

CITY COUNCIL

TUESDAY 8 JANUARY 2013 AT 6.45 PM

PRESENT: The Mayor (Councillor Wilson), Councillors Allison, Mrs Atkinson, Atkinson, Bainbridge, Bell, Betton, Bloxham, Boaden, Bowditch, Mrs Bowman, Bowman (S), Mrs Bradley, Cape, Mrs Clarke, Collier, Craig, Earp, Ellis, Forrester, Ms Franklin, Glover, Graham, Harid, Hendry, Layden, Lishman, Mrs Luckley, Mrs Mallinson, Mallinson (J), Mrs Martlew, McDevitt, Mitchelson, Morton, Nedved, Mrs Parsons, Ms Patrick, Mrs Prest, Ms Quilter, Mrs Riddle, Scarborough, Miss Sherriff, Mrs Southward, Mrs Stevenson, Stothard, Tickner, Mrs Vasey, Mrs Warwick, Watson, and Weber

Town Clerk and Chief Executive
Director of Governance

C.01/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Mrs Geddes and Whalen.

C.02/13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the City Council held on 13 November 2012 were received and signed as a true record of the meeting.

C.03/13 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That the Agenda be agreed as circulated.

C.04/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Glover declared an interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct in respect of Item 18(iii) – Proposals for Implementation of Council Tax Technical Reforms to Discounts and Exemptions. Councillor Glover stated that he was the executor of an empty property and may benefit from the proposals. He would therefore leave the meeting during consideration of that item of business.

C.05/13 ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) The Mayor

There were no announcements from the Mayor.

(b) The Leader of the Council

There were no announcements from the Leader.

(c) Members of the Executive

There were no announcements from Members of the Executive.

(d) Town Clerk and Chief Executive

There were no announcements from the Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

C.06/13 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.1, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that no questions had been submitted on notice by members of the public.

C.07/13 PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.11, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that no petitions or deputations had been submitted by members of the public.

C.08/13 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 11.2, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported that no questions had been submitted on notice by members of the City Council.

C.09/13 EXECUTIVE

Councillor Hendry moved the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 19 November, 13 and 17 December 2012.

The Leader and the Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder then responded to Members' questions on those Minutes.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 19 November, 13 and 17 December 2012 be received and adopted.

C.10/13 PORTFOLIO HOLDER REPORTS

Copies of reports from the following Portfolio Holders had been circulated prior to the meeting:

Leader's Portfolio
Finance, Governance and Resources
Environment and Transport
Economy and Enterprise
Communities and Housing
Culture, Health, Leisure and Young People

The Leader began by commending Members of the Executive for the significant amount of positive, hard work undertaken.

Whilst moving his report, the Leader reported that a budget consultation meeting had taken place on 4 January 2013 with the Large Employers Affinity Group. Positive comments had been made during that meeting, particularly with regard to the cleanliness of the City Centre. He drew Members' attention to the positive news with regard to the Border Regiment Museum and Carlisle College as detailed within his report; and extended warm congratulations to the Principal of Carlisle College, Ms Moira Tattersall, on the award of her OBE, and to Bendalls Engineering of Carlisle who had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with French nuclear engineering firm Areva.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder moved his report, highlighting in particular the strategic planning and organisational development sections thereof. The Portfolio Holder stated that the sixth annual Celebration of Learning event on 4 December 2012 had proved to be an excellent and rewarding evening, and he paid tribute to all Officers involved in the event.

In moving her report, the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder outlined progress around the Annetwell Street / Abbey Street Enhancements; Parking; the Annual Parking Report; and Clean Up Carlisle. She expressed grateful thanks to members of the street cleaning teams, whose work was making a real difference to the City.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder added that it gave her great pleasure to acknowledge the achievements of the Director of Local Environment who had, due to her professionalism and expertise, been approached to undertake work in Bangladesh in relation to a scheme, designed to provide environmental, economic and social benefits to the community. The Director had visited during a period of annual leave, reviewed the situation and developed a Waste Review and recommended a strategy for change. The review had subsequently been accepted and the Portfolio Holder congratulated the Director on what was a significant achievement.

The Mayor felt sure that Members of the City Council would also wish to join in those congratulations.

The Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder moved his report, emphasising the importance of the forthcoming Funding Fair to be held at Carlisle racecourse in March 2013. He added that an event for Members would also take place later this month, expressing the hope that as many Members as possible would attend.

The Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder referred to the ceremonial finish of the RAC Rally on 25 November 2012 which had been a substantial success, resulting in positive feedback. He expressed thanks to Brampton Parish Council for their support, and to Ms Connie Ridley (Chairman) for presenting the prizes at the presentation event.

