

BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting, Wednesday, 6th July, 2011
at 2.00 p.m. (Committee Room No. 4)

NOTE: Group Meetings at 1.15 p.m.

A G E N D A

PART ONE

1. To note any items which the Chairman considers to be of an urgent nature.
2. To receive notice from Members who may wish to move any delegated matter non-delegated and which will be decided by a majority of Members present and voting at the meeting.

3. **Admission of Public and Press**

To consider whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the agenda.

4. Disclosure of Interests.

A Member with a personal interest in a matter to be considered at this meeting must either before the matter is discussed or when the interest becomes apparent disclose

1. ***The existence of that interest to the meeting.***
2. ***The nature of the interest.***
3. ***Decide whether they have a prejudicial interest.***

A note on declaring interests at meetings, which incorporates certain other aspects of the Code of Conduct and a pro-forma for completion where interests are disclosed will be available at the meeting.

5. To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May, 2011 (copy attached).
6. Apologies for Absence/Attendance of Substitute Members.

FOR DECISION

- (D) 7. Recommendations of the Housing Management Forum, 16th June, 2011.
- (D) 8. Appointments on Outside Bodies, Panels, Working Groups etc.
- (D) 9. Town Hall Room Hire Charges.
- (D) 10. Borough Public Conveniences.

- (D) 11. Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework Site Allocations Policies Development Plan Document (DPD).

PART TWO

- (D) 12. Reduction of scope to cleaning contracts and award a Contract extension.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION BY VIRTUE OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF PART ONE OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION (VARIATION) ORDER 2006

- (R) 13. Senior Management Structure.

NOT FOR PUBLICATION BY VIRTUE OF PARAGRAPH 1 OF PART ONE OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION (VARIATION) ORDER 2006

- (D) 14. Purchase of Land on Roa Island to provide Seasonal Car Parking

NOT FOR PUBLICATION BY VIRTUE OF PARAGRAPH 3 OF PART ONE OF SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION (VARIATION) ORDER 2006

NOTE (D) - Delegated
(R) - For Referral to Council

Membership of Committee

Councillors

Pidduck (Chairman)
Sweeney (Vice-Chairman)
Barlow
Bell
Cassidy
Doughty
Garnett
Graham
Guselli
Richardson
Seward
Wall

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting: 25th May, 2011
at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT:- Councillors Pidduck (Chairman), Sweeney (Vice-Chairman), Barlow, Bell, Cassidy, Garnett, Graham, Guselli, Richardson, Seward, C. Thomson and Wall.

1 – Council’s Constitution – Urgent Item

The Chairman asked the Chief Executive to prepare a report amending the Council’s Constitution that the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council were also the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee respectively.

2 – Delegated Matter Non Delegated

It was moved, seconded and agreed that Item 14 – 93 Dalton Road, Barrow-in-Furness be a non delegated item.

3 – The Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 and Access to Information (Variation) Order 2006

Discussion arising hereon it was

RESOLVED:- That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 (Minute Nos. 14 and 15) of Part One of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

4 – Disclosure of Interests

Councillor Garnett declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9 – Appointments on Outside Bodies, Panels, Working Groups etc. He was Chairman of the Citizens Advice Bureau Board of Trustees.

Councillor Guselli declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 11 – Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership – Enhanced Partnership Working Project. He was a Member of Cumbria County Council.

5 – Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 16th March, 2011 were agreed as a correct record.

6 – Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Doughty.

Councillor C. Thomson substituted for Councillor Doughty for this meeting only.

7 – Grants Sub-Committee

The Minutes of the Grants Sub-Committee held on 21st March, 2011 were noted.

8 – Armed Forces Day – ‘Fly a Flag’

The Chief Executive informed the Committee that a request had been received from General Sir David Richards GCB CBE DSO ADC Gen Chief of the Defence Staff inviting local authorities to take part in a national ‘Fly a Flag’ campaign. He stated that by Flying the Flag in your community it showed the Council’s support for the men and women of our Armed Forces, past and present, who continue to rise to the very difficult challenge of maintaining the defence of the realm.

Council’s were being encouraged to fly the Armed Forces Day Flag for the duration of the week before Armed Forces Day, hoisting it on Monday 20th June, 2011 at a time to suit the local community.

