

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

MEETING HELD ON 16 FEBRUARY 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Ms E Woodburn, Chairman; G Clements; J Bowman; A Holliday; C Giel; N Williams

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G Blackwell

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: B Dinsdale, Interim Chief Executive; K Parker, Acting Corporate Director Quality of Life; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; P Graham, Head of Development Operations; J Crellin Head of Finance and MIS; J Salt, Head of Customer Services; J Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy; A Clark, Accountancy Serviced Manager; A Treble Capital Accountant; R Gurney, Economic Development Manager; D James, Member Services Officer

C Boyce, Legal Services Manager

START TIME: 10.30 AM

CLOSE TIME: 11.40 AM

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive of Copeland Borough Council dated 16 February 2010 Copeland Borough Council

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statements of Executive Decisions	
Date of Decision: 16 February 2010	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/09/0115	

Portfolio Holder: Ms E Woodburn

Context
To consider the Statement of Executive decisions made on 10 February 2010

Key Decision Status:
No

Decision
That the Statements of Executive Decisions made on 10 February 2010 be signed as a correct record.

Explanation
N/A

Alternative Options Considered:
None

Interests Declared: None

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Call-in Period Expires on: 26 February 2010	Contact Officers: M Jepson
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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 6	
Subject: Revenue Budget 2010/11	
Date of Decision: 16 February 2010	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/09/0116	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Ms E Woodburn

Context:

This report provides Members with the Council's Budget Proposal for 2010/11 and the provisional budget for 2011/12 and 2012/13. The budget proposal has been prepared by the Resources Planning Working Group and Executive is asked to consider this report and recommend the proposals to Council for approval.

The proposal provides an update to the budget agreed in the Medium Term Financial Strategy (2008/09 – 2010/11) which was agreed by Council in February 2008.

During consideration of this item Members thanked staff for their hard work.

Key Decision Status:

YES

Decision : That Council be recommended to approve:-

- a. the budget requirement of £15.875 million for 2010/11, funded by £13.104 million of general government grants and Council Tax; £1.697 million of earmarked reserves (consistent with the existing MTFS), £0.696 million of expected carry forwards and existing approvals from 2009/10 and £0.378 million of general fund balances;
 - b. the Budget and Council Tax resolution as shown in Appendix E. This appendix is incomplete but will be complete for Council once the information is received;
 - c. that Council Tax be increased by 2.8% for 2010/11 and subsequent years. This would result in an additional rise of approximately 6.2 pence per week for a Band A property and 9.3 pence per week for B and D properties in 2010/11. It is important to remember that every 1% of Council Tax increase generates only £39,000 increase in total Council Tax revenue for the Council. Copeland's share of the total Council Tax demand for 2010/11 is 13%;
 - d. maintaining Member Allowances at the current 2009/10 rates and to not apply an index linked increase for 2010/11.
 - e. the proposed fees and charges schedules for Services.
 - f. note the provisional budget figures of £14.513 million for 2011/12 and £14.613 million for 2012/13 subject to Government final settlement figures for these years. This indicates a potential budget gap of £1.404 million and £1.731 million respectively for these two years, dependant on assumptions of grant reductions.
 - g. Note the utilisation of earmarked reserves to support the budget proposals of £2.393 million in 2010/11 (and £0.378 million from General Fund balances) and provisional utilisation of earmarked reserves of £0.617 million in 2011/12 and £0.279 million in 2012/13. Earmarked reserves are expected to be £1.872 million by 31st March 2013, and General Fund Balances are expected to be £2.092 million by 31st March 2013.
 - h. the Revenue Reserves Strategy set out in Appendix G which provides clarity and a framework to consider reserves in the future.
 - i. note the Head of Finance and MIS consideration of the robustness of budget estimates to comply with the Local Government Act 2004 (Section 25) and the requirement to revise the Medium Term Financial Budget in the next two months in readiness for the impending Comprehensive Spending Review 2010 (para 8.1); and
 - j. to note that both the Revenue and Capital Budget Proposal will be posted on the Council's website to enable further comment and views to be sought before the Council meeting of 2nd March 2010
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Explanation

In accordance with Councils Budget setting Process

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 7	
Subject: Draft Capital Programme 2010/11 to 2012/13	
Date of Decision: 16 February 2010	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/09/0118	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Ms E Woodburn

Context:

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of the proposed Capital Programme 2010/11 – 2012/13. This proposed Capital Programme has been reviewed and considered by Resources Working Group. The report sets out the proposed financing for the Programme and the estimated capital resources available to fund it.

