

AGENDA

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Thursday, 11 June 2015 AT 10:00
In the Flensburg Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

****Briefing meeting for Members will be at 9.30 am in the
Flensburg Room****

Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutions.

Declarations of Interest

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and any interests, relating to any item on the agenda at this stage.

Public and Press

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

Minutes of Previous Meetings

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To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 February 2015
[Copy Minutes in Minute Book Volume 41(6)]

To note the minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2015
[Copy Minutes herewith]

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 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Riverside Carlisle

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10, the Director of Governance to report the receipt of the following questions to the Chairman which have been submitted on notice by Mr Barker, Secretary of the Carlisle and Rural Tenants' Federation.

Any views or opinions expressed in the questions set out in this Agenda paper are those of the person submitting the question and do not necessarily reflect the position, views or opinions of the Council.

QUESTION ONE

At the last meeting of the Panel (April 9), the Riverside Housing Association representatives were asked about the composition of the Riverside Tenants' Scrutiny Panel. The representatives said that this panel comprised tenants and also representatives of Riverside and was considered independent of Riverside.

The view was then expressed by the council panel chairman that because of the inclusion of Riverside representatives, the Riverside tenants' panel could not claim to be independent and by implication have the power to hold Riverside effectively to account.

Does the panel agree with the view of its chairman and if so, does the panel feel that representations should be made to Riverside about this absence of independence?

QUESTION TWO

Following serious criticisms of the working practices and of other aspects of Riverside Housing Association's activities, made at this panel's meetings and at other places, there had subsequently recently been a praiseworthy involvement of the council in attempting to address what apparently are complaints made by Riverside tenants and leaseholders which cannot be resolved.

For at least three years this unsatisfactory situation has been causing real distress and hardship to Riverside tenants and leaseholders, particularly in Longtown.

What further steps does the panel consider necessary to end this unsatisfactory situation?

A.3 LOW COST HOME OWNERSHIP POLICY

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(Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio)

The Director of Economic Development to submit a report presenting the draft Low Cost Home Ownership Policy for consideration.

The Policy had been considered by the Executive at their meeting on 1 June 2015.

(Copy Report ED.26/15 herewith. Minute Excerpt to follow)

A.4 END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT 2014-15

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(Cross Cutting)

The Policy and Communications Manager to submit a report that updates the Panel on the Council's service standards that help measure performance and updates on key actions contained within the Carlisle Plan.

(Copy Report PC.07/15 herewith)

A.5 OVERVIEW REPORT AND WORK PROGRAMME

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(Cross Cutting)

To consider a report providing an overview of matters related to the work of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel, together with the latest version of the Work Programme and details of Key Decisions items relevant to this Panel as set out in the Notice of Executive Key Decisions
(Copy Report OS.11/15 herewith)

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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FOOD LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE PLAN
(Copy Report LE.16/15 herewith. Minute Excerpt to follow)

PART B

To be considered when the Public and Press are excluded from the meeting

B.1 LEISURE FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);

Members of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Conservative – Ellis, Mrs McKerrell (Vice Chairman), Mrs Vasey, Bainbridge (sub), Bloxham (sub), Mrs Mallinson (sub)

Labour – Burns (Chairman), Osgood, Scarborough, Mrs Stevenson, Ms Williams, Caig (sub), Ms Franklin (sub), Harid (sub)

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