

AGENDA

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

THURSDAY 11 OCTOBER 2012 AT 10.00AM

in the Flensburg Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle.

****Briefing meeting for Members will be at 9.15 am in
the Flensburg Room****

Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutions.

Declarations of Interest (including declarations of “The Party Whip”)

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests, and any interests, relating to any item on the agenda at this stage.

Public and Press

To agree that the items of business within Part A of the agenda should be dealt with in public and that the items of business within Part B of the agenda should be dealt with in private.

Minutes of previous meetings

To note the minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2012

[Copy Minutes Herewith)

PART A

To be considered when the Public and Press are present

A.1 CALL-IN OF DECISIONS

To consider any matter which has been the subject of call-in.

A.2 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Riverside Carlisle

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10, the Director of Governance to report the receipt of the following questions to the Chairman which have been submitted on notice by Mr Barker, Secretary of the Carlisle and Rural Tenants' Federation.

Question 1

Given the expressions of improved relations between the city council and Riverside Carlisle made at the Panel meeting on February 9 2012, and given that these expressions of improved relations formed the basis of the Federation's questions at the subsequent Panel meeting held on March 22, what explanation has the Panel for such an apparent deterioration in those relations that in just four months the council has now found it necessary to take what appears to be an extraordinary step, an away day with Riverside, as outlined to the Panel on July 19, and has the Panel's explanation for this apparent deterioration any connection with the Federation's similar problems with Riverside outlined at the panel meeting on March 22?

Question 2

Given the Chairman's replies to the Federation at the meeting on March 22, which stated that the Panel was "very supportive" of Riverside's "attempts to engage with representative groups that are prepared to engage properly in the process", and given the Panel's advice to the Federation (advice stated once by the Chairman and then repeated) "to engage reasonably in the processes available and act in the best interests of those it represents", and given the deplorable implication of those Chairman's emphasised replies that the Federation had not been prepared to engage properly in the processes available and act reasonably and had not acted in the best interests of those the

Federation represents, does the Panel now agree that it has not acted in an even-handed way vis a vis Riverside and the Federation?

A.3 OVERVIEW REPORT INCORPORATING THE WORK PROGRAMME AND KEY DECISIONS RELEVANT TO THE PANEL

To consider a report providing an overview of matters related to the work of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel, together with the latest version of the Work Programme and details of the Key Decisions items relevant to this Panel as set out in the Notice of Executive Key Decisions.

(Copy Report OS.25/12 herewith)

A.4 LOCALISATION OF COUNCIL TAX

(Communities and Housing Portfolio)

The Director of Community Engagement to submit the draft scheme for the administration of the Council Tax Benefit discount.

(Copy Report to Follow)

A.5 TENANTS STRATEGY

(Communities and Housing Portfolio)

The Director of Community Engagement to submit the consultation document for the Tenants Strategy.

(Copy Report to Follow)

A.6 COMMUNITY CENTRE TASK GROUP

To receive the final report and recommendations from the Community Centre Task Group.

(Copy Report 26/12 herewith. Appendix 1 to follow)

A.7 CARLISLE PLAN

(Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio)

The Policy and Communications Manager to submit the draft Corporate Plan.

(Copy Report PPP.13/12 herewith)

A.8 SHADDONGATE RESOURCE CENTRE

(Communities and Housing Portfolio)

The Director of Community Engagement to provide an update on the provision, services and financial plan for the Shaddongate Resource Centre.

(Copy Report to follow)

PART B

To be considered in Private

B.1 EXECUTIVES SAVINGS PROPOSALS

(Cross Cutting Portfolios)

This report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as the report contains exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

The Director of Community Engagement to submit the Executives savings proposals for 2013/14 for areas within the remit of the Panel.

(Copy Report CD.44/12 herewith)

Members of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Conservative: Collier, Mrs Prest (Vice Chairman), Mrs Vasey

Labour: Mrs Bradley, Scarborough, Miss Sherriff, Mrs Stevenson

Liberal Democrat: Mrs Luckely (Chairman)

Substitutes: Bainbridge, Lishman, Mrs Mallinson(Conservative), McDevitt, Watson, Whalen(Labour) Allison (Liberal Democrat)

Enquiries, requests for reports, background papers, etc to Committee Clerk:

Rachel Rooney – 817039

Notes to Members: Briefing meeting will be held at 9.15am in the Flensburg room

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY –
