

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

MEETING HELD ON 19 DECEMBER 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Miss E M Woodburn (Leader); M Ashbrook; G Blackwell G Clements; Mrs C A Giel; A Holliday; N Williams; H Wormstrup.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: L Murphy, Chief Executive; T Chilcott, Corporate Director (Quality of Life); F McMorrow, Corporate Director (Economic Prosperity and Sustainability); S Borwick, Head of Finance and Business Development; M Jepson, Head of Legal & Democratic Services; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; M Tichford, Head of Regeneration; J Salt, Head of Customer Services; C Nicholson, Accountancy Services Manager, D James, Member Services Officer

START TIME: 2.00 PM

CLOSE TIME: 2.30PM

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive of Copeland Borough Council dated 16 January 2007

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statements of Decisions 19 December 2006	
Date of Decision: 16 January 2007	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/06/147	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

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 19 December 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: 6	
Subject: Draft General Fund Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax 2007-08	
Date of Decision: 19 December 2006	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/06/148	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Ms E Woodburn

Context:

To recommend to Council the 2007-08 Revenue Budget and additions to the Capital Programme and to inform members of the estimated Council Tax to be levied for the financial year 2007-08

Key Decision Status:

Ward – Yes
Financial - Yes

Decision

That Council be recommended to that:

- 1) the base budget be increased from £9,594,101 to £10,158,076, including recurring bids of £340,150;**
 - 2) the non-recurring revenue bids of £876,522 be agreed;**
 - 3) the additions to the capital programme for 2007-08 of £1,262,285 be agreed;**
 - 4) the resources as identified in paragraph 5 of the report be utilised for the 2007-08 budget;**
 - 5) the Council tax base to the Chief Finance Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council be approved;**
 - 6) the Budget Requirement be set at £10,605,775 for 2007-08; and**
 - 7) the BWP resume in January 07, to consider ways in which reductions to the recurring base budget can be made.**
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Explanation

This report set out the timetable for the budget process along with the timetable to be followed and the consultation exercises that would be undertaken.

The Budget and Policy Framework approved in the constitution allows for a conflict mechanism if the Council does not agree with proposals by the Executive. No figures have yet been received from the County Council or Police Authority, some parish precepts are outstanding and the Formula Grant settlement (revenue support grant from central government) is draft. Therefore at this stage, only the level of Council tax relating to Copeland can be recommended.

Much of the detailed work of the budget preparation has been undertaken by Accountancy together with the Resource Steering Group. The proposals have then been put forward to the Budget Working Party for consideration. Meetings have been held regularly with the Budget Working Party, and their recommendations are included in this report.

A separate meeting open to all OSCs has also taken place, where Members were consulted on the process and recommendations made to date.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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