

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (EXTERNAL)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 2012 AT 2:00 PM

Present: Councillors John Kane (Chairman); Eileen Eastwood (Deputy Chair); Jackie Bowman; Lena Hogg and William Southward.

Officers: Jessica Hall, Policy and Scrutiny Officer and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Apologies for absence: Councillors David Banks; Jon Downie; Robert Salkeld and Henry Wormstrup.

Also present: Councillors John Bowman; Geoff Garrity and Norman Williams.

OSC Ext 28/11 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2012 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

OSC Ext 29/11 Outcome of the County Council Consultation on proposals for changes to Social Care Services in Allerdale and Distington – Woodlands Care Home.

A copy of the response letter sent by the Committee to Councillor Airey at Cumbria County Council was circulated and discussed alongside the reply received from Richard Parry, Corporate Director- Adult and Local Services.

Members expressed their concern over the decision and the reasons for the decision.

Members were advised that the Chair and two Members of the County Council's Copeland Local Area Committee to 'Call-In' the decision. This was welcomed and it was noted that a provisional date of 11 May 2012 had been set for the Call-In meeting.

It was suggested that a meeting with the relevant County Councillors be arranged before 11 May 2012. The Policy and Scrutiny Officer was requested on behalf of the OSC to draft a letter to the Chair of the Copeland Local Area Committee outlining the Committee's concerns prior to the Call-In meeting. This would also be copied and circulated to Members.

RESOLVED – That

- a) The Policy and Scrutiny Officer be requested to draft a letter to the Chair of the Local Area Committee and also copy & circulate to Members.
- b) A meeting is arranged with the relevant County Councillors prior to the

Call-In meeting on 11 May 2012.

OSC Ext 30/10 Task and Finish Group Feedback – Relocation of the Fire and Rescue Service Control Function to Cheshire

Committee was advised that the Task & Finish Group met on 26 April 2012. The Portfolio Holder and Chief Fire Officer had been contacted by the Task & Finish Group Chair and a response received. It had been decided that no further action could be taken at this time.

The Policy and Scrutiny Officer was asked to respond to the Chair of Cumbria County Council's Scrutiny Management Board to ensure that an overview of the Fire and Rescue Control was ongoing.

The Policy and Scrutiny Officer was also asked to write a letter of thanks to those Members of the Task & Finish Group.

RESOLVED – That

- a) The Policy and Scrutiny Officer be requested to respond to the Chair of Cumbria County Council's Scrutiny Management Board to ensure that an overview of the Fire and Rescue Control was ongoing.
- b) The Policy and Scrutiny Officer also asked to write a letter of thanks to those Members of the Task & Finish Group.

OSC Ext 31/10 Outside Body Report

Councillor Garrity updated committee on the work of the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee and the West Cumbria Hospital Development Task and Finish Group (TFG). Discussion followed on service provision at the West Cumbria Hospital.

CLlr Hogg reported that she had been participating in a TFG considering Older People in Hospital Care. She provided a written report for circulation to Members which outlined the scope, lines of questioning and progress of the TFG.

RESOLVED – That

- a) the Outside Body Report is noted.

OSC Ext 32/10 Update Report from the OSC Co-ordinating Board

Members were advised that the next meeting of the OSC Co-ordinating Board was due to be held on Monday 30 April 2012.

OSC Ext 33/10 Work Programme

Members were advised that at the Co-ordinating Boards on 30 April and 14 May, the Work Programme for 2012-13 would be formulated.

The Chair requested that an update on the Pow Beck scheme and Albion Square development be added to the work programme for the next meeting of the Committee. Further suggestions for inclusion from Members were invited and should be forwarded to the Policy and Scrutiny Officer.

RESOLVED – That the Work Programme for 2012-13 be formulated and include the Pow Beck scheme.

The meeting closed at 2:45 pm

Chairman.....

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