

CABINET MEMBER - COMMUNITIES

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT
ON WEDNESDAY 2 DECEMBER 2009**

PRESENT: Councillor Porter

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Booth and Veidman

53. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

54. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

55. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 November 2009, be confirmed as a correct record.

56. REVENUE AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE MONITORING TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

The Cabinet Member considered the joint report of Chief Executive and the Finance and Information Services Director that provided details of the quarterly forecast position, based on information as at 30 September 2009, in relation to the Communities' Portfolio 2009/10 revenue budget.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the revenue budgets, which are subject to risk-based monitoring, be noted;
- (2) the Assistant Chief Executive (Stronger Safer Communities) be requested to draft a further report on the Community Safety Department's budget following discussions with the Finance and Information Service Director; and
- (3) the Assistant Chief Executive (Stronger Safer Communities) be requested to draft an update report on the work of Sefton Security Force.

57. SEFTON'S SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director that detailed the current progress in Sefton Council on the Equality Framework for Local Government (formerly the Equality Standard).

The report also detailed the partnership approach to delivery on equality and diversity developed through the Sefton wide Single Equality Scheme.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the positive progress made on the equality framework and the developing partnership work around the Single Equality Scheme be noted; and
- (2) the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director be requested to provide updates on progress quarterly from Sefton Equalities Partnership on the Equalities Framework.

58. AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MINUTES

The Cabinet Member considered the Minutes of the below Area Committees:-

Litherland and Ford held on 28 October
Southport held on 28 October
Linacre and Derby held on 2 November
Sefton East Parishes held on 12 November

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Minutes of the above Area Committees be noted;
- (2) further to Minute No.58 of Linacre and Derby Area Committee the 'Possible Introduction of Bye-Laws in Respect of Ball Games' be forwarded to Southport Area Committee for consideration; and
- (3) further to Minute No.58 of Linacre and Derby Area Committee the Legal Director be requested to draft a report on the 'Possible Introduction of Bye-Laws in Respect of Ball Games'.

59. RUTH AUSTEN-VINCENT

The Cabinet Member commented on the fact that Ruth Austen-Vincent was due to leave the Equalities Partnership to start a new position with Equality Works in the New Year. The Cabinet Member and Party

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Spokespersons praised the sterling work and dedicated service Ruth had provided to both the Equalities Partnership and Council.

RESOLVED:

That Ruth Austen-Vincent be thanked for her contribution to furthering equalities in Sefton and be wished every for the future.