



## BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN HALL  
DUKE STREET  
BARROW-IN-FURNESS

12th January, 2009

To: The Members of Barrow Borough Council

Mr Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER at the TOWN HALL, BARROW on TUESDAY the 20th day of JANUARY, 2009 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM for the transaction of the business specified below.

Chief Executive

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Prior to the business of the meeting, Prayers will be offered.

### Business

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. 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 concerned; and
  - (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 accompanies the agenda and reports for this meeting.
2. MINUTES. To confirm the Minutes of the Council's proceedings held on 7th and 28th October, 2008
3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
4. (A) TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS:-

**To expedite the business of the meeting, Members are requested to give the Chief Executive adequate notice of any Amendment which they propose to raise.**

- (1) Planning
- (2) Licensing
- (3) Executive
- (4) Audit

(B) QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Council has agreed that time be set aside for questions to the Leader of the Council.

Standing Order 10.2 and 10.4 set out the procedure for questions to the Leader and the notice period required.

The Leader will also take any questions without notice relevant to the reports and minutes detailed on the agenda.

(C) TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

5. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE FAIR TRADE WORKING GROUP.
6. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO COMMITTEES – SOCIALIST PEOPLES PARTY.
7. TO PASS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION, THAT IS TO SAY:

That the Council authorises the fixing of its Common Seal to any documents to give effect to the Minutes and proceedings of the Committees submitted to or approved by this meeting and any other matters dealt with at this meeting.

**To expedite the business of the meeting, Members are requested to give the Chief Executive adequate notice of any Amendment which they propose to raise.**

## **BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS**

A MEETING OF THE COUNCIL of this Borough was held at the Town Hall, Barrow-in-Furness at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008 to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects, namely: -

- 1 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY).
- 2 - TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COUNCIL MEETING.
- 3 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
- 4 - ELECTION OF COUNCILLOR.
- 5 - (A) TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS:-
  - (1) Planning
  - (2) Licensing
  - (3) Executive
  - (4) Audit

(B) QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.

(C) TO RECEIVE A REPORT ON THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE.
- 6 - LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN HEALTH ACT WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS.
- 7 - APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO STANDING COMMITTEES.
- 8 - TO ORDER THE COMMON SEAL TO BE AFFIXED TO DOCUMENTS

PRESENT:- Councillors D Roberts (Mayor in the Chair), Barlow, Begley, Bell, Callister, Dawes, English, Flitcroft, Garnett, Guselli, J. Hamezeian, R. Hamezeian, Hammond, Heath, Husband, Irwin, James, Jefferson, McCavish, McClure, McEwan, Maltman, Marcus, Millar, Murray, Pemberton, Pidduck, Richardson, M.A. Roberts, Solloway, Stephenson, Unwin, Waiting, Williams and Wood.

Also present were:- Dr. D. Passmore (Independent Member) and Mr N. Hird (Vice-Chairman and Independent Member of the Standards Committee).

The meeting opened with prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain.

### **36 – Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Dawes declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute Nos. 71, 72 and 73 of the Executive Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 all of which related to the housing market renewal programme. She was well known within the community affected by this. She left the meeting during consideration of this matter.

Councillor Flitcroft declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 70 of the Executive Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 – Consultation on Mental Health Services in Cumbria as he works for the Cumbria Mental Health Group which lobbies the Primary Care Trust.

Councillor Garnett declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 42 of the Executive Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 – Housing Management Forum: Recommendations reference (vi) Homelessness Funding 2008/09 point (iii) as he was the Chair of the Board of Trustees for the Citizens Advice Bureau. He also declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 70 of the Executive Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 – Consultation on Mental Health Services in Cumbria as he was a Member of the Task and Finish Working Group on the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee. He left the meeting during consideration of this matter.

Councillor Guselli declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 69 of the Executive Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 – 2 Holker Street/Pye Motors Demolition and Construction of Contract Car Park and Associated Landscaping as he had undertaken work for the contractor. He left the meeting during consideration of this matter.

Councillor McClure declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 77 of the Executive Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 – NNDR Hardship Relief as he claims NNDR relief. He left the meeting during consideration of this matter.

Councillor Millar declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 61 of the Executive Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 – Dalton with Newton and Askam and Ireleth Project Worker as he had already voted upon the item being a member of Dalton with Newton Town Council. He left the meeting during consideration of this matter.

