

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Panel Report

Public

Date of Meeting: 14th October 2009

Title: Overview Report and Work Programme

Report of: Scrutiny Manager

Report reference: OS20/09

Summary:

This report provides an overview of matters related to the Community O&S Panel's work. It also includes the latest version of the work programme.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to note the Committee's work programme (Appendix 1).

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1. Lead Members

The following Lead Members may wish to update the Panel on issues relating to their areas:

- Health – Cllr Riddle
- Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership – Cllr Parsons
- Housing – Cllr Farmer

2. Detailed Scrutiny Work

Unfortunately, due to limited capacity and annual leave, it hasn't been possible to progress either the possible review of Older People or the consideration of the Arts Centre. The following actions were agreed in relation to these two items:

- Older People – Dave Taylor, Cllr N Clarke, Cllr H Bradley, Cllr J Riddle, Cllr C Glover to meet to consider how to progress
- Arts Centre – Dave Taylor, Cllr N Clarke, Cllr H Bradley, Cllr C Glover to meet to consider how to progress

This initial work will be undertaken before the next meeting of the panel.

3. Scrutiny Chairs Group meeting

There is a meeting of the Scrutiny Chairs Group scheduled for Wednesday 28th October. If you have particular issues that you think should be discussed, please talk to the Chair or Vice-Chair.

4. CDRP – Joint Workshop with Eden Scrutiny Members

Eden District Council has now nominated three scrutiny Members to take part in the Joint Workshop on CDRP Scrutiny that will take place towards the end of October/beginning of November. The date for this workshop will be set as soon as possible.

5. Workshop on the Local Strategic Partnership, the Local Area Agreement and the Comprehensive Area Assessment

The Environment and Economy O&S Panel have organised a workshop on the above for the morning of 29th October 2009 at Tullie House. The Workshop will be open for all scrutiny members to attend and Members will be sent details direct.

6. Forward Plan Items

The Health and Safety Protocol was available for scrutiny at today's meeting but the Chair took the decision, following circulation of details to other Panel Members, not to have this on the agenda for today's meeting. The Affordable Warmth and Fuel Poverty item in the Forward Plan has been delayed and so was not available for scrutiny at today's meeting.

Appendix 2 contains the Forward Plan items relevant to this Panel. There are no items on which the Panel needs to take a decision about whether to scrutinise or not.

Appendix 1: Community O&S Work Programme 2009/10

Issue	Type of Scrutiny						Comments/status	Meeting Dates							
	Performance Management	Forward Plan Item/Referred from Executive	Policy Review/Development	Scrutiny of Partnership/ External Agency	Monitoring			28 May 09	9 Jul 09	27 Aug 09	14 Oct 09	1 Dec 09	14 Jan 10	11 Feb 10	25 Mar 10
THIS MEETING – 14 th October 2009															
Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership	✓		✓				Regular reports – draft Partnership Plan to 8 Oct. Workshop and possibly working group to explore possible Joint Scrutiny with Eden		✓		✓				
Tullie House Governance Options and Development Plan Proposals		✓	✓				Continued involvement – update requested to October meeting – other dates to be agreed. Site visit on 27 th Aug	✓			✓				

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Learning City		✓	✓				Regular reports				✓				✓
Housing Strategy Action Plan							Monitoring Role				✓				✓
Housing Capital Budget – Resource Centre		✓	✓				Report on returning project underspends to capital programme pending report on families hostel replacement scheme.				✓				
Community Support Review		✓	✓				Working group (including three Members from Panel) set up. Progress report to October meeting				✓				
Play Strategy and Play Areas	✓		✓				6-monthly monitoring of Action Plan				✓				

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Affordable Warmth and Fuel Poverty		✓					Release of residual Energy Efficiency Advice Centre funds to alleviate fuel poverty and promote affordable warmth				? ✓				
Health and Safety Enforcement Policy		✓					New Health and Safety Enforcement Policy				? ✓				
FUTURE MEETINGS															
Arts Centre			✓				From Development Day – Members asked to talk to Portfolio Holder and Leader about potential for Arts Centre in city					? ✓			
Budget		✓	✓				Consideration of service					✓			

