

# REPORT TO EXECUTIVE

## PORTFOLIO AREA: INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

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Date of Meeting: 2 October 2009

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Public

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Key Decision: Yes

Recorded in Forward Plan:

Yes

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Inside Policy Framework

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**Title:** CITY CENTRE CONSERVATION AREA

**Report of:** Head of Planning and Housing Services

**Report reference:** DS.77/09

### Summary:

Executive Report DS.55/09 has been considered by the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel. Following consideration of their observations on the report no additional changes are proposed to the conservation area other than proposed in report DS.55/09

### Recommendations:

That the new boundary for the City Centre Conservation Area be designated.

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## **1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS**

- 1.1 Executive considered report DS.55/09 at the meeting on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009. The report considered the issues raised in response to the consultation and proposed that amendments be made to the existing boundary. Executive resolved that the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel be given the opportunity to consider the process undertaken, response to consultations and the proposed area.
- 1.2 Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel considered the report at its meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> September. The minute of that meeting is attached. Whilst the Panel had a lengthy discussion regarding the conservation area and the consultation, no additional issues were raised which would impact on the proposed conservation area boundary.
- 1.3 Following on from Executive Report DS.55/09 and EEOSP consideration, officers consider that the proposed boundary for the conservation area as shown on Map1 should be designated as the new City Centre Conservation Area.

## **2. CONSULTATION**

- 2.1 Public consultation took place at the Lanes Library and the Old Town Hall from Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009 until Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2009, with staff being available to answer questions from 10am to 4pm each day. It included an exhibition, leaflets and a questionnaire. The exhibition was available to the public throughout that period during the opening hours of both venues.
- 2.2 At the same time leaflets and questionnaires were distributed to all occupiers of property within the areas being examined. Comments have been received from individuals and groups as well as from the Conservation Area Advisory Committee and Carlisle Renaissance.

## **3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the new boundary for the City Centre Conservation Area be designated.

## **4. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To fulfil the City Council's statutory duties regarding conservation areas and their review.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS**


- Staffing/Resources – No additional staffing or resources are required.
- Financial – The review is being done within existing budgets.
- Legal – There is a statutory duty to carry out this work under S.71 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990.
- Corporate – This may have significance with regard to the Carlisle Renaissance proposals. The review of the conservation area boundary is a precursor to an evaluation of how the historic environment within the City Conservation Area can be managed, particularly by improving the quality of development and enhancing the areas economic appeal.
- Risk Management – That the City Council will not be fulfilling its statutory obligations to review the Conservation area.
- Equality and Disability – No issues raised.
- Environmental – The report raises issues for the protection and preservation of the historic and architectural heritage of the City and recognition of its special character.
- Crime and Disorder – None.
- Impact on Customers – A revised boundary will result in a number of individuals, who own or lease property in the extensions to the conservation area, being subject to additional and more stringent planning requirements.

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# Map 1 City Centre Conservation Area Proposed Boundary Amendments

 Proposed boundary amended following consultation

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