

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (INTERNAL)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 AUGUST 2011

Present: Councillors Yvonne Clarkson (Chairman); Brian Dixon; Anne Faichney; Peter Kane; Michael McVeigh; John Park; Dave Smith; Norman Williams and Felicity Wilson.

Apologies for absence: Councillor D Moore.

Officers: Jessica Hall, Overview and Scrutiny Support Officer; Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager; Alison Walton, Equalities Officer; Laurie Priebe, Housing Services Manager (Item 6 only) and Clive Willoughby, Member Services Technical Support Officer.

Also present: Councillors George Clements and Elaine Woodburn.

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Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2011 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

OSC1 7/11

Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interest

Councillor Yvonne Clarkson declared a Personal Interest in Agenda Item 6 (Copeland Housing Strategy) due to her husband being a board member of the Whitehaven Community Trust.

Councillor Brian Dixon declared a Personal Interest in the same item due to his son being in rented accommodation in Carlisle.

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Order of Agenda Items

With the agreement of the Chair, it was

RESOLVED – That Item 7 (Performance Management Framework) would be taken last.

OSC1 7/11

Copeland Housing Strategy

Members received an update from the Housing Services Manager on the Year One Housing Strategy Delivery Plan. This included comments received from partner organisations following recent consultation.

The Panel were then given an opportunity to discuss the draft Delivery Plan and add their own comment.

The Housing Services manager was thanked for the update.

RESOLVED – That the update be received .

OSC1 8/11

The Equality Act: The Public Sector Duty

Members considered a report from the Equalities Officer on the latest position in relation to the Public Sector Duty and the Council's updated action plan on the 'Achieving Level'.

A discussion followed and Members comments were taken on board.

The Equalities Officer was thanked for her report.

RESOLVED – That the report be received .

OSC1 9/11

Task & Finish Group Update – Car Parking Review

Members considered an update from the Policy and Scrutiny Officer on the work of the Car Parking Review Task & Finish Group.

During the discussion that followed, it was suggested that the terms of reference for this Task & Finish Group be revisited and that 'Fees and Charges' be concentrated on first and more strategic issues be looked at later.

RESOLVED – That the update be received and the terms of reference be amended to show that 'Fees and Charges' be concentrated on first and more strategic issues be looked at later.

OSC1 10/11

Task & Finish Group Update – Discretionary Concessionary Travel

The Policy and Scrutiny Officer provided Members with an update from the Discretionary Concessionary Travel Task & Finish Group.

Committee was advised that the task & Finish Group had started to meet in mid-July and were progressing. The Group was on target to complete by the end of September 2011.

RESOLVED – That the update be received.

OSC1 11/11

Executive Forward Plan

The Committee considered and noted the Executive Forward Plan.

OSC1 12/11 Work Programme

Members reviewed and updated the Committee’s Work Programme 2011/12.

During discussions, members were advised that the revised Budget Policy 2011/12 to 2014/15 document would be with them shortly.

With regard to the implementation of recommendations made by the Polling Station Review Task & Finish Group, Members were advised that a comprehensive review of Polling Stations was due by the end of 2011 and that this would be discussed at the next OSC Co-ordinating Board.

RESOLVED – that the draft work programme be updated.

OSC1 13/11 Performance Management Framework

The Performance Management framework report was tabled at the meeting and at the request of the Chair, it was requested that the item be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

It was suggested that a sub group be established to look at the Council Plan Performance Report outside of Committee and a report back be made.

RESOLVED – That a sub group consisting of Councillors Yvonne Clarkson, Felicity Wilson and Dave Smith be established to look at the Council Plan Performance Report and report back to Committee.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm

Chairman

Date