

JOINT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the Joint Committee held on Monday 30th July 2007 at Lowther Pavilion, Lytham.

PRESENT:

From Wyre:

Members: Councillor Russell Forsyth (Leader) and Jim Lawrenson (Deputy Leader and Living Community Portfolio Holder)

Councillors: Vivien Taylor (Living Places Portfolio Holder), Lynn Bowen (Living Healthily Portfolio Holder), Alan Vincent (Corporate Resources Portfolio Holder) and Roger Brooks (Overview & Scrutiny), Graeme Cocker (Living Safely Portfolio holder).

Officers: Mr Jim Corry (Managing Director), Ms Jan Finch (Executive Director), Mr Barry Parsonage (Executive Director) and Mr Tom Pridmore (Head of Leisure, Cultural and Tourist Services), Mr Roger Beer (Consultant)

From Fylde:

Members: Councillor John Coombes (Leader), Councillor Tim Ashton (Streetscene Portfolio Holder) and Councillor Paul Rigby (Finance and Efficiency Portfolio Holder).

Officers: Mr Philip Woodward (Chief Executive), Mr Dave Joy (Deputy Chief Executive), Mr Paul Norris (Executive Manager – Community & Cultural Services) and Mr David Jenkinson (Executive Manager – Streetscene Services).

1. MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2007 were confirmed as a correct record.

2. WASTE MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE JOINT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY REVIEW – PROGRESS REPORT

Mr Corry introduced a report submitted by Rachael Grist, (Scrutiny Officer, Wyre BC) on the establishment and progress of the Waste Management Performance Joint Overview and Scrutiny review group.

It was agreed that:

- (1) The content of the report be noted.

3. JOINT STREET SERVICES

Barry Parsonage gave a verbal report on the outcome of the recent meeting of the Project Board. The team were working to put forward an action plan detailing the different services to be included in the joint working project.

Tim Ashton stated that we were working towards the project plan on the basis of improving services across both councils and that it was an opportunity to make visible improvements in the Streetscene.

John Coombes asked whether the decisions were to be taken to full Council. Roger Beer confirmed that all proposals would be taken to the Project Board first for consideration then to the Joint Committee.

Roger Brooks requested that a structure be produced relating to any new structure at the earliest opportunity.

It was agreed that:

- (1) the report be noted.

It was also agreed that –

- (1) Both Fylde and Wyre Councils invite all Cabinet members and the Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to attend future meetings of the Joint committee.
- (2) An invitation be given to senior Blackpool Office/members to attend and observe future meetings.

4. JOINT LEISURE SERVICES

Paul Norris and Tom Pridmore submitted a report outlining the potential for joint working on a range of leisure and cultural services. The report included the Scope, Methodology and SWOT analysis.

The committee agreed that working together on the projects contained within the report could help save money and provide better services.

John Coombes also identified that this was another area of potential joint working between the three fylde coast authorities, and referred back to the three Council Leisure and Cultural Services report presented at the last meeting. The committee agreed this wouldn't happen straight away, but suggested the Chief Executive(s) consult with Blackpool as outlined in paragraph above.

It was agreed that:

- (1) The leisure services most appropriate for shared delivery consideration were
 - Leisure Management
 - Sport
 - Theatre
 - Parks & Open Spaces (noting that grounds maintenance was also included in the Streetscene project)
 - Children's Play
 - Countryside Leisure
 - Tourism
 - Arts Development, Creative and Cultural Industries
- (2) The Project Board and Team be agreed and established in a manner which is consistent with the Streetscene services project
- (3) The Joint Committee to note the potential influence of related key strategic decisions and their impact on the timetable.
- (4) The Joint Committee endorses the six-stage approach to delivering shared leisure services.
- (5) Phil Woodward to approach Blackpool Borough Council to invite their attendance at the Joint Committee.

5. Other Business

Phil Woodward reported that Fylde's Section 151 Officer would be leaving shortly. Mr Woodward explained that he wanted to take this opportunity to discuss joint working with Wyre in filling the post.

Paul Rigby suggested contacting Blackpool Borough Council as Fylde was joining the Revenues and Benefits service with them. John Coombes explained that Blackpool would be approached, however, the Joint Committee had agreed sometime ago that if any senior appointments / restructuring occurred the other partner would be consulted initially.

It was agreed that:

- (1) Wyre Officers would look into the position immediately and to discuss with Fylde.

The meeting started at 6.30 pm and finished at 7.45 pm.