Whilst moving her report, the Communities and Housing Portfolio Holder commented in particular upon the position with regard to the successful Foundations bid; Homelessness and Hostels; and Communities and Housing (Equalities). She extended thanks and appreciation to members of staff within the Homelessness and Welfare Advice Teams for work undertaken.

In moving her report, the Culture, Health, Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder referred to the sections concerning the Carlisle Tourist Information Centre; the Old Town Hall; and Sport and Physical Activity. She extended thanks to those Officers and Partners of the City Council involved in the tourism events.

Members questioned individual Portfolio Holders on details of their reports and it was:

RESOLVED – (1) That the reports of the Portfolio Holders be received.

(2) That the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder provide written details of the assets disposed of under the Asset Review Disposal Programme in response to the request raised by Councillor Bainbridge.

(3) That the Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder provide a written response to Councillor Morton with regard to his question on Clean Up Carlisle i.e. how many of the 67 fixed penalty notices issued since 1 April 2012 had been paid; and, if they had not been paid, would action be taken to pursue payment through the Courts.

(4) That the Communities and Housing Portfolio Holder provide a reply in writing to Councillor Mrs Parsons' request for clarification as to the measures being taken by the Carlisle and Eden CDRP (Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership) to address the ongoing drug and alcohol abuse in the City.

(5) That the Culture, Health, Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder provide a written reply to Councillor J Mallinson concerning the tennis programme at Bitts Park, the profit of £2,100 from which would be reinvested into tennis development opportunities (the response to include a breakdown of the takings / costs associated to the project, together with details of any costs attributed to central charges).

(6) The Council record its congratulations to the Director of Local Environment on her achievement as detailed above.

C.11/13 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MINUTES AND CHAIRMEN'S REPORTS

(a) Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Mrs Luckley moved and Councillor Mrs Prest seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 22 November 2012 be received and adopted.

Councillor Mrs Luckley also presented her Chairman's Report.

Councillors Mrs Luckley and Mrs Prest then responded to Members' questions.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 22 November 2012 together with the Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

(b) Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Watson moved and it was seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 4 December 2012 be received and adopted.

Councillor Watson also presented his Chairman's Report.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 4 December 2012 together with the Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

(c) Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillor Layden moved and Councillor Nedved seconded that the Minutes of the Meetings of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 25 October and 29 November 2012 be received and adopted.

Councillor Layden also presented his Chairman's Report.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meetings of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel held on 25 October and 29 November 2012 together with the Chairman's Report be received and adopted.

C.12/13 REGULATORY PANEL

Councillor Bell moved and Councillor Ms Franklin seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Regulatory Panel held on 21 November 2012.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Regulatory Panel held on 21 November 2012 be received and adopted.

C.13/13 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Councillor Scarborough moved and Councillor Cape seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 9 November 2012.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Development Control Committee held on 9 November 2012 be received and adopted.

C.14/13 EMPLOYMENT PANEL

Councillor Glover moved and Councillor P Atkinson seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Panel held on 3 December 2012.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Employment Panel held on 3 December 2012 be received and adopted.

C.15/13 APPEALS PANEL

Councillor Collier moved and Councillor Boaden seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of Appeals Panel No. 3 held on 23 November 2012.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of Appeals Panel No. 3 held on 23 November 2012 be received and adopted.

C.16/13 STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Councillor Mrs Bradley moved and Councillor Boaden seconded the receipt and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 10 December 2012, subject to the insertion of the word “not” in Minute ST.17/12, point 3. so that it reads:

“3. However, in weighing the evidence the Standards Committee did not find that Councillor Watson OBE had brought his office or the authority into disrepute.”

RESOLVED – That, subject to the above amendment, the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standards Committee held on 10 December 2012 be received and adopted.

C.17/13 NOTICE OF MOTION

(1) Tax Loopholes

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported the receipt of the following Motion submitted on notice by Councillor Hendry:

“This Council calls on the Coalition Government to close the tax loopholes that allow 98 of the largest 100 companies in the United Kingdom to avoid paying taxes fairly and transparently. Christian Aid has demonstrated that at least £35 billion is lost to the British economy as a result. This is more than the £30 billion this government is cutting from public services in 2012.”

Councillor Hendry moved and Councillor Tickner seconded the motion.

Councillor Hendry then elaborated in some detail upon the reasons for submission of the motion, expressing the hope that the City Council would lend their support.

