



Leader's Report

14 September 2011

Report of the Leader of the Council

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To present the Leader's report to Council.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To receive the report of the Leader of Council.

REPORT

1.0 Cabinet

Information on Cabinet matters is provided in the minutes from the Cabinet meeting held on 26 July 2011, later in this agenda.

2.0 Decisions required to be taken urgently

There are no decisions to report since the last Leader's Report on 20th July 2011.

3.0 Leader's Comments

The first quarter PRT reports were all on course for this time of year apart from some ongoing Regeneration issues which are being worked on. These were reported to Budget and Performance and were well scrutinised. I have suggested that in future a briefing sheet should accompany the brief reports so that newer members can see some of the background information on the content of the reports.

In early August I spent some time in Customer Services listening to the telephone queries that the staff receive every day. The huge number of calls and the professional but friendly responses of the staff; their knowledge, and the speed with which they dealt with calls was impressive.

The Leader and Chief Executive of South Lakeland District Council came to meet us on the 04 August. It was a friendly and useful meeting as we have many issues in common, especially cross border concerns. We agreed to meet regularly.

At the request of the Leader of the County Council, Councillor Hanson and myself met County Councillor Driver. It was an interesting meeting where we could ask questions and share mutual concerns. This was followed by a District Leaders' meeting.

Councillor Bryning and myself received a very thorough briefing on the proposed changes to Welfare Benefits and a general discussion on what the Localism Bill may mean for our area.

4.0 Other Matters

Cabinet minutes are attached at the end of this agenda.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Cabinet agenda and minutes of the meeting on 26th July 2011.