# **EXECUTIVE BOARD SUB COMMITTEE**

At a meeting of the Executive Board Sub Committee on Thursday, 16 June 2011 in the Marketing Suite, Municipal Building

Present: Councillors Wharton (Chairman) and Nelson

Apologies for Absence: None

Absence declared on Council business: Councillor Harris

Officers present: M. Reaney, G. Ferguson and G. Collins

Also in attendance: None

## ITEMS DEALT WITH UNDER POWERS AND DUTIES EXERCISABLE BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE

ES5 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2011 were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

ES6 SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

The Board considered:

- (1) whether Members of the press and public should be excluded from the meeting of the Board during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it was likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be considered, exempt information would be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972; and
- (2) whether the disclosure of information was in the public interest, whether any relevant exemptions were applicable and whether, when applying the public interest test and exemptions, the public

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interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed that in disclosing the information.

RESOLVED: That as, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Sub-Section 4 of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 because it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business, exempt information will be disclosed, being information defined in Section 100 (1) and paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

### ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

#### ES7 SALE OF PERCIVAL LANE INDUSTRIAL UNITS

The Sub Committee considered a report which sought approval for the surrender of a lease to Halton Chamber of Commerce. The lease related to Percival Lane Industrial Estate which comprised 17 small industrial units. It was proposed that the surrender of the lease to the Chamber would be in exchange for writing off a debt of £20,343, which represented repayment of ERDF funds.

In addition, the report also sought approval to place the freehold interest on the open market for sale with a target date for auction in September 2011.

**RESOLVED:** That

- the surrender of the lease to the Chamber in exchange for writing off a debt from the Chamber to the Council of £20,343, representing repayment of ERDF funds be approved; and
  Strategic Director Children and Enterprise
- (2) the sale of its freehold interest through auction in September 2011 be approved subject to achieving a reserve price.

## ES8 LEASE OF 2 SEYMOUR COURT TO NORTON PRIORY

The Sub Committee considered a request to grant a two year lease, rent free, to Norton Priory for the occupation of Seymour Court, Runcorn. The lease would allow Norton Priory to submit a Lottery bid for improvements. It was noted that Norton Priory had been located at Seymour Court for the previous six months.

Meeting ended at 10.15 a.m.