

CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 1 MARCH 2011 AT 6.45 PM

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Mrs Styth), Councillors Allison, Atkinson, Bainbridge, Bell, Betton, Bloxham, Boaden, Bowditch, Mrs Bowman, Bowman (S), Mrs Bradley, Cape, Mrs Clarke, Clarke (M), Collier, Craig, Earp, Ellis, Mrs Farmer, Mrs Geddes, Glover, Graham, Harid, Layden, Lishman, Mrs Luckley, Mrs Mallinson, Mallinson (J), Mitchelson, Morton, Nedved, Mrs Parsons, Ms Patrick, Ms Quilter, Mrs Riddle, Mrs Robson, Mrs Rutherford, Scarborough, Mrs Southward, Stothard, Tootle, Mrs Vasey, Mrs Warwick, Watson, Weber, Weedall and Wilson

C.36/11 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Devlin, Farmer (C), Hendry and McDevitt.

C.37/11 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meetings of the City Council held on 14 December 2010; 11 January and 1 February 2011 were received and signed as a true record of the meetings.

C.38/11 PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Mayor reported that, following publication of the revised Summons for the meeting, Councillor Watson OBE had withdrawn his Notice of Motion concerning North Cumbria University NHS Trust (Item 19 refers).

RESOLVED – That, subject to the above, the Agenda be agreed.

C.39/11 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Ellis declared a personal interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of Item 11(b)(vii) – Performance and Development Portfolio Holder's report and particularly the reference to Tullie House. The interest related to the fact that he serves on the Shadow Board of Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery.

C.40/11 ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) The Mayor

There were no announcements from the Mayor.

(b) The Leader of the Council

There were no announcements from the Leader of the Council.

(c) Members of the Executive

Councillor Bloxham stated that it was important that all Members of the City Council were made aware of the facts and current position regarding the Sustrans Connect 2 Cycle Scheme. He then made the following statement:

“During the past 2.5 years, the City and its Partners have completed approximately 2000m of the Connect 2 scheme, mainly alongside the River Caldw, this includes the construction of 2 new bridges over the River Caldw. There are also other elements of the scheme which are under construction now or due to commence in the next few months. These include an underpass beneath the Carlisle Northern Development Road which will form part of the aspirational route to Kingmoor Park. A ramp at Castle Way is funded by Sainsburys and will begin when construction of the store commences. There are also further works imminent at Lime Street, Newark Terrace and Strand Road.

We estimate the costs of the above completed works at approximately £1.4m and the cost of work under construction or imminent at £750,000. The only major element still to be funded is the link over the railway between Currock and Maryport Cottages. It was anticipated that the Sustrans grant from Big Lottery would fund the majority of this element supplemented by funding from the County Council.

Despite this progress outlined above, the Sustrans Connect2 Board considered the project to be at risk in June 2010 and sought answers to specific questions and additional information. It should be noted that the completion date for the scheme is April 2013.

The City Council provided significant additional information in advance of a Connect2 Board meeting, on the 6th December, which was kindly acknowledged by Sustrans.

Within the submitted information was a requirement for Sustrans to confirm their commitment to the amended scheme and the funding by the 10th December 2010, to ensure the programmed activities could be progressed to completion.

Unfortunately, this confirmation was not forthcoming and indeed Sustrans insisted that the City continue with the programmed activities up to the end of February without a guarantee that funding would be secure thereafter.

At that time in December, the City judged that it had provided sufficient information for the “at risk” level to be removed. Sadly, Sustrans did not agree. We received a

letter on the 25th February, from Sustrans stating they have asked the Big Lottery fund for agreement to withdraw the funding offer of £975K.

It is anticipated, however, that irrespective of this outcome the Castleway ramp element would be provided with the Sainsbury's development, via Section 106 funding and an uninterrupted route of 2700m from the Sheepmount to Strand Road (Trinity School) may be available when a short section near the Sands is provided.

The Council remains firmly committed to the delivery of the whole Carlisle Connect2 scheme subject to financial support from our partners, including Sustrans. This commitment is clearly demonstrated by the continuing work on cycle routes as detailed above. Sustrans are a valued partner and the City Council is deeply saddened that they have decided to withdraw funding from the scheme. The City believes that the amended scheme is still deliverable and indeed the situation is improved with recent offers of assistance towards the scheme from the County Council. The Council will continue to progress the scheme as funds become available and hopes that this is not the end of Sustrans involvement with the scheme.

