



COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Panel Report

Public

Date of Meeting: 25th March 2010

Title: Overview Report and Work Programme

Report of: Scrutiny Manager

Report reference: OS08/10

Summary:

This report provides an overview of matters related to the Community O&S Panel's work. It also includes the latest version of the work programme.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to

- Consider and respond to the references from the Executive as appropriate;
- note the Committee's work programme (Appendix 1).

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

1. Lead Members

The following Lead Members may wish to update the Panel on issues relating to their areas:

- Health – Cllr Riddle
- Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership – Cllr Parsons
- Housing – Cllr Farmer

2. Detailed Scrutiny Work

There has been some progress on the work as detailed below:

- **Older People** – Cllrs Riddle and Clarke met with Susan Trafford on Wed 24th Feb for an initial discussion about the potential for involvement in policy development work relating to Older People. This is an informal piece of work and arrangements will now be made to ensure that this is pursued in the next Civic Year.
- **Joint Crime and Disorder Scrutiny** - the group held a workshop on Monday 15th March. This workshop included the scrutiny Members from Eden and Carlisle along with representatives from the Police Authority and the Leadership Group of the Carlisle and Eden CDRP. This workshop made progress on the following:
 - Developing the Protocol between the Scrutiny Members of Carlisle and Eden Councils and the CDRP;
 - Developing terms of reference for the proposed Joint Carlisle and Eden CDRP Scrutiny Panel;
 - How existing protocols for relations between the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Committee and the District Councils Scrutiny Panels could be tailored for CDRP scrutiny arrangements;

The outcomes of the March workshop will be reported back to the March meeting of this panel. It remains the proposal that the Joint Panel for Scrutiny of the Carlisle and Eden CDRP will be set up from the beginning of the 2010/11 Civic Year.

3. Scrutiny Chairs Group meeting

The Scrutiny Chairs Group met on Monday 1st March. The minutes from the meeting have been circulated to all Scrutiny Members.

4. Work Programme

The current work programme is reproduced in Appendix I.

5. References from the Executive

As there were quite a number of these, they have been circulated separately, rather than as part of this report.

6. Forward Plan Items

After consultation with Members of the Panel, the Chair decided to put the following two items on today's agenda:

KD.006/10 Women and Families Homelessness Accommodation

The item

KD.015/10 Sure Start Carlisle South – Proposal to spend outstanding balance of grant

is not on today's agenda as the Chair considered there to be nothing requiring scrutiny in the report. The report has, however, been circulated for information only to Members of the Panel.

The item

KD.007/10 Accommodation and Foyer Service Development for Young People

has not been progressed as planned and will now be made available for scrutiny in the next civic year.

Appendix 1: Community O&S Work Programme 2009/10

Issue	Type of Scrutiny						Comments/status	Meeting Dates							
	Performance Management	Forward Plan Item/Referred from Executive	Policy Review/Development	Scrutiny of Partnership/ External Agency	Monitoring			28 May 09	9 Jul 09	27 Aug 09	8 Oct 09	1 Dec 09	14 Jan 10	11 Feb 10	25 Mar 10
THIS MEETING – 25 th March 2010															
Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership	✓		✓				Regular reports – draft Partnership Plan to 1 st Dec. Task and Finish Group developing Joint Scrutiny with Eden – next meeting in March		✓		✓	✓			✓
Corporate Plan					✓		Report on the new Corporate Plan 2010–2013							✓	✓
Housing Strategy Action Plan							Monitoring Role				✓				✓

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Riverside Carlisle/City Council Partnership Agreement – Action Plan	✓			✓			Role is monitoring progress under the partnership agreement			✓					✓
Performance Monitoring Reports (PIs)	✓						Quarterly report.			✓		✓			✓
Arts Centre			✓				Members asked for further update from Portfolio Holder on this at 25 March meeting					✓			✓
Play Strategy	✓		✓				Quarterly monitoring of Action Plan – deferred to Jan meeting					✓	✓		✓
Sands Centre Development		✓	✓				Panel asked to be kept updated of developments – Portfolio to provide verbal update on progress								✓