RESOLVED:- To authorise the flying of the specially-commissioned Armed Forces Day Flag from 20th June to 25th June, 2011.

9 – Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership – Enhanced Partnership Working Project

The Committee considered a detailed report of the Chief Environmental Health Officer regarding Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership Enhanced Partnership Working Project.

The Director of Regeneration and Community Services informed the Committee that the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership’s ‘Enhanced Partnership Working Project’ sought to identify the most appropriate model for future partnership working between Cumbria’s six Waste Collection Authorities and the Waste Disposal Authority. The report provided a summary of the proposed Enhanced Partnership Working Project, details the governance arrangements for the project and proposed the Council’s active participation in that project.

RESOLVED:- (i) To approve the Council’s participation in the Cumbria Waste Partnership’s ‘Enhanced Partnership Working Project; and

(ii) To agree to appoint Councillor M. A. Thomson to represent the Council on the ‘Enhanced Partnership Working Project’.

10 – Land at the Rootings, Rating Lane, Barrow-in-Furness

The Director of Corporate Services informed the Committee that the Council owned land off Rating Lane. The land had formed an access to 18 acres of land known as The Rootings which was currently let to The Woodland Trust, for ten years, as community forest.

The access lane was unmade and the land to the north of the lane was unkempt and overgrown. That area of the lane abutted the residential properties in Burns Avenue and Keats Close.

Over the years various residents in Burns Avenue and Keats Close had enquired about purchasing the land immediately abutting their properties in order to extend their gardens. He informed the Committee that the requests had been originally refused as it was considered that any disposal might compromise the access to The Rootings. In light of the lease to The Woodland Trust and on re-inspection of the land it was now considered that disposals to the adjacent residents would not compromise the council's access to The Rootings and would also reduce any future maintenance liabilities that the Council may have.

RESOLVED:- (i) To note the report; and

(ii) To authorise the Commercial Estate Manager to dispose of, where appropriate, various plots of land at The Rootings, Rating Lane, Barrow to the adjacent property owners in Burns Avenue and Keats Close.

11 – Land in Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness

The Director of Corporate Services informed the Committee that the Council owned 0.1 acres of land in Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness. The land had been purchased by the Council in 2005 originally to form part of the Hindpool Urban Park project. Although, in the end, not included in the park grounds the land had been redeveloped and laid out as a car park which was currently unused.

The owners of the nearby College House had approached the Council and had made a formal offer for the site. Whilst the offer was reasonable, to comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 the site should be advertised on the open market to achieve best value for the Council.

RESOLVED:- (i) To note the report; and

(ii) To authorise the Commercial Estate Manager to proceed with the disposal of land in Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness on the terms reported.

12 – Award of NDR Hardship Relief

The Borough Treasurer informed the Committee that the Grants Sub-Committee on 21st March had approved an application for NDR hardship relief which for the reasons listed in the report should not have been awarded.

RESOLVED:- To agree to overturn the decision of the Grants Sub-Committee (Minute No. 23) not to award NDR Hardship Relief.

REFERRED ITEMS

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION

13 – Appointments on Outside Bodies, Panels, Working Groups etc.

The Committee were reminded that on 22nd March, 2011 Council had agreed to refer back to this Committee for reconsideration the item Review of Advisory Committees. The Committee considered a copy of the Chief Executive's original report.

The Committee were also reminded that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been undertaking a review into the provision of Council owned allotments and it was suggested that the Committee await the outcome of the review before making a decision.

The Chief Executive further reported that at the Annual meeting on 17th May, 2010 the allocation of seats in respect of Forums, Panels, Working Groups etc. and certain Outside Bodies had been agreed.

The Council was asked to recommend with the exception of the Housing Management Forum the allocation of seats on Outside Bodies, Forums, Panels, Working Groups etc. be delegated to the appropriate Committees to make the necessary appointments.

Group Leaders had supplied details of the recommended appointments for confirmation by this Committee.

A request had also been received from Dalton Community Association to appoint an official representative to the Organisation.

