

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 FEBRUARY 2015 AT 2:00PM**

Present: Councillors Jackie Bowman (Deputy Chairman in the Chair); David Banks; George Clements; Ian Hill; Sam Pollen; Gilbert Scurrah; Dave Smith Felicity Wilson; Carole Woodman and Henry Wormstrup.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors John Kane and Eileen Eastwood.

Officers: Andrea Smith, Policy and Scrutiny Officer and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Julie Betteridge, Head of Customer and Community Services (for items 6 & 7 only; Lindsay Tomlinson, Democratic Services Manager & Monitoring Officer (for item 8 only); Andy Carr, Business Analyst (for item 9 only)

Also Present: Councillors Elaine Woodburn and Geoff Garrity.  
David Blacklock (Chief Executive, Cumbria Healthwatch)

**OSC 59/14**

#### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 2 December 2014 were signed by the Deputy Chairman as a correct record.

**OSC 60/14**

#### **Arrangement of Agenda**

With the permission of the Deputy Chairman, it was

**RESOLVED** – That Item 7 (Partnerships) be taken first.

**OSC 61/14**

#### **Partnerships**

The Head of Customer and Community Services provided Committee with an overview of Strategic Risks in the form of a spreadsheet.

It was noted that the risks were graded on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being little risk and 5 being a greater risk) for each of the following:

1 – Finance

2 – Corporate Plan

3 – Consequences if the Partnership fails (Reputation)

4 – Whether decisions made were binding on Copeland Borough Council

5 – Statutory/Regulatory

6 – Is the partnership helping Copeland Borough Council manage risk

**RESOLVED** – That the update be noted.

**OSC 62/14**

**Progress Reports/Final Reports from Task & Finish Groups and Work Programme**

Councillor Ian Hill presented the Health and Wellbeing in North Copeland report of the Task and Finish Group to Committee.

Following the presentation, there was a question and answer session.

Members congratulated the Task & Finish Group for their hard work and for producing a comprehensive report.

It was requested that as this report only covered North Copeland, that a similar exercise be conducted for South Copeland and the results combined in a full report.

Committee enquired where the final report would go, once South Copeland was included and were advised that it would be presented to the Health Trust, although the initial report would be shared with the contributing organisations.

Due to the upcoming elections, it was suggested that the South Copeland investigation commence from June 2015, although the existing Task & Finish Group could start scoping work using the same Members but with the addition of a Councillor representing a South Copeland ward.

It was further suggested that this initial report be put before Full Council at the meeting in April 2015 for information.

**RESOLVED** – That

- a) The presentation be received and the Task & Finish Group be thanked;
- b) A similar exercise be conducted for South Copeland and the results combined in a full report;
- c) The Task & Finish Group (with the addition of a Councillor representing South Copeland) commence scoping work for South Copeland and begin work in earnest in June 2015;
- d) This initial report be put before Full Council at the meeting in April 2015 for information.

**OSC 63/14**

**Directly Elected Mayor**

Committee received an update on the Directly Elected Mayor from the Democratic Services Manager & Monitoring Officer, including proposed presentations from the Local Government Association to Members prior to and following the election and the key dates, eligibility criteria, deposit, etc.

Members were also updated on the CLT working Group, and the Independent Remuneration Panel.

During the discussion that followed, Members asked if all the information provided, particularly around powers and indicative salary could be circulated to all Members.

Concern was expressed that communication did not always reach the south of the borough and it was requested that any press release include Millom papers as well as Whitehaven.

**RESOLVED** – That

- a) the update be received;
- b) an update briefing be prepared and circulated to all members

**OSC 64/14**

**Customer Services Review**

Committee received an update on the Customer Services review and were encouraged to seek feedback from their wards.

Members highlighted some grammatical errors in the form and asked that these be corrected and then forwarded to them by email.

**RESOLVED** – That the update be received

The meeting closed at 4:20pm

Chairman .....

Date .....