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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE  
HELD ON 5 APRIL 2004**

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**EX.076/04 DRAFT CARLISLE AND EDEN COMMUNITY STRATEGY (Key Decision)**

**Portfolio** Policy, Performance Management, Finance and Resources

**Subject Matter**

To consider a report from the Head of Strategic and Performance Services (SP.11/04) enclosing a third draft of the Carlisle and Eden Community Strategy 'Vision for the Future.'

The Strategy was being developed by the Carlisle and Eden Local Strategic Partnership and sought to identify the most important things that needed to be done to improve the quality of life in the area, supported by an action plan of activities which could be used to monitor progress.

A draft had been reported to the Executive and put out to consultation with the Overview and Scrutiny Committees last Autumn. The feedback suggested that further work to establish Carlisle's priorities more firmly in the document was required.

Subsequently, the draft Strategy had been revised to have a greater focus on the high level strategic issues facing both Carlisle and Eden, drawing heavily on Carlisle City Vision. The more detailed, area specific commentary has been removed.

It was also recommended to cancel any further development of the joint Carlisle/Eden Action Plan in favour of two area based action plans, one for Eden and one for Carlisle, which would be developed by the respective Authorities and their partners once the Strategy had been finalised.

**Summary of options rejected**

The option of continuing to produce a joint Carlisle and Eden Action Plan was rejected.

**DECISION**

1. That the re-drafted joint strategy be endorsed and referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for consultation.
2. That it be agreed to cancel the production of a joint Carlisle and Eden action plan in favour of area specific action plans.

## **Reasons for Decision**

The Strategy is now focused at the strategic level, which enables Carlisle and Eden to work together on areas of mutual concern, but also enables each to focus on priorities within their own areas, as the two areas have some quite different issues to deal with. The production of separate action plans enables Carlisle City Council to maintain and build on its strong relationship with the City Vision partnership.