

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

HELD ON 25 MARCH 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor Allan Holliday (in the Chair); Hugh Branney; Peter Kane and Gillian Troughton

Councillors Alan Forster; Graham Sunderland and Ian Hill also attended the meeting

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors George Clements and Elaine Woodburn

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Walker, Chief Executive; Pat Graham, Head of Service; Janice Carrol, Waste Services Manager; Julie Betteridge, Head of Regeneration and Community; Ann Treble, Project Accountant; Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager; Denise James, Member Services Officer

START TIME: 10.00 AM

CLOSE TIME: 11.55 AM

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the 25 March 2014

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 3	
Subject: Declarations of Interest	
Date of Decision: 25 March 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/01	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 10 - Social Investment Funding due to being a trustee of "work 4 you"

Explanation: N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: N/A

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 6		
Subject: Forward Plan March – June 2014		
Date of Decision: 25 March 2014	Decision made by:	
Decision Reference: EXE/13/01	Full Executive	
Portfolio Holder: N/A		
Context: To consider the Forward Plan of Key Decisions March – June 2014		
Key Decision Status: No		
Decision – That the forward plan of key decisions March – June 2014 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: 7	
Subject: Storm Damage Update	
Date of Decision: 25 March 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/01	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Kane

Context: To consider a report identifying options for remedial action arising from weather related infrastructure damage caused during the December 2013 to February 2014 period. Subject to repair work being concluded this report results in flood and coastal defences continuing to protect property.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That

- a) a maximum of £150,000 be released from the Coastal Management Reserve to undertake repairs and associated work in relation to the Council's assets, as follows:
In 2013/14 the net amount (residual) required once all eligible Bellwin expenditure has been claimed; and
In 2014/15 the remainder of the maximum £150k, required to fund relevant works.
- b) officers supports partners in relation to Whitehaven Harbour, Seamill Lane, and the Whitehaven Cattle Arches to develop flood and coastal defence repairs on the proviso there is no financial contribution from the Council;
- c) where necessary to secure external funding, the Council act as accountable body in relation to the three projects identified in b)
- d) officers submit a Bellwin application for the maximum possible expenditure permissible under the scheme and report back to Executive when the outcome is known. Funding received through the Bellwin scheme to be returned to the Coastal Management Reserve; and

Explanation: To formalise the release of funding to effect storm repairs and to agree support and accountable body arrangements for work which would otherwise not be undertaken by this Council.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: CAMEO National Burden Sharing	
Date of Decision: 25 March 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/01	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Kane

Context: This report provides Members with the details of the national mercury abatement scheme now that details have been published of how burden sharing will operate.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That the the detail of the report be noted and the previously agreed release of £25,000 from the "Tmac formerly Cameo" earmarked reserve means the Council's mercury abatement obligations in the 2013 calendar year is already funded be noted.

Explanation: Participating in the Tmac trading scheme through Cameo Ltd enables the Council to seek to be managing its mercury abatement obligations in a transparent way. In doing so it also provides a cost effective option for the Council to meet these obligations without an excessive burden falling on the bereaved

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: Coastal Interpretation Project	
Date of Decision: 25 March 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/01	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Hugh Branney

Context: To consider a report informing Executive that a grant offer of £21,874 from North & West Cumbria Fisheries Local Action Group (FLAG) has been made, and an application for a further £20,400 is currently being considered by Heritage Lottery Fund (outcome known in March). If the HLF application is successful the report seeks delegated authority to the Head of Regeneration & Community to accept the grant funding and implement the scheme.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That grants of £21,874 from North & West Cumbria FLAG and £20,400 from the Heritage Lottery Fund be received which will be matched by £10,950 of Copeland Borough Council funds which are currently allocated to the scheme through the Coastal Initiative.

Explanation: The project sits within the Copeland Coastal Initiative aimed at enhancing and celebrating Copeland's coast.

