

SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 SEPTEMBER 2008

Present: Councillors Mrs W Metherell, Chairman; Mrs E Eastwood, Deputy Chairman; G Garrity; F Gleaves; F Heathcote; K Hitchen; J Jackson; W Southward; Mrs C Watson; P Watson and Mrs J Williams.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Carroll.

Councillor G Clements also attended the meeting.

B Johnson & S Peck, Copeland Homes Agenda Item 5 Decent Homes Standard

Officers: N White, Scrutiny Support Officer, and D James, Member Services

SSC 04/08 Minutes of the Meeting

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 July 2008 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

SSC 05/08 Decent Homes Standards

Members received a presentation by Copeland Homes on the Decent Home Review which highlighted what had been achieved, was planned and the next steps in order to achieve targets for houses previously owned by the Council. It was noted that to date 938 former Copeland Council Houses had been brought up to standard which represented 57% of the total.

A presentation from Home North West was also received on progress on progress made in achieving Decent Home Standards for the whole of their stock, it was noted that 82% of the total stock had now reached the standard.

It was further noted that both of these fell in line with the programme targets.

The presentations were then open to a question and answer session by Members. During this session Members were reminded that a full presentation by Copeland Homes was planned for the 29th September and all Members of the Council had been invited to attend.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted.

SSC 06/08 National Indicators

The Committee considered the National Indicators, set by the Department of Communities and Local Government. These are the measure on which Central Government manage outcomes delivered by Local Government working alone or in partnerships.

In particular, Members considered those National Indicators that fall within the remit of this Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted

SSC 07/08 Work Plan 2008/2009

Members considered items for inclusion in the 2008/09 Work Plan.

RESOLVED: that a) the Portfolio Holder and the County Council Officer responsible for transport be asked to a future meeting to consider ways to lobby for a better bus service;

b) how the indicators on crime figures are to be achieved be subject at the next meeting;

c) the national indicator for Climate Change be the subject for considered at the meeting in December.

The Meeting Closed at 3:15pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....