

# **Business Efficiency Board**

Wednesday, 3 June 2015 at 6.30 p.m. Civic Suite, Town Hall, Runcorn



#### **Chief Executive**

### **BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Councillor Joe Roberts (Chairman) Labour
Councillor Martha Lloyd Jones Labour
(Vice-Chairman)

Councillor John Bradshaw Conservative

**Councillor Arthur Cole** Labour Labour **Councillor Mike Fry Councillor Darren Lea** Labour **Councillor Alan Lowe** Labour **Councillor Andrew MacManus** Labour **Councillor Tony McDermott** Labour **Councillor Norman Plumpton Walsh** Labour **Councillor John Stockton** Labour

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The next meeting of the Board is on Wednesday, 23 September 2015

# ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

# Part I

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|          | Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Other Disclosable Interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, no later than when that item is reached or as soon as the interest becomes apparent and, with Disclosable Pecuniary interests, to leave the meeting during any discussion or voting on the item. |          |
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### **PART II**

In this case the Board has a discretion to exclude the press and public and, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, it is **RECOMMENDED** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having been satisfied that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

# 14. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

In accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act the Council is required to notify those attending meetings of the fire evacuation procedures. A copy has previously been circulated to Members and instructions are located in all rooms within the Civic block.

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