Report of the

MANAGEMENT O & S COMMITTEE

Chairman

Cllr. B. O. Earp

The first meeting of the Management O & S Committee, in the Municipal Year, was held on the 5th July 2007.

Cllr M Boaden was appointed the Vice Chairman.

Concern was expressed regarding the number of changes and general exceptions that had occurred to the Forward Plan, which was not working as well as in the past.

It was hoped that the Customer Contact Centre Report and the Museum and Arts Governance Options Report would be comprehensive to enable full Scrutiny of the different options available.

The Committee was of the opinion that if in future the Carlisle Renaissance Funding Delivery was better planned this would enable earlier input from the O & S Committee.

The main topic for discussion was the Protocol on Relations between O & S and the Executive. Following a number of questions the Committee welcomed, and agreed, the Protocol but emphasis was placed on Chairmen and Members being vigilant in holding the Executive Members to account.

Members then considered a report regarding the trial to cease circulation of committee papers to substitute members of O & S Committees which Infrastructure O & S ran from January to May 2007. During that period substitute members received an Agenda of the meeting for information only. However, if they in effect substituted for a member, a full copy of the papers was given to them by that member.

It was resolved by the Members that the trial had worked well and it was, therefore, unnecessary to circulate all papers to substitute members unless requested. Agreed that the Executive should consider ways to reduce the paper mountain within City Council Committees.

Cllr B. O. Earp Chairman Management O & S Committee 24th August 2007