PORTFOLIO:

INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT and TRANSPORT

Report of Portfolio Holder:

COUNCILLOR PREST

I have been involved in the following:

23.10.02	Interviews with Border Television and Radio Cumbria regarding Waste Minimisation. 7.30p.m. Longtown Investment Partnership.
26.10.02	Re-Cycling open Day at 47 Nelson Street.
28.10.02	1.00p.m. Executive meeting.6.45p.m. Council.
29.10.02	Meeting with Unions regarding Rest Room provision.
30.10.02	United Utilities Presentation regarding T.U.P.E.
31.10.02	Joint Management Team.
04.11.02	11.30a.m. Joint Management Team. 6.45p.m. Council.
08.11.02	Development Advisory Group.
11.11.02	Breakfast Meeting with Local Businesses.
13.11.02	10.00a.m. Planning Site Visits. 2.00p.m. Licensing.
14.11.02	Management Development Course at Dalston Hall.
15.11.02	Planning Committee.
25.11.02	1.00p.m. Executive.7.30p.m. Longtown Management Committee.

27.11.02	Peter Tyson meeting regarding the Council Chamber Improvements.
28.11.02	Parish Council Meeting at Newtown.
03.12.02	Council.
04.12.02	East Cumbria Countryside Project meeting.
10.12.02	Meeting with Countryside Agency regarding Longtown.
11.12.02	Cumbria Branch of the Local Government Association meeting at Workington.
12.12.02	LSP Meeting at Newton Rigg.
13.12.02	Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee.
17.12.02	10.00a.m Stagecoach Meeting. Mr Barrett, Managing Director, indicated that rider ship on Stagecoach was down 6% over the past 12 months. He was anxious that park and ride facilities in Carlisle should be brought forward from the present anticipated date of 2005 in the Local Transport Plan. He had made these observations to the Highway Authority.
	11.00a.m. Development Advisory Group Meeting.
18.12.02	Planning Site Visits.
19.12.02	Executive Meeting.

20.12.02 Planning Committee.

It is again disappointing to learn that the City Council has been unsuccessful in its bid for funds for recycling from the £140 million that the Government had made available. It would appear that the Authorities that so far have done little or now recycling have received Government grants and those authorities which include Carlisle which have good recycling records have received nothing. It seems strange incentive schemes to allocate funds to those who have made little effort and no funds to those how have. As an example, Allendale have a 10% recycling target and have received support from Government, Carlisle has a 22% recycling target for next year aand has received nothing.

Never the less this Authority will continue to introduce new initiatives with partnership with Eden District Council and will hope that Government support will be forthcoming in the future.