

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9 APRIL 2014 AT 2:00PM**

Present: Councillors: John Kane, Chairman; David Banks; Jackie Bowman; Eileen Eastwood; Allan Forster; Geoff Garrity; Ian Hill; Sam Pollen; Gilbert Scurrah; Dave Smith and Felicity Wilson.

Apologies for Absence: Councillor Henry Wormstrup.

Officers: Darienne Law, Head of Corporate Resources; Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

**OSC 55/13**

#### **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 12 March 2014 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**OSC 56/13**

#### **Executive Forward Plan**

Committee considered the Forward Plan of the Council's Executive for the period March 2014 – June 2014.

During the discussion of this item, Members requested an update on the Beacon Museum at the next meeting.

Members also discussed the Accommodation Strategy and it was suggested that, at a suitable point, a Policy Development Group (PDG) be set up to look at any proposals in detail.

**RESOLVED** – That

- a) the Forward Plan be noted, and
- b) the Beacon Museum be an agenda item at the next meeting.

**OSC 57/13**

#### **Report of the Member representative to the Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee**

The Member representative, Councillor Geoff Garrity updated the meeting on the Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee and advised that the next meeting of the committee would be taking place next week.

Councillor Felicity Wilson stated that she was a representative on Barrow Health Scrutiny Committee and would provide feedback to future meetings.

**RESOLVED** – that the update be noted.

OSC 58/13

**Progress Reports/Final Reports from Public Sector Partner Priority Task Groups**

No Items reported at this meeting.

OSC 59/13

**Work Programme**

Members considered the Committee's Work Programme for 2013-14, which had been completed.

Consideration was given to items for inclusion in the 2014-25 Work Programme.

During discussion it was suggested that an update on the Beacon Museum be included.

It was also suggested that the Traffic Management Plan for Whitehaven be included and both Karl Melville and County Councillor Frank Morgan be invited to attend.

**RESOLVED** – that

- a) the 2013-14 Work Programme be noted, and
- b) the 2014-15 Work Programme commence with items on the Beacon Museum and the Traffic Management Plan for Whitehaven.

OSC 60/13

**Policy Review – Localism and Community Rights Policies, Community Right to Bid/Community Right to Challenge and Community Asset Transfer**

Members considered a report from the Strategic Planning and Nuclear Manager, reviewing the Localism and Community Rights Policies.

Members stated they had not had sufficient time to read all the background document due to its late issue and therefore requested that this be looked at again at a future meeting, when the Officer was also present.

During the discussion that followed, Members asked to be provided with the Asset Register and details of properties disposed of by the council over the last few years.

**RESOLVED** – that

- a) at this time there was no need to update or alter the Policy Framework 2013-15 – Localism: Community Rights and Community Asset Transfer.
- b) an item be placed on a future OSC agenda to further discuss and to include the Asset Register and details of properties disposed of by the council over the last few years.

OSC 61/13

**Scrutiny Officer Update**

Members were updated on the currently vacant role of Scrutiny Officer. It was stated that the new Scrutiny Officer had now been appointed and would be Andrea Smith. Andrea will be in post from 28 April 2014.

**RESOLVED** – that the update be noted.

The meeting closed at 3:30 pm

Chairman .....

Date .....