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## **EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 26 JULY 2011**

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**EX.095/11 CAPITAL PROJECTS TASK AND FINISH GROUP**  
(Non Key Decision)

**Portfolio** Governance and Resources

### **Subject Matter**

There was submitted the final report of the Capital Projects Task and Finish Group (OS.19/11) which had been endorsed by the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 16 June 2011. The Panel supported the recommendations of the Task Group, namely:

1. The proposed major development and sale of land at the site at the top of Wigton Road should be done in such a way to maximise revenue for the long term.
2. That full consideration to social accountability and consequences for the local community be given when progressing with the Asset Management Plan.
3. That the allocation of capital funding for specific projects should only be made after a full, detailed and rigorous examination of each project, its time scale, value for money and longer term revenue implications are examined.
4. That the development of a long term Capital Programme should seek political consensus and full public consultation when this programme is drawn up and when it is being reviewed. This would facilitate an agreed longer term vision and economic plan for the future of Carlisle.
5. That land and other assets listed on the Council's Asset Register should be sold off, if not an integral part of the Council's subsequent economic strategy. Particularly for the improvement of the City's industrial estates for the longer term creation of jobs and economic prosperity. That where possible, brown field sites in the City's ownership which are suitable for future affordable housing should be designated and where possible the planning permission process brought forward to facilitate such development should funding be available in the near future.

An excerpt from the Minutes of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 16 June 2011 (ROSP.36/11) was also submitted for information.

The Chairman of the Task and Finish Group presented their final report, He paid tribute to the first class help and assistance provided by Officers and also thanked the Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder for his support.

The Chairman outlined the Task Group's concerns and recommendations commenting that, following reassurance provided, Members now believed that a robust process was in place to drive the capital programme and they were happy with that. He added that it would in future be helpful if a city-wide, as well as a political, consensus could be brought forward in the development of a long term Capital Programme. In conclusion, he reported that Members of the Task Group had expressed a particular interest in the Morton Site.

In response, the Leader clarified that Capital Projects and Asset Management were in fact two different projects. The Executive was content with the work already being undertaken by the Capital Projects Board (chaired by the Deputy Chief Executive) in profiling capital projects. He added that the capital programme was part of the budget process.

The Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder thanked the Chairman of the Task and Finish Group for the report. He said that the Executive would consider the recommendations with a view to identifying the best way forward for the long term benefit of the people of Carlisle. A more detailed response and open debate on the recommendations could take place at the next meeting of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 25 August 2011.

**Summary of options rejected** None

## **DECISION**

That the Executive had considered the final report of the Capital Projects Task and Finish Group and would respond in detail at the next meeting of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 25 August 2011.

## **Reasons for Decision**

To respond to recommendations of the Capital Projects Task and Finish Group