

REVIEW OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES FOR RESOURCE ALLOCATION 2009/10

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Summary:

This report proposes that Members review the Council's priorities established through consultation in 2007/08.

Recommendation:

That Members confirm the priorities for resource allocation in the 2009/10 revenue and capital budget.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to review the Council's priorities established through consultation with the public and parish councils in 2007/08 and recommended by the Resource Planning Working Group to the Executive for approval. Members should now confirm the priorities for resource allocation in the 2009/10 revenue and capital budget.

2 PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED IN 2007/08

- 2.1 The Executive, on 27 November 2007, approved the 6 priorities listed below as the top priorities but retained all the Corporate Plan priorities as a framework for the allocation of resources.
- 2.2 The top 6 priorities identified were:-
- Providing high quality, clean streets and open spaces;
 - Ensuring the area has good roads and good public transport;
 - Creating enough, different jobs to suit all;
 - Making Copeland a safer place to be;
 - Improving skills and education and keeping people with skills in Copeland; and
 - Giving everyone good customer service.

2.3 The remaining 8 priorities related to:-

- Making sure that Copeland has a say on regional and national issues;
- Working with the right partners to help each other achieve shared goals;
- Regenerate Copeland;
- Providing quality housing for everyone;
- Giving people the chance to get involved in their community;
- Giving everyone the chance to access opportunities and services;
- Encouraging a wider range of leisure and cultural activities; and
- Encouraging people to be healthy.

3 OPTIONS

- 3.1 The RWPG confirm that the existing priorities outlined at para. 2 above should continue to form the basis for prioritizing resource allocation in the 2009/10 budget.
- 3.2 The RWPG recommend amendments to the priorities outlined at para. 2 above to the Executive.

4 FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOURCES OF FINANCE)

- 4.1 Resources will be allocated in line with the Medium Term Financial Strategy.

5 PROJECT AND RISK MANAGEMENT

- 5.1 The budget process will be timetabled and risks identified.

6 IMPACT ON CORPORATE PLAN

- 6.1 The budget and monitoring process is fully integrated into the planning process of the Council embracing all the corporate objectives.

List of Appendices: None

List of Background Documents: None

Consultees: Corporate Team