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## EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE HELD ON 12 DECEMBER 2011

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**EX.169/11**    **CARLISLE ENTERPRISE CENTRE**  
(Non-Key Decision)

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of paragraph 3)

**Portfolio**    Economic Development

### **Subject Matter**

Pursuant to Minute EEOSP.79/11, consideration was given to a reference from the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel on 1 December 2011 regarding the final report of the Carlisle Enterprise Centre Task and Finish Group. The Panel had resolved:

"1. That the report of the Carlisle Enterprise Task and Finish Group be agreed by the Panel and referred to the Executive for a response."

Copies of the Minute Excerpt and Report OS.34/11 had been circulated.

The Chairman of the Enterprise Centre Task and Finish Group was in attendance at the meeting and expressed the hope that Executive Members had the opportunity to consider the final report. He outlined the work undertaken, together with the twelve recommendations put forward for Executive consideration.

The Chairman of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel explained that the Panel's concerns about the Centre arose during their consideration of previous reports which highlighted performance and budgetary issues. She highlighted the request that full consultation be undertaken with all present tenants of the Enterprise Centre to determine what services should be provided; and that the Project Board clarify all roles and responsibilities with regard to the Centre, both Officer and Portfolio Holder. She thanked the Officers who had supported the work of the Task and Finish Group and, in particular, Ms Kerry Martin, Economic Development Officer, who was new to the authority and brought with her an unbiased approach.

Referring to the recommendations, the Chairman felt that more work required to be done before any final decisions could be made and, if the Panel or Task and Finish Group could be of assistance to the Executive, they would be happy to do so.

The Economic Development Portfolio Holder thanked the Chairman and Members of the Enterprise Centre Task and Finish Group for their work which had contributed to what was a very detailed and valuable report. The Project Board had met twice and was well on the way to achieving an understanding of the recommendations.

The Portfolio Holder gave an assurance that she would provide a full response to the Task Group's recommendations at the next meeting of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

The Governance and Resources Portfolio Holder welcomed submission of the report, acknowledging the considerable amount of hard work which had gone into its preparation. He added that the Carlisle Enterprise Centre was well worthy of the Council's support.

In response to a concern detailed at section 6.13 of the final report, the Economic Development Portfolio Holder advised that the Project Board was aware and would follow up on the matter.

The Leader gave an assurance that the issue would come forward to Overview and Scrutiny as part of the ongoing Carlisle Enterprise Centre Review.

**Summary of options rejected** None

## **DECISION**

That the Executive had given consideration to the reference from the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel concerning the Carlisle Enterprise Centre; and would provide a full response to the Task Group's recommendations at the next meeting of the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

## **Reasons for Decision**

To respond to a reference from the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel concerning the Carlisle Enterprise Centre