The City have sought to meet with Sustrans on a number of occasions since the New Year to try and resolve their issues unfortunately these requests to meet have not yet been accepted and the City is still keen to meet Sustrans as soon as possible."

Councillor Bloxham reiterated the offer to meet with Sustrans and also with supporters of the cycle route since he remained convinced that the scheme could proceed.

(d) Town Clerk and Chief Executive

There were no announcements from the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

C.41/11 COUNCIL TAX 2011/12

Consideration was given to a report of the Assistant Director (Resources) (RD.80/10) setting out the relevant calculations which the City Council, as Billing Authority, was required to undertake in order to set the overall amount of Council Tax for 2011/12.

The Assistant Director (Resources) reported that, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), the City Council had calculated its tax base. The City Council, Cumbria County Council and the Cumbria Police Authority had calculated their budget requirements for 2011/12 and the County Council had issued a precept upon the City Council in the sum of £40,288,000 and set its basic Council Tax figure as £1,161.50.

The Cumbria Police Authority had issued a precept on the City Council in the sum of £6,725,270 and set its basic Council Tax figure as £193.89.

The Assistant Director (Resources) commented that the City Council was required to set the level of basic Council Tax in 2011/12 in respect of City Council Services and the amount to be levied in non parished areas; the level of Council Tax to be charged in different parts of the City Council's area; the basic amount of Council Tax applicable to each category of dwelling in each part of the City Council's area; and a total amount of Council Tax to be levied in 2011/12, inclusive of Cumbria County Council and Cumbria Police Authority Precepts applicable to each category of dwelling in each part of the City Council's area.

It should be noted that the City Council, County Council and Police Authority had held their Council Tax rates at 2010/11 levels i.e. no increase in Council Tax in 2011/12.

Councillor Mallinson (J) moved and Councillor Mitchelson seconded, and it was AGREED:

1. That it be noted that at its meeting on 1 March 2011 the City Council calculated the following amounts for the year 2011/12 in accordance with the regulations made under Section 33 (5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:-

a) 34,686.01 being the amount calculated by the City Council in accordance with Regulation 3 of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992, as its Council Tax Base for the year.

b) Part of the Council's area

Parish of:	
ARTHURET	769.61
ASKERTON	53.13
BEAUMONT	185.83
BEWCASTLE	140.33
BRAMPTON	1,619.01
BURGH BY SANDS	461.79
BURTHOLME	85.66
CARLATTON & CUMREW	52.80
CASTLE CARROCK	132.65
CUMMERSDALE	159.16
CUMWHITTON	130.54
DALSTON	1,050.04
DENTON NETHER	110.91
DENTON UPPER	34.05
FARLAM	222.30
HAYTON	855.97
HETHERSGILL	136.70
IRTHINGTON	327.90
KINGMOOR	237.72
KINGWATER	61.68
KIRKANDREWS	164.24

KIRKLINTON	135.28
MIDGEHOLME	24.09
NICHOLFOREST	141.74
ORTON	171.84
ROCKCLIFFE	299.58
SCALEBY	131.73
SOLPORT & STAPLETON	142.19
STANWIX RURAL	1,239.54
ST CUTHBERT WITHOUT	1,350.09
WALTON	106.87
WATERHEAD	51.94
WESTLINTON	138.74
WETHERAL	2,254.84
& for the urban area of CARLISLE	21,505.52
	34,686.01

being the amounts calculated by the City Council in accordance with Regulation 6 of the Regulations, as the amount of Council Tax Base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

2. That it be noted that at its meetings held on 1 February 2011, the City Council determined its Budget Requirement for 2010/11 in accordance with the provisions of Sections 32 (a) to (e) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) as £14,362,191.
3. That the following amounts be now calculated by the City Council for the year 2010/11 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended):-
 - (a) £7,047,216 being the aggregate of the sums which the City Council estimates will be payable for the year into its General Fund in respect of redistributed Non-Domestic Rates, Revenue Support Grant and area based grant, reduced by the amount of £19,233 being the sum which the City Council estimates will be transferred in the year from its Collection Fund from its General Fund in accordance with Section 97 (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 (Council Tax surplus).
 - (b) £206.05 the amount at 2 above less the amount at 3 (a) above, all divided by the amount at 1 (a) above, calculated by the City Council in accordance with Section 33 (1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year.

