

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12 MARCH 2014 AT 2:00PM

Present: Councillors: David Banks; Jackie Bowman; Ian Hill; Sam Pollen; Gilbert Scurrah and Henry Wormstrup.

Apologies for Absence: Councillors: John Kane; Eileen Eastwood; Allan Forster; Geoff Garrity; Dave Smith and Felicity Wilson.

Officers: Penny Mell, Head of Policy and Transformation; Darienne Law, Head of Corporate Resources (Items 1-7 only); Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

OSC 47/13 Appointment of Chairman

Due to the absence of both the Chair and Vice Chair, it was moved by Councillor Ian Hill, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – that Councillor Dave Banks be appointed Chair for this meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

OSC 48/13 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings held on 3 February 2014 and 17 February 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record, subject to the removal of the reference to the 'Copies of Slides' from minute OSC 46/13.

OSC 49/13 Executive Forward Plan

Committee considered the Forward Plan of the Council's Executive for the period February 2014 – May 2014.

RESOLVED – That the Forward Plan be noted.

OSC 50/13 Financial Monitoring

The Head of Corporate Resources provided Committee with overviews of the Capital Budget, Treasury Management and Revenue Budget Quarter 3 Summary Financial Reports 2013/14 that had previously been taken to the Executive.

RESOLVED – That the reports be noted.

OSC 51/13

Performance Monitoring

The Head of Policy and Transformation provided Members with an overview of the Corporate Plan Performance Report Quarter 3 2013/14 that had previously been taken to the Executive.

The revised priorities were highlighted, being:

- Deliver efficient and effective statutory services
- Be an effective public service partner so we can get the best deal for Copeland
- Working in partnership with communities

Also highlighted was the design of the new Copeland Centre Reception that would see work commence by the end of March and be completed in quarter 1 2014/15.

During the discussion that followed, Members expressed concern that the Copeland Centre alterations would benefit only the residents of Whitehaven.

Members also requested further details regarding the Copeland Community Fund, particularly regarding the number and amounts of grant distributed and the application process. It was suggested that the Copeland Community Fund be invited to attend a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

It was further suggested that Cumbria Community Foundation also be invited to a future meeting to present similarly on their work.

RESOLVED – that the

- a) report be noted,
- b) Copeland Community Fund be invited to a future meeting of this Committee, and
- c) Cumbria Community Foundation be invited to a future meeting of this Committee.

OSC 52/13

Report of the Member representative to the Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee

The Member representative, Councillor Geoff Garrity was not present at the meeting and it was suggested that this item be deferred until the next normal meeting.

RESOLVED – that the report be deferred until the next normal meeting.

OSC 53/13 Progress Reports/Final Reports from Public Sector Partner Priority Task Groups

No Items reported at this meeting.

OSC 54/13 Work Programme

Members considered the Committee’s Work Programme.

RESOLVED – that the Work Programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 3:15 pm

Chairman

Date