Councillor Wood declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Minute No. 77 of the Executive Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 – NNDR Hardship Relief as he claims NNDR relief. He left the meeting during consideration of this matter.

### **37 – Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2008 were taken as read and confirmed.

### **38 - Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Bleasdale.

### **39 – Announcements by the Leader of the Council**

#### Pay and Display Parking Charges

Councillor Richardson announced that the current recession and the effects of the credit crunch had been felt by all sections of the community.

Members were aware that the Council had been lobbied by Barrow Retailers and the Federation of Small Businesses to change its pay and display parking charges to support and encourage town centre shopping.

He reported that the Chief Executive had advised him that he would be tabling proposals at the next Executive Committee which would allow the Council to replace the existing 1, 2 and 3 hour tickets with a single ticket which would provide up to 3 hours parking for £1.60 compared to the present ticket price of £2.70. There appeared to be a consensus that reducing the cost of longer shopping trips was the best way to support retailers. This change would also reduce the number of parking tickets issued by around £1,200 per year. An improvement that he was sure would be welcomed by everyone.

He advised that if the Chief Executive's proposals were accepted, this change could be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2008 to support Christmas shopping and he hoped Members would give this proposal their serious consideration.

#### Emlyn Hughes House

Councillor Richardson announced that Members would have been delighted to hear the excellent news about the long term use of space in Emyln Hughes House to the Crown prosecution Service. The CPS would take possession of the property this week to begin fitting out. He further advised that he was very pleased to announce the Council had issued a draft lease for the top floor and Mezzanine of Emyln Hughes House to a national company who intended to take possession of the property prior to Christmas.

#### Waste Management and Recycling

Councillor Richardson announced that the Council had fallen significantly behind other Cumbrian districts in the volume of waste recycled.

Last year the Council had recycled only 20% of its waste compared to 33% in Copeland and over 40% in South Lakeland. Cumbria as a whole needed to achieve an average recycling rate of 48% to avoid serious financial penalties and this Borough had to play its part.

He confirmed that the Council remained opposed to changing to fortnightly collections, but that said it must make significant changes in the way it collected waste and could not simply reply on those residents who were making an effort to recycle.

He announced that the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership had offered the Council £500,000 to allow a switch over from the existing large 240 litre capacity wheeled bins to smaller 120 litre bins. The smaller bins would satisfy the needs of everyone except larger households of five or more people provided they recycled as much as possible.

He commented that there was a need to increase the range of materials collected at the kerbside including cardboard and plastic and that the Council would need to provide householders with additional storage for these materials.

It was clear that the Council could not rely on the goodwill of residents to increase recycling and that the Council needed to take decisive action to persuade the majority to change the way they disposed of their rubbish. He advised that a detailed report would be submitted to the next Executive Committee and that he hoped every Councillor would engage constructively in considering this proposal and support the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership in achieving their targets.

#### North Central Renewal Area

Councillor Richardson announced that Members would be concerned about the effect of the credit crunch and the implications of falling house prices. He advised that the Council had now acquired 118 properties in the Arthur Street/Marsh Street/Sutherland Street area as part of the Housing Market Renewal Initiative and many of these being at the height of the property market.

He wishes to assure those owner occupiers whose properties were still to be purchased in the area that the Council's current offer to exchange their property for an improved house in either Marsh Street or Sutherland Street would not be affected by any fall in housing prices.

He advised that four owner occupiers within Arthur Street had now selected properties to be refurbished for exchange and he hoped that the last few remaining owner occupiers would reconsider this very generous offer which had been and would remain open to them at all times.

RESOLVED:- That the Leader's announcements be noted,

#### **40 – Mayor's Announcements**

##### Memorial Plaque for Local Servicemen who Lost their Lives

The Mayor reminded Members of Lance Corporal D.H. Brady and Sergeant P.W. Thorpe; two serving soldiers from Barrow who had lost their lives in service of the country in 2006. He considered that it was now an appropriate time for their names

to be placed on the town's memorial plaque alongside many other whose names had been there to be seen for us to remember their ultimate sacrifice.

He advised Council that he had been to see the families of the two soldiers and their consent had been warmly given, which had enabled the Council to go through the various protocols with the Ministry of Defence. He was pleased to announce that the work was underway and hopefully everything would be in place for what would be a very special Remembrance Sunday.

He had invited families of the soldiers to meet with him on the day to be part of that service. He had also commissioned two special plaques which would be presented to them in a private ceremony on behalf of the people of Barrow and Furness.

