

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

MEETING HELD ON 4 APRIL 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors M Ashbrook; G Blackwell; G Clements; J Hewitson; N Williams

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Miss E Woodburn; A Holliday; H Wormstrup

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Dr J Stanforth, Chief Executive; T Chilcott, Corporate Director Quality of Life; S Borwick, Head of Finance and Business Development; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; H Mitchell, Head of Policy & Performance; M Tichford, Head of Regeneration; H Crozach, Performance Improvement Manager; J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer; D James, Member Services Officer;

B Kirkbride, Economic & Tourism Development Manager & J Smith, Regeneration Projects Officer – Item considered on Grounds of Urgency NPDB & Agenda Items 1 – 8; K Parker, Head of Leisure and Environmental Services - Item considered on Grounds of Urgency NPDB

Note: -

- a) Items NPDB Procurement – Pensions and IEG Return 2006 were considered on grounds of Urgency; and
- b) Item 7 – Renovation Grant – Debt Write Off was withdrawn from the agenda

START TIME: 10.00 AM CLOSE TIME: 10.50 AM

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive of Copeland Borough Council dated 4 April 2006

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statements of Executive Decisions	
Date of Decision: 4 April 2006	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/05/190	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Ashbrook

Context: Decisions made at the previous meetings requiring formal approval

Key Decision Status:
No

Decision
That the Statements of decisions made at the meeting held on the 14 March 2006 be agreed as a correct record.

Explanation
N/A

Alternative Options Considered: N/A

Interests Declared: N/A

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: Urgent Item	
Subject: NPDB Procurement - Pensions	
Date of Decision: 4 April 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/05/191	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Ashbrook

Context:

To seek Executive approval to an alternative method of funding the pension's deficit in relation to those employees subject to transfer to North Country Leisure Ltd on 1 April.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That a) the current contribution rate be maintained until the next triennial revaluation is carried out;

b) the budget working party be asked to consider, as part of the 2007/08 budget process, whether a lump sum should be made to reduce the overall level of the pension deficit; and

c) the Human Resources Manager be asked to arrange for a presentation to be made by the County Council and Capita on the current pension situation.

Explanation

Executive on the 14 March resolved that

“The pensions under funding for the transferring employees be met by a single payment at a maximum of £240,000, and the Head of Finance and Business Development be authorised to identify the most appropriate source”

However just prior to the new arrangements going live the deficit was received at the much higher figure of £550,000, this report sets out to deal with this deficit.

Alternative Options Considered:
None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 5	
Subject: Forward Plan	
Date of Decision: 4 April 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/05/193	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Ashbrook

Context: To consider the forward plan of key decisions for April - July 2006

Key Decision Status:

N/A

Decision

That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions be noted.

Explanation

N/A

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared:

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 6	
Subject: Trusteel Houses	
Date of Decision: 4 April 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/05/194	

Portfolio Holder: G Clements

Context:

To clarify The Council's position in regard to support to occupiers of Trusteel Houses and to seek retrospective approval for appointment of consultants to oversee the programme.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That

- a) the process as detailed in the report for supporting owner occupiers of Trusteel properties be approved; and**
- b) the retrospective appointment of Atkins consultants/advisors to oversee the programme be noted and agreed**

Explanation

On the 17 January 2005 the executive agreed to support recommendations of the Trusteel Housing working party in regard to investment into addressing structural integrity of the properties this report aims to clarify the Council's support to owner-occupiers and the eligibility/level of resources that are made available subject to individual circumstances.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 7	
Subject: Renovation Grant – Debt Recovery	
Date of Decision: 4 April 2006	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/05/195	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: M Tichford

Context:

Note: This item was withdrawn from the Agenda due to additional information being received which may result in the debt being recoverable.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That the item be withdrawn from the Agenda

Explanation

N/A

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared:

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: Cleator Moor Business Centre 2006-07	
Date of Decision: 4 April 2006	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/05/196	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: M Tichford

Context:

