

COUNCIL – 5 JULY 2012

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – MATTERS DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 17 OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES (CALL-IN AND URGENCY)

I wish to report that the Chairs of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committees gave their consent, under Rule 17 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules, to the following issues being dealt with, on the basis that the decisions could not be reasonably deferred and therefore not subject to call-in.

CABINET – 24 MAY 2012

7. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES ON JOINT AUTHORITIES 2012/13

Further to Minute No. 16 of the Adjourned Annual Council Meeting held on 15 May 2012, the Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Corporate Legal Services relating to the appointment of the Council representatives on to the Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority, Merseyside Integrated Transport Authority and Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority for 2012/13.

RESOLVED: That

(1) following clarification on the issue of proportionality:

(a) it be agreed that the revised proportionality on the three Joint Authorities is now as follows:

Authority	Seats	Lab	Lib Dem	Con
Fire & Rescue	4	3 (+1)	1	0 (-1)
Transport	4	3 (+1)	1	0 (-1)
Waste Disposal	2	2 (+1)	0 (-1)	0

(b) the following Members be appointed on to the following Merseyside Joint Authorities for 2012/13:

Authority	Seats	Lab	Lib Dem	Con
Fire & Rescue	4	Cllrs. Byrom, John Joseph Kelly and Mahon	Cllr. Blackburn	-
Transport	4	Cllrs. M. Dowd, Friel and Kermod	Cllr. Dodd	-
Waste Disposal	2	Cllrs. K. Cluskey and Hardy	-	-

- (2) it be noted that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) has given his consent under Rule 17 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules for these decisions to be treated as urgent and not subject to “call in” on the basis that they cannot be reasonably deferred because of the scheduled meetings and induction sessions of the Joint Authorities.

DECISION BY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – 30 MAY 2012

Further to Minute No. 5 of the Cabinet meeting held on 24 May 2012, the Leader of the Council considered the report of the Director of Young People and Families relating to the closure date for St. George of England High School following confirmation that the Secretary of State has entered into a Funding Agreement for the Hawthorne’s Free School.

The Council on 15 May 2012 gave authority for the Leader of the Council to take any urgent action.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) following confirmation that the Secretary of State has entered into a Funding Agreement for the Hawthorne’s Free School, the request from the Free School Trust and the Governing Body to bring forward the closure date for the St. George of England High School from 31 August 2013 to 31 August 2012 be approved; and
- (2) it be noted that the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny (Children’s Services) had given his consent, under Rule 17 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, for this decision to be treated as urgent and not subject to “call in” on the basis that this decision cannot be reasonably deferred because the decommissioning of the school cannot be delayed.

Councillor P. Dowd
Leader of the Council