

SCRUTINY OF THE WEST CUMBRIA STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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Recommendation: that (A) the joint working group should continue its scrutiny of the West Cumbria Strategic Partnership by looking at:

1. Firstly, the action plan and the working group's recommendations on the partnership,
2. Secondly, monitoring the implementation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy, and

(B) Reports on the work of the Joint Working Group are brought to the Management Committee.

1. BACKGROUND

The 'Scrutiny Action Plan' was developed by the West Cumbria Strategic Partnership in response to a report submitted by the Joint Scrutiny Working Group of Allerdale Borough Council, Copeland Borough Council and Cumbria County Council members in 2006-07.

The Working Group agreed 11 recommendations focusing on the most part on clarifying roles and responsibilities, and on the constitution and profile of the Partnership. A copy of the recommendations is at Appendix "A".

The joint working group will be monitoring and challenging the action plan to ensure that the recommendations are implemented as agreed.

A further important part of the joint scrutiny work in 2007-08 will be to participate in determining the priorities in the new Strategy for Sustainable Communities Strategy and assisting in the development of the implementation plan.

The implementation plan will show how this Strategy is to be delivered. It will set out what outcomes need to be achieved and allocate lead

responsibility to an agency, which will be tasked with ensuring that that outcome is delivered. All partners will be involved in drawing up this implementation plan which will involve wider stakeholders

As you will know a briefing has been arranged for all members of the Council on the new Sustainable Communities Strategy on Tuesday 18 September at 4:00pm in the Bainbridge Room.

Council will then need to consider and approve the strategy at its meeting on Tuesday 25 September.

Allerdale Borough Council will be going through the same process and both Councils will need to agree the final wording of the strategy by November.

2. JOINT SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP

This Council's representatives on the joint scrutiny working group are:

Cllr Yvonne Clarkson; Cllr Keith Hitchen; Cllr Margaret Woodburn and Cllr Peter Connolly.

Allerdale Council's membership is: Cllr Ron Munby; Cllr Martin Wood; Cllr John Hunter; Cllr John Ardron. Substitute: Cllr Fee

The first meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Working Group is proposed to take place on Friday, 28th September 2007 at 10.00am in Allerdale.

It is further proposed that reports back from the Joint Scrutiny Working Group meetings on the progress made should be come to this Committee.

3. CONCLUSION

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2. secondly at monitoring the implementation of Sustainable Communities Strategy, and

that reports on the work of the Joint Scrutiny Working Group be brought to the Management Committee.

List of Appendices

Appendix "A" – Joint Scrutiny Review West Cumbria Strategic Partnership
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List of Background Documents:

None