This report seeks approval for a Service Level Agreement for 2006 -07 in regard to Cleator Moor Business Centre.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That

- a) the end year Service Level Agreement Report be noted; and**
- b) Service Level Agreement for 2006-2007**

Explanation

This report considers proposed targets for the Service Level Agreement 2006-07 which are based on projected services to be delivered taking into account potential workspace vacancy management.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: The Tourism and Conservation Partnership	
Date of Decision: 4 April 2006	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/05/197	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Ashbrook

Context:

To consider whether the Council should become a Member of the Tourism and Conservation Partnership.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That a corporate membership of The Tourism and Conservation Partnership be taken out, for a 3 year period, subject to funding being available and the receipt of satisfactory progress reports on work undertaken in the borough be approved.

Explanation

The work of The Tourism and Conservation Partnership is becoming well recognised throughout the county and it is looking to expand in membership.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared:

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 10	
Subject: Review of the UK Assisted Areas	
Date of Decision: 4 April 2006	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/05/198	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder:

Context:

A draft response to the Department of Trade & Industry's consultation paper has been prepared by Cumbrian partners. Copeland Borough Council has the opportunity to sign up to the joint response which argues the case for the retention of Assisted Area Status in West Cumbria and Furness

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

The the draft Cumbrian response to the national consultation, to support the case for Copeland retaining its eligibility for Assisted Area Status within the constraints of national policy be endorsed.

Explanation

As a result of wholesale changes in state aid regulations, the Department of Trade & Industry (Dti) is conducting a review of the Assisted Areas, the current designation of which expires at the end of December 2006. A draft response to the Department of Trade & Industry's consultation paper has been prepared by Cumbrian partners. Copeland Borough Council has the opportunity to sign up to the joint response which argues the case for the retention of Assisted Area Status in West Cumbria and Furness

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 11	
Subject: AD HOC Tender List – Valuation and Estate Management Services	
Date of Decision: 4 April 2006	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/05/199	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: S Borwick

Context:

This report seeks Members approval under Contract Standing Order 8.4.2 to an Ad Hoc list of Contractors for Term Contract for provision of Valuation and Estate Management Services, and seeks delegation of acceptance of a tender. During consideration of this item it was noted that not all financial appraisals had been completed and it was recommended that any decision should be subject to this being completed.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That subject to satisfactory financial appraisals the list of three Contractors be approved , and to delegate authority for acceptance of a Tender to the Heads of Legal and Democratic Services and Finance and Business Development, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and Chairperson of the Policy and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Explanation

The Valuation and Estates Management function has now been successfully outsourced for two years, with the existing contract due to end in June 2006. A Contract Notice has been placed in the European Journal in accordance with Standing Orders and three Contractors have responded, applying for inclusion in an Ad Hoc List.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared:

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: Urgent Item	
Subject: Implementing Electronic Government Return	
Date of Decision: 4 April 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/05/200	

Portfolio Holder:

Context:
To present the final position on the Implementing Electronic Government Programme

Key Decision Status: No

Decision
That the attached IEG 6 return be noted and submitted to Council for approval

Explanation
For the past four years the Council, in common with all other local authorities, has been required to implement a programme of changing the way that services are provided through use of technology. The target set by Government was that by 31 December 2005 all services that were capable of being delivered electronically would be. In order to ensure that work was managed properly and IEG Board was established and this has received regular reports on progress. Regular returns have been made to the Government throughout the four year IEG programme and this report seeks approval for the final return.

Alternative Options Considered:
None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Subject: Exclusion of Press and Public	
Date of Decision: 4 April 2006	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/05/201	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor N Williams

Context: Excludes Press and Public from Meetings for exempt items Appendix to Item 11

Key Decision Status:

Decision

That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds of exempt information as identified in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

Explanation

N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: Appendix to Item 11	
Subject: AD HOC Tender List	
Date of Decision: 4 April 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/05/202	

Portfolio Holder:

Context:

To Note the appendix to

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That the appendix be noted

Explanation

N/A

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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