RESOLVED:- (i) To agree to wait for the outcome of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee into the provision of Council owned allotments before making a decision whether to terminate the Allotments Liaison Committee and the Wildlife and Heritage Advisory Committee;

(ii) To approve the under-mentioned Outside Bodies in accordance with Notional Seats Allocations;

(iii) To agree to appoint Councillor Thurlow as the representative on the Dalton Community Association;

(iv) To agree the under-mentioned appointments to Outside Bodies, Forums, Panels and Working Groups; and

(v) To recommend the Council that the Planning Policy Working Group membership be amended to four Planning Committee and two Executive Committee Members.

Allotments Liaison Committee

Councillors Barlow, Doughty, Johnston, Husband, Irwin, C. Thomson, Thurlow and Wilson

Barrow Local Committee – Highways Advisory Group (3 seats – 2:1)

Councillors Barlow, Doughty and W. McClure

Barrow Borough Sports Council (3 seats – 2:1)

Councillors Biggins, Callister and Pemberton

Wildlife and Heritage Advisory Committee (9 seats – 7:2)

Councillors Bell, Johnston, McKenna, Murphy, M. A. Thomson, Thurlow and Wall

Furness Strategic Partnership (2 seats – 2:0)

Councillors Graham and Pidduck

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES, ETC. 2011/2011

(1) AIR TRAINING CORPS (NO. 128 SQUADRON)
The Mayor (Councillor Murphy)

(2) ASKAM COMMUNITY CENTRE LIMITED
Director: Councillor Bell

(3) BARROW AND DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICE
The Mayor (Councillor Murphy)

(4) BARROW AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY ACTION SAFETY GROUP
Councillors Biggins and Pointer

- (5) BARROW BOROUGH ARTS FORUM
Councillors C. Thomson and Wall
- (6) BARROW BOROUGH DISABILITY SPORT AND LEISURE FORUM:
GENERAL COMMITTEE
Councillor Callister
- (7) BARROW CHILDREN'S CENTRES ADVISORY GROUP
Councillor Preston
- (8) BARROW EARLY INTERVENTION DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT:
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Councillor Burns
- (9) BARROW FOOD FORUM
The Mayor (Councillor Murphy)
- (10) BARROW-IN-FURNESS CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION
PARTNERSHIP
Councillors Hamilton and Pidduck
- (11) BARROW-IN-FURNESS PUBLIC SAFETY SCHEME LOCAL LIAISON
COMMITTEE
Councillors Cassidy, Pointer and Sweeney
- (12) BARROW-IN-FURNESS SEA CADET CORPS COMMITTEE
The Mayor (Councillor Murphy)
- (13) BARROW AREA COMMUNITY LIAISON FORUM
Councillors Murray and Sweeney
- (14) BARROW TRANSPORT ADVISORY GROUP
Councillor Barlow
- (15) BILLINCOAT CHARITY TRUST
Councillors Bell, Doughty, Maddox, Murray, Thurlow and Wilson
- (16) BRITISH GAS HYDROCARBON RESOURCES LTD: LOCAL LIAISON
COMMITTEE
Councillors Irwin, Johnston and Pointer
- (17) BRITISH NUCLEAR FUELS LIMITED: RAMSDEN DOCK TERMINAL
STAKEHOLDER GROUP
Councillors Biggins, Irwin and Johnston

- (18) BUCCLEUCH HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Councillor Doughty
- (19) CENTRAL AND HINDPOOL NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT BOARD
Leader (Councillor Pidduck) plus Councillors Irwin and M. A. Thomson
- (20) CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP
Councillor McKenna
- (21) CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU
Councillors Murray and Pointer

COMMUNITY CENTRES

- (22) ASKAM AND IRELETH COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Councillors Bell, Doughty, Murray and Thurlow
 - (23) HAWCOAT COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Councillors Pemberton, Richardson and Roberts
 - (24) ROOSEGATE COMMUNITY HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Councillor Graham
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- (25) COUNTY/DISTRICT TRANSPORT LIAISON GROUP
Councillor Barlow
 - (26) CUMBRIA ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADVISORY SERVICE
The Mayor (Councillor Murphy)
 - (27) CUMBRIA COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES PARTNERSHIP
Councillor Sweeney
 - (28) CUMBRIA HEALTH AND WELL BEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Councillor Garnett
Substitutes: Councillors Graham and Sweeney
 - (29) CUMBRIA PENSIONS FORUM
Councillor Wilson
 - (30) CUMBRIA PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION
Councillor Callister
 - (31) CUMBRIA STRATEGIC WASTE PARTNERSHIP
Councillor M. A. Thomson