Following substantial discussion, with input from a number of Members of the City Council, and voting thereon, it was:

RESOLVED – That the Motion of Councillor Hendry as set out above be CARRIED.

(2) Welfare Reforms

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 12, the Town Clerk and Chief Executive reported the receipt of the following Motion submitted on notice by Councillor P Atkinson:

“This Council is extremely concerned about the welfare reforms being implemented by this government. This Council recognises the significant impact that these changes are likely to have, particularly on services related to housing and the wider impact of people’s social and economic wellbeing.

This Council acknowledges that work and a living wage is the best form of welfare. However, in the current economic climate, this Council fears that problems of social exclusion and deprivation will become entrenched and exacerbated as result of the governments welfare reforms.

Therefore, this Council calls on its Members of Parliament John Stevenson and Rory Stewart to raise these concerns with government, highlighting their detrimental impact on children, families and the most vulnerable people within the district of Carlisle.”

Councillor P Atkinson moved and Councillor Ms Franklin seconded the motion.

Councillor P Atkinson then elaborated in some detail upon the reasons for submission of the motion, expressing the hope that the City Council would lend their support.

Following substantial discussion, with input from a number of Members of the City Council, and voting thereon, it was:

RESOLVED – That the Motion of Councillor P Atkinson as set out above be CARRIED,

C.18/13 PROPOSALS FROM THE EXECUTIVE IN RELATION TO THE COUNCIL’S BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK

(i) EX.093/12 and EX.144/12 – Local Support for Council Tax

Pursuant to Minute EX.093/12 and EX.144/12, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive concerning the proposed Scheme for Local Support for Council Tax. A copy of Report CD.07/13 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved and it was seconded and:

RESOLVED – That the City Council:

- Agreed that the current level of reductions given to existing Council Tax Benefit recipients be continued when changing from a Benefit to a Discount.
- Agreed Carlisle City Council’s CTRS which is, where legislation permits, identical to the current Department for Work and Pension’s Council Tax Benefit Scheme but written as a S13A policy document, under The Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended by Section 10, of the Local Government Finance Act 2012) to ensure it becomes a legal Discount rather than a Benefit.
- Approved that the scheme be updated automatically to take account of any future legislative changes and that Members be notified of any alterations and their consequences.

- Approved the CTRS S13A policy and the decisions regarding the implementation of the principles of funding the scheme, in part or full, through the application of Council Tax Technical Reforms (created under Section 11A and Section 11B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended by Section 11 and Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 2012) and other funding streams.
 - Noted that since the report on 6 August 2012 the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) announced that an additional £100 million of funding for councils nationally was to be made available. These additional funds were aimed at supporting the development of well-designed council tax support schemes and to maintain positive incentives to work. The amount of funding for which councils would be eligible to apply and the conditions for funding would be published in January 2013.
 - Approved that an application for additional funding may be made at the appropriate time.
 - Noted the findings of the draft policy (statement of intent) consultation.
 - Approved that a full appraisal is completed by December 2013 to take into account the financial and other implications of the CTRS in its first operational year with a view to recommending any necessary changes in respect of 2014/15 onwards.
 - Approved that as CTRS was required to be reviewed annually prior to the start of the financial year that this was subsumed within the annual budget process.
 - Approved the amendment of the City Council's Scheme of Delegated Authority to replicate the Section 151 Officer and the Director of Community Engagement's responsibilities in terms of the existing administration of Council Tax Benefit scheme to be continued within the new setting of CTRS.
 - Noted that an index of abbreviations was included at appendix 2.
- (ii) EX.143/12 and EX.163/12 – Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust Business Plan 2013/14 – 2015/16

Pursuant to Minute EX.143/12 and EX.163/12, consideration was given to recommendations from the Executive that the City Council approve Year 1 (2013/14) of the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust 2012 – 2015 Business Plan, including the City Council Grant of £1,198,420; and that the Director of Community Engagement and Portfolio Holder be given delegated authority to bring forward a revised grant proposal for the period 2014/15 to 2016/17.

A copy of Report CD.05/13 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Ms Quilter moved and it was seconded and:

RESOLVED – (1) That the City Council approved Year 1 (2013/14) of the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust 2012 – 2015 Business Plan, including the City Council Grant of £1,198,420.

(2) That the Director of Community Engagement and Portfolio Holder be given delegated authority to bring forward a revised grant proposal for the period 2014/15 to 2016/17.

(iii) EX.145/12 and EX.166/12 – Proposals for Implementation of Council Tax Technical Reforms to Discounts and Exemptions

Councillor Glover, having declared an interest, retired from the meeting during consideration of this item.

