

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY**

Report of
Chairman:

**COUNCILLOR
RAY KNAPTON**

Meeting 10th October 2002

A full and interesting presentation on the working of the Carlisle and Eden Crime and Disorder Partnership was given by Superintendent B.Horn and the Council's Community Safety Officer and a full range of questions answered and the Committee looked forward to future liaisons.

A report was presented on Performance Indicators - Access for Disabled in response to a request from the previous meeting over the setting of targets, the report cleared most of the Committee's concerns but it was felt that there must be more corporate co-operation between the Access Officer/ Building Surveying Manager and various Service Operation Managers where building modification costs were very high to try and modify service delivery.

A presentation from the Director of Leisure and the Arts Development Manager confirmed the Committee's previous view that the provision of a new build theatre for Carlisle in the near future was extremely unlikely and that the future thrust of the Review should be on co-operation with existing facilities in the area.

A meeting was held on 18th. October to deal with a Call-In of Executive Decision on the Raffles Area Strategy at which the Portfolio Holder and Officers gave full answers to the many questions raised and in the opinion of the majority of members present the decision to go ahead with demolition plans which had been in the pipe-line for many years should proceed.

As Chairman I had to mention that I had attended one of the Open-Days of the Raffles Area Regeneration Partnership Group and was very impressed by the enthusiasm shown by the representatives of Riverside Group, Lovells

Developers, Ainsley Gommen Architects and particularly the way in which resident's comments were being incorporated into the overall plan and in particular the way the residents were enthusiastic that the development plans represented a great opportunity to bring the estate back to it's former popularity.

Councillor Ray Knapton
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