

Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Agenda Item:

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Meeting Date: 6th June 2013
 Portfolio: Finance, Governance and Resources
 Key Decision: No
 Within Policy and Budget Framework
 Public / Private Public

Title: OVERVIEW REPORT AND WORK PROGRAMME
 Report of: Overview and Scrutiny Officer
 Report Number: OS 14/13

Summary:

This report provides an overview of matters related to the Community O&S Panel's work. It also includes the latest version of the work programme.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to:

- Decide whether the items on the Notice of Key Executive Decisions should be included in the Panel's Work Programme for consideration.
- Note and/or amend the Panel's work programme

Tracking

Executive:	-
Overview and Scrutiny:	6th June 2013
Council:	-

1. Notice of Key Executive Decisions

The most recent Notice of Key Executive Decisions was published on 1st May 2013. The following issues fall into the remit of this Panel and full details are attached at **Appendix 1**:

KD.09/13 2012/13 Provisional Outturn Reports – *on the agenda of this meeting of the Panel*

KD.010/13 Medium Term Financial Plan (including the Corporate Charging Policy) and the Capital Strategy 2014/15 to 2019/20 – *available for scrutiny on 29th August 2013*

KD.012/13 Asset Management Plan 2013 to 2018 – *available for scrutiny on 29th August 2013*

KD.013/13 Decision Title: Treasury Management Counterparty Review – *on the agenda for this meeting of the Panel.*

2. References from the Executive

The following references from the Executive from their meeting held on 8th April 2013 are attached at **Appendix 2**.

EX.33/13 Draft Carlisle Plan 2013 – 2016

3. Work Programme

The Panel's current work programme is attached at **Appendix 3** for comment/amendment.

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Appendices attached to report:

1. Notice of Key Decisions
2. References from the Executive
3. Resources O&S Work Programme 2013/14

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- None

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS: None

Notice of Key Decisions to be taken by the Executive

The following key decision is to be made on behalf of Carlisle City Council:

Key Decision Reference:	KD.09/13
Decision Title:	2012/13 Provisional Outturn Reports
Decision to be taken:	To consider and approve the 2012/13 Provisional Outturn reports and make recommendations on any carry forward requests to Council on 16th July 2013. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provisional Revenue Outturn - Provisional Capital Outturn - Elected Members Allowances – Provisional Outturn - Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rates – Provisional Outturn - Treasury Management Provisional Outturn
Date Decision to be considered:	
Date Decision to be taken:	31 May 2013
Is the Decision Public or Private?:	The decision will be taken in public
Documents submitted for consideration in relation to the Decision:	The report of the Director of Resources will be available five working days before the meeting
Contact Officer for this Decision:	Director of Resources, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG
Relevant Portfolio Area:	Finance, Governance and Resources (Councillor Dr Tickner)
Relevant or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Panel:	Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel

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Notice of Key Decisions to be taken by the Executive

The following key decision is to be made on behalf of Carlisle City Council:

Key Decision Reference:	KD.010/13
Decision Title:	The Medium Term Financial Plan (including the Corporate Charging Policy) and the Capital Strategy 2014/15 to 2019/20
Decision to be taken:	To consider the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan and Corporate Charging Policy, and the Council's Capital Strategy and make recommendations to Council on 10th September 2013.
Date Decision to be considered:	5 August 2013 consultation period to include Overview and Scrutiny as appropriate
Date Decision to be taken:	2 September 2013
Is the Decision Public or Private?:	The decision will be taken in public
Documents submitted for consideration in relation to the Decision:	The report of the Director of Resources will be available five working days before the meeting
Contact Officer for this Decision:	Director of Resources, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG
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Notice of Key Decisions to be taken by the Executive

The following key decision is to be made on behalf of Carlisle City Council:

Key Decision Reference:	KD.012/13
Decision Title:	The Asset Management Plan 2013 to 2018
Decision to be taken:	The Executive will be asked to consider the Council's Asset Management and make recommendations to Council on 10 September 2013
Date Decision to be considered:	5 August 2013 consultation period to include Overview and Scrutiny as appropriate
Date Decision to be taken:	2 September 2013
Is the Decision Public or Private?:	The decision will be taken in public
Documents submitted for consideration in relation to the Decision:	The report of the Director of Resources will be available five working days before the meeting
Contact Officer for this Decision:	Director of Resources, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG
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Notice of Key Decisions to be taken by the Executive

The following key decision is to be made on behalf of Carlisle City Council:

Key Decision Reference:	KD.013/13
Decision Title:	Treasury Management Counterparty Review
Decision to be taken:	The Executive will be asked to approve changes to counterparties and limits to ensure that cash balances can be invested with appropriate counterparties having regard to the security, liquidity and yield.
Date Decision to be considered:	7 May 2013 (under General Exception) consultation period to include Overview and Scrutiny as appropriate
Date Decision to be taken:	1 July 2013
Is the Decision Public or Private?:	The decision will be taken in public
Documents submitted for consideration in relation to the Decision:	The report of the Director of Resources will be available five working days before the meeting
Contact Officer for this Decision:	Director of Resources, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG
Relevant Portfolio Area:	Finance, Governance and Resources (Councillor Dr Tickner)
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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE
HELD ON 8 APRIL 2013**

EX.33/13 **DRAFT CARLISLE PLAN 2013 - 2016
(Key Decision – KD.037/12)

(In accordance with Paragraph 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Mayor had agreed that call-in procedures should not be applied to this item)

Portfolio Finance, Governance and Resources

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel Community; Environment and
Economy; and Resources

Subject Matter

Pursuant to Minute EX.10/13, the Leader submitted report PC.08/13 concerning the draft Carlisle Plan 2013/16 which set out the City Council's vision for Carlisle and the six priorities for action over the medium term. The draft Plan had been referred to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Panels; partners (including community and voluntary groups); and the public for consultation.

