

# Report to: Council

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Meeting Date: 29 April 2014

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Title: **Environment & Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Chairman's Report –  
Councillor Mrs Bowman**

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The Panel met on the 27th February 2014 to scrutinise reports on the Tourism Service, Section 106 Agreements/Planning Obligation, Environmental Health- Business Support Strategy. The Panel also received a presentation on the Improved Staff Structure in Neighbourhood Services.

Members expressed disappointment at the quality of the information within the Tourism Report. A lengthy, detailed questioning of the Portfolio Holder and Director answered some of the concerns that had been raised. The Panel requested a further Report be brought to the April meeting containing full details of the Tourism Service, including the Old Town Hall, Tourist Information Centre, Carlisle Tourism Partnership, Cumbria Tourism, Carlisle Ambassadors, and the programme of Events planned for 2014.

At the Panel's request a report was presented on Section 106 Agreements/Planning Obligations. This gave a breakdown of agreements entered into each year and how they were being delivered. Members felt they were better informed on the complex matter and requested an Annual Report on this topic for consideration by the Panel.

The Environmental Health - Business Support Strategy was welcomed as a positive step forward ensuring a constructive relationship between the Environmental Health Service and Carlisle Businesses.

The Director of Local Environment gave a presentation on the Improved Staff Structure in the Neighbourhood Services, at the Panel's request. It was felt that the information would prove useful to the Cross-Party Working Group Review of Waste Services, to be undertaken in the coming months.

Full details of all the discussions can be found within the Minute Book.

Cllr. Marilyn Bowman.

Chairman.