

COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 15 December 2010 in the Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall

Present: Councillors Wright, Austin, Balmer, P. Blackmore, M. Bradshaw, J. Bradshaw, Browne, Bryant, E. Cargill, Carlin, Dennett, Findon, Fry, A. Gerrard, J. Gerrard, Hignett, Hodge, Hodgkinson, Horabin, Howard, Inch, Leadbetter, M Lloyd Jones, P. Lloyd Jones, Loftus, J. Lowe, Macmanus, McDermott, McInerney, Morley, Nelson, Nolan, Norddahl, Philbin, Polhill, E. Ratcliffe, M. Ratcliffe, Redhead, Roberts, Rowe, Stockton, Swain, Thompson, Wainwright, Wallace and Wharton

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Edge, Harris, A. Lowe, Murray, Osborne and Parker

Absence declared on Council business: Councillor Dave Cargill

Officers present: M. Reaney, G. Ferguson, D. Johnson, I. Leivesley, D. Parr, D. Tregae, G. Meehan and J. Whittaker

Also in attendance: 2 Members of the public

COU63 REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS (MINUTE EXB 70 REFERS)

Action

The Executive Board had considered a report of the Strategic Director, Resources, on the completion of the final stage in the process of adopting the Council's new model of governance in accordance with the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007.

Following a formal public consultation process, the Council at its meeting on 20 October 2010 agreed proposals outlining the Leader and Cabinet Executive as its preferred governance model, which were attached at Appendix 1. Members also considered the option to incorporate a provision in the Constitution to allow for the removal of the Leader by resolution prior to the expiry of his or her term of office. Since then, the proposals had been published on the Council's website as required. There had been no representations following this process.

In accordance with the Act, the Council was now required to resolve formally that the new model of

governance, as set out in the proposals, be adopted with effect from the third day after the ordinary election of Councillors in May 2011.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the Leader with Cabinet model of governance, as contained in the proposals attached as Appendix 1 to the report be adopted with effect from the third day after the ordinary election of Councillors in May 2011; and
- 2) a provision be incorporated in the Constitution allowing for the removal of the Leader by resolution.

Chief Executive

Meeting ended at 7.17 p.m.