

THE "CALL-IN" PERIOD FOR THIS SET OF MINUTES ENDS AT 12 NOON ON TUESDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2010. MINUTE NOS. 84 AND 87 ARE NOT SUBJECT TO "CALL-IN"

CABINET MEMBER - CORPORATE SERVICES

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON WEDNESDAY, 13 JANUARY 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Parry.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors McGuire and Tweed.

80. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence were received.

81. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

82. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

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

83. THE MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT OF BYELAWS

Further to Minute No. 74 of 9 December 2009, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Legal Director on the enforcement of existing byelaws and on the resource implications of making new byelaws.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

**84. REVENUE AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE MONITORING TO 30
SEPTEMBER 2009**

Further to Minute No. 39 of 16 September 2009, the Cabinet Member considered the joint report of the Chief Executive, the Head of Technical Services, the Finance and Information Services Director, the Legal Director and the Personnel Director, providing the latest forecast position, based on information as at 30 September 2009, in relation to the Portfolio's 2009/10 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the progress made in respect of revenue budgets that are subject to risk-based monitoring and any steps to mitigate projected overspends, be noted; and

- (2) the progress made in respect of schemes within the Portfolio's elements of the Council's Capital Programme be noted.

85. PROMPT PAYMENT CODE - PAYMENT OF INVOICES TO SUPPLIERS

Further to Minute No. 89 of the Cabinet meeting of 6 August 2009, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Finance and Information Services Director indicating that, following an approach by Government Office North West, the Council had become a signatory to the voluntary Prompt Payment Code which committed it to pay suppliers on time, give clear guidance to suppliers and encourage good practice by requesting lead suppliers to support the adoption of the code through their own supply chains.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

86. 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 two items of business on the grounds that they may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 (Minute No. 87) and 3 (Minute No. 88) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. The Public Interest Test had been applied and favoured exclusion of the information from the press and public.

87. REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL ADMISSIONS AND STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE 2010

The Cabinet Member considered the joint report of the Strategic Director - Children, Schools and Families and the Personnel Director on a proposed re-organisation of the existing School Admissions and Student Support Service to enable it to meet the requirements of the new School Admissions Code, which reflects changes to the law introduced by the Education and Skills Act 2008, which included:

- extending the co-ordinating role of local authorities to all admissions applications for state primary and secondary schools made by their residents at any time of year, from 2010;
- the full inter-Local Authority co-ordination of admission to primary schools to be phased in, starting with all in-year admissions from September 2010 and the annual allocation of primary places from September 2011;

- improving the information provided to parents by local authorities; adding parents and the local community to those who must be consulted regarding proposed admission arrangements;
- requiring local authorities to report annually to the Schools Adjudicator on the fairness and legality of admission arrangements in their area; plus new powers for the Office of the Schools Adjudicator to act proactively if an Authority is failing in any aspects of the statutory and mandatory duties.

RESOLVED:

That consideration of the report be deferred pending consideration by the Cabinet Member - Children's Services.

88. SETTLEMENT IN RESPECT OF CLAIM BY INTEGRAL SERVICES UK LIMITED

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Finance and Information Services Director on the proposed settlement of a potential litigation claim by the above company.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the settlement in the sum of £250,000, which had been approved by the Chief Executive, the Finance and Information Services Director and the Legal Director, be noted; and
- (2) a further report be submitted, setting out the detailed reasons why this situation came about and the steps being taken to avoid any possible re-occurrence in the future.

89. PERICLES REVENUES AND BENEFITS SYSTEM REPLACEMENT

Further to Minute No. 79 of 9 December 2009, the Cabinet Member considered the report of the Finance and Information Services Director on the final financial evaluation of the procurement exercise to replace the above system.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the report be noted;
- (2) the Legal Director be authorised to negotiate with arvato Government Services (Sefton) Limited and Northgate Information Solutions with a view to a contract being agreed directly between those organisations; and

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- (3) the intention to bring further update reports to the Finance and Information Services Operational Board and, at the appropriate time, to this Cabinet Member's meetings, be noted.

90. PRESENTATION - SPECIALIST TRANSPORT UNIT

The Cabinet Member received a presentation from Mr. Garry Lewis on the Specialist Transport Unit.

RESOLVED:

That Mr. Lewis be thanked for his informative presentation.