

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1 MARCH 2005

Present: Councillors: W Southward (Mayor); N Clarkson (Deputy Mayor); M Ashbrook; D Banks; G Blackwell; Anne Bradshaw; G Clements; R Cole; Mrs M D Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; Mrs D A Faichney; F J Gleaves; D W T Gray; J E Hewitson; F R Heathcote; K H Hitchen; A Holliday; Mrs J K Johnston; A J Johnston; M A McVeigh; S J Meter; Mrs W Metherell; D W Moore; J Park; J Prince; J Reed; R Salkeld; G Scurrah; J G Sunderland; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; A Wells; A Wonnacott; Miss E M Woodburn; Mrs M B Woodburn; H Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors: Mrs M Barnes; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; J Close B.E.M; P C Connolly; B A Dixon; Mrs C Giel; Mrs J Hully; J Jackson; F McPhillips; A Norwood; N Williams; Mrs D A Wonnacott; K Young.

C 105 Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 25 January 2005 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record.

C106 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor welcomed Jane Salt, Head of Customer Services, to her first Council Meeting since her appointment.

The Mayor then referred to the various engagements he had fulfilled since the last meeting of the Council, and reminded Members that a Special Meeting of the Council would be held on the 22 March 2005 at 2.00pm to consider the Local Plan.

The Mayor then referred to a letter he had received from former Councillor Mrs June Pickering, thanking the Council for their decision, made recently under delegated powers by the Planning Panel.

C 107 Executive Reports

The following Executive Members gave progress reports on matters coming within their Portfolios: -

Councillor Miss E Woodburn – Leader
 Councillor M Ashbrook – Deputy Leader
 Councillor M Ashbrook- Resources and Local Democracy
 Councillor Miss E Woodburn – Business Growth
 Councillor H Wormstrup – Economic Infrastructure
 Councillor G Blackwell – Health and Community Safety
 Councillor G Clements – Tourism and Housing

Councillor M Ashbrook – Cultural Services

Councillor A Holliday – Improving and Protecting the Environment

(Councillor J G Sunderland declared a personal interest in matters relating to Housing Benefit in his capacity as a Landlord, during a question asked concerning compensation payable for the late payment of Housing Benefit cheques.)

C108 Executive Decisions – Leader’s Portfolio

RESOLVED that Executive Decision EXE/04/0157 – Council Tax Discounts for Beach Bungalows – be approved, subject to addition of the words “renewable annually” after the word “agreement” in paragraph (a).

C109 Software Failure/Web Development/IEG

Arising from the Resources and Local Democracy Portfolio Report, and in response to questions by Councillor K Hitchen, the Deputy Leader agreed to supply written replies to questions raised on the cost of recent software failures and any loss of e-mail resulting, the present position on web development, with particular reference to the involvement of Members and residents, and a requested update on the current IEG programme.

C110 Telephone Access

Arising from the Resources and Local Democracy Portfolio Report, and in response to a question by Councillor K Hitchen, the Deputy Leader agreed to provide a written response to the question concerning Members access via 0845 telephone numbers.

C111 Executive Decisions – Health and Community Safety Portfolio

RESOLVED that Executive Decision EXE/04/0149 (Extensions to Powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act) be approved.

C112 A595 Detrunking

Arising from the Economic Infrastructure Portfolio Report, the Leader of the Council agreed to arrange for an urgent meeting to be held with local objectors in connection with the inquiry into the A595 Detrunking Scheme.

C113 Abandoned Vehicles

Arising from the Improving and Protecting the Environment Portfolio Report, and in response to a question by Councillor R Cole, the Portfolio holder agreed to provide a written reply on details of new legislation relating to abandoned vehicles.

C114 Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Performance and Resources – Leaks of Part II Reports

At the request of the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Performance and Resources, this item was withdrawn from the agenda.

