

Cumbria Local Authorities Strategic Board (CLASB)

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Notes of the Meeting held on Friday 8 May 2009 at 12.30pm Frenchfield Sports Pavilion, Penrith

Present: Councillor Joe Milburn (Chair)	Allerdale Borough Council
Harry Dyke	Allerdale Borough Council
Councillor Jack Richardson	Barrow Borough Council
Tom Campbell	Barrow Borough Council
Councillor M Mitchelson	Carlisle City Council
Jason Gooding	Carlisle City Council
Councillor Elaine Woodburn	Copeland Borough Council
Fergus McMorrow (sub)	Copeland Borough Council
Councillor Stewart Young	Cumbria County Council
Jill Stannard (sub)	Cumbria County Council
Councillor Colin Nineham	Eden District Council
Kevin Douglas	Eden District Council
Councillor Brendan Jameson	South Lakeland District Council
Sandra Walbran (sub)	South Lakeland District Council
Councillor Winston Collinge (sub)	Cumbria Association of Local Councils
Bill Jefferson	Lake District National Park
Richard Leafé	Lake District National Park

Also Present:

David Hoole	Audit Commission
Michael Hyatt	Cumbria County Council
Jill Stannard	Cumbria County Council
Jo Brabbins (minutes)	Eden District Council

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Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from L Murphy, Copeland Borough Council, P Stybelski, Cumbria County Council, P Ridgway, South Lakeland District Council, M Mooney, Carlisle City Council and G Richardson and Councillor J Holland, Cumbria Association of Local Councils

It was AGREED that a letter containing best wishes from Clasb be sent to P Ridgway

ACTION

JM/Allerdale

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Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest

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Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 February were agreed as a correct record of proceedings subject to the amendment of the wording at Minute 60/2/09 to read:

Following members' concerns about the role of, and relationship between NWDA and Cumbria Vision in Cumbria, Dave Harrison (NWDA) explained that Cumbria was in a strong position within the north west. The County receives a significantly higher proportion of NWDA funds than a crude allocation on the basis of Cumbria's population as a percentage of the north west would produce. He reassured members that the NWDA wanted to work with all present to set priorities for Cumbria. Discussion about delegation of funds to sub regions in accordance with the recent sub national review was ongoing.

Matters Arising

In relation to Minute 58/2/09, it was noted that Carlisle City Council officers were taking a lead in work to identify a possible model for a single agency for shared services for parking enforcement based on the current Carlisle-Eden arrangement. Any proposals coming out of this work would be presented to the Chief Executive's group before inclusion on a Clasb agenda.

CarlisleCC

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Audit Commission CAA Presentation

David Hoole (Audit Commission) gave a presentation and circulated information about the process for Comprehensive Area Assessment in Cumbria. He emphasised that the framework would be outcome, not process seeking, focussing on community need and underpinned by themes of sustainability, inequality, vulnerable groups and value for money. The final reports would be published in November on the new-look web venue.

Members raised issues relating to risk management and to the publication of Organisational Assessment timetable for performance key lines of enquiry.

D Hoole undertook to investigate issues raised and report back.

DH/ACmn

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Nomination of Chair for 4NW Housing Group

a. Members were advised that, in view of the voting rules applying to 4NW, it would be unlikely that a Cumbrian nomination would gain sufficient support to win the Housing Group Chair. It was also noted that the members from each sub region were required to agree on their vote otherwise they would not be counted.

It was AGREED that the Cumbrian representatives on 4NW be requested to agree to vote for a Shire County nomination for the Chair of the Housing Group (Lancashire or Cheshire)

SY/BJ/BJ

b. T Campbell raised an issue concerning the new formula for capital allocation applied by 4NW. Barrow Borough Council had lost £800,000 through the use of the new calculation. It was considered that the application of the new formula may be unlawful as no consultation had been carried out.

It was AGREED that Cumbrian Members on 4NW would receive a

	briefing on this issue and make appropriate representations to the next meeting of 4NW.	MH/SY/BJ/ BJ
Clasb/ 68/5/09	Confirmation of Representative on Audit and Governance Group It was AGREED that Councillor Duncan Fairbairn be confirmed as the Cumbrian representative on the 4NW sub group for Audit and Governance.	MH/CCC
Clasb/ 69/5/09	Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership and Joint Waste Authority Expression of Interest. Members received and noted a letter from the Chairman of the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership, Councillor R Bloxham, providing an update of progress since the Expression of Interest in the development of a joint waste authority.	
Clasb/ 70/5/09	Cumbria Improvement and Efficiency Partnership K Douglas (Eden DC) presented two reports from CIEP: a. The Work of the Improvement and Efficiency Board Members were requested to sign up to the Statement of Collaboration for the Cumbria Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (CIEP) by the North West Improvement and Efficiency Partnership. It was noted that the Chief Executives Group acted as the Board for CIEP and was responsible to Clasb. b. CIEP Member Engagement The Board discussed the value of Member involvement in the work of CIEP in years 2 and 3. Members were provided with three options for how this could best be achieved. It was considered that Members would be able to bring particular interests and skills in specific areas. Option 3 was AGREED: Working at project level, Members work with project teams within the program on particular areas of interest. This would be to advise and give guidance to the project team in the delivery of outcomes.	KD/AII
Clasb/ 71/5/09	CLASB – Review of Constitution/Terms of Reference M Hyatt (Cumbria CC) presented a report containing a draft updated Constitution for Clasb. This had been considered necessary in order to check the relevance of the Board's stated purpose and terms of reference and to give clarity to its relationship with the Chief Executive's Group. It was suggested that a general reference be included describing the Board's aim to improve services for and enhance the quality of life of residents. The document should reflect the promotion of value for money and the effectiveness of the services delivered. The draft Constitution was AGREED subject to minor amendment, for preparation of the final document for signature by Members.	KD/CIEP
Clasb/ 72/5/09	Other Business It was noted that the Chairman, Councillor Joe Milburn would be retiring at the end of the current Municipal Year and that Michael Hyatt was	MH/CCC

leaving for employment in Shropshire. Members wished both well for the future.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at 12.30pm on Friday 10 July 2009 at Penrith Leisure Centre.

The meeting closed at 2.10pm