

EXECUTIVE
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**EX.39/02 DEVELOPING A LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
STRATEGY (Key Decision)**

Portfolio Strategy and Performance

Subject Matter

To consider a report from the Town Clerk and Chief Executive (TC.41/02) detailing actions which would be required should the City Council wish to develop a joint local strategic partnership with Eden District Council.

The community planning processes of Carlisle (City Vision) and Eden (Eden Futures) continued to be developed separately. If there is agreement to pursue a joint community strategy with Eden then both existing community planning processes would need to be brought together without losing the momentum and commitment already developed. The report addressed how this could be achieved.

Councillor G Prest referred to two cross border conferences he had attended in the past 18 months and asked whether any co-operative working had resulted from these conferences. The Head of Economic Development indicated that the City Council and Dumfries and Galloway Council were currently looking at local issues in relation to Longtown and Gretna where joint initiatives may be possible. A further cross border conference was being planned for 2002.

Minute CROS.12/02 of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee of 24 January 2002 was submitted. That Committee had requested that the further report to the Executive include the widening of the examination of options to include other partnerships with other Local Authorities, including Allerdale, Dumfries and Galloway and Northumbria with an evaluation of the advantages and disadvantages of these options, along with those detailed in the previous report to the Executive (TC.242/01).

With regard to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Minute, Councillor L Fisher, portfolio holder for Strategy and Performance, reported that he had attended the Committee meeting but he was unsure of the clarity in the resolved item. He indicated that the City Council had worked with other Local Authorities in the past and would do so in future should any approach be made by other Local Authorities for joint working which would be beneficial to the City Council.

Summary of options rejected

None

DECISION

That the City Council be recommended to agree the following recommendations:-

1. The community planning processes of Carlisle and Eden continue to develop separately in the short term within the context that wherever added value can be gained from a joint approach both Authorities commit to working together (and with other partners).
2. That a small group of Members (to be nominated) be authorised to explore further areas of mutual co-operation which could be progressed under the joint local strategic partnership banner.
3. Officers from the two Authorities be authorised to work together to explore how both can work more co-operatively through the identification of projects and initiatives that could be pursued jointly to benefit residents across both Districts.
4. The two Authorities look at areas where joint partnership working could deliver services more efficiently where this is beneficial to both Authorities.
5. That a statement of intent be published for the development of City Vision, Eden Futures and the Carlisle and Eden Local Strategic Partnership, together with a timetable for drawing together the three processes.

Reasons for Decision

To consider a report containing recommendations for developing a Joint Local Strategic Partnership with Eden District Council prior to its submission to the City Council.