

Copeland Borough Council  
Overview and Scrutiny Committees  
Work Plan 2006-07

Environmental Well-being				
Topic	Method	Status/Outcome	Supporting Communities	Date
Performance Management	To continue to monitor the performance monitoring info and challenge when necessary		Delivering quality services	Chairs/V Chairs review quarterly
Green Spaces strategy and play strategy - Is there a health input? Research shows the health benefits of active play for all ages. Green gyms, outdoor gyms, play equipment designed for all ages.	Joint sub group with social well-being to explore and provide suggestions for the strategies	The Draft of the green spaces strategy has been seen and comments made.  The Play Strategy is being developed Cumbria-wide and Cllrs Jackson/Eastwood Are feeding into the process with Ruth Walsh	Health/Environment Agenda & social inclusion/diverstiy	1 <sup>st</sup> mtg on play has taken place and some members participating in Cumbria-wide policy.  Green spaces strategy expected at Sep mtg.
How clean is the Borough: Street cleanliness, litter, dog fouling etc –.	Mystery shopping (public toilets included)	Notes from the South of the Borough have been fed to Env Services.  North of the Borough tba.	Addresses concerns at a neighbourhood level, particularly following recent media coverage/ quality services & environment	South of the Borough completed in June.
Enforcement – does Copeland have the resources to implement the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Act to best advantage?	Consider the new powers, what the existing resources are, investigate how neighbouring authorities manage their service and consider recommendations.	Report was received at the September meeting. Further report due Nov/Dec. The audit of the Borough is feeding into this too.		Toni Magean– April 07

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Cleaner/Greener Team	To monitor the progress of the clean and green team	Support of the Clean and Green team, particularly as the Committee believe that a good quality env is essential to Regeneration.	Environmental enhancement	Report to BWP sent together with enforcement
Joint Scrutiny: Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership	Contributing through member and officer support to the joint scrutiny	2 reports to date to the CSWP and reports with matters arising for Copeland to the Exec and Council. (recommendations accepted).	Apart from quality recycling facilities, urgent need to prevent fines in 2 years time by reducing waste going to landfill.	Update March
Energy Policy – looking at what Copeland wants in terms of renewable energies with the Borough; energy efficiently and fuel poverty	Jointly with Social Well-being  Methodology to be discussed. Cllrs Hewitson; Brannay, Barnes; Jackson; Meter		Environmental impact of renewable energies on the local environment and social inclusion issues (fuel poverty)T	2 <sup>nd</sup> half of year
Doorstep recycling – to monitor the service	Regular monitoring material and briefings.			February 2007

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Rural Transport Grant – how does it operate, how is it dished out and how does it meet its objectives	Pre-scrutiny briefing from Cumbria County Council	CCC are reviewing their policy in this respect and have asked to come after this work is completed.	Social inclusion and rural issues	March 2007  (Caroline Jackson CCC)
Education :  1) schools reorganisation  2) education standards	1) input into consultation process  2) monitor the data	Yearly comparison of educations statistics to monitor progress		Special meeting with County on consulation.  Nick Capron to return in Spring 2007
Energy Policy – looking at what Copeland wants in terms of renewable energies with the Borough; energy efficiently and fuel poverty	Jointly with Env Well-being  Methodology to be discussed.			2 <sup>nd</sup> half of year
Concessionary Fares – yearly review What impact has the free bus travel had on costs of the scheme?	Examine any increase in take up of bus pass vs vouchers and consider overall cost of the scheme.			September Meeting  To return to Committee in March
Copeland Homes	Monitor progress to Decent Homes Standard.			Annually

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Housing Strategy – what links to Supporting People Strategy	Verify links			Completed – Update by Debbie in 6 months on Supporting People
Mental Health Consultation	Consult			completed
Green Spaces strategy and play strategy - Is there a health input? Research shows the health benefits of active play for all ages. Green gyms, outdoor gyms, play equipment designed for all ages.	Joint sub group with social well-being to explore and provide suggestions for the strategies		Health/Environment Agenda & social inclusion/diverstiy	Green spaces strategy to November meeting  Play strategy ongoing – Comments fed in.
Sport's Development	Monitoring – informal briefing to committee			Rep recvd in July
Art's Development	Monitoring – IDEA Action Plan update			Report recvd July – partnership agreement to return to Committee

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Economic Well-being				
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Performance Management	To continue to monitor the performance monitoring info and challenge when necessary	05-06 review by full cttee 07/06	Delivering quality services	Chairs/V Chairs review quarterly
Tourism Strategy	Consultation requested	Suggestions fed in including a Visitor Information Point for Ravenglass		Report Update February 2007
Industrial Estates	Monitor the review of industrial estates	Noted Leconfield's inclusion for improvement subject to funding..		Briefing received in June. Updated September
Master plan	Monitor and challenge findings			Special meeting took place aug
Community engagement - Medium/long term nuclear storage	Challenge			Update received on consultation plans in Sep
Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Schemes	Monitor/ Challenge choice of schemes projects	Millom to be supported as much as possible. Graduate Traineeship supported.		Draft proposals presented in September.
Whitehaven Regeneration Programme	Challenge priorities			Draft implementation plan to return to cttee.- Mike Tichford.  Implementation Plan Final Draft presented at Special Meeting in Jan

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West Cumbria Development Fund	What are the objectives of the fund and how has it delivered over the past 2-3years.			
Invest in Cumbria	What are its priorities? What differences will become apparent?			
Regeneration partnerships	Review All minutes			<b>All</b>
<i>South Whitehaven SRB</i>	<i>Consider evaluation of the project and how it has fed into the new NRF project</i>			
MTIs				<b>Nov Feb/March</b>
Western Lake District Tourism Partnersip	To review performance and look ahead			<b>Special Meeting in Jan</b>

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Performance and Resources				
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Communications - strategy - customer comms	Monitor comms strategy  Monitor customer comms			Review March 2007
Urgent Actions – are they being used appropriately?	Review			Chair/Vice Chair considering actions
Major Projects - how is the fund being used	Review	Report issued – name changed to ‘reserves fund’.	“	Considered Sep
Contingencies - how is the fund being used	Review	Report issued – no comments on contingencies made	“	Considered Sep
Cumbria Strategic Partnership	Joint working (county-wide)			1 <sup>st</sup> report issued Aug
Asset Management Plan				
Capital Strategy				
Customer Service Commitments	Monitor the effectiveness	Six monthly review- information not available therefore survey to be conducted		Update Report March 2007
Budget evaluation criteria	Working group	Criteria revised and accepted and used by BWP.		
Dignity at Work policy	Member sub group			
Gerson Efficiency Savings				Each Meeting

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Other joint scrutiny				
Topic	Method	Status/Outcome	Supporting Communities	Date
West Cumbria Strategic Partnership	Joint Committee		Recommendation Reports to Partnership Board January 2007	Review in 12 Months
Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership	Joint Committee CBC/ABC/CCC			To commence April 2007