
**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE
HELD ON 9 JUNE 2003**

EX.102/03 HOMELESSNESS STRATEGY (Key Decision)

Portfolio Environment, Infrastructure and Transport

Subject Matter

To consider a report from the Head of Environmental Protection Services (EPS.33/03) indicating that, under the Homelessness Act 2002, each Local Housing Authority had a statutory obligation to carry out a review of homelessness in their area and have in place a Homelessness Strategy by 31 July 2003.

In December 2002, Carlisle City Council had commissioned HACAS Chapman Hendy to help in the homeless review process, and the development of the Homelessness Strategy. A Working Group had been established to oversee the process with representatives of different organisations including Health, Social Services, Probation, RSL's and the Voluntary Sector.

Details of extensive consultations carried out to date were submitted.

A final draft of the Strategy had been sent out for consultation on 20 May 2003 for comment by 6 June 2003.

In accordance with the Council's Budget and Policy Framework Rules, the views of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee would need to be sought and considered by the Executive prior to recommendations being made to the City Council.

A Minute reference from the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 5 June 2003 requesting the Executive to ensure that future Policy framework documents are planned to come to Overview and Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the Constitutional requirements had been circulated to Members.

Summary of options rejected

None

DECISION

1. That the draft Homelessness Strategy be approved for consultation purposes and referred to the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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2. That a further report incorporating the views of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee be submitted to the next meeting of the Executive on 7 July 2003 in order that recommendations can be made to the City Council on 15 July 2003.

Reasons for Decision

To progress the arrangements for the adoption of a Homelessness Strategy.