

## **COUNCIL - 7 MAY 2009**

### **REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL - MATTERS DEALT WITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 16 OF THE ACCESS TO INFORMATION PROCEDURE RULES (SPECIAL URGENCY)**

I wish to report that the Chair of the Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee has given his consent, under Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules, to the following issue being dealt with, on the basis that the decisions could not be reasonably deferred.

#### **CABINET - 16 APRIL 2009**

#### **320. BOOTLE STADIUM**

Further to Minute No. 63 of the meeting of the Cabinet Member - Leisure and Tourism held on 25 March 2009, the Cabinet considered the report of the Leisure Director which indicated that the Bootle Community Sports Stadium Ltd. had been unable to attract the necessary funding to refurbish the building, and recommended that due to health and safety concerns, the centre now be demolished.

The building had been closed for public use since 30 April 2006, and had since suffered increasing vandalism, to the roof in particular, and had become a potential hazard.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) approval be given to the transfer of Bootle Stadium to the Strategic Asset Management Group and for its demolition to be undertaken as soon as possible;
- (2) the Bootle Community Sports Stadium Group be thanked for their efforts in attempting to raise funding for the Stadium and the Leisure Director be requested to endeavour to retain community use for the existing tennis courts on the site; and
- (3) it be noted that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) had given his consent under Rule 16 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules for this key decision to be treated as urgent on the basis that the decision cannot be reasonably deferred because demolition of the building needs to be approved for health and safety reasons.

Councillor Tony Robertson  
Leader of the Council