

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

MEETING HELD ON 21 APRIL 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Miss E Woodburn; H Branney; G Clements; C Giel; A Holliday and N Williams

An apology for absence was received from Councillor G Blackwell

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: F McMorrow, Acting Chief Executive; K Parker, Acting Corporate Director, Quality of Life; J Salt, Head of Customer Services; J C Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy; P Graham, Head of Development Operations; J Crellin, Head of Finance and Information Systems; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; C Coombs, Acting Head of Leisure and Environmental Services; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; D James Member Services Officer

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START TIME: 10.30AM

CLOSE TIME: 12.30PM

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive of Copeland Borough Council dated 21 April 2009

Copeland Borough Council
Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statement of Decision	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0142	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context:
To consider the statement of decisions made at the meeting held on 10 March 2009.

Key Decision Status:
No

Decision
That the statements of decisions made on 10 March 2009 be signed 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: 3	
Subject: Arrangement of the Agenda	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0143	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context:
To consider the order in which the items are taken.

Key Decision Status: N/A

Decision
That Agenda items 14 & 15 Revenue Budget 2008/09 and Capital Programme 2008/09 be considered last of the Part 1 items

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: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0144	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context:
To consider the Forward Plan of Key decisions May – July 2009.

Key Decision Status:
N/A

Decision
That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions May – July 2009 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: Corporate Improvement Plan	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0145	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor E Woodburn

Context:

This report presents to Executive the Corporate Improvement Plan for the 2009/10 municipal year. Built on the Corporate Plan 2007/12 the intention is to provide a more succinct, focussed annual plan from which members, partners and the public will be able to measure our performance.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That the Corporate Improvement Plan 09/10 be confirmed

Explanation

Since September last year work has been progressing to develop the Council's Corporate Plan to make it a simpler, more focused plan which can be readily understood by Members, Partners, employees and the public.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 7	
Subject: Councillor Training and Development – Recommendation from the Member Development Panel	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0146	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor N Williams

Context:

To consider a recommendation from the Member Development Panel to disband the Panel and appoint a Member champion for Councillor development.

Key Decision Status:
No

Decision
That Council be to recommend to disband the Member Development Panel and appoint a Member Champion for Councillor development in Copeland.

Explanation

The Council's accreditation to the NWE0 Member Development Charter is due for renewal in September 2009. The Member Development Panel has been considering ways in which councillor development at Copeland could become more focussed as part of preparation for accreditation renewal, as there is a great deal of work still be done at both member and officer level if accreditation renewal is to be achieved.

Alternative Options Considered:
None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: Service Level Agreements – Citizens Advice Bureau and Community Law Centre	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0147	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor A Holliday

Context:

This report asks Members to approve Service Level Agreements for both Copeland Citizens Advice Bureau and Community Law Centre

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That one year SLAs with an Option for the Council to continue funding for two further separate years subject to adequate budget being in place and satisfactory performance under the SLA be approved.

Explanation

At the Executive's meeting in March presentations were given by both organisations. Consideration of Service Level Agreements for them was deferred to allow further discussions involving the Head of Development Strategy and Councillor Giel. Members are now asked to consider the applications.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: Health Improvements	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0148	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor G Clements, C Giel, G Blackwell and H Branney

Context:

This report seeks Executive's endorsement of the West Cumbria Health Improvement Plan 2009/10 and to the creation of a health improvement officer position to help take forward the actions in the Plan especially as part of the Council's locality working arrangements and corporate responsibilities towards the health agenda.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That

- a) the West Cumbria Health Improvement Plan be endorsed and action taken, where appropriate to deliver on its key objectives; and**
- b) the appointment of a Health Improvement Officer, initially for a 2 year fixed term period, to help drive the Council's health improvement activities as part of locality working and within the Council's own workforce be agreed.**

Explanation

In late February the West Cumbria Health Improvement Action Plan 2009/10 was distributed to partners. The 2009/10 Action Plan is set within the context of the West Cumbria Health improvement Plan 2008-10 and Health Improvement Plan Baseline assessment 2008-10 which set out the health challenges facing West Cumbria and Copeland more specifically.

