

**CABINET URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE**

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE  
ON FRIDAY 17TH JUNE, 2011**

PRESENT: Councillor Moncur (in the Chair)  
Councillors Porter and Robertson

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors P. Dowd and Parry.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**3. MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 13 January 2011 be confirmed as a correct record.

**4. 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 item of business on the grounds that it would 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 has been applied and favours exclusion of the information from the press and public.

**5. WORK PROGRAMME CONTRACT FRAMEWORK**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Built Environment that explained the contract framework offer received from A4E Ltd. for the Council (through [Sefton@Work](mailto:Sefton@Work)) to act as its sub-contractor delivering "end to end" services as part of the Department for Work and Pensions Work Programme.

The report indicated that the Work Programme was the Government's response to tackling worklessness and unemployment and was a new initiative due to commence in June 2011.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the contract framework agreement offered by A4E Ltd. to assist Sefton residents into employment be accepted and the Head of

Corporate Legal Services be authorised to enter into the necessary sub-contract work for the Work Programme; and

- (2) it be noted that the proposal was a Key Decision but, unfortunately, had not been included in the Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions. Consequently, the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) had been consulted under Rule 15 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution, to the decision being made by this Committee as a matter of urgency in view of a request from the prime contractor (A4E) for an accelerated acceptance of a contract under the DWP Work Programme which carries an obligation for timely acceptance.