

RESOURCE PLANNING WORKING GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5 SEPTEMBER 2007

Present: Councillors E Woodburn, Chair; J Bowman, A Holliday, J G Sunderland, P Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Norwood

Officers: L Murphy, Chief Executive; F McMorrow, Corporate Director Economic Prosperity and Sustainability; G Ayling, Interim Head of Finance and Business Development; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; D Davies Head of Nuclear Policy & Sustainability; T Capper Democratic Services Manager.

RP 3 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2007 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

RP 4 Council Priorities

Members discussed the position on developing the Council's spending priorities for the financial year 2008/2009.

13 draft priorities had been agreed by Executive on 4 September for the purposes of consultation with the community, with Customer Services to be added. Further decisions to be made in November following consultation.

Members stressed the importance of the priorities being presented in plain language for the consultation.

RP 5 Consultation

The Group discussed how the consultation with the local community should be organised. Town and parish councils outside Whitehaven would be contacted direct. Agreed that roadshows would be organised in Millom, Egremont, Cleator Moor, Distington, and Seascale in October and a public meeting in Whitehaven in place of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum events. Item in November Copeland Matters feature at LSP Roadshow on 2 November. It was agreed that the decision on the final consultation document be delegated to the Chair in consultation with the officers.

RP 6 Resource Planning Process

Members discussed the process for deciding allocation of resources in the Budget for 2007/2008. It was agreed that details of the service review

process to be carried out in October would be submitted to the next meeting.

RP 7 Medium Term Financial Plan

Georgina Ayling circulated an outline medium term financial plan for 2007/08 to 2010/11 which summarised the resource constraints facing the Council in the medium term.

The meeting closed at 11.55 am

Chairman