

**APPOINTMENTS TO EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES AND CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES**

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**Summary:** Presents proposed appointments to the Executive and committees for the 2009/2010 year together with associated amendments to the constitution.

**Recommendation:** That (a) the OSC for Safer and Stronger Communities be redesignated the OSC for Safer and Stronger Communities (Crime and Disorder Committee) with additional terms of reference as set out in para 2.2;

(b) a further report be made to Council on 23 June on detailed procedures for both Councillor Call for Action and references by Councillors of matters to the crime and disorder committee;

(c) the Council appoints a member development champion for 2009/2010;

(d) a Searching for Best Value Panel of 4 members be appointed;

(e) the Council notes Executive portfolio responsibilities and agrees outside body appointments shown in Appendix "A"; and

(f) remaining appointments to Committees and panels be agreed as shown on the schedule to be circulated at the meeting.

**Impact on delivering the Corporate Plan:** None

**Impact on other statutory objectives and Health and Safety** None

**Financial and human resource implications:** None

**Project & Risk Management:** None

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 This report recommends appointments to the Executive, committees and panels for the 2008/2009 year, together with associated changes.

## **2. CRIME AND DISORDER COMMITTEES**

- 2.1 Section 19 of the Crime and Disorder Act 2006 came into force by Statutory Instrument on 30 April 2009 and requires all principal authorities to appoint crime and disorder committees with powers to review and scrutinise decisions of the Council and partner organisations on crime and disorder matters, and to make recommendations to the Council or the Executive on those matters. Crime and disorder committees are overview and scrutiny committees for the purposes of Section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

- 2.2 As the Council already has an Overview and Scrutiny Committee with overall responsibility for crime and disorder matters (OSC Safer and Stronger Communities) it is recommended that this committee is redesignated the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for Safer and Stronger Communities (Crime and Disorder Committee) with the following added to its terms of reference:

“To act as the Council’s Crime and Disorder Committee”.

- 2.3 There are additional provisions and accompanying regulations which set out how references from Councillors to the crime and disorder committee are to be processed.

## **3. COUNCILLOR CALL FOR ACTION**

- 3.1 Section 119 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 makes provisions for general matters (i.e. not crime and disorder issues) to be referred for discussion to overview and scrutiny committees where other avenues for redress or discussion have failed. This mechanism is known as the Councillor Call for Action and is an important new power for use by individual Councillors. A briefing session has been provided for all Members on how it is envisaged Councillor Call for Action will work.
- 3.2 Councillor Call for Action came into force by Statutory Instrument on 1 April but the accompanying regulations have not yet been made. It is therefore recommended that a further report is made to the Council meeting on 23 June on detailed procedures for both CCfA and crime and disorder referrals.

## **4. MEMBER DEVELOPMENT**

- 4.1 Executive at its meeting on 21 April agreed a recommendation from the Member Development Panel that the Panel should be disbanded in its present form and that the lead on Member training and development should be taken by a Member development champion, either as part of a portfolio or separately. This role will take the lead in preparing for the inspection visit in September 2009 for our application for re-

accreditation to the NWE0 member development charter. Executive have agreed the recommendation and the Council is asked to make an appointment of a Member development champion for 2009/2010.

## **5. SEARCHING FOR BEST VALUE**

- 5.1 There is an existing informal Member working group overseeing the searching for best value project which is looking in detail at all Council services in the context of our reducing long-term resources. In view of the importance of this work it is intended to formalise this group as a 4 Member Panel and this has been included in the political balance calculation and Council is asked to appoint Members to this Panel along with other committee and panel appointments.

## **6. EXECUTIVE, COMMITTEE AND OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENTS**

- 6.1 The Council is asked to note portfolio responsibilities and Executive appointments as determined by the Leader of the Council under Article 7.02 of the Constitution as shown in Appendix "A", and to agree the outside bodies appointments shown.
- 6.2 Details of other appointments to Committees, panels etc as determined by the political groups under the political balance regulations will be circulated at the Annual Meeting for agreement in the usual way.

