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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE  
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2002**

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**OSM.19/02 LISTENING TO THE RURAL VOICE – A STRATEGY FOR  
RURAL CARLISLE**

The Economic Development Manager attended the meeting and presented report EDU.02/02 containing the "Listening to the Rural Voice" – A Strategy for Rural Carlisle. He advised that the strategy was in response to the Rural White Paper and the findings of the Rural Voice Consultations held in 1999/00. It was written as a Delivery Plan within City Vision and showed how the aspirations in City Vision could be taken forward in rural Carlisle.

The Economic Development Manager referred to the sections of the Strategy on developing the vision for communities in rural Carlisle in paragraph 6 of the report, and asked that Overview and Scrutiny Committees provide responses to the bullet points in that section.

Members commented on the need for action in relation to the Strategy and discussed the mechanism for consideration of the Strategy by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Members recognised that under the current Constitution, the Management Committee could not give consideration to the Strategy but commented that due to its significant corporate implications, each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees should be asked for comments.

**RESOLVED – (1)** That the "Listening to the Rural Voice" – A Strategy for Rural Carlisle be referred to each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for comments in relation to each of their specific areas. The comments of each Committee would thereafter be consolidated by Officers and submitted to the Chairman of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for final approval and submission to the Executive.

**(2)** That when the comments are forwarded to the Executive, the Chairman of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee attend that Executive meeting to outline the comments.

<b>Decision Ref No</b>	EX.055/02		
<b>Subject Matter</b>	<p>"LISTENING TO THE RURAL VOICE" - A STRATEGY FOR RURAL CARLISLE</p> <p>To consider a Report from the Head of Economic Development (EDU.2/02) enclosing the above Strategy which was a response to the Rural White Paper and the findings of the "Rural Voice" consultations held in 1999 and 2000. The draft had been circulated to Parish Councils and debated at a special meeting with the Parishes on 28 January 2002. The draft Strategy was to the subject of further consultation with a view to a final document being presented to the City Council for approval on 30 April 2002.</p>		
<b>Decision</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That it is noted that the draft Strategy has been circulated to the Parish Councils for comment.</li> <li>2. That the draft Strategy be referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for comment.</li> <li>3. That the Head of Economic Development be requested to consult external agencies and work up draft action plans with them.</li> <li>4. That a further report detailing the outcome of the consultation process be submitted to the Executive on 15 April 2002 prior to submission of the final Rural Strategy document to the full City Council on 30 April 2002.</li> </ol>		
<b>Key or Non-Key Decision</b>	Non-Key	<b>Key Decision Ref</b>	Not applicable
<b>Portfolio</b>	Community Activities, Economic Prosperity, Infrastructure, Environment and Transport, Health and Wellbeing		
<b>Who made decision</b>	Executive		
<b>Date</b>	18-Feb-02		
<b>Reports and Background Papers considered</b>	Report EDU.2/02.		
<b>Reasons for Decision</b>	To make arrangements for consultation on the draft Rural Strategy.		
<b>Summary of Options rejected</b>	None		
<b>Interests declared</b>	None		
<b>Date published</b>	20-Feb-02		
<b>Urgent decision not subject to call in</b>	No		
<b>Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency</b>	Not applicable		
<b>Deadline for call-in</b>	1700 on 27 Feb 02		
<b>Implementation date if not called-in</b>	28 Feb 02		

**Relevant Overview  
and Scrutiny  
Committee**

Community

**Call-in notified to and  
date notified**

**Approved for  
implementation on**