

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 31<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2005**

Present: Councillors Mrs A Bradshaw (Chair); Mrs E Eastwood (Deputy Chair); Mrs M Barnes; B Dixon; A Johnston (Items 2-8); Mrs J Johnston; F McPhillips; W Southward

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J Park

Officers: Mr T Magean, Open Spaces Manager; Mr S Bishop, Enforcement Manager; Ms J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2005 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**OSC-EN97      Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act**

In the course of a presentation on the new Act (appendix 1) to this minute) , while Members welcomed the additional powers available to the authority in tackling anti-social behaviour, they expressed doubts at the possibility of the increased service being self-financing as proven by the decriminalised parking enforcement experience, where fines had reduced over the County as a result of the introduction of the new regime.

**RESOLVED:**            that the presentation be noted.

**OSC-EN98      Enforcement Business Plan**

Members noted the strengths and weaknesses recently identified in the current service and which the plan would address. Multi-skilling would be a requirement of enforcement officers if a flexible service was to be achieved. Again, Members expressed concern that the income from fines from the new Clean and Neighbourhoods and Environment Act is unlikely to meet the extra demands placed on the service and that the Council should aspire to provide a full budget to support the service with fines going back into neighbourhood projects.

**RESOLVED:**            That their views be made known to the Executive when the Business Plan is presented to the Executive.

**OSC-EN99      Public Toilets**

The draft report of the review carried out by the sub group into public toilets was presented to full Committee before going forward to the Executive. While generally welcomed as a good report, there was some concern from some Members about the final recommendation to Millom Town Council.

It was explained that this was just a recommendation based on the fact that it did not make financial sense to the sub group that there should be two sets of public toilets in a town the size of Millom, but that it would be for Millom Town Council to decide whether or not to take heed of the recommendation, or whether there were alternatives that they might consider.

**RESOLVED:** that the report be noted.

## OSC-EN100 Work plan

The work plan for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees was received and noted.

**RESOLVED:** that the Enforcement Manager be invited back to the Committee six months after the introduction of the Business Plan to report on performance.

that a representative of the Environment Agency be invited to briefing the Committee on fly-tipping.

## OSC-EN101 Forward Plan

The forward plan of key decisions to be taken by the Executive was received and noted.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

CHAIR:.....

DATE:.....