

# Report to: Council

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**12(i)(b)**

Meeting Date: 7 January 2014

Public/Private\*: Public

Title: **Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Chairman's Report –  
Councillor Mrs Luckley**

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The Panel met on the 19<sup>th</sup> November to discuss principally the 2014/15 Budget Reports and the Tullie House Business Plan. The meeting was held in Tullie House, which enabled members to have a short tour following the meeting to see some of the activities and work being carried out in the Museum and Art Gallery.

The Panel questioned in detail the Budget Reports' contents that came within its area of responsibility.

In the New Revenue Spending Pressures Report, the funding for Events, the Council's Sports Pitches and the Disabled Facilities Scheme.

The Summary of New Savings Proposals and Additional Income Report brought questions on the Voluntary Redundancy Initiative, funding of Community Centres, the CAB, Cumbria Law Centre and the Arts Centre.

Questions concerning the Review of Charges Report centered on increased charges for sport pitches, the possible effect of the charges on the Junior Clubs, those charges levied for outdoor markets and the effect for Parish Councils of the Play Areas Inspection fees.

Finally, with the Capital Budget Report comments were made in relation to expenditure on the Arts Centre project and purchases that had been made with the funds from the Asset Review.

We received a presentation on the Tullie House Business Plan from the Trust's Chairman and other members of the Board. After a lengthy session of questions, the members' conclusions were that the Plan was an impressive and exciting vision for Tullie House's future. That we were approving of what

had been achieved in the Trust's first years and though there are many difficult challenges facing the Trust, the combined programme of actions outlined in the Plan, are the right actions to expand a service that will benefit the city both culturally and economically.

Cllr Olwyn Luckley  
Chairman