

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

MEETING HELD ON 25 July 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Ms E Woodburn; G Clements; C Geil; A Holliday; N Williams; H Wormstrup

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Ashbrook and G Blackwell

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: T Chilcott, Corporate Director (Quality of Life); F McMorro, Corporate Director (Economic Prosperity and Sustainability); S Borwick Head of Finance and Business Development; J Salt, Head of Customer Services; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; I Curwen, Communications Officer, D James, Member Services Officer

T Magean, Agenda Items 1-6; L Gleed, Human Resources Manager, S Mounsey, Human Resources Officer Agenda Items 1-8

START TIME: 10.30 AM CLOSE TIME: 12.30 PM

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive of Copeland Borough Council dated 25 July 2006

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statement of Decision	
Date of Decision: 25 July 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0050	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Ashbrook

Context: Decisions made at the previous meeting requiring formal approval
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Key Decision Status: No

Decision That the Statements of decisions made at the meeting held on 4 July 2006 be agreed as a correct record

Explanation N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 5	
Subject: Forward Plan	
Date of Decision: 25 July 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0051	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Ashbrook

Context: To consider the forward plan of key decisions for July - November 2006
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Key Decision Status: No

Decision That the Forward Plan of Key Decisions be noted
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Explanation N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 6	
Subject: CCTV	
Date of Decision: 25 July 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0052	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor G Clements

Context:

This report presents the findings of a working group, led by Cllr Clements with Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Social Well-being, set up to review the provision of CCTV

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That a) a tender brief and specification be prepared and tenders invited for the upgrading and enhancing of the CCTV system

b) the Lead Officer in consultation with the Head of Finance and Business Development and Portfolio Holder, be delegated authority to conclude the tender process within the available resources;

c) subject to a successful tender process, the Council enters into a Service Level Agreement with Allerdale Borough Council for the purchase of a specified number of hours monitoring per annum; and

d) a partnership agreement be drawn up with the police setting out respective expectations.

Explanation

Initiated by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Social Well-being, a working group was set up by the Portfolio Holder in 2005 to review the provision of CCTV in the Borough amid concerns at the effectiveness of the current operation, given changes to 'hotspots' in those areas covered over the past ten years and changes to monitoring arrangements this report considers recommendations from that group.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 7	
Subject: Pay And Workforce Strategy Project	
Date of Decision: 25 July 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0053	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor N Williams

<p>Context:</p> <p>This report presents a project outline for the development and implementation of the Council's Pay and Workforce Strategy. During consideration of this item Members emphasised the importance of all Members buying into the strategy.</p> <p>Consideration was also given to the proposed Membership of both the People Strategy Group and the People Action Team.</p>

<p>Key Decision Status:</p> <p>No</p>

<p>Decision</p> <p>That a) the draft outline for the development of the Council's Pay and Workforce Strategy be noted; and</p> <p>b) the Portfolio Holder be included in the People Strategy Group; and</p> <p>c) others be invited to attend the People Action Team as appropriate.</p>
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<p>Explanation</p> <p>Executive considered a report in March regarding Pay and Workforce Strategy (PWS) which is a Government initiative in pursuit of the transformation of local government, supported by the Local Government Association and the Employers' Organisation. This report updates Members on progress made.</p>

<p>Alternative Options Considered:</p> <p>None</p>
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Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: Housing Strategy 2006/07	
Date of Decision: 25 July 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0054	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor G Clements

Context: To consider progress to date with the countrywide arrangements to develop the Cumbria Housing Strategy. Prior to consideration of this item Members congratulated officers for their hard work in producing the document.
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Key Decision Status: No

Decision Council be recommended that continued participation in the Countywide arrangements to develop the Cumbria Housing Strategy be supported.

