
**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON 28 AUGUST 2003**

COS.87.03 THEATRE ARTS CENTRE REVIEW

With reference to Minute COS.70/03, the Overview and Scrutiny Manager submitted report OS.06/03 on the Committee's review of a potential Theatre/Arts centre.

Mr Mallinson reminded Members of the process which had been adopted in this subject review and the evidence which had been received including verbal evidence from a number of individuals and the Carlisle Lonsdale Arts Centre Trust report and presentation from July 2003.

Mr Mallinson then outlined a draft of the Committee's findings from the evidence received. The City Council would need to be clear about whether development of the theatre/arts centre was a high priority and it was proposed that the matter should be referred to Executive for them to consider taking the matter forward.

The Chairman and Members then thanked Mr Mallinson for the work he had done in drawing together this report from all the evidence gathered. They commented that he had brought together the deliberations well and summed up all the issues fairly.

Members again spoke of making the most of opportunities which presented themselves but also expressed concerns about the matters which had been unresolved in the Lonsdale Arts Centre's feasibility study.

RESOLVED – (1) That paragraph 4(a) – (o) of report OS.06/03 be approved as the Committee's findings from the evidence received.

(2) That as the City Council needs to be clear about whether development of a Theatre/Art Centre is a high priority, the findings of this Committee be referred to the Executive to consider :

- (a) How the Council should be involved in taking it forward.
- (b) The nature of any financial commitment it would be willing to make.
- (c) Then make appropriate recommendations to the City Council and any further comments to this Committee.

(3) That the thanks of the Committee to the Overview and Scrutiny Manager for his work on the Theatre/Art Centre Review be placed on record.