

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2005

Present: Cllrs P Connolly (Chair); A Johnston; D Moore; J Prince

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Johnston; K Hitchen

Also present: County Councillor Tim Knowles; Cllr W Southward

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September were received and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

OSC-EW96

Attendance at meetings

The Chair asked that his disappointment at the number of people who were not attending the Committee without tendering apologies be recorded.

OSC-EW97

Cleator Moor and Area Regeneration Delivery Group

County Councillor Tim Knowles, Chair, gave a briefing on the group which is at appendix 1 to the minutes.

RESOLVED: that the briefing be noted.

that the Group consider the inclusion of the relevant Portfolio Holder in its membership.

OSC-EW98

Forward Plan

The Committee received and noted the forward plan of key decisions to be taken by the Executive.

OSC-EW99

Work Plan

The Committee received and noted the work plan of the Scrutiny Committees. Members felt that a cohesive voice on regeneration was needed for Copeland.

RESOLVED: that briefing be provided on all the people delivering or facilitating regeneration in Copeland, their programmes and strategies with a view to examining, by means of two small sub groups, whether all partners were moving in the same direction.

The meeting closed at 3.50 pm

CHAIR:.....

DATE:.....

CLEATOR MOOR AND AREA REGENERATION DELIVERY GROUP

In the course of his briefing to the Committee, County Councillor Tim Knowles made the following points:

- That following the wind up earlier this year of Cleator Moor Regeneration Ltd, set up to deliver the Single Regeneration Budget, it was decided to set up a body to ensure that momentum was not lost.
- This was an unincorporated body. It sought representation from all sectors of the community, including Local Authorities, Town and Parish Councils, the Business Support Centre, and interest groups such as retailers, clubs etc.
- The Group would cover, Cleator Moor and Cleator; Arlecdon and Frizington; Ennerdale and Kinniside; Lamplugh and Weddicar.
- The aim of the group was to facilitate and ensure delivery of the regeneration parts of the Parish Plans, concentrating on improvements to the built environment, in contrast to the Single Regeneration Budget programme, which had concentrated in the main on social aspects of regeneration.
- The group were additionally aware of the mini-masterplanning exercise carried out by Copeland Borough Council and were looking forward to the active involvement of the Council in their group when the regeneration posts had been filled.
- They saw an immediate need for improvements to the Leconfield Industrial Estate; Gateway projects and significant demand for office space.
- They were additionally aware that there was £3m of regeneration money earmarked for this area through the regeneration companies. The group was seeking to add value by supplying a local project management arm, multiplying available funds.
- They were applying for funding (£180,000 over three years) for a project manager who would be based in and supported by administration from the Business Centre by means of service level agreement. They hoped to advertise before the end of the year.
- The group was concerned that, just having achieved the refurbishment of the former Cleator Moor Business Centre, that the Council should have chosen to stop funding from the Cleator Moor Civic Hall (to take effect it is believed, from the end of January). While there have been recent positive moves as to its future use, they felt the decision was not helpful.