

# Report to: Council

Agenda  
Item

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Meeting Date: 28 April 2015

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Title: **Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel-Chairman's Report**  
**Councillor Reg Watson OBE**

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## Localisation of Revenue and Shared Benefits

Our hopes for a successful shared service have not materialised. It is not working well enough and I applaud the decision by the Executive to return the service in house. The Panel's concern was what would happen to the staff involved in the changes. We were glad to hear that the staff transfer agreement will be terminated with agreement of all concerned. We also hope that a smooth change back will not affect the people of Carlisle, who rely on the service provided by our Revenues and Benefits Department.

## Kingstown and Parkhouse Procurement Project

The report to the Panel gave details of the choices available to Council by Montague Evans. The report gave four possibilities:

- Do nothing
- Invest in internal resources – HR staff
- Sell the asset
- Joint venture partnership

This will take some time, to gather information and take stock of all the possibilities. Some members, after having just discussed the shared services returning in house, felt the in house choice may be the way forward. The Panel resolved to ask the Executive to continue with the process as set out in the report and asked for the opportunity to scrutinise the recommendation later in the process.

**Cllr R Watson OBE**  
**Chairman**