

CABINET URGENT BUSINESS COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, BOOTLE
ON THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, 2010**

PRESENT: Councillor Robertson (in the Chair)
Councillors P Dowd and Parry

16. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

18. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 January 2010, be confirmed as a correct record.

**19. JOINT WASTE DEVELOPMENT PLAN - CONSULTATION ON
PREFERRED OPTIONS REPORT**

The Committee considered the report of the Planning and Economic Development Director which outlined the progress on the preparation of the joint Merseyside Waste Development Plan Document and sought approval and endorsement of the Preferred Options Report, which would include consultation on specific sites that had the potential to accommodate the additional waste management facilities that would be required in the future.

The report was submitted in accordance with a decision of City Region Cabinet that all the authorities participating in the preparation of the joint plan should receive a common report to explain and recommend approval of the Preferred Options Report.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services at its meeting held on 2 February 2010 (Minute No. 55) and the Planning Committee at its meeting held on 10 February 2010 (Minute No. 160) had considered a report on the Preferred Options Report and the recommendations of the two Committees were set out in the report.

The Planning and Economic Development Director reported on the consultations held with the Planning Inspectorate and Counsel on the soundness of the Waste Development Plan Document Preferred Options Report and upon the decisions taken by Knowsley, St. Helens, Wirral and

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Halton Councils with regard to the Preferred Options Report. Liverpool City Council had still to take a decision on this issue.

RESOLVED: That

- (1) consideration of the recommendations in the report be deferred to enable the Planning and Economic Development Director to submit a report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services and Planning Committee on the consultations held with the Planning Inspectorate and Counsel on the soundness of the Waste Development Plan Document Preferred Options Report;
- (2) following the submission of the report to the two above mentioned Committees, a meeting of this Committee be convened to enable further consideration to be given to the action to be taken on the Waste Development Plan Document Preferred Options Report; and
- (3) it be noted that the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) had given his consent under Rule 17 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules for these decisions to be treated as urgent and not subject to "call-in" on the basis that Knowsley, St. Helens, Wirral and Halton Councils have all taken a decision on the Preferred Options Report and only Sefton and Liverpool Councils are outstanding. The consultation will not commence until each participating Council has given authority.