

PORTFOLIO:

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Report of
Portfolio Holder:

**COUNCILLOR
G ELLIS**

To: Full Council 16 July 2002

Since my appointment to the Executive, at the Annual Council Meeting, I have spent the last couple of months exploring the different aspects of my portfolio, familiarising myself with the many policies and Officers that fit alongside with my delegated areas of responsibility.

The following areas of my portfolio have been the most active this cycle:

Community Centres

Three major policy objectives are presently being explored, following on from instructions given at the Executive meeting on 27th June:

- To ensure that anyone who works for the Community Centres should be employed directly by the Community Centres, and accountable to their Management Committees.
- That a logical criteria should be used to decide how much grant support this Authority gives each Community Centre.
- And, give Community Centres the financial stability needed to plan accordingly, through three year funding 'Service Agreements', to ensure that the authority is getting value for money

Advice Agencies

I am slowly getting around all the Advice Agencies in the City, I was recently escorted around the Citizens Advice Bureau, an organisation which seems to be getting over its recent difficulties.

CCTV

I had the opportunity to view the CCTV control room at the top of the Civic Centre. The flexibility, detail of the cameras and the skills of the operators make the CCTV an important tool in maintaining the peace, and reducing crime and disorder in the district of Carlisle, helping us towards fulfilling our 'Section 17' responsibilities in the Crime and Disorder Act (1998).

It is hoped that the CCTV in Brampton, Longtown and the two camera for Petteril Bank are up and running in time for Full Council