The matter had been considered by the Community; Resources; and Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panels on 14, 21 and 28 February 2013. Copy excerpts (COSP.16/13, RO SP.15/13 and EEOSP.18/13) from the Minutes of those meetings had been circulated.

The final draft of the Carlisle Plan 2013/16 and the draft Action Plan for delivering the priorities were attached at Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.

Details of the feedback received, and the proposed amendments to the Plan following the consultation period were also provided at Appendix 3.

The Economy and Enterprise Portfolio Holder referred Members to the Action Plan (Appendix 2). He clarified that the implementation dates for the following actions should in fact read "April to December 2013":

Page 7 – Action 3: Improving Industrial Estate / Employment land performance; and
Page 9 – Action 2: Develop a collaborative approach to stimulating new business and growing small businesses

Members of the Executive indicated their agreement with the above amendments.

The Leader noted that the Chairmen of the Community; and the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panels were in attendance. He invited them to speak on the matter.

The Chairman of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel stated that the Executive would see from the Minutes that concerns were expressed with regard to the omission of Health and Wellbeing as a priority within the proposed Plan. The Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel had expressed similar concerns.

Health and Wellbeing had been a priority for a number of years. In 2004 the Department of Health issued a list of 70 local authority areas which were classed as Spearhead Authorities, meaning that they fell into the bottom 25% of local authority areas in relation to good public health. Carlisle was included in that list.

During the years which followed, the City Council, the Primary Care Trust and the Carlisle Partnership had worked hard together to change things and, in 2010, Carlisle was removed from that list.

However, there remained 4 Urban Wards (Currock, Denton Holme, Castle and Belle Vue) whose health deprivations meant that they would still be classed as Spearhead areas if the list was divided into political wards. Those Wards made up more than a third of the urban population.

In conclusion, the Chairman expressed the hope that, even if public health was not identified as a specific priority, the good work done would continue to make a substantial contribution towards health improvements in Carlisle.

The Chairman of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel said that the Panel was concerned to ensure that the needs of health and youth were being met. He acknowledged that the Leader had given an acceptable response to those concerns. He further highlighted rural issues and looked forward to seeing how those would evolve in detail.

The Chairman added that a very valuable meeting had taken place at the start of the year when the Botchergate Conservation Area was discussed. Accordingly, he was very keen to recommend, on behalf of the Panel, that the Botchergate Working Group be reinstated to monitor the area.

The Leader thanked the Overview and Scrutiny Chairmen for their input.

In response to the concerns raised, the Leader referred to the responses detailed in Appendix 3 (Page 15) which philosophy underpinned the whole of the Carlisle Plan. He gave an assurance that Health and Wellbeing would not be neglected in any way.

The Culture, Health, Leisure and Young People Portfolio Holder indicated that she too was well aware of the importance of health. A number of meetings had taken place with partners in the City and the Executive was fully committed to such working through the Carlisle Partnership.

Speaking in her capacity as a member of the Carlisle Partnership, the Chairman of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel stated that a prominent part of their work was to address health related need within Carlisle.

In conclusion, the Leader moved that the Executive consider the proposed amendments to the Carlisle Plan and Action Plan, and agree to refer the draft Plan to full Council for approval.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder seconded the recommendation.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the Executive:

1. had considered the proposed amendments to the draft Carlisle Plan 2013/16 and Action Plan.
2. agreed to refer the draft Carlisle Plan (subject to the additional amendments highlighted above) to full Council for approval on 30 April 2013.

Reasons for Decision

The recommendations asked the Executive to approve the final draft of the Carlisle Plan following the consultation period. The Carlisle Plan 2013/16 should be referred to full Council for approval and adoption to the Policy Framework

RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

Date last revised: 20 May 2013

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Current Meeting																
Performance Monitoring						✓	Quarterly monitoring of performance within remit of Panel	✓		✓		✓		✓		
Corporate Programme Board						✓	Quarterly monitoring of significant projects	✓		✓		✓		✓		
Carlisle Leisure Ltd				✓			Continued scrutiny of contract monitoring - Audit Report and update	✓								
Treasury Management Counterparties		✓					Scrutinise report recommending amendments to Treasury Management	✓								
2012/13 Provisional Outturn Reports					✓		Outturn reports and recommendations on carry forward requests to Council	✓								

Last Revised: 20/05/2013

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Task & Finish Groups															
Future Meetings															
Organisational Development Plan							To consider review of Plan July - monitor performance in Nov & Feb		✓			✓		✓	
Significant Partnerships				✓			Bi-Annual scrutiny		✓		✓				✓
Benefits Advice							Report detailing impact of Benefits Advice Service								
Budget					✓		Budget setting 2014/15-2018/19					✓	✓		
Asset Management							Monitor disposal and investment programme								
Medium Term Financial Plan					✓					✓					

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Budget Monitoring 13-14					✓	✓	Monitoring of budget			✓		✓		✓		
Corporate Risk Register						✓	Quarterly Monitoring		✓		✓		✓		✓	
Transformation Board						✓	To receive six monthly updates				✓				✓	
Employee Opinion Survey							To inform Members of feedback and action plan								?	
Scrutiny Annual Report							Draft report for comment before Chairs Group								✓	
COMPLETED ITEMS																
For Information																