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MEETING: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (REGULATORY,
COMPLIANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES)

DATE: Thursday 22nd October, 2015

TIME: 6.30 pm

VENUE: Committee Room, Town Hall Bootle

Member

Councillor
Councillor Robinson (Chair)
Councillor Byrom (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Veronica Bennett
Councillor Cluskey
Councillor Dawson
Councillor Jamieson
Councillor Daniel Lewis
Councillor McKinley
Councillor Owens
Councillor Weavers

Substitute

Councillor
Councillor Roche
Councillor Dams
Councillor Spencer
Councillor Murphy
Councillor Dodd
Councillor Dutton
Councillor Ashton
Councillor Sayers
Councillor Hale
Councillor McGuire

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1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

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3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2015

4. Former Maghull Library and Youth Centre, Liverpool Road North, Maghull

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Report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance

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MEETING HELD AT THE COMMITTEE ROOM, TOWN HALL BOOTLE ON TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER, 2015

PRESENT: Councillor Robinson (in the Chair)
Councillor Byrom (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Veronica Bennett, Dawson, Jamieson,
Daniel Lewis, McKinley, Owens and McGuire

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Lappin, Maher and O'Brien

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cluskey and Weavers.

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

14. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2015 be confirmed as a correct record.

15. ENFORCEMENT AGENTS - CODE OF PRACTICE

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Support that provided an update on the Enforcement Agent Companies relating to the collection of debts owed to the Council and how Enforcement Agents dealt with vulnerability issues.

The report indicated that the Government had reviewed the system of enforcement and the 'Taking Control of Goods' regulations were laid before Parliament in 2013; as part of the regulations the term Bailiff was no longer used, being replaced by Enforcement Agent; that fee structures and the process by which individuals could be certified to act as Enforcement Agents had also been introduced; that a fixed staged fee regime had been introduced which removed any potential for overcharging and had reduced the number of complaints relating to fees as these were set by the Government; and that new training and competency requirements enabled the process to be much clearer and transparent for all parties.

The report also indicated that before using an Enforcement Agent Company to recover debt owed, the Council would always try to secure a mutually acceptable payment plan; that various forms of contact was made

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with the debtor prior to the Enforcement Agent stage; and that the vast majority of Enforcement Agent activity took place due to the debtors' refusal to engage with the Council in order to come to mutually acceptable arrangements to repay money they owed.

The report also detailed issues associated with the following:

- Procurement process – the tender comprised of 6 lots and contracts were awarded to the companies of Jacobs, Bristow & Sutor, Newlyn, Rossendales, and Equita for the period 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2017 plus 2 further options, each of one year
- Council and Enforcement Agent process
- Policy on debt less than £100
- Council tax reduction claims– process used
- Performance
- Enforcement and Vulnerability

Attached as Appendix A to the report was the Code of Practice for Enforcement Agent Services; and the Committee was requested to consider the submission of comments on the Code of Conduct to the Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services.

Following consideration of the report Members then asked questions of Dave Chapman (Rossendales), Paul Kelly (Jacobs) and Andy Rose (Bristow and Sutor), senior officers of three of the successful tendering companies.

RESOLVED: That

1. the report on the use of Enforcement Agents to recover debts owed to the Council be noted; and
2. the Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services be requested to amend the Code of Conduct by making changes to the Enforcement Agency Procedures Compliance Stage (as detailed on page 8 of the Code), namely:-

the addition of the following categories:-

- Appears to be over 70 years of age
- Is consulting his or her Councillor or Member of Parliament;
and

Category 4 being amended to read:-

Is heavily pregnant or the spouse of the debtor is heavily pregnant.

16. 2015/16 REVENUE BUDGET UPDATE

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Corporate Support that updated on the progress on the achievement of the approved savings for 2015/16 (and any residual savings carried forward from 2014/15); and the forecast on Council Tax and Business Rates collection.

The report indicated that the Council had approved a two year financial plan for 2015/16 to 2016/17 which required a large change programme of £55m to be implemented over these two years; that this followed on from a significant savings target in the previous three years; that it should be noted that only £50m of the £55m target had so far been identified; and that Council on 5 March 2015 had agreed that the remaining £5m would be matched against balances, pending identification of further saving options.

