COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

MEETING HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2007

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Ms E M Woodburn (Leader); M J Ashbrook; G Blackwell; G Clements; C Giel; N Williams; H Wormstrup.

Apology for absence: Councillor A Holliday

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: L Murphy, Chief Executive; T Chilcott, Corporate Director (Quality of Life); F McMorrow, Corporate Director (Economic Prosperity and Sustainability); Mrs S Borwick, Head of Finance and Business Development; M Jepson, Head of Legal & Democratic Services; M Tichford, Head of Regeneration; J Salt, Head of Customer Services; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager.

START TIME: 4.00 PM

CLOSE TIME: 5.05 PM

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive of Copeland Borough Council dated 30 January 2007.

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statements of Decisions 16 January 2007	
Date of Decision: 30 January 2007	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/06/149	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context:

Decisions made at the previous meeting requiring formal approval

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That the Statements of Decisions made at the meeting held on 16 January 2007 be agreed as a correct record

Explanation

Alternative Options Considered:

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9 February 2007	2 February 2007	T Capper

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 5	
Subject: Forward Plan	
Date of Decision: 30 January 2007	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/06/150	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Ashbrook

Context:

To consider the forward plan of key decisions for December 06 – March 2007.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions December 06 – March 07 be noted, subject to amendments discussed.

Explanation

Alternative Options Considered: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 6	
Subject: Capita Software Services	
Date of Decision: 30 January 2007	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/06/151	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Ms E Woodburn

Context:

This report explains the decision to enter into an agreement with Capita Software Services for them to supply remote support for the Academy Revenues and Benefits application at a fixed price.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision

To note that the agreement is covered by Contract Standing Order 10.2

Explanation

The supplier of the Academy Revenue and Benefits System has offered to supply remote support to the system on a 5 year agreement without annual inflation increases to the fee. This arrangement amounts to the provision of proprietary services under Standing Order 10.1.1, and therefore exceptions to normal tendering/procurement procedures. Standing Order 10.2 requires procurement of services under Standing Order 10.1.1 to be reported to the Executive.

Alternative Options Considered: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 7	
Subject: Pow Beck Regeneration Initiative	
Date of Decision: 30 January 2007	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/06/152	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Ashbrook

Context:

The report outlines a proposal to provide a new stand with over 1,000 seats at the Railway End of the Rugby League Stadium at Pow Beck, Whitehaven

Key Decision Status: No

Decision

a) To support the proposal in principle, to acquire the seating for the Railway End, in partnership with West Lakes Renaissance
b) That the project is subject to the Rugby Club securing its share of the funding required and

c) That a further report detailing full costings and rental charges be presented to a further meeting of the Executive

Explanation

Following the Memorandum of Understanding between the Council and other parties to support the objectives of the Pow Beck stadium development, an opportunity has arisen to purchase seats and a stand as part of meeting the minimum requirements for Super League entry. The costs would be funded by West Lakes Renaissance in partnership with the Council, and the seating owned by the Council for community use and leased to the Rugby Club.

Alternative Options Considered: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: Partnership Regeneration Projects	
Date of Decision: 30 January 2007	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/06/153	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Giel

Context: This report presents amendments to the distribution of spend agreed at the Executive on 21 November 2006 for the use of British Nuclear Group funding.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision That

- 1. Phase One of regenerating Millom Palladium to provide the administration for bank rolling of £108,000 to enable Millom MTI to draw down NWDA allocated to the project to pay for the preparatory work needed to progress this project to Phase Two
- 2. Phase Two of regenerating Millom Palladium to approve in principle to provide the administration of bank rolling for the regeneration of the Palladium up to £1.8m, subject to a detailed and fully funded programme being presented to the Council's Executive for approval.
- 3. Eco Tourism to approve in principle to the administration of bank rolling for the Eco Tourism Feasibility Study up to £50,000 subject to a detailed and fully funded programme being presented to the Council's Executive for approval.
- 4. Millom Gateways Improvements to approve in principle to provide the administration of bank rolling bankroll for the Millom Gateways Improvement Scheme up the value of up to £205,000 subject to a detailed and fully funded programme being presented to the Council's Executive for approval.
- 5. Millom Town Centre Master Plan Study approve in principle to provide administration of bank rolling for the Millom Town Centre Master Plan Gateways Improvement Scheme up the value of up to £50,000 subject to a detailed and fully funded programme being presented to the Council's Executive for approval.

- 6. Haverigg Beach Improvements approve in principle to provide administration of bank rolling for the Haverigg Beach Improvement up the value of up to £200,000 subject to a detailed and fully funded programme being presented to the Council's Executive for approval.
- 7. Millom Network Centre To the reallocate £33,000 of British Nuclear Group funding from the Millom Gateways project to support the Millom Network Centre.
- 8. Seek full cost recovery, where applicable, for the provision of Accountable Body functions and for the administration of bankrolling. Decisions on the exact amount of cost incurred, and its recovery, to be delegated to the Head of Finance and Business Development, the Head of Regeneration and the Portfolio Holder to agree for each project.

