

Report to  
**Council**

Agenda  
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Title: **Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel Chairman's Report –  
Councillor Jack Paton**

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Due to the amount of items on the Agenda, I felt that after talking to Steven O'Keeffe, it was only right to move the Sands Centre Redevelopment and possibly another item to an additional Scrutiny Panel Meeting, now scheduled for Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

I felt the Tullie House Business Plan was extremely interesting and raised a higher than expected amount of questions from the Panel. It was highlighted that the Museum was in a unique position that it could promote itself as a major player in the Country. Not only was there the Roman link, but the Borderlands feuds, the Reivers connection and also the links with our Scottish neighbours. There is also the potential to work together with English Heritage, Carlisle Cathedral together with the link to the Railway and the major part they played in the Region. The Panel was happy that any future changes being proposed to the funding for Tullie House would come back to Scrutiny.

Turning to the Budget, the current MTFP would continue to be updated as the key issues became clearer and the appropriate decisions were taken.

We were disappointed that the John Street Hostel is still not open. It is two years since Storm Desmond in 2015 and I feel it is an unacceptable length of time taken to get it reopened.

On the matter of Rethinking Waste we were all very supportive of the implementation of the Waste Project together with the training regime. We feel that as we now have our own fleet things will improve, and the use of agency staff will be very minimal as we are now employing our own personnel who will be trained. We asked for an update in six months.

**Cllr Jack Paton**  
**Chairman**