

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
Performance Management	To monitor and review	Quarterly report	Contact: Hilary Mitchell	Last reported November 2007	Next quarter
West Cumbria Strategic Partnership		Joint Committee	Contact: Jane Murray (Allerdale)	Last meeting on 15 November	Report back from Joint meetings
Communications Strategy	Monitor		Contact Ian Curwen	Position noted on first draft at OSCPR 19 February 2007	Not immediate – 2008
Cumbria Strategic Partnership/Local Area Agreement		Joint working (county-wide)	Contact: Neil White	Practitioners to consider	To come back as and when needed
Dignity at Work policy		Task and Finish Group	Contact: Neil White	First meeting scheduled 3 January 2008	To come back when completed
Compassionate Leave Policy		Task and Finish Group	Contact: Neil White	First meeting scheduled 3 January 2008	To come back when completed
Staff Recruitment and Retention Policies	To assess the effectiveness of the policies	Task and Finish Group	Contact: Len Gleed	To be determined	After the Dignity at Work/Compassionate Leave work
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 2007	To be reported at January 2008
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



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Children, Young People and Healthy Communities					
Topic	Why	How	Who	Status	Report Due
Concessionary Fares	Consider how the budgetary overspend for concessionary travel can be reduced in this financial year; and  what lessons can be learned from this review for future years	Task and Finish	Contact: Neil White	Considered at 6 December 2007 meeting	Going to Executive 18 December 2007
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 with the County Council on 2 October	To come back following the County Meeting on 3 January 2008
Arts Development	Monitoring – IDEA Action Plan update		Contact Peter Tyas	This year's Joint Working Framework to be circulated to all members next month	In 2008
1-7-07 no smoking ban	Evaluate action plans and monitor necessary targets	Task and Finish Group with SSC	Contact: Jackie O'Reilly	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	In 2008



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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 – last reported August 2007	Future meeting
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	Report to Executive November 2007
Joint review to look at car parking policies across Cumbria		Joint Review	Contact Neil White	Joint Scrutiny meetings finished to be considered by County Council and then all Councils consulted	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	Considered by Planning Panel and Council in October	6 month review in 2008

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Safer and Stronger Communities					
Topic	Why	How	Who	Status	Report Due
Energy Policy	Increased use of renewable energy and energy efficiency and reduction of fuel poverty	Task and Finish	Contact Neil White	Recommendations agreed	To go to Executive
Bereavement Strategy			Contact: Stephen Benn	2 April 2007 OSC-ENV149 – Strategy to be brought back when completed	In 2008
Doorstep recycling	Regular monitoring		Contact: Janice Carrol	Last reported December 2007	Update report in June 2008
Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership	Joint Committee CBC/ABC/CCC		Contact: Jane Murray (Allerdale) / Alan Gunston (Cumbria CC)	Home Office has announced a delay in the implementation of certain parts of the Police and Justice Bill – awaiting developments	In 2008
Joint Scrutiny: Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership			Contact David Taylor (Carlisle) / Jane Murray (Allerdale)	Considered at Joint Scrutiny Group	To be considered by County Council environment Scrutiny Panel
Environmental Health	How we are going to achieve highest national standards		Contact Jackie O'Reilly	Not yet started	In 2008
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
Drug Use	To get a better understanding of how drug abuse is dealt with across Cumbria	Report/Presentation	Contact: DAT team	Agreed at October meeting	Future meeting

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