

Copeland Borough Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committees
Work Plan 2007-08

Management					
Topic	Why	How	Who	Status	Report Due
Call Ins			Contact Neil White		As and when needed
Work plans			Contact Neil White		Each meeting
Urgent Actions	Are they being used appropriately?		Contact Neil White	To be completed	August meeting
Process Improvement Team	Background, monitoring and future		Contact Bob Gerry		September meeting
Performance Management	To monitor and review	Quarterly report	Contact: Hilary Michael		September meeting
FMS	Effect of implementation of the new system		Contact: Catherine Nicholson	Report available July	September/October meeting
West Cumbria Strategic Partnership	Joint Committee	Recommendation Reports to Partnership Board January 2007	Contact: Jane Murray (Allerdale)	Action Plan to be finalised shortly Review in 2008	Sustainable Communities Strategy to come to September meeting
Communications Strategy	Monitor		Contact Ian Curwen	Position noted on first draft at OSCPR 19 February 2007	Not immediate – later on in 2007
Cumbria Strategic Partnership/Local Area Agreement		Joint working (county-wide)	Contact: Mike Heaslip	Officer/member Group established to further define the roles for scrutiny and processes to support them, and report to the next meeting of the Cumbria County Joint Scrutiny Overview Group.	To come back as and when needed
Dignity at Work policy	Member sub group		Contact: Len Gledd	Needs overhaul requires further work	Later on in 2007

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Children, Young People and Healthy Communities					
Topic	Why	How	Who	Status	Report Due
Concessionary Fares – yearly review What impact has the free bus travel had on costs of the scheme?	Examine any increase in take up of bus pass vs vouchers and consider overall cost of the scheme.		Contact: Catherine Nicholson	Vouchers being issued at moment (April 2007). Report most useful early summer when take up can be assessed	August meeting
Housing Strategy	What links to Supporting People Strategy		Contact: Debbie Cochrane	Update on Supporting People/Housing Strategy/Homelessness could be prepared for June	August meeting
Mental Health	To look at the outcomes of the decision to close mental health wards in Whitehaven by the North Cumbria NHS Trust.		Contact Neil White	Being scoped	August meeting
Community Call for Action	Further training on the implications for the Council		Contact Neil White	Being arranged	A future meeting
Arts Development	Monitoring – IDEA Action Plan update		Contact Peter Tyas	This year's Joint Working Framework to be circulated to all members next month	Later on in 2007
1-7-07 no smoking ban	Evaluate action plans and monitor necessary targets	Task and Finish Group with SSC	Contact: Vic Emmerson	Executive agreed on 1 March 2007 that a) a 0.5 full-time equivalent of 2 Smoke free Enforcement Officers to be employed by Allerdale Borough Council be funded by the Council; and b) the funding as received from the Department of	Later on in 2007

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Economic Development and Enterprise					
Topic	Why	How	Who	Status	Report Due
West Cumbria Strategic Master Plan	Be kept informed on the key meetings and decisions taken on the master plan		Contact: Fergus McMorrough/ Liam Murphy	Awaiting Government approval	August meeting and then as appropriate
Community engagement - Medium/long term nuclear storage	Challenge		Contact: David Davies	Initial options paper in the summer	August meeting to update on progress
Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Schemes	Monitor/ Challenge choice of schemes projects		Contact: Mike Tichford	Report to Executive 12 June 2007	August meeting to update on progress
Whitehaven Regeneration Programme	Where are we now		Contact: Mike Tichford	08/02/07 OSC-EW136 Comments on the plan to be directed the Head of Regeneration by 13 February 2007, after which a response, on behalf of the Council would be formulated.	August meeting to update on progress
Links available for small businesses	Advice form small business cluster group		Contact: West Cumbria Development Agency		August meeting
Joint review to look at car parking policies across Cumbria	Joint Review		Contact Neil White	First meeting in September	To come back as appropriate
A review of the enforcement of conditions attached to planning decisions.	To look at how effectively this is done by the council	Task and Finish	Contact Neil White	To be done after the review of planning appeals	Later on in 2007

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Safer and Stronger Communities					
Topic	Why	How	Who	Status	Report Due
How clean is the Borough	Street cleanliness, litter, dog fouling etc	Mystery shopping (public toilets included)	Contact Neil White	Need to undertake survey of North of Borough	August meeting
Rural Transport Grant	How does it work, is financed and how does it meet its objectives	Pre-scrutiny briefing from Cumbria C C	Contact: (Cheryl Cowperthwaite)	Could do a presentation on the Grant criteria and accessibility – would like 3 to 4 weeks notice	August meeting
Community Legal Service	To consider funding requirements for Community Legal Services for 2008-09 and beyond	Task and Finish	Contact Neil White	Sub Group established	August meeting
Doorstep recycling	Regular monitoring		Contact: Janice Carrol	Recommendations to Executive 24 April 2007 26/02/07 OSC-ENV143 Requested an update report in six months time on targets achieved by the doorstep recycling collection service	Update report in October
Bereavement Strategy			Contact: Stephen Benn	2 April 2007 OSC-ENV149 – Strategy to be brought back when completed (September)	October meeting
Energy Policy	Increased use of renewable energy and energy efficiency and reduction of fuel poverty	Methodology to be discussed. Cllrs Hewitson; Brannay, Barnes; Jackson; Meteer	Contact Neil White	Sub Group established	October meeting
Crime & Disorder Reduction Partnership	Joint Committee CBC/ABC/CCC		Contact: Jane Murray (Allerdale) /Alan Gunston (Cumbria CC)	Initial work to start after elections	Later on in 2007

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