

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29 MAY 2009 at 10:00AM

Present: Councillors B. Dixon, Chairman; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; G Garrity; J Kane; Mrs W Metherell and P Whalley.

Officers: K Parker, Acting Corporate Director Quality of Life; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; N White, Scrutiny Support Officer; I Curwen, Senior Communications Officer and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also Present: Councillor N Williams

Apologies for absence: Councillors Mrs Y R T Clarkson and K Hitchen.

MGT 01/09 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 April 2009 be signed as a correct record.

MGT 02/09 Minutes of Cumbria Joint Scrutiny Overview Group Meeting

Ms Vic Milbourne, the new Cumbria Joint Scrutiny Officer provided Members with an overview of the Cumbria Joint Scrutiny Overview Group's draft Membership and Terms of Reference.

It was noted that the committee was to be comprised of 2 elected Members nominated from Allerdale BC, Barrow BC, Carlisle City Council, Copeland BC, Cumbria CC, Eden District Council, and South Lakeland District Council plus one representative from CALC. Each scrutiny Member would be nominated for one year. Two substitute members would also be nominated for one year from each of the local authorities plus one substitute from CALC.

It was planned for four meetings to take place in the first year commencing on 22 July 2009 in Barrow.

During discussion of this item, it was suggested that six meetings per year be arranged to allow for one meeting per year in each area.

It was also suggested that the OSC Management Chair and Vice Chair be nominated to represent Copeland Borough Council on the Cumbria Joint Scrutiny Committee and the other OSC Chairs be their Substitutes.

Ms Milbourne was thanked for her presentation.

RESOLVED – that

- a) the OSC Management Chair and Vice Chair be nominated to represent Copeland Borough Council on the Cumbria Joint Scrutiny Committee and the other OSC Chairs be their Substitutes, and
- b) the overview of the Cumbria Joint Scrutiny Overview Group's draft Membership and Terms of Reference, and minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2009 be received.

MGT 03/09 **OSC Meeting Dates**

The Committee considered the dates of OSC meetings for the municipal year 2009-2010 and in particular the possibility of arranging OSC Management Committee meetings at venues around the Borough and at various different times of day. This was felt would be of benefit to the public who could raise any issues or concerns they have.

RESOLVED that OSC Management Committee meetings for the municipal year 2009-2010 be arranged at venues around the Borough and at various times. The Scrutiny Officer was asked to prepare a report for the next meeting on how Scrutiny could better engage with the public.

MGT 04/08 **Forward Plan**

The Committee considered the Forward Plan of Key Decisions June 2009 to August 2009.

During discussion of this item, it was suggested that as the Forward Plan forms part of the Executive Agenda, which is circulated to Members of this committee, it does not need to be an OSC Management committee agenda item.

RESOLVED - that

- a) the Forward Plan of Key Decisions June 2009 to August 2009 be noted, and
- b) the Forward Plan be removed as an agenda item from future OSC Management Committee meetings.

MGT 05/08 **Work Plan**

Consideration was given to the Work Plan of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

During discussion of this item, it was suggested that the OSC Chairs and Vice Chairs liaise with their respective Portfolio Holders to determine their work plans. It was also suggested that work plans be included on future Agendas as a 'For information Only' item, rather than for discussion.

RESOLVED - that the Work Plan be noted.

MGT 81/08 Executive Decisions

Consideration was given to the decisions made by the Executive at its meeting on 26 May 2009.

It was suggested that with the introduction of COCO regulations, Members would have access to DWP records. The Committee was advised that although the same system would be used, security would be tighter than the existing system and only authorised persons would be able to gain access.

RESOLVED - that the decisions made by the Executive at its meeting on 26 May 2009 be noted.

The meeting closed at 11:55am

Chairman.....

Date.....