

# Report to: Council

Agenda  
Item

**12(iii)(b)**

Meeting Date:

Public/Private\*: Public

Title: **Environment & Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Chairman's Report –  
Councillor Mrs Bowman**

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The Panel met on the 21st November 2013 to consider a full Agenda concerning Claimed Rights, Botchergate and the Wider Public Realm, Performance Report, Car Parking Update and Budget Reports.

The Panel welcomed the attendance of Mr Jonathan Smith and Mr Michael Foster, Cumbria County Council who responded to the many concerns, complaints, and observations regarding the Claimed Rights service which had been handed back to the County Council following a decision made by the City Council on the 13th November 2012.

It was accepted by Mr Smith and Mr Foster that the weed problem in the City this year was unacceptable and assurances given that there would not be a recurrence next year.

The Panel will monitor the compliance with the assurances given closely during early 2014 and act accordingly.

Members felt the focus for regeneration in Botchergate had been diluted by the City Centre being looked at as a "gateway" and requested a further report in six months following the completion of the County Council budget cycle.

All Panel members contributed to a robust Budget debate and full details of the discussion are included within the Minute Book.

Cllr. Marilyn Bowman.

Chairman.