

**COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**STATEMENTS OF EXECUTIVE DECISIONS**

**MEETING HELD ON 9 DECEMBER 2008**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Ms E Woodburn; G Blackwell; G Clements; A Holliday and N Williams

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Councillors H Branney & C Giel

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:** F McMorrow, Acting Chief Executive, K Parker, Acting Corporate Director, Quality of Life; J Salt, Head of Customer Services; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; J Crellin, Head of Finance and Business Development; J C Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy; P Graham, Head of Development Operations; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; L Priebe, Housing Strategy Manager; D James, Member Services Officer

**START TIME: 2.00pm**

**CLOSE TIME: 2.55pm**

**CERTIFICATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

Certified a true record of decisions taken at the meeting of the Executive of Copeland Borough Council dated 9 December 2008

**Copeland Borough Council**

## Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 1	
Subject: Statement of Decision – 9 December 2008	
Date of Decision: 9 December 2008	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/08/	

Portfolio Holder: N/A
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Context:
To consider the Statements of decision made on 11 November 2008

Key Decision Status:
No

Decision
<b>That the statement of Executive decision made on 11 November 2008 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.</b>

Explanation
N/A

Alternative Options Considered:
None

Interests Declared: None
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## Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 5	
Subject: Forward Plan	
Date of Decision: 9 December 2008	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/08/	

Portfolio Holder: N/A
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Context:
To consider the Forward Plan of Key decision January – April 2009

Key Decision Status:
No

<b>Decision</b>
<b>That the Forward Plan of Key decisions January – April 2009 be noted.</b>

Explanation
N/A

Alternative Options Considered:
None

Interests Declared: None
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## Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 6	
Subject: Older Peoples Housing Strategy	
Date of Decision: 9 December 2008	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/08/	

Portfolio Holder: Councillor G Clements

Context:

To consider a recommendation from the strategic Housing Panel to note the Cumbria Supporting People Body's plan for older people and take its contents into account when developing a Copeland specific strategy.

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

**That a) the supporting people commissioning plan be noted; and**

**b) the supporting people commissioning plan be taken into account in the development of a Copeland specific housing and related strategy from older people.**

Explanation

Following the Audit Commission's inspection and report on Copeland's strategic housing services in April 2008, action 1(d) of the Council's improvement plan is to develop an older people's housing strategy.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 7	
Subject: Cleator Moor Task Group	
Date of Decision: 9 December 2008	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Giel

#### Context:

Cleator Moor Task Group was set up by Corporate Team to look at the future of the Council Centre in Cleator Moor. The Task Group is to deliver an implementation strategy with recommendations for the future of the Centre. Whilst the Implementation Strategy will not be finalised until March 2009, initial progress suggests

#### Key Decision Status:

No

#### Decision

**That subject to the development of a well supported and detailed implementation strategy and the commitment of both Cumbria County Council and Cleator Moor Town Council**

**a) option 1 be approved in principle;**

**and whilst further detailed work is required,**

- b) the possibility of a joint ownership arrangement being put in place to manage the three publicly owned listed buildings on the square be approved in principle;**
- c) a new approach to offering services from the Cleator Moor Council Centre through partnership working with both the County Council and Cleator Moor Town Council be approved in principle; and**
- d) further development of a scheme to deliver a key regeneration project within Cleator Moor be approved in principle.**

Explanation

Cleator Moor Task Group was set up by Corporate Team to provide recommendations for the future of the Council Centre on the Square, following difficulties in maintaining the opening hours of the centre as a result of the closure of the cash office earlier this year.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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Contact Officers:  
J Betteridge

## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 8	
Subject: Phase 2 Phoenix Court - Refurbishment	
Date of Decision: 9 December 2008	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillors C Giel & A Holliday
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#### Context:

This report sets out details of an opportunity to obtain grant funding to improve Phase 2 phoenix Court and seeks approval for a way forward.

#### Key Decision Status:

No

#### Decision

**That a) the proposal be approved in principle;**

**b) further actions be delegated to the Head of Development Operations and Head of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the portfolio Holders;**

**c) the selection of an ad hoc list and the approval of a tender be delegated to Head of Development Operations and Head of Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holders; and**

**d) the Council bank roll the project.**



Explanation

An opportunity has arisen to improve the layout of Phoenix Court which would provide a much improved layout fully Disability Discrimination Act compliant.

Potential grant funding of approx. £900,000 may be available to undertake this improvement..

In order to maximise use of the funding the Council has been asked if it will administer the project entering into the contracts and dealing with the processing of VAT.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 9	
Subject: Conservation Services	
Date of Decision: 9 December 2008	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Giel
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#### Context:

This report sets out proposals for securing an efficient conservation services function within the Development Directorate

#### Key Decision Status:

No

#### Decision

**That a) option 2 be approved and tenders be invited in accordance with contract standing orders; and**

**b) approval of an Ad hoc list and acceptance of a tender be delegated to the Heads of Development Operations and Strategy in consultation with the Portfolio holder.**

#### Explanation

It has been recognized that service delivery is constrained by the lack of a dedicated officer to provide expert guidance and opinion on matters relating to conservation and urban design.

