

# Executive Cabinet

## Public Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 26 May 2005

**Present:** Councillor J Wilson (Executive Leader in the Chair), Councillor Edgerley (Deputy Leader of the Council) and Councillors Ball, Brown, D Gee, A Gee, Lennox, A Lowe and R Snape

**Also in attendance:** Councillors Walker, Mrs Case, D Dickinson, Malpas and Mrs Walsh

### 05.EC.73 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Hoyle.

### 05.EC.74 SENIOR SOLICITOR

The Executive Leader welcomed and introduced Susan Hedges, Senior Solicitor, to her first Executive Cabinet meeting.

### 05.EC.75 MINUTES

The public minutes of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 7 April 2005 were confirmed as a correct record for signature by the Executive Leader

### 05.EC.76 APPOINTMENT AND COMPOSITION OF VARIOUS AD-HOC CABINET COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Executive Cabinet considered the proposed composition of a number of ad hoc Committees and Working Groups whose functions fell within the remit of the Executive.

#### Decision taken:

**1. That the following Committees of the Executive Cabinet be appointed comprising of the membership indicated:**

**(a) Human Resources Appeals Committee (5 Members)**

**Councillor J Wilson (Chair) and Councillors Ball, A Gee, Hoyle and R Snape**

**(b) Indoor Leisure Committee (3 Members)**

**Councillor Edgerley (Chair) and Councillors Ball and Hoyle**

**(c) Performance Review Committee (3 Members)**

**Councillor Edgerley (Chair) and Councillors Ball and A Gee**

**2. That the following bodies whose functions fall within the remit of the Executive Cabinet be appointed, comprising of the membership indicated:**

**(a) Disability Liaison Group ( 8 Members)**

Councillor Hoyle (Chair) and Councillors Mrs Case, D Dickinson, D Gee, Molyneux, Parr, R Snape and Mrs Walsh

(b) Economic Development Liaison Panel (4 Members)

Councillor J Wilson (Chair), Councillor Edgerley (Vice Chair) and Councillors A Lowe and M Wilson

(c) Ethnic Minorities Consultative Committee (5 Members)

Councillor Snow (Chair) and Councillors Malpas, Walker, Mrs Walsh and M Wilson

(d) Housing Shadow Management Group (4 Members)

Councillors Edgerley, Lennox, Livesey and Snow

plus 4 tenants representatives

(e) Housing Joint Selection Panel (5 Members)

Councillors Culshaw, Edgerley, Lennox, Livesey and Snow

plus 8 tenants and 5 members of staff

(f) Markets Liaison Group (2 Members)

Councillors A Gee (Chair) and M Lowe (Vice Chair)

(g) Staff Local Joint Consultative Committee (10 Members)

Councillor J Wilson (Chair) and Councillors Ball, Mrs Dickinson, A Gee, Mrs Gray, Lees, Lennox, McGowan, E Smith and J Snape

**Reasons for decision:**

To establish the bodies responsible for the implementation of a number of executive functions.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:**

None

**05.EC.77 REVISED SANCTION AND PROSECUTION POLICY - HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT**

The Director of Finance submitted a report on proposed changes to the Sanction and Prosecution Policy to reflect changes to guidance issued by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

**Decision made:**

**That approval be given to the amendments to the revised Sanction and Prosecution Policy Sanction and Prosecution Policy, to be adopted with immediate effect.**

**Reasons for decision:**

To make the Council's Sanction and Prosecution Policy more relevant and workable and to bring it in line with DWP Policy.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:**

None.

**05.EC.78 TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

The Head of Human Resources submitted a report which incorporated the draft Learning and Development Strategy for 2005-2008.

**Decision made:**

- 1. That the draft Learning and Development Strategy for 2005-2008 be approved as the basis for general consultation with Members of the Council.**
- 2. That the Executive Leader be given delegated authority to approve the final draft of the Strategy following Member consultation prior to the Summer recess.**

**Reasons for decision:**

To provide a strategic focus for developing the capacity of Members and Officers of the Authority.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:**

None

**05.EC.79 AMENDMENT TO SCHEME OF DELEGATION - DECISIONS TO SEEK ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ORDERS**

The Head of Corporate and Policy Services submitted a report seeking an amendment to the Scheme of Delegation to allow the Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator to consult and make applications for Anti Social Behaviour Orders on behalf of the Council.

**Decision made:**

**That the Council be recommended to give approval to the amendment of the Executive Functions in the Council's Constitution to allow the Head of Corporate and Policy Services and the Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator to conduct any necessary consultations with agencies and make applications for Anti Social Behaviour Orders on behalf of the Council under Section 1 and 2 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.**

**Reasons for decision:**

To allow the Anti Social Behaviour Co-ordinator to progress applications for Anti Social Behaviour Orders.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:**

None

#### **05.EC.80 LOCAL COMPACT**

The Head of Leisure and Cultural Services submitted a report seeking approval to the adoption of a Local Compact between the Council, South Ribble Borough Council, Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care Trust and the voluntary, community and faith sectors.

**Decision made:**

**That approval be given to the Council adopting and signing-up to the Local Compact for Chorley and South Ribble.**

**Reasons for decision:**

To further develop effective partnership working with statutory, voluntary, community and faith sectors within the Borough for mutual advantage.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:**

Not adopting a Local Compact

Adopting a Compact with the voluntary, community and faith sectors in isolation from South Ribble Borough Council and the Chorley and South Ribble Primary Care Trust.

#### **05.EC.81 EXTENSION OF ICT DATA NETWORK**

With the consent of the Executive Leader to the consideration of this urgent item, the Head of Public Space Services submitted a report seeking approval to the extension of the Council's ICT Data Network and the establishment of a Service Centre at Portland Street car park by a nominated contractor, to meet the requirements of the Council's Business Continuity Plan.

**Decision made:**

- 1. That approval be given to the award of a contract to Cedar Contract Services in the terms indicated for the completion of the Council's ICT Data Network.**
- 2. That the Capital Programme Budget for this project be increased to £68,040 in 2005/06 to cover works not included in the Cedar Contract Services contract and internal charges.**

**Reasons for decision:**

The cabling work and extension of the Council's ICT network is essential to remove the risk of failure of the network and to provide a facility for the continuation of the Council's business in emergency situations in line with the Business Continuity Plan.

**Alternative Options considered and rejected:**

The invitation and assessment of tenders and the award of a contract would delay the extension of the network by upto four months.

#### **05.EC.82 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Executive Cabinet, in addition to the items listed above, considered other items that disclosed exempt information as defined within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and made the decisions indicated below.

**05.EC.83 NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

Confirmation of the Non-public Minutes of the meeting of the Executive Cabinet held on 7 April 2005.

**05.EC.84 IMPLEMENTATION OF A JOB EVALUATION AND EQUAL PAY REVIEW**

Approval to proposals to enable the implementation of a job evaluation and equal pay review, as required by the single status agreement.

**05.EC.85 HOUSING SERVICES RESTRUCTURING PROPOSALS**

Approval to recommendations following consultations with affected staff on the housing services restructuring proposals.

**05.EC.86 HOMELESSNESS ACCOMMODATION SERVICE REVIEW**

Approval to consultations being held with affected staff and trade unions on the homelessness accommodation service review.

**05.EC.87 EAVES GREEN LINK ROAD**

Approval to the funding arrangements negotiated for the Eaves Green link road and the submission of planning applications for the additional works to the link road.

Executive Leader