

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2008

Present: Councillors J Kane (Chairman); D Banks; B Dixon; D Moore; J Prince; Mrs C Watson; A Wonnacott and H Wormstrup.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Whiteside; N Clarkson; R Pitt and T Knowles.

Officers: N White, Scrutiny Support Officer; S Yaidoo, Interim Regeneration Manager and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer;

EDE 02/08 Minutes of the Meetings Held on 7 April 2008 and 23 May 2008

The minutes of the meetings held on 7 April 2008 and 23 May 2008 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Arising from the minutes, Members expressed their disappointment at Post Office Ltd's decision to proceed with the proposed closure of eight Post Offices in Copeland.

Members noted that the issues raised by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following the special meetings had not been addressed. Nor had a response been received from the Secretary of State.

The Committee will update Full Council on 24 June 2008 and request Council to ask the local Member of Parliament to seek clarification from the Secretary of State as to why West Cumbria Proofing had not been used.

AGREED – that

- a) the Committee update Full Council on 24 June 2008;
- b) the Council seek clarification from the local Member of Parliament as to why West Cumbria Proofing had not been used.

EDE 03/08 Work Plans

In addition to the items included on the draft Work Plan, it was suggested that the following be added:-

- a) Masterplan
- b) Community Involvement
- c) Economic Strategy
- d) Skills Agenda

- e) Marketing Copeland
- f) Tourism
- g) Housing Mix

It was agreed that items b) to g) would receive appropriate presentations. In respect of the Masterplan, it was felt appropriate that a Task and Finish Group be established to look at the many external agencies working in this area on behalf of the Council.

AGREED – that

- a) The Portfolio Holder be formally invited to attend the next meeting of this committee;
- b) A Task and Finish Group be set up to look at external agencies working on the Masterplan on behalf of the Council.
- c) The Scrutiny Support Officer update the Work Plan for 2008/09 and where appropriate establish Task and Finish groups.

The Meeting Closed at 3:40pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....