

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (EXTERNAL)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25 AUGUST 2011 AT 2:00PM

Present: Councillors John Kane (Chairman); Eileen Eastwood (Deputy Chair); David Banks; Jackie Bowman; Lena Hogg; Robert Salkeld; William Southward and Henry Wormstrup.

Officers: Jessica Hall, Overview and Scrutiny Support Officer; Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager; Penny Mell, Head of Policy and Transformation; Julie Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy; Craig Robson, Health Improvement Officer and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Apologies for absence: Councillor Jon Downie

Also present: Councillors Geoffrey Garrity and Hugh Branney.

OSC Ext 08/11 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16 June 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

OSC Ext 09/11 "Peeling The Onion – Learning tips and tools from the Health Inequalities Scrutiny Programme"

Committee considered the Centre for Public Scrutiny publication "Peeling The Onion – Learning tips and tools from the Health Inequalities Scrutiny Programme" and how Overview and Scrutiny can contribute to addressing health inequalities. Members were recommended to use the toolkit for future scrutiny work in the health area.

RESOLVED – That the Centre for Public Scrutiny publication "Peeling The Onion – Learning tips and tools from the Health Inequalities Scrutiny Programme" be considered and this be used for future scrutiny work in the health area.

OSC Ext 10/11 Copeland Health Profile

Members received a presentation from the Health Improvement Officer on the Cumbria and Copeland Health Profiles.
This included Obesity, Smoking, Child Poverty & Alcohol and the steps being taken by Copeland Borough Council and partners to tackle the problems.

Following discussion, it was suggested that a Task and Finish Group be established to investigate the problems of Alcohol Misuse in Copeland and volunteers were requested.

RESOLVED – That

- a) the presentation be received, and
- b) an Alcohol Misuse Task & Finish Group be established and consist of Councillors John Kane, Eileen Eastwood, Lena Hogg, Robert Salkeld and Geoffrey Garrity.

OSC Ext 11/11 Outside Bodies Appointment and Report

Committee were asked to confirm the appointment of Councillor Geoffrey Garrity as Council's representative on the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. It was also suggested that a deputy be appointed. It was agreed that Councillor Lena Hogg be appointed.

Councillor Garrity then reported on the work of the committee.

RESOLVED – That

- a) Councillor Geoffrey Garrity be confirmed as Council's representative on the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee with Councillor Lena Hogg appointed as deputy, and
- b) the report on the work of the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee be received.

OSC Ext 12/10 Forward Plan

Committee considered the Forward Plan of the Council's Executive.

RESOLVED – That the Forward Plan be noted.

OSC Ext 13/10 Work Programme

Members considered the Committee's Work Plan.

RESOLVED – That the Work Plan be updated and noted.

The meeting closed at 3:20 pm

Chairman.....

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