- (c) £437,780 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act.
- (d) £193.43 being the amount at 3 (b) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 3 (c) above by the amount at 1 (a) above, calculated by the City Council, in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

(e) Part of the Council's area

Parish of:

ARTHURET	253.99
BEAUMONT	218.07
BEWCASTLE	218.37
BRAMPTON	248.33
BURGH BY SANDS	221.15
BURTHOLME	213.68
CARLATTON & CUMREW	223.73
CASTLE CARROCK	225.03
CUMMERSDALE	231.13
CUMWHITTON	219.48
DALSTON	233.18
DENTON NETHER	220.86
DENTON UPPER	224.36
FARLAM	208.19
HAYTON	209.46
HETHERSGILL	240.98
IRTHINGTON	209.76
KINGMOOR	224.05
KINGWATER	209.64
KIRKANDREWS	236.43
KIRKLINTON	207.11
MIDGEHOLME	193.43
NICHOLFOREST	221.65
ORTON	215.25
ROCKCLIFFE	202.78
SCALEBY	231.39
SOLPORT & STAPLETON	213.12
STANWIX RURAL	226.14
ST CUTHBERT WITHOUT	208.98
WALTON	237.64
WATERHEAD	212.68
WESTLINTON	207.85
WETHERAL	231.13
All other parts of the City Council's area	193.43

being the amounts given by adding to the amount at 3 (d) above, the amounts of the special item relating to dwellings in those parts of the City

Council's mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 1(b) above calculated by the City Council, in accordance with Section 34 (3) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the dwellings in those parts of its area to which a special item relates.

VALUATION BANDS

PARISH/AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
ARTHURET	169.32	197.55	225.77	253.99	310.43	366.88	423.31	507.98
BEAUMONT	145.38	169.61	193.84	218.07	266.53	314.99	363.45	436.14
BEWCASTLE	145.58	169.85	194.11	218.37	266.89	315.42	363.95	436.74
BRAMPTON	165.55	193.15	220.74	248.33	303.51	358.70	413.88	496.66
BURGH BY SANDS	147.43	172.01	196.58	221.15	270.29	319.44	368.58	442.30
BURTHOLME	142.45	166.20	189.94	213.68	261.16	308.65	356.13	427.36
CARLATTON & CUMREW	149.15	174.02	198.87	223.73	273.44	323.17	372.88	447.46
CASTLE CARROCK	150.02	175.03	200.03	225.03	275.03	325.04	375.05	450.06
CUMMERSDALE	154.08	179.77	205.45	231.13	282.49	333.86	385.21	462.26
CUMWHITTON	146.32	170.71	195.10	219.48	268.25	317.03	365.80	438.96
DALSTON	155.45	181.37	207.27	233.18	284.99	336.82	388.63	466.36
DENTON NETHER	147.24	171.78	196.32	220.86	269.94	319.02	368.10	441.72
DENTON UPPER	149.57	174.51	199.43	224.36	274.21	324.08	373.93	448.72
FARLAM	138.79	161.93	185.06	208.19	254.45	300.72	346.98	416.38
HAYTON	139.64	162.92	186.19	209.46	256.00	302.55	349.10	418.92
HETHERSGILL	160.65	187.43	214.21	240.98	294.53	348.08	401.63	481.96
IRTHINGTON	139.84	163.15	186.46	209.76	256.37	302.99	349.60	419.52
KINGMOOR	149.36	174.27	199.16	224.05	273.83	323.63	373.41	448.10
KINGWATER	139.76	163.06	186.35	209.64	256.22	302.81	349.40	419.28
KIRKANDREWS	157.62	183.89	210.16	236.43	288.97	341.51	394.05	472.86
KIRKLINTON	138.07	161.09	184.10	207.11	253.13	299.16	345.18	414.22
MIDGEHOLME	128.95	150.45	171.94	193.43	236.41	279.40	322.38	386.86
NICHOLFOREST	147.76	172.40	197.02	221.65	270.90	320.16	369.41	443.30
ORTON	143.50	167.42	191.34	215.25	263.08	310.92	358.75	430.50
ROCKCLIFFE	135.18	157.72	180.25	202.78	247.84	292.91	337.96	405.56
SCALEBY	154.26	179.97	205.68	231.39	282.81	334.23	385.65	462.78
SOLPORT & STAPLETON	142.08	165.76	189.44	213.12	260.48	307.84	355.20	426.24
STANWIX RURAL	150.76	175.89	201.02	226.14	276.39	326.65	376.90	452.28
ST CUTHBERT WITHOUT	139.32	162.54	185.76	208.98	255.42	301.86	348.30	417.96
WALTON	158.42	184.84	211.24	237.64	290.44	343.26	396.06	475.28
WATERHEAD	141.78	165.42	189.05	212.68	259.94	307.21	354.46	425.36
WESTLINTON	138.56	161.67	184.76	207.85	254.03	300.23	346.41	415.70
WETHERAL	154.08	179.77	205.45	231.13	282.49	333.86	385.21	462.26
All other parts of the	128.95	150.45	171.94	193.43	236.41	279.40	322.38	386.86
City Council's area								

