

INFRASTRUCTURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Committee Report

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13th December 2001

Title: IMPLEMENTATION OF CABLE TELEVISION

Report of: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

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Summary:

To advise Members of the present position regarding the work programme and standard of reinstatement work.

IMPLEMENTATION OF CABLE TELEVISION

Members will be aware that Omne Communications are currently installing a cable TV system within Carlisle that will provide telephone, television and broadband internet access.

Through their agents they have provided a city-wide phasing plan indicating their intended work programme and I have written to all Ward Members outlining the provisional programme. That is currently focussed on the north of the city, primarily Kingstown Road, Newfield, Lowry Hill and Stanwix. Since that programme includes work within the Stanwix and Tarraby Conservation Areas

their Wayleave Officer and appointed Planning Manager have met with Development Control staff and agreed the distribution, locations and colour finishes (black) of cabinets within those two sensitive areas.

Additionally, a general liaison meeting has been held with staff from Omne and Members and relevant Council Officers to agree a mechanism whereby progress can be monitored, areas of concern discussed, future development issues identified, etc. and it is intended that these be continued at monthly intervals. It is hoped that these regular monitoring meetings will also be attended by representatives of the contractors carrying out the work on behalf of Omne (McNicholas Construction Services) and their technical consultants (GlobalCom (UK) Ltd).

The present position is that the original work programme is running slightly behind schedule due to the fact that it was based on an expected number of "gangs" to be assigned to carry out the installation which subsequently was reduced in number at the insistence of the Highway Authority. However, feedback from the County Council staff who are monitoring these operations on behalf of the Highway Authority indicates that the standard of reinstatement work is acceptable.

A scheduled progress meeting with Omne is currently taking place and a verbal update will be given at the end of the meeting.

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Director of Environment and Development