

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

HELD ON 27 AUGUST 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Elaine Woodburn; Hugh Branney; George Clements; Allan Holliday, Peter Kane, Gillian Troughton

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Pat Graham, Director of Services, Darienne Law, Head of Corporate Resources; Penny Mell, Head of Policy and Transformation; Julie Betteridge, Head of Regeneration and Community; Keith Parker, Head of Neighbourhoods, John Groves, Head of Nuclear, Energy and Planning; Tim Capper Democratic Services Manager; Denise James, Member Services Officer

START TIME: 4.00PM

CLOSE TIME: 5.30 PM

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the 27 August 2013

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statements of Decision	
Date of Decision: 27 August 2013	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0030	

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider the statement of Executive decision made on 15 August 2013

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That subject to EXE/13/029 being amended to note that the executive had recommended that Option 3 be put to Council for formal approval and it be noted that the Council would continue to seek external funding options the Statement of Executive Decisions 15 August 2013 be signed as a correct record.
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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: 27 August 2013	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0031	

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To note declarations of Disclosable and Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
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Key Decision Status: No

Decision: There were no declarations of interests made.
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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: Forward Plan August – November 2013	
Date of Decision: 27 August 2013	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0032	

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider the forward plan of key decisions August – November 2013.
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Key Decision Status: No

Decision – That subject to the Homelessness Strategy being put back to October the Forward Plan August – November 2013 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: 7	
Subject: Lake District National Park Partnership Agreement	
Date of Decision: 27 August 2013	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0033	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Hugh Branney

Context: To consider endorsing the new Memorandum of Understanding for the Lake District National Park Partnership.

Key Decision Status: No

**Decision: That a) the entering into the Memorandum of Understanding for the Lake District National Park Partnership as attached at Appendix A and the Head of Regeneration and Community be authorised to sign it on behalf of the Council be agreed; and
b) the early priorities for the 2014/15 Partnership Plan set out in 2.4 of the report be supported.**

Explanation: The LDNP Partnership strategically directs and manages the Partnership Plan which is complementary to our corporate priorities, coastal and rural regeneration plans and locality approach. Copeland Borough Council has been an active member of the partnership since it was formed in 2006. The Partnership sets out and annually reviews its priorities and partnership plan under four key themes: vibrant communities, prosperous economy, spectacular landscape and world class visitor economy.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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6 September 2013

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30 August 2013

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Denise James

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Contact Officers:
Julie Betteridge

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: Quarter 1 Health and Safety Performance Report	
Date of Decision: 27 August 2013	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0034	

Portfolio Holder: Peter Kane

Context: To consider the Health and Safety Monitoring Report for Quarter 1.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That the report and actions of the health and safety advisor as an essential part of ensuring that Copeland as an employer complies with all relevant health and safety legislation.

Explanation - In accordance with the performance reporting procedures.
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Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Call-in Period Expires on: 6 September 2013	Contact Officers: Pat Graham
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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: Quarter 1 - Treasury Management Summary Financial Report	
Date of Decision: 27 August 2013	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0035	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Gillian Troughton
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Context: To consider the treasury management financial report for Quarter 1.
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Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That the Treasury Management financial report for quarter 1 be received and noted.

Explanation: In accordance with the performance reporting procedures.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 10	
Subject: Quarter 1 – Capital Budget Financial Report	
Date of Decision: 27 August 2013	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0036	

Portfolio Holder: Gillian Troughton

Context: To consider the capital budget financial report for Quarter 1.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That a) the net capital budget of £1,973,357 be approved; b) The position at 30 June 2013 (quarter 1) of capital receipts for 2013/14 as set out in the report be noted; c) the forecast year-end variation on the overall Capital programme 2013/14 is an under spend of £805,020 at 30 June 2013 be noted with the majority of this expected to be carried forward to complete projects in 2014/15.
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Explanation: In accordance with the performance reporting procedures.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Agenda Item: 11	
Subject: Quarter 1 – Revenue Budget Financial Report	
Date of Decision: 27 August 2013	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0037	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Gillian Troughton
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Context: To consider the Revenue Budget Financial Report for Quarter 1
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Key Decision Status: No

