

# Notice of Decisions Taken Under Delegated Powers by the Executive on Tuesday, 26 January 2021

NOTES: The deadline for calling in any of these decisions is 5.00 pm on Friday 5 February 2021

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; Rose Blaney, Democratic Services Officer and Rob Ward, Nuclear Sector Manager.

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

EXE     Apologies for Absence  
20/203

There were no apologies for absence.

EXE     Statements of Executive Decisions of the Meeting held on 8 December 2020.  
20/204

**RESOLVED** – That the Statements of Decisions made on the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020 were agreed as a correct record and will be signed by the Mayor as soon as practicable.

EXE     Declarations of Interests in Agenda Items:  
20/205

No declarations of interest were made by the Executive Members present.

EXE     Written Questions from Members of the Public  
20/206

No questions had been received from Members of the Public.

Item No.	Decision	CLT Lead
EXE 20/207	<p data-bbox="300 199 1038 230"><u>REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 277 1161 344">To receive any recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p data-bbox="300 392 1273 501">The Chair and Deputy Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee provided an update from the meetings held on 26 November 2020 and 17 December 2020.</p> <p data-bbox="300 510 1182 542">The appointment of Rose Blaney as Scrutiny Officer was welcomed.</p> <p data-bbox="300 589 416 620"><u>Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 667 1251 734"><b>RESOLVED</b> - The update from the Deputy Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee be noted.</p> <p data-bbox="300 781 564 813"><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 860 1273 927">Comments received from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee are taken into account when Executive decisions are made.</p> <p data-bbox="300 974 975 1005"><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1052 373 1084">None</p>	N\A

Item No.	Decision	CLT Lead
EXE 20/208	<p data-bbox="300 1249 517 1281"><u>FORWARD PLAN</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1328 943 1359">To consider the Mayor's Executive Forward Plan.</p> <p data-bbox="300 1406 416 1438"><u>Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1485 1038 1516"><b>RESOLVED</b> - that the forward plan be agreed, subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="347 1518 1273 1585">a) The amendment to the dates of Executive and Council in February 2021, and</li> <li data-bbox="347 1594 1171 1626">b) The Copeland Community Lottery being delayed until 2022.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="300 1673 564 1704"><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1751 1273 1861">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 1908 975 1939"><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1986 357 2018">N/A</p>	N\A

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EXE 20/209	<p data-bbox="300 237 711 271"><u>COASTAL COMMUNITY FOREST</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 315 1187 472">This report introduced the concept of community forests and the opportunity for Cumbria to develop a plan for a Coastal Community Forest, which would support the Council’s new Climate Policy and sustainability framework set out in the Copeland Vision 2040.</p> <p data-bbox="300 501 1265 613">Executive were asked to support the submission of an Expression of Interest for the Coastal Community Forest in Cumbria to be considered as one of the next three community forests in England.</p> <p data-bbox="300 645 416 678"><u>Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 723 512 757"><b>RESOLVED:</b> that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="347 763 722 797">a) the report be noted, and</li> <li data-bbox="347 804 1187 916">b) the submission of an Expression of Interest for the Coastal Community Forest to be considered as one of the next three community forests in England be supported.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="300 958 563 992"><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1037 1278 1104">The specific benefits of a Coastal Community Forest in Cumbria would be shaped in response to local need and long term aspirations.</p> <p data-bbox="300 1155 1110 1189">Benefits associated with community forests generally include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="304 1196 1259 1263">• Creation of healthy, inspiring and resilient places for communities and nature to live side by side</li> <li data-bbox="304 1270 1027 1337">• Connection of urban populations with the wider landscape, for leisure and recreation</li> <li data-bbox="304 1344 1203 1377">• Helping communities to respond and adapt to climate change</li> <li data-bbox="304 1384 1273 1451">• Responsiveness to societal and policy developments – meeting the community’s long-term wellbeing and environmental needs</li> <li data-bbox="304 1458 1262 1570">• Trees meet the community’s needs for a safe, attractive place, good health, economic development and connection with thriving nature</li> <li data-bbox="304 1576 844 1610">• Flood resilience and management</li> <li data-bbox="304 1617 743 1650">• Biodiversity enhancement</li> <li data-bbox="304 1657 946 1691">• Community participation in place-shaping</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="300 1736 975 1769"><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1814 759 1848">No other options were considered.</p>	N\A