C115 Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2003/2004 and Revised Action Plan

Further to the decision of the Council on 25 January 2005 in respect of the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for 2003/2004, the Council gave further consideration to the Action Plan, and changes proposed following further discussion with the Audit Commission, and to the recommendations of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Performance and Resources in respect of action taken to reduce the possibility of fraud and corruption.

RESOLVED that a) the matters consider by the Overview and /Scrutiny – Performance and Resources at minutes PR 89 and PR 91 be noted, together with the Committee's conclusion that it is satisfied that all is being done that can be done to reduce the possibility of fraud and corruption; and

b) the Revised Audit Action Plan be approved and adopted.

C116 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax 2005/2006

Consideration was given to proposals for the Revenue Budget for 2005/2006, together with the Capital Programme and Council Tax Levy.

RESOLVED

1. a) That the 2005/06 Revenue Budget be approved at £10,752,293, including non-recurring bids and contributions to the Capital Programme.
- b) That this Council's Council Tax Levy for the financial year 2005/06 be £9,347,332, (£9,662,102 including parish precepts)
2. That it be noted that at its meeting of the 25th January 2005, the Council delegated the final approval of the Council Tax Base to the Chief Finance officer and the final amount is calculated as:
 - a) 22,030.47 as its Council Tax Base for the year 2005/06 in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of the Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 made under Section 33(5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

b)

PARISH	COUNCIL TAX BASE (Band D equivalents)
Arlecdon & Frizington	1139.78
St Bridget's Beckermest	171.56

PARISH	COUNCIL TAX BASE (Band D equivalents)
Bootle	268.79
St Bees	695.93
Cleator Moor	2070.25
Distington	689.65
Drigg & Carleton	177.38
Egremont	2282.65
Eskdale	157.98
Ennerdale & Kinniside	122.10
Gosforth	527.45
Haile & Wilton	109.94
Irton with Santon	175.56
St John's	620.48
Lowside Quarter	185.06
Lamplugh	331.04
Lowca	207.54
Millom	2157.92
Moresby	413.83
Muncaster	150.88
Millom Without	412.04
Ponsonby	36.48
Parton	261.92
Seascale	621.68
Ulpha	83.80
Waberthwaite	97.83
Wasdale	64.08
Whicham	150.33
Weddicar	166.02
All other parts of the Council Area	7480.52
TOTAL	22030.47

Being the amounts calculated by the Council in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amount of its Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

3. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2005/06 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

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| a) | £ 33,116,814 | being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act. |
| b) | £23,454,712 | being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council |

estimates set out in Section 32(3)(a) to (c) of the Act.

- c) £ 9,662,102 being the amount by which the aggregate at 3(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 3(b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.

- d) £5,943,342 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic rates, Revenue Support Grant and increased by the amount of any sum which the Council estimates will be transferred from its Collection Fund to its General Fund pursuant to the Collection Fund Regulations (Community Charge Surplus)

- e) £ 168.80 being the amount at 3(c) above less the amount at 3(d) above, all divided by the amount at 2(a) above calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

- f) £ 314,770 being the aggregate amount of all special items Parish and Town Council Precepts) referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act

- g) £154.51 being the amount at 3(e) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3(f) above by the amount at 2(a) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which no special item relates.

- h) The following are calculated by adding to the amount at 3 (g) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 2 (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the

year for dwellings in those parts of the area to which one or more special items relate.