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							implications								
Race Equality	✓	✓	✓				Monitoring role – 6 monthly due to panel’s concerns – also to include actions – from Migrant Workers review. Workshop to be held on Single Equality Scheme	✓				✓			
Women and Facilities Replacement Homelessness Accommodation		✓	✓				To approve the recommended site following the appraisal process and details for the scheme.					✓			
Performance Monitoring Reports (PIs)	✓						Quarterly report.			✓		✓			✓
Sands Centre Development		✓	✓				Panel asked to be kept updated of developments								

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Rural Strategy	✓		✓				Monitoring Role		✓						
Riverside Carlisle/City Council Partnership Agreement – Action Plan	✓			✓			Role is monitoring progress under the partnership agreement			✓				✓	
Healthy Communities and Older People (Carlisle Partnership Priority Group and Cumbria Local Area Agreement)	✓						Monitoring progress but also opportunity to do more detailed work.			✓				✓	
Scrutiny Annual Report			✓		✓		Draft report for comment before Chairs Group								✓
FINISHED ITEMS															
Scrutiny Changes: Councillor Call for Action and CDRP			✓				A report from the scrutiny team that explains the changes possible/necessary from		✓						

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							recent legislation								
Scrutiny Arrangements: Chairs Group and agreeing the Scrutiny Annual Report							A report providing options for amending the Scrutiny Chairs Group and the process to agree the annual report		✓						
Corporate Performance Monitoring Report for 2008/9	✓						Referred on by Executive		✓						
Transformation Programme for Carlisle City Council		✓	✓				Priorities report referred on by Executive for O&S views. Special on management structure held in July	✓	Special: 6 th July						
Annual Equality Report	✓						Monitoring role. To include update on progress with Migrant			✓					

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							Workers review recommendations								

FORWARD PLAN
Index of Active Executive Key Decisions relevant to:
Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

APPENDIX 2

Key Decision Ref Nos:	Subject:	Date of Executive Meeting
KD.037/09	Health and Safety Enforcement Policy	28 September 2009 and 26 October 2009
KD.028/09	Gambling Policy (EX.180/09 on 1 September 2009)	1 September 2009 and 26 October 2009
KD.029/09	Women and Facilities Replacement Homelessness Accommodation	26 October 2009 and 14 December 2009
KD.030/09	Budget Process 2010/11	(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) on 23 November 2009 (h) on 14 December 2009 (i), (j), (k), and (l) on 17 December 2009 (m), (n), (o) (p) and (q) on 18 January 2010
KD.027/09	Affordable Warmth and Fuel Poverty	28 September 2009 and 26 October 2009
KD.022/09	Housing Capital Budget - Resource Centre (EX.175/09 on 1 September 2009)	1 September 2009 and 26 October 2009

FORWARD PLAN
Active Executive Key Decisions relevant to:
Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Ref: KD.037/09 **Portfolio Area** Environment and Infrastructure

Subject Health and Safety Enforcement Policy

Key Decisions:

That the Executive considers and approves the new Health and Safety Enforcement Policy (written in accordance with the Health and Safety Commission Enforcement Policy Statement) on the basis of consultation with the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel prior to formal adoption by Council

Decision to be taken at Executive on: 28 September 2009 and 26 October 2009

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date when the matter will be available for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Policy and Budget Framework matter which will be available for consideration by the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 8 October 2009

Consultees: Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date for Consultees' comments:

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

Health and Safety Enforcement Policy

The Director of Community Service's report will be available five working days before the meeting.

Further Information From:

Food, Health and Safety Manager, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Ref: KD.028/09

Portfolio Area Culture and Community Services

Subject Gambling Policy (EX.180/09 on 1 September 2009)

Key Decisions:

To consider a revised Gambling Policy for recommendation to the City Council for adoption

Decision to be taken at Executive on: 1 September 2009 and 26 October 2009

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date when the matter will be available for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Policy and Budget Framework matter which will be available to be considered on 8 October 2009 by Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Consultees: Stakeholders

Date for Consultees' comments: The draft Policy had been published for consultation on 3 July 2009. The consultation period ends on 25 September 2009. The consultees comments and the draft Policy will be available for consideration by the Licensing Committee, the Executive and Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

LDS.64/09 - Gambling Policy Statement - Gambling Act 2005 (at Executive 1 September 2009)

The Director of Legal and Democratic Services report will be available five working days before the Executive meeting

Further Information From:

Head of Economic and Community Development Services, Carlisle City Council, Civic Ce

Ref: KD.029/09

Portfolio Area Health and Community Development

Subject Women and Facilities Replacement Homelessness Accommodation

Key Decisions:

To approve the recommended site following the appraisal process and detailed for the scheme.

