PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION MEETING

7 JULY 2009

Chairman: * Councillor David Ashton

* Denotes Member present

PART I - RECOMMENDATIONS - NIL

PART II - MINUTES

76. **Declarations of Interest:**

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

77. Declarations of Any Dispensations Granted by the Standards Committee:

RESOLVED: To note that there were no declarations of any dispensations granted by the Standards Committee in relation to the business to be transacted at this meeting.

78. Minutes:

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2009, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

79. **Petitions and Public Questions:**

RESOLVED: To note that no petitions had been received or public questions put under the provisions of Executive Procedure Rules 15 and 16 respectively.

Matters referred to the Executive Member: 80.

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).

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

RESOLVED: To note that no reports had been received.

82. **Exclusion of the Press and Public:**

RESOLVED: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item, as it contained information under Paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, relating to information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings:

Item Title

10. London Authorities Mutual Limited

83.

<u>Key Decision: London Authorities Mutual Limited:</u> The Leader of the Council considered a report of the Director of Legal and Goverance on the options arising in the London Authorities Mutual Ltd. (LAML) case, following the Court of Appeal judgment in June 2009.

The report was urgent because the deadline for seeking permission to appeal was 8 July 2009, and counsel would need to draft extensive grounds for seeking permission.

Consideration was given to a range of options set out in section 2 of the report

RESOLVED: That the Director of Legal and Governance Services be authorised to seek permission from the House of Lords (soon the Supreme Court) to appeal the judgment of the Court of Appeal in June 2009 regarding the London Authorities Mutual Ltd case in accordance with option 4 which encompassed option 5, as outlined in section 2 of the report.

(Note: The meeting having commenced at 5.30 pm, closed at 5.42 pm)

(Signed) COUNCILLOR DAVID ASHTON Chairmán