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 3 (d) and 3 (e) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5 (1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in

valuation band D, calculated by the City Council, in accordance with Section 36 (1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4) That it be noted that for the year 2011/12 Cumbria County Council and Cumbria Police Authority have stated that the following amounts in precepts issued to the City Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

		VALUATION BANDS							
Precepting Authority		Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cumbria County Council		774.33	903.39	1,032.44	1,161.50	1,419.61	1,677.72	1,935.83	2,323.00
Cumbria Police Authority		129.26	150.80	172.35	193.89	236.98	280.06	323.15	387.78

5) That having calculated the aggregate in each case the amounts at 3 (f) and 4 above, the City Council, in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2011/12 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

PARISH/AREA	VALUATION BANDS							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
ARTHURET	1,072.91	1,251.74	1,430.56	1,609.38	1,967.02	2,324.66	2,682.29	3,218.76
BEAUMONT	1,048.97	1,223.80	1,398.63	1,573.46	1,923.12	2,272.77	2,622.43	3,146.92
BEWCASTLE	1,049.17	1,224.04	1,398.90	1,573.76	1,923.48	2,273.20	2,622.93	3,147.52
BRAMPTON	1,069.14	1,247.34	1,425.53	1,603.72	1,960.10	2,316.48	2,672.86	3,207.44
BURGH BY SANDS	1,051.02	1,226.20	1,401.37	1,576.54	1,926.88	2,277.22	2,627.56	3,153.08
BURTHOLME	1,046.04	1,220.39	1,394.73	1,569.07	1,917.75	2,266.43	2,615.11	3,138.14
CARLATTON & CUMREW	1,052.74	1,228.21	1,403.66	1,579.12	1,930.03	2,280.95	2,631.86	3,158.24
CASTLE CARROCK	1,053.61	1,229.22	1,404.82	1,580.42	1,931.62	2,282.82	2,634.03	3,160.84
CUMMERSDALE	1,057.67	1,233.96	1,410.24	1,586.52	1,939.08	2,291.64	2,644.19	3,173.04
CUMWHITTON	1,049.91	1,224.90	1,399.89	1,574.87	1,924.84	2,274.81	2,624.78	3,149.74
DALSTON	1,059.04	1,235.56	1,412.06	1,588.57	1,941.58	2,294.60	2,647.61	3,177.14
DENTON NETHER	1,050.83	1,225.97	1,401.11	1,576.25	1,926.53	2,276.80	2,627.08	3,152.50
DENTON UPPER	1,053.16	1,228.70	1,404.22	1,579.75	1,930.80	2,281.86	2,632.91	3,159.50
FARLAM	1,042.38	1,216.12	1,389.85	1,563.58	1,911.04	2,258.50	2,605.96	3,127.16
HAYTON	1,043.23	1,217.11	1,390.98	1,564.85	1,912.59	2,260.33	2,608.08	3,129.70
HETHERSGILL	1,064.24	1,241.62	1,419.00	1,596.37	1,951.12	2,305.86	2,660.61	3,192.74
IRTHINGTON	1,043.43	1,217.34	1,391.25	1,565.15	1,912.96	2,260.77	2,608.58	3,130.30
KINGMOOR	1,052.95	1,228.46	1,403.95	1,579.44	1,930.42	2,281.41	2,632.39	3,158.88
KINGWATER	1,043.35	1,217.25	1,391.14	1,565.03	1,912.81	2,260.59	2,608.38	3,130.06
KIRKANDREWS	1,061.21	1,238.08	1,414.95	1,591.82	1,945.56	2,299.29	2,653.03	3,183.64
KIRKLINTON	1,041.66	1,215.28	1,388.89	1,562.50	1,909.72	2,256.94	2,604.16	3,125.00
MIDGEHOLME	1,032.54	1,204.64	1,376.73	1,548.82	1,893.00	2,237.18	2,581.36	3,097.64
NICHOLFOREST	1,051.35	1,226.59	1,401.81	1,577.04	1,927.49	2,277.94	2,628.39	3,154.08
ORTON	1,047.09	1,221.61	1,396.13	1,570.64	1,919.67	2,268.70	2,617.73	3,141.28
ROCKCLIFFE	1,038.77	1,211.91	1,385.04	1,558.17	1,904.43	2,250.69	2,596.94	3,116.34
SCALEBY	1,057.85	1,234.16	1,410.47	1,586.78	1,939.40	2,292.01	2,644.63	3,173.56
SOLPORT & STAPLETON	1,045.67	1,219.95	1,394.23	1,568.51	1,917.07	2,265.62	2,614.18	3,137.02
STANWIX RURAL	1,054.35	1,230.08	1,405.81	1,581.53	1,932.98	2,284.43	2,635.88	3,163.06
ST CUTHBERT WITHOUT	1,042.91	1,216.73	1,390.55	1,564.37	1,912.01	2,259.64	2,607.28	3,128.74
WALTON	1,062.01	1,239.03	1,416.03	1,593.03	1,947.03	2,301.04	2,655.04	3,186.06
WATERHEAD	1,045.37	1,219.61	1,393.84	1,568.07	1,916.53	2,264.99	2,613.44	3,136.14
WESTLINTON	1,042.15	1,215.86	1,389.55	1,563.24	1,910.62	2,258.01	2,605.39	3,126.48
WETHERAL	1,057.67	1,233.96	1,410.24	1,586.52	1,939.08	2,291.64	2,644.19	3,173.04
All other parts of the	1,032.54	1,204.64	1,376.73	1,548.82	1,893.00	2,237.18	2,581.36	3,097.64
City Council's area								