- (32) CUMBRIA SUB-REGIONAL HOUSING OFFICERS GROUP
Councillor Hamilton
- (33) CUMBRIA SUPPORTING PEOPLE FORUM
Councillor Seward
- (34) DUDDON ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP
The Mayor (Councillor Murphy) and Councillor Doughty
- (35) EXECUTIVE COMMISSIONING GROUP
The Chairman of the Housing Management Forum
- (36) FAIRTRADE WORKING GROUP
Councillors Barlow and M. A. Thomson
- (37) FRIENDS OF WALNEY
Councillor Callister
- (38) FURNESS DRUG REFERENCE GROUP
Councillor M. A. Thomson
- (39) FURNESS ENTERPRISE: SUPERVISORY BOARD
Non Executive Directors – Councillors Pidduck and Richardson and the
Chief Executive
- (40) FURNESS LOCAL PARTNERSHIP GROUP – SCHOOLS
ORGANISATION
Councillors McKenna and Sweeney
- (41) FURNESS MARITIME TRUST
Council of Trustees:- Councillors Cassidy, Irwin, Murphy and Pointer plus
the Chief Executive and Borough Treasurer
- (42) HEALTH SCRUTINY CROSS PARTY WORKING GROUP: (CUMBRIA
HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE)
Councillor Garnett

Substitute 1: Councillor Graham
Substitute 2: Councillor Sweeney
- (43) KEEPING OUR FUTURE AFLOAT
Councillor Pidduck
- (44) LAKES WORLD HERITAGE SITE STEERING GROUP
The Mayor (Councillor Murphy)

- (45) LANCASTER UNIVERSITY: COURT CLASS (F) (4)
The Mayor (Councillor Murphy)
- (46) LIBERATA PARTNERSHIP BOARD
Councillors Barlow, Guselli and Sweeney
- (47) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION: GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Councillor Pidduck
- (48) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION NUCLEAR ISSUES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP
Councillor Pidduck
Substitute: Councillor Sweeney
- (49) LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UNIT: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Councillor Sweeney
- (50) THE PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) Adjudication Joint Committee
Councillor Callister
- (51) NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR CLEAN AIR
Councillor Sweeney and the Chief Environmental Health Officer or a member of his staff
- (52) NORTH WEST COUNCILS AGAINST FLUORIDATION
Councillor Thurlow
- (53) NORTH WESTERN LOCAL AUTHORITIES' EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATION
Councillor Sweeney
- (54) NORTH WEST RAIL STEERING GROUP
The Mayor (Councillor Murphy)
- (55) RURAL JOINT COMMITTEE
Councillors Doughty and Murray
- (56) SCRUTINY OF LOCAL HEALTH
Councillor Johnston
- (57) SELLAFIELD LOCAL LIAISON COMMITTEE
Observer: Councillor Pointer

(58) SENIOR CITIZENS' CLUBS: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Councillor Irwin

MEMBERSHIP OF FORUMS, PANELS, WORKING GROUPS ETC. 2011/2012

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Medical Assessment/Housing Applications Appeals Panel

3 Members selected by Chief Executive in accordance with proportionality rules

Review Board – Housing Register/Homeless Applicants

3 Members selected by Chief Executive in accordance with proportionality rules

Private Rented Accommodation Group (Accredited Letting Scheme and Proposed Licensing)

3 Members selected by Chief Executive in accordance with proportionality rules

Planning Policy Working Group (5:1)

(Three Members Executive Committee and three Members Planning Committee)

Labour – Councillors Murray, Pidduck, Sweeney, C. Thomson and M. A. Thomson
Conservative – Councillor R. McClure

Member Training Working Group (3:1)

Councillors Doughty, Pidduck, M. A. Thomson and Williams

Early Retirement/Voluntary Redundancy Panel (3:1)

Councillors Pidduck, Sweeney, M. A. Thomson and Williams

Grading Appeals Panel (3:1)

Councillors Pidduck, Sweeney, M. A. Thomson and Williams

Renovation Grants Panel (3:1)

Councillors Doughty, Pidduck, Richardson and M. A. Thomson

Local Government Working Group (7:2)

Councillors Barlow, Doughty, Garnett, Pemberton, Pidduck, Preston, Richardson Sweeney and M. A. Thomson

Health and Safety Management Board

Councillors Barlow, Pidduck, Pointer, Richardson and C. Thomson

Corporate Equalities Group

Councillors Sweeney and Williams.

