

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**  
**- SOCIAL WELL-BEING**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18 APRIL 2005**

**Present:** Councillors Mrs M Woodburn; Mrs A Faichney; Mrs C Giel; J Jackson; Mrs W Metherell; B Salkeld

Apologies were received from Councillors R Cole; S Meteer; P Watson

Also present: Cllr G Clements; Mr David Fisher, Managing Director, Home (North West), Copeland Homes; Mr Russell Norman, Chief Executive, Howgill Family Centre; Mr Willie Slaven, Chairman, Howgill Family Centre

Officers: Dr John Stanforth, Chief Executive (Item 5); Terry Chilcott, Corporate Director (Quality of Life); Keith Parker, Head of Leisure and Environmental Services; Phil Sutton, Senior Leisure Services Manager; Jane Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2005 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

**OSC-SOC87     Arrangement of the Agenda**

It was duly agreed that an additional item – Future Management of Leisure Facilities – be taken at agenda item 9.

**OSC-SOC88     Copeland Homes**

The Committee received a briefing – notes of which are attached as an appendix to this report – on progress being made towards a decent homes standard.

**RESOLVED** - that the briefing be noted.  
                  that the criteria for applications to the Community Fund be circulated to all Members.

**OSC-SOC89**

**Howgill Family Centre**

The Committee received a briefing on the work of the Howgill Family Centre, the SLA with Copeland Borough Council, and changes to the legislation with regard to children placing a duty on agencies and authorities to 'co-operate'.

**RESOLVED** – that the briefing be noted.  
that any duty to co-operate with repercussions for Copeland Borough Council be taken into account in drawing up a new Service Level Agreement.

**OSC-SOC90**

**Work Plan**

The Committee received and noted the workplan of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

**OSC-SOC91**

**Forward Plan**

The Forward Plan of key decisions to be taken by the Executive was received and noted.

**OSC-SOC92**

**Future Management of Leisure Facilities**

The Committee was briefed on a proposal going forward to the next Executive, recommending that the Council advertises for a third party to run leisure facilities as a trust, bringing resultant savings in VAT and business rates to be reinvested into, for example, improvements in accessibility for people living in rural areas. The recommendation could be interpreted as a pretty firm steer that the Council would be going down this path, but clearly the Council would not proceed unless it continued to be sure that substantial benefits would be gained.

**RESOLVED** – that the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 6.00 pm.

Chair.....

Date.....