

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillor George Clements (in the Chair); Hugh Branney; George Clements; Allan Holliday; Peter Kane and Gillian Troughton

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Elaine Woodburn

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Darienne Law, Head of Corporate Resources; Keith Parker, Head of Neighbourhoods; Janice Carrol, Waste Services Manager; Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager; Ian Curwen, Communications Manager and Denise James, Member Services Officer.

John Groves, Head of Nuclear and Planning, Agenda Items 1-8; Julie Betteridge, Head of Regeneration and Community, Agenda Items 1-10; Paul Walker, Chief Executive and Councillor Allan Holliday Agenda Items 8-12

START TIME: 5.00 PM

CLOSE TIME: 7.30 AM

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the 13 February 2014

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statements of Decision	
Date of Decision: 13 February 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0097	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider the Statements of Executive decisions made on 21 January 2014.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That the Statements of Executive Decisions made on the 21 January 2014 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: 3	
Subject: Declarations of Interest	
Date of Decision: 13 February 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0098	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To note declarations of Disclosable and Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: There were no declarations of interests made.

Explanation: N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: N/A

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 4	
Subject: Arrangement of the Agenda	
Date of Decision: 21/01/2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0099	

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider the order in which the Agenda is considered along with any additional or withdrawn reports

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That an additional items be added to the agenda, being an update and presentation on damage caused by the recent flooding and estimated costs.

Explanation: N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared:
None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: Item Taken on Grounds of Urgency	
Subject: Storm and Flood Damage Update	
Date of Decision: 13 February 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0100	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Allan Holliday

Context: To receive a presentation and discuss damage caused by the recent flooding in Copeland and discuss actions to be taken immediately and planning for the future.

Members were asked, that due to the timescales of Executive meeting, to approve the submission of a bid for funding to Defra;

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision – That a) the presentation be received;

b) the drawdown of up to £125,000 from either the Coastal Management Reserve or Council's underspend be approved and officers authorised to explore other funding which may be available such as Belwin Support Funding;

c) a bid for funding be submitted to Defra;

d) a more detailed update report be submitted to the March meeting of the Executive; and

e) thanks be conveyed to all staff involved in the recent flooding for all their hard work.

Explanation: To progress clean up work following the recent storms.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 6	
Subject: Forward Plan February – May 2014	
Date of Decision: 13 February 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0101	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider the forward plan of key decisions February – May 2014

Key Decision Status: No

Decision – That subject to a further report being added on Flooding update for March the Forward Plan February – May 2014 be noted

Explanation: N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 7	
Subject: Copeland Borough Council Change Programme – Progress Report	
Date of Decision: 13 February 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0102	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Hugh Branney

Context: To consider a report updating members of the progress made with regard to the Council's Change Programme

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That the progress made against the Change Programme Plan and Progress Update be noted.

Explanation: The Change Programme Plan sets out the underpinning rationale for change in Copeland Borough Council. It covers the principle aims of the Change Programme and the proposed delivery approach including governance, roles, responsibilities, and the structure of the programme. The Change Programme Plan is designed to enable Copeland Borough Council to deliver efficient and effective services designed around the needs of its customers within the new financial reality

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: Corporate Plan Performance Report Quarter 3 2013/14	
Date of Decision: 13 February 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0103	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Allan Holliday

Context: To consider the Corporate Plan Performance Report – Quarter 3 2013/14

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That the Corporate Plan performance report for quarter 3 be noted and agreed.

Explanation: In accordance with Councils performance monitoring procedures

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: Quarterly Health and Safety Performance Report Quarter 3	
Date of Decision: 13 February 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0104	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Kane

Context: To consider the Health and Safety Monitoring report for Quarter 3 2013/14

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That the actions of the Health and Safety advisor post as an essential part of ensuring that Copeland as an employer complies with all health and safety legislation and manages health and safety be noted.

Explanation: In accordance with the Council's performance monitoring procedures.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 10

Subject: Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2014/15 to 2017/18

Date of Decision: 13 February 2014

Decision made by:

Decision Reference: EXE/13/0105

Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Gillian Troughton

Context: To consider the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) 2014/15 to 2017/18. During consideration of this item and in light of the referendum for a directly elected Mayor members felt that a Policy Development group should be set up to Members allowances

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That a) Council be recommended to approve the Medium Term Financial Strategy 2014/15 to 2017/18;
b) a Policy Development Group be set up to look at Members Allowances in general;
c) a letter be sent to the Boundary Commission formally asking them to Look at the number of Councillor for Copeland; and
d) a letter be sent to Eric Pickles asking that should the referendum result in a yes vote for a directly elected Mayor the constitution be amended to allow the timing of such an election to be put back to allow it to coincide with the May 2015 Local and General election.

Explanation: The Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) sets out the current framework for planning and managing the Council's financial resources, to develop its annual budget strategy and update its four year financial projections

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 11

Subject: Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2014/15.

Date of Decision: 13 February 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0106	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Gillian Troughton

Context: To consider the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2014/15 Quarter 3 Monitoring Report.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2014/15 quarter 3 Monitoring Report be noted.

Explanation: In accordance with the Council's performance monitoring procedures

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item:	
Subject: Exclusion of Press and Public	
Date of Decision: 13 February 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0107	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context:
Excludes Press and Public from the meeting for Agenda Item 12

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for Agenda Items 12 on the grounds of exempt information as identified in paragraph 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: 12	
Subject: Proposed Capital Programme for 2014/15 - 2016/17	
Date of Decision: 13 February 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0108	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Gillian Troughton

Context: To consider the proposed Capital Programme for 2014/15 – 2016/17

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That Council be recommended to approve

- (i) the existing project outlines detailed in paragraph 2 of the report. These projects were presented and approved in principal by Council in February 2013 for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2014/15 and subject to the changes detailed in paragraph 2, are still required;
- (ii) the new project outlined in paragraph 3 of the report for the inclusion in the draft Capital Programme 2014/15;
- (iii) note the capital receipt position as detailed in sections 5 and 6 and the risk associated with any under achievement of the forecast capital receipts.
- (iv) the proposed draft Capital Programme for 2014/15 to 2016/17, which can be funded from Useable Capital Receipts Reserve and assuming current forecast capital receipts are realised in the three year period, as detailed in paragraph 5 of the report.
- (v) the final project outlines for each new project detailed in paragraph 3 of the report for approval prior to commencement of spend on the relevant project.
- (vi) the earmarking of a maximum of £200,000 in relation to the Land Management Reserve from the General Capital Receipts Reserve as detailed in paragraph 2.5 of the report.

Explanation: As part of the budget setting Process

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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