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DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN: 21st December 2011

FOLLOWING THE CALL-IN PERIOD, DECISIONS INCLUDED IN THESE MINUTES MAY THEN BE IMPLEMENTED WHERE THEY HAVE NOT BEEN SUBJECT TO A CALL-IN BY A SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.

** DENOTES KEY DECISION*

CABINET MEETING

At a meeting of the Cabinet held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Huyton on Wednesday, 14th December, 2011 the following Members were

P r e s e n t:

Councillors

R J Round JP
Chairman of the Cabinet
(in the Chair)

Ms J E Aston, E Connor, Ms S E Gaffney, Mrs J Harris, N F Keats, K Keith, D Lonergan MRICS, G J Morgan and G A Wright.

Also present: Councillor M Murphy.

43. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16th November 2011 were received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

44. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Deputy Chief Executive's representative reported that the following declarations of interest had been submitted by Members:-

Personal

<u>Councillor</u>	<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Nature of Interest</u>
Ms J E Aston	Kirkby Town Centre Regeneration – Council Investment (Minute 51)	Lives in close proximity to the development area
E Connor	Kirkby Town Centre Regeneration – Council Investment (Minute 51)	Lives in close proximity to the development area
Ms S E Gaffney	Kirkby Town Centre Regeneration – Council Investment (Minute 51)	Holds a Tesco Pension

Mrs J Harris	Kirkby Town Centre Regeneration – Council Investment (Minute 51)	Lives in close proximity to the development area
N F Keats	Kirkby Town Centre Regeneration – Council Investment (Minute 51)	Lives in close proximity to the development area
D Lonergan MRICS	Kirkby Town Centre Regeneration – Council Investment (Minute 51)	Lives in close proximity to the development area
G J Morgan	Full Review of the Merseyside Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy 'Resources Merseyside' (Minute 46)	Council Representative on Merseyside Waste Disposal Authority
G A Wright	Kirkby Town Centre Regeneration – Council Investment (Minute 51)	Governor of Knowsley Community College Non-Executive Director of NHS Knowsley Board

45. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF) - UPDATE (*)

The Cabinet considered the joint report of the Chief Executive and the Deputy Chief Executive which:-

- (i) provided feedback on the major consultation exercise undertaken on the 'Preferred Options Report' of the Knowsley Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy and sought approval to publish the Report of Consultation;
- (ii) gave an update on the LDF evidence base and the changing legislative and policy context within which the LDF is being prepared; and
- (iii) set out the proposed next steps in the preparation of the LDF.

The report indicated that a wide range of evidence base studies had been completed for the LDF. In particular the Liverpool City Region Housing and Economic Development Base: Overview Study had been completed. This was commissioned by Sefton Council on behalf of Halton, Knowsley, Liverpool, Sefton, St Helens, West Lancashire, Wirral, Cheshire West and Chester Councils.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the outcome of the consultation on the LDF Core Strategy Preferred Options Report, as summarised in section 4 of the report now submitted, be noted;

- (ii) that the publication of the LDF Core Strategy: Preferred Options Report of Consultation, as set out in Appendix 2 to the report now submitted, be approved;
- (iii) that the findings of the Liverpool City Region Housing and Economic Evidence Base, Final Report, as summarised in section 5 and contained at Appendix 3 to the report now submitted, be noted;
- (iv) that the changing national legislative and policy context within which the LDF is being prepared, as set out in section 6 of the report now submitted, be noted; and
- (v) that the next steps in the preparation of the LDF Core Strategy, as set out in section 7 of the report now submitted, be endorsed.

46. FULL REVIEW OF THE MERSEYSIDE JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 'RESOURCES MERSEYSIDE' (*)

The Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services which gave an update on the development of the new Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy (JMWMS) for Merseyside following a full review of the original Strategy which was adopted by the Council in 2005.

The report indicated that the JMWMS outcomes are focused on the delivery of the European Union Waste Framework Directive's household waste recycling target for Member States of 50% by 2020 and maximising carbon reduction benefits in the long-term sustainable management of municipal waste for the period 2011 to 2041.

RESOLVED – That the draft Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy 'Resources Merseyside', as set out in Appendix E to the report now submitted, be approved for endorsement at Full Council on 29th February 2012.

(Note: In accordance with the provisions of Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000, Councillor G J Morgan declared a personal interest in the above item, remained in the meeting, took part in the discussion and voted thereon).

47. 2012/13 ANNUAL BUDGET STRATEGY (*)

The Cabinet considered the report of the Borough Treasurer which provided an update on the Council's financial forecasts for the next three years and set out:-

- (i) the progress which has been made in identifying solutions to the financial challenges facing the Council through a co-ordinated Change and Transformation Programme; and
- (ii) the next steps in the strategy to provide a balanced budget position for 2012/13.

The report indicated that the Council faces a significant reduction in Government Grant funding and continued expenditure pressures that are estimated to result in a budget shortfall of £8.186m in 2012/13 and a further £23.086m over the following two financial years. In this respect, savings proposals of £8.285m were proposed which, subject to decisions on the 2012/13 Council Tax levels, would be sufficient to bridge the forecast budget shortfall in 2012/13 and also contribute towards the forecast shortfall in future years.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the current financial forecast, as discussed in section 4.1 of the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the medium-term financial planning projections and assumptions, as discussed in sections 4.1 and 4.2 of the report now submitted, be noted;
- (iii) that the identification, through the Change and Transformation Programme, of sufficient savings options to bridge the forecast budget shortfall in 2012/13, as set out in section 5 of the report now submitted, be endorsed;
- (iv) that the savings proposals identified for Cabinet approval, as set out in section 6.3 of the report now submitted, be approved; and
- (v) that the implementation of the overall savings proposals arising from the ongoing Change and Transformation Programme, as set out in section 6.4 of the report now submitted, be endorsed.

