

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
-ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6TH JUNE 2005

Present: Councillors Mrs A Bradshaw (Chair); Mrs E Eastwood (Deputy Chair); Mrs M Barnes (Items 1-11 only); N Clarkson; F McPhillips; J Park; W Southward

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Dixon; A Johnston; Mrs J Johnston; G Scurrah.

Officers: Mr K Parker, Head of Leisure and Environmental Services; Mr T Magean, Open Spaces Manager; Ms J O'Reilly, Team Leader, Health and Safety; Ms J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2005 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

OSC-EN76 New Structure of Leisure and Environmental Services

Mr Parker updated members on the new structure, highlighting the posts which had been filled and those being advertised shortly. Some had been put on hold pending investigations into potential alternative delivery arrangements for the provision of sport and leisure facilities.

He additionally pointed out that the Department housed around half of the Council's employees and accounted for 55% of the budget.

Mr Magean gave a further briefing on the enforcement department (copy appended to these minutes) highlighting that 68% of enforcement officer time was spent on parking with the remainder spent on other enforcement activity. Demand for enforcement activity was huge. The section had been without a manager for some time, shortlisting was imminent and after appointment, a business plan would be developed.

RESOLVED: that Mr Magean be invited back in the autumn to present the business plan for enforcement.

OSC-EN77 Food Safety Standards

Ms J O'Reilly presented a summary of work undertaken in 2004-05 and proposals for 2005-06, including an alternative inspection strategy for low risk businesses.

RESOLVED: that Ms O'Reilly be invited back in six months to report on achievements against targets.

OSC-EN78 **Engaging Members and Scrutiny of Waste Management**

Mr Parker led Members through a workshop presentation from the Improvement and Development agency, during which he highlighted that:

- The amount of waste was growing at a national level of 5% year on year. Cumbria spent £100m a year on waste, Copeland's spend was over £2m (£1.6m waste management and recycling and £0.7m on cleansing).
- There was less than two years life left at Lillyhall landfill site. Alternatives were currently being considered.
- Scrutiny Members did take an interest in Waste Management at Copeland.
- 40% of supermarket spend was binned (packaging) – there was a need for awareness-raising through publicity. This was also seen as an important issue for Copeland.

RESOLVED: that Members take a greater interest in waste management at a strategic level and contact is made with Cumbria County Council to establish whether there might be the opportunity for joint-working.

OSC-EN79 **Work plan**

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

OSC-EN80 **Review of public toilets**

Members requested a review of public toilets to be included in the work plan following media coverage of cleanliness and maintenance of public toilets and the opening hours.

RESOLVED: that a sub group of members be set up, led by Deputy Chair, Cllr Mrs E Eastwood, and to include Cllrs Mrs J Johnston; F McPhillips; W Southward.

OSC-EN81 **Forward Plan**

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

OSC-EN82 West Cumbria Strategic Partnership – Environmental Well-being

The minutes of the most recent meeting were submitted and noted by the Committee.

OSC-EN83 Items for which the Press and Public will be Excluded:

RESOLVED: that Item 12 should be held with the press and public excluded on the grounds of the disclosure of exempt information under paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

OSC-EN84 Doorstep Collections

Further analysis of the doorstep collections service was considered.

RESOLVED: That the Waste Services Manager and Kerb Side Collections be invited to the September meeting of the Committee to report on achievements against the Service Level Agreement.

The meeting closed at 4.30pm.

CHAIR:.....

DATE:.....