

Report to:

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Title: **Community Overview and Scrutiny Chairman's Report –**
Councillor Mrs Luckley

This meeting, the final Panel meeting of the Municipal Year, completed the Work Programme for 2013/14 in dealing with the last items of business.

Receiving the Annual Scrutiny Report enabled members to decide on subjects that could be examined in the next Municipal Year. Those favoured were Health, particularly Children's health and their well being, Housing issues, the Community Neighbours scheme and Food City.

The Task and Finish Group's draft report on Hate Crime and the Council's contribution to increasing public awareness of this crime, was submitted for the Panel's comments. The Panel welcomed the work of the Group and endorsed their recommendations. This report is an important document including as it does, comprehensive evidence of unacceptable behaviour effecting many groups in our community, behaviour we all must abhor and do as much as we can as councillors to reduce.

The Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership Annual Plan was examined and its priorities, which included Domestic Violence and Hate Crimes, also priorities for the Police and Crime Commissioner, were approved. Questions centred around the participants in the Partnerships, particularly in relation to the work of the Problem Solving Groups. These multi agency groups deal with issues relating to all the neighbourhoods in the urban area and it was considered that Members' work in their wards could benefit from participating in the PSGs. It was recommended that their details and times of meetings should be circulated to all urban members.

Again this year, I would like to thank all those members who took part in the Task and Finish Groups as much worthwhile work has been done by them, proving that Task and Finish scrutiny is beneficial in improving services. These thanks extend to those T&F Group Members who do not sit on the Panel, but who have an experienced interest to bring to the subjects under scrutiny.

Councillor Olwyn Luckley
Chairman