

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 15 OCTOBER 2009 AT 2:00PM

Present: Councillors J Kane (Chairman); C Whiteside (Deputy Chairman); D Banks; E Brennan; N Clarkson; A Jacob; D Moore; A Mossop; J Prince; Mrs C Watson and H Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs A Faichney ; A Carroll and W Southward.

Officers: J Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; C Pickles, Community Renewal Team Leader; D Ward, Regeneration Project Officer; S Robinson, Regeneration Project Officer; C Robertson, Regeneration Technical Officer; R Gurney, Economic Development Manager and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

EDE 16/09 Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 August 2009

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 20 August 2009 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

EDE 17/09 Declarations of Interest

Councillor D Banks declared a Personal Interest in item 6 (Future Jobs Fund) due to being a member of Phoenix Centre.
Councillor H Wormstrup declared a Personal Interest in the same item due to being a Coal Fields Alliance member.

EDE 18/09 Future Jobs Fund

The Community Renewal Team Leader presented to the Committee on the Future Jobs Fund, which is a £1 billion Government initiative aimed at generating jobs for young people and aimed to create 150,000 jobs across the UK.

The presentation highlighted why Copeland had applied, the key features in Copeland's bid and the type of jobs that Copeland is looking to create.

During the discussion that followed, Members expressed a view that this type of scheme was long overdue. It was also noted that outside of Manchester and Liverpool, Copeland was the only local council in the North West to have been awarded funding.

Members asked if the jobs would be across the borough and were advised that they would, however the 'hot spots' of Cleator Moor and South Whitehaven would be targeted. Members also asked if funding would be made available in advance and were advised that 40% of the funding would be with Copeland Borough Council before the jobs commenced.

The Committee wished to know if the 48 jobs being created would be the final number and were advised that is was, however other schemes are being established including a scheme at Cumbria County Council for 250 jobs for 6 months and a proportion of these would also be in Copeland. It was highlighted that the JobCentre Plus were fully supporting the scheme.

The Community Renewal Team Leader was thanked for his presentation.

RESOLVED – that the presentation on the Future Jobs Fund be received.

EDE 19/09 **Development Strategy Service Plan**

The Economic Development Manager presented to the Committee on the Development Strategy Service Plan 2010-11.

This included Objective 5 (Healthy and Diverse Local Economy), Objective 10 (Enhanced Copeland Towns and Service Centres) and Objective 11 (Skills, Work and Neighbourhoods).

During the discussion which followed, Members requested that the redevelopment of West Cumberland Hospital be included in the service plan. Updates on the Energy Coast MasterPlan and the site previously occupied by Woolworth, were also requested to be provided at the next meeting of this committee.

RESOLVED – that

- a) the presentation be received,
- b) the redevelopment of West Cumberland Hospital be included in the service plan and
- c) updates on the Energy Coast MasterPlan and the site previously occupied by Woolworth be provided at the next meeting of this committee.

EDE 20/09 **Work Plan**

Consideration was given to the Work Plan for 2009/10.

RESOLVED – that the Work Plan be noted.

EDE 21/09 Scrutiny Support Officer

The Chairman referred to the departure of the Scrutiny Support Officer, Neil White, from the Council’s employment and the Committee agreed to place on record their appreciation of Mr White’s work while in post.

The Meeting closed at 4:00pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....