

COUNCIL - 9 JULY 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 - 11 JUNE 2009

39. LIVERPOOL CITY REGION MULTI AREA AGREEMENT

Further to Minute No. 5 of the meeting held on 14 May 2009, the Cabinet considered the report of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director seeking approval to the development of the second phase of the Liverpool City Region Multi Area Agreement which involved the three Platform papers for Economy, Housing and Transport together with a revised background paper, the Story of Place. The papers had been submitted to the Government on 9 June 2009 for agreement subject to a decision of this Cabinet.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the elements of the Multi Area Agreement (MAA) submitted to the Government on the 9 June 2009, namely the revised Story of Place and the Economy, Housing and Transport 'Asks' of Government be endorsed;
- (2) approval be given to the timetable and process for the submission of the MAA in June 2009 including the production of an Equality Impact Assessment for the MAA;
- (3) the progress made in implementing the Employment and Skills Platform of the MAA which was signed with the Government in January 2009 be noted;
- (4) Officers report back to the Cabinet on the outcomes for Sefton from the MAA;
- (5) collaborative arrangements be reinforced with West Lancashire District Council and Lancashire County Council;
- (6) the Government be called upon to devolve more powers and delegated finances to local authorities under the City Region process in order to fulfil the objectives and outcome of the MAA; and
- (7) it be noted that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) had given its 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 the MMA is being formally submitted by the Merseyside Local Authorities to the Government on 9 June 2009. This is a deadline mandated by the Government and deferring

the MAA to a later date would prevent the submission of a jointly agreed Merseyside document.

(In accordance with Rule 18.5 of the Council and Committee Procedure Rules, the following Councillors requested that their vote against resolutions (1) to (3) above be recorded, viz:

Councillors Griffiths, Parry and Porter).

Councillor Tony Robertson
Leader of the Council