllr. Bigley
9.	Cllr. Platt*	Cllr. T. Jones
10.	Cllr. Webster	Cllr. Bradshaw

* Spokesperson

1. Cabinet Members must not sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (PERFORMANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES) (10)

(Lib Dem 4 Lab 4 Con 2)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. D. Hardy	Cllr. Brady
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Tweed	Cllr. M. Dowd
3.	Cllr. Bigley	Cllr. Platt
4.	Cllr. Byrne*	Cllr. C. Mainey
5.	Cllr. Byrom	Cllr. Veidman
6.	Cllr. Gibson	Cllr. Tonkiss
7.	Cllr. Howe	Cllr. Shaw
8.	Cllr. McGinnity	Cllr. Larkin
9.	Cllr. Papworth*	Cllr. Roberts
10	Cllr. Weavers	Cllr. S. Mainey

* Spokesperson

1. Cabinet Members must not sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) (10)

(Lib Dem 4 Lab 3 Con 3)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Papworth	Cllr. Platt
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Pearson	Cllr. Sir Ron Watson
3.	Cllr. Booth	Cllr. Hill
4.	Cllr. Cluskey*	Cllr. D. Hardy
5.	Cllr. P. Hardy	Cllr. Tweed
6.	Cllr. C. Mainey*	Cllr. D. Rimmer
7.	Cllr. S. Mainey	Cllr. Howe
8.	Cllr. Roberts	Cllr. Cuthbertson
9.	Cllr. Weavers	Cllr. B. Rimmer
10.	Cllr. Webster	Cllr. Gustafson

* Spokesperson

1. Cabinet Members must not sit on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

APPEALS COMMITTEE

All Members of the Council (other than Cabinet Members) to form a Panel from which 3 Members are selected to form a politically balanced Committee.

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (10)

(Lib Dem 5 Lab 3 Con 2)

(10 Members of the Authority to form a politically balanced committee (3 Executive Members (one from each party) and 7 Non Executive Members). The Chair should not be an Executive Member.)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Brady	Cllr. D. Hardy
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Moncur	Cllr. Mahon
3.	Cllr. P. Dowd	Cllr. Maher
4.	Cllr. C. Mainey	Cllr. Blackburn
5.	Cllr. S. Mainey	Cllr. Fenton
6.	Cllr. Parry*	Cllr. Porter
7.	Cllr. Roberts	Cllr. Pearson
8.	Cllr. Robertson	Cllr. Brodie-Browne
9.	Cllr. Shaw*	Cllr. Howe
10.	Cllr. Tonkiss	Cllr. Byrne

* Spokesperson

Membership is the Leader of the Council and the other 2 Party Group Leaders (or their nominees who should be Cabinet Members) and 7 Non-Executive Members of the Council.

EMPLOYMENT PROCEDURE COMMITTEE

All Members of the Council to form a panel from which a minimum of 3 Members are selected to form a politically balanced Committee. At least one member of the Cabinet to be included on the Committee.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE (15)

(Lib Dem 6 Lab 5 Con 4)

	<u>Member</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Bigley
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Papworth
3.	Cllr. Blackburn
4.	Cllr. Bradshaw
5.	Cllr. Dodd
6.	Cllr. Fenton
7.	Cllr. Friel
8.	Cllr. Gustafson
9.	Cllr. Hands*
10.	Cllr. Kerrigan
11.	Cllr. Mahon*
12.	Cllr. Pearson
13.	Cllr. Platt
14.	Cllr. B. Rimmer
15.	Cllr. D. Rimmer

*Spokesperson

**LICENSING AND REGULATORY (URGENT REFERRALS)
COMMITTEE (3)**

(Lib Dem 1 Lab 1 Con 1)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Bigley	Cllr. Papworth
2.	Cllr. Hands	Cllr. Dodd
3.	Cllr. Mahon	Cllr. Friel

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE

All Members of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee to form a Panel from which 3 Members are selected to form a Sub-Committee.

