

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

HELD ON 29 JULY 2014

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Gillian Troughton

Councillors John Bowman and Graham Sunderland also attended the meeting.

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; Janice Carrol Interim, Head of Copeland Services; Lindsay Tomlinson, Democratic Services Manager and Monitoring Officer; Denise James, Member Services Officer

START TIME: 10.00 AM

CLOSE TIME: 11.25 AM

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the 29 July 2014

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statements Of Decision	
Date of Decision: 29 July 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0016	

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider the Statements of Executive Decision 24 June 2014
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Key Decision Status: No

Decision – That the Statements of Executive decisions made on 24 June 2014 be signed by the Leader as a correct record.

Explanation: N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 6	
Subject: Forward Plan	
Date of Decision: 29 July 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0017	

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider the Forward Plan

Key Decision Status: No

Decision – That the Forward Plan 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: Footway Lighting – Funding Allocation ENW	
Date of Decision: 29 July 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0018	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Kane

Context: This report gives an update on the current position regards funding allocated from ENW for the replacement of footway lighting that is being removed as part of the Pole Replacement Programme

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That

- a) Copeland Borough Council hold the funds allocated from ENW to be distributed to Parish Councils wishing to replace lights and take over future maintenance and utility costs, funding to be allocated to the number of lights being removed in the initial phase, any remaining funding to be utilised on the same basis for lights removed in later phases;**
- b) any remaining funding after all lights on ENW poles have been removed be returned to ENW;**
- c) a letter be written to all Parishes where lights have been removed explaining funding and asking them to decide if and where to prioritise;**
- d) delegated authority be given to the Head of Copeland Services in consultation to make the final decisions following responses from the Parish Councils.**

Explanation: Electricity North West are currently carrying out a programme to replace wooden poles, whilst they are carrying out this pole replacement programme they will no longer replace any footway lighting that is fixed to these poles.
We have now been notified of the poles that will be replaced as part of this programme which will take place between now and the 31st March 2015

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: Cumbria Welfare Reform Commission	
Date of Decision: 29 July 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0019	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Gillian Troughton

Context:

The recommendations from the report seek to ask Central Government to review its policy in four areas; Universal Credits, Sanctions, Disability Benefits and Housing 'under-occupation'; requests that the Department of Work and Pensions consider within local improvement programme four recommendations concerning its practices; and minimise local hardship.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That

- a) the findings of the report be noted;
- b) the recommendations be adopted and linked to the existing activities of the Council;
- c) it be noted that further reports including wider issues be submitted in the future.
- d) a letter be written to the Government reiterating Copeland's support for the recommendations; and
- e) a letter of thanks be sent to the Cumbria Welfare Reform Commission for their work.

Explanation: Cumbria Leadership Board (CLB) commissioned the Bishop of Carlisle to look at the actual impact of Welfare Reform in Cumbria.

The findings of the report were presented and endorsed by Cumbria Leaders Board and are now put to the Executive for consideration.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: Nuclear New Build	
Date of Decision: 29 July 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0020	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Elaine Woodburn
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Context: Executive are asked to note the recent decisions affecting the development of the proposed new nuclear power station at the Moorside site, just north of the Sellafield site, and consider a range of implications for the Council.
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Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That the range of issues identified within this report be agreed and form the subject of future reports to Executive and Council.

Explanation: The completed new nuclear power station will provide significant direct and indirect job opportunities for Copeland residents.
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Alternative Options Considered:

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 10	
Subject: Local Enterprise Partnership Update	
Date of Decision: 29 July 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0021	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Hugh Branney

Context: To update the Executive regarding the Cumbria Growth Deal negotiated by the LEP for 2014.
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Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That
a) the Cumbria Growth Deal 2014 that the Local Enterprise Partnership has negotiated with Government be noted; and
b) the process ongoing regarding the EU Investment Strategy for Cumbria and future Growth Deals be noted.

Explanation: The Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) is the conduit for national and European funding coming into Cumbria. The benefits to Copeland residents are that funding is invested in Copeland priorities and projects through this route.
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Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: Urgent Item	
Subject: Whitehaven Harbour Storm Damage – Variation to Contract to Allow Further Works to be Carried Out	
Date of Decision: 29 July 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0022	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Peter Kane

Context: To seek approval to a variation of an existing contract to allow further grant funding to be provided.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That the value of the agreement between the Council and the Whitehaven Harbour Commissioners, dated 12th March 2014, for the provision of Environment Agency funding to enable the Commissioners to carry out storm damage repairs to the harbour be increased from £324,000 to £374,000.

Explanation:

Urgent action was approved to receive a grant from the Environment Agency (EA), on behalf the Whitehaven Harbour Commissioners (WHC), in the sum of £324,000 for essential repair works to Whitehaven Harbour following winter storms.

These works have now been completed, however additional repair works have become necessary to repair the north wall.

It was agreed that WHC would raise a separate application for such funding and, once submitted, the EA intimated that they would approve it.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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