

COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICE

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Summary: This report invites Members to consider funding arrangements for the Community Legal Service from 2008-09 onwards.

Recommendation: That a small cross – OSC working party be convened to consider funding arrangements for the Community Legal Service from 2008-09 onwards.
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Financial and human resource implications: The sub-group is being invited to consider funding arrangements for 2008-09 onwards. Any recommendations will be fed into budgetary considerations for 2008-09 onwards. Servicing of the proposed sub-group can be accommodated within existing resources.

1. INTRODUCTION AND RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 In 2004, a small sub-group of OSC Members considered the appropriate level of grant-funding for the Whitehaven and Millom CAB's and for the Community Law Centre. In order to help with the organisations medium-term planning recommendations were made to the Executive for the re-structure of their grant funding and for funding over a three year period – for 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08. The two CAB's have now merged into Copeland CAB.
- 1.2 In order to allow suitable time for assessment of the organisations' funding requirements for 2008-09 onwards it is recommended that a small sub-group be set up, selected from Members of the OSC Social Well-being and OSC Performance and Resources. Those recommendations would be passed to the Executive to help to inform the Budget process for 2008-09.

List of Appendices: None

List of Background Documents: Service Level Agreement for Copeland CAB and Community Law Centre.

List of Consultees: Chair OSC PR, Chair OSC Social Well-being, Portfolio Holder, Chief Executive, Head of Finance and Business Development.

