# CABINET MEMBER FOR ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY SAFETY DECISION MEETING

RECORD OF DECISIONS of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety Decision Meeting held on Tuesday, 8 October 2013 at 9am at the Guildhall, Portsmouth

Councillor Gerald Vernon-Jackson welcomed Councillor John Ferrett, Labour Spokesperson and officers to the meeting.

## 19. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Robert New and Eleanor Scott sent their apologies.

## 20. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interests.

#### 21. Delegation of Illegal Money Lending Enforcement

Alan Cufley, Head of Corporate Assets, Business & Standards introduced the report which was to provide information about the continuing work of the illegal Money Lending Section (MLS) of Birmingham City Council and to seek approval for their continued authorisation to operate in Portsmouth until 31 March 2015.

He said that there was a minor amendment to the recommendations to record that the Leader of the Council on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety would be taking the decisions. This was agreed.

#### **DECISIONS:**

The Leader of the Council on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety

- (1) Approved the delegation of the function of the enforcement of Part III of the Consumer Credit Act 1974 to be carried out in the City of Portsmouth by Birmingham City Council and delegated the power of prosecution to Birmingham City Council for any matters associated with or discovered during an investigation by the illegal money lending team.
- (2) Agreed the "Protocol for Illegal Money Lending team investigations" (attached at appendix 1) and that authority be delegated to the Head of Corporate Assets, Business & Standards to enter into this agreement on behalf of Portsmouth City Council.

#### 22. Terms of Reference

#### **DECISION:**

That the Leader of the Council on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Environment & Community Safety agreed the terms of reference for this portfolio as set out in the published papers.

The meeting concluded at 9.05 am.
Chair