PAY AND GRADING COMMITTEE (6)

(Lib Dem 2 Lab 2 Con 2) Including Cabinet Member - Corporate Services

	<u>Member</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Parry
2.	Cllr. Fairclough
3.	Cllr. D. Rimmer
4.	Cllr. Robertson
5.	Cllr. Tweed
6.	Cllr. Sir Ron Watson

PLANNING COMMITTEE (15)

(Lib Dem 6 Lab 5 Con 4)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Moncur	Cllr. Brady
2.	Vice-Chair: Cllr. Veidman	Cllr. Friel
3.	Cllr. Barber	Cllr. Pearson
4.	Cllr. Byrne	Cllr. Hough
5.	Cllr. Colbert	Cllr. Hands
6.	Cllr. Connell*	Cllr. Gibson
7.	Cllr. M. Fearn	Cllr. Dodd
8.	Cllr. Glover	Cllr. Bigley
9.	Cllr. Gustafson	Cllr. Kerrigan
10.	Cllr. Mahon	Cllr. Webster
11.	Cllr. Preston	Cllr. Shaw
12.	Cllr. Roberts	Cllr. T. Jones
13.	Cllr. Storey*	Cllr. Platt
14.	Cllr. Sumner	Cllr. Tonkiss
15.	Cllr. Tweed	Cllr. Brennan

*Spokesperson

PLANNING (URGENT REFERRALS) COMMITTEE (3)

(Lib Dem 1 Lab 1 Con 1)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Chair: Cllr. Moncur	Cllr. Veidman
2.	Cllr. Connell	Cllr. Preston
3.	Cllr. Storey	Cllr. Glover

PLANNING (PETITIONS) COMMITTEE (15)

The Committee comprises of the Members of the Planning Committee.

PLANNING VISITING PANEL (15)

The Committee comprises of the Members of the Planning Committee.

STANDARDS COMMITTEE (6) (plus 3 Independent Members* and 2 Parish Council Members)**

(Lib Dem 2 Lab 2 Con 2 - including 1 Cabinet Member +)

	<u>Member</u>	<u>Substitute</u>
1.	Cllr. Bigley	Cllr. Barber
2.	Cllr. Brady	Cllr. Moncur
3.	Cllr. Fairclough+	Cllr. Maher
4.	Cllr. M. Fearn	Cllr. Booth

5	Cllr. Hill	Cllr. D. Rimmer
6	Cllr. Papworth	Cllr. Storey

***Independent Members:**

Chair - Mr N. Edwards 3 year term until May 2010
Vice-Chair - Mr. E. Davies }
Mr. J.R. Fraser } 3 year term until May 2011

**** Parish Council Members:**

Mrs B. O'Brien
Mr. D. Warren

ASSESSMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

All Members of the Standards Committee will form a Panel from which one Independent Member and two other Members will be selected to form a Sub-Committee.

HEARINGS SUB-COMMITTEE OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

All Members of the Standards Committee will form a Panel from which one Independent Member and two other Members will be selected to form a Sub-Committee.

REVIEW SUB-COMMITTEE OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE

All Members of the Standards Committee to form a Panel from which one Independent Member and two other Members will be selected to form a Sub-Committee.

AREA COMMITTEES

The Members of the Wards included in the Area of the Committee.

(Local Advisory Groups are appointed by the respective Area Committee).

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL (3 members)

Canon R. Driver 4 year term until May 2010
Mr. S. Dickson }
Mrs. S. Lowe } 4 year term until 23.10.12.

(To advise and make recommendations to the Authority about the allowances to be paid to Elected Members).

LOCAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE FOR TEACHING STAFFS

(9 Council Members plus teacher representatives)

(Lib Dem 4 Lab 3 Con 2)

Lib/Dem Group Councillors Blackburn, M. Fearn, Fenton and Howe
(Substitutes – Councillors Booth, Gibson, Hough
and Connell)

Labour Group Councillors Cummins, P. Dowd and P. Hardy
(Substitutes - Councillors Moncur, Brennan and
Tweed)

Conservative Group (Councillors D. Jones and Platt
(Substitute Councillors Barber and Glover)

LOCAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

(12 Council Members plus 12 Trade Union Representatives) (i.e. Equal number of Council Members to the number of seats which the Trade Unions are entitled to).

(Lib Dem 5 Lab 4 Con 3)

Lib/Dem Group Councillors Brodie-Browne, Connell, Hands,
McGuire and Robertson,
(Substitutes - Councillors Lord Fearn, Weavers,
M. Fearn, Byrne and Tattersall)

Labour Group Councillors Brady, P. Dowd, Fairclough and Moncur
(Substitutes - Councillors Friel, M. Dowd, Tweed and
Mahon)

Conservative Group (Councillors Griffiths, Platt, and Sir Ron Watson
(Substitute Councillors Porter, Parry and Pearson)

STRATEGIC SERVICE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Leader of the Council (Councillor Robertson) and two Deputy Leaders
(Councillors P. Dowd and Parry) (or their nominees).

