

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10TH JULY 2006**

Present: Councillors Mrs A Bradshaw (Chair); Mrs E Eastwood (Deputy Chair); Mrs M Barnes; B Dixon; Mrs J Johnston; F McPhillips; W Southward

An apology for absence was received from Councilor Norman Clarkson

Officers: J Carroll, Waste Services Manager; J Hughes Regeneration Strategy Manager; J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer; L Taylor, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2006 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the inclusion of Councillor F McPhillips in attendance.

**OSC-EN125    Clean and Green Team**

Members were given an update by the Waste Services Manager on the work of the Clean and Green Team. The update included clean up work already completed by the team in the following areas

Area between low Bransty and the New Road  
A595 between Distington and Howgate  
Mount Steps area in Whitehaven  
Arrowthwaite Woods above Preston Street

Members noted other work carried out by the team including chewing gum removal and the teams' support of various local environmental projects.

During the course of this update Members commented on the amount of litter at Whitehaven Train Station. The Committee requested that a letter be sent to Network Rail requesting the clean up of all Copeland stations.

Members were informed that funding from the Northwest Coalfields Programme for the Clean and Green Team would cease next year and that an application for further funding could not be submitted until 2008. The intention to apply to the Councils budget for funds to support the Clean and Green Team for 2007/08 was supported by Members.

It was **AGREED** that a letter from this Committee would be sent to the Budget Working Party supporting the bid.

**OSC-EN126    Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Policy**

Members considered Cumbria County Council's Minerals and Waste Development Framework 2007-18.

The Committee requested that the following be included in the response

- To avoid the use of Distington as host for an unnecessary number of landfills
- All decisions on site selection should ensure that there is no detrimental effect on human health
- Possible modernisation of the existing household waste recycling centres at Frizington and Redhills, Millom and to support a site at Whitehaven Commercial Park, Moresby Parks
- That Whitehaven Commercial Park, Moresby Parks be the only suitable option for 1.5-2ha and 4.5ha sites

**AGREED** that the views of the Committee be included in the Councils formal response to the consultation.

**OSC-EN127    Forward Plan**

The Forward Plan of Key Decisions to be taken by Executive was received and noted.

**OSC-EN128    Work Plan**

The Work Plan of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees was received and noted.

**AGREED** that Councillor Mrs M Barnes be appointed to the energy sub group along with Councillors H Branney and J Hewitson

The Meeting Closed at 3.45pm

Chairman