Report of the

MANAGEMENT O & S COMMITTEE

Chairman

Cllr. Barry O. Earp

Since my previous report, I chaired the Cumbria County Joint Scrutiny Overview Group on 3rd April 2007 which was held in the Flensburg Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle.

The Task and Finish Group Chairman of the Waste Management Review gave an update of the current position. After questions by members, it was resolved that the Group would convene again in twelve months to review the identified issues. At the same time, a decision would be taken as to whether that should be the final meeting of the Task and Finish Group or for monitoring to continue. (This resolve may be dependent on the outcome of the Local Government White Paper).

Future Joint Scrutiny: -

Following a meeting, 17th October 2006, Officers suggested that the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership could be a potential subject for Joint Scrutiny. However, members and officers were now of the opinion that it was too early to focus on. The Government was clearly reviewing and developing guidelines for the Police and Justice Bill and the Local Area Agreements were just beginning. The Group could, therefore, return to the matter at a future date.

Nevertheless, following the receipt of a paper from the Transport Policy Manager of Cumbria County Council entitled "Consultation on a Review of Parking Policies", members considered, then resolved, that this would be an ideal subject for a Task and Finish Group to deliberate over. Members to arrange for nomination of representatives, from their respective Authorities, to the Task and Finish Group at the start of the Municipal Year. The review to be completed by October 2007 and the Officer Network Group to identify Officer resources to support the same. It was also resolved that the Cumbria County Joint Scrutiny Overview Group would give consideration to finance and resources (including Officer support) to fund its work at a future meeting.

Sue Stevenson, Cumbria Strategic Partnership Manager, gave a presentation and answered various questions on the implementation of the Local Area Agreement in 2007/8 and the developing revised Local Area Agreement for 2008 and beyond.

Copeland will host the next meeting of the Cumbria County Joint Scrutiny Overview Group on the 9th October 2007.

The Management Overview and Scrutiny Committee will meet on the 26th April 2007 and the outcomes will be reported to full Council in May.