

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION MEETING

29 JULY 2008

Chairman: * Councillor David Ashton

* Denotes Member present

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS**PART II - MINUTES**60. **Declarations of Interest:**

RESOLVED: To note that there were no declarations of interests made by Members in relation to the business transacted at the meeting.

61. **Arrangement of Agenda:**

RESOLVED: That (1) in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the following item be admitted late to the agenda by virtue of the special circumstances and grounds for urgency detailed below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Special Circumstances/Grounds for Urgency</u>
9. Key Decision: Oxhey Lane Flood Defence Works – Oxhey Lane Farm	The approval contained in this report was required in order to carry out essential flood defence work and for work on site to commence immediately in order to comply with the work programme.

(2) all items be considered with the press and public present with the exception of the following item for the reasons set out below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
9. Key Decision: Oxhey Lane Flood Defence Works – Oxhey Lane Farm	The report was exempt from publication under paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) in that it contained information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

62. **Minutes:**

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 4 July 2008, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

63. **Petitions:**

RESOLVED: To note that no petitions had been received.

64. **Public Questions:**

RESOLVED: To note that no public questions were put at the meeting under the provisions of Executive Procedure Rule 16.

65. **Matters referred to the Executive Member:**

RESOLVED: That no matters had been referred to the Executive Member for reconsideration in accordance with the provisions contained in the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 22 (Part 4F of the Constitution).

66. **Reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committees:**

RESOLVED: To note that no reports had been received.

67. **Key Decision: Oxhey Lane Flood Defence Works - Oxhey Lane Farm:**

The Leader of the Council considered a confidential report of the Corporate Director of Community and Environment which sought approval for the construction of the Oxhey Lane flood defence works. The report was urgent as approval to start the works was required in order to remain on programme. Following questions from the Leader,

officers explained why the work was necessary, clarified key financial details and confirmed that public consultation had been carried out.

RESOLVED: That the Corporate Director of Community and Environment be authorised to approve the flood defence works at and adjoining Oxhey Lane Farm and, in consequence, to approve major variations to the agricultural tenancy of the farm, including the termination of the tenancy in relation to part of the premises and authorise service of a notice of entry to effect those works.

Reason for Decision: The flood defence works set out in the report were regarded as essential in protecting properties in Hatch End and the scheme represented the most cost effective solution.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 11.30 am, closed at 11.48 am)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR DAVID ASHTON
Chairman