#### Visit of HMS Walney

The Mayor announced that he had met with Lieutenant Commander Tim Green, the Captain of HMS Walney, who would be in Barrow for the weekend 7<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> November to coincide with Remembrance Sunday. He advised that Lieutenant Commander Tim Green had kindly offered the services of his ship and its crew to the people of Barrow. An itinerary was being drawn up which would be published shortly and they would be joining the Remembrance Day Parade.

#### Memorial Garden for Legionnaires Victims

The Mayor announced that the public consultation period had ended and the final protocols as laid down by the Church of England had been addressed. The paperwork had been sent to the Diocesan Registrar and the Council had received permission for the work to start from the Chancellor of the Diocese.

RESOLVED:- That the Mayor's announcements be noted.

#### **41 - Election of Councillor**

The Chief Executive reported that at the election of a Councillor for the Newbarns Ward held on 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 the following person had been duly elected:-

Bob Maltman, number of votes – 478.

Councillor Maltman had made and subscribed to the declaration required by law and accepted the office of Councillor. He would serve in that capacity until May, 2011.

RESOLVED:- To note the report.

#### **Reports of Committees**

##### **42 – Planning**

It was moved by Councillor McClure and,

RESOLVED:- That the report of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2008 be received.

#### **43 – Licensing**

It was moved by Councillor D. Roberts and,

RESOLVED:- That the report of the meetings of the Licensing Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> August and 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 be received.

#### **44 – Executive**

It was moved by Councillor Guselli and seconded by Councillor Williams that the meetings of the Executive Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> July and 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 be received and that each of the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

It was further moved by Councillor J. Hamezeian and seconded by Councillor R. Hamezeian that an amendment to the recommendation of Minute No. 73 of the Executive Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 – Housing Market Renewal Programme – Declaration of the Proposed North Central Renewal Area be made as follows:-

“That the Council delay the declaration for a period of 6 months and call upon the District Auditor to look into the declaration and the complaints received”.

It was further removed by Councillor J.R. Richardson and seconded by Councillor Guselli that a named vote be taken. The named vote was recorded as follows:-

Those in favour of the amendment 7, namely Councillors Begley, J. Hamezeian, R. Hamezeian, Jefferson, McEwan, Solloway and Stephenson.

Against the amendment 25, namely Councillors Barlow, Bell, Callister, English, Garnett, Guselli, Heath, Husband, Irwin, James, Maltman, Marcus, McCavish, McClure, Millar, Murray, Pemberton, Pidduck, J.R. Richardson, D. Roberts, M.A. Roberts, Unwin, Waiting, Williams and Wood.

One abstention, namely Councillor Hammond.

The amendment was thereupon declared lost.

RESOLVED:- That the report of the meetings of the Executive Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> July and 17<sup>th</sup> September be received and that each of the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

#### **45 – Audit**

It was moved by Councillor Health and,

RESOLVED:- That the report of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 be received.



#### **46 – Questions to the Leader of the Council**

There had been no questions submitted under Notice as required by Standing Order 10.2 and 10.4.

The Leader took the following questions without Notice from Members:-

1. Councillor Pidduck requested the Leader of the Council to send a letter of congratulations on behalf of the Council to John Hutton MP in respect of his recent promotion to Ministry of Defence.
2. Councillor J. Hamezeian asked if there was any form of financial relief available to people on a low income who were not entitled to Council Tax Benefit in order to assist them in paying their Council Tax bills.

The Leader responded to both questions and addressed the concerns raised by Councillors Pidduck and J. Hamezeian.

#### **47 – Report of the Standards Committee**

It was moved by the Mayor and,

RESOLVED:- That the report of the meeting of the Standards Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2008 be received.

#### **48 – Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act Working Group Recommendations**

It was moved by Councillor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Guselli that the report of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act Working group held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2008 be received and that the recommendations contained therein be adopted. The recommendations were:-

1. That the Council should move to holding whole Council elections in 2011 and consult on this proposal with a view to making a formal resolution at a special Council meeting as required by the legislation;
2. That the Council retained the current system of multiple Member wards but reviewed this arrangement again prior to 2015; and
3. That the Council should retain the present modified Committee system of Governance.

RESOLVED:- That the report of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act Working group held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2008 be received and that each of the recommendations contained therein be adopted.

#### **49 – Appointment of Member to Standing Committees**

The Chief Executive reported that in accordance with the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, the Leader of the Conservative Group had notified him of their wishes to appoint Councillor Maltman to the seat allocated to the group on the Planning Committee, the Regeneration and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Housing Management Forum and Grants Sub-Committee. Also as a substitute Member of the Executive Committee and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to which Councillor Liversedge had been formally appointed.