This report seeks Executive's endorsement of the West Cumbria Health Improvement Plan 2009/10 and to the creation of a health improvement officers position to help take forward the actions in the Plan especially as part of the Council's locality working arrangements and corporate responsibilities towards the health agenda.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 10	
Subject: Cumbria Climate Change Action Plan and Commitment	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0148	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor E Woodburn

Context:
This report provides details of the Cumbria Climate Change Commitment and outlines our work programme to assess Copeland's strategic position and priorities against the Cumbria Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan.

Key Decision Status:
No

Decision

That

- a) **the Council sign up to the principle of the Cumbria Climate Change Commitment;**
- b) **resources be prioritise to enable the delivery of this commitment in Copeland including the use of the annual settlement from government for climate change issues;**
- c) **the annual settlement resource through the Area Based Grant of £22,500 per annum (three year period) be used to establish a temporary strategic post in partnership with Allerdale Borough Council i.e. Climate Change Officer;**
- d) **the need for a Copeland Sustainability Officer be re-committed; and**
- e) **the Councils approach to develop the Copeland Climate Change Action Plan to deliver against the Cumbria Climate Change Action Plan with this being the subject of a future Executive Report be supported.**

Explanation

The Government expects local authorities to lead the national response on climate change.

The Cumbria Strategic Partnership's (CSP) Climate Change Strategy has been produced following extensive consultation in 2008. A draft CSP action plan on climate change has been produced to deliver the strategy. The Cumbria action plan has 146 recommendations across 11 topic areas

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 11	
Subject: LABGI (Local Authority Business Growth Incentives) Scheme Year 3 Allocations	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0149	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: C Giel

Context:

This report provides some update information on the Local Authority Business Growth Incentives (LABGI) scheme, an overview of funded activity to date and outlines a range of projects to utilise the funding to the benefit of the Copeland economy in 2009-11.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That

- a) the outline programme to spend the remaining LABGI allocations as detailed in the report be approved; and
- b) the signing off the detail of the projects be delegate to the Head of Development Strategy in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.

Explanation

The LABGI Scheme, which has been running since 2006/7, allows local authorities to retain a share of increased business rates revenue generated in their area.

The £897,766 has not been allocated in full. This paper seeks to address this. This programme to date has levered in a minimum of £276,000 additional funding for projects.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 12	
Subject: Cleator Moor Area Office	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0150	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor E Woodburn

Context:

To consider a recommendation that the Council's front line customer service delivery in Cleator Moor be transferred to the Library and for the office to become a Local Link where County and District Council share customer service delivery.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That

a) the recommendation that Council's front line customer service delivery in Cleator Moor be transferred to the Library and for the office to become a Local Link where County and District Council share customer service delivery be agreed in principle; and

b) the final decision be delegated to the Head of Customer Services in consultation with the leader of the Council once the budget and IT queries have been clarified.

Explanation

As part of the County wide initiative to improve access to services there was agreement at a joint meeting in February 2008 to develop and deliver a programme for the opening of face-to-face one stop shops to be branded as Local Links.

At its meeting on 9 December 2008 Executive agreed to commit to partnership working with joint service provision from the buildings.

The refurbishment of the Library in Cleator Moor provides an opportunity for Copeland to work with the County Council to join up the face of the Council for our customers and to become a Local Link.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council
Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 13	
Subject: Write Offs Approved by Corporate Team	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0151	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor E Woodburn

Context:
To note the writing off of debts approved by corporate team.

Key Decision Status:
No

Decision
That the writing off of debts totaling £49,739.73 be noted.

Explanation
Under the Council's Financial regulations all write offs must be submitted by the Service Manager to their Head of Service for counter signing before being considered by Corporate Team.
Once approved by Corporate Team a summary must be reported to Executive, this report is that summary.

