

# Cumbria Local Authorities Strategic Board (CLASB)

## Notes of the Meeting held on Friday 5 October, 2007 at 10.00am Frenchfield Sports Pavilion, Penrith

### Present:

Councillor Joe Milburn	Allerdale Borough Council
Harry Dyke (sub)	Allerdale Borough Council
Councillor Bill Joughlin	Barrow Borough Council
Tom Campbell	Barrow Borough Council
Councillor Mike Mitchelson	Carlisle City Council
Maggie Mooney	Carlisle City Council
Councillor Norman Williams (sub)	Copeland Borough Council
Liam Murphy	Copeland Borough Council
Councillor Tim Stoddard	Cumbria County Council
Peter Stybelski	Cumbria County Council
Councillor Colin Nineham	Eden District Council
Kevin Douglas	Eden District Council
Councillor Andy Shine (sub)	South Lakeland District Council
Peter Ridgway	South Lakeland District Council
Councillor Victoria Darrall (sub)	Lake District National Park

### Also Present:

Ruth Atkinson	Eden District Council
Ron Denby	Cumbria County Council
Jo Brabbins (Minutes)	Eden District Council

### Formal Business

### Action

#### Clasb/10/10/07 Apologies

Elaine Woodburn, Copeland Borough Council  
Gillian Bishop, Allerdale Borough Council  
Cllr Brendan Jameson, South Lakeland District Council  
Richard Leafe, Lake District National Park Authority  
Cllr David Thornton, Lake District National Park Authority

#### Clasb/11/10/07 Declarations of Interest

Councillor C Nineham declared a personal interest in item 3 on the agenda in respect of his position as Trustee and Managing Director of Eden Community Recycling

Councillor Nineham declared a personal interest in item 6 in respect of his membership of another Local Authority

Councillor V Darrall declared personal interest in item 5a on the agenda in respect of her part time employment by CALC

Formal Business	Action
<b>Clasb/12/10/07 Notes of Previous Meeting held on 8 June 2007</b>	
The notes from the previous meeting were agreed. There were no matters arising.	
<b>Clasb/13/10/07 Single Waste Collection Contract for Cumbria - Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership</b>	
<p>Members received a presentation from Ron Denby (CCC) detailing ongoing work by Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership to address waste disposal issues within the county and alerting members to future targets and possible penalties should landfill reduction not be achieved. Future funding was uncertain and action would be required in order to reach the 50% recycled waste target.</p> <p>It was acknowledged that authorities dealt with waste disposal and recycling issues in different ways and a single solution may not address challenges in all areas. However, the matter was being looked at nationally and examples of good practice could be adapted for use within Cumbria whether or not a joint collection contract was utilised in the future.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> that the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership be requested to prepare a report for CLASB meeting on 7 December 2007, containing an analysis of all options in order for authorities to be able to meet recycling and landfill reduction targets (to then take back to individual authorities)</p>	<b>CSWP</b>
<b>Clasb/14/10/07 Cumbria Vision Audit Committee – Appointment of Local Authority Representative</b>	
It was <b>AGREED</b> that the vacant position on the Cumbria Vision Audit Committee be a Cumbria County Council nomination.	<b>CCC</b>
<b>Clasb/15/10/07 Enhanced Two Tier Working – General Principles Community Governance</b>	
<p>It was acknowledged that progress in joint working could only be achieved with political buy-in from individual authorities and with flexibility to allow non-participation where improved services and/or cost savings for communities was not felt to be met. It was necessary to initiate arrangements in order to be in a position to report back progress to the DCLG.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> that appointed officers from each authority co-ordinate to arrange a seminar, to be held in November 2007, for up to five Members from each authority to discuss a framework for locality working.</p>	<b>All</b>

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<b>Clasb/16/10/07 Enhanced Two Tier Working – General Principles Shared Services</b>	<b>Officer Group</b>
<p>The group considered a report from the Chairman of the CCPSB outlining the issues facing the Connected Cumbria Partnership and reviewing its past successes.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> that a group (including K Douglas, P Ridgway, Peter Stybelski and Allerdale representative) review the operation of CCP and bring a report to the next meeting of CLASB on 7 December.</p>	
<b>Clasb/17/10/07 Enhanced Two Tier Working – General Principles Strategic Leadership/Future of Clasb</b>	<b>BBC</b>
<p>It was felt that a disciplined approach to the content of CLASB meetings would benefit the group and help to define its evolving role for the benefit of contributing authorities.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Chairing authority would have final control over agenda content (currently Barrow Borough Council)</li> <li>b. Information reports would be circulated separately either direct from authors or through the EDC agenda circulation and that a list of information report titles would be included on each agenda, and</li> <li>c. Items for future agendas should be pre-set wherever possible.</li> </ul>	
<b>Clasb/18/10/07 Joint Scrutiny and the Development of Community Calls for Action</b>	<b>EDC</b>
<p>Ruth Atkinson (EDC) presented a report from the Cumbria Scrutiny Practitioners' Network considering the possible benefits of the promotion of opportunities for further joint scrutiny and a joint approach to Community Calls for Action.</p> <p>It was <b>AGREED</b> that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. in view of the developing shared service agenda and the need for increased partnership working, CLASB recognises the need for developing joint scrutiny in Cumbria and for authorities to consider how this growing area of work might be resourced.</li> <li>b. in view of the developing shared service agenda, CLASB consider the benefits of developing a common approach to the CCfA process across Cumbria.</li> <li>c. in view of the existing Joint Overview and Scrutiny Member Network, that CLASB recommend this topic to be the subject of a task and finish exercise by Joint Scrutiny, and</li> </ul>	

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- d. That if adopted as a topic by the Joint Scrutiny Committee, a final report on a common systems approach to CCfA be produced and referred to each individual authority and CLASB for implementation.

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## Update and informal business

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### Clasb/18/10/07 European Programme

Peter Stybelski brought Members' attention to an issue in relation to the European Programme.

### Clasb/19/10/07 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of CLASB would be held at 10am on Friday 7 December 2007 at Frenchfield Pavilion, Penrith

The meeting closed at 12.28pm