Pursuant to Minute EX.145/12 and EX.166/12, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive that the City Council approve the proposals set out in Report RD.61/12 and summarised in paragraph 5.1 as a means to fund in part the grant reductions to be introduced from 1 April 2013 in funding the cost of the localisation of Council Tax Benefits (discounts). A copy of Report RD.61/12 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved and it was seconded and:

RESOLVED – That the City Council approved the proposals set out in Report RD.61/12 and summarised in paragraph 5.1 as a means to fund in part the grant reductions to be introduced from 1 April 2013 in funding the cost of the localisation of Council Tax Benefits (discounts).

(iv) EX.146/12 and EX.164/12 – Tenancy Strategy

Pursuant to Minute EX.146/12 and EX.164/12, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive that the City Council approve the Tenancy Strategy attached to Report CD.06/13 in accordance with the Council's Policy Framework. A copy of Report CD.06/13 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Mrs Riddle moved and it was seconded and:

RESOLVED – That the City Council approved the Tenancy Strategy in accordance with the Council's Policy Framework.

(v) EX.154/12 – Dates and Times of Meetings for 2013/14

Pursuant to Minute EX.154/12, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive that the City Council approve the schedule of dates and times of meetings in the 2013/14 municipal year as set out in the calendar attached as an Appendix to Report GD.05/13, and note the dates and times of meetings of the Executive as chosen by the Leader. A copy of Report GD.05/13 and the Minute Extract had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved the recommendations.

Discussion ensued, during which Members queried why the Annual Council meeting had been moved from 20 May 2013 (as agreed by Council on 10 January 2012 – Report GD.03/12); the frequency of City Council meetings; and why meetings of the Joint Management Team were not included within the calendar.

RESOLVED – That the matter be deferred in order that further consideration could be given to the issues identified by Members.

(vi) EX.167/12 – Review of Polling Arrangements

Pursuant to Minute EX.167/12, consideration was given to a report of the Director Governance regarding the Review of Polling Arrangements and the recommendations contained therein. A copy of Report GD.70/12(a) and Minute Extract had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved the recommendations and commended staff within Electoral Services for undertaking the review.

RESOLVED – That it be agreed:

1. That no changes be made to the City Council's current polling district boundaries.
2. It is recommended that the polling arrangements in the following wards remain unchanged:

Brampton	Harraby	Stanwix Urban
Burgh	Irthing	St Aidan's
Currock	Longtown & Rockcliffe	Upperby
Dalston	Lyne	Wetheral
Great Corby & Geltsdale	Morton	Yewdale
Hayton	Stanwix Rural	

3. Belle Vue Primary School continues to be the polling place for districts MA and MB.
4. That 1 Etterby Close be designated as the polling place for polling district AD
5. That the West End Temperance Hall be designated as the polling place for polling district JB.
6. That the Botcherby Family Centre continues to be designated as the polling place for polling district DB.
7. That the portable cabin sited opposite the entrance to the Cemetery on Richardson Street continues to be designated as the polling place for polling district HE.
8. Officers continue to monitor the use of portable cabins as polling stations and continue to investigate potential alternatives. It be further recommended that Officers discuss with the supplier the use of a number of self contained units and improved units with a wider door as detailed in paragraph 19 at a number of polling station locations where portable cabins were currently used.
9. The Returning Officer be given authority, after consultation with relevant Ward Councillors and the Portfolio Holder, to change polling place locations at the County Council elections or any other elections if the usual premises proved to be unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances.

(vii) EX.153/12 and EX.159/12 – Capital Budget Overview and Monitoring Report: April to September 2012

Pursuant to Minute EX.153/12 and EX.159/12, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive that the City Council approve Budget virements from underspends from Kingstown Industrial Estate (£150,100) and Families Accommodation Replacement (£100,000) to fund the additional expenditure at the Resource Centre. A copy of Report RD.50/12 and relevant Minute Extracts had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved the recommendation.

Councillor Bloxham asked the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder to explain how it was possible to have an underspend of £100k when the Families Accommodation Replacement project was only one quarter the way through. He referred to paragraph 3.5(iii) which stated “There will be no underspend at the end of the financial year”; also noting that the report said nothing about no overspend. As the previous Portfolio Holder, Councillor Bloxham remembered being asked to reduce the quote to fit the budget, following which Councillor Mrs Bradley, Officers and himself had reduced certain areas.

