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HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Councillor Gilbert,
Chairman of the Overview
and Scrutiny Committee.

Town Hall
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31st July 2009

Dear Councillor,

URGENT BUSINESS – ARTIFICIAL ICE RINK

Members are requested to consider the attached report which proposes the provision of a temporary Artificial Ice Rink in the Dome.

Over the past two years, around the Christmas period, the former Poulton Neighbourhood Management has organised an Artificial Ice Rink in the general area of the West End of Morecambe.

Cultural Services has since been approached by the promoter, “*Get Ya Skates On*” (GYSO), who provided the facility over the last two years with a view to similar arrangement in 2009, but specifically using the Dome as an indoor venue. The proposals presented to Cultural Services are over two periods, namely 30th July to 26th August (inclusive), and the 14th to the 24th December 2009 (inclusive).

The proposal is that Lancaster City Council hire the rink under one of the two options offered by GYSO. These options are laid out in the report, along with options analysis and officer preferred option. Officers from Cultural Services had appraised the proposals previously and have a written quote dated 13th May 2009. Whilst this quote is now out of date, the Service have been in contact with GYSO who have confirmed that they are available for the suggested dates of 30th July to 26th August (inclusive), and the 14th to the 24th December 2009 (inclusive).

The newly established Morecambe Town Council (MTC) are also aware of the approach made to Lancaster City Council, and following their meeting held on Thursday 16th July 2009 have written to Lancaster City Council offering a “Guarantee Against Loss” of up to £8,000. The Morecambe Town Council has stated that it is keen to work in partnership with Lancaster City Council in the organisation and promotion of events.

An Urgent Business Decision is sought in order to make the necessary arrangements to enable the opening of the Artificial Ice Rink as soon as possible.

The recommendations are:-

- (1) That Cultural Services, in partnership with Morecambe Town Council, take on the responsibility for organising an artificial Ice Rink in the Dome, as set out in the report.**
- (2) If approved, that the legal documentation be completed in advance of the event.**
- (3) That the Overview & Scrutiny Chairman be consulted with a view to waiving call in, in accordance with Overview & Scrutiny Procedure Rule 17, to enable immediate implementation.**

The approval of the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and relevant Cabinet Member has been sought to this action.

Subject to this approval, I would be grateful if you could consider the immediate implementation of this course of action and agree to waive the right of call-in, in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 17(a). Please complete the attached slip signifying your decision and return it to the Town Hall as soon as possible. In the meantime, could you please telephone Tom Silvani on 582132, or e-mail tsilvani@lancaster.gov.uk with your decision.

Yours sincerely,

HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

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URGENT BUSINESS – Artificial Ice Rink

*I agree/~~do not agree~~ (***please delete as appropriate**)

To this matter being treated as a matter of urgency in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 17(a) and therefore not being subject to call-in.

Signed: *J. Gilbert*

Dated: 31st July 2009

Chief Executive Decision

*I agree/~~do not agree~~ (***please delete as appropriate**) to this matter being treated as a matter of urgency in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 17(a) and therefore not being subject to call-in.

Signed: Mark Cullinan-----
Chief Executive

Dated: 31st July 2009-----

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