

Agenda Item 11(iv)

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY**

**Infrastructure**

Report of  
Chairman:

**COUNCILLOR  
TREVOR ALLISON**

**IOSC CHAIRMAN'S REPORT TO COUNCIL.**  
**MEETINGS HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> JULY AND 3<sup>rd</sup> AUGUST 2006.**

**Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> July.**

This special meeting covered two topics, namely The Carlisle District Local Plan, and our response to the County Council consultation document entitled "Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework" (CMWDF)

**Revised Re-Deposit Local Plan IOS.61/06.**

Background Reports DS47/06 and DS41/06. The latter had been considered by the Executive and the Committee were asked to comment on EX141/06.

The Committee were impressed by the way that the Local Plan revisions were presented. It was obvious that a lot of work had gone into producing a document that could be easily understood with colour coding of the revisions to make them easily identifiable.

The response to these 42 pages of amendments were too detailed to develop in this report and is adequately covered in the minutes. Although we were asked not to consider the black text, (the outcome of the previous consultation) I did exercise a good deal of licence in this respect to allow members the fullest opportunity to express their views. – perhaps too much. Our responses were incorporated into the final version which went to a Special meeting of Full Council. If I was to pick out one issue raised by members, it was the identifying of the need for "design statements" for particular areas.

As this was an opportunity for Councillors who had not been involved in the various Committees' deliberations on this subject, I was disappointed that, there was no discussion on this important document. However, this is tempered by the fact that these revisions are to go out for public consultation again.

**Cumbria Minerals and Waste Development Framework. IOS 62/06.**

As Chair, I was concerned about the very short time frame allowed by the County Council on this substantial 145 Page document with a deadline of the end of the month. To accommodate this, DS48/06 presented us with a brief résumé followed by 24 questions and a series of Policy statements upon which we were invited to comment

Under these circumstances, I was not convinced that the subject had the depth of scrutiny that we would have wished. However it did give the members the opportunity to comment on issues that they might otherwise not have been aware of, as for example in relation to the location of waste management and mineral extraction sites, such as the proposed large site at Peter Lane and the Extension of the sandstone extraction at Gelt Wood. The minutes show that in many cases, the Committee did not feel competent to comment or there was simply insufficient information upon which to form an opinion.

Our minutes were forwarded to the Executive for their consideration.

**Meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2006.**

The main items here were the Performance Monitoring report and the Director of Community Services presentation on the Integrated Service Delivery on an Area Basis. There was concern that the DF&MS public Consultation strategy, was scheduled to come before the Committee after the decisions on the reports were to be made by the Executive. In similar vein, items on the Forward Plan which we would intend to programme into the Committee's work schedule, do not always materialise. We are looking to the report on the status of the concessionary fares scheme to be made available in time for the Committee's consideration at the October meeting and on to the Executive in November .

On the outcome of the Integrated Service Delivery, The Committee commended the officers on such a positive report and urge that the concept be extended to other areas of this Directorate.

The three items which I was invited to comment on at the Executive meeting, included Car Parking Strategy, Integrated Service delivery and the Executive's earlier refusal for a "members' champion" from IOSC to serve on the all officers' "Sustainability Working Group"

As Chair, I made further representations to the Executive on this last issue at their meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> August, but was not able to persuade them to reconsider their decision. This outcome is disappointing given that such involvement is in line with Scrutiny best practice. The Chief Executive undertook to give me a considered response to take back to the Committee.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Allison', written in a cursive style.

Trevor Allison.  
Chairman. IOSC