

**COUNCIL****HELD: 22 SEPTEMBER 2016**

Start: 7.30pm

Finish: 7.37pm

**PRESENT:**

Councillor: L Savage (Mayor)  
N Furey (Deputy Mayor)

Councillors: T Aldridge I Ashcroft  
S Bailey M Barron  
Mrs M Blake J Bullock  
C Cooper P Cotterill  
S Currie J Davis  
N Delaney T Devine  
G Dowling Mrs C Evans  
D Evans Y Gagen  
J Gordon P Greenall  
N Hennessy G Hodson  
J Hodson J Kay  
D McKay J Mee  
M Mills P Moon  
I Moran M Nixon  
D O'Toole G Owen  
A Owens J Patterson  
R Pendleton E Pope  
A Pritchard D West  
D Westley Mrs M Westley  
K Wright C Wynn  
A Yates

Officers: Ms K Webber, Chief Executive  
Mr T Broderick, Borough Solicitor  
Mr M Taylor, Borough Treasurer  
Mr I Gill, Deputy Director of Development and Regeneration  
Mr P Richards, Strategic Planning & Implementation Manager

**34 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Blane, Mrs Baybutt, Cairns, Hudson, C Marshall, McKenna, Ms Melling, Pryce-Roberts, Whittington and Wilkie.

**35 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**36 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 paragraphs 3 (Financial/Business Affairs) & 5 (Legal Proceedings) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of that Act and as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption under Schedule 12A outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**37 PLANNING APPEAL DECISION REGARDING LAND TO THE EAST OF PRESCOT ROAD, AUGHTON**

Consideration was given to the joint report of the Director of Development and Regeneration and the Borough Solicitor, as contained on pages 207 to 250 of the Book of Reports, which informed Council of Cabinet’s resolution on 13 September 2016 to bring a legal challenge to a planning appeal decision regarding the development proposals on “Land to the east of Prescott Road, Aughton” (Application Reference 2015/0335/HYB; Appeal Reference APP/P2365/W/15/3132594) and sought approval of the funding for this course of action.

- RESOLVED
- A. That the decision of Cabinet, at its meeting held on 13 September 2016, be endorsed.
  
  - B. That the costs of the legal challenge and any associated expenditure required as a result, be met from the Major Projects Reserve in accordance with section 3 of the report.

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**THE MAYOR**