



AGENDA

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 4 APRIL 2002 AT 2.30 PM

in the Flensburg Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle

(N.B. There will be a private briefing meeting for Members at 1.30 pm)

Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutions.

Public and Press

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings

To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 8 and 10 January and 12 February 2002 [Minute Volume 28(5) refers] and note the minutes of the meetings held on 21, 26 February and 21 March 2002 [copy Minutes herewith].

Declarations of Interest (including declarations of "The Party Whip")

Members are invited to declare any personal interests and any declarations of "The Party Whip" relating to any item on the agenda at this stage.

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 MONITORING OF THE FORWARD PLAN

To review forthcoming Forward Plan items, to seek further information and consider potential input from Overview and Scrutiny where appropriate.

(Copy Report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive TC.65/02 which includes extracts of current Forward Plan items within the ambit of this Committee herewith)

A.3 WORK PROGRAMME

To review whether items are proceeding according to programme; to review likely length of upcoming Agendas, to consider capacity issues and to prioritise accordingly if appropriate.

(Copy updated Work Programme herewith)

A.4 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES 2001/02

To give the Committee's views on a report reviewing the operation of overview and scrutiny and the Committee's work during the year.

(Copy Report of the Head of Corporate Policy and Strategy herewith)

A.5 CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

To give the Committee's views on a report prepared by the City Solicitor and Secretary relating to proposed procedural changes to the Council's Constitution.

(Copy Report of the City Solicitor and Secretary TC.57/02 herewith)

A.6 CORPORATE PLAN WORKSHOP

To consider the outcomes of the recent Workshop on the draft Corporate Plan with a view to submitting the Committee's comments to the Executive.

(Copy Report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive TC.67/02 herewith)

A.7 IMPLEMENTING AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES POLICY

To give the Committee's views on actions aimed at ensuring the City Council complies with the new "Equality Standard for Local Government".

(Copy report of the Director of Housing H.25/02 herewith)

A.8 A COMPARISON OF LOCAL AUTHORITY 'SMART CARD' SCHEMES

Pursuant to Minute COS.34/02, to consider a comparative analysis of a number of 'Smart Card' schemes developed by local authorities with a view to giving directions to concluding the Review.

(Copy Report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive TC.66/02 herewith)

A.9 COMMUNITY SUPPORT UNIT SERVICE PLAN

The Community Support Unit's Service Plan is submitted in order to familiarise Members with the work of the various Units/Divisions within the responsibility of this Committee.

(Copy report of the Director of Leisure and Community Development to follow)

A.10 PERFORMANCE MONITORING

(a) NATIONAL COMPARISON OF PERFORMANCE INDICATORS REPORT 2000/01

Pursuant to Minute EX.58/02, to review the Authority's performance over a range of Best Value and Audit Commission national indicators for 2000/01 compared with a group of other similar Authorities and the national upper and lower quartiles, and make comments and recommendations on that performance.

(Copy Minute Excerpt and Report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive TC.14/02 herewith)

(b) PERFORMANCE INDICATOR REPORT – APRIL TO DECEMBER 2001

Pursuant to Minute EX.59/02, to review the Authority's performance against the Best Value and local indicators for the third quarter of the current year, and make comments and recommendations on that performance.

(Copy Minute Excerpt and Report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive TC.15/02 herewith)

A.11 CUMBRIA RURAL ACTION ZONE STRATEGY – DRAFT FOR CONSULTATION

The Head of Economic Development to submit a report seeking the Committee's observations on the above draft strategy for onward transmission to the Executive.

(Copy Report EDU. /02 to follow)

PART B

To be considered in Private

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Members of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Conservative: Ellis (Chairman), Fisher S, Knapton, Mallinson J, Toole

Labour: Boaden (Vice-Chairman), Weber.

Liberal Democrat and Independent: McMillan.

Substitutes: Collier, Crookdake, Prest J (Conservative), Furneaux, Southward (Labour), Aldersey (Liberal Democrat and Independent).

Enquiries, requests for reports, background papers, etc to Committee Clerk:
Morag Durham (817036)

Notes to Members: