



## **Cumberland Joint Committee**

**Date:** Thursday, 12 May 2022    **Time:** 10:00  
**Venue:** The Bainbridge Room. The Copeland Centre,  
Catherine Street, Whitehaven

The start of this meeting was delayed until 10:15am, due to transport issues.

**Present:** Councillor Lisa Brown, Councillor Mike Hawkins,  
Councillor Mike Johnson, Councillor Linda Jones-Bulman, Councillor Keith Little,  
Councillor David Moore, Councillor Alan Smith, Councillor Celia Tibble and  
Councillor Stewart Young.

### **Officers:**

Mr A Seekings, Senior Responsible Officer, Allerdale Borough Council  
Mr M Lambert, Monitoring Officer, Carlisle City Council  
Ms C Parkinson, Monitoring Officer, Cumbria County Council  
Miss N Hartley, Monitoring Officer, Copeland Borough Council  
Ms K Rennie, LGR Programme Director  
Ms S Sewell, Monitoring Officer, Allerdale Borough Council  
Mrs P Graham, Chief Executive, Copeland Borough Council  
Mrs S Pemberton, Deputy Chief Executive, Copeland Borough Council  
Mrs S Down, Communications Manager, Copeland Borough Council  
Miss S Shaw, Electoral and Democratic Services Manager,  
Copeland Borough Council  
Mr J Metcalfe, Chief Executive, Cumbria County Council  
Ms Karen Atkinson, Leadership Support Officer-Labour Group, Cumbria County  
Council  
Ms N Houwayek, LGR Technical Lead OD & HR Workstream  
Mr C Willoughby, Democratic Services Officer, Copeland Borough Council

### **CJC.23/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Nicky Cockburn  
(Allerdale Borough Council), Councillor John Mallinson (Carlisle City Council) and  
Councillor Gareth Ellis, (Carlisle City Council).

### **CJC.24/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Lisa Brown, Councillor Mike Hawkins, Councillor Mike Johnson, Councillor  
Linda Jones-Bulman and Councillor David Moore made a declaration of interest due  
to having been elected to the Cumberland Council.

Mr A Seekings and Ms C Parkinson declared an interest in agenda item A2 (Interim Statutory Officer Appointments) and stated they would leave the meeting during the discussion of this item.

### **CJC.25/22 PUBLIC AND PRESS**

**RESOLVED** - It was agreed that the items in Part A be dealt with in public and the items in private be dealt with in Part B.

### **CJC.26/22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2022.

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 April 2022 be approved.

### **CJC.27/22 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

The LGR Programme Director, presented the report updating committee regarding the Implementation Plan and Programme Governance, that has been developed to ensure an effective transition to the new unitary council.

Councillor Tribble moved that the updated Implementation Plan (April 2022), attached at Appendix 1 of the agenda report, be noted pending the establishment of the two Shadow Authorities in May 2022.

The proposal was seconded by Councillor Smith.

**RESOLVED** - That the updated Implementation Plan (April 2022), attached at Appendix 1 of the agenda report, be noted pending the establishment of the two Shadow Authorities in May 2022.

*Note: Mr A Seekings and Ms C Parkinson left the meeting at this point.*

### **CJC.28/22 INTERIM STATUTORY OFFICER APPOINTMENTS**

The Monitoring Officer, Carlisle City Council, presented this report to committee. Members were advised that Recommendation 2.1 of the agenda report was to be amended as follows:

'2.1 That the Joint Committee agrees the officers named below, to be recommended to the Shadow Authority, for appointment.

- Interim Head of Paid Service – Andrew Seekings
- Interim Monitoring Officer – Catherine Parkinson
- Interim Chief Finance Officer – Pam Duke'

Councillor Tribble moved the amended recommendation 2.1 and also that recommendations 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 be removed and replaced with the following:-

'Recommendation 2.2 That the Joint Committee does not recommend the payment of honoraria for the above positions'

The proposal was seconded by Councillors Little and Johnson.

**RESOLVED** - That

- a) the officers named above be recommended to the Shadow Authority , for appointment
- b) recommendations 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 shown I the agenda report be deleted, and
- c) a new Recommendation 2.2 be added 'That the Joint Committee does not recommend the payment of honoraria for the above'

*Note: Mr A Seekings and Ms C Parkinson rejoined the meeting at this point and were wished well in their new roles.*

As this was the last meeting of the Joint Committee, Members were thanked for their support.

The Meeting ended at: 10:30am