CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting date: 16 September 2009

From: Head of Member Services & Scrutiny

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ADVISORY BOARD BRIEFING

1. PURPOSE OF PAPER

1.1. This briefing paper informs members of new or updated items of significance to the Children and Young People Advisory Board.

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<td>Matters raised by Scrutiny Members</td>
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<td>Feedback from meetings with Corporate Directors and Cabinet Members</td>
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### 2.0 Issues for Scrutiny

Members are asked to:

2.1 Note the Forward Plan of Key Decisions (Appendix 1)

2.2 Nominate a lead member responsible for performance (see paragraph 3.1 – 3.4)

2.3 Note the Children and Young People Scrutiny Advisory Board Work Schedule (Appendix 2).

### 3.0 New Performance Issues

3.1 The Team Manager - Performance, Information & Intelligence has worked closely with the Senior Scrutiny Manager and directorate lead officers for performance to ensure that performance information that scrutiny members receive is manageable and meaningful, provides a focus for current performance, helps shape scrutiny interventions and provides trendal and comparative information where possible.

3.2 The summary information that you have received includes Performance Indicators showing that Performance is Improving Well – being a selection of current ‘Green’ alerts and indicators showing that Performance is in Need of Improvement – being a selection of current ‘Amber’ and/or ‘Red’ alerts.

3.3 There will be informal quarterly meetings between the lead performance scrutiny member, directorate performance officer and Board scrutiny officer. These meetings will provide an early opportunity to discuss and
agree the critical performance issues on an exceptions basis that will be brought to the following Advisory Board meeting.

3.4 The Board is asked to nominate one member to undertake the role of performance lead. Their role is to ensure that there is member guidance on the performance issues that are most likely to interest the Advisory Board. It also ensures that the performance process is not entirely officer led.

4.0 Scrutiny Member Training

5.1 The next full training session for Scrutiny members is 29 January 2009 at the Courts, Carlisle.

4.0 Date of Next Meeting

7.1 The next meeting of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Advisory Board will be on 30 November 2009 at County Offices, Kendal at 10.00am

Officer name – Scrutiny Officer nicola.phillips@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Forward Plan of Key Decisions
Appendix 2 - Advisory Board Work Schedule
CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS
1 SEPTEMBER 2009 – 31 DECEMBER 2009

PUBLISHED ON 18 AUGUST 2009
CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL

FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

Explanatory Note

The County Council is required to publish a Forward Plan of all key decisions to be taken in the following four months. This Plan begins on 1 September 2009 and replaces the Plan published on 20 July 2009. It will be updated monthly and will be available 14 days before the beginning of each month. Previous versions of the Plan can also be found on the Council’s website http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/council-democracy/councillors-democracy-elections/decisions/forwardplan/ForwardPlan2009.asp

The Forward Plan shows details of key decisions to be taken by the Council’s Executive (ie the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet), Local Committees and by Officers under their delegated powers. The membership of the Executive and the Local Committees is set out in Appendix 1 at the end of this document.

A key decision is one which is likely to be:-

(i) Significant in terms of expenditure or savings if it relates to a matter which exceeds £250,000 in value, except those decisions taken by:-

1. the Corporate Director - Resources under delegated authority in connection with Treasury Management;

2. the Corporate Director – Children’s Services or the Corporate Director – Adult and Cultural Services under delegated authority in relation to care plans for individual children and young people or adults;

3. Corporate Directors generally under delegated powers in relation to the submission of or acceptance of tenders.

OR

(ii) Significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions if it would change, or proposes changes to, the way in which services are used or provided. Significant in this context means important or far reaching. Examples would include proposals for changing the character of a school, closing down or opening Council services, and major changes in transport arrangements affecting an area. This is not an exhaustive list, and in considering whether a decision is a ‘key decision’ for the purposes of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000, the Council seeks to apply the principle that the public in the area affected should not be taken by surprise by the proposed decision.
The Plan shows:

- when these decisions will be made
- who will make the decision
- to whom representations can be made and how
- what arrangements are proposed to consult the public and stakeholders about the decisions
- what documents relating to those decisions will be available and when

For completeness, the Plan includes important decisions which will be taken by the full Council which are not strictly key decisions.

Once they are available copies of documents referred to in the Plan may be obtained from the Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, Carlisle (01228 226351), or by e-mail member.services@cumbriacc.gov.uk. A report to the decision maker will be available one week before the Meeting. If any documents are available before that period then that will be specified. However, in a small number of cases it may not be possible to make available certain documents as they contain confidential information.

The Plan is available free of charge on request from Susan Johnston (01228 226363). It will also be available for inspection at The Courts, Carlisle and County Offices, Kendal from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm Mondays to Thursdays and 9.00 am to 4.30 pm on Fridays and on the County Council’s website http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/council-democracy/councillors-democracy-elections/decisions/forwardplan/ForwardPlan2009.asp, as well as at all the libraries in the County.

