

REPORT TO: Cabinet Member for Communities

DATE: 25th June 2010

SUBJECT: IDAHO Flag
(International Day Against Homophobia) which takes place yearly on the 17th May.

WARDS AFFECTED: LINACRE, DUKES

REPORT OF: Jason Carroll. Head of Civic & Mayoral Services

CONTACT OFFICER: Jason Carroll. Head of Civic & Mayoral Services

PURPOSE/SUMMARY:

To inform the Cabinet Member for Communities of the approved report on "Regularising Borough".

REASON WHY DECISION REQUIRED:

In the report presented to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services of "Flying the Flags on Town Halls in the Borough" which was approved, it was recommended to refer the decision to the Cabinet member for Communities whether to fly the flag for International Day Against Homophobia, which takes place on the 17th May on an annual basis.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Cabinet Member for Communities approves the request to fly the IDAHO Flag on a yearly basis.

KEY DECISION: No

FORWARD PLAN: No

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: On approval of Cabinet Member for Communities Report and on completion of application form by organisation and approval.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS: No

IMPLICATIONS: None

Budget/Policy Framework: None

Financial:

<u>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</u>	2006/ 2007 £	2007/ 2008 £	2008/ 2009 £	2009/ 2010 £
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
<u>REVENUE IMPLICATIONS</u>				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N	When?			
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

Legal: Not Applicable

Risk Assessment: Not Applicable

Asset Management: Not Applicable

CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN/VIEWS

The report was submitted to the Cabinet Member for Corporate Services on the 31st March 2010 to approve the general report of "Regularising of Flag Flying across the Borough" which was subsequently approved.

CORPORATE OBJECTIVE MONITORING:

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

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS RELIED UPON IN THE PREPARATION OF THIS REPORT
Current legislation on Flying Flags (Issued by the Department for Culture Media and Sport) on Government Buildings 2007.

BACKGROUND:

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The “Regularising of Flag Flying across the Borough Report” has now been approved and this allows organisations to be able to submit a request to be able to fly a flag at both Bootle and Southport Town Halls on either a nominated day or number of days on the lead up to a special event or support day.
- 1.2 The authorisation of an organisation to be able to fly a flag is approved at the first stage by the Head of Civic & Mayoral Services. The application is then given final approval by the Chief Executive of Sefton Council.
- 1.3 The organisation requesting to fly a flag has to fund the purchase of a flag and submit the flag to Civic & Mayoral Services for flying.
- 1.4 The IDAHO Flag (International Day Against Homophobia) is a flag that is now flown on the 17th May each year by organisations and Public Buildings who have decided to support and highlight this cause.
- 1.5 EMBRACE are the local organisation within SEFTON (the lesbian, gay and bisexual network supported by Sefton Equalities Partnership and the In-Trust Community Empowerment Network for Transgender and Intersex people who would purchase the flag)

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To authorise the flying of the IDAHO Flag as Cabinet Member for Communities.
- 2.2 For the Head of Civic of Civic & Mayoral Services to send the relevant form to the nominated contact of EMBRACE for submission and approval as per the application process.