

Copeland Borough Council  
Overview and Scrutiny Committees  
Work Plan 2007-08

Management					
Topic	Why	How	Who	Status	Report Due
Call Ins			Contact Neil White		As and when needed
Work plans			Contact Neil White		Each meeting
Process Improvement Team	Background, monitoring and future		Contact Bob Gerry		September meeting
Performance Management	To monitor and review	Quarterly report	Contact: Hilary Michael		September meeting
FMS	Effect of implementation of the new system		Contact: Catherine Nicholson	Report available July	September/October meeting
West Cumbria Strategic Partnership	Joint Committee	Recommendation Reports to Partnership Board January 2007	Contact: Jane Murray (Allerdale)	Next meeting on 28 September	Report back from Joint meetings
Communications Strategy	Monitor		Contact Ian Curwen	Position noted on first draft at OSCPR 19 February 2007	Not immediate – later on in 2007
Cumbria Strategic Partnership/Local Area Agreement		Joint working (county-wide)	Contact: Mike Heaslip	Workshop being held on 21 September 2007	To come back as and when needed
Dignity at Work policy	Member sub group		Contact: Len Gleed	Needs overhaul requires further work	Scoping report October meeting
Compassionate Leave Policy			Contact: Len Gleed	06/11/06 OSCPR137 asked that this review be added to the work plan	Later on in 2007
Staff Recruitment and Retention Policies	To assess the effectiveness of the policies		Contact: Len Gleed	To be determined	Later on in 2007

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Restructure Review Sub-Group			Contact Liam Murphy	06/11/06 OSCPR137 asked that this review should continue on the work plan	Later on in 2007
Accessible Information Policy and Guidance	To assess effectiveness of policy	Monitoring report	Contact Jane Salt	Executive to be consider	End of financial year
Training	With Executive and Senior Officers		Contact: Tim Capper	November 1	Later on in 2007
Use of contingencies	From Call In	Task and Finish	Contact: Sue Bamforth	To be determined	Later on in 2007
Customer Service Commitments	Monitor the effectiveness	Report back	Contact: Marissa Joyce	Survey finished Summary due to be ready for end of April	To come back as appropriate
Gerson Efficiency Savings	Regular monitoring	Each Meeting	Contact: Hilary Michael	Later on in 2007	Twice Yearly
Complaints' Monitoring		Quarterly report	Contact: Marissa Joyce	Executive agreement August 2007	Further reports as solutions developed
Urgent Actions	Are they being used appropriately?	Report back	Contact Neil White	Completed – To go to Executive	Six months review in 2008

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Children, Young People and Healthy Communities					
Topic	Why	How	Who	Status	Report Due
Concessionary Fares – yearly review What impact has the free bus travel had on costs of the scheme?	Examine any increase in take up of bus pass vs vouchers and consider overall cost of the scheme.		Contact: Catherine Nicholson	Vouchers being issued at moment (April 2007). Report most useful early summer when take up can be assessed	October meeting
Housing Strategy	What links to Supporting People Strategy		Contact: Debbie Cochrane	Update on Supporting People/Housing Strategy/Homelessness could be prepared for June	Future meeting
Mental Health	To look at the outcomes of the decision to close mental health wards in Whitehaven by the North Cumbria NHS Trust.		Contact Neil White	Meeting being arranged with the County Council	To come back following the County Meeting
Community Call for Action	Further training on the implications for the Council		Contact Neil White	Training arranged for 2 October	
Arts Development	Monitoring – IDEA Action Plan update		Contact Peter Tyas	This year's Joint Working Framework to be circulated to all members next month	Later on in 2007
1-7-07 no smoking ban	Evaluate action plans and monitor necessary targets	Task and Finish Group with SSC	Contact: Vic Emmerson	Executive agreed on 1 March 2007 that a) a 0.5 full-time equivalent of 2 Smoke free Enforcement Officers to be employed by Allerdale Borough Council be funded by the Council; and b) the funding as received from the Department of	Later on in 2007

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				Health be spent as outlined in para 3.1 and 3.3 with any under spend carried over into the financial year 2007/2008.	
Sports development	Monitoring – informal briefing to committee	Annual report	Contact Kimberley Wilson	Last report 01/03/07 OSCSOC136	Not until 2008
Green Spaces strategy and play strategy	Health benefits of active play for all ages. Green gyms, outdoor gyms, play equipment designed for all ages.		Contact: Ruth Walsh	07/06/07 – CYPH 03/07 Update report to future meeting	Later on in 2007

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Economic Development and Enterprise					
Topic	Why	How	Who	Status	Report Due
West Cumbria Strategic Master Plan	Be kept informed on the key meetings and decisions taken on the master plan		Contact: Fergus McMorrow/ Liam Murphy	Awaiting Government approval	As appropriate
Community engagement - Medium/long term nuclear storage	Challenge		Contact: David Davies	Awaiting a consultation timetable	Future meeting
Whitehaven Town Centre and Coastal Fringe Task Group	Update on current progress		Contact: Mike Tichford	Reported to August 2007 meeting further updates needed	October meeting to update on progress
Pow Beck and Housing and Community (South Whitehaven) Task group	Update on current progress		Contact: Mike Tichford	Reported to August 2007 meeting further updates needed	December meeting to update on progress
Joint review to look at car parking policies across Cumbria	Joint Review		Contact Neil White	First meeting in September	To come back as appropriate
A review of the enforcement of conditions attached to planning decisions.	To look at how effectively this is done by the council	Task and Finish	Contact Neil White	To be done after the review of planning appeals	Later on in 2007
Planning Appeals	To look at how appeals against planning decisions are dealt with by the council	Task and Finish	Contact Neil White	Being considered by Planning Panel	6 month review in 2008

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Safer and Stronger Communities					
Topic	Why	How	Who	Status	Report Due
Rural Transport Grant	How does it work, is financed and how does it meet its objectives	Pre-scrutiny briefing from Cumbria C C	Contact: (Cheryl Cowperthwaite)	Could do a presentation on the Grant criteria and accessibility – would like 3 to 4 weeks notice	October meeting
Doorstep recycling	Regular monitoring		Contact: Janice Carrol	Recommendations to Executive 24 April 2007 26/02/07 OSC-ENV143 Requested an update report in six months time on targets achieved by the doorstep recycling collection service	Update report in October
Bereavement Strategy			Contact: Stephen Benn	2 April 2007 OSC-ENV149 – Strategy to be brought back when completed (September)	October meeting
Energy Policy	Increased use of renewable energy and energy efficiency and reduction of fuel poverty	Methodology to be discussed. Cllrs Hewitson; Brannay, Barnes; Jackson; Meter	Contact Neil White	Sub Group established	October meeting
Grass Cutting and the Cleaner Greener Team	To understand the council's policies on grass cutting	Report	Contact: Toni Magean	Next meeting	October meeting
Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership	Joint Committee CBC/ABC/CCC		Contact: Jane Murray (Allerdale) / Alan Gunston (Cumbria CC)	Initial work to start after elections	Later on in 2007
Joint Scrutiny: Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership			Contact David Taylor (Carlisle) / Jane Murray (Allerdale)	Recommendations accepted at Council	Monitoring report needed in April/May 2008

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Environmental Health	How we are going to achieve highest national standards		Contact Vic Emmerson	Not yet started	Later on in 2007
Enforcement Performance	Monitor on a month by month basis the performance of the enforcement unit against its targets.	Task and Finish	Contact Neil White	Sub Group established	As necessary