

CABINET MEMBER - COMMUNITIES

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT
ON WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER 2009**

PRESENT: Councillor Porter

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Booth and Veidman

30. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

31. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

32. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2009, be confirmed as a correct record.

33. PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director that provided an update on the Litherland and Ford Participatory Budgeting Pilot scheme. The report also informed of proposals to extend Participatory Budgeting to Church and Manor wards.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Participatory Budgeting pilot scheme, being operated in Litherland and Ford wards, be noted; and
- (2) the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director be authorised to sign up to the roll out of this approach to Church and Manor wards.

34. GYPSY AND TRAVELLER STRATEGY GROUP UPDATE

The Cabinet Member considered the joint report of the Strategic Director of Adult Social Services (Health and Social Care), the Environmental Protection Director and the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director that provided a summary of the current activity of the Gypsy and Traveller

Strategy Group and some current key issues being considered by the Group.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Gypsy and Traveller Strategy Group Update report be noted; and
- (2) the Strategic Director of Adult Social Services (Health and Social Care), the Environmental Protection Director and the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director be requested to draft regular update reports from the Strategy Group, which will include any suggested locations for traveller sites.

35. DIVERSITY AND INTER-FAITH WEEKS - MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER - FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2009

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director with information on the planned events to take place during Diversity and Inter-Faith weeks, which would be held from Monday 9 November to Friday 20 November 2009.

RESOLVED:

That the Diversity and Inter-Faith weeks - Monday 9 November to Friday 20 November 2009 report be noted.

36. LOCAL RESILIENCE ACTION PLAN - RESPONDING TO THE RECESSION

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director that provided information on the Local Resilience Action Plan. The report explained that the Council and its partners needed to provide a joint response to deal to the current recession. The Local Resilience Action Plan gave details of the actions that would be taken by the Council and its Partners.

A copy of the Local Resilience Action Plan was attached as an annexe to the report.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Local Resilience Action Plan report and the attached Local Resilience Action Plan be noted; and
- (2) the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director be requested to draft regular update reports on the progress of the Plan.

37. MIGRATION IMPACT FUND

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director that gave details of the Council's successful bid to the Migration Impact Fund. The Council, as part of a Consortium, had recently been awarded £342,000 for 2009/10 from the Migration Impact Fund.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Migration Impact Fund report, be noted; and
- (2) the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director be requested to draft regular update reports on the progress of the project and the decision relating to funding for year 2 of the project.

38. VALUES STATEMENT

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director that provided an update on the work undertaken to date on the Values Statement. The report also sought agreement on rolling out the Values Statement and its work across the whole of Sefton.

The Cabinet Member thanked and commended the Park Lane Neighbourhood Management Team for their sterling work in developing the Values Statement initiative.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director be requested to forward the Values Statement and its associated work (including its contents and recommendations for adoption) to the Chairs of the Area Committees and the Chief Executive of Sefton MBC;
- (2) the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director be requested to consult with Chairs of the Area Committees to consider how the Statement may be best adopted for their geographic area, and who may be best placed to undertake this task; and
- (3) the Sefton Equalities Partnership Director be requested to identify key services across the Council and the role they can play in supporting the roll out of the Values Statement.

39. INITIAL RESULTS OF THE 2008 PLACE SURVEY

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Public Engagement and Consultation Officer setting out the initial results of the 2008 Place Survey for Sefton which provided information on people's perceptions of their local area and the local services received.

The report set out background information and the Place Survey National Indicator results for Sefton compared to the England and North West averages, neighbouring authorities and the 36 Metropolitan Authorities, together with other relevant information.

RESOLVED:

That the Initial Results of the 2008 Place Survey report be noted.

40. SAFE AND SECURE TOWN CENTRE AT NIGHT AUDIT - SOUTHPORT

Further to Minute No.50 of the meeting of Cabinet Member - Environmental held on 23 September 2009, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Environmental Protection Director advising of the "Safe and Secure Town Centre at Night Audit of Southport" (the Audit), a strategic intervention to assess the issues involved in alcohol-related violence and disorder in town centres at night; and indicating that a decision on this matter was required to obtain support from the Public Health Partnership for further town centre audits.

The report indicated that the Audit was carried out between April and June 2009 using a 'toolkit' that was broken down into 13 categories; and summarised the findings from each category relating to:

- partnership working
- data and information sharing
- licensed premises
- policing strategies
- capable guardians and street welfare
- CCTV
- lighting
- underage drinking
- transport
- offenders and victims
- visual cues in the town centre
- fast food outlets
- access routes for space allocation

The report concluded by recommending the action required to be taken to satisfy the minimum standard for a safe and secure town centre.

Attached as an annexe to the report was a copy of the "Safety and Secure Town Centres at Night Toolkit".

The Cabinet Member praised and commended the strong and effective relationships between various agencies involved with the Southport Safe and Secure Town Centre at Night initiative.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Safe and Secure Town Centre at Night Audit – Southport report be noted;
- (2) the findings of the “Safe and Secure Town Centre at Night Audit of Southport” be noted and further work be encouraged towards areas of potential improvement in the areas outlined in the report; and
- (3) the Public Health Partnership Alcohol Strategy Group and the Alcohol Related Crime Sub-Group be requested to consider the recommendations in the Audit report.

41. AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS - MINUTES

The Cabinet Member considered the Minutes of the following Area Committees:

Linacre and Derby held on 17 August, 2009
St.Oswald and Netherton and Orrell held on 27 August, 2009
Litherland and Ford held on 2 September, 2009
Southport held on 2 September, 2009
Crosby held on 9 September, 2009
Sefton East Parishes held on 10 September, 2009
Linacre and Derby held on 21 September, 2009
Southport held on 30 September, 2009

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Minutes of the above Area Committee meetings be noted; and
- (2) further to Minute No.54 of Southport Area Committee the Planning and Economic Regeneration Director be requested to take further reports on the Southport Cycle Town-East-West Link Proposals to the Cabinet.

42. SAFER & STRONGER COMMUNITIES PARTNERSHIP PLAN

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Safer, Stronger Communities) that advised of the publication and content of the Safer & Stronger Communities Partnership Plan. The Local Authority was a statutory responsible partner within the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP). The report went on to explain that the CDRP had a statutory duty to produce a 3 year Partnership Plan.

A copy of Sefton’s Safer & Stronger Communities Partnership 2009/12 was attached as an annex to the report.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the publication and content of the Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Plan be noted;
- (2) the vision, values and priorities contained within the Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership Plan be supported; and
- (3) the new Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership website be noted.

43. 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/they would involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 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.

44. INFORMING THE PUBLIC - PUBLIC CONFIDENCE AND SOCIAL MARKETING TEAM - LAA PUMP PRIMING GRANT

The Assistant Chief Executive (Safer, Stronger Communities) advised that the Informing the Public Confidence and Social Marketing Team – LAA Pump Priming Grant report had been withdrawn from the agenda and would be re-submitted for consideration at the November meeting.