

Meeting Date: 3rd January 2023

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Title: **Resources Scrutiny Panel Chair's Report – Councillor Christine Finlayson**

Resources Panel will meet on 5th January 2023 in order to consider an overview of the matters within the Panel remit.

ATTENDANCE AT PEOPLE PANEL

At their last meeting on 24th November, People Panel considered an update from the Healthy City Team on Youth Engagement Projects. I was pleased to note that the Healthy City Team were promoting a Carlisle Youth and Community Work Conference (7th December).

The Carlisle Youth and Community Work Conference aimed to bring together community groups, local charities, youth organisations and Parish Councils from across North Cumbria and Carlisle celebrating the work of the community and youth sector and share good work practice, also to learn and inspire each other. It included workshops and a keynote speaker and networking as well as focussing discussion on opportunities and challenges. James Rennie School had projects to share at this event and I note that there have been a great range of activities on the youth engagement agenda including:

- Civil engagement - tea with the Mayor
- Arts projects
- Cultural work experience
- Carlisle and Eden Mind Art and Mental Health Project
- Youth Culture 1974 to present day Film And Engagement Project
- Encouraging young people into cycling - Melbourne Park Pump Track
- Harraby Cycle Track
- Student Health Walks and Wellbeing Trail - Carlisle College
- After school nature clubs in parks, in partnership with Cumbria Wildlife Trust
- Park play at Hammonds Pond encouraging family physical activity
- Multi-generational Model Railway Club
- Big Buzz plant

- Bitts Park school planting competition, there were more than eighty people planting bulbs, there was a pollinating bed competition of which one was named a bee hotel

I look forward to a further update from the Healthy City Team and County Council Officers at the People Panel meeting in January to hear more about work on Youth Projects.

ATTENDANCE AT AUDIT COMMITTEE

Audit Committee Special Meeting - 10th November 2022

The City Council must prepare and publish its Statement of Accounts annually. The purpose is to give electors, local tax payers, Council Members, employees and other interested parties clear information about the Council's finances. The Accounts presented are of a single entity as the Council has no relationship that requires it to prepare Group Accounts.

The City Council has a clear vision for Carlisle, set out in the Council Plan, to deliver good outcome for the City and producing an Annual Statement of Accounts aims to support effective delivery of the Council's vision by providing information on:

- the cost of providing Council services
- how these services were paid for
- what assets the Council owned at the end of the financial year, and
- what was owed, to and by the Council at the end of the financial year

These Accounts display the professionalism and absolute commitment to the City of Carlisle's very best interests. The diligence and foresight are quite outstanding, the Audit Team have certainly lived up to their Mission Statement, Carlisle has a secure foundation due to the expert application of professionalism, high standards and commitment to the residents and visitors of this great City of Carlisle.

Audit Committee - 8th December 2022

Committee received information regarding the forthcoming 2022/2023 Final Accounts process.

The Report also includes the draft accounting policies that will be used in the close down of the 2022/2023 Accounts.

Cllr Christine Finlayson
Chairman