

Copeland Borough Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committees
Work Plan 2006-07

Environmental Well-being				
Topic	Method	Status/Outcome	Supporting Communities	Date
Performance Management	To continue to monitor the performance monitoring info and challenge when necessary		Delivering quality services	Chairs/V Chairs review quarterly
Green Spaces strategy and play strategy - Is there a health input? Research shows the health benefits of active play for all ages. Green gyms, outdoor gyms, play equipment designed for all ages.	Joint sub group with social well-being to explore and provide suggestions for the strategies		Health/Environment Agenda & social inclusion/diverstiy	1 st mtg on play has taken place and some members participating in Cumbria-wide policy. Green spaces strategy expected at Sep mtg.
How clean is the Borough: Street cleanliness, litter, dog fouling etc –.	Mystery shopping (public toilets included)		Addresses concerns at a neighbourhood level, particularly following recent media coverage/ quality services & environment	South of the Borough completed in June.
Enforcement – does Copeland have the resources to implement the Cleaner Neighbourhoods Act to best advantage?	Consider the new powers, what the existing resources are, investigate how neighbouring authorities manage their service and consider recommendations.			Toni Magean– September meeting

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Cleaner/Greener Team	To monitor the progress of the clean and green team		Environmental enhancement	Report to Exec together with enforcement
Joint Scrutiny: Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership	Contributing through member and officer support to the joint scrutiny	2 reports to date to the CSWP and reports with matters arising for Copeland to the Exec and Council. (recommendations accepted).	Apart from quality recycling facilities, urgent need to prevent fines in 2 years time by reducing waste going to landfill.	Next meeting November
Waste Disposal Methods – To investigate the different forms of waste disposal in order to provide a considered response to consultation.	Possible joint briefing session with academic.			
Energy Policy – looking at what Copeland wants in terms of renewable energies with the Borough; energy efficiently and fuel poverty	Jointly with Social Well-being Methodology to be discussed. Cllrs Hewitson; Brannay, Barnes; Jackson; Meteer		Environmental impact of renewable energies on the local environment and social inclusion issues (fuel poverty)T	2 nd half of year
Waste and Minerals Development Framework - to provide an input into the consultation process.		Members considered and provided input into Copeland's response.		Completed
Doorstep recycling – to monitor the service	Regular monitoring material and briefings.			

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Social Well-being				
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Rural Transport Grant – how does it operate, how is it dished out and how does it meet its objectives	Pre-scrutiny briefing from Cumbria County Council		Social inclusion and rural issues	Jan/Feb2007
Education : 1) schools reorganisation 2) education standards	1) input into consultation process 2) monitor the data	Yearly comparison of educations statistics		September – Nick Capron, School Improvement Team?
Energy Policy – looking at what Copeland wants in terms of renewable energies with the Borough; energy efficiently and fuel poverty	Jointly with Env Well-being Methodology to be discussed.			2 nd half of year
Concessionary Fares – yearly review What impact has the free bus travel had on costs of the scheme?	Examine any increase in take up of bus pass vs vouchers and consider overall cost of the scheme.			September Meeting
Copeland Homes	Monitor progress to Decent Homes Standard.			

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Housing Strategy – what links to Supporting People Strategy	Verify links			Debbie Cochrane – Sep meeting
Mental Health Consultation	Consult			September

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Sport's Development	Monitoring – informal briefing to committee			Rep recvd in July
Art's Development	Monitoring – IDEA Action Plan update			Report recvd July – partnership agreement to return to Committee

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Economic Well-being				
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Performance Management	To continue to monitor the performance monitoring info and challenge when necessary	05-06 review by full cttee 07/06	Delivering quality services	Chairs/V Chairs review quarterly
Tourism Strategy	Consultation requested			TIC Review Sep 06 – Consultation? Graham McWilliam
Industrial Estates	Monitor the review of industrial estates			Update requested for Sep 06 – Graham McWilliam
Master plan	Monitor and challenge findings			Special meeting took place aug
Community engagement - Medium/long term nuclear storage	Challenge			Update received on consultation plans in Sep
Local Authority Business Growth Incentive Schemes	Monitor/ Challenge choice of schemes projects			Draft presented to Cttee in Sep
Whitehaven Regeneration programme	Challenge priorities			Draft implementation plan to return to cttee.- Mike Tichford.

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West Cumbria Development Fund	What are the objectives of the fund and how has it delivered over the past 2-3years.			Special meeting to be arranged with WCDF wk beginning 16 th October.
Invest in Cumbria	What are its priorities? What differences will become apparent?			
Regeneration partnerships	Review All minutes			All
<i>South Whitehaven SRB</i>	<i>Consider evaluation of the project and how it has fed into the new NRF project</i>			
MTIs				Nov Feb/March

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Performance and Resources				
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Restructure Review – has it achieved what it set out?	Staff questionnaire and intvs with key stakeholders	Sub group set up; has identified 'reaons' for restructure. Formulating questionnaire		Staff attitude survey to issue Sep
Communications - strategy - customer comms	Monitor comms strategy Monitor customer comms			
Urgent Actions – are they being used appropriately?	Review			Chair/Vice Chair considering actions
Major Projects - how is the fund being used	Review		“	September
Contingencies - how is the fund being used	Review		“	September
Cumbria Strategic Partnership	Joint working (county-wide)			1 st report issued Aug
Asset Management Plan				
Capital Strategy				
Customer Service Commitments	Monitor the effectiveness	Six monthly review		September

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Other joint scrutiny				
Topic	Method	Status/Outcome	Supporting Communities	Date
West Cumbria Strategic Partnership	Joint Committee			3 mtgs to date – next 14 th Sep