C.42/11 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.1, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that no questions had been submitted on notice by members of the public.

C.43/11 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.11 the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that no petitions or deputations had been submitted by members of the public.

C.44/11 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

(i) Working Relations

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported the receipt of a question submitted on notice by Councillor Atkinson.

Councillor Atkinson asked the following question:

“Will the City Council undertake a report into what appears to be a breakdown in working relations between staff and management as reported in the Cumberland News on 28 January 2011. The object of this report would be to recommend improvements in the working environment for all staff, create a workplace of mutual respect and atmosphere that is conducive to good industrial relations.

As part of this report the City Council should undertake a staff survey to determine how the staff are being treated by the City Council and also, which would give them the opportunity to express their views and ideas to help ensure that all staff enjoy a working environment in which the dignity of individuals is respected.”

Councillor Atkinson then explained his reasoning for putting the question, pointing out that the matter had been reported both locally and nationally, and had therefore been put under national scrutiny. He further quoted from the introduction to the Council's Dignity and Respect Policy which stated “ ... it is important to make working life as pleasant and productive as possible.” and from Appendix 1, section 1.3 which provided definitions of harassment and/or bullying. In conclusion, he said that that serious situation had to be addressed in compliance with Council policies.

In response Councillor Mitchelson expressed disappointment that the matter had been dealt with in that way, and that opinions were shared in the News and Star newspaper without any effort to understand the facts or without discussion with the Officers involved. The approach to managing staff on that occasion fell short of the high standards expected by the Council, and it was now important that positive lessons could be learned. He added that he would be surprised if the Trade Union representatives who regularly met with the Council's management shared the views expressed by Councillor Atkinson.