Councillor Bloxham indicated that he would prefer to see security for families at a vulnerable time in their lives enhanced, rather than filtered away on a VAT claim.

Councillor Mrs Bowman noted that the variance in Economic Development was attributable to an overspend on Central Plaza conservation works (paragraph 3.7 refers) which gave her cause for concern.

Councillor Mrs Bowman further referred to a letter which she had received from the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder on 2 August 2012 which referred to secured creditors. During her time as Economic Development Portfolio Holder she understood that there were no creditors on the property, and she questioned what had changed.

The Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder undertook to provide written responses on the issues raised by the Councillors.

Councillor Bloxham then reluctantly proposed that, since the Council did not have all the information necessary to make an informed judgement, the report be referred back to the Executive.

Councillor Mrs Parsons seconded the proposal which, following voting, was defeated.

Following further voting, it was:

RESOLVED – (1) That the City Council approved Budget virements from underspends from Kingstown Industrial Estate (£150,100) and Families Accommodation Replacement (£100,000) to fund the additional expenditure at the Resource Centre.

(2) That the Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder provide written responses to the questions raised by Councillors Bloxham and Mrs Bowman as outlined above.

(viii) EX.152/12 – Revenue Budget Overview and Monitoring Report: April to September 2012

Pursuant to Minute EX.152/12, consideration was given to a recommendation from the Executive that the City Council approve the funding of the underachieved savings, £344,300 in 2012/13 and £358,500 in 2013/14 onwards, as set out in Appendix B to Report RD.51/12. A copy of the report and the Minute Extract had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved, it was seconded and:

RESOLVED - That the City Council approved the funding of the underachieved savings, £344,300 in 2012/13 and £358,500 in 2013/14 onwards, as set out in Appendix B to Report RD.51/12.

C.19/13 CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT: COUNCILLOR R WATSON OBE

Pursuant to Minute ST.17/12, consideration was given to a report of the Director of Governance informing Members that the Standards Committee had on 10 December 2012 heard complaints that Councillor R Watson OBE had breached the Council's Code of Conduct for elected Members. Background information, together with the findings of fact were provided.

Having weighed the evidence the Standards Committee held that:

1. A member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard Councillor Watson's interest as so significant that it was likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest.
2. Accordingly, Councillor Watson OBE had failed to declare a personal and prejudicial interest and withdraw from the Council meeting on 8 November 2011 and had, therefore, breached the Code of Conduct for Members.
3. However, in weighing the evidence the Standards Committee did not uphold the complaints that Councillor Watson OBE had brought his office or the authority into disrepute.

The Standards Committee determined that the appropriate action was that the matter be reported to Council for information.

A copy of Report GD.02/13 and relevant Minute Extract had been circulated.

Councillor Mrs Bradley reminded Members that word "not" should be inserted at point 3. of Minute ST.17/12, so that it reads:

"3. However, in weighing the evidence the Standards Committee did not find that Councillor Watson OBE had brought his office or the authority into disrepute."

Councillor Mrs Bradley then moved and Councillor Boaden seconded, and it was:

RESOLVED – That Council received and noted the decision of the Standards Committee.

C.20/13 ESTABLISHMENT OF THE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL IN CUMBRIA

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Governance (GD.03/13) informing Members that, following the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 each police area in England (other than the metropolitan police district) was required to establish a Police and Crime Panel to publically scrutinise the new Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC). The report outlined the development of the Cumbria Police and Crime Panel, and detailed proposed arrangements for the Panel and its membership. A copy of the report had been circulated.

Councillor Tickner moved and it was RESOLVED:

That the City Council –

1. Noted the development of the Cumbria Police and Crime Panel and its composition; and
2. Agreed the arrangements for the Cumbria Police and Crime Panel.

C.21/13 COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Councillor J Mallinson moved and it was seconded and agreed that Councillor Earp replace Councillor Collier as a full Member on the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

C.22/13 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PROCEDURE RULES CALL-IN AND URGENCY

Pursuant to Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 15(i), consideration was given to a report of the Director of Governance (GD.01/13) on procedures in respect of occasions where decisions taken by the Executive were urgent.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

C.23/13 COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications or items of business brought forward by the Mayor as a matter of urgency to be dealt with at the meeting.

C.24/13 MAYOR'S COMMENTS

The Mayor gave notice of the following fund-raising events in support of his Charity:

- Burns Supper – 25 January 2013 : organised by Councillor Mrs Riddle; and
- Race Night, Morton Community Centre – 1 February 2013 : organised by Councillor Layden

(The meeting ended at 9.17 pm)