

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2006

Present: Cllrs Mrs A Bradshaw (Chair); Mrs E Eastwood (Deputy Chair); Mrs M Barnes; B Dixon; A Johnston; Mrs J Johnston; J Park; G Scurrah; W Southward.

Apologies were received from Cllr N Clarkson

Officers: Mrs J Carroll, Waste Services Manager; Ms J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2006 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the following amendments:

that Cllr Park was present and Cllr Scurrah presented apologies.

**OSC-EN106 Joint Scrutiny on Waste Management**

There was broad support for the joint interim report which had been the subject of joint scrutiny work of all the authorities in Cumbria. Members raised the question of making sure they were properly informed to be able to comment on any future Cumbria-wide waste management strategy.

**RESOLVED:** that the interim report, together with a covering report from the Committee be sent to the Executive with the following recommendations:

- I. That the majority of decision-making, with the exception of major strategic decisions, should be devolved to the Portfolio Holder and the lead officer.
- II. That the Executive should reiterate its commitment to achieving and surpassing its own targets in support of the broader Cumbria-wide objectives.
- III. That this Committee's support of the joint interim report be noted.

IV. That the Executive appoint a substitute to the Portfolio Holder from among its own Members to ensure appropriate representation on the Partnership.

that the Committee should take steps to find out more about disposal technologies and that they should visit alternative solutions to landfill sites.

**OSC-EN107 Waste Arrangements over Christmas**

Members considered the lessons learned from the introduction of alternative Christmas holiday arrangements. They concurred with the conclusions reached that communication had to be improved and that all households should be made aware of the changes. They didn't feel, however, that the council could insist on recyclables being collected if the Council wasn't making collections over that period. They also noted the lessons learned with respect to the recycling centres into the New Year. Some Members raised their continued concern over some aspects of the doorstep collection service.

**RESOLVED:** that the lessons learned be noted.

that concerns with the Doorstep Collection Service be resolved by the Chair.

**OSC-EN108 Forward Plan**

The Forward Plan of key decision to be taken by the Executive was received and noted.

**OSC-EN109 Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan**

The work plan of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees was received and noted. Members were asked to consider items for the work plan for 2006-07.

**RESOLVED:** that an update should come to the next meeting of the Committee to establish whether the recommendations from the public toilet review have been carried out.

that an update of the business plan for enforcement should be requested for the next meeting and not June as per the current workplan.

**OSC-EN110 West Cumbria Strategic Partnership**

Members received and noted minutes from recent meetings.

The meeting closed at 11.30am.

CHAIR:.....

SIGNED:.....