Explanation

As part of delivery of the Millom MTI programme there is a requirement for the Council to bankroll these projects in order to secure funding:

Millom Palladium Phase 1 & 2 Eco Tourism Millom Gateway Improvements Town Centre Masterplan Haverigg Beach Improvements

Alternative Options Considered: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: Building Grants – Egremont and Clea	ator Moor
Date of Decision: 30 January 2007	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/06/154	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor G Giel

Context:

The report recommends that the Council be the accountable body for programmes of building grants in Cleator Moor and Egremont

Key Decision Status: No

Decision

- 1. To support the programme of building grants in Egremont, to be run by Egremont and Area Regeneration Partnership, by being the Accountable Body
- 2. To support the programme of building grants in Cleator Moor, to be run by Regeneration North East Copeland, by being the Accountable Body
- 3. To support the Cleator Moor programme of grants through the provision of administration services for bankrolling of the programme and
- 4. To seek full cost recovery, where applicable, for the provision of these services by the Council, decisions on the exact amount of which, and its recovery, to be delegated to, the Head of Finance and Business Development, the Head of Regeneration and the Portfolio holder to agree with the respective groups

Explanation

The Market Towns Initiatives for Egremont and Cleator Moor comprise a programme of improvements to upgrade commercial and retail premises to support creation of new businesses and jobs and improve the image of the area. The Council's participation as Accountable Body would facilitate claims, payments and audit.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: Councillor Mrs C A Giel a personal interest as a member of Cleator Moor MTI; Councillor Miss E Woodburn a personal interest as a member of Egremont MTI.

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 10	
Subject: Specialist Emergency Evacuation Eq	uipment
Date of Decision: 30 January 2007	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/06/155	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor G Blackwell

Context:

This report requests funding for Evacuation Chairs for compliance with 2005 Fire Reform Regulations

Key Decision Status: No

Decision

That funding for 5 evacuation chairs for Catherine Street building and Moresby building for use by any disabled bodied person in the event of Fire Evacuation of council buildings where people work on a level above ground floor be approved and funded from contingencies; and that further information be obtained on possible contributions from other occupiers of the Copeland Centre.

Explanation

There is a requirement under Fire Reform Regulations 2005 for proper facilities for evacuation from the Council Offices of the public, Members and employees, including disabled people. There is a need for equipment for evacuation of disabled people from above ground level at the Copeland Centre and the Moresby building.

Alternative Options Considered: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 11	
Subject: Property Asset Management Plan an	d Capital Strategy
Date of Decision: 30 January 2007	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/06/156	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor N Williams

Context: The report provides Executive with the details of the Council Asset Management Plan and Capital Strategy for 2005-06

Key Decision Status: No

Decision

That 1)the Asset Management Plan and Capital Strategy for 2005-06 be noted and

2) that the principles contained therein for application to future years be approved

Explanation

Government Office North West requires local authorities to produce an Asset Management Plan and Capital Strategy annually

Alternative Options Considered: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 12	
Subject: Capital Programme Monitoring	
Date of Decision: 30 January 2007	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/06/157	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Ms E Woodburn

Context:

This is a progress report that advises Members of expenditure to the end of December 2006, and any amendments needed to the Capital Programme for 2006/07

Key Decision Status: Financial No

Decision

1) That the spend to date and project managers comments as at Appendix A be noted and

2) That members approve an increase in the capital programme of

i) £437,000 – LAGBI (CBC funded; £161K LABGI Scheme, External funded: NWRDA/WLR £170K, European £90K; Private Sector £16K

ii) £1,400,000 – Coastal Fringe (External Funded: English Partnerships) and

iii) £2,199,500 – Beacon II (CBC Funded: £337.5K Reserve Fund, £48K BNG Fund, External funded: £495K WLR, £350K WCDF, £624K HLF, £345K ERDF

Explanation
Financial Regulations require reporting to Executive of variations above certain
levels in capital programme schemes.

Alternative Options Considered: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 13		
Subject: Revenue Monitoring Report for the 9 Month Period 1 April to 31		
December 2006		
Date of Decision: 30 January 2007	Decision made by:	
Decision Reference: EXE/06/158	Full Executive	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Ms E Woodburn

Context: The report informs Members in detail of the variations in actual and expected revenue based expenditure and income over or under £10,000 of budget, for the 9 month period 1st April to 31st December 2006

Key Decision Status: Financial: No

Decision

That the report be noted, with particular attention being paid to the significant variances listed in Appendix B

Explanation

Financial Regulations require reporting to Executive of variations in expenditure on revenue budget heads over specified limits.

Alternative Options Considered: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Subject: Exclusion of Press and Public	
Date of Decision: 30 January 2007	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/06/159	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context:

Excludes Press and Public from meeting for exempt items 14 and 15

Key Decision Status: N/A

Decision

That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds of exempt information as identified in paragraphs 3 and 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

Explanation N/A

Alternative Options Considered: N/A

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 14			
Subject: Property Disposal Requiring Executive Approval (1) Fire and Rescue			
Service			
Date of Decision: 30 January 2007	Decision made by:		
Decision Reference: EXE/06/160	Full Executive		

Portfolio Holder: Councillor N Williams

Context:

This report advises Executive of an approach made by the Fire and Rescue service to purchase land in Council Ownership

Key Decision Status: No

Decision

That matter be deferred for further information and the FRS be invited to give a presentation to Members at the meeting of the Executive on 20 February 2007.

Explanation

This proposal to agree to the sale of land in Meadow Road Whitehaven to the Cumbria FRS as part of a wider PFI initiative for new fire stations throughout Cumbria was deferred for additional information following concerns expressed by Members at various aspects of the proposals.

Alternative Options Considered: To agree the land sale proposals as recommended

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Agenda Item: 15		
Subject: Urgent Action		
Date of Decision: 30 January 2007	Decision made by:	
Decision Reference: EXE/06/161	Full Executive	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Ashbrook

Context:

Report decisions taken under Urgent Action provisions

Key Decision Status: None

Decision That the decisions taken under urgent action procedures be noted.

Explanation

Alternative Options Considered: None

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