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** DENOTES KEY DECISION*

CABINET MEETING

At a meeting of the Cabinet held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Huyton on Wednesday, 14th October, 2009 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, N F Keats, K Keith, D Lonergan MRICS and G J Morgan.

APOLOGY

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillors Mrs J Harris and G A Wright.

50. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 23rd September 2009 were received as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Executive Director of Corporate Resources reported that no declarations of interest had been submitted by members.

52. LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: CORE STRATEGY - ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION (*)

The Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director of Regeneration, Economy and Skills which provided an update on the Council's Local Development Framework (or "LDF"), focussing in particular on the LDF Core Strategy, for which an Issues and Options paper had been prepared and appended to this report.

It was highlighted that the Local Development Framework ("Plan Knowsley") would make key decisions about the future growth and development of Knowsley. It

set out a draft vision for the Borough and priorities for each township and how much development Knowsley was required to accommodate in the period to 2026 and broad alternatives for how these needs could be met.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the current progress on the LDF Core Strategy be noted;
- (ii) that the Local Development Framework Core Strategy: Issues and Options paper for consultation purposes, be approved; and
- (iii) that an all Member seminar be held as part of a wider consultation/engagement exercise on the LDF.

53. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2007 - 2010 ANNUAL REVIEW AND REFRESH (*)

The Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director of Children and Family Services which presented the Annual Review and refresh of the Knowsley Children and Young People's Plan 2007-10 for comment and approval.

It was highlighted that there had been very significant progress made by the Children and Young People's Partnership and this was reflected in the 2008 APA letter. The Partnership was now focusing on building on these achievements and developments in local and national strategy to further improve outcomes for children and young people in Knowsley. The Children and Young People's Delivery Plan 2009-2011 provided the planning and delivery framework for a range of agencies and organisations. It would act as the mechanism to continue to drive and further develop collaborative working within the borough, and demonstrate how the power of partnership with its collective resource could make a collective difference.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the annual review and refresh of the Children and Young People's Plan 2007-10, be approved;
- (ii) that the extension of the Children and Young People's Plan by one year to 2011, be approved; and
- (iii) that the expansion of priority outcome 9 regarding Children Looked After to include vulnerable children and young people with a strategic focus on improving outcomes for children looked after and children with disabilities, be approved.

54. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED – That the public be excluded for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

55. CONNEXIONS CONTRACT - APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO LEGAL AGREEMENTS (*)

The Cabinet considered the report of the Executive Director of Children and Family Services which:-

- (1) provided an update on the procurement process carried out in respect of the future commissioning of 'connexions services'; and
- (2) sought approval to the endorsement of the preferred bidder and authority to enter into legal agreements with both the preferred bidder and Halton MBC, as lead authority, in respect of the Connexions services contract.

It was highlighted that the Council, along with the other Merseyside Districts had been required to carry out a commissioning exercise for Connexions services. This had been a pan Merseyside procurement and the Merseyside Districts were now in a position to award a new contract for these services commencing on 1 January 2010.

RESOLVED –

- (i) That the appointments of Greater Merseyside Connexions Partnership as the preferred bidder for the Connexions services and Prospects Services Limited as reserved bidder on the terms set out in the report now submitted, be approved;
- (ii) that the increase in pension liability as outlined in paragraph 4.1.2 of the report now submitted, be noted;
- (iii) that delegated authority be granted to the Executive Director of Children and Family Services and the Executive Director of Corporate Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children and Family Services to resolve any remaining issues with the preferred bidder and Halton MBC and finalise the legal agreements set out in Section 3 of the report now submitted; and
- (iv) that authority be granted to the Executive Director of Corporate Resources to execute those legal agreements and any associated legal documentation required to procure the Connexions services in the terms set out in the report now submitted.

Minutes 50 to 55 received as a correct record the 11th day of November 2009.

Chairman of the Cabinet

(The meeting closed at 2.07 pm)