

PORTFOLIO:

**INFRASTRUCTURE,
ENVIRONMENT and TRANSPORT**

Report of
Portfolio Holder:

**COUNCILLOR
PREST**

I have been involved in the following:

- 29.08.02 Council Meeting
- 02.09.02 1.00p.m. Executive meeting
7.00p.m. Attended Longtown Community Centre Management Committee.
- 04.09.02 11.00a.m. Attended recycling road show in City Centre where representatives of wheeled bin supplier were present.
2.00p.m. East Cumbria Countryside Project meeting
7.30p.m. Meeting of Longtown Investment Partnership
- 10.09.02 Development Control Site Visits
Council Meeting
- 12.09.02 Attended Infrastructure Scrutiny Committee
- 13.09.02 Local Government Association Meeting
- 16.09.02 Meeting with Steve Crabtree, Chris Wright & Keith Poole regarding City Centre layout and proposed new car park in Bitts Park. (this matter was dealt with at the Executive meeting on 30.09.02)
- 17.09.02 Meeting with Richard Speirs & Mike Gardner regarding second recycling bid.

A second bid was submitted against the Government's £140million fund for recycling following the unsuccessful first application. The new bid is smaller scale and is based on providing sufficient green boxes and garden waste wheeled bins to cover all accessible properties in Carlisle and Eden Districts. We hope to hear the outcome of bids before December.

The distribution of the wheeled bins to some 13,000 households in Carlisle and Eden has been completed with the first collections taking place at the end of September. Some spectacular tonnages were collected on the first rounds; however, it is believed that householders were stockpiling waste in anticipation of the scheme's start.

The Leader of the Council has received a letter from Michael Meacher requesting details of how the Council intends to meet its recycling targets, as progress to date indicates that we will fail to achieve the Government's goals. In replying the Leader has identified the progress of the pilot projects with Eden and that a successful bid for funding could see both authorities achieving their targets. Without additional funding however achievement of the targets will be unlikely. The Government has yet to identify what penalties will be imposed on authorities that fail to reach their recycling targets.

A report will be submitted to the Executive in December to update Members on the performance of the pilot projects, the progress of the County Waste Strategy together with any results received of the funding bid. Members will need to consider the future implications of the Government's Waste Strategy and its associated recycling targets for subsequent financial years.

6.30p.m. Attended Environment Forum at Tullie House

- 18.09.02 Attended the National Parking Adjudication Committee meeting in the West Midlands.
- 23.09.02 Attended training session for Employment Panel
- 26.09.02 Attended Cumbria Strategic Partnership meeting on behalf of the Leader at Newton Rigg.

- 30.09.02 1.00p.m. Executive Meeting
 7.30p.m. Longtown Community Centre Management
 Committee AGM
- 02.10.02 Transport Advisory Group meeting
- 03-04.10.02 Attended Border Vision Conference at Slaley Hall
- 07.10.02 Meeting of JMT
- 09.10.02 11.00a.m Meeting of Development Advisory Group
 3.30p.m. Meeting with Peter Tyson regarding Audio Systems in
 Council Chamber
- 10.10.02 Waste Management Working Group meeting
- 16.10.02 Licensing Panel
- 17.10.02 & With Mike Battersby & Mike Thompson attended APSE
 18.10.02 conference at Stoke on Trent subjects covered included Waste
 Management – Waste Minimisation, Integrated Service Delivery,
 Street Scene in Practice, Alternative Fuel Technology, Grounds
 Maintenance Parks and Open Spaces, Refuse Collection and
 Street Cleaning, Abandoned Cars, Fleet Management for Local
 Authorities and Sustainability and Continuous Improvement.

It was felt that the general public viewed the performance of Local Authorities by the manner in which their local streets were serviced, i.e. no dog dirt, no graffiti, no litter, no hooliganism etc.

A presentation was given by Gateshead Borough Council on refuse collection and street cleansing, they had just completed their Best Value Review and they were awarded a two star and

likely to improve rating, the same as Carlisle's Best Value Review. It costs Gateshead Borough Council twice as much for street cleaning and refuse collection as Carlisle and their recycling percentages are in single figures. I believe Carlisle could have given a much more informative presentation.

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| 21.10.02 | 11.00a.m. Presentation to Executive Members by Karen Hook on Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA).
2.00p.m. Attended a Tourism presentation arranged by John Bell |
| 22.10.02 | Attended a meeting of the Market Management Committee. |