14 – 93 Dalton Road, Barrow-in-Furness

The Committee considered a report that outlined the proposed acquisition of 93 Dalton Road, Barrow-in-Furness.

RECOMMENDED:- To recommend the Council:-

(i) To note the report; and

(ii) To authorise the Commercial Estate Manager to proceed with the acquisition and demolition of 93 Dalton Road, Barrow-in-Furness.

15 – War Pensions – Benefits Disregard Determination

The Borough Treasurer submitted a report seeking approval for maintaining the award of full disregard, both local and government, for war pensions for the financial year 2011-2012.

War pensions included War Disablement Pension, War Widow/er Pension and Special War Widows Supplementary 1973.

All were disregarded in full if the claimant or partner was over 60, without any local disregard.

He informed the Committee that the number of claims processed in 2010-2011 had been 64, at a cost of £27,306 of which 75% qualify for government subsidy. The net cost to the Council was £6,826. The table below indicated the split amongst the various types of claimants:-

	Number of Claims	Gross Cost (£)	Net Cost to Council (£)
Council tenants	9	5,561	1,390
Private tenants	15	12,645	3,161
Council Tax claimants	40	9,100	2,275
Total	64	27,306	6,826

RECOMMENDED:- To recommend the Council to agree the continuance of awarding the War Pensions Benefits Disregard.

The meeting closed at 2.40 p.m.

BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

6th July, 2011

(D) AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

RECOMMENDATIONS

OF THE

HOUSING MANAGEMENT FORUM

16th June, 2011

***Subject to the protocol agreed by Council**

The recommendations of the meeting of the Housing Management Forum held on 16th June, 2011 are attached.

COPIES OF THE DETAILED REPORTS ON THESE ITEMS HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED PREVIOUSLY TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council has agreed that the following protocol should operate:-

- The Executive Committee shall automatically agree any such recommendation or refer it back for further consideration.
- If on re-submission the Executive Committee is still unwilling to approve the recommendation, it is automatically referred to full Council for decision.

HOUSING MANAGEMENT FORUM	(D)
Date of Meeting: 16th June, 2011	(i)
Reporting Officer: Housing Manager	
<p>Title: Appointment of Representatives to Working Groups etc.</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>The report requested that Members make appointments to the following Outside Bodies, Working Groups etc:-</p> <p>Tenant Compact Working Group: Three Members (3:0) and Three Tenant Representatives.</p> <p>Homelessness Funding Working Party:- Two Members (2:0) and Two Tenant Representatives.</p> <p>Recommendation:-</p> <p>That the memberships for 2011/12 be as follows:-</p> <p><u>Tenant Compact Working Group</u></p> <p>Council Representatives (3:0) Councillors Barlow, Burns and Hamilton. Tenant Representatives – Mrs P. Charnley, Mr N. Hird and Mr A. McIntosh.</p> <p><u>Homelessness Funding Working Group</u></p> <p>Council Representatives (2:0) Councillors Hamilton and Pointer. Tenant Representatives – Mrs P. Charnley and Mr A. McIntosh.</p>	

HOUSING MANAGEMENT FORUM	(D)
Date of Meeting: 16th June, 2011	(ii)
Reporting Officer: Housing Manager	
<p>Title: Housing Services Delivery Plan 2011/12</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>The Housing Manager's report requested Members to note the progress of the 2010/11 Key Tasks and agree Key Tasks for the Housing Service in 2011/12.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>That Members note and agree the content of the report.</p>	

HOUSING MANAGEMENT FORUM**(D)****Date of Meeting: 16th June, 2011****(iii)****Reporting Officer: Housing Manager****Title: Homelessness Funding 2011/12****Summary and Conclusions:**

Communities and Local Government had confirmed its intention to continue funding to prevent homelessness and assist in implementing homelessness strategies.

