

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

HELD ON 26 AUGUST 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Woodburn; Hugh Branney; Geoff Garrity; **Allan Holliday**; Peter Kane and Gillian Troughton

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Walker, Chief Executive; Pat Graham, Director of Services; Julie Betteridge, Head of Customer and Community Services; Angela Brown; Interim Financial Services Manager; Jackie O'Reilly, Environmental Health Manager; Lindsay Tomlinson, Democratic Services Manager and Monitoring Officer; Denise James, Member Services Officer

Leila Cox, Communications Officer Agenda Items 1-8

START TIME: 5.00 PM

CLOSE TIME: 6.40PM

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the 26 August 2014

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statements Of Decision	
Date of Decision: 26 August 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0023	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider the Statements of Executive Decision 29 July 2014

Key Decision Status: No

Decision – That the Statements of Executive decisions made on 29 July 2014 be signed by the Leader as a correct record.

Explanation: N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

Implementation Date: 5 September 2014	Publication Date: 29 August 2014	Recorded by: Denise James
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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 6	
Subject: Forward Plan	
Date of Decision: 26 August 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0024	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider the Forward Plan

Key Decision Status: No

Decision – That the Forward Plan be noted.

Explanation: N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Item 7	
Subject: A New Process for Siting a Geological Disposal Facility	
Date of Decision: 26 August 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0025	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Elaine Woodburn

Context: Executive are asked to consider the new process contained within the White Paper in view of the fact that the vast majority of the UK's higher activity radioactive waste is currently stored in the Borough and the Councils recent involvement in the previous process (Managing Radioactive Waste Safely (MRWS)).

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That a) the contents of the Government's new White Paper setting out a renewed process for siting a Geological Disposal Facility for the long-term management of higher activity radioactive waste be noted: and

b) taking on board comments made by Members the draft response be amended and circulated to Members of the Executive and the Leader of the Main Opposition Group prior to submission.

Explanation: The prospect of implementing a new process for a Geological Disposal Facility for higher activity radioactive waste will result in the long term management of such wastes currently stored within the Borough on the Sellafield site.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: Beacon Museum Development	
Date of Decision: 26 August 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0026	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Elaine Woodburn

Context: This report sets out the development proposals as set out in the Business Plan and requests Executive support and approval to a physical redevelopment to provide additional resources thereby enabling increased income opportunity and long term sustainability of the Beacon Museum.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision – a) it be agreed that Copeland Borough Council be the applicant for the development proposals in line with the Council’s agreed role as lead partner, asset owner, accountable body and employer for the Beacon Museum this to include grant applications to the Copeland Community Fund and Coastal Community Fund;

b) a commitment of £14,269 from the current Beacon Sinking Fund to the development proposal if required be approved;

c) progress of the development plans agreed within the Beacon Museum Business Plan be noted;

d) six monthly update report be brought to the Executive meeting in October 2014 along with further details on the capital development progress.

Explanation: To give Members a regular progress update.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: Capital Budget – Quarter 1 Summary Financial Report 2014/15	
Date of Decision: 26 August 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0027	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Gillian Troughton

Context: This report details the progress on delivering the projects in the agreed 2014/15 capital programme and provides the capital spend and estimated outturn forecast based on the financial position for the 3 month period to 30 June 2014.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision a) the approved gross capital budget of £3,596,270, £1,162,649 of which is funded by external income to give a net current capital budget of £2,433,621 be noted;

b) the total anticipated capital spend in the year to 31 March 2015 is £2.87m be noted;

c) the forecast year-end variance on the overall Capital Programme 2014/15 is a gross under spend of £730,911 at 30 June 2014. This, together with the additional £15,312 external income we have received to date (see paragraph 6.4) gives a total net variance of £746,224 be noted; As at quarter 1 it is expected that the majority of this underspend will need to be carried forward to complete projects in 2015/16; and

d) the position as at 30 June 2014 (Quarter 1) of capital receipts for 2014/15 as set out in paragraph 7 be noted.