Alternative Options Considered:
None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 16	
Subject: Albion Square Design Consultation	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0152	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor E Woodburn

Context:

To advise Members on progress with the project and with procurement of design and technical support team.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

Executive is asked to delegate the approval of an Ad hoc list of design and technical support teams to the Head of Development Strategy and the Head of Finance and MIS in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder

Explanation

A report was considered and approved by Executive on 10th February 2009 in connection with this project and potential Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). As part of the CPO process it is necessary for the Council to demonstrate that it genuinely intends to proceed with a scheme. The project group now wishes to appoint a design team to develop the scheme to the stage when a Planning Application may be made.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 17	
Subject: Changes to National Non Domestic Rating of Commercial Property	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0153	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Giel

Context:

Executive is asked to note the changes in the National Non Domestic Rating charges relating to vacant commercial property, and the effect on Council assets.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

Members are requested to agree to fund the unbudgeted NNDR cost related to Ginns in both 2008/09 and 2009/10 from the estimated revenue budget under spending in 2008/09, pending the decision on the appeal, and to the proposals for dealing with this as stated in 2.2. The NNDR charge is £16,005 for both years.

Explanation

As from 01 April 2008 the Regulations applying to the application of National Non Domestic Rates were amended to discontinue the relief available to empty commercial property.

The Council properties likely to be affected are those which are sold - during the period between acceptance of an offer and the time the transfer or exchange takes place; or those properties where tenants have vacated - whilst they remain vacant and are marketed for new tenants to take up.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 18	
Subject: Ginns Demolition	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0154	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Giel

Context:

This report considers the merit in demolishing the buildings/structures at the former Ginns Depot Preston Street.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

Executive is recommended to consider and agree to the proposal of demolition at an estimated cost of £50,000 funded from usable capital receipts and that the Capital Programme for 2009/10 be increased to accommodate this additional cost.

Explanation

In view of the limited potential in the near future for a successful redevelopment of the site, the cost of retaining the buildings, and the condition of the buildings Members may wish to consider demolition of the site. This would clear away the buildings now in poor condition; they contain asbestos, are subject to trespass and vandalism, they require continual security patrolling and replacement of protective boarding etc. The demolition would open out and clear the whole area to ground level around the existing terrace of dwellings. The overall benefit would be to improve the site visually and ready the site for development when the economic climate changes.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council
Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 19	
Subject: The Ginns Commercial Development Plan	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0155	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Giel

Context:

To advise Members on the outcome of a study commissioned to examine the development potential of The Ginns, Whitehaven.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That Members consider the range of actions set out in Section 6.2 of this report

Explanation

Following the withdrawal of ASDA's interest in developing a supermarket at The Ginns, White Young Green were jointly commissioned by Copeland Borough Council and West Lakes Renaissance to produce a Commercial Development Plan for the area. This is an update report.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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D James

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Contact Officers:
F McMorrow

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 20

Subject: Mineshaft Chapel Street Car Park

Date of Decision: 21 April 2009

Decision made by:

Decision Reference: EXE/08/0156

Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Giel

Context:

This report deals with the third phase in the completion of works to permanently remediate a mineshaft found below the car park at Chapel Street, Egremont

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

Members are recommended to agree to:

- a) Expend the capital budget of £264,000 as set out in 1.4
- b) The continuance of appointment of Capita Symonds and suspension of Contract standing Order 5.1.1 to 5.1.4.
- c) Phase 2 overspend of £9,800

Explanation

This is a progress report on the third phase of works on the mineshaft at Chapel Street car park.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 14	
Subject: Revenue Budget 2008/09 – Budget Monitoring Report	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0157	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder:

Context:
The purpose of this report is to provide a revenue budget forecast of the position at the year end, based on the actual position at 28th February 2009 (Period 11) and managers' projections

