

**URGENT ACTION PROCEDURE – POW BECK VALLEY REGENERATION**

**EXECUTIVE MEMBER:** Councillor Tim Knowles  
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**Summary and Recommendation:**

This report advises the Executive of action taken under the Urgent Action Procedure to expedite arrangements for financial assistance to Whitehaven RLFC.

**1. INTRODUCTION**

1.1 The opportunity for kick-starting the Pow Beck Valley regeneration programme is time sensitive to payments being made to Whitehaven Rugby League Football Club by the end of the week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> March (this week). The West Cumbria Development Fund have agreed to loan £75k (Seventy Five thousand Pounds) to Whitehaven RLFC through the Council for a 3 year period. The Council has in turn agreed to underwrite the loan.

While the Executive took the decision on Tuesday this week, the decision is still subject to OSC call-in for a period of 7 clear working days (non-inclusive), thereby going beyond the critical payment period.

Urgent action is needed to agree with the relevant OSC Chairs Management Committee & Economic Development & Enterprise to curtail the OSC call-in period so that the relevant payments can be made in time. This has been agreed by the Members concerned and is reported to Executive in accordance with the requirements of the constitution

**2. FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOURCES OF FINANCE)**

2.1 There are no financial implications for the Council.

**3. PROJECTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT**

3.1 The long term future of the club would be at risk if the arrangements facilitated by this action are not taken. Risks to public funding are mitigated by appropriate measures implemented to have the Council represented on the board of Whitehaven RLFC.

#### 4. IMPACT ON CORPORATE PLAN

4.1 The future regeneration of Pow beck is key to achievement of the Corporate Plan objectives. This action supports the delivery of the Corporate Plan.

#### List of Appendices

Appendix A Request for Agreement to Urgent Action under Executive Procedure Rules

#### CHECKLIST FOR DEALING WITH KEY ISSUES

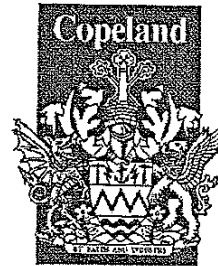
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Impact on Crime and Disorder	Development of Pow Beck area has positive potential impact on crime and disorder reduction
Impact on Sustainability	Proposals complement sustainable communities programme
Impact on Rural Proofing	None
Health and Safety Implications	None
Project and Risk Management	None
Impact on Equality and Diversity Issues	Yes – assists mitigation of inequalities in affected areas .
Children and Young Persons Implications	Proposals are key to promoting young peoples activities
Human Rights Act Implications	None
Section 105 Officer Comments	
Monitoring Officer Comments	

Please say if this report will require the making of a Key Decision NO

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13th MARCH 2008

### URGENT ACTION: KEY DECISION CALL-IN

Executive Board 11<sup>th</sup> March 2008

#### Item 12:

**Pow Beck Valley Regeneration Programme: advance investment proposals**

Executive Decision:

*"Executive note the current opportunities for moving forward with the Pow Beck Valley regeneration proposals and approve an advance investment in order to kick-start the programme."*


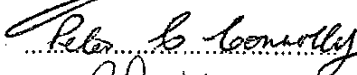
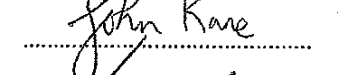
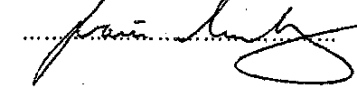
#### Need for Urgent Action:

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#### Urgent Action Approved:


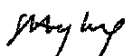
  
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OSC Management Committee

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