

Report to:

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Meeting Date: 15 July 2014

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Title: **Community Overview and Scrutiny Chairman's Report –
Councillor R Burns**

The first meeting of the current municipal year was held on 19th June 2014. Unfortunately myself and the Vice Chair, Cllr Prest, were unable to attend and Cllr Harid was appointed Chair for the meeting.

The Panel were due to look at their work programme for the year ahead and determine their priorities, this has been deferred to the meeting on 31st July and if any Member of the Council has any burning topic that they would like to see scrutiny get to the bottom of we would welcome your suggestions.

At the meeting in June the Panel received the response from the Executive on the recommendations made by the Hate Crime Task and Finish Group. Members were informed that Cllr Elizabeth Mallinson who led the work had recently attended a conference hosted by AWAZ who had been impressed with the work undertaken by the Group. It was agreed that the Panel would monitor the changes and look at this again in six months time.

The Panel also considered the end of year Performance Report and several questions were raised on the service standard on the "Average Days to Process New Benefits Claims" as Members wished to be reassured that claimants were not falling into financial difficulty due to delays. Members were also interested in the amount of people who had benefited from the Homelife Carlisle scheme (currently 39).

Finally the Panel received a report on the Implementation of Mobile Homes Act 2013 which introduced new conditions for those sites and a fee structure was to be implemented for funding the Councils cost for licensing the sites.

Councillor Rob Burns
Chairman