

LOCAL PLAN WORKING PARTY

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16 MARCH 2006

Present: Councillors P Connolly (Chairman); Mrs M Barnes; Mrs J K Johnston; M McVeigh; R Salkeld; G Scurrah.

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Blackwell

Officers: J Hughes, Principal Strategic Planning and Development Officer; R Black, Senior Planner; J Murray, Scrutiny Support Officer; L Taylor, Member Services

Minutes

The Minutes of the Working Party Meeting held on 2 August 2005 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record

LPWP 04 Arrangement of the Agenda

It was agreed that the Inspector's Report and Recommendations arising from the inquiry and the modifications proposed by the Council would be considered alongside each other.

LPWP 05 Local Plan Inquiry Inspector's Report and Recommendations and the Council's Modifications Report

The previously circulated Inspector's report on objections to the 1st and 2nd Deposit Versions of The Copeland Local Plan 2001-2016 was noted.

Members gave detailed consideration to both the Inspector's findings and the modifications proposed by the Council to the two previous versions of the Local Plan.

The Working Party were informed of the timetable for the remainder of the Local Plan which included a further deposit period of 6 weeks and the importance of the adoption of the Plan before July 28th.

Recommended that

1. The proposed modifications as outlined in the report go forward for Full Council approval on 29th March and
2. That no modification be made with respect to two of the Inspector's recommendations, R2.9.1 and R3.11.1 as detailed in the same report.
3. The timetable for the remainder of the Local Plan process be formally adopted by Full Council

LPWP 06 Revised Local Development Scheme

Members noted a revised report on the Local Development Scheme. They questioned whether the plan was achievable with the existing staff resources and concluded that extra resources would be required if the timetable was to be met. They very strongly felt that there was a need to bring in extra support to complete the scheme urgently, if funding and investment opportunities were not to put in jeopardy.

Recommended:

- 1) That Full Council support the proposed revisions to the Local Development Scheme, and that
- 2) The Local Plan Working Party's full support for additional staff to complete the scheme within the appropriate timeframe be noted

The Meeting closed at 3.35pm

Chairman