

**CHANGE OF USE TO PROVIDE HOLIDAY PARK AND ERECTION OF ASSOCIATED BUILDING COMPLEX, LAND AT MICKLAM, LOWCA, WHITEHAVEN**

**Lead Officer:** T Pomfret – Development Services Manager

**To report the outcome of the joint Member meeting with Cumbria County Council held on 2 October 2006**

**Recommendation:**

- i) That Cumbria County Council's sustained objection to this planning application on strategic grounds be noted, and
- ii) Notwithstanding (i) above, the planning application be referred to the Secretary of State with a recommendation that the Council is minded to approve.

**Resource Implications:** Nil.

**1.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 1.1 At the last meeting Members were unanimously minded to recommend approval of this major leisure proposal subject to conditions and subject to a joint Member meeting with Cumbria County Council being convened, the outcome of which to be reported at this meeting following which and subject to the outcome of the joint meeting the application be referred to the Secretary of State with a recommendation that the Council is minded to approve.
- 1.2 The joint meeting took place on 2 October 2006, Cumbria County Council being represented by the Chair of the Development Control and Regulations Committee, the Leader of the opposition and the Senior Planning Officer with Copeland's representatives being the Chair of the Planning Panel, an opposition Member (in the absence of the Deputy Chair) and the Development Services Manager.
- 1.3 A briefing note prepared by Copeland formed the basis for discussion (copy attached). Whilst recognising the economic regeneration benefits of the proposed development Cumbria County Council remain of the opinion that these are not outweighed by the strategic planning policy objections previously raised and appended to the report presented at the last meeting. Cumbria County Council, however, recognise that the more recently adopted Copeland Local Plan 2001-2016 takes precedence over the joint Structure Plan in planning policy terms.

- 1.4 Notwithstanding Cumbria County Council's sustained objection to this planning application on strategic grounds, Members are recommended to reaffirm their previous support and, accordingly, resolve to refer the application to the Secretary of State with a recommendation that the Council is minded to approve.

**Background Papers:** Report to the Planning Panel on 13 September 2006

Briefing Note for joint Member meeting with Cumbria County Council on 2 October 2006 (appended)