Key Decision Status:
No

Decision

That

- a. the Revised Revenue Budget of £13,983,780 to reflect adjustments of transfers from reserves along with the correction of the treatment of £500,000 budget relating to Renovation Grants - this is a capital programme item, and has been confirmed as part of the audit of the 2006/07 and 2007/08 Financial Statements be noted.
- b. the estimate forecast budget position at the year-end of a net underspending of £1,459,933 against the revised net Revenue Budget of £13,983,780. This consists of three elements:
- (1) £389,398 of underspending required to meet commitments which will fall due in 2009/10;
- (2) £390,000 of the underspending relating to activities supported by earmarked reserves and will be required in 2009/10; and
- (3) £680,535 of underspending which are uncommitted and can be returned to general fund revenue balances at year end
- be noted
- c. the initial carry forward requests for approval to 2009/10 which will be confirmed when the provisional outturn figures are reported to the Executive meeting in May. Corporate Team are preparing working papers to support carry forward requests as part of Closure improvements. Scrutiny of the accounting records 2008/09 continue as part of Closure of Accounts 2008/09 activity be noted.

Explanation

The purpose of this report is to provide a revenue budget forecast of the position at the year end, based on the actual position at 28th February 2009 (Period 11) and managers' projections.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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D James

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1 May 2009

Contact Officers:

J Crellin

Copeland Borough Council
Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 15	
Subject: Capital Programme 2008/09 – Budget Monitoring	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0158	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor A Holliday

Context:

The report provides the Executive with an indicative forecast outturn position at the year-end 31 March 2009 for the 2008/09 Capital Programme for both Housing and Non-Housing.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That Members note the progress against 2008/09 capital programme. A provisional outturn report will be presented to Executive in May

Explanation

The monitoring of the capital programme is undertaken monthly and a report to the Executive is presented at the end of each quarter. The Executive received a report at its February meeting which set out the monitoring position at 30th November. The Budget Report agreed at Council on 24th February included a projection of slippage of both programmes into 2009/10 of £2,254k. This report provides an update to that report and provides a forecast of expenditure at the year-end.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council
Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item:	
Subject: Exclusion of Press and Public	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0159	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context:
Excludes Press and Public from Meetings for Agenda Items

Key Decision Status:
No

Decision

That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds of exempt information as identified in paragraphs 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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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 21	
Subject: New Hospital Development Whitehaven	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0160	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Giel

Context:

This report considers the viability of entering into an Option Agreement for the purchase of land to enable the provision of a new hospital at Hensingham (with the land purchase to be paid by the developer).

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

Members are asked to consider and decide if the Council wishes to proceed at a cost of up to a maximum of £15,000. This could be funded from revenue reserves.

Explanation

To consider the viability of entering into an Option Agreement for the purchase of land to enable the provision of a new hospital at Hensingham.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 22	
Subject: Guidelines for the Award of Discretionary Rates	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0161	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor E Woodburn

Context:

The purpose of this report is to agree the basic guidelines to be adopted if applications are received for the award of Discretionary Rate relief.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That

1) the guidelines for granting discretionary rate relief be approved;
2) decisions regarding discretionary rate relief be delegated to the Head of Customer Services and the Head of Finance & MIS where the ratepayers circumstances meet the guidelines outlined in this report; and
3) appeals against refusal be heard by a Corporate Director.

Explanation

The purpose of this report is to agree the basic guidelines to be adopted if applications are received for the award of Discretionary Rate relief.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 23	
Subject: West Cumbria MRWS Partnership Facilitation Contract	
Date of Decision: 21 April 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0162	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor E Woodburn

Context:

This report seeks agreement to waiving standing Orders to allow competition for the facilitation contract for the Managing Radioactive Waste Safely Partnership meetings.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That the report be noted the position and agree to the adjustment.

Explanation

The Executive are asked to agree to waive standing orders to allow the commission to continue to beyond the May meeting subject to the contract being competed before the following meeting of the Partnership. The purpose is to allow the Partnership to maintain its current momentum

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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