

COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2009

Present: Councillors: H Wormstrup (Mayor); D Banks; G Blackwell; J W Bowman; H Branney; A Carroll; N Clarkson; Mrs Y R T Clarkson; G Clements; P C Connolly; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; Mrs D A Faichney; G Garrity; Mrs C A Giel; F R Heathcote; A Holliday; Mrs J I Hully; J Jackson; A E Jacob; J Kane; M A McVeigh; S J Meteer; Mrs W Metherell; D W Moore; A D Mossop; A Norwood; J Park; R F Pitt; J Prince; G Scurrah; W Southward; P D Tyson; Mrs C Watson; P Watson; P Whalley; C J Whiteside; Mrs J Williams; N Williams; D A Wilson; E M Woodburn; Mrs M Woodburn; A Wonnacott.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E Brennan; R Cole; B A Dixon; F Gleaves; K Hitchen; T J Knowles; R Salkeld; J G Sunderland.

Minutes

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 September 2009 were signed by the Mayor as a correct record, subject to substitution of "CARRIED" for "LOST" in Minute C 163.

C 168 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor referred to the various engagements he had fulfilled since the last Council meeting.

Arising from the Mayor's announcements, it was moved by the Leader of the Council, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that pursuant to Standing Order 3.2 the order of business be varied by taking Agenda Item 9 after Agenda Item 4.

C 169 Declarations of Interests

Councillor S Meteer declared a personal interest in the Executive Report (Reduce Household Waste to Landfill) due to a relative being employed by the Council.

Councillor C Giel and J I Hully declared a personal interest in the Executive Report (Managing Radioactive Waste) due to employment in the nuclear industry.

Councillor H Branney declared a personal interest in the Executive Report (Moor Active) due to involvement in the project.

Councillor G Blackwell declared a personal interest in Copeland Athletics Stadium as a Trustee of the Stadium.

C170 Choosing to Change

Consideration was given to a report and recommendations on a coordinated change programme designed to assist the council in meeting the challenges of the next two to three years, and including assistance from external partners. The report set out the proposed next steps following informal discussion and agreement by members on the way forward.

It was moved by the Leader of the Council, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that

- (a) the report be approved;
- (b) the key challenges set out in para 2.2 be confirmed;
- (c) Councillors J Bowman, Mrs M Docherty, J Jackson, D Moore, A Norwood, J Sunderland and E Woodburn be appointed to the Choosing to Change Board;
- (d) the next steps as set out in para 3.2 be agreed; and
- (e) the offers of support from external partner organisations be welcomed and agreed.

C 171 Executive Report

The Leader of the Council presented a report summarising the strategic issues considered by the Executive since the last Council meeting.

C 172 Decent Homes Standard

Arising from the Promoting Prosperity Executive report the Portfolio Holder councillor Clements agreed to provide Councillor Norwood with a written reply on the percentage of homes in the Borough meeting the Decent Homes Standard.

C 173 CDRP Strategic Priorities 2009/2010

Arising from the Executive report it was moved by the Leader of the Council, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that the Council endorses the CDRP Strategic Priorities as set out in the Appendix to the Report.

C 174 Scheme of Delegations for Determination of Planning Applications

Arising from the Executive report it was moved by the Leader of the Council, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that the Council endorses the revised delegation scheme and carries out a further review in 6 months.

C 175 Partnership Development and Asset Management

RESOLVED – that the Council agrees in principle that:

a) a lease to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (or body designated by such for holding property for their functions) of part of the Copeland Centre be granted; and

(b) the completion of any ancillary documentation necessary to facilitate such lease; and in both cases the approval of the detailed terms of such documentation be delegated to the Head of Development Operations in consultation with the Head of Finance and Management Information Services and the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.

C 176 Overview and Scrutiny Report

The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Economic Development and Enterprise gave an update on matters discussed by scrutiny since the last Council meeting.

C 177 Audit Committee Report

The Chairman of the Audit Committee gave a progress report on matters considered by the Audit Committee in the current quarter and answered Members' questions on progress.

C 178 Notice of Motion Under Standing Order 9

A Notice of Motion under Standing Order 9 had been submitted by Councillor A Norwood.

Following a brief debate and an adjournment it was moved by Councillor D Moore, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that the Motion be deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

C 179 Place Survey

Consideration was given to a report setting out the findings of the Place Survey and some proposals for improving the Council's performance in the light of the results.

RESOLVED – that the report and the analysis of the results be noted and the approach taken to improve the Council's performance of the Council in the light of the results be agreed and implemented.

C 180 Race Equality Scheme

Consideration was given to a draft Race Equality Scheme to replace the scheme adopted by the Council in 2006. There was a statutory requirement for schemes to be reviewed every three years. Further to the decision at the meeting on 8 September to defer the report for clarification of whether or not the Scheme impacted on the Council's employment policies, the report confirmed that it did not.

RESOLVED - that the scheme be approved.

C 181 Personal Statement – Councillor R Pitt

Councillor R Pitt made a personal statement to the meeting relating to a complaint which had been made under the Code of Conduct for Members.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm

Mayor