

Notice of Decisions Taken Under Delegated Powers by the Executive on Tuesday, 8 December 2020

NOTES: The deadline for calling in any of these decisions is 5.00 pm on Friday 18 December 2020.

A copy of the Executive agenda setting out all the reports has previously been circulated to all Members of the Council.

Officers are asked to read this Decision Notice, as it is the responsibility of the Officer named in the Action Column to ensure that the appropriate action is taken.

If you require further information on any issue please contact the Officer named in the right hand column. For general information or to obtain a copy of any documentation please contact Member Services.

Present: Mayor Mike Starkie, Councillors David Moore, Steven Morgan and Andy Pratt.

Officers Present: Pat Graham, Chief Executive; Sarah Pemberton, Director of Corporate Services and Commercial Strategy; Steven Brown, Director of Financial Resources; Clinton Boyce, Solicitor; Clive Willoughby, Democratic Services Officer and Rose Blaney, Electoral Services Officer .

Also Present: Councillors Gwynneth Everett, Michael McVeigh and Felicity Wilson.

EXE Apologies for Absence
20/192

There were no Apologies for Absence were received for this meeting.

EXE Statements of Executive Decisions of the Meetings held on 6 November 2020,
20/193 10 November 2020 and 25 November 2020.

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 6 November 2020, 10 November 2020 and 25 November 2020 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

EXE Declarations of Interests in Agenda Items:
20/194

No Declarations of Interest were made at this meeting.

EXE Written Questions from Members of the Public
20/195

No questions had been received from Members of the public.

Item No.	Decision	CLT Lead
EXE 20/196	<p data-bbox="300 203 1038 232"><u>REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 277 1279 349">To receive any recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="300 394 1279 544">The Deputy Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee provided an update from the meeting held on 26 November 2020 and stated her wish that Task and Finish Groups move forward with the tasks on the OSC Work Programme.</p> <p data-bbox="300 589 416 618"><u>Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 663 1279 734">The update from the Deputy Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.</p> <p data-bbox="300 779 564 808"><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 853 1279 925">Comments received from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are taken into account when Executive decisions are made.</p> <p data-bbox="300 969 978 999"><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1043 376 1072">None</p>	N/A

Item No.	Decision	CLT Lead
EXE 20/197	<p data-bbox="300 1299 520 1328"><u>FORWARD PLAN</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1373 940 1402">To consider the Mayor's Executive Forward Plan.</p> <p data-bbox="300 1447 416 1476"><u>Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1520 1279 1592">RESOLVED - that the forward plan be agreed, subject to the Mayor being shown as the portfolio holder for the Copeland Economic Vision 2040.</p> <p data-bbox="300 1637 564 1666"><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1711 1279 1827">The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements (Access to information (England) Regulations 2012 requires a forward plan to be prepared in respect of key decisions. The work plan is good practice.</p> <p data-bbox="300 1872 978 1901"><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1946 357 1975">N/A</p>	N/A

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EXE 20/198	<p data-bbox="300 237 979 271"><u>DEPARTMENT FOR TRANSPORT - E SCOOTER TRIALS</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 315 1278 539">The Department for Transport (DfT) invited local authorities and e-scooter operators to submit proposals to be invited in trials in their areas. On the 28th August the Council expressed an interest in taking part in the trials. This was based on a proposal from Ginger Teleporter Limited ('Ginger') to design, manage and report on the trial proposed to be run in Whitehaven.</p> <p data-bbox="300 551 1267 618">The DfT responded to the expression of interest on the 11th November by issuing the Copeland Borough Council E-scooter Trial Order 2020.</p> <p data-bbox="300 629 1278 730">The results of the trials, held nationally, will create the evidence necessary to guide final decisions about whether and, if so, how to fully legalise e-scooters.</p> <p data-bbox="300 786 416 819"><u>Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 864 512 887">RESOLVED: that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="347 898 667 931">a) the report be noted, <li data-bbox="347 943 1278 1043">b) Cleaner and Greener Energy Solutions be allocated to the Portfolio Holder for Nuclear and Corporate Services (Councillor David Moore), and <li data-bbox="347 1055 1278 1435">c) Authority be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Mayor, the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="395 1133 1278 1279">(i) Enter into a memorandum of understanding with Ginger Teleporter Limited to record the basis upon which they will collaborate with each other on the E Scooter Trials Project; and <li data-bbox="395 1290 1278 1435">(ii) To deal with any other actions needed to deliver the E Scooter Trials Project which are not otherwise covered by delegated powers provided that such other actions are within the approved budget. <p data-bbox="300 1491 560 1525"><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1559 1278 1749">This is a trial of an alternative energy clean transport type, piloted to assist the Government in understanding the feasibility of e-scooters. It provides the community with an opportunity to try and experience e-scooters. If it is successful then it might be rolled out on a national basis as a permanent alternative form of transport.</p> <p data-bbox="300 1805 975 1839"><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1872 759 1906">No other options were considered.</p>	Pat Graham Chief Executive