Annex A attached to the report identified the current position of the agreed savings for 2015/16 and that they were analysed into the following four categories;-

- Savings achieved to date (Blue);
- Progress is satisfactory (Green);
- Outcome is unknown and is at risk of not being fully achieved (Amber);
- Known shortfalls, or significant risk of not being achieved (Red)

And that this approach was designed to ensure complete transparency, effective risk management and improved consultation and engagement.

As at the end of July 2015 the position for the achievement of savings was that £24.720m of the total required savings in 2015/16 of £30.358m (for the current year and carry-forward items) had been delivered or were on plan; with £2.428m at some risk of not being fully achieved. This left a further £3.210m of savings that were unlikely to be achieved in 2015/16 (identified as "Red"). At the present time, it was still anticipated that the savings would be achieved in 2016/17.

The report also provided information on a number of other financial risks / potential areas of underspending that had been identified elsewhere in the Budget relating to the Specialist Transport Unit; the Children Social Care budget; Schools and Families related services; the Admin Buildings budget; and the Adult Social Care budget.

The report concluded by detailing the current position regarding other key income streams for the Authority, Council Tax and Business Rates, as variations against expected receipts would affect the Council's financial position. The report indicated that all income from Council Tax / Business Rates was collected in an account called the Collection Fund; that the total sum was split between the Council, the Fire and Rescue Authority, the Police & Crime Commissioner (Council Tax only) and the Government

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(Business Rates only); that the forecast position as at the end of January showed additional income of £3.631m from Council Tax and additional income of £1.170m from Business Rates; and that the forecast surplus on both Council Tax and Business Rates needed to be set against the forecast increase in Section 31 Grant for business rates reliefs and amounts included in the Medium Term Financial Plan for Council Tax Surplus and Appeals Spreading.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the progress to date on the achievement of approved savings for 2015/16 and residual savings carried forward from previous years be noted;
- (2) the wider financial pressures being experienced in the remainder of the Budget be noted ; and
- (3) the forecast position on the collection of Council Tax and Business Rates be noted.

17. REVISED CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Locality Services – Commissioned that provided an overview of the revised service standards that had been applied to previously published service standards predominantly as a result of approved budget savings and the budget setting process for the 2015/17 period.

The report indicated that feedback from the 2013-15 budget consultation process showed that nearly all residents who responded (97%) agreed with the principle that the Council should be open and transparent by speaking and listening to people and communities; accordingly, officers across the organisation worked collaboratively to produce and publish service standards to provide residents with a greater appreciation of what they could expect to receive from services currently provided by the Council. Phase One of the process consisted of operational frontline services (apart from Adult Social Care) and approved in December 2013, whereby officers involved not only took a view as an officer of the Council but also with a view as a customer (Resident/Parent/Carer/Visitor) perspective as they recognised the importance of being open and transparent with customers. As a result the service standards were produced, approved and published. Phase Two of the process consisted of Corporate and Adult Social Care service standards. These were developed and published during 2014. However, by the time these had been finalised and agreed by senior officers, it was too late to present an annual report to this Committee in September of that year.

The purpose of the report therefore was to provide the Committee with information, in light of the approved budget savings for 2015-2017, on the service standards that had been reviewed and either amended, deleted or

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been added to. Annex 1 attached to the report detailed the amended service standards.

The report also indicated that in addition to the changes to service standards, the Trading Standards Charter had been amended to replace the previous charter published in 2003 that was made redundant by national changes to the consumer landscape; and that the Charter defined the level of service a member of the public could expect from Sefton's Trading Standards Service. The Charter, which will be published on the Trading Standards pages of the Council's website in due course with links to the Council's webpage on customer service standards, was attached to the report as Annex 2.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the changes to the published service standards as a result of approved budget savings and the budget setting process 2015-2017 and as set out in Annex 1 to the report be noted; and
- (2) the amended Trading Standards Service Customer Charter as set out in Annex 2 to the report be noted.

18. CABINET MEMBER REPORT - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2015

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance that included the most recent report from the Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services.

Councillor Lappin, Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services presented her report and answered questions from Members thereon.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the update report from the Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services be noted; and
- (2) Councillor Lappin be thanked for her attendance at the meeting.