There was a duty to give effect to the allocation of seats previously determined by the Council by making appointments in accordance with the wishes of the group.

It was moved by Councillor Richardson and seconded by Councillor Williams and,

**RESOLVED:-** (i) That the Council appoint Councillor Maltman as an ordinary Member of the Planning Committee, Regeneration and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Housing Management Forum and Grants Sub-Committee and as a substitute Member on the Executive Committee and Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(ii) That Councillor Pemberton be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Regeneration and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

#### **50 – Common Seal**

**RESOLVED:-** That the Council authorises the affixing of its Common Seal to any documents to give effect to the minutes and proceedings of the Committees submitted to or approved by this meeting and any other matters dealt with at this meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

## **BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS**

AN EXTRAORDINARY OF THE COUNCIL of this Borough was held at the Town Hall, Barrow-in-Furness at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2008 to take into consideration and determine upon the following subjects, namely: -

- 1 - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (IF ANY).
- 2 - TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.
- 3 - TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS. WASTE MINIMISATION STRATEGY – PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2009/10.
- 4 - TO ORDER THE COMMON SEAL TO BE AFFIXED TO DOCUMENTS

Present:- Councillors D. Roberts (Mayor in the Chair), Barlow, Bell, Bleasdale, Dawes, English, Flitcroft, Guselli, J. Hamezeian, Hammond, Heath, Husband, Irwin, James, Jefferson, McClure, McEwan, Marcus, Millar, Pemberton, Pidduck, Richardson, M.A. Roberts, Stephenson, Unwin, Waiting, Williams and Wood.

The meeting opened with prayers by the Mayor's Chaplain.

### **51 – Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Begley, Callister, Garnett, R. Hamezeian, McCavish, Maltman, Murray and Solloway.

Also present was Dr D. Passmore (Independent Member).

### **Report of the Executive Committee**

#### **52 – Waste Minimisation Strategy – Performance Improvement Plan 2009/10**

It was moved by Councillor Guselli and Seconded by Councillor J.R. Richardson and,

RESOLVED:- (i) To authorise submission of an application to Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership for Capital Funding to purchase 120 litre containers and collection bags to facilitate the change in arrangements as detailed in the performance improvement plan.

(ii) To agree to adopt the proposed Performance Improvement Plan as indicated in the report of the Executive Committee of 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 (Agenda Item No. 14 and Minute No. 96 refers) effective from April 2009 and to expand kerb collection service to include cardboard and plastic.

(iii) To agree to vary Contract Standing Orders as indicated in the report of the Executive Committee of 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2008 (Agenda Item No. 14 and Minute No 96 refers).

(iv) To note the information relating to the proposed Recycling Reward Scheme and a requirement to achieve a 34% recycling target to meet the costs of these proposals.

### **53 – Common Seal**

RESOLVED:- That the Council authorises the affixing of its Common Seal to any documents to give effect the minutes and proceedings of Committees submitted to or approved by this meeting and other matters dealt with at this meeting.

The meeting closed at 2.25 p.m.

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item 4(A)(1)</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2009</b>	
<b>Reporting Officer: Chief Executive</b>	
<p><b>REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE (Report of the meetings held on 14th October, 4th and 25th November and 16th December, 2008)</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p>There were no recommendations referred to Council from the above meetings.</p> <p><u>Delegated Decisions</u></p> <p>The matters determined by the Planning Committee in exercise of the powers which have been delegated to the Committee will be detailed in the Minutes of the meetings noted above reproduced in Volume 3 of the printed Minutes.</p>	

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item 4(A)(2)</b>
Date of Meeting: 20 <sup>th</sup> January, 2009	
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive	
<p><b>REPORT OF THE LICENSING COMMITTEE</b>  <b>(Report of the meetings held on 6th November and 18th December, 2008)</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p>There were no recommendations referred to Council from the above meetings.</p> <p><u>Delegated Decisions</u></p> <p>The matters determined by the Licensing Committee in exercise of the powers which have been delegated to the Committee will be detailed in the Minutes of the meetings noted above reproduced in Volume 3 of the printed Minutes.</p>	

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item 4(C)</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2009</b>	
<b>Reporting Officer: Chief Executive</b>	
<b>REPORT OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE (Report of the meeting held on 8th January, 2009)</b>	
<b>Recommendations:</b>	
There were no recommendations referred to Council from the above meeting.	
<u>Delegated Decisions</u>	
The matters determined by the Standards Committee in exercise of its terms of reference are detailed in the Minutes of the meeting reproduced in Volume 3 of the printed Minutes.	

