

RESOURCE PLANNING WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 JULY 2007

Present: Councillors E Woodburn, Chair; J Bowman, A Norwood, J G Sunderland

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A Holliday and P Watson

Officers: L Murphy, Chief Executive; S Bamforth, Head of Finance and Business Development; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; J Salt, Head of Customer Services; D Davies Head of Nuclear Policy & Sustainability; M Jepson Head of Legal & Democratic Services; T Capper Democratic Services Manager.

RP 2 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

RP 3 Council Priorities

Members discussed the process for determining the Council's spending priorities for the financial year 2008/2009.

The process of consultation with parish councils and other community organisations was discussed and it was agreed that a question and answer piece in the autumn edition of Copeland Matters in addition to roadshows would be useful.

Members agreed that the tone of the community consultation would be vital and should concentrate on spending priorities, not details of the budget setting process.

The Group discussed the current invitation to service teams to identify budget reductions of 5% as a contribution to overall savings.

The meeting closed at 11.35 am

Chairman