

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JUNE 2008

Present: Councillors P Connolly, Chairman; R Pitt, Deputy Chairman; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; J Kane; Mrs W Metherell and P Whalley.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors; Mrs E Eastwood and C Whiteside.

Officers: L Murphy, Chief Executive; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; N White, Scrutiny Support Officer; C Willoughby, Members Services Technical Support Officer.

Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2008 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

MGT 06/08 Executive Decisions

Members considered the decisions made by the Executive at its meeting on 17 June 2008.

During consideration of this item, Members requested that the Five Year Corporate Plan be forwarded to this Committee every three months for review.

With regard to 'Searching for Best Values', Members were advised that the Staff Recruitment and Retention Task and Finish Group would be reporting back next month. It was suggested that the same Task and Finish Group undertake some pre-scrutiny of the policy framework for this Review.

AGREED - that

- a) the Decisions made by the Executive at its meeting on the 17 June 2008 be considered and noted.
- b) a Searching for Best Values Task and Finish Group be set up and consist of the same members as the Staff Recruitment and Retention Task and Finish group except that Councillor Hitchen be replaced by Councillor Pitt.

MGT 07/08 Forward Plan

Members considered the key decisions to be taken by the Executive from June to September 2008

AGREED – that the Forward Plan be accepted.

MGT 08/08 Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan 2008/2009

The Committee considered the Work Plans of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

During consideration of this item, Members were advised that the work plans for the Children, Young People and Healthy Communities and the Management Overview and Scrutiny Committees had been updated.

Following their meeting on 19 June 2008, the Economic Development and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee had also agreed to include in their Work Plan:

- a) Masterplan
- b) Community Involvement
- c) Economic Strategy
- d) Skills Agenda
- e) Marketing Copeland
- f) Tourism
- g) Housing Mix

Members also discussed the suggested items for inclusion on the work plan of this committee and agreed that a Task and Finish group would look at the role of Honorary Aldermen.

This Committee also requested that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs report back to this committee and that this be made an Agenda item. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs are also requested to liaise with the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).

AGREED - that

- a) A Task and finish Group consisting of Councillors Mrs W Metherell, P Whalley, M McVeigh and C Whiteside be established to look at the role of the Honorary Alderman.
- b) An Agenda item be included for future meetings requiring Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs to report back progress from their respective committees.
- c) Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs liaise with the relevant Portfolio Holder(s).

The meeting closed at 11.15am

Chairman.....

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