19. WORK PROGRAMME-KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN (1 OCTOBER 2015 TO 31 JANUARY 2016)

The Committee considered the report of the Head of Regulation and Compliance in relation to the Committee's programme of work (which identified topics for consideration, and on what Committee dates, throughout the Municipal Year) for 2015/16; the Key Decision Forward Plan for period 1 October 2015 to 31 January 2016; and which sought approval of the Scoping Document in connection with the Working Group to review "customer experience of claiming Council administered benefits and financial support".

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RESOLVED: That

- (1) subject to the amendments recommended in paragraph 2 of the report the work programme document for 2015/16 be approved;
- (2) the up to date position of the established Working Group to review “customer experience of claiming Council administered benefits and financial support” be noted and the Scoping Document attached as Annex D to the report be approved; and
- (3) Councillor McGuire be appointed to serve on the Working Group to review “customer experience of claiming Council administered benefits and financial support with immediate effect.

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Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee **Date of Meeting:** 22 October 2015
(Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services)

Subject: Item Called-In - Former Maghull Library and Youth Centre,
Liverpool Road North, Maghull

Relevant Cabinet Member: Councillor Paulette Lappin - Regulatory,
Compliance and Corporate Services

Report of: Director of Corporate Support **Ward Affected:** Park

Is this a Key Decision? No **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** Yes

Exempt/Confidential No but Appendix 1 of the report is NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The Public Interest Test has been applied and favours the information being treated as exempt

Purpose/Summary

- (1) To advise the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the relevant aspects of the Constitution and the reasons for the call-in of the decision of the Cabinet on the above item as set out in paragraph 2.3 to this report.
- (2) To seek the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- (3) In the event of the Committee being concerned about the decision, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must decide which of the following courses of action is to be taken in relation to this matter:
 - a) referral of the matter to the Cabinet for re-consideration, setting out the nature of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's concerns; or
 - b) referral of the matter to Council for the Council to decide whether it wishes to object to the decision (subject to the guidance set out in paragraph 2.5).
- (4) In the event of the Committee being satisfied with the decision, the decision can proceed for implementation immediately following the meeting.

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Recommendations:

- (1) That the Committee considers the reasons set out in the extract of the Constitution (see paragraph 2.3) and the requisition for call-in (see paragraph 2.2) and determines its jurisdiction accordingly.
- (2) That the Committee determines whether it is concerned about the Cabinet decision.
- (3) If the Committee is concerned about the decision, that the Committee indicates which of the two options set out in paragraph (3) of the summary set out above, it wishes to pursue.

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2	Jobs and Prosperity	√		
3	Environmental Sustainability	√		
4	Health and Well-Being		√	
5	Children and Young People		√	
6	Creating Safe Communities		√	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		√	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		√	

Reasons for the Recommendations:

The decision of the Cabinet has been called in. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required to consider the concerns raised by Councillors.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

These were referred to in the original Cabinet report as follows:

The Council will be reimbursed in full professional fees incurred

(B) Capital Costs

These were referred to in the original Cabinet report as follows:

The Council will benefit from a capital receipt upon sale of the surplus property

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal: The Head of Regulation and Compliance will complete the necessary documentation for the disposal by way of a Building Lease followed by Conveyance of the freehold interest or an equivalent means of Transfer
Human Resources Not applicable
Equality 1. No Equality Implication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains <input type="checkbox"/>

Impact on Service Delivery: N/A

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

In respect of the Chief Finance Officer (FD3809/15) these were referred to in the original Cabinet report as follows:-

The Chief Finance Officer (FD 3702/15) has been consulted and notes the Council will benefit from a capital receipt upon sale of the surplus property. Professional fees will also be reimbursed in full

The Head of Regulation and Compliance has been consulted and has no comments on the report (LD 3809/15)

Are there any other options available for consideration?

No – the Overview and Scrutiny Committee must consider the Call-In.

Implementation Date for the Decision

To be determined by the decision of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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Background Papers:

None.

