

Copeland Borough Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committees
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Environmental Well-being				
Topic	Method	Status/Outcome	Supporting Communities	Date
Recycling Review	Pre-scrutiny of review, particularly of help for communities	<i>This review being done by Dept for Executive and Scrutiny will be asked to comment first.</i>	To monitor support for those communities who still have difficulties with recycling	
Pest Control Business Plan	Pre-scrutiny of plan	<i>Follows on from call-in</i>	In support of healthy communities	25 November
Green Spaces Strategy	Preliminary presentation and pre-scrutiny poss through sub-group	<i>Initial presentation – July 1st sub-group mtg – Sep, agreed vision and process</i>	Supports LSP aim of improving quality, cleanliness and safety of public spaces, and contributes to their review of parks	Ongoing
Environmental Enforcement	Biannual monitoring	<i>First briefing given at July meeting</i>	Supports LSP aim of improving quality, cleanliness streets and of public spaces	20 January
Coalfields Environmental Team (if funding approved)	updates on progress and feedback from Scrutiny Cttee on areas of concern	<i>Report to go to Executive?</i>	LSP Env Well-being group work plan priority is to improve streets so that they are safer, more clean and more accessible.	
BVPI 199 The proportion of relevant land that is assessed as having combined deposits of litter and detritus (eg, sand, silt and other debris) across four categories of cleanliness (Clean, Light, Significant, Heavy).	Report on plans for improvement with further monitoring	<i>Report made to Sep meeting, demonstrating the standards required to meet this Performance Monitor.</i>	LSP Env Well-being group work plan priority is to improve streets so that they are safer, more clean and more accessible.	February 2005
Shoreline Management Plan	Preliminary briefing and updates as appropriate	<i>Chris Lloyd gave briefing to September meeting which supported the approach taken to Shoreline management</i>	In support of LSP objectives of protecting the env and promoting the positive aspects of West Coast env	Concluded

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Nuclear Env Issues			In support of LSP objectives	As appropriate
The impact of social issues, particularly, but not exclusively youth issues, on the physical Environment.	Conf/review: Discussion with dept and partner agencies/ poss cross-cutting with Social well-being/Economic well-being too	<i>Cllr McPhillips has volunteered to be lead member to co-ordinate on this item, which will be taken forward once cycling path review is underway Poss consultation with young people??</i>	The impact of social issues has an impact on the environment – how can partner agencies work together more effectively to address these issues.	tba
Cycle paths/ Work Place travel plans for large employers	Review cycle paths in Copeland; audit large companies; compare with other areas. Make suggestions – to include CBC	<i>Meeting held 4/11 and action plan in process of being drawn up. A further meeting likely to be held in the spring.</i>	To contribute to LSP Env Well-being workplan item In support of LSP Env well-being aim of reducing traffic	
Parks Strategies	Set up sub-group to monitor existing strategies.	<i>Sub-group set up to examine bereavement strategy – 1st mtg in Sep – agreed vision and process</i>	In support of LSP ENV parks objectives.	Ongoing
Food Safety Service Plan	Advice to bus. report and review	<i>Jackie O'Reilly gave report to September meeting. Further update expected in March.</i>	Supports health objectives	3 March

Social Well-being				
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Increase access to arts for rural communities	Presentation and monitoring, particularly of youth arts programme	<i>Informal recommendations made to consider this method of communication for consultation with hard to reach young people and to encourage other members to participate to see first hand what this kind of programme can offer.</i>		Concluded
Community Development Forums for Sport	Presentation on proposals and monitor implementation	<i>Kimberley Wilson</i>	Supports LSP lifestyle choice, enabling tool?	Tba