Explanation In 2004 the Audit Commission and Government Office North West met with Officers and Housing Portfolio holders from across the County to discuss “fit for purpose” housing strategies and partnership working, they believed that only by working together in a structured way could Cumbria’s Housing Authorities address the issues of lack of capacity and resources. The six Local Authorities in Cumbria, the County Council and Lake District National Park Authority have produced this Housing Strategy.
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Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: Neighbourhood Management Defined Boundary	
Date of Decision: 25 July 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0055	

Portfolio Holders: Councillors G Clements & A Holliday
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<p>Context:</p> <p>To present to members confirmation of the proposed Neighbourhood Management boundary for investment of the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund.</p> <p>During consideration of this item it was noted that only a portion of Hensingham Ward was to be included and not the whole of it as stated in the recommendation.</p>

<p>Key Decision Status:</p> <p>No</p>

<p>Decision</p> <p>That the defined boundary for targeting of the Neighbourhood Management Element of the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund, which includes the communities of Sandwith/Greenbank /Woodhouse/Mirehouse/Kells a portion of Hensingham and Harbour.</p>
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<p>Explanation</p> <p>A report was presented to the Executive on the 13th June 2006, which sought agreement to appoint a Neighbourhood Manager and to endorse the geographical boundary for investment of the Safer and Stronger Communities Fund. The appointment of the officer was approved however the endorsement of the geographical boundaries was deferred for further clarification; this report addresses any out standing issues and seeks endorsement.</p>

<p>Alternative Options Considered:</p> <p>None</p>
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Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 10	
Subject: Egremont Market Town Initiative/Regeneration – Town Gateways and Car Park Project	
Date of Decision: 25 July 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0056	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Geil

Context:

To support the regeneration of Egremont through the Council acting as accountable body for a West Lakes Renaissance and European Regional Development Fund funded project to improve the town's gateways and car parks.

Due to the Chairman declaring a personal interest in this item it was moved by Councillor G Clements duly seconded that Councillor C Geil be appointed Chairman for this item.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That a) the funding applications to West Lakes Renaissance (North West Regional Development Agency) and Rural Regeneration Cumbria (ERDF) be supported; and

b) the Council's role as accountable body be supported.

Explanation

The Egremont and Area Regeneration Partnership, supported by Copeland Borough Council, is leading on the implementation of the Mini-Masterplan. The Mini-Masterplan identified that Egremont has very limited visibility from the by-pass and highlighted the need to create a distinctive presence and to improve signposting of the town.

An Egremont Gateway Baseline Study was commissioned by the Egremont and Area Regeneration Partnership and West Lakes Renaissance in order to address this.

The Gateway Project links closely with EARP and WLR led proposals for improvements and expansion at the Bridge End Industrial Estate. A programme of screen planting is proposed that will draw on WLR and private finance and will further enhance the approaches to Egremont.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: Councillor Ms E Woodburn declared a personal interest in this item due to being a Member of the Egremont Regeneration Group and Councillor C Geil took the Chair.

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Contact Officers:

M Tichford

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 11	
Subject: Delivery of Pow Beck Regeneration Initiative Partnership Between West Lakes Renaissance and Copeland Borough Council	
Date of Decision: 25 July 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0057	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor M Ashbrook

Context: To establish a framework for the delivery of the Pow Beck Regeneration Initiative by securing and maintaining effective and meaningful partnership working between Copeland BC and West Lakes Renaissance. Approval in principle is sought for a number of actions, mechanisms and potential agreements. The phased introduction of these various elements will be allied to the Whitehaven Regeneration Implementation Plan.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision That <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) the options set out in section 3 of this report be agreed in principle;b) the Corporate Director of Economic Prosperity and Sustainability in consultation with the Portfolio Holder, be delegated authority to pursue the implementation of the options subject to clarification of the relevant points set out in this report;c) Standing Orders be suspended to allow the appointment of White, Young Green, (planning consultants) to assist with the preparation of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the Pow Beck Development, should additional information be required. The appointment to be in accordance with the West Lakes Renaissance consultancy framework agreement.
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Explanation

The Pow Beck Regeneration Programme is one of the four key elements, which make up the Whitehaven Regeneration Programme. The master planning framework for the site envisages the phased development of a mixture of high quality commercial business (not retail) units, a redeveloped stadium, residential development, business–industrial units, sports and leisure facilities, brought together linked together through the development of a new spinal road through the site.

