

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (EXTERNAL)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2011 AT 2:00PM

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

Officers: Jessica Hall, Overview and Scrutiny Support Officer; Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager; Julie Betteridge, Head of Development Strategy (for Item 7 only); Craig Robson, Health Improvement Officer (for Item 8 only); Emma Dickinson, Youth Engagement Officer (for Item 8 only) and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Apologies for absence: Councillors David Banks; Jon Downie and William Southward

Also present: Councillors Geoffrey Garrity and Carole Woodman.

OSC Ext 14/11 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 25 August 2011 were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

OSC Ext 15/11 Arrangement of Agenda

With the permission of the Chair, it was agreed that Item 8 (Scoping Exercise - Task & Finish Group on Alcohol Misuse) be taken before Item 7 (Copeland Regeneration Strategy and Projects).

OSC Ext 16/11 Executive Forward Plan

Committee considered the Forward Plan of Executive key decisions for the period November 2011 to February 2012.

RESOLVED – That Forward Plan of Executive key decisions for the period November 2011 to February 2012 be noted.

OSC Ext 17/11 Scoping Exercise – Task & Finish Group on Alcohol Misuse

The Health Improvement Officer and Youth Engagement Officer provided Committee with information relating to alcohol abuse for consideration in determining the Terms of Reference and work of the Task & Finish Group on Alcohol Misuse.

During the discussion that followed, Members stated that the Task & Finish Group would be keen to obtain any Police figures on establishments selling alcohol to underage customers, Alcohol related Hospital admission figures and

any other Alcohol related incidents.

Members also identified key stakeholders, partners and other agencies with whom they would be consulting.

It was suggested that the Task & Finish Group aim to report to the meeting of the External Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 1 March 2012 and to Full Council on 22 March 2012.

RESOLVED – That the Terms of Reference and scope of the Alcohol Abuse Task & Finish Group be completed taking into account Members comments.

OSC Ext 18/11 Copeland Regeneration Strategy and Projects

Members received a presentation from the Head of Development Strategy on the Copeland Regeneration Strategy and Projects.

This included an overview of Councils strategic aims, principles and drivers through to 2015.

Committee received an update on the progress being made on a number of ongoing projects including Albion Square, Transport interchange, Nuclear New Build, Pow Beck and Rosehill Theatre.

A discussion followed and the Head of Development Strategy was thanked for the presentation.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be received.

OSC Ext 19/11 Outside Body Report – Councillor Garrity, Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Committee

Committee received a report from Councillor Garrity, as Council's representative on the work of the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Committee, together with Councillor Hogg as his deputy.

Concern was expressed regarding the problems being encountered with Barrow Hospital by the Morecambe Bay NHS Trust.

Member were advised that a decision was due soon regarding the new NHS Trust to take over the running of hospitals in Carlisle and Whitehaven. The two remaining interested parties being Northumberland or Newcastle & Cumbria.

Councillor Wormstrup asked for an update on the building works being undertaken at the West Cumberland Hospital and Councillor Eastwood requested a site visit.

RESOLVED – That the report on the work of the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee be received.

OSC Ext 20/11 OSC Co-ordinating Board Report

A written report of the Informal Co-ordinating Board was circulated to Committee and attention was drawn to the next training session for Overview and Scrutiny Members on 2 December 2011 which will focus on scoping and questioning skills.

RESOLVED – That the report on the work of the Co-ordinating Board be received.

OSC Ext 21/10 Work Programme

Members considered the Committee's Work Plan.

A request was also considered for an additional item regarding Accident Black Spots on the A595. It was suggested that a Task & Finish Group be established, for which Councillors Jackie Bowman, Henry Wormstrup and Lena Hogg volunteered. A request for one additional Member was made.

A request was made for this Committee to respond to the consultation on proposed closure of Woodlands Residential Care Home. It was suggested that a Task & Finish Group be established, for which Councillors Geoff Garrity and Lena Hogg volunteered. A request for two additional Member was made.

RESOLVED – That

- a) the Work Plan be updated and noted,
- b) an Accident Black Spot Task & Finish Group be set up comprising Councillors Jackie Bowman, Henry Wormstrup and Lena Hogg with one further Member being requested via a general email from the Scrutiny Officer to all Members. The Task & Finish Group to report back to this Committee at the March 2012 meeting.
- c) A Task & Finish Group be set up to consider a response to the consultation on proposed closure of Woodlands Residential Care Home. The Group to comprise of Councillors Geoff Garrity, Lena Hogg and two additional Members for which a request will be made.

The meeting closed at 4:05 pm

Chairman.....

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