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EXE 20/199	<p data-bbox="300 199 951 230"><u>ADOPTION OF THE CUMBRIA COASTAL STRATEGY</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 277 1278 349">Executive was asked to consider and approve the adoption of the Cumbria Coastal Strategy.</p> <p data-bbox="300 396 416 427"><u>Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 474 1094 506">RESOLVED – that the Cumbria Coastal Strategy be approved.</p> <p data-bbox="300 553 564 584"><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 631 1278 779">The proposal will help support the Council in delivering the actions set out in Shoreline Management Plan 2, adopted by the Council in 2010, in following the process to obtain grant funding to deliver coast protection works along the Copeland coast.</p> <p data-bbox="300 826 975 857"><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 904 759 936">No other options were considered.</p>	Pat Graham Chief Executive

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EXE 20/200	<p data-bbox="300 1137 708 1169"><u>LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1216 1278 1480">Executive was asked to note the action proposed to be taken by the Chief Executive, in accordance with a previous delegation given by the Executive, to submit on behalf of the Council a final proposal for unitary local government in Cumbria to be submitted to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government ('MHCLG') for the creation of two unitary councils and the dissolution of the existing county council and six district councils.</p> <p data-bbox="300 1572 416 1603"><u>Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1650 1278 1915">RESOLVED – that the proposed decision to be taken by the Chief Executive after the Executive meeting, pursuant to statement 20/174 (6th November 2020), as attached to the report, to enable the Council submit a final business case and proposal to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government requesting that due consideration be given to the creation of two unitary councils in Cumbria as set out in the decision/proposal, be noted.</p>	Pat Graham Chief Executive

	<p><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p>Reorganising local authorities, particularly into a unitary authority, will provide an opportunity to optimise efficient services, streamline operations and rationalise costs of local government. It is important for the residents of Copeland, and indeed Cumbria, that these benefits are achieved, whilst recognising the communities of the county, the geography of the county, the economy of the county and ensuring that local democratic accountability is maintained. It is believed this can be achieved if two unitary authorities are created in Cumbria.</p> <p><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p>No other options were considered.</p>	
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	<p><u>EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC</u></p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <p>RESOLVED – that the press and public be excluded for the remaining items of business in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).</p> <p><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p>N/A</p>	N/A

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EXE 20/201	<p data-bbox="300 197 1246 309"><u>UPDATE ON COPELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL'S DEVELOPMENT OF A BUSINESS CASE FOR WHITEHAVEN AGAINST THE FUTURE HIGH STREETS FUND</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 353 1278 427">Executive were asked to consider an update on the business case for Whitehaven against the Future High Streets Fund.</p> <p data-bbox="300 472 416 506"><u>Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 551 1278 624">RESOLVED – that Recommendations a), b) and c) as set out in the Agenda report be agreed.</p> <p data-bbox="300 669 564 703"><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 748 1278 860">Copeland Borough Council has submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government ('MHCLG') a full Business Case for investment in Whitehaven through the Future High Streets Fund ('FHSF').</p> <p data-bbox="300 904 1278 1095">The benefit to Copeland residents from the development of an evidenced case for investment in Whitehaven is potential significant funding into the town, both through Government, public and private sector partners. The regeneration of our town centres will bring improved economic prosperity with a knock-on increase in jobs, new businesses and visitors to the area.</p> <p data-bbox="300 1140 979 1173"><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1218 759 1252">No other options were considered.</p>	Pat Graham Chief Executive

EXE Date and Time of Next Meeting:
20/202

It was noted that the next meeting of the Executive would be held on Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 10:00am. This will be a virtual meeting.

The Meeting closed at 11.00 am

Mayor