Explanation: In accordance with Council's monitoring procedures.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 10	
Subject: Revenue Budget – Period 3 Summary Financial Report 2014/15	
Date of Decision: 26 August 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0028	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Gillian Troughton

Context: To consider a report updating on:-

- the work undertaken since out turn to rebase the budget,
- the performance of our funding and income streams,
- an estimated outturn forecast against the current approved 2014/15 budget, based on the financial position for the 3 month period to 30 June 2014. The report also identifies key risks to the delivery of the Council's budget and highlights performance to date.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision – That

- (i) the approved net current revenue budget of £11,179m as set out in paragraph 1.4 of the report be noted;
- (ii) it be noted that at Quarter 1 the projected year-end underspends as verified by CLT are:-
 - £10k underspend against one off earmarked reserves for project work and initiatives
 - £51k underspend against general fundThis totals £61k underspend against the current approved revenue budget of £11,179m. See paragraph 2 and Appendices A, C & D.
- (iii) the risks to the budget as detailed in section 5 and the income projections in section 4 of the report be noted;
- (iv) the release of £20k from Ear Marked Reserve as detailed in paragraph 6.4 of the report be approved;
- (v) the decision taken by the Chief Financial Officer (s151), on outstanding debts totalling £30k as set out in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 of Appendix E of the report be noted.

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: 11	
Subject: Treasury Management Monitoring Report Quarter 1	
Date of Decision: 26 August 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0029	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Gillian Troughton

Context: To inform Executive of the Treasury Management activity to 30 June 2014 and provide a forecast estimated investment interest to year end.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision – That the contents of this detailed Treasury Management Quarter 1 report be noted.

Explanation: In accordance with Councils performance monitoring procedures. The CIPFA (Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) Code of Practice for Treasury Management recommends that members are updated on treasury management activities regularly. This report therefore ensures this Council is implementing best practice in accordance with the Code.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 12	
Subject: Health and Safety Monitoring Report Quarter 1	
Date of Decision: 26 August 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0030	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Kane

Context: To update members of the management of health and safety for all Copeland Borough Council employees and the impact the activities of the council have on residents and visitors to the Borough

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 relevant health and safety legislation and manages health and safety be noted;

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: 13	
Subject: Corporate Plan Performance Report	
Date of Decision: 26 August 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0031	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Allan Holliday

Context: This report provides the fourth quarterly performance against the Corporate Plan for 2013/15.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision – That the first quarter performance against the Corporate Plan for 2013/15 and agrees the 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: 26 August 2014

Decision Reference: EXE/14/0032

Decision made by:

Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: Excludes Press and Public from the meeting for Agenda Item 14

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for Agenda Items 14 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: 14	
Subject: Issues Raised During Consideration of the Capital Budget Monitoring Report	
Date of Decision: 26 August 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0033	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Gillian Troughton

Context: To consider issues raised during consideration of the Capital Budget Monitoring Report.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision – That the explanations provided by officers to questions raised in Part 1 be noted.

Explanation: During consideration of Agenda Item 10 Members asked questions with regard to certain virements. Members were advised that to answer these questions at that point of the Agenda the meeting would have to go into private and press and public excluded. It was therefore agreed that the replies would be received once the meeting had been moved into Part 11 prior to consideration of Item 14 – Millom Recreation Centre.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council
Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 14	
Subject: Millom Recreation Centre	
Date of Decision: 26 August 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0034	

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider an amendment to the lease of the Millom Recreation Centre

Key Decision Status:

Decision – That the Council grants a lease of the Millom Recreation Centre to the Millom Recreation Centre Limited on a 30 year term with the remaining terms and authority to amend and finalise as previously agreed by Full Council in September, 2012.

Explanation: This extension of lease is to support the Centre in applying for and obtaining grant funding to improve facilities and deliver local services.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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