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item 4(A)(3)</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2009</b>	
<b>Reporting Officer: Chief Executive</b>	

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
(Report of the meetings held 15th October, 12th November and 10th December, 2008)**

**Recommendations:**

The following recommendations have been referred to Council.

**Executive Committee – 15th October, 2008**

**1.0 Occupational Health and Safety Section Service Plan for 2008-2009 and Food Safety Plan and Food Sampling Programme for 2008/2009**

1.1 An updated Occupational Health and Safety Section Service Plan as required by the Health and Safety Executive and the Food Safety Service Plan and Food Sampling Programme as required by the Health and Safety Executive was circulated to all Members of the Council with the Chief Environmental Health Officer's report to Committee.

**1.2 Recommendations:-**

**To recommend the Council to approve and endorse the Occupational Health and Safety Section Service Plan for 2008/09 and the Food Safety Service Plan and Food Sampling Programme for 2008/09.**

**Executive Committee – 12th November, 2008**

**2.0 Representing the Council in Magistrates Courts**

2.1 The Borough Treasurer's report informed the Committee that under Section 223 of the Local Government Act 1972, local authorities had power to authorise Officers who were not qualified solicitors to attend Magistrates Courts to represent the Council on various matters.



For local taxation purpose, he recommended that four Liberata employees be authorised to represent the Council at Magistrates Courts.

## **2.2 Recommendations:-**

### **To recommend the Council:-**

- (i) To authorise Mr Robert Killip, Mrs Lesley Wood, Mrs Carol Wilson and Mr Philip Thorne to represent the Council at Magistrates Courts to deal with local taxation matters; and**
- (ii) To delegate any future changes to the list of Liberata employees to the Section 151 Officer.**

## **3.0 Additional Resources – Licensing Administration and Enforcement**

3.1 The Chief Environmental Health Officer's report recommended modest changes to the current resources allocated to the Council Licensing Authority activities to improve partnership working and enforcement activity in light of recent discussions with Management Team.

### **3.2 Recommendations:-**

**To recommend the Council to agree that the Planning Enforcement Officer post graded at Scale 5 be redesignated and regraded to the Planning and Environmental Enforcement Officer Scale 5/6.**

## **4.0 Termination of Contracts: Staff Employed by the Lake District Peninsulas**

4.1 The Lake District Peninsulas Tourism Partnership had agreed to cease operating on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009. The Council employed the Partnership staff both on temporary contracts due to end on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

### **4.2 Recommendations:-**

**To recommend the Council to agree to the Lake District Peninsulas Tourism Partnership being wound up effective from 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2009, and implementation of the Council's redundancy procedure for staff.**

## **Executive Committee – 10th December, 2008**

### **5.0 Waste Minimisation Strategy**

5.1 To consider proposals to use the Council Opportunity Reserve to procure recycling boxes and reusable bags as part of the Council Waste Minimisation Strategy to increase recycling performance and the views of the Regeneration and Community Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

#### **5.2 Recommendations:-**

**To recommend the Council to approve a maximum investment of £126,330 from the Council's Opportunity Reserve for procurement of recycling boxes and reusable bags as part of the Council's Waste Minimisation Strategy to increase recycling performance.**

### **6.0 Retention Policy**

6.1 To assist the Council in complying with the various Access to Information regimes and other legislation a Retention Policy had been drafted for use throughout the Council.

#### **6.2 Recommendations:-**

**To recommend the Council to adopt the Retention Policy.**

### **7.0 Private Sector Housing Grants Policy**

7.1 The Chief Environmental Health Officer's report presents a consolidated and amended policy for private sector housing grants. In particular, it establishes "Decent Homes" grants within the North Central Renewal Area.

#### **7.2 Recommendations:-**

**To recommend the Council to adopt the Private Sector Housing Grants Policy as the Council's policy under the terms of the Regulatory Reform (Housing Assistance) (England and Wales) Order 2002.**

## **8.0 Re-grading of Post of Planning Assistant DPL 047**

8.1 The Director of Regeneration and Community Services report sought to correct an anomaly within the staffing structure of the Planning Department by regrading the above post from Scale 4 – SO1 to SO1/2 in line with other professionally qualified staff.

