

# COUNCIL

**Tuesday, 22 September 2009**

**Present:** Councillor Iris Smith (Mayor), Councillor Ken Ball (Deputy Mayor), Councillors Nora Ball, Eric Bell, Julia Berry, Judith Boothman, Alistair Bradley, Alan Cain, Pat Case, Henry Counce, Alan Cullens, Magda Cullens, Mike Devaney, David Dickinson, Doreen Dickinson, Dennis Edgerley, Christopher France, Anthony Gee, Peter Goldsworthy, Marie Gray, Pat Haughton, Harold Heaton, Catherine Hoyle, Keith Iddon, Kevin Joyce, Hasina Khan, Roy Lees, Laura Lennox, Adrian Lowe, Marion Lowe, Peter Malpas, Thomas McGowan, June Molyneaux, Greg Morgan, Simon Moulton, Mick Muncaster, Mark Perks, Debra Platt, Geoffrey Russell, Rosie Russell, Edward Smith, Joyce Snape, Ralph Snape, John Walker, Stella Walsh and Peter Wilson

## **09.C.27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Terry Brown who was recovering following an operation. Members of the Council expressed their best wishes to Councillor Brown for a speedy recovery.

## **09.C.28 MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING**

**RESOLVED – That the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 14 July 2009 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.**

## **09.C.29 DECLARATIONS OF ANY INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **09.C.30 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Mayor thanked members for their support at the recent charity events including the Ten Pin Bowling Challenge, the Music of Four Decades and the Corporate Challenge.

The Mayor invited Members to support her during a forthcoming sponsored Zip Slide at Preston North End Football Club in aid of St Catherine's Hospice and at a Quiz Night to be held at St Gregory's Club in Chorley.

## **09.C.31 PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There had been no public questions submitted.

## **09.C.32 EXECUTIVE CABINET**

### **(a) Capital Programme Monitoring 2009/10 to 2011/12**

The Executive Member (Resources) presented a report proposing a revised capital programme for 2009/10 and provisional capital programme figures for 2010/11 and 2011/12.

The report detailed the reallocation of budgets, increases and reductions in costs, slippage of expenditure to later years and associated changes in finance. Increases in the Regional Housing Pot capital grant had allowed the reallocation of the grant to specific housing capital schemes and the adjustment of the Affordable Housing budgets to match the developer contributions available to finance the expenditure.

The effect of changes was to reduce the 2009/10 capital programme to £8,029,400. The provisional capital programme for 2010/11 would increase to £3,592,180 and, for 2011/12 to £1,451,110. The main changes in both of these years relate to slippage from earlier years and an increase in estimated Regional Housing Pot capital grant.

It was moved by the Executive Member (Resources), Councillor K Joyce, and seconded by the Executive Leader and **RESOLVED:**

1. **That the revised capital programme for 2009/10 be approved; and**
2. **That the provisional capital programme figures for 2010/11 and 2011/12 be noted.**

**(b) General Report**

The Executive Leader presented a report which summarised the key issues considered at meetings of the Executive Cabinet held on 13 August and 3 September 2009.

Questions were raised by Members on the inclusion of the collection of food waste for composting through the Lancashire Waste Management Strategy; the timescale and amount that could be expected back from the Council's investment in Landsbankii in 2008; and the Growth Point bid and the likely housing development in Chorley.

It was moved by the Executive Leader and seconded by the Deputy Leader and **RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**09.C.33 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND TASK AND FINISH GROUPS**

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee presented a report summarising the matters considered by the Committee at meetings held on 10 August and 1 September including the work of Scrutiny Task Groups.

It was moved by the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor D Edgerley and seconded by the Vice Chair, Councillor A Cullens and **RESOLVED that the report be noted.**

**09.C.34 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION**

Members considered a report of the Corporate Director (Governance) on a review of a number of elements of the Council's Constitution. Following consultation with the Leader of the Labour Group, the Leader of the Council proposed that consideration of the report be deferred for further discussions.

**RESOLVED – That the report be deferred until the next ordinary meeting of the Council to allow further discussions between the political groups.**

**09.C.35 PETITION FROM CHORLEY MOOR RESIDENTS AND TENANTS GROUP**

The Council considered a 254 signature petition which had been received from Chorley Moor Residents and Tenants Group, but instigated by the Chorley Moor Young People's

Time Bank Volunteers asking the Council to make progress in building the promised Community Centre.

The Leader reported that the Chief Executive had been in contact with the Group and that a meeting would be taking place. Councillor Peter Malpas, Executive Member (Business), would report back to Executive Cabinet on the matter as soon as possible. The formal response would also be sent to the Ward Councillors.

**RESOLVED – That the response of the Leader be noted.**

Mayor