It is therefore proposed to look at options to obtain this resource.

#### Alternative Options Considered:

None

#### Interests Declared: None

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## **Copeland Borough Council**

### **Statement of Executive Decision**

Agenda Item: 10	
Subject: Sustainability National Indicators – Progress Update	
Date of Decision: 9 December 2008	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillors E Woodburn & A Holliday
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#### **Context:**

This report will inform members on progress towards the Council's Sustainability/Climate Change objectives and National Indicators

#### **Key Decision Status:**

No

#### **Decision**

**That a) the 2008/9 work plan to deliver the Council's objectives and the work completed in the first half of this year be noted**

**b) it be noted that the emergence of these indicators will require the Council to take stock of its position on climate change and its drive to deliver sustainable communities;**

**c) it be noted that many of the indicators are the product of work or systems that already exist as part of our corporate delivery framework, such as housing renewal and air quality monitoring; and**

**d) the use of existing resources to obtain additional resources, including external help, to deliver elements of the work plan be noted.**

#### **Explanation**

To report on progress made in achieving objectives and National Indicators

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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J Betteridge

## **Copeland Borough Council**

### **Statement of Executive Decision**

Agenda Item: 11	
Subject: Egremont Castle Pavilion Performance Space	
Date of Decision: 9 December 2008	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor C Giel
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#### **Context:**

The report updates on progress towards a demountable 'pavilion' for Egremont Castle, which will provide a canopy to enable outdoor performance.

#### **Key Decision Status:**

No

#### **Decision**

**That a) the project, including a funding bid currently being made to West Lakes Renaissance be supported:**

**b) the Council negotiate a new lease on Egremont Castle and grounds of 25 years with a one year rolling break, at a peppercorn rent in order to facilitate funding bids for the project; and**

**c) the Council bank roll the project.**

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#### Explanation

Over a number of years, the Friends of Egremont Castle have worked with Copeland Borough Council to improve the environment around the castle and to increase community ownership and pride.

Part of this work has involved putting on performances in the castle grounds, which provides a unique setting, but these have often been moved indoors due to the weather.

The full application to West Lakes Renaissance is being submitted for £349,000. Other funding has been agreed from West Cumbria Development Fund of £90,000. A further bid for funding has been made for £50,000, to complete the funding of the capital part of the project.

Funding for the revenue running costs of the pavilion is currently being pursued by Egremont and Area Regeneration Partnership through bids to Arts Council England and others

#### Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: Councillor E Woodburn declared a personal interest in this item due to being the Chair of the Egremont Regeneration Partnership.

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## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 12	
Subject: Urgent Actions	
Date of Decision: 9 December 2008	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/08/	

Portfolio Holder:

Context:

To note actions taken under Urgent Action

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

**That urgent actions 08/08; 03/08; 04/08; 05/0811/08; 12/0813/08 be noted**

Explanation

In accordance with Council reporting procedure.

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item:	
Subject: Exclusion of Press and Public	
Date of Decision: 9 December 2008	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/08/	

Portfolio Holder:
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Context:
Excludes Press and Public from Meetings for Agenda Items 13-15

Key Decision Status:
No

Decision
<b>That the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining items of business on the grounds of exempt information as identified in paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended.</b>

Explanation
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Alternative Options Considered:
None

Interests Declared: None
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### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 13	
Subject: Urgent Action	
Date of Decision: 9 December 2008	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/08/	

Portfolio Holder:

Context:

To note actions taken on grounds of urgency

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

**That urgent action 06/08 be noted**

Explanation

In accordance with Council's reporting procedure

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 14	
Subject: Albion Street	
Date of Decision: 9 December 2008	Decision made by:
Decision Reference: EXE/08/	Full Executive

Portfolio Holder: Councillor A Holliday
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#### Context:

Further to Executive statement EXE/070056 this report provides further information regarding the proposed purchase of 16/17 Albion Street, Whitehaven from the West Lakes Renaissance and seeks approval to the purchase

#### Key Decision Status:

No

#### Decision

**That 16/17 Albion Street, Whitehaven is purchased from the West Lakes Renaissance on the terms set out in the report**

#### Explanation

#### Alternative Options Considered:

None

#### Interests Declared: None

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## Copeland Borough Council

### Statement of Executive Decision

Agenda Item: 15	
Subject: Kells Environmental Project	
Date of Decision: 9 December 2008	Decision made by: Full Executive
Decision Reference: EXE/08/	

Portfolio Holder:

Context:

This report seeks Member's views as to the approval of the Ad-hoc tenders for the Contractor works for the Housing Investment Programme (HIP) funded scheme affecting properties to the rear of Basket Road, Kells

Key Decision Status:

No

Decision

**That RH Irving, Carillion plc Ltd and Stobbarts be placed on the tender list for the role of Contractor on the project**

Explanation

Alternative Options Considered:

None

Interests Declared: None

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