

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2 JULY 2009 AT 2:00PM**

Present: Councillors J Kane (Chairman); C Whiteside (Deputy Chairman); D Banks; E Brenan; N Clarkson; Mrs A Faichney; A Jacob; A Mossop; and Mrs C Watson.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Moore; W Southward and H Wormstrup.

Also Present: Councillor Mrs Y Clarkson.

Officers: J Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy; N White, Scrutiny Support Officer and C Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

**EDE 01/09     Minutes of the Meetings**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2009 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**EDE 02/09     Arrangement of the Agenda**

Due to the Head of Development Strategy being present it was moved, duly seconded and

**RESOLVED** – That Agenda item 10 – Whitehaven Town Centre Regeneration and Business be considered before Agenda item 9 - Wind Generated Energy.

**EDE 03/09     Overview and Scrutiny Terms of Reference**

Consideration was given to a report setting out proposed options for the terms of reference of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees for 2009-10. The report was a result of a decision taken by OSC Management Committee to review the terms of reference as they were currently based on a Local Area Agreement which no longer exists.

**RESOLVED** – that option 1 be put forward as the preferred option of this committee and option 3 be the second preference.

**EDE 04/09**      **Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee Work Plan**

Consideration was given to the Work Plan for 2009/10.  
During discussion, it was suggested that due to the number of items for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting on 20 August 2009, this may be an all day meeting.

It was also suggested that now the Energus site at Lillyhall is fully open, the Committee would benefit from a site visit.

**RESOLVED** – That

- a) arrangements for a site visit to Energus be made and
- b) the Scrutiny Officer consider an all day meeting of this committee on 20 August.

**EDE 05/09**      **Departmental Presentation**

A personal interest was declared in this item by Councillor Banks due to his involvement with the Locality Working Pilot and by Councillor N Clarkson due to his wife's business interests in Whitehaven Town Centre.

The Head of Development Strategy presented to Members an overview of the work undertaken by the Development Strategy team.  
This included the Copeland Regeneration Plan, Local Development Framework, Strategic Housing Strategies & Plans, Copeland Climate Change Action Plan, Healthy & Diverse Local Economy, Locality Working, Maximise Resources for Community Regeneration, Implementation of the Homeless Strategy, Private Sector Renewal, Enhancement of Towns & Service Centres and Work & Skills.

During discussion of this item, it was suggested that the old Woolworth's site be purchased and used for an indoor market.

The Head of Development Strategy was thanked for her presentation.

**RESOLVED** – That the presentation from the Head of Development Strategy be received.

**EDE 06/09**      **Whitehaven Town Centre Regeneration and Business Presentation**

A personal interest was declared by Councillor Banks due to knowing the operator at the Albion Square site and by Councillor Mrs Y Clarkson due to being a member of Whitehaven Chamber of Trade.

Members were updated by the Head of Development Strategy on the projects at Civic Quarter, Mark House, Bransty, Quay Street, Pow Beck Sports Village, Pow Beck Gardens, The Ginns and Albion Square.

During discussion of this item, Members expressed a view that any development in this area needed to be attractive and reflect the 'old town' in its design. The committee also felt that car parking needs should be addressed.

Members were further updated on projects at Mount Pleasant, Haig Colliery Mining Museum, Haig Zone and Marchon/Rhodia Zone.

Members expressed a wish that the Multi Storey Car Park, Section 106 agreements, an Indoor Market and the Council's Conservation Strategy be considered for inclusion on the future work plan for this committee.

It was discussed that two Task and Finish Groups be created one for Planning and one for Business Community (All Copeland Towns) and that a joint meeting with the Local Development Framework Working Group be considered.

It was suggested that Members for the Business Community Task and Finish Group be Councillors D Banks, A Mossop, J Kane, C Whiteside, E Brennan plus one Member from Millom.

**RESOLVED – That**

- a) the presentation from the Head of Development Strategy be received, and
- b) a Business Community Task and Finish Group be created and consist of Councillors D Banks, A Mossop, J Kane, C Whiteside, E Brennan plus one Member from Millom.

**EDE 07/09**      **Wind Generated Energy**

The Committee considered the motion that had previously been received by Full Council at its meeting on 13 January 2009.

Following discussion it was proposed, seconded and duly

**RESOLVED** – That the motion be amended to read  
**“The Copeland Borough Council calls on the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change to give a commitment to seek to ensure that within Cumbria, Government will reduce its over-reliance on onshore wind, reduce current wind-related targets and invest, as a matter of urgency, in other low carbon energy generation such as tidal power this will reaffirm Council’s commitment to the Energy Coast Masterplan“** and be sent back to Full Council for consideration.

The Meeting Closed at 4:35pm

Chairman:.....

Date:.....