

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER 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 George; Interim Financial Services Manager; Clinton Boyce, Legal Services Manager; Clive Willoughby, Member Services Officer Technical Support; Denise James, Member Services Officer

START TIME: 2.00 PM

CLOSE TIME: 3.45 PM

CERTIFICATION: _____

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the 30 September 2014

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statements Of Decision	
Date of Decision: 30 September 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0035	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider the Statements of Executive Decision 26 August 2014

Key Decision Status: No

Decision – That the Statements of Executive decisions made on 26 August 2014 be signed by the Leader as a correct record.

Explanation: N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 4	
Subject: Arrangement of the Agenda	
Date of Decision: 30 September 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0036	

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider any amendments to the Agenda

Key Decision Status: No

Decision – That a question from a Member of the Public be considered at item 5A to the Agenda

Explanation: N/A

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 5A	
Subject: Question from a member of the Public - Ms C Arrighi	
Date of Decision: 30 September 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0037	

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider take the following question from a Member of the Public Ms C Arrighi to the Leader of the Council

“Is it true that the Council are paying for a project management course for the outgoing leader? With this in mind, how can you have the audacity to change the election date to May on the grounds of cost, is it not true it’s personal interest first, party second and the interests of those you represent just ignored altogether”

Key Decision Status: No

The Leader of the Council replied as follows

“ No it is not true”

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: 30 September 2014	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0038	

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Context: To consider the Forward Plan

Key Decision Status: No

Decision – That subject to the reporting back of outside bodies being brought forward to April 2015, Council Tax Support Scheme being deleted and timings of the budget meeting being amended 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

Agenda Item: 7	
Subject: Medium Term Financial Strategy- Budget Options 2015/16 and 2016/17	
Date of Decision: 30 September 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/14/0039	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Gillian Troughton

Context: To consider the Medium Term Financial Strategy- Budget Options 2015/16 and 2016/17.

During consideration of this item it was noted that the Single Fraud Investigation Services would be transferring to the DWP in Autumn 2014 and Members asked for Councillors and Members of the Public to be made aware of where suspected instances of fraud should be reported. Members further noted changes to the consultation date had been changed to the beginning of November to Mid December.

Key Decision Status: No

DECISION

That a) the investigation of the early budget savings options for the two year strategy as set out in the report be approved;

b) the budget timetable and the public consultation on the savings options which will run from the beginning of November to mid-December be approved; and

c) the 2015/16 budget will be prepared under the principles as set out in the Corporate Plan 2013-2015 pending a revision of the priorities which will be carried out during 2015/16 be approved.

Explanation: In accordance with the Councils budget setting process.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: Copeland Community Fund – Changes to the Co-operation Agreement	
Date of Decision: 30 September 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0040	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Elaine Woodburn

Context: The Council is one of three partners to the Co-operation Agreement for Copeland Community Fund and Executive is being requested in line with the Co-operation Agreement terms to endorse changes to this Co-operation Agreement agreed by the Copeland Community Fund Board

Key Decision Status:

Decision: That the Copeland Community Fund Board be supported in its activity to ensure an effective and robust governance of the Fund by endorsing the changes to the Co-operation Agreement set out in Section 2 of the report.

Explanation: The Copeland Community Fund has granted over £9 million to socio economic project since 2009 which with match funding has resulted in £27million community benefit investment into Copeland.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Call-in Period Expires on: 3 October 2014	Contact Officer: Julie Betteridge
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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: Safeguarding Policy and Procedure Report	
Date of Decision: 30 September 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0041	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Hugh Branney

Context: This report has been brought to Executive for approval of the new Safeguarding Policy and Procedure for the Council to ensure that it meets its statutory responsibility, and is compliant with its duty to complete an annual Safeguarding Audit.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That

- a) responsibility for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable adults in line with Section 11 of the Children Act 2004 be accepted;
- b) the Safeguarding Policy and Procedure be agreed;
- c) a commitment be made that mandatory training will be complete all staff and members in respect of safeguarding Children and Vulnerable adults;
- d) support that all relevant staff, members and contractors be vetted appropriate to the position or role that they fulfil in representing the Council; and
- e) an initial 6 months review followed by an annual review thereafter be agreed.

Explanation:

The Council can demonstrate its commitment to:

- Safeguarding and Promoting the welfare of children and vulnerable adults of Copeland
- Reassuring residents of Copeland that Staff and or Members are trained to deal with concerns raised.
- Ensuring that through its contract and procurement framework that its service delivery partners that we contract out have regard to the need to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 10	
Subject: Nuclear New Build	
Date of Decision: 30 September 2014	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/13/0042	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Elaine Woodburn

Context: The Executive has received and considered a report at a meeting on 29th July 2014 which outlined a range of issues which the Executive and Council will need to take into account as proposals for the new nuclear power plant at Moorside evolve.

Amongst those issues was the need to;

1. Review the Council's governance processes and constitutional arrangements to ensure that any decisions required could be made in a timely and effective manner.
2. Consider the resource implications for the Council and options for procuring additional support
3. Consider the need for an internal communications strategy for the Council on this issue

This report considers those issues.

Key Decision Status: No

Decision: That

1. a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs) Panel and instigate any formal processes needed to secure constitutional change required to enable the Panel to be established be created;
2. until the NSIPs Panel is established that the Executive take any interim decisions with regard to the Development Consent Order process;
3. options for the procurement of an external provider to provide technical advice and support services to the Council and its role within the Development Consent Process be identified;
4. Seek to re-tender the provision of specialist nuclear and energy legal advice; and
5. Establish an internal communications strategy for the project be established.

Explanation: The construction and completion of the new nuclear power plant will provide significant direct and indirect economic opportunities for the residents and businesses of Copeland.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

Implementation Date:
3 October 2014

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10 October 2014

Recorded by:
Denise James

Call-in Period Expires on:
3 October 2014

Contact Officer:
Pat Graham

Copeland Borough Council

Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 11

Subject: Fair Finance Pledge

Date of Decision: 30 September 2014

Decision made by:

Decision Reference: EXE/13/0043

Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Elaine Woodburn

Context: To consider agreement to work toward the implementation of the Fair Trade Pledge.

Key Decision Status: Yes

Decision: That the work towards the implementation of the pledge be supported

Explanation: The intention of the pledge is to mitigate the impacts of poverty and respond to the impact of welfare reform to assist Copeland Residents.

Alternative Options Considered: None

Interests Declared: None

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