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Topic	Method	Outcome	Supporting Communities	Date
Licensing Policy	Consultation on amendments	<i>Meeting held on 2nd November to feed in comments..</i>		
Beacon Re-development	Initial presentation and monitoring thereafter	<i>Joint meetings with PR January meeting envisaged when consultants have drawn up proposed design details.</i>	Supports LSP lifestyle choice	11 th Oct 2 nd Nov
BVPI 127c – Violent offences committed in connection with licensed premises per 1000 population (Copeland in bottom 25%)	Initial presentation, followed by co-working with CDP, police etc	<i>Louise Kelly and relevant inspector from CDP to come and give presentation on 'nightsafe' campaign..</i>	In support of Council objectives and in support of LSP lifestyle choice/anti-social behaviour objectives	29 Nov
Decent homes standard – how do Copeland homes intend to deal with this issue	Initial presentation by Copeland Homes followed by monitoring	<i>Agreed to leave till later in the year to allow time for dust to settle. Arrangements for monitoring also to be discussed</i>	Decent homes	
Careline	Pre-scrutiny monitoring of proposals for careline	<i>Update received at August meeting. .</i>	In support of LSP Soc well-being lifestyle choice – improve the quality of life and independence of older people.	Ongoing
Housing Strategy	Consultation by Department	<i>Been further delayed – now talk of a Cumbria – wide strategy. September</i>	Supporting people/decent homes/ LSP Env well-being – lifestyle choice	tba
Homelessness	Presentation by homelessness unit regarding issues they face at the moment.	<i>Members received briefing in September.</i>		

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Implementation of Housing renewal strategy (private)	Monitoring	<i>Sub group met to look at issues on 11th August. No further progress as Senior Housing Officer post has not yet been filled.</i>	In support of LSP and council objectives	Ongoing
Care and Repair	Monitor/consultation by Department	<i>Expected November</i>	Supporting vulnerable people	29 th Nov
Not for profit distributing body for Leisure and culture	Pre-scrutiny through regular reports	<i>Most members attended meeting arranged.</i>	In support of LSP lifestyle choice	Watching brief
Health and Safety Service Plan	Presentation on advice to business and review	<i>First report was received at August meeting.</i>	In support of health objectives	17 January 2005
Supporting People Strategy	Consultation			17 January 2005
Emergency Planning	Scrutiny of emergency plans	<i>Expected for 20 Sep meeting</i>		20 September 2004
Travel concessions	Consideration of options	<i>The Committee considered the issue and agreed to continue with an 'opt out' and asked for vouchers to be used instead of tokens to value of £15.</i>		29 November

Economic Well-being				
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Copeland Training Fund (now Copeland Employment Initiatives Fund?)	Report/presentation Review Council's role in education, training and access to employment	<i>Members received a presentation in June and noted that there were limited funds left. However, if that situation changed, a commitment was made to return to Committee with an update.</i>	In support of LSP EC well-being to support and extend range of FE/skills provision	
Nuclear Development Agency	Periodic updates by Nuclear Opportunities Group and Nuclear Skills Academy	<i>Written briefing supplied at 1st December meeting and request gone for Rosie Mathiesen and Ewan Urquhart to attend January meeting instead.</i>	In support of LSP EC Well-being strategy.	1 st Dec

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Economic Regeneration Strategy	Presentation, followed by monitoring	<i>Members reviewed and were content with the version they were given on 1st December.</i>	In support of regenerating communities	1 st Dec
Tourism review	Report updating on partnership working Poss group meeting – 1 year on to report on progress re Copeland/NWDA strategy	<i>Members received an update to the September meeting. Impression was given that there was more contact with CTB. Also the Executive was being changed to include more Local Authority input..</i>	In support of LSP Coastal renaissance objectives	<i>Poss further review meeting in Jan/feb to coincide with WLDTP 'extravaganza'.</i>
Copeland Business Grant and connecting Copeland business support programme	Review effectiveness through mid-year report	<i>Connecting Copeland presentation received at September meeting.</i>		Ongoing
Cleator Moor Co-op Building	Update	<i>Members receive regular verbal updates.</i>	In support of LSP objectives on reusing derelict land and buildings	
Regeneration in Whitehaven/ Pow Beck masterplan	Presentation on Whitehaven Town Centre Development Framework/bid for Townscape Heritage Initiative/Pow Beck Masterplan	<i>Members received a briefing at their meeting of 1st December.</i>	In support of LSP EC well-being objective on 'regeneration of town centres'.	1 st Dec – South Whitehaven part offices