The funding available for 2011/12 was being increased to £113,420. The purpose of the Housing Manager's report was to agree a spend profile.

Recommendation:

(i) Agree the following spend profile:

- (a) £5,000 Shelter: South Cumbria Offenders Scheme
- (b) £21,217 Deposit Guarantee Scheme (DIGS)
 - £2,000 Barrow Borough Council Sanctuary Scheme
 - £12,000 Barrow Borough Council Refurbishment of Temporary Accommodation
- (c) £8,226 CADAS Communication Service
- (d) £2,700 Destin (Performance Management System)
 - £13,000 Barrow Borough Council Homeless Prevention Funding
- (e) £12,000 Court Desk Funding
- (f) £10,000 CAB Surgery
- (g) £2,275 Mutual Exchanges/HomeSwapper

£88,418

- (ii) Agree to suspend the Council's normal procurement requirements with regard to (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) above on the basis of them being specialist services;
- (iii) Request the Homeless Task Group to consider and develop proposals for the remaining funding (£25,002); and
- (iv) Endorse the proposed action, outline above regarding the Rough Sleeper funding, namely:- that the Housing Manager had suggested that better use would be made by distributing the £10,000 that had been made available from the Homeless Directorate amongst the six districts to use within their homeless prevention plans and that he would raise that matter at the next Cumbria Housing Group meeting.

HOUSING MANAGEMENT FORUM	(D)
Date of Meeting: 16th June, 2011	(iv)
Reporting Officer: Housing Manager	
<p>Title: Supporting People Funding</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>The purpose of the Housing Manager's report was to advise Members of the intention for Supporting People contracts to be tendered during this financial year.</p> <p>The process would be applied to a number of existing contracts within the Borough, provided by various service providers. With regard to the Council's Housing Service, it would have consequences for Homelink customers and the Floating Tenancy Support Scheme.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) To note the information contained in the report; and (ii) To instruct the Tenant Compact Working Group to consider and develop an appropriate response to the competition process. 	

HOUSING MANAGEMENT FORUM	(D)
Date of Meeting: 16th June, 2011	(v)
Reporting Officer: Housing Manager	
<p>Title: Community Involvement Strategy</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>The purpose of the Housing Manager's report was to inform Members of the Housing Department's development of a written Community Involvement Strategy and sought endorsement to its implementation going forward.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>To note and endorse the Community Involvement Strategy for 2011/13.</p>	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	(D) Agenda Item 8
Date of Meeting: 6th July, 2011	
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive	
<p>Title: Appointments on Outside Bodies, Panels, Working Groups etc.</p> <p>Summary and Conclusions:</p> <p>The Council has given delegated authority to Committees to make appointments to Outside Bodies, Forums (except Housing Management Forum) Panels, Working Groups etc. in accordance with the number and allocation of seats to political groups agreed at the Annual meeting.</p> <p>Details of nominations made by the political groups will be reported in appendices at a later date.</p> <p>Recommendation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To appoint Councillor Wilson to serve as the Council's official representative on the Dalton Community Association; and2. To refer the appointment of the Council's representative and two substitute Members to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	

Report

At its last meeting this Committee agreed to appoint Councillor Thurlow as an official representative on Dalton Community Association. I have been made aware that Councillor Thurlow is already a member of Dalton Community Association. Councillor Wilson has therefore been nominated to serve on the Association.

Councillor Garnett was also appointed as the Council's representative on Cumbria Health and Well-being Scrutiny Committee and the Cross Party Working Group with Councillors Graham and Sweeney as substitutes.

I have been made aware that Cumbria County Council rules state that representatives:

Must be currently on District Scrutiny Committees and cannot be on the Executive Committee.

(i) Legal Implications

When Councillors are acting as representatives on another authority they must comply with their Code of Conduct.

(ii) Risk Assessment

Not Applicable.

(iii) Financial Implications

Not Applicable.

(iv) Health and Safety Implications

Not Applicable.

(v) Key Priorities or Corporate Aims

Not Applicable.

(vi) Equality and Diversity

Not Applicable.

(vii) Health and Well-being Implications

Not Applicable.