Councillor Mitchelson further expressed some surprise that a staff survey was requested, since that had been underway at the time of submission of the question and was in fact completed on 25 February 2011. In addition, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive regularly circulated newsletters to all staff, copied to Members, providing updates on various issues and including details of good news stories. He added that, as part of a wider commitment, the Council delivered courses focussed specifically on improving performance and raising staff awareness in that regard. A further course was planned for June 2011 which would be open to Revenues and Benefits staff.

Councillor Atkinson responded that his question was submitted with the intention of correcting what was an unfortunate situation. He added that, as part of investors in people, the Council freely acknowledged the importance of its workforce.

He then asked a supplementary question seeking clarification as to whether Councillor Mitchelson agreed that the Council had a duty of care towards the health and well-being of its staff.

Councillor Atkinson indicated a willingness to work with the Leader on the issue.

Councillor Mitchelson emphasised that the Council regarded its staff as a major asset, which view was clearly on record. The Council would continue to invest in the health and well-being of staff and he encouraged all Members to support the work being undertaken in that regard.

(ii) Redevelopment of Rickergate

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported the receipt of a question submitted on notice by Councillor Tootle.

Councillor Tootle asked the following question:

“Can the Leader of the Council give some reassurance to residents and small businesses in the Rickergate community that no redevelopment is planned in the foreseeable future.

As the Renaissance Project has ended and we move into a consultation period for the Local Development Framework, could the Leader assure the member of the Save Our Streets group and other residents that they will be part of the consultation process to consider any proposals that may arise.

Residents in the Rickergate community have suffered several years of uncertainty and stress with the possibility of losing homes and livelihoods with no clear lead from the Council on future development. This is an opportunity to put this behind us and show the Council’s commitment to serving the community, listening to residents, and involving them in future decision making.”

In response, Councillor Mitchelson wished to make it clear that there were no plans to re-develop Rickergate in the foreseeable future and, if any such plans were forthcoming, full consultation would be undertaken.

Councillor Mitchelson outlined consultation undertaken on the Core Strategy, commenting that all residents had been consulted as part of that process, including contact details for the “Save Our Streets” Group. The next stage involved preparation of the Issues and Options document which would go out to public consultation in August 2011. He wished to encourage everyone to engage in the consultation process.

In conclusion, Councillor Mitchelson reported that a cross-party working group had been established to work on the Local Development Framework.

Councillor Tootle indicated that he had no supplementary questions.

C.45/11 EXECUTIVE

Councillor Mitchelson moved and Councillor Mallinson (J) seconded the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 22 December 2010; 19 January and 14 February 2011.

Members of the City Council questioned the Leader and Portfolio Holders on those Minutes.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 22 December 2010; 19 January and 14 February 2011 be received and adopted.

C.46/11 PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORTS

Copies of reports from the following Portfolio Holders had been circulated prior to the meeting:

Promoting Carlisle
Governance and Resources
Community Engagement
Economic Development
Local Environment
Housing
Performance and Development

Members questioned individual Portfolio Holders on details of their reports.

The Local Environment Portfolio Holder wished to congratulate Waste Services for the successful production and circulation to householders of the new refuse and recycling calendars, which included details of new collection arrangements. He further thanked members of the public who had taken note of those changes.

RESOLVED – (1) That the reports of the Portfolio Holders be received.

(2) That, in response to concerns raised by Councillor Bowditch regarding the lengthy nature of the Local Environment Portfolio Holder's verbal statement on the Sustrans Connect 2 Cycle Scheme made earlier in the meeting, the Portfolio Holder circulate a copy thereof to all Members of the Council.

(3) That the Assistant Director (Local Environment) circulate her previous e-mail to Members setting out the structure of the Directorate following the transformation process.

(4) That the Housing Portfolio Holder provide a written response to the question raised by Councillor Tootle regarding the Cumbria Choice Based Lettings Scheme and, in particular, who would receive applications for social housing under the scheme; oversee the process and take decisions on the allocation of such housing.

(5) That the Housing Portfolio Holder provide a written response to the question of Councillor Cape on the potential for people who were on priority waiting lists in other Cumbria Districts to transfer to Carlisle under the new county-wide Choice Based Lettings Scheme.

(6) That the Performance and Development Portfolio Holder provide a written response to the question raised by Councillor Glover regarding the Organisational Development Plan, with particular emphasis on how the budget allocated for the professional development of those staff whose salaries decreased under Job Evaluation has been used, together with associated outcomes; and what had happened to the remaining money from that budget.