The project will significantly improve interpretation along the Coast to provide both a better visitor experience and increase understanding of the industrial and cultural heritage of the coast alongside its environmental importance.

Information regarding marine litter will also be displayed to foster a more responsible attitude to the coastal environment.

Current interpretation provision along Copeland's coast is sporadic, of varying quality and in some cases illegible due to weathering. This project will install interpretation at 11 key locations along the coast, in both traditional and digital format. Currently there is no marine litter information

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 10	
Subject: Civic Hall Update	
Date of Decision: 25 March 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/01	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Hugh Branney

Context: Members received a verbal update from the Chief Executive who had attended a meeting with a group looking to secure the Whitehaven Civic Halls future. It was noted that the group had been given a little longer to develop their proposals into a business plan which would be submitted back to the Council for consideration.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That a) the update be noted; and
b) it be noted that as a result of the closure of the civic hall in October 2013, the asset will be reclassified in the 13/14 financial statements from 'operational' to 'non-operational' until such time that a decision on its future is made. This reclassification is purely for accounting purposes and has no impact on the building or any future decision regarding its use.

Explanation: To look at valid options for the future of Whitehaven Civic Hall

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item:	
Subject: Exclusion of Press and Public	
Date of Decision: 25 March 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/01	Full Executive

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 Items 12 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: 12	
Subject: Beacon Museum Project	
Date of Decision: 25 March 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/01	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Hugh Branney

Context: To consider a report setting out the five year Business Plan for the collaborative operating model of the Beacon and updates the Executive on the operating arrangements including the lease and grant. Agreement to the business plan and operating detail will formally move the Council into the collaborative operating model from 1st April, 2014.

During consideration of this item Members asked for a thank you to be given to both Officers and Members for all their hard work and commitment during this project.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That

- a) the Beacon Museum 5 Year Business Plan 2014-19 to support the collaborative operation from 1 April 2014 be noted, and the assumptions and estimations used based on existing evidence and Beacon Museum track record with an annual review undertaken after year 1. Within this to support the role of the business plan as a dynamic working document subject to continuous revision using operational and updated evidence and to be subjected to a structured annual review to test the assumptions and ensure the business plan continues to be financially viable;
- b) the continued use of the Beacon Sinking Fund as an ear marked reserve within the Council receiving 100% of any surplus generated in any year being carried forward for the use by the Beacon Collaboration Steering Group to a) to manage the profit and loss variations as required in the first instance, and b) enable exhibition refresh and new galleries linked to our collection be agreed;
- c) the monthly, quarterly and annual performance management arrangements for the collaborative operating model to provide strong monitoring on the operational detail and agree the membership of the Collaborative Steering Group of 3 representatives for the Council from 1 April, 2014, as Head of Customer and Community and the Deputy Section 151 Officer be noted;
- d) the progress of the lease with Sellafield Ltd be noted;
- e) the receipt of an annual grant from Sellafield related to services provided by the Beacon Museum on a monthly arrangement for the five years April 2014 to March 2019 and to delegate to the Head of Customer and Community in consultation with the Deputy Section 151 officer the approval of the final terms and conditions of this grant offer the expectation of which are detailed at 2.2 of the report be approved;
- f) the staffing requirements during the first and second years of the business plan and the planned approach within the Council's change management policy and procedures to take the relevant papers through the Council to enable any changes to the existing team and agree the extension of the existing Visitor Host pool to 31 March 2015 by which time the pool will have been reviewed against collaborative operating experience be noted;
- g) the updated strategic risk assessment within the business plan as the Beacon Museum moves from the risk of closure following the Council's budget reduction measures into a five year calculated risk as a commercially driven and sustainable collaborative operating model in line with the business plan and the regular monitoring of this in line with recommendation (c) above be noted; and
- h) the progress on the project to prepare the building and install new galleries on floor 2 and floor 3 in readiness for the formal opening of the Beacon Museum under the collaborative operating model be noted.

Explanation: To progress the Beacon Museum Project

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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