

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2006

Present: Councillors P Connolly (Chair); K Hitchen (Deputy Chair); D Banks; Mrs M Docherty; A Johnston; D Moore

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M Barnes; R Cole

Also present: Ms G Haddon; A Lytollis – Project Access

Officers: F McMorrow, Corporate Director (Economic Prosperity & Sustainability); S Lewthwaite, Economic Development and Tourism; J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer; L Taylor Member Services (Technical Support) Officer.

OSC-EW115 **Minutes**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 21 June 2006 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

OSC-EW116 **Performance Management Report**

Members received a briefing on performance management for 2005-06 from the Director of Economic Prosperity and Sustainability, on the themes of interest to this committee - Creating and Sustaining a Healthy Local Economy and Managing the impact of the Nuclear Industry.

Members were informed that of the 47 targets for Creating and Sustaining a Healthy Local Economy 37 had been completed and of the 21 targets for Managing the Impact of the Nuclear Industry 18 had been completed.

The Panel made the following points during consideration of this item

- E3_04 – That the A595 should be looked at in its entirety
- E3_08 – To look towards other estates and the introduction of environmental work and landscaping at Leconfield Industrial Estate
- E4_10 – That this Committee be involved in the tourism and strategy options paper.

RESOLVED that a Special Meeting of the Committee be arranged to consider the Draft Masterplan.

OSC-EW117 **Sea Change Programme**

Members were given an update on the priorities for the Sea Change Programme. It was noted that along with the consultants, several sub groups including the Whitehaven Regeneration Steering Group and the Town Centre Task Group were contributing towards the Implementation Plan

Members stressed the importance of regular updates from the various sub groups involved. It was pointed out that all priorities and policies should be made by elected Members. It was therefore

RESOLVED that

- a) the minutes of all steering groups involved in regeneration, including the Sea Change Programme be made available to the Committee and
- b) that the Implementation Plan be brought to this Committee for consideration

OSC-EW118 **Project Access**

The Committee received a presentation from consultants Allan Lytollis and Gillian Haddon of Project Access, which encourages the take up of broadband for businesses in West Cumbria.

The presentation informed members of take up figures up to June 2006 along with locations identified by postcode, towns and districts.

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted

OSC-EW119 **Work Plan**

Members received and noted the work plan of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

RESOLVED that

- a) A detailed report on Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Schemes be provided and

- b) That the Economic development and Tourism Officer provide Members with an update of progress made with the Tourism Strategy

OSC-EW120 Forward Plan

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions to be taken by the Executive was received and noted.

The Meeting Closed at 3.35pm

CHAIR:.....

SIGNED:.....