

**PRESENT:**

Councillor            Bailey (Chairman)  
                            Fowler (Vice Chairman)

Councillors	Baldock	McKay
	Mrs. Blake	Nolan
	Cotterill	O'Toole
	Cropper	Pope
	Mrs. Evans	G.M. Roberts
	Furey	Vickers
	Gartside	Whitby
	Mawdsley	

In Attendance	Councillor Grant	Leader of the Council
	Councillor Forshaw	Portfolio Holder Planning & Transportation
	Councillor Westley	Portfolio Holder Finance & Performance Management

Officers            Executive Manager Housing and Property Maintenance  
                            Services  
                            Planning Policy Manager  
                            Leisure & Cultural Services Manager  
                            Policy and Performance Manager  
                            Legal Services Manager  
                            Senior Member Services Officer (SG)

**8. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Griffiths.

**9. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE**

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4, Members noted the termination of membership of Councillors O'Toole and Rice and the appointment of Councillors Mrs. Melling and Whitby for this meeting only, thereby giving effect to the wishes of the Political Groups.

**10. URGENT BUSINESS, IF ANY, INTRODUCED BY THE CHAIRMAN**

There were no items of urgent business.

**11. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

It is noted that the Code of Conduct in relation to personal and prejudicial interests of Cabinet Members when they have taken a decision is overridden by Section 21(13) of the Local Government Act 2000.

There were no declarations of interest.

**12. DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP**

There were no declarations of a party whip.

**13. MINUTES**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of the Committee held on 16 April and 5 June 2008 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**14. CALLED IN ITEMS**

Consideration was given to the following called in items as circulated and contained on pages 247 – 278 of the Book of Reports.

**15. USE OF COMMUTED SUMS FOR ENHANCED TRANSPORT PROVISION IN SKELMERSDALE/UP HOLLAND**

Consideration was given to the report of the Council Secretary and Solicitor giving details in relation to a decision of the Cabinet called in by 5 members of this Committee. She advised that the decision in question related to the Use of Commuted Sums for Enhanced Transport Provision in Skelmersdale/Up Holland (minute 9 of Cabinet, 17 June 2008 refers).

Members noted the reason for the decision being called in and went on to debate the alternative decision included with the notice of call in, namely that a working group of officers and Members be set up to examine options for the optimum use of currently available and future commuted sums.

During the ensuing debate Members:-

- questioned the sustainability of proposed demand responsive bus service into Skelmersdale
- Sought a review of Section 106 commuted sums including earlier Member involvement in the pre Planning process and how these sums can be used for the greater benefit of the District
- Sought details of current proposals for cycle paths
- Questioned the appropriateness of proposed cycle path to Whitemoss Business Park

At the invitation of the Chairman the Portfolio Holder Planning and Transportation explained that the match funding available for the cycle/pedestrian routes must be defrayed by March 2009 and that Ward Councillors would be consulted during the Summer and a report would be presented to the Planning Committee on 4 September 2008.

The Planning Policy Manager indicated that a presentation on the demand responsive bus proposals would be made to all Members in late September.

The Leader, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder Planning and Transportation gave an undertaking that a Member training session on 106 Agreements would be arranged.

**RESOLVED** That this Committee does not wish to seek a different decision from the Cabinet in this matter.

## **16. WEST LANCASHIRE COMMUNITY LEISURE TRUST**

Consideration was given to the report of the Council Secretary and Solicitor giving details in relation to a decision of the Cabinet called in by 5 members of this Committee. She advised that the decision in question related to West Lancashire Community Leisure Trust (minute 12 of Cabinet, 17 June 2008 refers).

Members noted the reason for the decision being called in and went on to debate the alternative decision included with the notice of call in, namely that all other management arrangements at this stage be considered, in order to give the best chance for suitable arrangements in the long term in light of audit findings.

During the ensuing debate Members raised concerns on the following issues:-

- 2 of the 3 options for the management of the new leisure facility have been discounted, wish to see all 3 options remaining
- management performance
- charitable status not achieved
- management information system
- GP referral scheme
- price figures misleading
- sunbed promotion

Members went on to make the following comments:-

- excellent CPA rating
- Savings of £350,000
- Increased usage, excellent facilities

The Leisure & Cultural Services Manager responded that all options for the management of the new leisure centre had not been ruled out. He reported that the CPA had recognised increase in usage and that the use of legend data in relation to usage was not in the original contract, but had now been installed and became live in January 2008.

In relation to the GP referral scheme he reported that this was managed by the Council and had recently attracted funding of £15,000 from the PCT.

In response to concerns over charitable status he explained that there had been some difficulties in relation to the North Meols Leisure Centre and that this would be pursued, although the Trust were not obliged to undertake this.

In conclusion he indicated that the Council was not looking to provide sunbeds within the new leisure facility.

- RESOLVED (A) That this Committee does not wish to seek a different decision from the Cabinet in this matter.
- (B) That the West Lancashire Community Leisure Trust be invited to make a presentation to the next meeting of the Committee.

#### **17. RELEVANT MINUTES OF CABINET**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 17 June 2008.

Members raised the following question/comments on the following minute items:-

- Min. 23 (Arson Attacks – New Church Farm)
- Min. 25 (Disposal of land adjoining Burscough Football Club)
- Min. 27 (Industrial Units at Greenhey Place, Skelmersdale)

RESOLVED: That the minutes of Cabinet held on 16 June 2008 be noted.

#### **18. KEY DECISION FORWARD PLANS 1 MAY - 31 AUGUST, 1 JUNE - 30 SEPTEMBER & 1 JULY - 31 OCTOBER 2008**

There were no items placed on the agenda from the above-mentioned Key Decision Forward Plans.

#### **19. SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS - KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN**

Consideration was given to report of the Council Secretary and Solicitor as circulated and contained on pages 293 - 296 of the Book of Reports in which she reminded Members of the current arrangements for scrutinising the key decision forward plan and proposed that these arrangements continue.

RESOLVED            That the current arrangements for scrutinising the Key Decision Forward Plan by Members of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny Committee be continued

**20. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2008-2009**

Consideration was given to the above-mentioned report of the Assistant Chief Executive as circulated and contained on pages 297 - 378 of the Book of Reports on which she sought the Committee's comments for consideration by Council on 16 July 2008.

During the debate on this item Members raised the comments in relation to:-

- Wi Fi Coronation Park
- Reporting of/changes to future performance indicators
- WL90 Call Centre calls

RESOLVED            That the report be noted.

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CHAIRMAN