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Women and Facilities Replacement Homelessness Accommodation		✓	✓				To approve the recommended site following the appraisal process and details for the scheme.					✓	W'shop 23 rd Feb		✓
Scrutiny Annual Report			✓		✓		Draft report for comment before Chairs Group								✓
Accommodation and Foyer Service Development for Young People		✓					Scrutinise progress								✓
Play Areas			✓				Consideration of new policy on play areas							✓	✓

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FUTURE MEETINGS															
Tullie House Governance Options and Development Plan Proposals		✓	✓				Continued involvement – Chair of Shadow Board to be invited to future meeting (likely to be 10 th June 2010)	✓			✓				
Scrutiny of Transformation					✓		Report requested by Chairs Group – further involvement requested							✓	✓
Learning City		✓	✓				Regular reports – format will need to be revised with change in priorities of Council.				✓				

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Healthy Communities and Older People (Carlisle Partnership Priority Group and Cumbria Local Area Agreement)	✓						Monitoring progress but also opportunity to do more detailed work.			✓					
Affordable Warmth and Fuel Poverty		✓					Release of residual Energy Efficiency Advice Centre Funds. Panel would like to meet Postholder.					✓			
FINISHED ITEMS															
Scrutiny Changes: Councillor Call for Action and CDRP			✓				A report from the scrutiny team that explains the changes possible/necessary from recent legislation		✓						

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Scrutiny Arrangements: Chairs Group and agreeing the Scrutiny Annual Report							A report providing options for amending the Scrutiny Chairs Group and the process to agree the annual report		✓						
Corporate Performance Monitoring Report for 2008/9	✓						Referred on by Executive		✓						
Transformation Programme for Carlisle City Council		✓	✓				Priorities report referred on by Executive for O&S views. Special on management structure held in July	✓	Special: 6 th July			✓			
Budget		✓	✓				Consideration of service implications					✓			
Annual Equality Report	✓						Monitoring role. To include update on			✓					

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							progress with Migrant Workers review recommendations								
Rural Strategy	✓		✓				Monitoring Role		✓						
Housing Capital Budget – Resource Centre		✓	✓				Report on returning project underspends to capital programme pending report on families hostel replacement scheme.				✓				
Community Support Review		✓	✓				Working group (including three Members from Panel) set up. Progress report to October meeting				✓				
Race Equality	✓	✓	✓				Monitoring role – 6 monthly due to panel's	✓				✓	✓		

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							concerns – also to include actions – from Migrant Workers review. Workshop to be held on Single Equality Scheme								
Riverside Carlisle: (1) Future of Sheltered Housing (2) Asset Management (3) Audit Commission report on Riverside Carlisle				✓			Update and discussion on these three items to come to June 10 2010 meeting.							✓	

FORWARD PLAN
Index of Active Executive Key Decisions relevant to:
Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Key Decision Ref Nos:	Subject:	Date of Executive Meeting
KD.001/10	Corporate Plan 2010 - 2013 (EX.008/10 under GE on 18 January 2010)	18 January 2010 and 12 April 2010
KD.002/10	Sands Development	12 April 2010
KD.003/10	Children's Play Areas	12 April 2010
KD.006/10	Women and Families Homelessness Accommodation	15 March 2010 and 12 April 2010
KD.007/10	Accommodation and Foyer Service Development for Young People	15 March 2010 and 12 April 2010
KD.015/10	Sure Start Carlisle South - Proposal to spend outstanding balance of grant	15 March 2010

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Portfolio Area Performance and Development

Subject Corporate Plan 2010 - 2013 (EX.008/10 under GE on 18 January 2010)

Key Decisions:

The Executive Committee is requested to:

1. Consider and comment upon the presentation and content of the draft Plan with a view to seeking continuous improvement in the way the council delivers services to its local communities.
2. Consider how the Plan, in defining the priorities of the Council, assists the programme of transformation and financial challenges anticipated over the period 2010-2013.
3. ☐ Refer the first draft of the Plan to Community, Resources and Environment and Economy Overview & Scrutiny Panels for consultation.

