



# COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## *Committee Report*

**Public**

**Date of Meeting:** 27 NOVEMBER 2008

**Title:** THE FORWARD PLAN - ITEMS RELEVANT TO COMMUNITY  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

**Report of:** Director of Legal and Democratic Services

**Report reference:** LDS.73/08

**Summary:** To inform Members of issues within the ambit of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**Questions for / input required from Scrutiny:**

To consider if any variations have impacted on effective scrutiny.

**Recommendation:**

To review issues within the ambit of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee contained within the Forward Plan for 1 December 2008 to 31 March 2009.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: Forward Plan of Executive Decisions – 1 December 2008 to 31 March 2009..

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 An item highlighting Forward Plan issues relevant to each Overview and Scrutiny Committee is now being included on each agenda.

## **2. FORWARD PLAN ISSUES**

- 2.1 The Forward Plan of the Executive, covering the period 1 December 2008 to 31 March 2009. was published on 17 November 2008.
- 2.2 The issues which fall within the ambit of this Committee are set out in the appendices to this report as follows:
- Appendix (i) – Budget and Policy Framework Matters
  - Appendix (ii) – Non Budget and Policy Framework Matters

## **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1.1 To review issues within the ambit of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee contained within the Forward Plan 1 December 2008 to 31 March 2009.

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## **FORWARD PLAN - Policy and Budget Framework Matters (Appendix i)**

Index of Active Executive Key Decisions relevant to:

### **Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

<b>Key Decision Ref Nos:</b>	<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Date of Executive Meeting</b>
KD.063/08	Budget Strategy	(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) on 24 November 2008 (h) on 15 December 2008 (i), (j), (k) and (l) on 18 December 2008 (m), (n), (o), (p) and (q) on 19 January 2009
KD.068/08	Funding of Disabled Facilities Grants	15 December 2008
KD.069/08	Repayment of Disabled Facilities Grants	19 January 2009 and 16 February 2009

Forward Plan of Executive Decisions  
Policy and Budget Framework Matters relevant to  
Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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**Reference:** KD.063/08

**Portfolio Area** Finance and Performance  
Management

**Subject:** Budget Strategy

**Key Decisions:**

To consider strategic financial issues arising as part of the budget making process:

- (a) Budget Update - General Fund Revenue Estimates
- (b) Individual Charges Reviews (Community Services, Legal & Democratic Services & Development Services)
- (c) New Revenue Spending Pressures
- (d) New Savings Proposals
- (e) New Capital Spending Proposals and Provisional Capital Programme
- (f) Repair and Maintenance
- (g) Treasury Management and Prudential Borrowing Implications
- (h) Consideration of Overview and Scrutiny Consultation feedback
- (i) Draft Revenue Support Grant Settlement (if available)
- (j) Summary Overall Revenue and Capital Budget Position
- (k) Draft Treasury Management and Investment Strategy
- (l) Executive Draft Budget Proposals for consultation
- (m) Final Revenue Support grant and Final General Fund Revenue Budget Summary
- (n) Provisional Capital Programme
- (o) Treasury Management and Investment Strategy
- (p) Consideration of Final Budget Consultation
- (q) Executive's Final Budget Proposals

**Decision to be taken at Executive on:** (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) on 24 November 2008  
(h) on 15 December 2008  
(i), (j), (k) and (l) on 18 December 2008  
(m), (n), (o), (p) and (q) on 19 January 2009

**Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for all budget issues except the detailed service estimates.

Community and Infrastructure O&S Committees for Budget Bids, Savings and Charges pertaining to their individual areas of responsibility.

**Date when the matter will be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

Policy and Budget framework matter which will be considered on:

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) - Community O&S Committee on 27 November 2008, Infrastructure O&S Committee on 4 December 2008 and Corporate Resources O&S Committee on 11 December 2008.

(i), (j) and (k) - Corporate Resources O&S Committee on 8 January 2009.

**Consultees:** Overview and Scrutiny, Business Community, Trade Unions and Citizens

**Date for Consultees' comments:** Consultation Period - 18 December 2008 t

**Relevant reports/background papers which are available:**

The Director of Corporate Services report will be available five working days before the meeting.

**Further Information from:**

Head of Financial Services, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle C

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**Reference:** KD.068/08      **Portfolio Area** Health and Communities

**Subject:** Funding of Disabled Facilities Grants

**Key Decisions:**

To receive an update report on the funding of the Disabled Facilities Grants, detailing how they are funded in other Local Authorities; how they could be delivered differently, and how lobbying of Government could assist in additional funds being allocated to Local Authorities.

**Decision to be taken at Executive on:** 15 December 2008

**Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date when the matter will be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

A letter will be prepared for the Chair of Community Overview and Scrutiny detailing why a report will not be considered by the Committee. They had already considered the previous report that was submitted in October 2008.

**Consultees:** N/A

**Date for Consultees' comments:** N/A

**Relevant reports/background papers which are available:**

The Head of Planning and Housing Service report will be available five working days before the meeting.

**Further Information from:**

Principal Housing Officer, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA

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**Reference:** KD.069/08

**Portfolio Area** Health and Communities

**Subject:** Repayment of Disabled Facilities Grants

**Key Decisions:**

To receive a report on recently introduced legislation that gives Local Authorities discretionary powers to reclaim Disabled Facilities Grants

**Decision to be taken at Executive on:** 19 January 2009 and 16 February 2009

**Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date when the matter will be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

Policy and Budget Framework matter which will be considered on 12 February 2009

**Consultees:** Finance and Legal Sections

**Date for Consultees' comments:** Mid December

**Relevant reports/background papers which are available:**

The Principal Housing Officer's report will be available five working days before the meeting.

**Further Information from:**

Principal Housing Officer, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA

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