

ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Report of the Chairman

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The meeting of the Panel on the 23rd June was followed by a development session attended by the relevant Portfolio Holders and Officers. The minutes of the Panel meeting are recorded in the Council minutes and three items that were on that agenda were also raised at the development session as areas of work that the Panel wished to be closely involved in. These were the implementation of the recommendations of the Neighbourhood Working Task and Finish Group, the progress of the Strategic Waste Partnership – Enhanced Partnership Initiative Working Project and the Development of Carlisle's Visitor Economy and BID. It was felt that they should be monitored regularly at the scheduled Panel meetings in order that the Panel could have regular input at all stages of the process.

In addition the Panel wished to look in some depth at some of the economic influences in Carlisle. Two sessions were planned where some of the relevant stakeholders would be invited to outline any future plans they may have in mind for Carlisle. Initially only one session was envisaged but as the list of potential invitees grew it has now been decided that two would be held. The first would look at training and education providers such as the University, Carlisle College, the Academies and former business links officer Tom Bell. The second could be focussed more on the transport and infrastructure plans of the County Council, those of the train operators and any relevant initiatives of the LEP.

There will be a workshop on claimed rights and others are anticipated on various planning issues. Some of the latter may involve joint working with the Development Control Committee as has happened in the past.

Carole Rutherford Chairman

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