### **8.2 To recommend the Council:-**

- (i) To agree that the post of Planning Assistant, DPL 047, be re-graded from Scale 4 – SO1 to SO1/2 and re-titled Planning Officer; and**
- (ii) To offer the Committee's congratulations at the post holder gaining the Master of Civic Design qualification.**

## **9.0 Barrow Town Centre Link Road Phase II: Purchase of Land**

9.1 The Director of Regeneration and Community Services report sought delegated authority to purchase the land required for Phase II of the Town Centre Link Road. Acquisition would be conditional upon a formal funding agreement from NWDA for acquisition, facilitation works, construction costs and the grant of planning permission.

### **9.2 To recommend the Council:-**

- (i) To authorise the Director of Regeneration and Community Services after consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee to purchase the land required for the Barrow Town Centre Link Road Phase II at the valuation agreed by Piel and Co, dated 06/11/08 owned by Taylor Patterson Trustees and Mr Brady; and**
- (ii) To authorise the Director of Corporate Services to enter into dedication agreements for highway purposes to Cumbria County Council in respect of the above land.**

## **10.0 Deputy Monitoring Officer**

10.1 To appoint a Deputy Monitoring Officer.

### **10.2 To recommend the Council:-**

- (i) To appoint a Deputy Monitoring Officer; and**

- (ii) **To agree that an annual honorarium payment in the sum of £500 be attached to the post holder post.**

### **11.0 Establishment of a Youth Sports Worker**

- 11.1 To approve the establishment of the post of Youth Sports Worker within the Community Services Department.

#### **11.2 Recommendations:-**

**To recommend the Council to approve the establishment of a post of Youth Sports Worker at Scale 3 on a three year fixed term contract within the Community Services Department, subject to written confirmation from the funders.**

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item 4(A)(4)</b>
Date of Meeting: 20 <sup>th</sup> January, 2009	
Reporting Officer: Chief Executive	
<p><b>REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (Report of the meeting held on 17th December, 2008)</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p>There were no recommendations referred to Council from the above meeting.</p> <p><u>Delegated Decisions</u></p> <p>The matters determined by the Audit Committee in exercise of the powers which have been delegated to the Committee will be detailed in the Minutes of the meeting noted above reproduced in Volume 3 of the printed Minutes.</p>	

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item 5</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2009</b>	
<b>Reporting Officer: Chief Executive</b>	
<p><b>Title: Fair Trade Working Group</b></p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p>At its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2008 the Executive Committee was reminded that at its meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008 Councillor Marcus plus one additional representative from the Conservative Group had been elected to serve on the Fair-trade Working Group. Councillor Marcus had indicated that he was unable to fulfil that commitment. Two representatives were therefore required to represent the Council on that Working Group.</p> <p>The Executive Committee appointed Councillor Stephenson to serve on the Fair-trade Working Group and asked that a further nomination be sought at Council on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b></p> <p>To recommend the Council to appoint a further representative from any political party to serve on the Fair-trade Working Group</p>	

<b>COUNCIL</b>	<b>Agenda Item 6</b>
<b>Date of Meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2009</b>	
<b>Reporting Officer: Chief Executive</b>	
<p><b>Title: Appointment of Members to Committees</b></p> <p><b>Summary and Conclusions:</b></p> <p>This report deals with changes in the appointment of Members to Committees agreed at the Annual Council meeting.</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p>To agree that the Council confirm the under mentioned appointments:-  Councillor McEwan to replace Councillor R Hamezeian as a substitute Member of the Executive Committee;  Councillor McEwan to replace Councillor J Hamezeian as a substitute Member of the Licensing Committee;  Councillor McEwan to replace Councillor J Hamezeian as a substitute Member of the Audit Committee; and  Councillor McEwan to replace Councillor J Hamezeian as a substitute Member of the Grants Sub Committee.</p>	

### **Report**

The Socialist People's Party has given notice of its wish to make changes to the membership of the under mentioned Committee's:-

Councillor McEwan to replace Councillor R Hamezeian as a substitute Member of the Executive Committee;  
Councillor McEwan to replace Councillor J Hamezeian as a substitute Member of the Licensing Committee;  
Councillor McEwan to replace Councillor J Hamezeian as a substitute Member of the Audit Committee;  
Councillor McEwan to replace Councillor J Hamezeian as a substitute Member of the Grants Sub Committee.

The Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 places a duty on the Council to give effect to the allocation of seats in accordance with the wishes of political groups.