

POLICY SCRUTINY PANEL

10th January, 2007

Present: Cllr. Simmons (in the Chair) and Councillors Cowper, Freeman, Gibbon, Gill, Leake, Norman, Syer, Walker and Wynn.

Also Present: Councillors: Howarth, Kellett, Kinghorn, Lightley, Lodge, Marsden, Pape, Robinson and Stoddart.

Apologies for Absence: Apologies for Absence were received from Cllr. Pitts.

Bullet Points from the Meeting held on 28th November, 2006

At the above Meeting, Members had been informed of the following examples of specific assistance, given by some Principal Authorities to Local Councils, in relation to Quality Council Status. The examples had been set out in Section 9.8 of the Draft Report, however Members agreed that they should also be noted as Bullet Points from the Meeting of the 28th November, 2006.

- District of Easington, offered to pay the Registration Fees of Clerks commencing training for the CiLCA qualification.
- Bradford Borough Council, paid for a Training Course (£195), for each Town/Parish Clerk in their area.
- Cumbria County Council, established a "Parish Champion", liaison Member.

BULLET POINTS

Working with Parish Councils

- Members gave consideration to the first draft of the Panel's Report on this Scrutiny.
- The Chairman asked Members to consider the Draft Report, section by section and a discussion took place in relation to the Draft Recommendations.
- Members then suggested a number of amendments and additions to the Draft Recommendations.
- It was agreed that they be amended accordingly and that the Draft Report and Recommendations be brought back to the next Panel Meeting for further discussion/confirmation.

The Meeting Terminated at 6.25pm.