MR J BUCHANAN
Leader of the Council
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(1 SEPTEMBER 2009 – 31 DECEMBER 2009)
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Subject: Strategic Overview of Transport & Movement in Carlisle City Centre and Joint Parking Policy Statement - Consultation

Decision:

To approve the process for public consultation on the draft Transport Strategic Overview and Parking Policy Statement documents in Autumn 2009

Decisions to be taken by: Carlisle Local Committee on 14 September 2009

Consultation:

The process has been discussed with the Carlisle Local Committee Highways and Transportation Working Group and officers of the County and City Councils and Carlisle Renaissance

Representations can be made to:

Officers: Jonathan Smith, Transport Policy Manager, Environment Directorate, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA Tel: (01228) 226736/ Rob Terwey, Head of Transport and Spatial Planning, Environment Directorate, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA. Tel: (01228) 226717.

or

Member: John Mallinson, Chair, Carlisle Local Committee, c/o Area Support Office, Lower Gaol Yard, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available one week before the Local Committee meeting referred to above.
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Subject: Central Maintenance Fund (CMF) 2009/10 – 2013/14

Decision:
To determine the breakdown of expenditure and a programme of planned building maintenance work for 2009/10 and the next 4 years.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 15 September 2009

Consultation: None.

Representations:

Representations can be made to:-

Officer - Brian Durham
Construction Programme Manager
18-19 Portland Square
Carlisle

OR

Member – Stewart Young
Cabinet Member - Resources
C/o Head of Member Services
and Scrutiny
The Courts
Carlisle CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents:
A report will be prepared for Cabinet and will be available from the above address 7 days before the decisions referred to are taken.
Subject: Equality for All - Cumbria County Council’s Single Equality Scheme.

Decisions:

To agree Equality for All as the Council’s Equality Scheme for 2009-12. To agree to receive annual feedback on progress against actions outlined in the Scheme.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 15 September 2009

Consultation:

Consultation was undertaken which satisfied the requirements laid out in the Council’s legal duties to promote equality. Specific consultation was carried out with:

- Community organizations
- Staff in the County Council and PCT
- Partner organizations
- Trade Unions

Representations can be made to:-

Officer – Joel Rasbash, Equality and Cohesion Manager, The Courts, Carlisle

Member – Elizabeth Mallinson, Cabinet Member – Organisational Development, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents:

Equality for All will be published on the Council’s website. A report will be available one week before the Cabinet meeting referred to above.
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Subject: Richard Rose Central Academy.

Decision: Council is asked to endorse the proposal to allocate funds from the Central Maintenance Fund towards project support costs for the development of the Academy.

Decisions to be taken by: Council on 9 September 2009

Consultation:

- Public consultation has taken place for the development of the Richard Rose Central Academy as part of school reorganization and school closure policies.

- Stakeholder consultation through Area School Organisation Group.

Representations can be made to:

Officers: Dominic Donnini, Academies Programme Director, Children’s Services Directorate, 5 Portland Square, Carlisle.

or

Member: Duncan Fairbairn, Cabinet Member – Children’s Services/Stewart Young, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Resources, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA

Availability of Documents:

A report will be available one week before the Council meeting referred to above unless it contains exempt information as detailed in the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.
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SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2009

Subject: Consumer Direct

Decision:
To determine the direction of preparatory work for tendering for the long term contract to supply contact centre services for Consumer Direct.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 15 September 2009

Consultation: None

Representations can be made to:

Officers: Phil Ashcroft, Head of Trading Standards, County Offices, Kendal

Or Dominic Harrison, Corporate Director – Safer and Stronger Communities, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Station Road, Cockermouth.

Member: Gary Strong, Cabinet Member – Safer and Stronger, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents:
A report will be available one week before the Cabinet meeting referred to above unless it contains exempt information as detailed in the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985.
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Subject: Corporate Emergency Response Plan

Decision:
Cabinet are asked to approve the Corporate Emergency Response Plan.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 15 September 2009

Consultation: Corporate Management Team

Representations can be made to:

Officers: Mike Smyth, Head of Resilience, Safer and Stronger Communities Directorate, The Castle, Carlisle.

or

Member: Gary Strong, Cabinet Member – Safer and Stronger, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, Carlisle. CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents:
A report will be available one week before the Cabinet meeting referred to above.
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Subject: Nomination of Sites in West Cumbria for New Nuclear Build

Decision: To support work to facilitate early development of NDA owned land adjacent to the Sellafield site as the preferred area for new nuclear build in Cumbria

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 15 September/13 October 2009

Consultation: This has not been subject to consultation

Representations can be made to:

Officer:

Stewart Kemp, Nuclear Issues Manager, County Offices, Kendal.
Tel: (01539) 713416.