1. Cabinet Member Decision

1.1 The report attached as **Appendix 1** to this report was considered by the Cabinet on 3 September 2015.

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1.2 The decision of the Cabinet is set out below:

Decision - Former Maghull Library and Youth Centre Liverpool Road North Maghull

The Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Support which provided details of the tenders received as a result of the marketing exercise for the sale of the Council's freehold interest in the former Maghull Library and adjoining Youth Centre, Liverpool Road North, Maghull.

Decision Made: That:

- (1) subject to the receipt of planning permission, approval be given to disposal of the Council freehold interest in the former Maghull Library and Youth Centre to the highest bidding tenderer detailed in Appendix 1, on the terms set out in the report; and
- (2) the Head of Regulation and Compliance be authorised to prepare the necessary legal documentation on the terms and conditions detailed in the tender documents, by way of a Building Lease followed by Conveyance of the freehold interest, or an appropriate alternative means of Transfer, if required.

Reasons for Decision:

Maghull Library relocated to new premises within the Meadows Leisure Centre in Maghull and the existing property was declared surplus to operational requirements. The adjoining Youth Centre had also been closed and declared surplus to requirements. The premises are included in the Council's Asset Disposal Programme for 2015/16. Disposal would bring the premises into productive use and relieve the Council of an ongoing liability.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The Council could retain the premises and continue to incur the holding costs.

2. Details of the Call-In of the Cabinet Decision

2.1 The following Members of the Council (who are not Members of the Cabinet) signed the requisition for the **call-in**, in accordance with the provisions of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

Councillor McKinley
Councillor Burns
Councillor Gatherer
Councillor Sayers

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2.2 In the requisition for the call-in, the following reason was given:-

“The decision is unsound because not all potentially relevant facts /information were provided to enable the Cabinet to make a balanced decision”.

2.3 The Constitution sets out the following requirements with respect to call-in:

“All requisitions for call-in shall refer to a specific decision and provide a reason. A decision may only be the subject of one call-in. A decision may only be called-in for the following purposes:

- a) to seek more understanding of the decision and its implications;
- b) to question the soundness of the decision based on facts taken or not taken into account;
- c) to identify the need for Council policies to guide decisions;
- d) to make recommendations to the Cabinet and/or Council;
- e) to question whether the decision conforms with agreed policies.”

2.4 Members are asked to consider the requisition cited above (paragraph 2.2) and determine which ground or grounds apply to the requisitions, if any. If the Committee determines that the requisitions fall within one of the grounds, then it can proceed to consider whether it is concerned with the decision.

2.5 The Secretary of State in his guidance recommends that the Overview and Scrutiny Committees should only use the power to refer matters to the full Council if they consider that the decision is contrary to the policy framework or contrary or not wholly in accordance with the budget.

3.0 **Procedure to be Adopted at the Meeting**

3.1 A copy of the procedure to be adopted at the meeting, as approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, is attached as **Appendix 2**.

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Report to: Cabinet **Date of Meeting:** 3 September 2015

Subject: Former Library and Youth Centre,
Liverpool Road
North, Maghull **Wards Affected:** Park;

Report of: Head of Corporate Support

Is this a Key Decision? Yes **Is it included in the Forward Plan?** Yes

Exempt/Confidential No but Appendix 1 of the report is NOT FOR PUBLICATION by virtue of Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. The Public Interest Test has been applied and favours the information being treated as exempt

Purpose

To report on the tenders received as a result of the marketing exercise for the sale of the Council's freehold interest in the former Maghull Library and adjoining Youth Centre.

Recommendations

(i) That subject to the receipt of planning permission, the Council disposes of its freehold interest in the former Maghull Library and Youth Centre on Liverpool Road North, Maghull to the tenderer submitting the highest bid, as detailed in Appendix 1, on the terms set out in the report; and.

(ii) That the Head of Regulation & Compliance be authorised to prepare the necessary legal documentation on the terms and conditions detailed in the tender documents, by way of a Building Lease followed by Conveyance of the freehold interest, or an appropriate alternative means of Transfer, if required.

