

THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2011. MINUTE NO. 85 IS NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN".

CABINET MEMBER - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON TUESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2011**

PRESENT: Councillor Moncur

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Cuthbertson, Hands and Preece
Mr.A.Bell, Archdiocesan Representative
Mr.R.Gregson, Sefton Governors' Forum

82. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

83. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

84. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18 January 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.

85. AIMING HIGH FOR DISABLED CHILDREN: ADDITIONAL SCHEMES

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families seeking approval of schemes to be funded from the Aiming High for Disabled Children Capital Allocation.

The report indicated that it was proposed to expend £10,000 towards the Short Breaks lounge at Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre to allow the flexibility required to provide short breaks for families with disabled children; and that it was proposed to use a further £65,589 to purchase additional playground equipment for disabled children which were currently unavailable at any of Sefton's parks.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the scheme at the Crosby Lakeside Adventure Centre and the purchase of additional playground equipment be approved; and
- (2) Cabinet be recommended to include the proposed expenditure in the Children, Schools and Families Capital Programme 2010/11.

86. NEW HUMAN RESOURCES POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR SCHOOLS

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director – Children, Schools and Families seeking approval for the new policy and procedure for maintained schools in relation to; Adoption Leave (Teachers), Retirement (Age Regulations), Maternity Support (Paternity) Leave, Drugs Alcohol and Other Substance Misuse, Probationary Policy and Confidential Reporting (Whistle Blowing in the Public Interest).

A copy of the policies and procedures were attached as annexes to the report.

RESOLVED:

That the new Human Resources Policy and Procedure for Schools in relation to Adoption Leave (Teachers), Retirement (Age Regulations), Maternity Support (Paternity) Leave, Drugs Alcohol and Other Substance Misuse, Probationary Policy and Confidential Reporting (Whistle Blowing in the Public Interest) be approved.

87. LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN PLACEMENT STRATEGY

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Strategic Director – Children, Schools and Families advising of the Looked After Children Placement Strategy and the progress towards delivering the Fostering Strategy.

A copy of the Looked After Children Placement Strategy 2010 – 2013 was attached as an appendix to the report.

RESOLVED:

That the report advising of the Looked After Children Placement Strategy and the progress towards delivering the Fostering Strategy be approved.

88. SILLS FUNDING AGENCY (SFA)/EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND (ESF) PROVISION (GREATER MERSEYSIDE PROVISION FOR NEET ESF 2011 - 2013 YOUTH PROGRAMME)

The Strategic Director – Children, Schools and Families reported that he had received notification that the bid for the Greater Merseyside Provision for NEET ESF 2011-2013 Youth Programme had been unsuccessful. Therefore, the report was not to be considered and withdrawn from the agenda.