Decision to be taken at Executive on: 18 January 2010 and 12 April 2010

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

All Overview and Scrutiny Panels to be consulted

Date when the matter will be available for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Policy and Budget Framework matter which will be available to be considered by:
Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 11 February 2010
Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 18 February 2010
Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 25 February 2010

Consultees: Various; to be programmed into the timetable for producing the Corporate Plan

Date for Consultees' comments: Deadline for comments is 1 March 2010

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

Report PPP.01/10 - New Corporate Plan 2010-2013 (at Executive 18 January 2010)
The Policy and Performance Manager's report will be available five working days before the meeting.

Further Information From:

Policy and Performance Manager, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle CA3 8QG

Subject Sands Development

Key Decisions:

- a) To update/report on current progress on the Sands Project, and milestones/programme for the way forward.
- b) To request approval of a supplementary estimate to facilities the next stage of Project Development namely:- production of tender documentation.
- c) Subject to findings of the Executive, refer any decision to proceed to full Council on 4 May 2010.

Decision to be taken at Executive on: 12 April 2010

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date when the matter will be available for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Will not be considered by Overview and Scrutiny as this is a request for supplementary estimate it is outwith the budget and policy framework and as such, it is a matter for the Executive and full Council.

Consultees:

Date for Consultees' comments:

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

CS.07/09 - Sands Centre Development (at Executive 16 February 2009)
CS.47/09 - Sands Development (at Executive 16 October 2009)
CS.54/09 - Sands Development (at Executive 10 November 2009)
CORP.42/09 - Funding Options for Sands Development (at Executive 16 October 2009)
CORP.59/09 - Sands Centre Redevelopment (at Executive 17 December 2009)
The Resource Planning Manager's report will be available five working days before the meeting.

Further Information From:

Resource Planning Manager, Carlisle City Council, Bousteads Grassing, Carlisle, CA2 5L

Ref: KD.003/10

Portfolio Area Environment and Infrastructure

Subject Children's Play Areas

Key Decisions:

To endorse the principle of reducing the number of equipped play areas in the City Council's holding

Decision to be taken at Executive on: 12 April 2010

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date when the matter will be available for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Will be available to be considered by Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 10 June 2010

Consultees:

Date for Consultees' comments:

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

Play Strategy

Assessment of Play Areas

The Green Spaces Manager's report will be available five working days before the meeting.

Further Information From:

Green Spaces Manager, Carlisle City Council, Bousteads Grassing, Carlisle, CA2 5LG

Ref: KD.006/10

Portfolio Area Health and Community Development

Subject Women and Families Homelessness Accommodation

Key Decisions:

To receive a report on the project to provide accommodation for women and families who are homeless and to approve the release of land for the scheme.

Decision to be taken at Executive on: 15 March 2010 and 12 April 2010

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date when the matter will be available for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Policy and Budget Framework matter which will be available for consideration by Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 25 March 2010

Consultees: Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date for Consultees' comments:

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

The Housing and Health Services Manager's report will be available five working days before the meeting

Further Information From:

Housing and Health Services Manager, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8

Ref: KD.007/10

Portfolio Area Health and Community Development

Subject Accommodation and Foyer Service Development for Young People

Key Decisions:

To receive a report on the project to provide accommodation for young people and develop foyer based services in partnership with the YMCA and other key partners.

Decision to be taken at Executive on: 15 March 2010 and 12 April 2010

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date when the matter will be available for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Policy and Budget Framework matter which will be available to be considered on 25 March 2010 by Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Consultees: Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date for Consultees' comments:

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

The Housing and Health Services Manager's report will be available five working days before the meeting

Further Information From:

Housing and Health Services Manager, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8

Ref: KD.015/10

Portfolio Area Health and Community Development

Subject Sure Start Carlisle South - Proposal to spend outstanding balance of grant

Key Decisions:

To approve the release of the balance of grant held for Sure Start Carlisle South

Decision to be taken at Executive on: 15 March 2010

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date when the matter will be available for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Will be available to be considered by Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 25 March 2010

Consultees: Barnados and Cumbria County Council

Date for Consultees' comments: Comments have been included in the report

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

The Community Support Manager's report will be available five working days before the meeting

Further Information From:

Community Support Manager, Community Services, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, C
