

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2009

Present: Councillors B. Dixon, Chairman; Mrs Y Clarkson; Mrs M Docherty; Mrs E Eastwood; G Garrity; K Hitchen; J Kane; Mrs W Metherell; P Whalley

Officers: F McMorrow Acting Chief Executive; M Jepson, Head of Legal and Democratic Services; T Capper Democratic Services Manager; N White, Scrutiny Support Officer.

MGT 29/09 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2009 be signed as a correct record.

MGT 30/09 Overview and Scrutiny Workshop

The Chairman referred to a recent meeting of the Cumbria Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee attended by himself and the Deputy Chairman where a facilitated workshop had been held on the effectiveness of overview and scrutiny in local authorities. It was suggested by the Chairman and agreed that a similar workshop be arranged locally for this Committee, the Executive and Corporate Team.

MGT 31/09 Greater Public Involvement in Overview and Scrutiny

Further to the discussion at the meeting on 6 July the Committee considered a report outlining proposals for securing greater public involvement in overview and scrutiny.

RESOLVED – that the report and the principle of greater public involvement be agreed and a further version of the report be submitted to the next meeting reflecting the matters raised by members.

MGT 32/09 Urgent Action

The Committee noted urgent action taken by the Chairman under Standing Order 18 in respect of the final report to Council on the Choosing to Change review.

MGT 33/09 Work Plan

Consideration was given to the Work Plan of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

RESOLVED - that (a) the Work Plan be noted; and

(b) a report on options for the future of the Local Strategic Partnership be submitted to a future meeting.

MGT 34/09 Executive Decisions

Consideration was given to the decisions made by the Executive at its meeting on 22 September 2009.

RESOLVED - that the decisions made by the Executive at its meeting on 22 September 2009 be noted.

MGT 35/09 Scrutiny Support Officer

The Chairman referred to the imminent departure of the Scrutiny Support Officer, Neil White, from the Council's employment and the Committee agreed to place on record their appreciation of Mr White's work while in post.

The meeting closed at 3.40 pm

Chairman.....

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