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Comprehensive approach to renewing our communities in greatest need	Monitor approved programmes (see also OSC Env on env management resources)	<i>Mini masterplans for Cleator Moor and Egremont were discussed at 1st December.</i> <i>Millom and Haverigg Op Plan was discussed at 20th Oct meeting and is due back to the Committee before April.</i>	In support of review of neighbourhood renewal strategy, CPA Improvement	Ongoing

Performance and Resources				
Topic	Method	Status/Outcome	Supporting Communities	Date
CAB/CLC – future funding	Sub-group review	<i>Report to Exec of 140904: Supporting continued funding, but as an equitable % of core cost for each of the 3 organisations, the % to be decided by the Exec, and that consideration is given to a three-year commitment with inflation increases only and subject to levels of service being maintained.</i>		Concluded
Housing/Council Tax benefit support work	Presentation-1) how housing stock transfer will affect advice from Council and new arrangements for providing advice.& 2)new software benefits	<i>1)The Committee received a report on the changes made. The changes were noted and no further comments were made. 2) tba</i>	In support of LSP EC well-being 'ensuring that benefits are taken up by those entitled to them'.	tba
Council Tax/beach chalets	Review of planning restricted chalets and those not suitable for permanent habitation and their eligibility for 2 nd homes discount	<i>Discussed at October meeting and sub-group (Cllr Mrs Y Clarkson; Mrs A Bradshaw; P Tyson and M McVeigh)to take further.</i>		1 st sub group meeting: 9 th Dec.
Audit Monitoring	Audit sub-group monitoring and reporting back to OSC PR	<i>A revised risk assessment has led the sub group to recommend further resources to the Audit Section, which the Executive approved and provision is made in the new structures.</i>		Ongoing
LSP Annual Report	Presentation from LSP Chair	<i>Received at August meeting</i>		Concluded

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Performance Management: who compiles and challenges the data. Who monitors overall performance? How effective is it?	Review by sub-group, finding to be presented to OSC PR	<i>This has been put back as report going to Exec on 20 July outlining changes to perf monitoring to include corporate plan – makes better sense to wait and see if these bring improvements, before reviewing..</i>		March 8th
Leaks of Part II	Discussion	<i>A report is to go forward to full Council..</i>		
Access to services outcomes: - E-Government Agenda	1)Monitoring of progress pre and post implementation 2) Monitoring report	<i>Received at August meeting.</i>		
Feasibility Study into Art Bank	Working group with new Collections officer	<i>Two joint 'Beacon' meetings have taken place.</i>	Providing more income to better fund existing art facilities	11 th October
Human Resources Strategy and Action Plan	Sub group	<i>The human resources sub-group met in August. Futher work on strategy has been put on hold pending restructuring. Sub-group met in December to revise Dignity at Work policy..</i>		Ongoing
Asset Management	Initial presentation and monitoring			March
Capital Programme (project management)	Monitoring			January

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Restructuring	Pre-scrutiny of Executive decision	<p><i>Committee held a special meeting for phase 1 and presented their findings to the Consultant and Executive.</i></p> <p><i>Similar exercise is being carried out for Phase 2.</i></p>		Jan/Feb
BT Project	Presentation and discussion, with views to go forward to Exec	<p><i>General Manager advises that Overview and Scrutiny will have an opportunity to discuss before Exec consider the report. If necessary, a special meeting will be arranged. Following the recent briefing for all Members, the Chair has adopted a position of 'watching brief' for the time being.</i></p>		