Background Papers

Not Applicable.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	(D) Agenda Item 9
Date of Meeting: 6th July, 2011	
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive	
Title: Town Hall Room Hire Charges	
Summary and Conclusions	
The Town Hall Room Hire charges have not been altered since 1999. I believe this to be an oversight.	
This report recommends they are increased immediately by 42% to reflect RPI over that period and adjusted annually each April on the basis of RPI.	
Recommendation	
To agree that in view of the challenging financial environment, and the significant increased operating costs of the Town Hall, room hire charges be increased by 42% immediately to reflect RPI since 1999 and that they be automatically increased by RPI each April in future.	

REPORT

The current charging policy for use of the rooms in the Town Hall was set in July 1999 and has never been altered which I believe to be an oversight. A copy of the present charges is attached at **Appendix 1**.

In view of the challenging financial environment, and the significant increased operating costs of the building, I recommend these charges are increased by 42% immediately to reflect RPI since 1999 and that they are automatically increased by RPI each April in future.

(i) Legal implications

Not Applicable.

(ii) Risk Assessment

Not Applicable.

(iii) Financial implications

This change will assist in closing the Council's budget deficit

(iv) Health and Safety Implications

Not Applicable.

(v) Key Priorities or Corporate Aims

Not Applicable.

(vi) Equality and Diversity

Not Applicable.

(vii) Health and Well-being Implications

Not Applicable.

Background Papers

Nil.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	(D) Agenda Item 10
Date of Meeting: 6th July, 2011	
Reporting Officer: Community Services Manager	
Title: Borough Public Conveniences	
Summary and Conclusions:	
<p>This report identifies the 10 public conveniences which are currently in operation in the Borough and asks members to approve the demolition of the conveniences at the Amphitheatre which have been non operational for some time due to persistent vandalism and the closure of the conveniences at Ireleth and Dalton Cemeteries and at Askam, Duke Street which do not comply with the Disability Discrimination Act.</p>	
Recommendations:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To approve the demolition of the conveniences at the Amphitheatre, and the closure of the Conveniences at Ireleth and Dalton Cemeteries and Askam, Duke Street; and2. To agree that the long term future of the Roanhead facility should be considered as part of the comprehensive spending review.	

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There are 10 Public Conveniences within the Borough, these are situated at:

1. The Amphitheatre, Manor Road, Barrow-in-Furness
2. Cemetery, Ireleth Brow, Ireleth;
3. Cemetery, Newton Road, Dalton-in-Furness;
4. Duke Street, Askam-in-Furness;
5. Earnse Bay, Westshore Road, Walney Island
6. Fell Street, Barrow-in-Furness
7. The Pavilion, Barrow Park, Abbey Road
8. Roa Island, Barrow-in-Furness
9. Roanhead, Barrow-in-Furness;
10. Tudor Square, Dalton-in-Furness

The conveniences at the Amphitheatre have been closed for approximately eighteen months due to the effects of vandalism. The building in which they are situated is an eyesore to the surrounding locality which includes Furness Abbey. This report recommends that these conveniences and the remainder of the building in which they are housed be demolished. It is estimated that the cost of demolition will be £15k and members are advised that approval for this expenditure will be sought through the Council's capital expenditure process. Demolition will remove the Council's ongoing rating and utility revenue liability. Agenda item 12 assumes that all four units will be excluded from any renegotiated cleaning contract.

The conveniences at Ireleth and Dalton Cemeteries and Askam, Duke Street do not allow for proper disabled access and in view of the difficult financial situation it is **recommended** that these facilities are closed to remove rating and maintenance costs and avoid costly reconstruction works.

The conveniences at Roanhead also have significant access problems and the long term future of this facility need to be considered as part of the comprehensive spending review.

(i) Legal Implications

Not Applicable.

(ii) Financial Implications

The cost of demolition for the Amphitheatre toilets is estimated at £15k and is provided for within the capital programme. Demolition will remove the rating liability and the reduction in the number of conveniences will result in a reduction in the revenue spend on utilities and cleaning.

(iii) Health and Safety Implications

Not Applicable.

(iv) Key Priorities or Corporate Aims

Not Applicable.

(v) Risk Assessment

Not Applicable.

(vi) Equality and Diversity

Not Applicable.

(vii) Health and Well-being Implications

Not Applicable.

