

THE "CALL-IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON WEDNESDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER 2010. MINUTE NO. 26(2) IS NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN"

CABINET MEMBER - CORPORATE SERVICES

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Parry

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor Shaw

23. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Veidman.

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

25. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

26. THE LOCAL LAND CHARGES (AMENDMENT) RULES 2010

Further to Minute No. 50 of 14 October 2009, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive on the publication and enactment of the above Rules. As a result, the Council was obliged to revoke the fee imposed for the inspection, in person, of the Land Charges register, leading to an estimated loss of income of £56,000 in 2010/11, rising to £84,000 in 2011/12.

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

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report and budgetary implications be noted; and
- (2) the Cabinet be recommended:
 - to note the implications of the enactment of the Rules on fee income as a budget issue in the current and future financial years;
 - to consider the income targets for the Land Charges Section for the current year; and

- to note the intention to submit a further report on a fee charging regime for Land Searches, following a review of the current charging position, with the aim of bringing charges in line with the spirit of European legislation and with any Local Government Association guidance issued to local authorities.

27. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE PLAN 2010/11

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive on the Chief Executive's Departmental Service Plan for 2010/11, including the proposed actions/activities for the Department as set out in the Service Plan attached to the report.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the progress made on 2009/10 actions be noted; and
- (2) the intended action plans for 2010/11, which are already under way, be approved.

28. 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 items of business on the grounds that they 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.

29. ONE VISION HOUSING ASSOCIATION - EMPTY PROPERTY TRAINING SCHEME PROPOSAL

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director on a proposal by One Vision Housing (OVH) to utilise a property in Sefton Village, which had been empty for a considerable period of time, to provide on-site construction training/experience in partnership with the North West Training Council. OVH proposed to dispose of the property after it had been refurbished and offset the cost of the training programme against the capital receipt.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the training initiative proposal suggested by OVH and detailed in the report, be supported; and
- (2) the conditions set out in paragraph 3.2 of the report be applied to the proposal and the Head of Corporate Legal Services be authorised to enter into a supplementary agreement with OVH as described in paragraph 3.3 of the report.

30. APPLICATION FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Interim Head of Corporate Finance and ICT Strategy on an application for discretionary rate relief by an organisation under the provisions of Section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988.

RESOLVED:

That, taking into account the financial implications set out in the report, discretionary rate relief be not granted to the organisation referred to.