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

<u>Corporate Objective</u>		<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		x	
2	Jobs and Prosperity	x		
3	Environmental Sustainability	x		
4	Health and Well-Being		x	
5	Children and Young People		x	
6	Creating Safe Communities		x	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		x	

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8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		x	
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Reasons for the Recommendation:

Maghull Library relocated to new premises within the Meadows Leisure Centre in Maghull. The existing property was declared surplus to operational requirements. The adjoining Youth Centre has also been closed and declared surplus to requirements. The premises are included in the Council’s Asset Disposal Programme for 2015/16. Disposal will bring the premises into productive use and relieve the Council of an ongoing liability.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected:

The Council could retain the premises and continue to incur the holding costs

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

The Council will be reimbursed in full professional fees incurred.

(B) Capital Costs

The Council will benefit from a capital receipt upon sale of the surplus property

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Financial	
The Council will receive a capital receipt together with its professional fees.	
Legal	
The Head of Regulation & Compliance will complete the necessary documentation for the disposal by way of a Building Lease followed by Conveyance of the freehold interest or an equivalent means of Transfer.	
Human Resources	
Not applicable	
Equality	
1.	No Equality Implication
2.	Equality Implications identified and mitigated <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Equality Implication identified and risk remains

Impact of the Proposals on Service Delivery:

None

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Chief Finance Officer (FD 3702/15) has been consulted and notes the Council will benefit from a capital receipt upon sale of the surplus property. Professional fees will also be reimbursed in full.

The Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD 2985/15) has been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Following the expiry of the “call in” period for the Cabinet member decision

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection

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CABINET REPORT – APPENDIX 1

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Maghull Library and the adjoining Youth Centre have been declared surplus to operational requirements and the premises closed. The premises are included within the Council's Asset Disposal Programme for 2015/16.
- 1.2. The Council has invited offers for its freehold interest in the premises, shown hatched on the attached plan, upon satisfactory completion of redevelopment works by way of a Building Lease, subject only to the receipt of planning permission for the proposed use.

2. Current Position

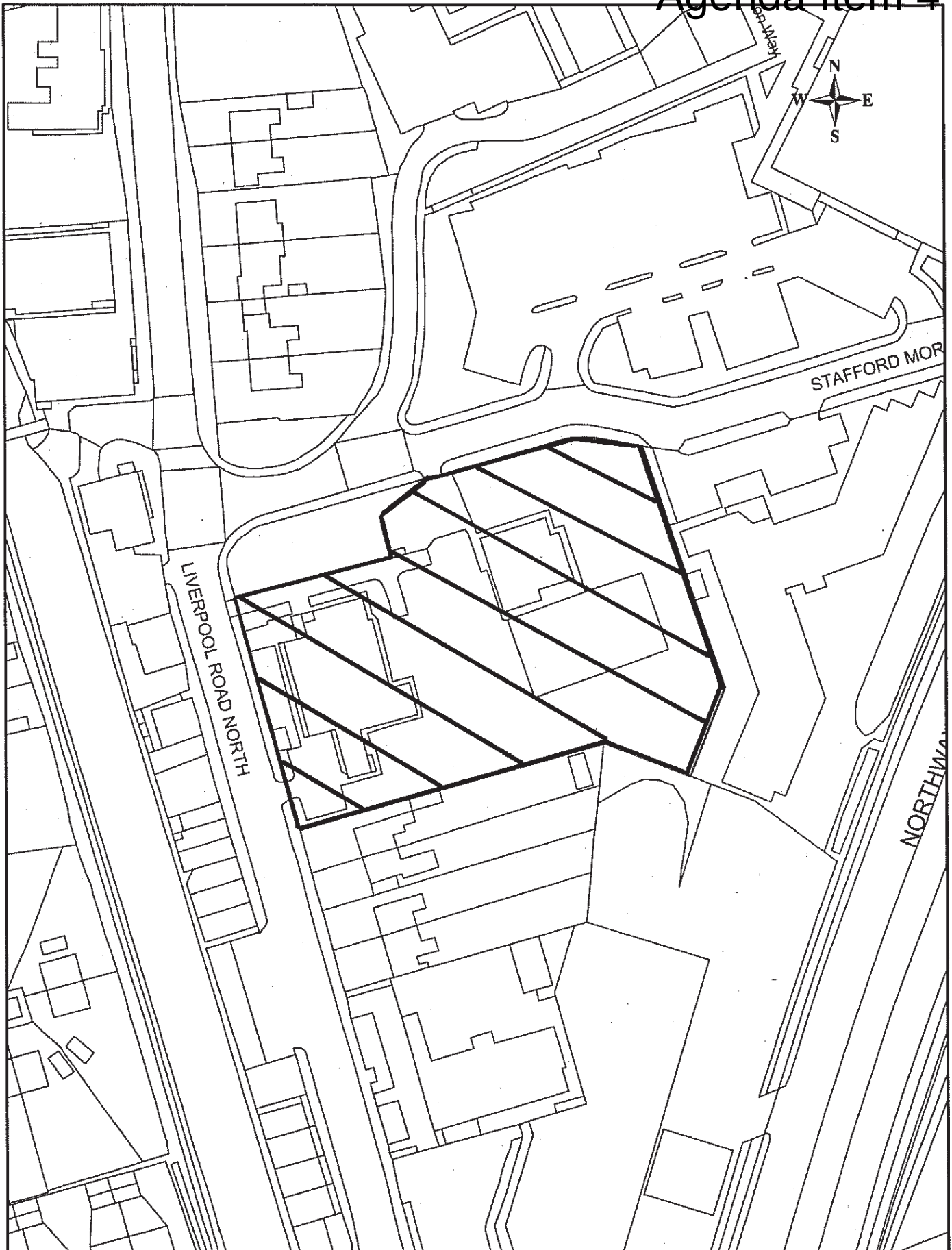
- 2.1. The Council's freehold interest in the premises has been advertised on the open market, by way of informal tender, subject to the receipt of planning permission for an appropriate use that complies with the Planning Brief contained in the tender details.
- 2.2. Prominent sign boards were erected at the premises and advertisements placed in national property publications and the local press, with a closing date of 19th June 2015 for the receipt of tender offers.
- 2.3. One hundred and four sets of tender details were issued and five tenders were received by the closing date. Brief details of the tenders, together with the offers received, are set out in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.4. The offers received vary from housing development, care home facility and supermarket development.

