

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2 (EXTERNAL)**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2011 AT 5:00PM**

Present: Councillors G Garrity (Chairman); D Banks; Mrs E Eastwood; S Meter; P Tyson; C Whiteside and H Wormstrup.

Officers: J Hall, Overview and Scrutiny Support Officer; J Wagstaffe, Corporate Director, Resources and Transformation; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; K Parker, Head of Leisure and Environmental Services and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Apologies for absence: Councillor K Hitchen

Also present: Cumbria County Councillor F Morgan (Chair of the Copeland Local Area Committee) and Mr K Melville (Service Manager/Area Engineer) Cumbria County Council.

#### **OSC2 26/10 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

#### **OSC2 27/10 Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Whiteside declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6 (Better Highways) due to being a resident of Foxhouses Road.

#### **OSC2 28/10 Better Highways**

Mr Melville provided a presentation to Committee on the County Council's Better Highways initiative, which was followed by a question and answer session, where he was assisted by County Councillor Morgan.

During this, Members raised questions regarding:

- the poor restoration of highway work carried out by the Utility companies.
- the Whitehaven Streetscape project
- proposals for future road development within Copeland
- the A595 de-trunking
- the roads budget for Copeland in 2011/12 and how it is to be allocated

Members were advised that a list of 'planned' highway work in Copeland existed and a copy would be circulated for information, although it was stated that any emergency work would take priority.

It was also suggested that the County Council's Street Works Unit attend a future Information Forum.

Members were further advised that a list of highway improvements would also be made available.

Mr Melville and Councillor Morgan were thanked for their presentation.

**RESOLVED – That**

- a) the presentation be received,
- b) the County Council's Street Works Unit be invited to attend a future meeting for Members, and
- c) A list of highway improvements in the Copeland area be provided to Members.

**OSC2 29/10 Referral from the West Cumbria Child Poverty Group**

Members considered a referral from the West Cumbria Child Poverty Group.

Members requested a report be prepared highlighting Copeland Borough Council's areas of involvement.

It was suggested that this be brought back to a future meeting of this Committee and Mr W Slavin (Chair of Howgill Family Centre), Mr R Norman (Howgill Family Centre) and J Betteridge be invited to attend.

**RESOLVED – That**

- a) a report be prepared highlighting Copeland Borough Council's areas of involvement, and
- b) Mr W Slavin (Chair of Howgill Family Centre), Mr R Norman (Howgill Family Centre) and J Betteridge be invited to attend.

**OSC2 30/10 Work Programme**

Committee considered the Work Programme for 2010-11.

Members were advised that the Equalities Act Consultation would be an agenda item for the next Executive meeting.

An update on the closure dates of the Magistrates Court and County Court was also provided. Members asked for details regarding the buildings buildings once courts closed. It was agreed that the Chair would include this in his letter to the Secretary of State.

**RESOLVED – That the Work Programme 2010-11 be received and**

updated,

**OSC2 31/10 Forward Plan**

Committee considered the Forward Plan of the Council's Executive.

**RESOLVED** – That the Forward Plan be noted.

**OSC2 32/10 Work Programme 2011-12**

Committee considered the Work Programme for the year 2011-12.

It was suggested that the following subjects be included in a pool of topics for possible inclusion in the next Work Programme:

- Updates on Albion Square and Tesco developments
- Review Council's Cliff Management and Coastal Erosion Policies
- Economic Development throughout the Borough

**RESOLVED** – That the Work Programme 2011-12 be updated with the inclusion of the following subjects:

- Updates on Albion Square and Tesco developments
- Review Council's Cliff Management and Coastal Erosion Policies
- Economic Development throughout the Borough

**OSC2 33/10 Report of the Informal Co-ordinating Board**

Committee received an update on the work of the Informal Co-Ordinating Board.

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

The meeting closed at 6:30 pm

Chairman.....

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