

MINUTES

#### EXECUTIVE

#### 5.00 p.m. – 5.20 p.m.

9 June 2010

- Present: Councillors Morphew (Chair), Morrey (Vice Chair), Arthur, Blakeway, Bremner, Brociek-Coulton, Sands and Waters
- Also Present: Councillor Stephenson

#### 1. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** to agree the accuracy of the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 26 May 2010.

# 2. UNITARY STATUS – CESSATION OF IMPLEMENTATION WORK

The Director of Transformation introduced the report and informed members that in light of the recent developments by the new coalition government, work on unitary had been severely cut back. There was still a statutory requirement to continue with the Implementation work until the order in place had been removed. The House of Lords had ruled that the bill should be examined to decide whether this should be treated as a hybrid bill, which could give a two week delay. The Government was still intent on stopping the bill. Expenditure had been reduced as far as possible and would be kept to a minimum. He said some of the unitary work would be of use in the future as part of phase two of the improvement and efficiency programme and he confirmed that any expenditure would come from the existing budget and resources.

**RESOLVED** to note the steps already taken to scale back unitary implementation activity.

# 3. DIBDEN ROAD DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

**RESOLVED** having considered the report of the Head of Strategic Housing Services and following consultation it was agreed to -

- (1) undertake further work on the report;
- (2) report back to 23 June Executive for deliberation with no public debate.

# 4. GENDER EQUALITY SCHEME

The Director of Transformation outlined the interim scheme which may need to change in line with the Single Equality Scheme.

During discussion the Chair said there would be a need to rekindle work done on the living wage and look at the impact any cuts to the public sector would have on the private sector employers and to work with them to assess the effect cuts would have on single parents, individuals and the vulnerable.

**RESOLVED** to approve the interim gender equality scheme for 2010-2011 for publication.

CHAIR