PARISH	Parish/Town precepts (Band D equivalents) £
Arlecdon & Frizington	13.16
St Bridget's Beckermest	18.65
Bootle	14.88
St Bees	20.50
Cleator Moor	17.39
Distington	15.95
Drigg & Carleton	13.53
Egremont	34.61
Eskdale	12.66
Ennerdale & Kinniside	18.84
Gosforth	34.20
Haile & Wilton	12.73
Irton with Santon	0.00
St John's	17.73
Lowside Quarter	14.86
Lamplugh	25.68
Lowca	10.60
Millom	28.78
Moresby	14.50
Muncaster	16.57
Millom without	10.92
Ponsonby	0.00
Parton	22.91
Seascale	21.23
Ulpha	1.91
Waberthwaite	10.22
Wasdale	7.80
Whicham	18.29
Weddicar	18.07

- i) The following are calculated by multiplying the amount at 3 (g) and 3 (h) above by the number which in the proportion set out in section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that portion is applicable to dwellings listed in Valuation Band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

VALUATION BANDS

Disabled A £	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
85.84	103.0 1	120.1 7	137.34	154.51	188.85	223.18	257.52	309.02

Added to the following amount:

	disb	A	Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
Arlecdon and Frizington	7.31	8.77	10.24	11.70	13.16	16.08	19.01	21.93	26.32	
St Bridgets	10.36	12.43	14.51	16.58	18.65	22.79	26.94	31.08	37.30	
Bootle	8.27	9.92	11.57	13.23	14.88	18.19	21.49	24.80	29.76	
St Bees	11.39	13.67	15.94	18.22	20.50	25.06	29.61	34.17	41.00	
Cleator Moor	9.66	11.59	13.53	15.46	17.39	21.25	25.12	28.98	34.78	
Distington	8.86	10.63	12.41	14.18	15.95	19.49	23.04	26.58	31.90	
Drigg and Carleton	7.52	9.02	10.52	12.03	13.53	16.54	19.54	22.55	27.06	
Egremont	19.23	23.07	26.92	30.76	34.61	42.30	49.99	57.68	69.22	
Eskdale	7.03	8.44	9.85	11.25	12.66	15.47	18.29	21.10	25.32	
Ennerdale and Kinniside	10.47	12.56	14.65	16.75	18.84	23.03	27.21	31.40	37.68	
Gosforth	19.00	22.80	26.60	30.40	34.20	41.80	49.40	57.00	68.40	
Haile and Wilton	7.07	8.49	9.90	11.32	12.73	15.56	18.39	21.22	25.46	
Irton with Santon	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
St Johns	9.85	11.82	13.79	15.76	17.73	21.67	25.61	29.55	35.46	
Lowside Quarter	8.26	9.91	11.56	13.21	14.86	18.16	21.46	24.77	29.72	
Lamplugh	14.27	17.12	19.97	22.83	25.68	31.39	37.09	42.80	51.36	
Lowca	5.89	7.07	8.24	9.42	10.60	12.96	15.31	17.67	21.20	
Millom	15.99	19.19	22.38	25.58	28.78	35.18	41.57	47.97	57.56	
Moresby	8.06	9.67	11.28	12.89	14.50	17.72	20.94	24.17	29.00	
Muncaster	9.21	11.05	12.89	14.73	16.57	20.25	23.93	27.62	33.14	
Millom Without	6.07	7.28	8.49	9.71	10.92	13.35	15.77	18.20	21.84	
Ponsonby	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Parton	12.73	15.27	17.82	20.36	22.91	28.00	33.09	38.18	45.82	
Seascale	11.79	14.15	16.51	18.87	21.23	25.95	30.67	35.38	42.46	
Ulpha	1.06	1.27	1.49	1.70	1.91	2.33	2.76	3.18	3.82	
Waberthwaite	5.68	6.81	7.95	9.08	10.22	12.49	14.76	17.03	20.44	
Wasdale	4.33	5.20	6.07	6.93	7.80	9.53	11.27	13.00	15.60	
Whicham	10.16	12.19	14.23	16.26	18.29	22.35	26.42	30.48	36.58	
Weddicar	10.04	12.05	14.05	16.06	18.07	22.09	26.10	30.12	36.14	

4. That it be noted that for the year 2005/06 Cumbria County Council have stated the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