With the exception of the Leisure Facilities Relocation Study, which is nearing a conclusion and detailed site investigation work, the emphasis is now changing from studies and consultations to a start on the delivery of the first stages of the initiative.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Contact Officers:

M Tichford

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 12	
Subject: Single Non-Emergency Number (Snen)	
Date of Decision: 25 July 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0058	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor G Clements

Context: This paper advises the Executive of developments relating to a single non-emergency number service for Cumbria
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Key Decision Status: No

Decision That the Executive notes the current position and agrees proposals for further work
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Explanation The Single Non-Emergency Service is a Home Office project designed to improve public access to services concerned with Crime and Disorder and Community Safety to ease pressure on the 999 service and to raise public confidence and bring improvements in non-emergency services. This report advises the Executive of developments relating to a single non-emergency number service for Cumbria.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 13	
Subject: Cumbria County Council's Minerals and Waste Development Framework 2007-18	
Date of Decision: 25 July 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0059	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor G Blackwell
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Context: To consider a response to the County Council's consultation on an Issues and Options Paper for its Minerals and Waste Development Framework

Key Decision Status: No

Decision That the views of the Nuclear Working Party and the Environmental Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee be combined and endorsed as the Council's formal response to the consultation.

Explanation The County Council is responsible for planning decisions on Minerals and Waste development throughout Cumbria except for the National Park. Under the new planning system it has to prepare a Mineral and Waste Development Framework which incorporates a Core Strategy, Site Allocation Policies and Proposals and a set of "Generic" Development Control Policies, together with Proposals Map. Effectively the Framework will replace parts of the Joint Structure Plan and all the previous Mineral and Waste Local Plan. Its main objective is to secure more sustainable ways of providing the facilities needed for Mineral's and Waste Management at the local level over the next twelve years in accordance with national and regional policy requirements.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Subject: Exclusion of Press and Public	
Date of Decision: 25 July 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0060	

Portfolio Holder:

Context: Excludes Press and Public from meeting for exempt items 14

Key Decision Status:

Decision

That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining item of business on the grounds of exempt information as identified in paragraph 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

Explanation

N/A

Alternative Options Considered:

N/A

Interests Declared: N/A

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 14	
Subject: Building Control And Town Planning Resourcing	
Date of Decision: 25 July 2006	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/06/0061	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor G Blackwell

Context:

The report sets out proposals for ensuring the Council has adequate resources to deliver its Building Control function and proposes investigation of a Building Control Partnership with Allerdale Borough Council.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That

- a) Option 3 be pursued, the Building Control Partnership element being subject to securing agreement with Allerdale Borough Council within three months, the remainder of the Option being implemented immediately,**
- b) a further report be brought back to Executive for a decision on the details of any proposed Building Control Partnership scheme,**
- c) a potential redundancy situation as detailed be noted and redeployment opportunities are investigated,**
- d) up to £10,000 be made available to support investigation and development of a Building Control Partnership scheme, funded from Regeneration Department under spend carried forward from 2005/06,**
- e) officers investigate options for planning enforcement work to be undertaken by the Council's Enforcement Team,**
- f) officers ensure that Building Control staff are kept informed on a regular basis of developments as the Building Control Partnership is investigated.**

Explanation

Difficulties have been experienced in recruiting suitable staff to deliver building control, development control and planning policy services for a sustained period. All three services are experiencing increasing pressure due to changes in statutory responsibilities, increased workloads and reducing resources due to national shortages of staff. Reports have been prepared to Executive in recent months, setting in train actions to resolve the issues. Unfortunately problems still exist, due to the difficulty in attracting new staff but also due to existing ones leaving, and further actions are required to secure effective services

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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