

## **CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7 JUNE 2007**

Present Councillors Mrs Y R T Clarkson (Chairman); R Cole; Mrs A Faichney; G Garrity; A Jacob; J Kane; A Mossop; J Park; P Tyson; C Whiteside; D Wilson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M McVeigh and D Banks.

Also in attendance: Councillor H Branney.

Officers: T Capper, Democratic Services Manager; N White, Scrutiny Support Officer, T Magean, Open Spaces Manager; R Walsh, Parks Development Officer; Joanne Walker, Project Officer (Cleaner Safer Greener South Whitehaven).

Minute 04/07 only: H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance.

#### **CYPHC 01/07 Training**

The Committee received a presentation from the Scrutiny Support Officer on the Council's Overview and Scrutiny process.

The Committee noted the intention in the forthcoming Local Government White Paper to extend the remit of the Community Call for Action and requested that they receive further training on the implications of this for the Council.

**RESOLVED** – that further training on the Community Call for Action and implications for the Council be arranged for a future meeting.

#### **CYPHC 02/07 Work Plan**

The Committee considered its current work plan.

The Committee noted that the work plan included those items that were unfinished items from the previous Council.

The Committee considered that there had been little public scrutiny of the outcomes of the decision to close mental health wards in Whitehaven by the North Cumbria NHS Trust. It agreed that a review of this issue be scoped out.

The Committee expressed its concern that the council had cancelled the School Councils and noted that they were about to be relaunched through an open day.

**RESOLVED** – that a scoping exercise be undertaken for a review of the decision by North Cumbria NHS Trust to mental health wards in Whitehaven.

#### **CYPHC 03/07 Green Spaces Strategy**

The Committee considered an update on the Council's Green Spaces Strategy which included the Council's Play strategy.

The Committee noted that a draft Green Spaces Strategy had been produced and was being further developed through an open spaces audit under Planning Policy Guidance 17. This would still require a further 6 to 9 months to be completed and would require consultation with the Lake District Park, other organisations and the public.

The Committee agreed that it would like to consider the final strategy before it went to the Executive for approval.

The Committee noted that the Council had a play strategy in force but no play policy but a Cumbria wide play policy was being developed in conjunction with the other 5 district councils and the county council. Consultants were to be engaged to review the existing strategy and to bring it up to date with the Every Child Matters criteria and BIG Lottery guidance. The Consultant would also help to review the Cumbria policy as an overarching document, adapt it for adoption by the council and to evaluate the BIG lottery portfolio application and produce the portfolio for submission to the lottery in September.

**RESOLVED** – that the update on the work done on the Green Spaces Strategy and The Play Strategy be noted, and an update report be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee.

#### **CYPHC 04/07 No Smoking Policy**

The Committee considered a draft No Smoking Policy as a result of the introduction of the Health Act 2006 which would require the Council as an employer to change its arrangements for employees smoking at work.

The Committee noted that it was intended for the Policy to be considered by the Executive and the Joint Consultative and Safety Panel before the Council would be asked to formally adopt the policy at its meeting on 2 July 2007.

The Committee agreed with the proposed wording of the policy subject to:

(A) The second paragraph of implementation being changed to reflect all the specially designated places where smoking would be permitted, and

(B) The information in the help to stop smoking paragraph being put onto the bottom of the new No smoking Signs.

**RESOLVED** – that the Executive be advised that this Committee supports the draft policy to implement the new legislation which bans smoking in work places subject to the wording of the policy being amended so that:

(A) The second paragraph of implementation is changed to reflect all the specially designated places where smoking would be permitted, and

(B) The information in the help to stop smoking paragraph is put onto the bottom of the new No smoking Signs.

The Meeting Closed at 15:20pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....