

**COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

**MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Ms E Woodburn; G Blackwell, G Clements; N Williams; H Wormstrup

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Ashbrook; C Geil; A Holliday

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:** L Murphy, Chief Executive; S Borwick Head of Finance and Business Development; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; J Hughes, Regeneration Strategy Manager; D James, Member Services Officer

B Kirkbride, Community Renewal Manager; S Walker, Egremont Regeneration Manager; Agenda Items 1-9; S Bishop, Enforcement Manager, Agenda Items 1-10

**START TIME: 4.00PM      CLOSE TIME: 5.20PM**

**CERTIFICATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statement of Decision	
Date of Decision: 5 September 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0082	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Ashbrook

Context:  
Decisions made at the previous meeting requiring formal approval

Key Decision Status:  
No

Decision  
**That the Statements of decisions made at the meeting held on 15 August 2006 be agreed as a correct record**

Explanation  
N/A

Alternative Options Considered:  
None

Interests Declared: None

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**Copeland Borough Council**

**Statement of Executive Decision**

Agenda Item: 5	
Subject: Forward Plan	
Date of Decision:	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0083	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Ashbrook

Context:  
To consider the forward plan of key decisions for September - December 2006

Key Decision Status:  
No

Decision  
**That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions be noted**

Explanation  
N/A

Alternative Options Considered:  
None

Interests Declared: None

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## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 6	
Subject: Egremont Market Town Initiative/Regeneration – Town Gateway	
Date of Decision: 5 September 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0084	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Geil

Context:

To provide greater detail on the Egremont Gateway Scheme, including minor revisions in applications for previously reported, to provide detail of funding sources and bankrolling requirement for the project.

Key Decision Status:

No

**Decision**

**That**

- 1. the project through bankrolling to the limits as detailed in the report be supported; and**
- 2. the allocation of the British Nuclear Group market town funding for 2006/07 or the project be noted and agreed.**

Explanation

The Council agreed at the Executive Committee Meeting of the 25 July 2006 to support the project by acting as applicant and accountable body this report gives progress to date.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: Councillor Ms E Woodburn declared a personal interest in this item due to being Chairman of the Egremont and Area Regeneration Partnership.

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### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 7	
Subject: Cumbria Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document and Sustainability Appraisal	
Date of Decision: 5 September 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0085	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor N

Context:

To consider the proposed draft SPD on Wind Energy prior to submission to Full Council for adoption.

Key Decision Status:

No

**Decision**

**That**

- 1. the draft document be agreed and released for consultation purposes;**
- 2. prior to the Supplementary Planning Document being completed the Landscape Assessment Team be requested to look again at the area in North Copeland indicated as having moderate to high landscape capacity (to absorb wind energy development) given a high proportion is already designated as a Landscape of County Importance.**

Explanation

The Cumbria County Council, in association with most other Cumbrian local planning authorities has proposed a draft SPD on Wind Energy. The document is designed to help planning authorities deal with this type of development particularly in relation to recent government and regional policy requirements. It is intended to consult widely on the document as a joint authority exercise and to report back with any proposed changes to Full Council for adoption.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: Draft Statement Of Community Involvement	
Date of Decision: 5 September 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0086	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Councillor G Blackwell

Context:

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced many changes to the planning regime operating in England and Wales.

The Council is required to produce a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) as part of the new Planning system. The Statement of Community Involvement aims to set down how and when the Council will involve the local community in the planning process

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

**That the draft Statement of Community Involvement for public consultation be approved.**

Explanation

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 came into effect in September 2004 and replaced the Local Plan system with the Local Development Framework.

The Local Development Framework will consist of a series of documents known as Local Development Documents (LDDs).

The Council is required to produce a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) as part of the Local Development Framework. The purpose of the Statement of Community Involvement is to set out the Council's policy in relation to involving the community in the development and preparation of Local Development Documents and in the determination of planning applications.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None
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## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: West Cumbria Delivery Team	
Date of Decision: 5 September 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0087	

Portfolio Holders: Councillor M Ashbrook

Context:

To consider a recommendation for a way forward through the formation of a single delivery team for West Cumbria

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

**That the proposals within the paper: “West Cumbria Delivery Team – creating a single regeneration delivery organisation for West Cumbria” in principle, subject to:**

- a) the inclusion of a commitment to a dedicated board as part of the governance of the Team**
- b) further details on**
  - i. the numbers and make up of the team;**
  - ii. proposals to ensure equality of service for each Borough; and**
  - iii. Key Priority 9**

**be brought back to the Executive for its agreement.**

Explanation

Copeland, and West Cumbria, has significant current and future regeneration challenges but limited resources to deliver projects. This report recommends a way forward through the formation of a single delivery team for West Cumbria

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 10	
Subject: Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005	
Date of Decision: 5 September 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0088	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor A Holliday

Context:

This report seeks approval from members for the Council to utilise powers made available to Local Authorities under the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

**That**

- a) powers be delegated to the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services to allow, subject to the conditions below, officers/representatives of agencies to become 'authorised officers' of the council to enforce powers under the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 and other relevant legislation relating to minor Environmental Crimes;**
- b) any income received through enforcement by third parties (other than the Police Community Support Officers), is used to support their own enforcement activities; and**
- c) the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services be allowed to revoke the delegated powers where required if they are not used in line with the Council's policies and procedures**

Explanation

Powers to deal with minor environmental crime (dog fouling, littering, fly-posting) have previously been exclusive to Council officers and the power to authorise officers were delegated to the Head of Leisure and Environmental Services by the Council Executive on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2002. Recent changes to legislation in the Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 now allow for 'Authorised Officers' of the Council to be empowered to support Safer, Cleaner & Greener initiatives. This report gives recommendations for progression.

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Alternative Options Considered: None
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Interests Declared: None
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## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 11	
Subject: Local Area Agreement for Cumbria - Draft Outcomes	
Date of Decision: 5 September 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0089	

Portfolio Holder: H Mitchell

Context:

This report seeks agreement of the Executive to the development of the Local Area Agreement for Cumbria, in particular the emerging outcomes framework

Key Decision Status:  
No

Decision

**That a) consideration and determination of this report be deferred to the next meeting of the Executive; and**

**b) all Members be invited to a presentation on the draft Local Area Agreement prior to further consideration on the 26<sup>th</sup> September.**

Explanation

N/A

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 12	
Subject: Geographic Information Systems (Gis)/Information Management Officer	
Date of Decision: 5 September 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0090	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor N Williams

Context:

This report seeks agreement of the Executive to fund an additional post to promote and develop the Council's work in an area of improving the way it does business.

During consideration of this item it was noted that approval to include an additional post within the Council's establishment was delegated to the Personnel Panel and therefore should be referred to them for determination.

Key Decision Status:

No directive

Decision

**The**

- 1) subject to the Executives directive that no additional funding would be made available the recommendation to appoint a Gis/Information Manager and include the post in the Council's permanent Establishment be referred to the Personnel Panel for consideration and determination; and**
- 2) subject to Personnel Panel approving the additional post of Gis/Information Manager delegated authority be given to the Head of Policy and Performance in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to ensure that funding is available within existing budgets to a maximum of £17,000**

Explanation

N/A

Alternative Options Considered:

- 1) That the Executive agrees to appoint a GIS/Information Management officer for the remainder of 2006/7 at a maximum cost of £17,000; and
- 2) That the post is added to the Council's permanent establishment.

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