

THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON TUESDAY, 9 FEBRUARY 2010. MINUTE NOS. 104(2), 105(2) AND 106 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN".

CABINET MEMBER - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON TUESDAY, 19 JANUARY 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor P. Dowd

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors M. Fearn and D. Jones
Mr. R. Gregson - Sefton Governors Forum.

101. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Platt.

102. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

103. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

104. SCHOOLS ACCESS INITIATIVE - PROPOSED SCHEME

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director of Children, Schools and Families on a proposed scheme at Rowan Park Special School, Litherland.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the scheme, as set out in the report, be approved; and
- (2) the Cabinet be recommended to include the proposed expenditure in the 2009/10 and 2010/11 Children, Schools and Families Capital Programme.

**105. SPECIALIST SCHOOLS PROGRAMME CAPITAL GRANT -
HILLSIDE HIGH SCHOOL, BOOTLE**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director of Children, Schools and Families on a proposed capital grant of £25,000, which could be matched with £25,000 of sponsorship, to undertake a scheme of projects at the above school which are related to its specialist status specialisms.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the scheme, as set out in the report, be approved; and
- (2) the Cabinet be recommended to include the proposed expenditure in the 2009/10 Children, Schools and Families Capital Programme.

106. SIX-MONTHLY PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR CHILDREN, SCHOOLS AND FAMILIES 2009/10

Further to Minute No. 5 of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Children's Services) held on 10 June 2008, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director of Children, Schools and Families which advised of the mid-year performance for 2009/10 with particular regard to the 2009 Comprehensive Area Assessment, Council Plan, Service Delivery Plan and National Indicators.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

107. EVERY CHILD A TALKER

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director of Children, Schools and Families on the proposed implementation of the above programme with effect from April 2010.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

108. YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES FUND

Further to Minute No. 99 of 8 December 2009, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director of Children, Schools and Families that advised of the proposed spend of the final round of Youth Opportunities Fund bids in 2009/10.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the expenditure of £35,314.85 funded by the Youth Opportunities Fund, as detailed within the report, be approved; and
- (2) the Strategic Director be requested to arrange a meeting between the Children's Services spokespersons and the young people on the Youth Opportunities Fund Panel.

109. APPOINTMENT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES TO GOVERNING BODIES OF MAINTAINED SCHOOLS

Further to Minute No. 84 of the meeting held on 27 October 2009, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director of

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Children, Schools and Families regarding vacancies on the governing bodies of Community and Voluntary Aided schools.

RESOLVED:

That the undermentioned persons be appointed to serve on the Governing Bodies of the schools indicated for a period of four years:-

School	Governor(s)
AINSDALE WARD Birkdale High, Southport	Mr. F. Robinson
BIRKDALE WARD Farnborough Road Junior, Southport	Mrs. R. Griffin
BLUNDELLSANDS WARD St. Luke's Halsall C.E. Primary, Crosby Valewood Primary, Crosby	Councillor Cuthbertson Mr. B. Winstanley
DERBY WARD Hillside High, Bootle Springwell Park Primary, Bootle	Councillor McGinnity Mrs. A. Manning Councillor D. Hardy Mr. M. Kilpatrick Councillor Maher
DUKES WARD Greenbank High, Southport Holy Trinity C.E. Primary, Southport	Mrs. J. Shavaksha Mr. M. Fernley
HARINGTON WARD Formby High	Mr. D. Walker
KEW WARD Kew Woods Primary, Southport	Ms. J. Hopkins
MOLYNEUX WARD Holy Rosary Catholic Primary, Aintree	Mrs. J. Wilkinson
NORWOOD WARD Bishop David Sheppard C.E. Primary, Southport	Mrs. L. Godfrey
SUDELL WARD St. Andrew's Maghull C.E. Primary	Mr. R. Higham.

110. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

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

111. REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE 2010

The Cabinet Member considered the joint report of the Strategic Director of Children, Schools and Families and the Personnel Director on a proposed re-organisation of the existing School Admissions and Student Support Service to enable it to meet the requirements of the new School Admissions Code, which reflects changes to the law introduced by the Education and Skills Act 2008, which included:

- extending the co-ordinating role of local authorities to all admissions applications for state primary and secondary schools made by their residents at any time of year, from 2010;
- the full inter-Local Authority co-ordination of admission to primary schools to be phased in, starting with all in-year admissions from September 2010 and the annual allocation of primary places from September 2011;
- improving the information provided to parents by local authorities; adding parents and the local community to those who must be consulted regarding proposed admission arrangements;
- requiring local authorities to report annually to the Schools Adjudicator on the fairness and legality of admission arrangements in their area; plus new powers for the Office of the Schools Adjudicator to act proactively if an Authority is failing in any aspects of the statutory and mandatory duties.

In accordance with the Responsibility for Functions provided in the Council's Constitution, the personnel implications described in the report had been approved by the Personnel Director, in consultation with the Strategic Director of Children, Schools and Families.

RESOLVED:

That the reorganisation of the Service, as set out in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.11 and Annex 2 to the report, be approved.