

**COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 13 JUNE 2007**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs D A Faichney (Mayor); G Blackwell; J W Bowman; H Branney; A Carroll; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; R Cole; P C Connolly; Mrs M D Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; G Garrity; F J Gleaves; F R Heathcote; K H Hitchen; A Holliday; Mrs J Hully; J Jackson; A Jacob; J Kane; Mrs W B Metherell; D W Moore; J Park; R F Pitt; J Prince; R Salkeld; G Scurrah; W Southward; J G Sunderland; Mrs C Watson; P Watson;; C J Whiteside; N Williams; D Wilson; Miss E M Woodburn; Mrs M B Woodburn; H Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Banks; Anne Bradshaw; E Brenan; N Clarkson; B A Dixon; Mrs C A Giel; T J Knowles; M A McVeigh; S J Meter; A D Mossop; A Norwood; P D Tyson; P Whalley; A Wonnacott; H Wormstrup

**C07 Report of the Better Government for Cumbria Working Group**

(Councillor R Cole declared a personal interest in this item due to his membership of Cumbria County Council)

The Council considered the final report of the Better Government for Cumbria Working Group on alternative governance arrangements for the county following submission of the Cumbria County Council's bid for unitary government for Cumbria. The proposals had been drawn together by the White Paper Working Group in consultation with representatives of other district councils in Cumbria. A summary of the report was before Members and a full version with appendices had been placed in the Members' Room.

The Leader of the Council set out the outline of the Working Group's case, as against the proposals in the unitary bid. There followed a debate in which Members commented on the content of the two sets of proposals.

It was then

**RESOLVED** – that the Council:

- (a) approves the document for submission to the Secretary of State;
- (b) approves the model of local government described in the document as the basis of a future local government model in Cumbria through enhanced two-tier working should the County Council's proposal not be accepted; and

(c) delegates authority to the White Paper Working Group to oversee and approve the definitive submission made with the other district councils and other work relevant to the Better Government for Cumbria project.

The meeting closed at 3.50 pm

Mayor