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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE  
INFRASTRUCTURE OVERVIEW AND  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 19 JUNE 2003**

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**IOS.50/03    TRANSPORT PRIORITIES**

The Head of Commercial and Technical Services presented report CTS.15/03 highlighting the Council's wish to fulfil an active role in pursuing transport improvements both within and to/from the area. Whilst not a Transport Authority, good and sustainable transport access was a major element in the delivery of corporate objectives. Feedback had been provided by DAG members on transport priorities and several meetings held with the Chamber of Commerce to embrace their views.

Two main categories had been identified, one for regional transport issues and one for local issues although invariably these overlapped. In recent years the City Council, the other Cumbrian Districts and County Council had all been committed to one strategy where priorities included improvements to the A66 east of Penrith and the A590. That was in the process of being updated with the Cumbria Strategic Partnership having recently established a sub-group to take on the task.

It was an opportune time therefore for the Council to take stock and a number of regional and local transport priorities had been identified upon which Members' views were sought.

Mr Battersby considered it important for the City Council to maintain pressure to ensure the delivery of the Carlisle Northern Development Route and be involved in the M6 Extension/Route Management Strategy. He also shared Members' frustration at the minimal progress made in implementing the Local Transport Plan.

Members then discussed in some detail a number of aspects and Mr Battersby answered various questions from Members.

**RESOLVED – (1)** That the lists of priorities for regional/sub-regional and local issues be endorsed, subject to the consideration of :

- (a) the concept of a southern bypass;
- (b) the issue of access from the housing development at the former Garlands Hospital to the A6;
- (c) the widening of Nelson Bridge/James Street junction.

(2) That priority be afforded to those items which were considered to be readily achievable, primarily completion of the Inner Ring Road network.

(3) That a consultation exercise on identified priorities should be undertaken including the Citizens Panel and other interested parties with feedback informing the Action Plan.