

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

HELD ON 12 MAY 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Woodburn; George Clements; Hugh Branney; Allan Holliday; Peter Kane and Gillian Troughton

Councillor H Wormstrup attended the meeting for Agenda Items 1 - 8

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Walker, Chief Executive; Janice Carrol, Interim Head of Copeland Services; Julie Betteridge, Head of Customer and Community Services; Darienne Law, Interim Manager; Angela Brown; Interim Financial Services Manager; Ann Treble, Project Accountant; John Groves, Strategic Nuclear and Planning Manager; Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager; Denise James, Member Services Officer

Leila Cox, Communications Officer, Agenda Items 1- 14

START TIME: 4.00 PM

CLOSE TIME: 5.45 PM

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the 12 May 2014

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 3	
Subject: Declarations of Interest	
Date of Decision: 12 May 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0126	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To note declarations of Disclosable and Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: Councillor Hugh Branney declared a Non DPI in Agenda Item 14 Social Investment Funding due to being a director of Works 4 You and left the meeting during its consideration.

Explanation: N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: N/A

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 6	
Subject: Forward Plan May – August 2014	
Date of Decision: 12 May 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0127	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider the Forward Plan of Key Decisions May – August 2014

Key Decision Status: No

Decision – That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions May - August 2014 be noted

Explanation: N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 7	
Subject: Whitehaven Community Governance Review	
Date of Decision: 12 May 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0128	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Kane

Context: To update Members of work carried out by the Whitehaven Community Governance Review Panel.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That the report be noted and further update reports be submitted when appropriate.

Explanation: N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: EU Assisted Area Status Map	
Date of Decision: 12 May 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0129	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Kane

Context: To inform Members of the inclusion of Wards in Copeland within the EU Assisted Area Status Map.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That the inclusion of wards in Copeland within the EU Assisted Areas Status Map be noted.

Explanation: Assisted Area status is a European designation that permits specific geographical (less economically advantaged) areas in Member states to access financial support. This support primarily encourages business growth, principally around the manufacturing sector which can positively affect these locations and the whole UK economy.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: Copeland Housing Strategy Year 4 Delivery Plan	
Date of Decision: 12 May 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0130	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor George Clements

Context: To receive the Copeland Housing Strategy Year 4 Delivery Plan.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That a) the Year 4 Strategic Housing Delivery Plan, 2014/15 be noted;
b) the release of £10,000 from the strategic housing ear marked reserve set aside to resource evidence gathering in support of our statutory duties to the strategic housing cost code to fund the refresh of the 2010 Copeland Housing Survey in 2014/15 financial year be agreed;
c) the release of £10,000 from the strategic planning ear marked reserve set aside to resource evidence gathering in support of our planning policy statutory duties to the strategic housing cost code to fund the additional business and temporary accommodation needs research to inform our revised Strategic Housing Market Assessment in 2014/15 financial year be agreed;
d) thanks be given to staff for their hard work in making the improvements;
e) a further update report be submitted in 6 months.

Explanation: The Annual Delivery Plan outlines the partnership and Council actions required to deliver the overarching strategic objective 'to ensure the housing available in the Borough support the health, safety, welfare, sustainability and distinct economic and social ambitions of our communities'.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 10	
Subject: Copeland Repossession Toolkit	
Date of Decision: 12 May 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0131	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor George Clements

Context: To consider a recommendation from the Strategic Housing Panel to agree the Copeland Repossession Toolkit.

During consideration of this item Members asked for the possibility of a three year review being included in the Toolkit which would enable the recovery of the loan, if appropriate.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That subject to the inclusion of a mechanism to enable the funds to be recovered earlier, if appropriate, and this detail being delegated to the Head of Customer and Community Services, the Interim Financial Services Manager in consultation with the Portfolio Holder the repossession Toolkit be agreed.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 11	
Subject: Flood Support Scheme	
Date of Decision: 12 May 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0132	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Hugh Branney

Context: This report outlines the range of centrally funded national flood support schemes being offered and Executive is asked to support these being offered in Copeland.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That

- a) the national schemes in accordance with the central government rules be supported, and
- b) the implementation of the scheme be delegated to the Acting Head of Copeland Service in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and the Portfolio Holder.

Explanation: A range of time limited national financial support schemes are being made available to help home owners and businesses specifically affected by the severe weather during December 2013 - March 2014. Details of the application and funding processes for schemes are still emerging, and therefore officers are looking at which of these schemes will apply in Copeland and how they will be applied.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 12	
Subject: Unitary Governance in Cumbria	
Date of Decision: 12 May 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0133	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Elaine Woodburn

Context: This report updates Members on the current position with regard to Unitary Local Government in Cumbria.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That participation with other Authorities in Cumbria be supported.

Explanation: To update Members on the current position on unitary local government in Cumbria following initial discussions between the Cumbrian districts.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 13	
Subject: Funding for Heat Exchange Network	
Date of Decision: 12 May 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0134	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Elaine Woodburn

Context: To make Members aware of the process of seeking funding; to seek agreement to supporting the process and to agree a process of governance which ensures that any control and management of grant funding, in line with DECC requirements is passed to BEC.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That additional submissions in collaboration with BEC and other relevant partners relating applications for funding relating to heat networks be agreed subject to the completion of necessary agreements which ensure that whilst the Council may be the applicant for funding – accountabilities and liabilities are passed onto to BEC or other partners taking lead responsibility for the schemes.

Explanation: This report relates to the potential benefits which might be secured for residents of the Borough, initially in terms of the receipt of funding through Central Government into research into the feasibility of setting up district heat networks, and should feasibility be demonstrated in providing more energy efficient and cost effective for communities within the Borough.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 14	
Subject: Social Investment Funding	
Date of Decision: 12 May 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0135	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Hugh Branney

Context: Executive are being requested to agree the receipt and conditions of receiving an additional grant amount of £100,000 further to the request to agree the receipt and conditions of £400,000 per year at the March 2014 Executive.

During consideration of this item it was noted that although this was a 5 year programme, annual reassurances of funding will be made by Energy Coast West Cumbria Board as confirmation.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That the receipt and approve the spend profile as set out in the report of an additional £100,000 social investment grant each year during 2014-2019 to the Council to deliver social conditions for growth be agreed.

Explanation: Social investment resources will be used over five years to fund discretionary services to our residents around (discretionary- lose) access to leisure and employability through environmental improvements in the first two years (2014-16) and including financial and social inclusion related services in years 2 to 5 (2015-19).

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Agenda Item:	
Subject: Exclusion of Press and Public	
Date of Decision: 12 May 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0136	

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: Excludes Press and Public from the meeting for Agenda Item 12

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for Agenda Item 15 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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Agenda Item: 15	
Subject: Social Investment Funding Delivery Arrangements	
Date of Decision: 12 May 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0137	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Hugh Branney

Context: The employability through environmental improvement programme, which is part of the Social investment resources received from Energy Coast West Cumbria, will be delivered through the maintenance of various open spaces sites throughout the Borough and act as an employment and training initiative for the benefit of Copeland residents and communities.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That the action proposed to be taken by the Chief Executive under paragraph 2.2 of the Council's Contract Procedure Rules to allow employability through a contract for grounds maintenance services to be entered into with Works 4 You Limited as an exception to the Rules be approved. To offer a 2 year contract with a one year break clause linked to the social investment funding commitments.

Explanation: Social investment resources will be used over five years to fund discretionary services to our residents around (discretionary – lose) access to leisure and employability through environmental improvements in the first two years (2014-16) and including financial and social inclusion related services in years 2 to 5 (2015-19).

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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