

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
ECONOMIC WELL-BEING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 MAY 2005

Present: Cllrs P Connolly (Chair); K Hitchen (Deputy Chair); A Johnston; D Moore; J Prince

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs D Banks; Mrs M Docherty; T Wells

Also present: Mrs R Mathisen, Nuclear Opportunities Manager; M Tichford, Head of Regeneration; Ms J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer

Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2005 would be circulated and signed by the Chair if no comments were received.

OSC-EW

Nuclear Opportunities Group

Mrs Mathisen presented the latest report to the Board, a copy of which is attached to the minutes. The top team of the NDA is in place – a significant calibre of appointment – and very approachable. Senior Management Team of NDA 80/90% on board.

A supply chain paper had been drawn up by the nuclear opportunities group to highlight the concerns with respect to the local supply chain issues.

Interest being shown from the States in setting up in West Cumbria, teaming and partnering with local companies.

An eye being kept on assets transferred such as the Visitor Centre, Pelham House, Sellapark and Sellagrange.

RESOLVED: that Mrs Mathisen be thanked for the briefing and be invited to return in four months time to keep members updated.

OSC-EW

Restructure/Regeneration

Mr Tichford outlined the new departmental set up and gave his view on the challenges that regeneration faced, including, for example, the need to grow local non-nuclear businesses.

RESOLVED: That the committee should have a wider debate on Copeland's role in regeneration and long-term economic vision at a future meeting of the Committee.

OSC-EW **Forward Plan**

The Committee received and noted the forward plan of key decisions to be taken by the Executive.

OSC-EW **Work Plan**

The Committee received and noted the work plan of the Scrutiny Committees.

OSC-EW **West Cumbria Partnership for Economic Well-being**

The Committee received and noted the minutes of the latest meeting.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm

CHAIR:.....

DATE:.....