

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6 DECEMBER 2007

Present: Councillors Mrs Y R T Clarkson (Chairman); Mrs M Docherty; G Garrity; A Jacob; J Kane; A Mossop; P Tyson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M McVeigh and C Whiteside

Officers: N White, Scrutiny Support Officer; P Robson, Accountant; C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer

H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance and Diane Ward, Regeneration Project Officer, Agenda Item 5

CYPHC 12/07 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

CYPHC 13/07 Social Inclusion Policy

Following the most recent Comprehensive Assessment (CPA) the Council was recommended to put in place a Social Inclusion Policy. This recommendation is supported by further finding of the assessment which highlighted the need for the Council to ensure its services are accessible to all.

Adoption of the Policy would make a direct contribution to the Corporate Plan in particular the Equal Opportunities strand.

Member gave consideration to the proposed draft Social Inclusion Policy as part of the Comprehensive Performance Assessment prior to further consideration by the Executive and subsequent approval by Council.

RESOLVED – that a) Executive be recommended that the proposed Social Inclusion Policy for the Council be recommended to Council for adoption;

b) a monitoring report be submitted by the Head of Policy and Performance to a future meeting of the Committee.

CYPHC 14/07 Concessionary Travel

A report was submitted detailing the findings and recommendations of the Task and Finish Group set up to look into how the Council operates its concessionary travel scheme.

RESOLVED – That Executive be recommended to approve that

- a) the Resource Planning Working Group be recommended to build an additional £120,000 into the 2008/09 revenue budget to cover the cost of the Council's concessionary travel schemes;
- b) the Council's discretionary concessionary travel schemes be continued and the value of the travel vouchers be increased to £25;
- c) the Cumbria and Lancashire Officer group be requested to investigate a number of issues relating to the statutory bus pass scheme and a report be submitted to the next meeting of this committee on the outcome of;
 - 1. arrangements for Companions to Disabled People;
 - 2. whether Cumbria will continue to operate a 24 hour scheme, and
 - 3. whether tickets will be single or return in Cumbria and if return whether a cross boundary fare will be applied.
- d) future budgetary projections for concessionary travel take into account the projected increase in population of those people over 60 years of age;
- e) an allowance for the Maritime Festival be made in the future budgetary projections for concessionary travel in those years when the Festival is run;
- f) officers explore the feasibility of allowing holders of the bus pass to use it on the rail network in a combined card in Cumbria;
- g) Cumbria County Council be requested to improve the bus service in Millom;
- h) Cumbria County Council be requested to ensure that more courtesy buses are made available for use on routes in Copeland;
- i) officers investigate whether the Council could implement an initiative to involve community groups in voluntary schemes to help improve the type and take up of the concessionary travel and associated schemes;

- j) the NHS organisations in Copeland be requested to give greater publicity and encouragement to use the NHS Hospital Travel Costs Scheme

CYPHC 15/07 Work Plan

RESOLVED - The Work Plan for the Committee was submitted and noted.

The Meeting Closed at 3:35pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....