<p>Decision – That (i) the risks to the budget as detailed in sections 2 and 4 and the income projections in section 3 of the report be noted;</p> <p>(ii) the approved net current revenue budget of £11,097m as set out in paragraph 8.1 be noted.</p> <p>(iii) the projected year-end overspend of £87k against the current approved revenue budget of £11,097m being £25k under spend against Earmarked reserves and £112k over spend against base budget. See Appendices C & D of the report be noted</p> <p>(iv) the decision taken by Head of Corporate Resources, on outstanding debts totalling £54k as set out in paragraphs 3.1 and 7.1 of Appendix E of the report be noted;</p> <p>(v) the release of £4,912 from Crematorium Donations Fund earmarked Reserve and release of £1,000 from Catherine Street Car Park earmarked reserve as detailed in paragraph 8.2 of the report be approved; and</p> <p>(vi) the release and use of £55k from the general fund reserve as detailed in paragraphs 8.3 and 8.4 of the report be approved.</p>

Explanation - In accordance with the performance reporting procedures.
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Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 12	
Subject: Petition – Whitehaven Public Conveniences	
Date of Decision: 27 August 2013	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0038	

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider a petition submitted to the Council asking that the Council reconsider the closing of the public conveniences in Whitehaven
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Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That the petition be noted and no change to the Council's policy in relation to the provision of public conveniences be confirmed.

Explanation: This report comes to the Executive in accordance with the Council's Constitution Rule 19

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 13	
Subject: Change Programme – Future Resourcing Requirements	
Date of Decision: 27 August 2013	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0039	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Allan Holliday

Context: To consider a report following continued reductions in funding from Government and changes to Government policy meaning the Council must continue with our programme of change.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision That

- 1. the resourcing strategy for the Change Plan as presented within this report be agreed;**
- 2. the release of £175,000 from the Transformation Fund Reserve to support the delivery of the Change Programme be agreed;**
- 3. it be noted that the fund will be released to the Chief Executive as Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) and the Head of Policy and Transformation has delegated authority for expenditure against the Transformation Fund on behalf of the Change programme Board;**
- 4. £16,000 be released from the ICT Reserve; and**
- 5. the Head of Policy and Transformation reports progress against the Change Programme and the benefits realised to the Executive at least quarterly.**

Explanation Through the change programme, we set a policy-led budget last year, working through Policy Development Groups and consulting our residents and partners about the changes to services we needed to make in order that we could set a balanced budget. We also revised our corporate plan setting out new priorities and stating that we need to continue to make changes in the way we work and deliver services because it was predicted that our funding would continue to be reduced further in future. By the very nature of the challenges we face, this programme is key to the future of the Council and therefore is intensive in the both the amount of work that needs to be done and the time available to do it. As the scale and pace of the financial reductions has led to a reduction in budgets and total staffing levels already, we need to find a flexible approach to resourcing the Change Programme that allows us to deliver.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 14	
Subject: Quarter 1 – Corporate Plan Performance Report	
Date of Decision: 27 August 2013	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0040	

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider the Corporate Plan performance report for the first quarter 2013/14
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Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That the report be noted

Explanation: In accordance with the performance reporting procedures.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Agenda Item: 15	
Subject: Policy and Financial Planning Process 2014/15	
Date of Decision: 27 August 2013	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0041	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Gillian Troughton

Context:

To consider the proposed process and timetable for the scope of the policy lead discussions leading to the service changes and budget cut options for the 2014/15 and 2015/16 financial years.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision That

- (i) the work programme be agreed;**
- (ii) the timetable for 2014/15 process be agreed; and**
- (iii) the Policy Development Group scopes for phase 1 be agreed.**

Explanation The Local Government Finance Act 2012 changed the way local government is financed. This means that the council has a greater reliance on income from council tax, business rates and other direct income sources. At the same time Government is reducing the SFU or core funding that it allocates to councils. This fundamental change in our funding regime increases the council's financial risk.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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