(7) That the Performance and Development Portfolio Holder provide a written response to the question posed by Councillor Watson as to whether the mature trees at Tullie House would be felled.

C.47/11 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MINUTES AND CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS

(a) Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Mrs Clarke moved and Councillor Mrs Bradley seconded that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 13 January and 10 February 2011 be received and adopted.

Councillor Mrs Clarke also presented her Chairman's Report.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 13 January and 10 February 2011, together with the Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

(b) Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Allison moved and Councillor Craig seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 6 January 2011 be received and adopted.

Councillor Allison also presented his Chairman's Report.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 6 January 2011 together with the Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

(c) Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Mrs Rutherford moved and Councillor Mrs Luckley seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 20 January 2011 be received and adopted.

Councillor Mrs Rutherford also presented her Chairman's Report and responded to a Member's question.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 20 January 2011 together with the Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

C.48/11 REGULATORY PANEL

Councillor Morton moved and Councillor Mrs Parsons seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Regulatory Panel held on 5 January and 9 February 2011.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Regulatory Panel held on 5 January and 9 February 2011 be received and adopted.

C.49/11 LICENSING COMMITTEE

Councillor Morton moved and Councillor Mrs Parsons seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 5 January 2011.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 5 January 2011 be received and adopted.

C.50/11 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Parsons moved and Councillor Morton seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meetings of the Development Control Committee held on 15 and 17 December 2010; and 28 January 2011.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Development Control Committee held on 15 and 17 December 2010; and 28 January 2011 be received and adopted.

C.51/11 AUDIT COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Mallinson moved and Councillor Layden seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 14 January 2011.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 14 January 2011 be received and adopted.

C.52/11 EMPLOYMENT PANEL

Councillor Mallinson (J) moved and Councillor Mitchelson seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Panel held on 4 January 2011.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Panel held on 4 January 2011 be received and adopted.

C.53/11 APPEALS PANEL

Councillor Earp moved and Councillor Mrs Rutherford seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of Appeal Panel No. 2 held on 10 January 2011.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Appeals Panel held on 10 January 2011 be received and adopted.

C.54/11 PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

(i) EX.171/10 and EX.007/11 – Policy Framework

Pursuant to Minute EX.171/10 and EX.007/11, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive that the City Council:

1. Support and approve the reduction of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework from the existing 80 plus plans, policies and strategies to the 12 as specified in Report GD.08/11;
2. Amend Article 4 of the Constitution and revise its Budget and Policy Framework as specified in Appendix 2; and
3. Authorise the Assistant Director (Governance) to amend the Council's Constitution accordingly.

A copy of Report GD.14/11 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Mallinson (J) moved and Councillor Mitchelson seconded the recommendations.

RESOLVED – That the City Council agreed to :

1. Support and approve the reduction of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework from the existing 80 plus plans, policies and strategies to the 12 as specified in Report GD.08/11;
2. Amend Article 4 of the Constitution and revise its Budget and Policy Framework as specified in Appendix 2; and
3. Authorise the Assistant Director (Governance) to amend the Council's Constitution accordingly.

(ii) EX.016/11 – Energy Efficiency Supplementary Planning Document

Pursuant to Minute EX.016/11, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive that the Energy Efficiency Supplementary Planning Document, as appended to report ED.10/11, be approved and adopted as part of the Council's Local Development Framework. A copy of Report ED.10/11 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Mrs Bowman moved and Councillor Mallinson (J) seconded the above recommendation.

RESOLVED – That the Energy Efficiency Supplementary Planning Document as appended to Report ED.10/11 be approved and adopted to form part of the Council's Local Development Framework.

C.55/11 COMMUNICATIONS

Councillor Mitchelson reported on a change to the Conservative Group membership on the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel. He moved that Councillor Mrs Parsons should replace Councillor Bowman (S) as a full Member of the Panel; and Councillor Bowman (S) replace Councillor Mrs Parsons as a substitute Member thereof.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Mrs Parsons replace Councillor Bowman (S) as a full Member of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel; and Councillor Bowman (S) replace Councillor Mrs Parsons as a substitute Member thereof.

(The meeting ended at 8.22 pm)