VALUATION BANDS

	Disabled A	A £	B £	C £	D £	E £	F £	G £	H £
Cumbria County Council	539.53	647.44	755.35	863.25	971.16	1186.97	1402.79	1618.60	1942.32
Police Authority	86.35	103.62	120.89	138.16	155.43	189.97	224.51	259.05	310.86

5. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(l) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2005/06 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

PARISH	Disabled A	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Arlecdon & Frizington	719.03	862.84	1006.65	1150.45	1294.26	1581.87	1869.49	2157.10	2588.52
St Bridget's	722.08	866.50	1010.92	1155.33	1299.75	1588.58	1877.42	2166.25	2599.50
Bootle	719.99	863.99	1007.98	1151.98	1295.98	1583.98	1871.97	2159.97	2591.96
St Bees	723.11	867.74	1012.35	1156.97	1301.60	1590.85	1880.09	2169.34	2603.20
Cleator Moor	721.38	865.66	1009.94	1154.21	1298.49	1587.04	1875.60	2164.15	2596.98
Distington	720.58	864.70	1008.82	1152.93	1297.05	1585.28	1873.52	2161.75	2594.10
Drigg & Carleton	719.24	863.09	1006.93	1150.78	1294.63	1582.33	1870.02	2157.72	2589.26
Egremont	730.95	877.14	1023.33	1169.51	1315.71	1608.09	1900.47	2192.85	2631.42
Eskdale	718.75	862.51	1006.26	1150.00	1293.76	1581.26	1868.77	2156.27	2587.52
Ennerdale & Kinniside	722.19	866.63	1011.06	1155.50	1299.94	1588.82	1877.69	2166.57	2599.88
Gosforth	730.72	876.87	1023.01	1169.15	1315.30	1607.59	1899.88	2192.17	2630.60
Haile & Wilton	718.79	862.56	1006.31	1150.07	1293.83	1581.35	1868.87	2156.39	2587.66
Irton with Santon	711.72	854.07	996.41	1138.75	1281.10	1565.79	1850.48	2135.17	2562.20
St John's	721.57	865.89	1010.20	1154.51	1298.83	1587.46	1876.09	2164.72	2597.66
Lowside Quarter	719.98	863.98	1007.97	1151.96	1295.96	1583.95	1871.94	2159.94	2591.92
Lamplugh	725.99	871.19	1016.38	1161.58	1306.78	1597.18	1887.57	2177.97	2613.56
Lowca	717.61	861.14	1004.65	1148.17	1291.70	1578.75	1865.79	2152.84	2583.40
Millom	727.71	873.26	1018.79	1164.33	1309.88	1600.97	1892.05	2183.14	2619.76
Moresby	719.78	863.74	1007.69	1151.64	1295.60	1583.51	1871.42	2159.34	2591.20
Muncaster	720.93	865.12	1009.30	1153.48	1297.67	1586.04	1874.41	2162.79	2595.34
Millom Without	717.79	861.35	1004.90	1148.46	1292.02	1579.14	1866.25	2153.37	2584.04
Ponsonby	711.72	854.07	996.41	1138.75	1281.10	1565.79	1850.48	2135.17	2562.20
Parton	724.45	869.34	1014.23	1159.11	1304.01	1593.79	1883.57	2173.35	2608.02
Seascale	723.51	868.22	1012.92	1157.62	1302.33	1591.74	1881.15	2170.55	2604.66
Ulpha	712.78	855.34	997.90	1140.45	1283.01	1568.12	1853.24	2138.35	2566.02
Waberthwaite	717.40	860.88	1004.36	1147.83	1291.32	1578.28	1865.24	2152.20	2582.64
Wasdale	716.05	859.27	1002.48	1145.68	1288.90	1575.32	1861.75	2148.17	2577.80
Whicham	721.88	866.26	1010.64	1155.01	1299.39	1588.14	1876.90	2165.65	2598.78
Weddicar	721.76	866.12	1010.46	1154.81	1299.17	1587.88	1876.58	2165.29	2598.34
All other parts of Council Area (Whitehaven)	711.72	854.07	996.41	1138.75	1281.10	1565.79	1850.48	2135.17	2562.20

