

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY**

Report of
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**COUNCILLOR
RAY KNAPTON**

Report of Chairman, Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee to Council Meeting 14 January 2003.

There have been two meetings of the Committee to report in the last cycle. 21 Nov. 2002. An interesting question and answer session was held between Members and the Head of Environmental Services on Carlisle's position in the lower quartile on inspections of food premises. The Head of Environmental Services agreed to submit an action plan to the next full meeting of the Committee on means of improving the position.

The Community Safety Co-ordinator presented a report on the Carlisle and Eden Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and a draft plan for improving Carlisle's performance on some indicators.

It was clear that some of the CDRP partners were not fully involved and ideas were sought as to how they could be pulled in, and also many of the statistics were in course of being standardised and it was considered that more productive conclusions could be drawn from an arranged updated action plan at a future meeting.

The Arts Development Officer submitted and answered questions on a paper detailing how the programme and publicity of events at Stanwix Arts Theatre and Brampton Live could be expanded as they would be the mainstay of arts provision in the foreseeable future.

The meeting welcomed Mr Ian Tabbron, North West Arts Cumbria Officer to give views on the Theatre/ Arts Centre Review.

Mr. Tabbron emphasised that there would be little or no capital grants for new arts provision in the foreseeable future but he recognised that Carlisle received well below the regional average of revenue grants on a per capita basis and he would encourage additional allocation of funds if the present position, which he praised, could be expanded.

A special meeting was held on 3 December 2002 primarily to receive a presentation on Raffles Vision.

This was an excellent Presentation by representatives of Carlisle Housing Association, Lovell Partnerships Ltd and Ainsley Gommon - Architects. The thrust of the presentation showed the full involvement of the Raffles residents and how their views had been incorporated into the plan. The members were unanimous in welcoming the Vision and were of the opinion that this was the way forward for the estate.

Preliminary papers concerning, Community Centre Budgets, Review of Advice Agencies and Tullie House-Savings Proposals were also submitted and it was considered that the Committee would feel more involved when more specific proposals were on the table.

Councillor Ray Knapton
CHAIRMAN
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