FINANCE AND INFORMATION SERVICES OPERATIONAL BOARD

Cabinet Member - Corporate Services (Councillor Parry).

TECHNICAL SERVICES OPERATIONAL BOARD

Cabinet Member - Technical Services (Councillor Fairclough).

MEMBERS' DEVELOPMENT STEERING GROUP (7)

(Lib Dem 2 Lab 2 Con 2) plus one Cabinet Member

1. Chair: Cllr. Griffiths
2. Cllr. Colbert
3. Cllr. Cluskey
4. Cllr. Moncur
5. Cllr. T. Jones
6. Cllr. Platt
7. Cllr. Shaw

MEMBERS ICT STEERING GROUP (6)

(Lib Dem 2 Lab 2 Con 2)

1. Chair: Cllr. Parry
2. Cllr. Barber
3. Cllr. Brady
4. Cllr. Dodd
5. Cllr. Fairclough
6. Cllr. McGuire

Membership to include the Cabinet Member - Corporate Services.

108. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON JOINT AUTHORITIES 2009/10

It was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Brodie-Browne and RESOLVED:

That the following Members be appointed to serve on the following Joint Authorities in 2009/10:

<u>Joint Authority</u>	<u>Representative</u>
Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority	Councillors Barber (Con), Blackburn (LD), Colbert (LD) and Mahon (Lab)
Merseyside Passenger Transport Authority	Councillors Dodd (LD), M. Dowd (Lab), Roberts (Con) and Sumner (LD)
Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority	Councillors Cluskey (Lab) and Tattersall (LD)
Merseyside Police Authority * (* Nominations only - Appointed by the Merseyside Police Authority Appointments Committee)	Councillors Shaw (LD) and Kerrigan (Lab)

109. CHURCHTOWN AND NORTH MEOLS CONSERVATION AREAS APPRAISAL

Further to Minute No 317 of the Cabinet meeting held on 16 April 2009, the Council considered the report of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director which provided details of the Churchtown and North Meols Conservation Areas Appraisal and the proposed amendments to the Churchtown Conservation Area boundaries.

It was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Blackburn and RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Churchtown and North Meols Conservation Areas Appraisal be adopted as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications; and
- (2) the proposed amendments to the Conservation Area boundaries be approved as set out in Annex 1 to the report under Section 69 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended).

110. MATTERS DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 16 OF THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES (SPECIAL URGENCY) OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Council received a report of the Leader of the Council setting out details of those matters dealt with in accordance with Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (Special Urgency).

111. MATTERS DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 17 OF THE SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES (CALL-IN AND URGENCY) OF THE CONSTITUTION

The Council considered a report of the Legal Director setting out details of those matters dealt with in accordance with Rule 17 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Call-In and Urgency).

112. NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR T JONES

It was moved by Councillor T. Jones, seconded by Councillor Bigley and RESOLVED:

That the following motion be approved and submitted to the Cabinet, in accordance with Rule 15.14 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules for formal consideration by the financial implications, in advance of any budgetary commitment and prior to any action being taken to implement the decision:

- “(1) that in order to assist Sefton residents, with limited financial means to purchase grave plots (currently costing £618), this Council requests the Cabinet to agree to the establishment of a ‘payment by instalments plan’ by which grave plots can be purchased by residents in affordable stages, subject to the Council being satisfied that any remaining outstanding balance due would be met from the deceased’s estate; and
- (2) that the motion set out in (1) above be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) and the Cabinet Member - Leisure and Tourism, prior to consideration by the Cabinet.”

(In accordance with Rule 15.7 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, the Council gave consent without discussion to the consideration of the additional wording set out in (2) above, which was not included in the Notice of Motion submitted to the Legal Director).

113. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Blackburn and RESOLVED:

That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. The Public Interest Test has been applied and favours exclusion of the information from the press and public.

114. PAY AND GRADING REVIEW - IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

Further to Minute No. 326 of the Cabinet meeting held on 16 April 2009, the Council considered the report of the Personnel Director seeking approval for arrangements to enable the conclusion of the Pay and Grading review that is required to realise single status employment as provided for in the National Joint Council (NJC) agreement for Local Government Services’ employees.

It was moved by Councillor Robertson, seconded by Councillor Blackburn and RESOLVED:

That the Legal Director be authorised to amend the Council’s Constitution in order to establish a Pay and Grading Sub-Committee with delegated authority as described in Section B(ii) of the report.