

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
COMMUNITY**

Report of
Chairman:

**COUNCILLOR
RAY KNAPTON**

One meeting of the Committee has been held since last Council.

We had an update on Crime and Disorder Action Plan followed by a presentation from Mr. Paul Worrall, Community Intelligence Assistant-Cumbria Constabulary, on Police Statistics gathering which whilst not quite on the lines we expected was an interesting insight into that aspect of Police work.

Mr. Nick Addington, Lonsdale Trust, and Mr. Arthur Stafford, CREATE Consultants, presented an interim Feasibility Study on the development of the Lonsdale Cinema Site and whilst he had used the previous work that had been carried out by the Council as background information his conclusions were somewhat different, and several points of interest were raised, the final report will be presented to the next meeting of the Committee.

An attempt was made to influence policy papers at an early stage by inviting two Officers who were at the early stages of preparing policy papers identified from the Forward Plan, the idea did not work, either due to a lack of brief background paper on each subject or the fact that the discussions were late on in a rather lengthy meeting.

I have attended two training sessions, O&S Networking Meeting in Warrington and Cumbrian Chairs meeting in Carlisle, and from both it appears that we are going in the right direction with O&S but are still being involved with too many old Committee style reports.

Councillor Ray Knapton
CHAIRMAN
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