Or

Member: Tim Knowles, Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, Carlisle, CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents:


Report on The Nomination of the Sellafield Site for New Nuclear Build, County Cabinet, 3 February 2009

‘West Cumbria Spatial Masterplan’ Final Report, July 2007


‘Consultation on the Strategic Siting Assessment Process and Siting Criteria for New Nuclear Power Stations in the UK’ BERR, July 2008

‘Towards a Nuclear National Policy Statement’ DECC, January 2009

A report will be available one week before the Cabinet meeting referred to above.
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Subject: Future Service Delivery Options post Capita Contract

Decision:

To agree the future service delivery options and possible procurement route(s) for Highways, Property, Economic Regeneration, Occupational Health and Pensions Admin services within the current Capita Contract.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 13 October 2009

Consultation:


Representations can be made to:

Officer: Conway Stewart, Head of Commercial Partnerships, The Courts, Carlisle.
Tel: (01228) 226290
Email: conway.stewart@cumbriacc.gov.uk

Or

Member: Elizabeth Mallinson, Cabinet Member – Organisational Development, c/o Head of Member Services and Scrutiny, The Courts, Carlisle.
CA3 8NA.

Availability of Documents:

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Subject: Building Schools for the Future (BSF) – Readiness to Deliver

Decisions: To approve the Authority’s ‘Readiness to Deliver’ for submission to Partnership for Schools.

Decisions to be taken by: Executive on 8 December 2009

Consultation:

Consultation was undertaken which satisfied the requirements for the DCSF and involved all relevant parties.

Representations can be made to:-

Brenda Wile  Duncan Fairbairn
Head of Service - Building Schools Cabinet Member - Children’s
for the Future Services
5 Portland Square  c/o Head of Member Services and
Carlisle Scrutiny

Availability of Documents:

A report will be prepared for Cabinet and will be available from Brenda Wile at the above address 7 days before the decisions referred to are taken.
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1. MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive is

Mr J Buchanan
Leader of the Council and Leader of the Conservative Group

Mr S F Young
Deputy Leader of the Council and Leader of the Labour Group (and Resources Portfolio Holder)

Mrs A Burns, Cabinet Member - Children’s Social Care
Mr D S Fairbairn, Cabinet Member - Children’s Services
Mr T J Knowles, Cabinet Member - Transport and Environment
Mrs E A Mallinson, Cabinet Member - Organisational Development
Mr A J Markley, Cabinet Member - Economy and Highways
Mr E Martin, Cabinet Member – Adult Social Care
Mr O H Pearson, Cabinet Member - Communities
Mr G B Strong, Cabinet Member - Safer and Stronger

2. MEMBERSHIP OF THE LOCAL COMMITTEES

County Council Local Committee for Allerdale (16)

Chair: Mr G Humes
Vice-Chair: Mr E W Nicholson

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County Council Local Committee for Barrow (12)

Chair: Mr R Guselli
Vice-Chair: Mr D Marcus

Labour Members (3)  Conservative Members (6)
Mrs A Burns  Mr B Bleasdale
Mr K R Hamilton  Mr R Guselli
Mr M H Worth  Ms J Heath
Mrs T Macur

Socialist Peoples Party (1)
Mr J Hamezeian

Independent Members (2)
Ms L V Hammond
Mr O H Pearson

County Council Local Committee for Carlisle (17)

Chair: Mr J Mallinson
Vice-Chair: Mr T Allison

Labour Members (7)  Conservative Members (7)
Mr J Bell  Mr L N Fisher
Mrs H M Bradley  Ms AJB Long
Mr H F McDevitt  Mrs E A Mallinson
Mr I Stockdale  Mr J Mallinson
Mr R Watson  Mr N H Marriner
Mr C F Weber  Ms F J Robson
Mr S F Young  Mr A Toole

Liberal Democrat Members (2)  Independent Members (1)
Mr T Allison  Mr R W Betton
Mr J S Tootle
County Council Local Committee for Copeland (12)

Chair:  Mr F I Morgan  
Vice-Chair:  Ms W Skillicorn

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County Council Local Committee for Eden (9)

Chair:  Mr A P Richardson  
Vice-Chair:  Miss H J Fearon

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County Council Local Committee for South Lakeland (18)

Chair:  Mr G D Cook  
Vice-Chair:  Mrs C Feeney-Johnson

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Work Schedule 2009/10: Children and Young People Scrutiny Advisory Board

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2. School Transport (6 months review)
3. Performance of Children's Centres (six months review)
4. Post 16 Education in Cumbria (6 months review)

Monitoring
1.
2.
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Budget
Budget Workshops

Training
All Member Training Workshops

Meeting dates: 24/9/09 1/12/09 1/3/09 14.6.09

Comments:
Performance of Children's Centres to be programmed in .

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