48. CAPITAL PROGRAMME - 2011/12 MONITORING UPDATE (*)

The Cabinet considered the report of the Borough Treasurer which gave an update on the Council's capital programme and the current level of expenditure against the planned delivery profile.

It was indicated in the report that spending against the capital expenditure programme was lower than anticipated and scheme managers have proposed re-phasing measures where planned expenditure is now not expected to be committed within the current year. In this respect the report proposed that £5.305m of the approved capital programme be re-phased into future years. Reductions in the programme totalling £0.280m and allocations of Portfolio resources of £2.482m were also proposed together with new start schemes of £0.111m, to be funded from resources set aside as part of the 2010/11 outturn. Subject to approval of these items, a revised capital programme of £63.357m was proposed, of which £55.182m is planned to be spent in total in the current year.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the capital expenditure to date and the expected impact on the delivery of the approved capital programme, as set out in paragraph 3.3.1 of the report now submitted, be noted;
- (ii) that the proposal to re-phase £1.671m of the New Pupil Places scheme from 2011/12 into future years, as set out in section 3.4(a) of the report now submitted, be approved;
- (iii) that the proposals from Portfolio Holders which would result in total re-phasing of schemes under £1m of £3.634m from 2011/12 into future years, as set out in sections 3.4 to 3.7 of the report now submitted, be endorsed;
- (iv) that the proposals from Portfolio Holders for a net reduction in capital resource allocations (under £1m) by £0.280m, as set out in paragraph 3.8.1 of the report now submitted, be endorsed;

- (v) that the proposals from Portfolio Holders for additional allocations and new schemes under £1m totalling £2.482m to be added to the Council's capital programme, as set out in section 3.9 of the report now submitted, be endorsed;
- (vi) that the allocation of £0.094m from the revenue resources set aside for emerging temporary service pressures to be allocated during 2011/12 to the Foxes Bank Cemetery Extension in the Neighbourhood Delivery Portfolio, as set out in paragraph 3.11 of the report now submitted, be approved;
- (vii) that the allocation of £0.017m from the revenue resources set aside for emerging temporary service pressures to be allocated during 2011/12 to the Bridge Number 57 (Halewood Park to Higher Road) scheme in the Neighbourhood Delivery Portfolio as set out in paragraph 3.11 of the report now submitted, be approved; and
- (viii) that the revised three-year capital programme of £63.357m and the revised phasing, as detailed in Appendix A to the report now submitted, be noted.

49. KNOWSLEY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK - ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT

The Cabinet considered the joint report of the Chief Executive and Deputy Chief Executive which sought authority to submit the Council's Annual Monitoring Report on its Local Development Framework to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

The report indicated that the production of the Annual Monitoring Report is a statutory planning requirement and assesses the economic, social and environmental well being of the Borough and how the Council is performing in achieving its planning objectives. The Annual Monitoring Report must be submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government by the end of December 2011.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That the draft Annual Monitoring Report and its Executive Summary, as set out in Appendices 1 and 2 to the report now submitted, be approved; and
- (ii) that the Chief Executive be authorised to submit the Annual Monitoring Report to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government by the statutory deadline of 31 December 2011.

50. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED – That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

51. KIRKBY TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION - COUNCIL INVESTMENT (*)

The Cabinet considered the report of the Deputy Chief Executive on the Council's overall approach to investment in the Kirkby Town Centre as part of the ongoing wider

Regeneration Programme with a view to taking best advantage of the major transformation opportunity.

The report indicated that the redevelopment of Kirkby Town Centre, in partnership with Tesco, offers the Council the ability to seize the available opportunities and deliver significant outcomes in the area. Given the current economic climate, the investment programme outlined in the report confirmed the Council's previous and ongoing commitment to the regeneration of Kirkby in delivering the radical interventions and outcomes required to transform the Town Centre area and improve the quality of life of the people who are living and working in Kirkby.

Members were advised that the community would be consulted on the Council's proposals for public facilities in Kirkby Town Centre. This consultation process would begin on Monday 19th December 2011 and extend into January 2012 subject to Members' approval of the recommendations in the report.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That approval be given for the capital receipts totalling £9.700m generated as a result of the Town Centre Regeneration Scheme, as set out in paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 of the report now submitted, to be reinvested within Kirkby Town Centre in line with the Cabinet's previous decision at its meeting held on 4 June 2008;
- (ii) that it be noted that the use of any future capital receipts to be generated in Kirkby will be available for investment into Council priorities across the Borough at the appropriate time;
- (iii) that the allocation of £1.791m from Council Revenue Reserves to fund the Authority's remaining contribution to the investment programme, as set out in paragraph 5.1.5 of the report now submitted, be approved; and
- (iv) that a further detailed report on the specific proposals for the Kirkby Suite and the Kirkby Market be submitted to a future meeting of the Cabinet following the outcome of public consultation.

(Note: In accordance with the provisions of Section 81 of the Local Government Act 2000, Councillors Ms J E Aston, E Connor, Ms S E Gaffney, Mrs J Harris, N F Keats, D Lonergan MRICS and G A Wright declared a personal interest in the above item, remained in the meeting, took part in the discussion and voted thereon).

Minutes 43 to 51 received as a correct record the 18th day of January 2012

Chairman of the Cabinet

(The meeting closed at 2.15 pm)