

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
-ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9th JANUARY 2006

Present: Councillor Mrs E Eastwood (Deputy Chair in the Chair);
Mrs M Barnes; B Dixon; F McPhillips; W Southward

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs A Bradshaw
(Chair); A Johnston; Mrs J Johnston

Also present: Cllr A Holliday

Officers: Mr K Parker, Head of Leisure and Environmental Services;
Mrs J Carrol, Waste Services Manager; Mr S Bishop, Enforcement
Manager; Ms J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 31st October 2005 were signed by
the Chairman as a correct record.

OSC-EN102 Arrangement of the Agenda

RESOLVED: to take Agenda Item 5 last.

OSC-EN103 Performance Monitoring

Cllr Holliday, Portfolio Holder for the Performance Indicators under
Scrutiny, and staff, briefed Members as follows:

L6_01:

Always felt that this was an unrealistic target. Copeland is the best in
Cumbria, but Cumbria is among the worst in the country. Real need to
get the message across that there is a need not just to recycle, but also
to reduce. It is estimated that the average household throws out half a
loaf a week. Still making every effort to reduce household waste.

L6_02:

Brown bin was proving successful. Good back end. The compost was
going to commercial outlets.

L6_03:

There had been an increase in recycling. There were still areas to be covered by the black box. The Service Level Agreement with Doorstep Collections was being reviewed. It was estimated that 3-5,000 tonnes less was being sent to landfill. County civic amenity sites required to be re-organised to encourage recycling. A budget bid had been submitted to fund a plastics recycling trial. Assurance was given that the recycling sites had been regularly emptied over the holiday period. There was suspicion that abuse was taking place by business owners who should be paying to have their waste removed. As a result, enforcement were becoming involved in an attempt to catch possible offenders. There was an intention of limiting black bags to two a week, however it had been decided to delay this, as there were also plans for the twin bin system to be rolled out further and it made best sense to marry the two start dates.

L6_05:

Statistics were issued showing that the target was getting back on track now that the unit had a manager again.

L10_02 & L10_04:

Both these targets were very dependent on people coming forward to report illegal activity. A graph was issued showing that fly-tipping incidents overall were beginning to get back to the levels of 2000-01 (recorded figures for 2001-02 were aberration).

The above information was supported by statistics at the meeting which are appended to these minutes.

RESOLVED: that the briefing be noted.

OSC-EN104 Forward Plan

The Forward Plan of key decisions to be taken by the Executive was received and noted.

OSC-EN105 Work plan

The work plan for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees was received and noted.

The meeting closed at 3.15 pm.

CHAIR:.....

DATE:.....