

CABINET MEMBER - COMMUNITIES

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT
ON WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Porter

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Booth and Veidman

68. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

69. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

70. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2010, be confirmed as a correct record.

71. REVENUE AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE MONITORING TO 31 DECEMBER 2009

The Cabinet Member considered the joint report of Chief Executive and the Acting Finance and Information Services Director that provided details of the quarterly forecast position, based on information as at 31 December 2009, in relation to the Communities' Portfolio 2009/10 revenue budget.

RESOLVED:

That the revenue budgets, which are subject to risk-based monitoring, be noted.

72. STRATEGY FOR OLDER CITIZENS IN SEFTON

The Cabinet Member considered the joint report of Strategic Director - Social Care and Well-being and the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director that outlined the draft Sefton Strategy for Older Citizens.

Attached as an annexe to the report was a copy of the draft Sefton Strategy for Older Citizens

RESOLVED:

That the content of the draft Sefton Strategy for Older Citizens be endorsed.

73. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION STANDARDS PANEL - ANNUAL REPORT

Further to Minute No.19 of the meeting of Cabinet Member – Performance and Governance the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director that outlined the activities of the Public Engagement and Consultation Team and Standards Panel between December 2008 and December 2009.

RESOLVED:

That the Public and Engagement and Consultation Standards Panel report be noted.

74. MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Linacre and Derby held on 11 January, 2010
Crosby held on 20 January, 2010
Sefton East Parishes held on 21 January, 2010
Southport held on 3 February, 2010

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Minutes of the above Area Committees be noted; and
- (2) further to Minutes Nos.52 and 67 of the meetings held on 4 November 2009 and 27 January 2010 respectively, the Legal Director, in consultation with the Assistant Director – Neighbourhoods, be requested to draft a report on the options available to encourage greater public attendance and participation at Area Committee meetings, including options on the possible re-formatting and re-configuration of the meetings for the 24 March meeting of Cabinet Member - Communities.