

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**HELD: 31 MARCH 2010**

Start: 7.30pm

Finish: 8.30pm

Councillor Bailey (Chairman)

Councillors	Mrs. Blake	Grice
	Cotterill	McKay
	Cropper	R.A. Pendleton
	Duffy	Pope
	Mrs. Evans	W G Roberts
	Gartside	J. Roberts

In Attendance Councillor:	Grant	Leader
	Owens	Portfolio Holder (Regeneration & Estates)
	Westley	Portfolio Holder (Finance & Performance Management)

Officers

Executive Manager Housing and Property Maintenance Services (Mr B Livermore)
Head of Leisure & Cultural Services (Mr J Nelson)
Access to Services & Performance Manager (Mr S Walsh)
Group Accountant (Mr M Kostrzewski)
Assistant Solicitor (Mr M Hynes)
Principal Member Services Officer (Mrs S Griffiths)

74. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Baldock, Griffiths, O'Toole and Vickers.

75. MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no changes to membership of the Committee.

76. URGENT BUSINESS & CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no items of urgent business.

The Chairman referred to the recent death of Councillor Mrs. Doreen Saxon and Members and Officers stood in silence in her memory.

The Chairman paid thanks to ex Councillor Hammond (Deputy Chairman) of the Executive Overview and Scrutiny who had recently retired from the Council.

77. 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.

1. Councillors Bailey, Cropper and Westley declared personal interests in relation to item 8 (Minutes of Cabinet – 103 Risk Management) as Members of Lancashire County Council.

78. DECLARATIONS OF PARTY WHIP

There were no declarations of a party whip.

79. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 4 February 2010 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

80. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and as, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

81. CALLED IN ITEM - PROPOSED SALE OF LAND AT PINGWOOD LANE, SIMONSWOOD, KIRKBY

Consideration was given to the report of the Council Secretary and Solicitor advising that a decision of Cabinet in relation to the above item (minute no. 115 refers) had received a call in requisition signed by five Members of the Committee. The report set out the reason given for the call in, together with the alternative decision put forward by the 5 Members concerned on the requisition notice.

RESOLVED: That the Committee does not wish to ask for a different decision in relation to this item.

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* At this point the Committee returned to part 1 of the meeting (open to the press and public)

- Councillor Owens left the meeting prior to consideration of the following item of business.

82. RELEVANT MINUTES OF CABINET

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 16 March 2010. Members raised questions/comments upon the following minute nos.-

- 103 (risk management) – Winter weather conditions
- 111 (operational community assets – managed allotment sites) – ask Portfolio Holder to look at expansion/development of new sites

RESOLVED: That the minutes of Cabinet held on 16 March 2010 be noted.

83. KEY DECISION FORWARD PLANS – 1 MARCH – 30 JUNE & 1 APRIL – 31 JULY 2010

Members noted that no items had been placed on the agenda from the Key Decision Forward Plan for the above-mentioned periods.

84. NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Further to minute no. 24(D) of the meeting of the Committee held on 1 October 2009 the Head of Leisure & Cultural Services reported upon the current position in relation to leisure services arrangements with West Lancashire Community Leisure following the cessation of the Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF). His report was circulated and contained on pages 771 – 798 of the Book of Reports.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

85. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING

In a the report of the Council Secretary and Solicitor as circulated and contained on pages 799 – 808 of the Book of Reports consideration was given to a projection on the financial position on the General and Housing Revenue Accounts to the end of the financial year.

During the ensuing discussion Members raised questions/queries relating to the following items:-

- Travel concessions
- Staff vacancies within the Planning Section

RESOLVED: That the financial position of the Revenue Accounts be noted.

86. CAPITAL MONITORING 2009/2010

Consideration was given to the report of the Council Secretary and Solicitor as circulated and contained on pages 809 – 820 of the Book of Reports updating Members of the Committee on the current position of the 2009/2010 Capital Programme.

RESOLVED: That the current position of the 2009/2010 Capital Programme be noted.

87. LOCALITY PLANS

Consideration was given to the report of the Assistant Chief Executive as circulated and contained on pages 821 – 828 of the Book of Reports on the current position on the production of Locality Plans. She sought the Committee's comments on the approach to be adopted in respect of the production of a locality plan for the Borough.

During the ensuing discussion Members raised questions/queries in relation to the following:-

- Representation of the non-parished areas
- Clarification of responsibility of services e.g. street scene, pavement areas in Skelmersdale
- Member involvement in initial scoping exercise
- Locality plan to include new initiatives

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

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CHAIRMAN