### **List of Appendices**

Appendix A – Executive portfolios and appointments and outside body appointments

### **List of Background Documents:**

**List of Consultees:** Corporate Team; Leader

CABINET MEMBER/ LEAD OFFICER	PORTFOLIO FUNCTIONS	INTERNAL COMMITTEES	EXTERNAL COMMITTEES
<b>TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP</b>			
Leader Councillor Elaine Woodburn  Julie Crellin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Strategic Nuclear Issues</li> <li>• IT</li> <li>• Asset Management</li> <li>• Communications</li> <li>• Locality Working</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RPWG</li> <li>• NWG</li> <li>• Corporate Improvement Board</li> <li>• Whitehaven Regeneration Steering Group</li> <li>• Searching for Best Value</li> <li>• CBC/Sellafield Alliance</li> <li>• Whitehaven Regeneration Programme Steering Group</li> <li>• Albion Square Development Steering Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WCSSG</li> <li>• WCSSG – LLWR Socio, Economic, Commercial</li> <li>• Copeland Community Fund;</li> <li>• WCSP Forum</li> <li>• WCSP Leaders Group</li> <li>• Cumbria Vision</li> <li>• MRWS/Steering Group</li> <li>• Cumbria Community Foundation</li> <li>• CCF Grants Panel</li> <li>• West Cumbria Grants Panel</li> <li>• Hospital Development</li> <li>• CLASB</li> <li>• Joint Leaders</li> <li>• West Cumbria Strategic Forum</li> </ul>
Councillor John Bowman  Hilary Mitchell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Policy and Performance</li> <li>• Procurement</li> <li>• Human Resources</li> <li>• Locality Working</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RPWG</li> <li>• Corporate Improvement Board</li> <li>• Audit Committee Attendance</li> </ul>	

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<b>IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE</b>			
Councillor George Clements Jane Salt Laurie Priebe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Customer Services</li> <li>• Revenues and Benefits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Housing Panel</li> <li>• Parish Review Working Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Copeland Homes</li> <li>• Sub-regional Housing Group</li> <li>• Supporting People Cumbria</li> <li>• Cumbria Strategic Partnership</li> <li>• Cumbria Strategic Executive</li> <li>• CSP Safer and Stronger</li> <li>• Northern Consortium of Housing</li> </ul>
Councillor Allan Holliday Cath Coombs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste Management</li> <li>• Environmental Health</li> <li>• Open Spaces including Enforcement</li> <li>• Sustainability</li> <li>• Nuclear Issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RPWG</li> <li>• Nuclear Working Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NuLeaf</li> <li>• Cumbria Waste Partnership</li> <li>• WCSSG</li> <li>• WCSSG Decommissioning</li> <li>• WCSP Living Environment</li> <li>• CSP Waste and Streetscene</li> </ul>
Councillor Norman Williams Martin Jepson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDRP</li> <li>• Health</li> <li>• Legal</li> <li>• Democratic Services</li> <li>• Parish Liaison</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JCSP</li> <li>• Personnel</li> <li>• Parish Review Working Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CDRP Management</li> <li>• WCSP Healthy Communities</li> <li>• CSP Healthy Communities</li> <li>• NWEO</li> <li>• Community Law Centre</li> </ul>

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<b>PROMOTING PROSPERITY</b>			
Councillor Cath Giel  Julie Betteridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development Strategy</li> <li>• Major Regeneration Projects</li> <li>• Economic Regeneration</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pow Beck Steering Group</li> <li>• Albion Square Development Steering Group</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• West Cumbria Vision Board</li> <li>• West Lakes Renaissance</li> <li>• WRLFC</li> <li>• West Cumbria Development Fund</li> <li>• Invest in Cumbria</li> <li>• West Cumbria Development Agency</li> <li>• Eskett Quarry Liaison Committee</li> </ul>
Councillor Geoff Blackwell  Pat Graham	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development Operations</li> <li>• Planning</li> <li>• Building Control</li> <li>• Local Development Framework</li> <li>• Property</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning Panel</li> <li>• LDF Working Party</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CSP Economic Development and Enterprise</li> </ul>
Councillor Hugh Branney  Cath Coombs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leisure and Cultural Services</li> <li>• Tourism</li> <li>• TIC's including Beacon</li> <li>• Children/Young People</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lake District National Park</li> <li>• WCSP Children and Young People</li> <li>• CSP Children's Trust</li> <li>• Cumbria Tourist Board</li> <li>• North Country Leisure Board</li> <li>• Western Lakes Tourism Partnership</li> </ul>

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