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Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel – Chairman’s Report -

Title: **Councillor Olwyn Luckley**

Reviewing the Overview Report and Work Programme, the Panel asked for additional information in regard to the Disabled Facilities Grant Scheme and Homelessness, both subjects of Task & Finish Groups’ recommendations last year.

Extra funding for the DFG Scheme had been received from the Department of Communities and Local Government in December last year and clarity was requested regarding its use and whether it was ring fenced for the DFG Scheme. An update on Riverside Carlisle’s participation in the DFG Scheme was also requested.

Questions were put relating to young people, homelessness and the Homeless Prevention Pilot Project. Answers to some of the questions are expected by the next meeting of the Panel.

Although the statutory responsibility for the delivery of services provided for children and young people rests with the County Council, the City Council delivers a wide range of programmes of activity for children and young people.

The Panel welcomed the Working with Young People Report which laid out the current programme and plans for increased partnership working with a number of other services in this field.

Information on the numbers of those young people not in education, employment or training and for this to be broken down into those living in the urban area and those in the rural area was requested. Members also asked for an update on the social inclusion programmes of the new Shaddongate Resource Centre.

The Panel considered the Community Engagement Transformation Report. As the Directorate includes several of the Council's front line services, questions were asked over a range of Members' concerns, the Panel wishing their concerns to be considered during discussions on the Directorate's restructure and a further update on the subject at its next meeting.

The final item examined was a report on the proposals in relation to the Council's Closed Circuit Television service. The proposals were a scaling down of the service in 2013/14 as part of the financial savings the Council had to make and had been approved by the Executive in November. A number of questions were asked relating to the benefits of the present scheme and the possibilities of external funding. The members resolved that with their concerns about these proposals having been aired, they supported the consultation presently taking place.

Councillor Olwyn Luckley