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EXE 20/210	<p data-bbox="300 199 1197 230"><u>PUBLIC SECTOR DECARBONISATION SCHEME FUNDING SUBMISSION</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 277 1235 389">This report provided an update to Executive on the work undertaken to date to explore energy efficiency and low carbon energy generation opportunities across the Council’s property and estates.</p> <p data-bbox="300 423 1251 575">As a result of this work, an opportunity had arisen to submit an application to the Government’s Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme. This paper made Executive aware of the scheme that has been proposed and for which a funding bid had been submitted.</p> <p data-bbox="300 647 414 678"><u>Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 725 528 757"><b>RESOLVED</b> – that</p> <ol data-bbox="349 763 1270 1536" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the report be noted and the project outlined in the report be supported in principle;</li> <li>2. a recommendation be made to Council that the project is supported and that, subject to recommendation 3, that the Council accepts any grant from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)/Salix, to fund the project and that the Council’s capital budget and programme be adjusted accordingly; and</li> <li>3. That recommendation 2 be conditional on the Solicitor, the Section 151 Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Elected Mayor and the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, being satisfied that (a) any BEIS grant conditions are acceptable and that financial regulation E5.12 is otherwise satisfied; (b) that a satisfactory variation to the leisure management agreement and the swimming pool lease, insofar as is necessary, is entered into with Greenwich Leisure Limited to enable the project to proceed; and (c) that any other land issues arising the project involving third parties are satisfactorily resolved.</li> </ol> <p data-bbox="300 1583 563 1615"><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p data-bbox="300 1662 1276 1731">Securing funding from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme would support implementation of the Council’s carbon reduction efforts.</p> <p data-bbox="300 1738 1002 1769">The proposed decarbonisation scheme would deliver:</p> <ul data-bbox="300 1776 1118 1888" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A near net zero carbon swimming pool for the Borough</li> <li>• A pioneering exemplar project from which to build and demonstrate best practice</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="300 1935 663 1966">Deliverables would include:</p> <ul data-bbox="300 1973 1107 2085" style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A building (historically heated by gas) that is no longer reliant on fossil fuel heating</li> <li>• Significantly reduced carbon footprint for the site</li> </ul>	N\A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A focal point for the Council’s ongoing ambitions to address carbon emissions</li> </ul> <p><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p>No other options were considered.</p>	
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Item No.	Decision	CLT Lead
EXE 20/211	<p><u>CLEATOR MOOR AND MILLOM TOWN DEALS</u></p> <p>Executive was asked to note the Town Investment Plans of Cleator Moor and Millom for submission by 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.</p> <p><u>Decision</u></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> – that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the core themes of the Town Investment Plans and related Town Fund as agreed by the Cleator Moor and Millom Town Deal Boards, be noted.</li> <li>b) the submission to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government of both Town Investment Plans, with final sign off delegated to the Chief Executive, in consultation with Mayor, the Council’s Section 151 Officer and the Council’s Monitoring Officer be agreed.</li> <li>c) Council be recommended to support the Town Investment Plans and to note its future role in accepting the accountable body role.</li> <li>d) a further report be made to the Executive once the outcome of the Town Investment Plans are known and dealing with any heads of terms/memorandum of understanding received and associated issues; and,</li> <li>e) the remaining funding available under the Pride of Place scheme is allocated across the four towns in Copeland with the allocations used to support investment into derelict and vacant buildings, noting that this will provide match funding to the Town Investment Plans for Cleator Moor and Millom be agreed.</li> </ul> <p><u>Reason for Decision</u></p> <p>Copeland Borough Council has been invited by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to develop Town Investment Plans to secure funding for Cleator Moor and Millom from the Towns Fund, as part of the Government’s agenda to drive sustainable economic</p>	N\A

	<p>regeneration of towns for long-term economic and productivity growth.</p> <p>The benefit to Copeland residents from the development of an evidenced case for investment in both Cleator Moor and Millom is potential significant funding into the town (up to £25 million in each town) through Government, with support from 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>The Executive acknowledged the hard work of the Town Boards, their Chairs and Officers in preparing the Town Investment Plans, particularly during this Covid emergency and the restrictions that imposed.</p> <p><u>Alternative options considered and rejected (if any)</u></p> <p>No other options were considered.</p>	
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EXE Date and Time of Next Meeting:  
20/212

It was noted that the next meeting of the Executive would be held on the re-arranged date of Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 10:00am. This will be a virtual meeting.

**The Meeting closed at 3.45 pm**

Mayor