

**CABINET MEMBER - COMMUNITIES**

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, SOUTHPORT  
ON WEDNESDAY 27 JANUARY 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Porter

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Booth and Veidman

**60. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies for absence were received.

**61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were received.

**62. MINUTES**

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 December 2009, be confirmed as a correct record.

**63. COMMUNITIES PORTFOLIO MONITORING QUARTER 1 AND QUARTER PERFORMANCE**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Chief Executive informing of progress in relation to issues in her Departmental Service Plan and setting out the intended actions for this period. The Cabinet Member focussed on the areas pursuant to her portfolio, namely Community Safety and the Sefton Equalities Partnership.

The Cabinet Member clarified that the Migrant Workers' Impact Fund was not funded by tax payers. The Fund was financed by a levy charged to migrant workers when they registered for employment in the United Kingdom.

Members commented that residents, across the borough, were concerned about and increasingly regularly reporting of issues relating to dog fouling. Members emphasised the importance of strategically located dog foul bins; but also noted the financial strain they placed on Area Committee budgets.

Members thanked all those who had contributed to the success of the Team.

RESOLVED:

That the progress made in respect of the Communities portfolio's responsibilities within the Chief Executive's Departmental Service Plan be noted.

**64. CROSS-BOROUGH COMMUNITY SAFETY AREA PARTNERSHIP (CSAP) HIGHLIGHTS - 2009**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Safer, Stronger Communities) that provided information on the success of the Community Safety Area Partnerships in tackling crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour across Sefton.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the continued success of the Community Safety Area Partnerships (CSAP) in tackling crime, disorder and anti-social behaviour across Sefton be noted;
- (2) the development of the CSAP process and the advantages of multi-agency working be noted; and
- (3) the contribution that the CSAP had made towards improving:-
  - NI 1 – People getting on well together
  - NI 5 – Overall Satisfaction with local area
  - NI 17 – Perceptions of anti-social behaviour
  - NI 21 – Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and Police
  - NI 24 - Satisfaction with the way the Police and local Council dealt with anti-social behaviour
  - NI 195 – Satisfaction with the local environment

be noted.

**65. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR REPORT**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Safer, Stronger Communities) that informed of the extra funding allocation to tackle anti-social behaviour within the borough.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the announcement of funding to help the Council and its partners address locally identified crime and anti-social behaviour priorities be noted; and

- (2) the Assistant Chief Executive (Safer, Stronger Communities) be requested to consult partner agencies, within the wider Safer and Stronger Communities Partnership, to identify how to prioritise the funding to best impact on anti-social behaviour.

#### **66. FAMILY JUSTICE CENTRE-PHASE 2**

The Cabinet Member considered the report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Safer, Stronger Communities) that provided the spend profile related to phase 2 of the Family Justice Centre project. The report indicated that, if successful, the project would be extended to other areas in the future.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Family Justice Centre-Phase 2 report be noted;
- (2) the spend profile related to phase 2 of the project, as detailed within the report, be approved; and
- (3) the Assistant Chief Executive (Safer, Stronger Communities) be requested to draft a report for consideration by October 2010.

#### **67. MINUTES OF AREA COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Cabinet Member considered the Minutes of the below Area Committees:-

St.Oswald and Netherton and Orrell held on 29 October, 2009  
Formby held on 26 November, 2009  
Southport held on 6 January, 2010

RESOLVED: That

- (1) the Minutes of the above Area Committees be noted; and
- (2) further to Minute No.85 of the meeting held on 4 November 2009, the Legal and Democratic Services Director, in consultation with the Assistant Director – Neighbourhoods, be requested to draft a report on the options available to encourage greater public attendance and participation at Area Committee meetings, including options on the possible re-formatting and re-configuration of the meetings.