SCRUTINY PROGRAMME BOARD

Thursday, 11 November 2010

<u>Present:</u> Councillor H Smith (Chair)

Councillors C Meaden G Watt

J Hale G Davies A Bridson M McLaughlin S Mountney P Gilchrist

S Taylor

36 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/PARTY WHIP

Members were asked to consider whether they had personal or prejudicial interests in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state what they were.

Members were reminded that they should also declare, pursuant to paragraph 18 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, whether they were subject to a party whip in connection with any item(s) to be considered and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of the whipping arrangement.

Although no such declarations were made, a Member questioned whether an interest should be declared by any Members who may have previously expressed an opinion in relation to The Sail Project. In response, the Head of Legal and Member Services indicated that, although it was a matter for individual Members, it was unlikely an interest would need to be declared, as the purpose of the meeting was not to consider the call-in, but solely to determine which Committee should consider it.

37 ALLOCATION OF CALL-IN NOTICE

The Head of Legal and Member Services sought the views of the Scrutiny Programme Board with regard to the allocation of the Call-In Notice in relation to The Sail Project (Cabinet minute 160 (14 October 2010) refers), which had been submitted by the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Labour Group, Councillor S Foulkes and Councillor P Davies.

He indicated that it was entirely a matter for the Board whether it chose to consider the Call-In itself, or to refer it to one or more of the themed Overview and Scrutiny Committees. He commented also that, in accordance with the scrutiny procedure rules, the call-in was required to be considered by overview and scrutiny no later than 22 November 2010.

On a motion by Councillor Hale and seconded by Councillor Smith, it was -

Resolved – That the call-in of Cabinet minute 160 (14 October 2010) in relation to The Sail Project, be referred to the Council Excellence Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to be held at 6.15pm on 22 November 2010.