

**CABINET MEMBER - COMMUNITIES**

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE  
ON WEDNESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor P.Dowd

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Doran and C Mainey

**6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**7. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were received:

Member	Item	Interest	Action
Councillor C.Mainey	Minute No.10 Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Department – Service Plan 2010 - 2011	Personal – Member of Business Village Partnership	Stayed in the room but took no part in the consideration of the item
Councillor C.Mainey	Minute No. 13 Best Bar None	Personal – Member of Maghull Town Council who own Maghull Town Hall who run a bar and function suite	Stayed in the room but took no part in the consideration of the item

**8. MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2010 be confirmed as a correct record.

**9. NEIGHBOURHOODS AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES  
DEPARTMENT - SERVICE PLAN 2010-2011**

Further to Minute No. 39 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member – Regeneration held on 1 September 2010, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director seeking approval of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Departmental Service Plan 2010-2011.

Members requested an update on the current position in relation to targets set within the Service Plan, In response the Director of Equalities indicated that an update report would be provided to the Cabinet Member – Communities at his meeting in September 2010.

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Departmental Service Plan for 2010-11 be approved.

**10. CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE PLAN 2010-11**

Further to Minute No. 15 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member – Performance and Governance held on 4 August 2010, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Chief Executive informing of her Departmental Service Plan for 2010 to 2011 and setting out the Annual Action Plans for this period as indicated in the Service Delivery Plan attached as an Annex to the report.

Members raised concerns regarding the measurement of community involvement by number of petitions received and requested that quality of community engagement could be measured by the number of community based meetings attended by Members.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the progress made on 2009/10 actions be noted; and
- (2) Subject to the comments made by Members regarding the development of more appropriate measurement for e-petitions, the intended action plans for 2010/2011 which are already underway be approved.

**11. SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITIES DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE PLAN 2010 - 11 ( SOCIAL CARE AND WELLBEING DIRECTORATE)**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Head of Safer and Stronger Communities seeking approval of Safer and Stronger Communities Departmental Service Plan 2010-2011.

RESOLVED:

That the Safer and Stronger Communities Departmental Service Plan for 2010-11 be approved.

**12. BEST BAR NONE**

Further to Minute No. 31 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Environmental held on 4 August 2010, the Committee considered the report of the Environmental and Technical Services Director seeking endorsement of the continuation of the Best Bar None Scheme which was a strategic intervention to promote the four licensing objectives; prevention of crime and disorder, prevention of public nuisance, public safety and the protection of children from harm,

The report indicated that the Sefton Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership had been assigned the responsibility for the delivery of National Indicator 21 (NI21) - "Dealing with local concerns about ASB and Crime by the Local Council and Police", that a key factor in satisfying NI21 was having baseline data which could inform intelligence led interventions and serve as a benchmark for assessing progress; and that Best Bar None - a national award scheme which recognised and rewarded well managed licensed premises, developed by the Manchester City Centre Safe as part of its remit to address alcohol related crime had been adopted by Sefton amongst other local authorities to help promote the four licensing objectives and achieve the aims set out in NI21.

RESOLVED:

That the continued promotion of the Best Bar None Scheme be approved.

**13. REGULARISING OF FLAG FLYING ACROSS THE BOROUGH**

Further to Minute No. 129 of the Cabinet Member - Corporate Services meeting held on 28 April 2010, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive informing of the current arrangements for the flying of flags on Town Halls in the Borough and the proposed arrangements for regularising these arrangements in order to provide consistency.

RESOLVED:

That the report regarding the regularising of flag flying across the Borough be noted.

**14. IDAHO FLAG - INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA**

Further to Minute No. 129 of the Cabinet Member – Corporate Services meeting held on 28 April 2010, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Head of Civic and Mayoral Services informing of the report which was submitted to the CM – Corporate Services on 28 April 2010 which approved the regulation of flag flying on Town Halls in Borough; and seeking approval to enable the IDAHO (International Day Against Homophobia) flag to be flown on a regular basis.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the request to enable the IDAHO (International Day Against Homophobia) flag to be flown on a yearly basis be approved; and
- (2) the Head of Civic and Mayoral Services be requested to send the relevant form to the nominated contact of EMBRACE for submission and approval as per the application process.

**15. MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Cabinet Member considered the Minutes of the below Area Committees:-

St.Oswald and Netherton and Orrell held on 27 May 2010  
St.Oswald and Netherton and Orrell held on 1 July 2010  
Litherland and Ford held on 7 July 2010  
Crosby held on 7 July 2010  
Linacre and Derby held on 12 July 2010  
Sefton East Parishes held 15 July 2010  
Formby held on 15 July 2010  
Southport held on 28 July, 2010

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the above Area Committees be noted.

**16. PETITION - ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Neighbourhoods and Investment Programmes Director advising of the receipt of a petition signed by 30 residents of Hawthorne Road/Bedford Road, Bootle, calling on the Council and Local Police Authority to clear up issues connected with problem families creating high levels of anti-social behaviour and also the length of time taken by Police Officers attending emergency calls.

The report indicated that this issue had been previously raised at the Linacre and Derby Area Committee meeting held on the 12 July 2010 during the Open Forum and it was agreed that the petition be submitted to the Cabinet Member – Communities for further consideration.

RESOLVED:

That the petition be noted.