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**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF  
THE EXECUTIVE  
HELD ON 3 MARCH 2003**

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EX.045/03 AREA WORKING – OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REVIEW (Non-Key Decision)

**Portfolio** Corporate Resources

**Subject Matter**

To consider a reference from the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CROS.24/03) of 16 January 2003 in which the Committee had resolved unanimously:

"That the Executive be advised that this Committee did not feel that sufficient explanation had been given as to the Executive's reasons for rejecting Area Working, and it was the wish of this Committee that the Executive reconsider that issue and, if they were not willing to support the proposal, then they should put forward a workable plan in line with the Leader's statement in the 2002/03 budget debate for the introduction of Area Working."

Previous Minutes and a report of the Town Clerk and Chief Executive (TC.166/02) on Area Working which had been considered by the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 5 September 2002 had been circulated by way of background information.

The Vice-Chairman of the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee was present at the meeting and reported that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee were seeking clarification on the Executive's exact position on Area Working.

**Summary of options rejected**

None

**DECISION**

That the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee be informed that the Executive acknowledges the possible need for Area Working and the Community Activities Portfolio Holder, Head of Strategic and Performance Services and Head of Legal and Democratic Services will investigate examples of area working operating in other Local Authorities with the intention of setting up a pilot scheme in one or two Wards in the district.

## **Reasons for Decision**

To authorise investigations to be made into examples of area working with a view to a pilot scheme being set up in Carlisle.