

Corporate Plan – Comments from Overview and Scrutiny

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Summary: The Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Performance and Resources considered the 'refresh' of the Corporate Plan at their meeting of 31st January. Several comments were made both on the future shape of the Corporate Plan and the content of the existing plan.

Recommendations:	1) that account is taken of OSC P&R comment of with respect to the content of the existing Corporate Plan before it reaches full Council. 2) that there is extensive Member involvement in the development of any subsequent corporate plan and Member training in support of the Corporate Plan
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Introduction

1. Many of the comments made with respect to the Corporate Plan were easily considered within existing timescales. One issue which was raised may require more discussion and it is suggested that account be taken of this before the final version reaches full Council.

Comments

2. They considered that the views of the community would be particularly important in preparing proposals to Government on the terms and conditions required to consider the storage/and or disposal of radioactive waste in Copeland by September 2006 (PI_E2_04, page 13).

3. They note the response to the NDA strategy agreed by full Council in 2005:

'Copeland Borough Council has made it clear that it is prepared to explore with Government whether there could be any circumstances under which local communities would be prepared to accept the role of housing radioactive waste on a long-term basis.'

4. They felt that the 'views of the community on options' (PI_E2_07, page 13) should be a high priority which would inform policy decisions and negotiating positions on this and other objectives with respect to nuclear issues. They felt there was a need to consult sooner rather than later.
5. For the next full issue of the Corporate Plan, Members felt that there should be greater linkage between service plans, strategies and performance indicators and that Government set performance indicators should be readily identified, as should those people who were directly responsible for delivery. As a result, they felt that Members should have greater involvement in the development of the Corporate Plan (although accepted that there was a need to avoid writing by committee).
6. They also felt that all Members should have greater awareness of the importance of the Corporate Plan, and should have training to make them fully aware of obligations under the Corporate Plan to help them understand the policy context of decisions they may be required to make (for example the Planning Panel).

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