
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON 7 DECEMBER 2010

ROSP.118/10 DRAFT ASSET BUSINESS PLAN

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

The Deputy Chief Executive (Dr Gooding) submitted report CE.37/10 presenting the draft Business Plan for the future management of the Council's property assets.

He outlined the background to the matter, which was a product of the Asset Review which Members had directed Officers to carry out with a view to a more commercial approach to managing the Council's assets. Such an approach would better enable the Council to meet the challenges presented by the Comprehensive Spending Review.

The Deputy Chief Executive invited Members to consider the draft Business Plan and, following any amendments they may wish to make, to forward it to the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel for scrutiny. Observations from the Panel would come back to the Executive on 20 December 2010 following which the final Plan could be considered by Council for adoption on 11 January 2011 if that was the Executive's wish.

The matter had been considered by Executive on 22 November 2010 (EX.212/10) and resolved that the report be made available for scrutiny as detailed in the report.

Members discussed the report and asked for clarification on the decision making process with regard to disposal of land and property. Members requested that Ward Councillors be involved in the process for relevant individual sites.

A Member asked if consideration could be given to brownfield sites within Carlisle that could be retained for possible future use as affordable housing sites.

Dr Gooding confirmed that that would be a material consideration.

RESOLVED – 1) That the Panel support the Asset Business Plan;

2) That Ward Councillors be involved in the process for the proposed disposal of relevant land or property within their Wards. It was suggested that reports to the Executive regarding proposed disposal of assets included a section for comments from the Ward Councillor(s);

3) That the Business Plan included more information on the lease periods and income of land and property.