

# CABINET

Thursday, 14 January 2010

Present: Councillor S Foulkes (Chair) Finance and Best Value  
Councillors S Holbrook Corporate Resources  
G Davies Housing & Community Safety  
P Davies Children's Services & Lifelong Learning  
G Gardiner Environment  
M McLaughlin Social Care & Inclusion  
R Moon Tourism & Leisure  
J Quinn Streetscene & Transport Services  
J Stapleton Regeneration & Planning Strategy

Apologies Councillor S Kelly Community & Customer Engagement

## **249 MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The members of the Cabinet were invited to consider whether they had a personal or prejudicial interest in connection with any of the items on this agenda and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of such interest.

Councillor Steve Foulkes declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 3, 'Outcome of Proposal for the Closure of St Laurence's Catholic Primary School' (see minute 252) by virtue of his friendship with the caretaker of one of the schools referred to in the report.

Councillor Simon Holbrook declared a personal interest in agenda item 15, 'Regional Waste Strategy – Draft Update' (see minute 264) due to his employment.

Councillor Bob Moon declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 38, 'New Ferry Butterfly Park - Request for Compulsory Purchase Order Powers' (see minute 287) due to his involvement with the volunteers.

Councillor Phil Davies declared personal interests in agenda items 4 and 6 'Outcome of Statutory Notice Consultation on the Proposed Relocation of Gilbrook Special School' and 'Review of Secondary School Places Phase 1 – Mixed Academy' (see minutes 253 and 255 respectively) by virtue of him being a school governor and on the governing body of Wirral Metropolitan College. Also a personal interest in agenda item 8, 'Valuing People Now – A Three Year Strategic Commissioning Framework for People with Learning Disabilities' (see minute 257) by virtue of him being a nonexecutive Director of NHS Wirral.

Councillor George Davies declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 6, 'Review of Secondary School Places Phase 1 – Mixed Academy' (see minute 255) by virtue of him being a governor of Park High School.

The Chief Executive, Steve Maddox, declared a personal interest in agenda item 6, 'Review of Secondary School Places Phase 1 – Mixed Academy' (see minute 255) by virtue of him being on the governing body of Wirral Metropolitan College.

## **255 REVIEW OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES PHASE 1 - MIXED ACADEMY**

(Councillor G Davies, having declared a prejudicial interest in this item (see minute 249) left the room during its consideration)

The Director of Children's Services sought ratification for the Expression of Interest for a Mixed Academy on the site of Park High School, and asked for approval to commence the statutory consultation process for closure of the predecessor secondary schools.

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Lifelong Learning expressed his

thanks to the Director and all his staff who had contributed to turning around the Expression of Interest in such a short timeframe following the decision of Cabinet on 9 December, 2009 (minute 221 refers), the Statement of Intent being signed by the Minister for Schools and Learners on 21 December, 2009. He also thanked the DCSF and Governing Bodies of both Park and Rock Ferry High Schools and expressed his delight that both universities, Chester (as lead sponsor) and Liverpool were on board as part of the sponsor team.

Resolved – That:

- (1) the Cabinet notes Ministerial approval of the Expression of Interest for the Mixed Academy and the commencement of Feasibility; and
- (2) approval be given to the Director of Children's Services to undertake all necessary formal consultations on the closure of the two predecessor schools as set out by guidance.