3. Planning Advice


- 3.1 Planning guidance within the tender details suggests that the preferred use would be retail or other town centre uses. Redevelopment for a supermarket would be appropriate, subject to details of amenity, design, highways and access in any planning application.

4. Best Consideration

- 4.1 Under standard Council procedures, surplus assets are advertised on the open market, for sale by way of Informal Tender, in order to ensure that any offers received represent "best consideration" in accordance with Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).
- 4.2 The highest offer is considered to represent "best consideration".



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**CALL-IN PROCEDURE NOTE
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (REGULATORY, COMPLIANCE
AND CORPORATE SERVICES) - 22 OCTOBER 2015
CABINET DECISION – MINUTE NO. 43 OF 3 SEPTEMBER 2015 RE:
FORMER MAGHULL LIBRARY AND YOUTH CENTRE**

The Chair to explain the call-in process as follows:-

A – Is the call-in valid? – Democratic Services Officer to advise

B – To determine whether the Committee is concerned about the decision as follows:

1. 1 of the 4 Councillors that have called-in the decision to address the Committee explaining the reason for call-in.
2. A representative of the public to make representations – 5 minutes (This is subject to the agreement of the Committee)
3. Leader of the Council and/or the Cabinet Member to explain the decision and the reasons why it was taken.
4. Officer Representative(s) to report on the issues and the reasons for their recommendation and advice to Cabinet/Cabinet Member.
5. Committee Members to ask questions of:-
 - (a) the lead call-in Member
 - (b) the Leader of the Council and/or Cabinet Member – Regulatory, Compliance and Corporate Services
 - (c) officer representative(s)
6. Leader of the Council and/or Cabinet Member to sum up
7. Lead call-in Member to sum up
8. Is the Committee concerned about the decision in the light of what it has heard?

The options are:-

referral of the matter back to Cabinet or Cabinet Member for re-consideration setting out the nature of the Committee's concerns; or

referral of the matter to Council to decide whether it wishes to object to the decision. (NB. The Secretary of State in his guidance recommends that the Overview and Scrutiny Committees should only use the power to refer matters to the full Council if they consider that the decision is contrary to the policy framework or contrary or not wholly in accordance with the budget.)

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