PRECEPTS RECEIVED**A. COUNTY COUNCIL**

The County Council, at its meeting on 15th February 2005, set a budget requirement of £503,200,000 which requires a total Council Tax precept of £167,385,000

The split of the precepts is as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Precept</u> £
Allerdale	30,607,605
Barrow	20,536,397
Carlisle	31,682,097
Copeland	21,395,126
Eden	19,520,922
South Lakeland	43,642,853

The Council Tax to be levied in respect of the County's precept requirement is as follows:

<u>BAND</u>	<u>COUNCIL TAX</u> £
A	647.44
B	755.35
C	863.25
D	971.16
E	1,186.97
F	1,402.79
G	1,618.60
H	1,942.32

B. POLICE AUTHORITY

The Police Authority, at its meeting on 10th February 2005, set a budget requirement of £89,115,200 which requires a total Council Tax precept of £26,789,571

The split of the precepts is as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Precept</u> £
Allerdale	4,898,613
Barrow	3,286,760
Carlisle	5,070,580
Copeland	3,424,196
Eden	3,124,238
South Lakeland	6,984,847

The Council Tax to be levied in respect of the County's precept requirement is as follows:

BAND	COUNCIL TAX
A	103.62
B	120.89
C	138.16
D	155.43
E	189.97
F	224.51
G	259.05
H	310.86

C. PARISH PRECEPTS

PARISH	PRECEPT RECEIVED 2005/06	BAND D
		CHARGE £
Arlecdon and Frizington	15000.00	13.16
St Bridgets Parish	3200.00	18.65
Bootle	4000.00	14.88
St Bees	14270.00	20.50
Cleator Moor	36000.00	17.39
Distington	11000.00	15.95
Drigg and Carleton	2400.00	13.53
Egremont	79000.00	34.61
Eskdale	2000.00	12.66
Ennerdale and Kinniside	2300.00	18.84
Gosforth	18040.00	34.20
Haile and Wilton	1400.00	12.73
Irton with Santon	0.00	0.00
St Johns	11000.00	17.73
Lowside Quarter	2750.00	14.86
Lamplugh	8500.00	25.68
Lowca	2200.00	10.60
Millom	62100.00	28.78
Moresby	6000.00	14.50
Muncaster	2500.00	16.57
Millom Without	4500.00	10.92
Ponsonby	0.00	0.00
Parton	6000.00	22.91
Seascale	13200.00	21.23
Ulpha	160.00	1.91
Waberthwaite	1000.00	10.22
Wasdale	500.00	7.80
Whicham	2750.00	18.29
Weddicar	3000.00	18.07

COLLECTION FUND POSITION IN RELATION TO COUNCIL TAX ITEMS

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£	£
Cumbria County Council	20,167,844	
Police Authority Precept	3,262,349	
Decrease in Bad Debts position	(113,560)	
Copeland Borough Council (inc Parishes)	<u>3,495,500</u>	
		26,812,133

INCOME

Council Tax estimated to be Collected as at 15 th January 2005	27,186,273	
		<u>27,186,273</u>

ESTIMATED SURPLUS FOR 2004/05	374,140
Surplus brought forward from 2003/04	15,956

TOTAL SURPLUS **390,096**

APPORTIONMENT OF SURPLUS

Cumbria County Council	295,453
Police Authority	47,792
Copeland Borough Council	<u>46,851</u>
	<u>390,096</u>

COLLECTION FUND POSITION IN RELATION TO COMMUNITY CHARGE ITEMS

	£
Arrears outstanding at 15 th February 2005	0
Provision for arrears at 1.4.04	1,339
Write offs	<u>(2,027)</u>
Deficit of provision over arrears	(688)
Surplus as at 1.4.03	206
Applied to reduce Council Tax 2003/04	482
Fund Deficit as at 15 th February 2005	0
Estimated additional income from grants & Community Charge	0
ESTIMATED FUND DEFICIT	<u>0</u>

CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX BASE FOR WHOLE OF COPELAND

Valuation Band	Disabled A	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
No. of properties in Valuation List 09/12/04	0	19201	4210	3767	2822	1498	384	86	15
Add estimated No. of additional properties 01/12/04 - 31/03/06	0	42.00	29.00	116.50	47.00	15.50	0.50	0	0
Deduct estimated No. of properties to be deleted eg. Demolitions 01/12/04 - 31/03/06 Apportioned	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deduct No. of properties which will be Exempt	0	251	40	26	7	7	4	2	1
Deduct No. of Properties which will fall into a Lower Band due to Disabled Persons Reductions	0	72	33	41	29	17	8	4	4
Add No. of Properties From A Higher Valuation Band Due To Disabled Persons Reductions	72	33	41	29	17	8	4	4	0
Deduct Discounts @ 25% Single Persons and Disregards	0	7663	1247	840	489	199	45	7	0
Deduct Discounts @ 50% - Empty Properties	0	539	64	37	44	15	12	7	7
Deduct @ 10% Discounts for Second Homes	0	492	102	96	60	52	15	3	1
TOTAL	72.00	16718.55	3853.05	3607.4	2699.75	1435.05	357.75	78.45	6.40
Proportions	5/9	6/9	7/9	8/9	1	11/9	13/9	15/9	18/9
Multiply Total by Proportions to give Band D Equivalents	40.02	11145.71	2996.82	3206.58	2699.75	1753.93	516.74	130.77	12.80

22,503.12	TOTAL BAND "D" EQUIVALENTS (A)
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23.05	LESS PROVISION FOR SUCCESSFUL VALUATION BANDING APPEALS (B)
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(A - B) x Collection Rate
(C) @ 98.00%

22,030.47

Single Persons Discount %	25.00%
Second Property Discount %	10.00%
Empty Property Discount %	50.00%

22,030.47	ESTIMATED COUNCIL TAX BASE (T) FOR
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THE WHOLE OF COPELAND

C117 Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy 2005/2006

Consideration was given to a proposed Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators for 2005/2006 in accordance with the requirements of the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities and the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management.

RESOLVED that

- a) Council adopts the Prudential Indicators and Limits for 2005/2006 to 2007/2008 as set out in the report;
- b) Council approves the Treasury Management Strategy for 2005/2006 and the Treasury Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix A; and
- c) Council approves the Investment Strategy for 2005/2006 contained in the Treasury Management Strategy.

C118 Amendments to the Constitution

Consideration was given to proposed changes in the Scheme of Delegations in the Constitution to reflect the management restructure and other changes.

It was noted that proposed changes to the remaining sections of the Constitution (Articles, Procedure Rules, Local Choice Functions, Delegations to Officers, General Standing Orders and the Member Officer Protocol) would be reported to Council on 12 April 2005 following final decisions on Council restructuring.

RESOLVED that

- a) The amendments proposed are approved and implemented from 1 March 2005;
- b) The amendment to Officer Delegations relating to Hackney Carriage Licences referred to in Paragraph 2 (Licensing Committee) be approved with immediate effect and incorporated in the Scheme of Officer Delegations to be submitted to Council in April 2005.

C119 Contract Standing Orders

Consideration was given to proposed new Contract Standing Orders taking into account the Council's Procurement Strategy and Objective OQ8 of the new Draft Corporate Plan.

RESOLVED that the Council adopts the revised Draft Contract Standing Orders.

C120 Appointments to Outside Bodies

RESOLVED – that the appointment of Councillor R Salkeld in his capacity as Shadow Portfolio Holder for Economic Infrastructure as an additional Council representative on the Copeland Area Transport Advisory Group be confirmed.

The Meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Mayor