

THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON MONDAY, 21 DECEMBER 2009. MINUTE NOS. 76 AND 79 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL- IN"

CABINET MEMBER - CORPORATE SERVICES

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER 2009**

PRESENT: Councillor Parry.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors McGuire and Tweed.

69. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

71. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2009 be confirmed as a correct record.

**72. LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT-
CORPORATE SERVICES PORTFOLIO MONITORING 2009/10-
QUARTER 2**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Legal Director on the performance in relation to the Legal and Administrative Services Department's element of the Corporate Services Portfolio's 2009/10 Departmental Services Plan, with particular reference to Quarter 2 of 2009/10.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

**73. REGISTRATION SERVICE-SERVICE DELIVERY INSPECTION-
ACTION PLAN**

Further to Minute No. 65 of 11 November 2009, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Legal Director setting out a proposed Action Plan in response to the recent Service Delivery Inspection of the Council's Registration Service by the General Register Office.

RESOLVED:

That the report and the proposed Action Plan be noted.

**74. CONSULTATION ON DISCUSSION PAPER ON THE MAKING
AND ENFORCEMENT OF BYELAWS-GOVERNMENT'S
RESPONSE**

Further to Minute No. 48 of 12 November 2008, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Legal Director on the recent publication of the Government's response to comments received to the above Paper on proposals for local authorities to be empowered to make certain byelaws without the need for scrutiny by Secretary of State and for a new enforcement regime for byelaws.

RESOLVED:

That the report and the Government's response be noted.

**75. PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT - CORPORATE SERVICES
PORTFOLIO MONITORING 2009/10 - QUARTER 2**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Personnel Director on the performance in relation to the Personnel Department's element of the Corporate Services Portfolio's 2009/10 Departmental Service Plan, with particular reference to Quarter 2 of 2009/10.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

76. INSURANCE BROKER CONTRACT

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Finance and Information Services Director setting out details of expressions of interest received from nine companies who wished to be formally invited to tender for the provision of insurance broking services. The current Insurance Broker Contract would expire on 31 March 2010 and a contractor needed to be appointed for 1 April 2010 to ensure that the Council's insurance portfolio was successfully renewed by 29 September 2010, when the current policies would expire.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) all of the organisations meeting the criteria laid down in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire be invited to tender for the provision of insurance broking services to the Council with effect from 1 April 2010; and
- (2) it be noted that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) had given his consent under

Rule 17 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules for the decision in (1) above to be treated as urgent and not subject to "call in" on the basis that the work is of a specialist nature and any delay in inviting tenders would not be in the best interests of the Council.

77. BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS - GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director indicating that six Business Partnership Agreements funded from the Grants to Voluntary Organisations budget, currently involving £120,395, were due to expire at the end of March 2010.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) Organisations that have current Business Partnership Agreements be requested to reapply within the 2010/2011 financial year, with the exception of Sefton Play Council: and
- (2) the reduction of the amount for the Sefton Play Council on a sliding scale of £60,000 for 2010/11, £40,000 for 2011/12, £20,000 for 2012/13, and £10,000 for 2013/14 be approved.

78. 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 may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 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.

79. PERICLES REVENUES AND BENEFITS SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Finance and Information Services Director on the outcome of a procurement exercise to replace the Pericles Revenue and Benefits system and seeking approval for a preferred supplier.

This was a key decision and was currently included in the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the selection of Northgate Information Solutions as the preferred supplier, be approved;

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- (3) the fact that the contract for the new Revenues and Benefits system will be between Arvato Government System (Sefton) Ltd. and Northgate Information Solutions be noted; and
- (4) the fact that detailed costings will be submitted to the Cabinet Member meeting in January, 2010, be noted.