

WEST CUMBRIA JOINT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the West Cumbria Joint Leadership Committee, held on 22nd February 2008 at 1.30pm at the Lakeland Learning Centre, Cockermouth

PRESENT

Mr A Holliday	Copeland Borough Council
Mr J Milburn	Allerdale Borough Council
Mr T Stoddard (Chair)	Cumbria County Council

1. Minutes

Members noted that the Committee's Memorandum was in process of adoption by the three Councils.

Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2007 be confirmed as a correct record.

2. Locality Working

Members considered a report on the development of a common approach to Locality Working in West Cumbria. There was an urgency to make progress on this issue in the light of changes in national policy and legislation, and in view of the uncertainty surrounding the future of Market Town Initiatives, and other aspects of Locality Working currently being developed by all three Councils. Whilst not wishing to impose a uniform approach, either between or within District areas, there was sufficient commonality of approach to support some shared understanding of concept and development – a “common conceptual framework”.

It was agreed that Locality Working arrangements needed to embrace elected members of three tiers in their community leadership role; “representatives of local persons” as defined in the Sustainable Communities Act supported by citizen engagement through Neighbourhood Forums and other mechanisms; and local managers of the main providers of public services.

Resolved That the Co-ordinator, with officers of the three tiers of local government, work with locality partnerships and service providers to develop distinctive proposals, appropriate to each District and Locality, for consideration at a future meeting.

3. Future Generation Implementation Plan

Members considered an extract from the early draft Future Generation Implementation Plan. The Plan was to be developed around the six linked “transformational strategies” of Future Generation, showing the reasons for including particular programmes, interdependence of programmes and actions, and the expected impact on Future Generation outcomes, Public Service Agreement outcomes, and the Improvement Targets to be identified in the Local Area Agreement – across all policy areas. That approach itself would contribute to the transformational nature of the Plan.

Members agreed that the Plan should not attempt to list everything that is happening in West Cumbria - simply to repeat other Plans would be pointless – but should identify linkages between plans, new actions, or new approaches to existing issues, which can deliver the outcomes for West Cumbria set out in “Future Generation”. It would include complementary actions to be taken by local national and regional bodies, and, crucially, complementary actions by local private and third sector partners beyond the public sector – and in some cases by “active citizens” themselves.

Resolved That the development of the Future Generation Implementation Plan be noted

4. Partnership Forum for West Cumbria

Members considered, on the recommendation of the Partnership Forum, revised Protocols for the Forum, which had been developed following the Report of the Partnership Review to the previous meeting. Whilst welcoming the revised Protocols in general, members wished to make some changes to clarify the detailed wording.

Resolved That the revised Protocols as presented be adopted with the following amendments:

- i) Section 2; Role and Purpose of Partnership Forum;
Clause c) :“endorse” is changed to “consider”
- ii) Section 2; Clause e) : “work” is changed to “capacity”;
“challenge for” is changed to “champion”
- iii) Section 2; Clause h) ;
”Community” is changed to “Citizen”
- iv) Section 2; Clause k) : Add at end of clause:
“to support challenge to delivery and outcomes”
and the amended Protocol as adopted be appended to this minute.

Members further noted a summary Report of the main matters considered by the Partnership Forum since the previous meeting of this Committee.

Resolved That the summary Report of the Partnership Forum be received

5. Public Service Delivery Board for West Cumbria

Members considered, on the recommendation of the Public Service Delivery Board, revised Terms of Reference for the Board, which had been developed following the Report of the Partnership Review to the previous meeting. Members were advised that, following a meeting of the Board two days earlier, members were being recommended to make changes to the draft Terms of Reference which lay before them, in the interest of further clarity and simplicity.

Members noted that there were no elected members in membership of the Board because it was concerned with operational co-ordination between chief officers and senior managers of the public services, and was not in itself a “governance” body which made “decisions” as the term is used in Council constitutions.

- Resolved** That the revised Terms of Reference as presented be adopted with the following amendments:
- i) Membership : Delete “Chief Executive or Executive Director of Primary Care Trust”; Insert instead “Executive Director (Public Health) of Primary Care Trust”
 - ii) Chair : Delete: “...shall usually, but not necessarily,....”
Insert instead “....but shall not necessarily....”
 - iii) Objectives :
 - a. Delete introductory sentence
 - b. Delete Clause 1
 - c. Delete Clause 2
 - d. Clause 3 : Delete “To jointly own and agree....”; Insert instead “To give direction to the public services in West Cumbria by jointly owning and agreeing.....”
Renumber as new Clause 1
 - e. Delete Clause 4
 - f. Clause 5 : Renumber as new Clause 2
 - g. Delete Clause 6
 - h. Delete Clause 7
 - i. Delete Clause 8
 - j. Clause 9; Renumber as new Clause 3
 - k. Clause 10; Renumber as new Clause 4
- and that the amended Terms of Reference as adopted be appended to this minute.

6. Strategic Co-ordination Unit Service Plan 2008-9

Members considered a draft Service Plan for the Committee’s Strategic Co-ordination Unit for 2008-9. The Unit was hosted by Copeland Borough Council, and so the Plan followed, broadly, the Copeland Borough Council model. A final version of the Plan would be brought to the next meeting when full information on performance for 2007-8 was known, and Plans and budgets for 2008-9 could be finalised.

Although the contributions to shared costs to be made by Allerdale and Copeland Borough Councils appeared to show an increase, this was merely due to changes in how contributions were described, and in particular the change from Local Area Agreement to Area Based Grant funding which was now to be included in base budgets. There was to be no increase on previous commitments.

Resolved That the draft Service Plan for the Strategic Co-ordination Unit be noted.

7. Future Meeting Dates

Members noted, for information, planned meeting dates for the Committee:

Wednesday	25 June	2008	10am	Lakeland Learning Centre, Cockermouth
Friday	25 July	2008	3pm	venue tba (special meeting - Annual Review)
Friday	31 October	2008	10am	venue tba
Thursday	12 February	2009	3pm	venue tba
Thursday	18 June	2009	3pm	venue tba

The meeting ended at 3.20 pm