



Report to

Council

Meeting Date: 8th November 2022

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Title: **Place Panel Chairman's Report – Councillor James Bainbridge**

The Panel meeting considered the progress made by the Environment Agency and partner organisations, including the City Council and Cumbria County Council regarding flood risk. We had positive and honest dialogue regarding the areas where Members have concern.

There is an understanding that more input is required into informing residents of the situation in parts of the City where progress has been affected by the need to redraft proposals. The lack of physical works has created an impression of certain projects not being undertaken, when there is work taking place out of public sight in terms of redrafting, reassessment and rescoping. Additionally, in terms of language some of the statements previously made have given the impression that the issues are financial and funding based rather than technically based.

The Panel was able to see and discuss the High Street Task Force Report from this Summer. It was useful in that it highlighted a broad agreement in the direction of travel the Council is taking, from a third party not connected to Carlisle or the Council.

In regards to the Work Plan, a number of Reports on substantive Council projects are due to arrive at the Panel in the last three meetings of the year. The reasons for this are varied, and many of these are out of the direct control of the Council. However, in order to give these items sufficient time and depth of consideration, it is my intention to create a fourth meeting in February 2023 to assist with this process.

Full details of the discussions are to be found within the Minute Book

Cllr James Bainbridge
Chairman