Background Papers

Nil.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	(D) Agenda Item 11
Date of Meeting: 6th July, 2011	
Reporting Officer: Director of Corporate Services	
Title: Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework Site Allocations Policies Development Plan Document (DPD)	
Summary and Conclusions:	
The Council mounted a successful High Court Challenge to the adoption of this Development Plan Document (DPD) by the County Council.	
Recommendation:	
To note the result of the High Court Challenge.	

Report

This report provides an update to members since this matter was reported to this Committee on 16th March 2011.

The previous report informed members of the reasons behind the Council's legal challenge before the High Court, to the County Council's adoption of the Site Allocations Policies DPD.

The Council had clearly objected to a particular sand and gravel extraction site (M12 Roosecote) located on the opposite side of the existing sand and gravel pit on the A5087 Coast Road.

This site was removed from the DPD following Barrow's objection but was re-introduced without notice or proper consultation at the final and formal stage. It then formed part of the DPD.

The Council commenced legal action in March with judgement entered on 22nd June.

The High Court agreed with the Council that the DPD was outside the powers of the relevant legislation and that the procedural requirements for consultation had not been complied with.

The High Court quashed the DPD and ordered the County Council to pay the Council's costs of mounting this challenge.

(i) Legal Implications:

The DPD is now quashed. The County Council cannot rely on it as a policy document but will have to re-commence the adoption procedure before a new Site Allocations Policy can be adopted.

(ii) Financial Implications:

The Council was awarded the costs of the court action with full costs recoverable from the County Council

(iii) Health and Safety Implications:

There are no Health and Safety implications from this decision

(iv) Key Priorities or Corporate Aims:

Corporate Aims:

2 - Investing in our economic future

3 - Creating an enhanced quality of life for local residents

Key Priorities 2008 – 2011

KP1 - Create a safer cleaner Borough and reduce the gaps between the priority wards and the average

KP4 - Support Economic Regeneration

(v) Risk assessment

There are no implications

(vi) Equality and Diversity

The County Council failed to ensure there was proper consultation with the Council before adopting the DPD.

(vii) Health and Wellbeing

There are no direct Health and Wellbeing implications.

Background Papers

Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework Site Allocations Policies
DPD.

Finance and Policy 12th July 1999

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TOWN HALL ROOM HIRE CHARGES 2010

FACILITY	Subsidised Rate			Non Profit Making Bodies			Commercial		
	Hourly (min 2hrs)	Half Day	Full Day	Hourly (min 2hrs)	Half Day	Full Day	Hourly (min 2hrs)	Half Day	Full Day
Banqueting Hall, Drawing Room, Council Chamber	£25.00	£60.00	£75.00	£50.00	£75.00	£130.00	£100.00	£150.00	£250.00
Committee Room, Law Library	£8.00	£37.50	£55.00	£16.00	£37.50	£55.00	NOT AVAILABLE except for Capita £47.50 £65.00		

Charges apply Monday to Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm
Sundays and Bank Holidays – all charges double
30% discount for multiple room hire

Subsidised Rate:- applies to all voluntary or charitable non profit making organisations based with the Borough.

Non-profit Making Bodies:- refers to local government organisations, health authorities, educational establishments and all other statutory "non profit making" organisations.

Commercial Rate:- refers to room hiring for profit making activities or by profit making organisations – ALWAYS CHECK THESE WITH TOM.

Organisations using the Town Hall for Meetings Where No Charge is Made for Accommodation:-

Ramsden Dock Terminal Liaison Committee, Coroner's Inquests, Road Safety Committee, Home Safety Committee, Furness Thinks Green, South Cumbria Community Health Council, North Western Home Safety Council – Regional Meetings, Furness Economic Forum, Barrow Action Sub-Committee (Barpubsafe), Barrow Local Liaison Committee (Barpubsafe), Cumbria Valuation Panel, Wildlife and Heritage Advisory Committee, Planning Inquiries – Department of Environment, Cumbria Branch ADC – County Joint Meeting, Unison Branch Executive and General Meetings, District Auditor, Furness Victim Support Scheme, Cemeteries and Crematorium Liaison Committee, Barrow and District Society for the Blind and All Cumbria County Council Committees, Sub-Committees and Panel Meetings.