

**Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny  
Committee – 15 August 2007**

**Item 6  
Appendix C**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
-ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> MAY 2006**

Present: Councillor Mrs A Bradshaw (Chair); Cllr Mrs E Eastwood (Deputy Chair in the Chair); Mrs M Barnes; B Dixon; A Johnston; Mrs J Johnston; F McPhillips; J Park; G Scurrah; W Southward

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor N Clarkson

Officers: Mrs J Carrol, Waste Services Manager; Mr S Bishop, Enforcement Manager; Mr S Mullen, Scientific Officer; Ms J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2006 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**OSC-EN111 Arrangement of the Agenda**

**RESOLVED:** to follow agenda item 5 with agenda item 7, take an additional item on doorstep collections thereafter; to be followed by the update on Enforcement Business Plan, followed by a further additional item on the contaminated land strategy.

**OSC-EN112 Items for which the Press and Public will be excluded**

The item on Doorstep Collections to be considered with the press and public excluded on the grounds that there is likely to be a disclosure of exempt information under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12 A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

**OSC-EN113 Update on Public Toilets**

Members received an update on the recommendations made by this Committee and accepted by the Executive:

- Signage had not yet been installed.
- Revised procedures had been issued to all cleaning staff, who were reporting faults on a regular basis.

- There had been an audit on six random faults which had uncovered that due to the maintenance work being outsourced, the Council was not logging when the work had been completed. An action had been issued by the Audit to the department to ensure that this now happened.
- Cleaning guidance had been updated and issued to all staff.
- Vandal-resistant toilet roll holders have been installed in St Bees, Cleator Moor and Whitehaven (Millom and Egremont are purpose-built unit toilets).
- Most of the locks have been removed. Two remain as there is still an expectation that £3,000 income is achieved.
- No special events had since taken place, but there is a willingness to consider longer opening, budgets permitting.
- The Council is talking to the Parish Council to see whether there is a local person who could assist with locking and unlocking the toilets at St Bees.
- A request was made to the Western Lake District Partnership to include toilet facilities in tourist maps.
- Millom Town Council were considering options for the Lancashire Road toilets, which were better used than the Copeland Borough Council's own toilets.

**RESOLVED:**

- That enquiries be made with respect to signage and reported back to the Committee.
- That audit be asked to carry out a further six month check to ensure that a log was being maintained of when work was being completed.
- That the Chair and the Waste Services Manager seek to resolve the pay lock issue.
- That enquiries are made with the Western Lake District Tourism Partnership to establish whether maps were now showing public toilet facilities.