If approved, this capital investment will assist in ensuring the Council delivers its front line services and meet its key objectives and priorities over the next 3 years as set out in its Corporate Plan.

Key Decision Status:

Yes

Decision :

That Council be recommended to:

- (i) approve, in principle, the three year capital programme for 2010/11 – 2012/13, summarised in Appendix A, subject to further appraisal of each scheme.**
- (ii) note that before new schemes commence, they are to be further appraised by a PID being prepared and presented to Corporate Improvement Board and formally approved by Executive.**
- (iii) note the proposed capital programme for 2010/11-2012/13, of £11,299,344 and that this could be funded from capital receipts reserve and drawing upon existing borrowing, assuming £7,636,500 of capital receipts are realised in the three year period.**
- (iv) note the make up of the proposed programme expenditure being:
 - a) Managed commitment from 2009/10 of £1,653,744 (as indicated in Q1, Q2 & Q3 monitoring).**
 - b) Existing capital schemes already approved in 2009/10 programme of £1,928,790 and**
 - c) New schemes of £7,717,210****
- (v) note that 35.51% of the proposed capital programme will be funded from external grants and contributions from external agencies**
- (vi) note the inclusion of a ‘Schemes under development’ project relating to the potential development of Albion Square which may result in a requirement to fund (from existing borrowing). This represents forward planning on the part of the Council at this early stage and Executive will receive further reports as necessary.**
- (vii) note the use of the Residual Right to Buy reserve to fund the housing capital programme, but the draw down on this reserve from 2011/12 will be subject to review and formal agreement, linked to an assessment of Council priorities and other external funding opportunities. Therefore, the funding requirement included in the programme for 2011/12+ can only be viewed as provisional at this stage in respect of housing.**

Explanation

In accordance with Councils budget setting process.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: Treasury Management	
Date of Decision: 16 February 2010	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/09/0119	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Ms E Woodburn

Context:

This report sets out the proposed Treasury Management Strategy its Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy for 2010/11 and consequently, fulfils four key legislative requirements concerning the expected treasury operations of the Council, setting the framework for the Council's borrowing and investment activities and the funding of the Capital Programme.

Key Decision Status:

Yes

Decision : That Council be recommended to approve the six key elements of the Council's Treasury Management Statement; its Investment Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy 2010/11: -

- 1. the Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2010/11 to 2012/13;**
- 2. the Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement which sets out the Council's policy on MRP;**
- 3. the Treasury Management Strategy 2010/11 to 2012/13, and the treasury Prudential Indicators;**
- 4. the Authorised Limit Prudential Indicator;**
- 5. the Investment Strategy 2010/11 contained in the Treasury Management Strategy, and the detailed criteria, (noting the inclusion of the Cumberland Building Society and Furness Building Society in the counter party); and**
- 6. the revision to the Council's constitution and financial regulations. This revision nominates the Audit Committee to ensure effective scrutiny of the treasury management strategy and policies.**

Explanation

In accordance with Councils budget setting process.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared:

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: The Lighthouse Centre Haverigg	
Date of Decision: 16 February 2010	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/09/0120	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Giel

Context:

This report outlines a new project to construct The Lighthouse Centre on land at the rear of Haverigg School which will accommodate a social enterprise, adult training and community services centre ('the Project') and the Council's involvement in and contribution to the Project.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision :

That (a) the Council supports the Project and acts as accountable body/guarantor for the WLR grant of up to £200,000;

(b) the Council's administration fee of 1% of the WLR grant be allocated to the Project as an in-kind contribution; and

(c) a further report be made to the Executive on this Project in April 2010.

Explanation

Millom and Haverigg is identified in the North West Development Agency's Operational Plan as an area in need of economic regeneration and an area that does not have adequate education, training, leisure, arts and cultural facilities.

Following discussions over a number of years, the Lighthouse Centre Committee (with representatives including Millom & Haverigg Economic Development Group ('MHEDG'), Millom Federation of Schools, Haverigg Social Enterprise Childcare Business) commissioned specialist management consultants, Innovation, to carry out an in-depth survey and analysis and to consider options for redressing the regeneration needs of the area.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared:

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