

THE "CALL IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY 11 AUGUST, 2010. MINUTE NOS. 31, 34 AND 35 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL IN".

CABINET MEMBER - REGENERATION

MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE ON WEDNESDAY 4 AUGUST 2010

PRESENT: Councillor Fairclough

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Dorgan

28. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Maher and Hough.

29. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

30. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY, 2010

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

31. DEVELOPING THE LOW CARBON ECONOMY

The Cabinet Member considered the joint report of the Planning and Economic Development Director, the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director and the Environmental and Technical Services Director that updated on progress made since November 2009 in developing a policy for tackling climate change and the development of a Low Carbon Economy (LCE); and indicating that a decision on this matter was required to reinforce the momentum for a co-ordinated approach to the Low Carbon and Climate Change agendas.

The report detailed the results of a serious and sustained work programme to adapt the people and places of Sefton to unavoidable climate change; and to maximise investment and employment opportunities as fossil fuels were progressively replaced by renewable energy and a sustainable way of life.

The report concluded that it was fully expected that the new LCE would reflect and enhance the distinctive geography of Sefton, with strong co-operation and mutual learning between local businesses, schools, social

landlords, civic and community centres and visitor destinations as they build low carbon communities for the future.

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

RESOLVED:

That the Developing the Low Carbon Economy report be noted.

32. FEED-IN TARIFF (CLEAN ENERGY CASHBACK) SCHEME - POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Cabinet Member considered the joint report of the Planning and Economic Development Director and the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that advised of the potential opportunities available under the Feed in Tariff (FIT) initiative and seeking approval to explore these opportunities in more detail with interested and relevant partners and Energy Service Companies at both Sefton and sub-regional level; and indicating that a decision on this matter was required because approval was necessary to undertake exploratory discussions with interested partners and Energy Service Companies.

The report indicated that FITs became available in Great Britain from 1 April 2010 and that under the scheme, energy suppliers made regular payments to householders and communities (including local authorities) who generated their own electricity from renewable or low carbon sources such as solar electricity panels or wind turbines; and explained how the FIT worked.

The report also indicated that the main priority was the implementation of energy generating systems on public buildings, and to a degree on social housing. However if successful it had the potential to kick start similar initiatives on private sector housing, and critically thereby create significant job and work opportunities for local small to medium enterprises.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Planning and Economic Development Director be requested to undertake exploratory discussions with interested partners and Energy Service Companies as detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report; and
- (2) the Planning and Economic Development Director be requested to draft a further report on the findings of (1).

**33. COMMUNITY SUSTAINABLE ENERGY PROGRAMME -
MAGHULL TOWN HALL**

The Cabinet Member considered the joint report of the Planning and Economic Development Director and the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director advising of the request received from Maghull Town Council for assistance in the preparation of a bid under the Community Sustainable Energy Programme (CSEP); and indicating that a decision on this matter was required to comply with standard reporting procedures.

The report indicated that the aim of CSEP, funded by the Big Lottery, was to help community based organisations in England to reduce their energy bills and environmental impact, as well as raising public awareness of climate change and how to tackle it; and Maghull Town Council was very keen to address CO² emissions from its buildings; and that assistance was now sought from the Council in the preparation of a bid for funding to install solar photovoltaics on all four sides of Maghull Town Hall roof.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Planning and Economic Development Director and the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be authorised to assist Maghull Town Council in preparing, and submitting the bid, detailed within the report, and if successful with the delivery of the project; and
- (2) the Planning and Economic Development Director and the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be requested to draft a further update report on the Community Sustainable Energy Programme.

**34. MERSEYSIDE SUB REGIONAL CHOICE BASED LETTINGS
SCHEME**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that outlined the progress made in establishing a Merseyside sub-regional choice based lettings (CBL) scheme and sought approval to: enter into an IT contract for the provision of IT services to provide CBL; confirm the participation of Sefton Council in a Merseyside sub regional CBL scheme; agree the governance arrangements; and approve the draft Allocations Policy for consultation.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet be requested to approve:

- (i) the draft Allocations Policy for consultation according to statutory guidance;
- (ii) the proposed governance arrangements;

- (iii) the selection of the IT supplier, Abritas;
- (iv) the estimated set-up costs of the scheme;
- (v) that the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director be authorised to enter into an agreement with the other local authorities (Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool and Wirral, or at least 3 of them) to govern the implementation of the Abritas contract referred to below;
- (vi) the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director in consultation with the Head of Corporate Legal Services be authorised to enter into a contract with Abritas for the provision of the IT system;
- (vii) the one-off set-up costs to be paid from existing provision in the housing capital programme approved by Council on 8th July 2010;
- (viii) continued development of the scheme with the sub-regional partners; and
- (ix) request the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director to draft a further to Cabinet Member - Regeneration and the Cabinet on the results of the consultation exercise on the Allocations Policy.

35. DISTURBANCE PAYMENTS FOR RESIDENTS MOVING AS A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF HOUSING MARKET RENEWAL REDEVELOPMENT ACTIVITY

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director that proposed changes to the arrangements for, and amounts of disturbance payments to be made to residents (both tenants and owner-occupiers) moving as a direct consequence of Housing Market Renewal redevelopment activity.

RESOLVED:

That the Cabinet be recommended to:

- (1) to approve the levels of disturbance payments to be made to residents (both tenants and owner-occupiers) moving as a direct consequence of Housing Market Renewal redevelopment activity be adjusted as detailed within the report; and
- (2) the level of disturbance payments be revised annually on 1 April to take account of changes to the Consumer Price Index.