

Report to: Council

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Title: **Environment & Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Chairman's Report –
Councillor Nedved**

The Panel met on the 2nd May for a single item agenda Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership. The Chair welcomed Mrs Gillian Bishop, Interim Business Manager who provided a background and update on the work of the LEP and the basis of the submission from Cumbria. Agreement from the Panel that the work of the LEP be included in the Work Programme for the following municipal year.

The Panel met on the 3rd July to scrutinise reports on Claimed Rights , End of Year Performance Report 2013/14, Carlisle Plan update, and response from the Executive to the Recycling Task and Finish Group's report. The Panel were disappointed that Jonathon Smith (County) was unable to attend report on Claimed Rights. However, Keith Poole, Highways Manager was able to report that a "Memorandum of Understanding" between County and City Councils was closer to agreement . Issues included City (footway and amenity lighting) City (winter maintenance) ,highway verges and tree maintenance, weed control and gully cleaning. Areas covered in the Performance Report and Carlisle Plan update would be picked up in the Forward Work Programme

A positive response to the recommendations of the Recycling Task Group was given by the Director of Local Environment and Portfolio Holder . No side waste policy and continuance of fortnightly collections were key recommendations of the report, and measures to address a dip in recycling performance by City Council.

The Talkin Tarn report was deferred at the recommendation of the Director of Local Environment to provide opportunity for a more robust business plan and results of a customer survey .The Panel will receive an update in August and comprehensive business plan at the October Panel meeting.

A full work programme was agreed by Members, Officers, and Portfolio Holders for Local Environment and Economy. Would include City Centre Masterplan, Local Plan, Rethinking Waste Project, Business Support, Meeting Housing Targets, Public Realm/Tourist Information Centre , and report on Talkin Tarn Business Plan. Two Task and Finish Groups will be formed to cover Business Support and a Litter Bin Review as part of the rethinking waste project. Full details of the discussions to be found within the minute book.

Cllr Paul Nedved.

Chairman.