APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODY – COPELAND COMMUNITY FUND

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Recommendation: That Council appoints two Members to the Copeland Fund Project Board.

1.   INTRODUCTION

1.1   Work is continuing to conclude an agreement to form the Copeland Community Fund, which is to be overseen by a Project Board of 7. The Copeland Community Fund is being formed to administer the use of funds offered by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority to reflect the recently approved increase in size of the Low Level Waste Repository at Drigg. Over a period of ten years at least £10 million will and up to £25 million could, be given to the fund following a legal agreement to do so by the NDA by way of a s106 Planning Undertaking.

1.2   Expenditure will be on projects to be of benefit to the Borough of Copeland. A progress report was made to the Executive on 15th July 2008 to which members may wish to refer. Under the terms of the Planning Undertaking the first payment of £5m is likely to be made next month. The Project Board which will administer the fund needs to be in place by the time of the first payment.

1.3   Membership of the Board will comprise 2 members of this Council, 2 members of Cumbria County Council, 2 independent members and one representative of the Nuclear Decommissioning Agency.

2.   RECOMMENDATION

2.1   In view of the facts described in 1 above Council is recommended to nominate 2 Members to act as Project Board members for the Copeland Community Fund to represent this Council.

3.   FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1   The fund will greatly benefit this Borough. However, no financial expenditure is necessary arising out of the recommendation requested.

List of Appendices: None

List of Background Documents: Draft Project Agreement

List of Consultees: Chief Executive, Acting Head of Finance, Director of Development, Executive