

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

MEETING HELD ON 27 JANUARY 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Ms E Woodburn; G Blackwell; G Clements; C Giel; A Holliday and N Williams

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor H Branney

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: F McMorrow, Acting Chief Executive, K Parker, Acting Corporate Director, Quality of Life; J Salt, Head of Customer Services; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; J Crellin, Head of Finance and Business Development; J C Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy; P Graham, Head of Development Operations; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; C Coombs, Acting Head of Leisure and Environmental Services; D Davis, Head of Sustainability & Nuclear Policy; D James, Member Services Officer

START TIME: 10.30am

CLOSE TIME: 11.30am

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive of Copeland Borough Council dated 27 January 2009

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statement of Decision – 9 December 2008	
Date of Decision: 27 January 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0107	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context:
To consider the Statement of Decision made on the 9 December 2008

Key Decision Status:
No

Decision
That the statements of Executive decisions made on 9 December 2008 be signed as a correct record.

Explanation
N/A

Alternative Options Considered:
None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 5	
Subject: Forward Plan	
Date of Decision: 27 January 2009	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0108	

Portfolio Holder: M Jepson

Context: To consider the Forward Plan of Key Decisions January – April 2009
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Key Decision Status: No

Decision That subject to the inclusion of a) Albion Square Development and b) Pow Beck for consideration in February the forward plan of Key decisions be noted.
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Explanation N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 6	
Subject: OSC Report – Healthier Horizons for the North West	
Date of Decision: 27 January 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0109	Full Executive

OSC Chairman: Y R T Clarkson

Context:

To consider a recommendation from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Children, Young People and Health Communities.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That it be noted that the Executive recognise the importance of Health issues and confirm that this will be a high priority in the forthcoming revised Corporate Plan and will give consideration to how this can be targeted in the future.

Explanation

The Children, Young People and Healthy Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee at its last meeting on 4 December 2008 considered a report regarding a workshop attended by Councillors Yvonne Clarkson, Geoff Garrity, Brian Dixon on 7 November 2008 organised by the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Committee entitled 'Health Services - the next 10 years'

Alternative Options Considered:

That the Executive be requested to give a high priority to health within the next corporate plan and to consider what specific projects would enable this to happen.

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 7	
Subject: Statement of Decision – Commitment to Climate Change	
Date of Decision: 27 January 2009	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0110	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor A Holliday

Context:

To consider the signing of a draft local version of the Nottingham Declaration to show the Council's commitment to climate change.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That subject to the inclusion of the two additional commitments :-

- **Develop and deliver the Energy Coast Masterplan in our Borough to contribute to the development of knowledge and expertise around low carbon energy sources**
- **Support the development of the nuclear energy sector locally to assist the UK deliver its objectives regarding low carbon energy production and so contribute towards climate change management**

the local version of the Nottingham declaration be signed as a means of showing the Council's commitment to climate change.

Explanation

In March 2007 the Local Government Association (LGA) established the Climate Change Commission to critically review and evaluate UK local government's track record on the climate change agenda. The final report concluded that there was an urgent authority-wide consistent response needed throughout the UK.

The Council has identified in its Corporate Plan (objective 3.4.3) the importance it is giving to the issue of climate change. The Council's current aim is to show its commitment to combating the causes of climate change by signing up to the Nottingham Declaration.

This report puts a draft local version before members for consideration.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Contact Officers: J Betteridge

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: Revenues and Benefits Shared Service	
Date of Decision: 27 January 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0111	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: J Salt

Context:

To consider a report on progress made in investigating the potential for Copeland, Allerdale and Carlisle to have a shared services for the provision of the Revenues and Benefits service.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That a) the significant progress made to date in investigating the potential for Copeland, Allerdale and Carlisle to share Revenues and Benefits service be noted;

b) the proposed way forward for delivering the quick wins and the development of a business case for a longer term shared service be endorsed; and

c) the carry forward of the underspent budget for the future phases of the project be agreed

Explanation

Copeland, Allerdale and Carlisle are undertaking detailed investigations on whether there is a business case for a shared Revenues and Benefits service encompassing the three authorities this is an updating report on the current position.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: Appointment of Proper Officer	
Date of Decision: 27 January 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0112	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor G Clements

Context:

The report provides details of proper officer arrangements with the Health Protection Agency and Cumbria Primary Care Trust for Public Health Act and National Assistance Act 1948.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That Council be recommended to approve

a) the appointment of seven consultant level staff of Cumbria and Lancashire Health Protection Unit named in the report as Proper Officers under Public Health (Control of Diseases) Act 1984; and

b) that the specified named staff of Cumbria Primary Care Trust be appointed as the Proper Officers under National Assistance Act 1948

Explanation

A number of organisational, legislative and personnel changes involving the Health Protection Agency and the National Health Service have been made recently which makes it important to update arrangements for Proper Officer functions for local authorities in Cumbria and Lancashire. This report seeks that approval

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Contact Officers:
C Coombs

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item:	
Subject: Exclusion of Press and Public	
Date of Decision: 27 January 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0113	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder:

Context:
Excludes Press and Public from Meetings for Agenda Items 13-15

Key Decision Status:
No

Decision
That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds of exempt information as identified in paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.

Explanation
N/A

Alternative Options Considered:
None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 10	
Subject: Contract for Sustainability Appraisal of the Local Development Framework	
Date of Decision: 27 January 2009	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/0114	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Giel

Context:

To consider the letting of a contract for the first stage of an integrated Sustainability Appraisal for the Councils Local Development Framework

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

That a) Contract Standing Orders be waived to allow the appointment of consultants already engaged on LDF support to provide first stage work on an Integrated Sustainability Appraisal by the end of March 2009;

b) a 25% extension (£16,500) to the existing £66,000 contract commissioned to produce the issues Options developed for the LDF Core Strategy. This extension to be completed by the end of March 2009, is in line with section 10.1 of the Copeland Borough Council Contract Standing Orders; and

c) this be delegated to the Head of Development Strategy

Explanation

The Council appointed the consultants Scott Wilson last summer to provide overall programme support for production of the Local Development Framework (LDF). To date the consultants have been engaged with Council Officers in revising the Local Development Scheme (which was formally adopted by the Council on 2nd December 2008). The contract work is establishing a comprehensive evidence base to underpin the LDF and beginning work on the Core Strategy – which has included recent stakeholder workshops. We now need to commence the first stage of an Integrated Sustainability Appraisal for the LDF

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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