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Title: **Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Panel – Councillor Lisa Brown**

At the meeting on the 26th of November, we welcomed Carlisle Ambassadors and received a presentation from Ms Masters and Mr Dean. The Panel has always been keen to find out more about the work of the Ambassadors so are grateful to them for taking the time to come along and present. It is clear from the presentation that events such as Give a Day to the City are of benefit to the people of Carlisle, but the Panel is keen to see what work can be done outside of this day, specifically how the projects and tasks performed on that day are followed up throughout the year.

Young Ambassadors has massive potential, and the Panel is also keen to see that supported as much as possible. We hope Council members can look to engage and support both Give a Day to the City and Young Ambassadors going forward and have asked for information be circulated to all Councillors.

The Corporate Director of Finance and Resources submitted report RD.32/20 providing a summary of the Council's revised revenue base estimates for 2020/21, together with base estimates for 2021/22 and forecasts up to 2025/26 for illustrative purposes. Potential new spending pressures, bids and savings had also been considered in the report.

The Panel's agenda set out the matters which fell within their remit. Full details of the discussion that took place can be found in the minutes of that meeting. The Revised Capital Programme 2020/21 and Provisional Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2025/26 (RD.33/20) was endorsed, as was the Charges Review Report 2020/21 – Economic Development (ED.38/20) and the Charges Review Report 2021/22 – Community Services (CS.30/20) with a resolution from the Panel that a review of the parking permit scheme at Talkin Tarn be carried out.

The Head of Planning Policy submitted a report which provided a summary of the Masterplan Framework for St Cuthbert's Garden Village and the Principal Planning Officer submitted a report which updated the Panel on the proposals for consultation on the St Cuthbert's Garden Village Local Plan preferred options policies. Full details of the questions raised by members can be found in the minutes. Resolutions were made by the Panel to look at the raising the requirement for the affordable housing and also the self-build policy.

As always, I would like to thank everyone involved in these meetings as they are always informative and engaging for members.

Members had the opportunity to hear from the Director of Economic Development in December at the Economic Strategy workshop. The presentations were well received, highlighting the challenges and opportunities facing Carlisle. Members engaged with the process and the questions and concerns answered fully by the Officer Team who had obviously been putting a considerable amount of work into developing the Strategy. We look forward to seeing it come back more developed to Scrutiny soon.

Cllr Lisa Brown

Chair – Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Panel