Decision to be taken at Executive on: 26 October 2009 and 14 December 2009

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date when the matter will be available for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Policy and Budget Framework matter which may be considered on 1 December 2009 by Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Consultees: Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date for Consultees' comments: Comments to be reported to Executive on 14 December 2009

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

The Housing and Health Services Manager's report will be available five working days before the meeting.

Further Information From:

Housing and Health Services Manager, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8

Subject Budget Process 2010/11

Key Decisions:

To consider strategic financial issues arising from the budget setting process:

- (a) Budget Update - Revenue Estimates
- (b) Individual Charges Reviews (Community Services, Legal & Democratic Services, Development Services)
- (c) New Revenue Spending Proposals
- (d) New Savings Proposals
- (e) New Capital Spending Proposals and Provisional Capital Programme
- (f) Repair and Maintenance
- (g) Treasury Management and Prudential Borrowing Implications
- (h) Consideration of Overview and Scrutiny Consultation feedback
- (i) Draft Revenue Support Grant Settlement (if available)
- (j) Summary Overall Revenue and Capital Position
- (k) Draft Treasury Management and Investment Strategy including MRP Strategy
- (l) Executive Draft Budget Proposals for consultation
- (m) Final Revenue Support Grant and Final Revenue Budget Summary
- (n) Provisional Capital Programme
- (o) Treasury Management and Investment Strategy including MRP Strategy
- (p) Consideration of Final Budget Consultation
- (q) Executive's Final Budget Proposals

Decision to be taken at Executive on: (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) on 23 November 2009
(h) on 14 December 2009
(i), (j), (k), and (l) on 17 December 2009
(m), (n), (o) (p) and (q) on 18 January 2010

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Resources Overview & Scrutiny Panel for all budget issues except the detailed service estimates.

Community and Environment & Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panels for New Spending Proposals, Savings and Charges pertaining to their individual areas of responsibility

Date when the matter will be available for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Policy and Budget Framework matter which may be considered as follows:

- (a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) - Community Overview & Scrutiny Panel on 1 December 2009, Environment and Economy Overview & Scrutiny Panel on 3 December 2009 and Resources Overview & Scrutiny Panel on 10 December 2009
- (i), (j) and (k) - Resources Overview & Scrutiny Panel on 7 January 2010

Consultees: Overview and Scrutiny Panels, Business Community, Trade Unions, Citizens and Staff

Date for Consultees' comments: Consultation period 17 December 2009 to 14 January 2010

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

The Director of Corporate Service's report will be available five working days before the meeting.

Further Information From:

Head of Financial Services, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle CA3 8QG

Ref: KD.027/09

Portfolio Area Health and Community Development

Subject Affordable Warmth and Fuel Poverty

Key Decisions:

Release of residual Energy Efficiency Advice Centre Funds to alleviate Fuel Poverty and promote Affordable Warmth.

Decision to be taken at Executive on: 28 September 2009 and 26 October 2009

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date when the matter will be available for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Policy and Budget matter which will be available for consideration on 8 October 2009 by Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Consultees: Overview and Scrutiny Panel and Energy Saving Trust Advice Centre

Date for Consultees' comments: 26 October 2009

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

The Principal Housing Officer's report will be available five working days before the meeting.

Further Information From:

Principal Housing Officer, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Ref: KD.022/09

Portfolio Area Health and Community Development

Subject Housing Capital Budget - Resource Centre (EX.175/09 on 1 September 2009)

Key Decisions:

To approve the return of project underspends to the capital programme pending a report on the families hostel replacement scheme.

Decision to be taken at Executive on: 1 September 2009 and 26 October 2009

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date when the matter will be available for consideration by Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Policy and Budget Framework matter which may be considered on 8 October 2009 by Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Consultees: Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Date for Consultees' comments:

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

Report DS.68/09 - Housing Capital Budget - Resources Centre (at Executive 1 September 2009)

The Housing and Health Services Manager's report will be available five working days before the meeting.

Further Information From:

Housing and Health Services Manager, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8
