Agenda Item No:



COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Committee Report

Public

Date of Meeting:	18 October 2006
Title:	THE FORWARD PLAN - ITEMS RELEVANT TO COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Report of:	Director of Legal and Democratic Services
Report reference:	LDS.76/06

Summary: To inform Members of issues within the ambit of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Recommendation:

To review issues within the ambit of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee contained within the Forward Plan for 1 October 2006 to 31 January 2007.

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Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: Forward Plan of Executive Decisions – 1 October 2006 to 31 January 2007.

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 An item highlighting Forward Plan issues relevant to each Overview and Scrutiny Committee is now being included on each agenda.

2. FORWARD PLAN ISSUES

- 2.1 The Forward Plan of the Executive, covering the period 1 October 2006 to 31 January 2007 was published on 15 September 2006.
- 2.2 The Appendix to this report sets out those issues which fall within the ambit of this Committee.

3. **RECOMMENDATION**

3.1.1 To review issues within the ambit of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee contained within the Forward Plan for 1 October 2006 to 31 January 2007.

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Reference:	KD.032/06	Active:	Yes	
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Subject:

Equality and Diversity Policy

Portfolio Area:

Learning and Development

Key Decisions

To agree a comprehensive Equality Policy for recommendation to the City Council:

- (a) Approval of the draft Policy for consultation with Community
- Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Community Groups.
- (b) To agree the Policy for recommendation to the City Council

Decision to be taken at Executive meeting on

- (a) 24 April 2006
- (b) November and December 2006

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date when the matter will be considered by that Overview and Scrutiny Committee OR reason why the matter does not need to go to Overview and Scrutiny:

Community O&S Committee on 31 August 2006 will consider the Corporate Equality Action Plan. The draft Equality and Diversity Policy will be considered by Community O&S Committee at a later date.

Consultees:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Community Groups.

Date for Consultees' comments:

12 October 2006

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

Report PPP.23/06 - Equality and Diversity Policy (at Community O&S Committee on 8 June 2006)

Report SP.17/06 - Equality and Diversity Policy (at Executive on 24 April 2006 and Community O&S Committee on 8 June 2006)

The Head of Policy and Performance Services' report will be available

five working days before the Executive meeting.

Further Information from:

Head of Policy and Performance Services, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Reference: KD.041/06 Active:	Yes
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Subject:

Housing Capital Programme Progress Update Report [EX.180/06 on 29 August 2006, EX.206/06 on 25 September 2006]

Portfolio Area:

Sustainable Communities

Key Decisions

To receive an update on the Housing Capital Programme and approve the timescaling for projects together with the release of funding for this financial year.

Decision to be taken at Executive meeting on

- 29 August 2006 25 September 2006
- 23 October 2006

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date when the matter will be considered by that Overview and Scrutiny Committee OR reason why the matter does not need to go to Overview and Scrutiny:

Community O&S Committee on 31 August 2006 and 18 October 2006

Consultees:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date for Consultees' comments:

25 September 2006

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

Report DS.58/06 - Housing Capital Programme - Progress Report (at Executive on 25 September 2006) Report DS.58/06 - Housing Capital Programme - Progress Report (at Executive on 29.08.06 and Community O&S Committee on 31.08.06) The Director of Development Services' report will be available five working days before the Executive meeting.

Further Information from:

Housing and Health Services Manager, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Reference:	KD.039/06	Active:	Yes
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Subject:

Raffles Vision - Options for Vacant Properties [EX.227/06 on 25 September 2006]

Portfolio Area:

Sustainable Communities

Key Decisions

To report back to the Executive options regarding the empty properties on the Raffles Estate that are a part of the Raffles Vision project, reported to the Executive in June 2006.

Decision to be taken at Executive meeting on

25 September and 23 October 2006

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date when the matter will be considered by that Overview and Scrutiny Committee OR reason why the matter does not need to go to Overview and Scrutiny:

Community O&S Committee on 18 October 2006

Consultees:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date for Consultees' comments:

18 October 2006

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

PRIVATE Report DS.79/06 - Raffles Vision - Options for Vacant Properties (at Executive on 25.09.06) The Director of Development Services' report will be available five working days before the Executive meeting. Report CS.28/06 - Raffles Vision (at Executive on 12 June 2006)

Further Information from:

Housing and Health Services Manager, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Reference: KD.050/06	Active:	Yes
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Subject:

Gambling Policy [EX.211/06 on 25 September 2006]

Portfolio Area:

Environment and Infrastructure

Key Decisions

To consider a draft Gambling Policy for recommendation to the City Council for adoption.

Decision to be taken at Executive meeting on

25 September and 23 October 2006

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date when the matter will be considered by that Overview and Scrutiny Committee OR reason why the matter does not need to go to Overview and Scrutiny:

Community O&S Committee on 18 October 2006

Consultees:

Stakeholders

Date for Consultees' comments:

The draft Policy will be published for consultation on 3 July 2006. The consultation period ends on 22 September 2006. The consultees' comments and the draft Policy will then be available for consideration by the Licensing Committee, the Executive and the Community O&S Committee.

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

Report LDS.68/06 - Formulation of Gambling Policy Statement -Gambling Act 2005 Gambling Act 2005 Gambling Comission Guidance to Local Authorities The Director of Legal and Democratic Services' report will be available five working days before the Executive meeting.

Further Information from:

Licensing Manager, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle CA3 8QG

Reference:	KD.051/06	Active:	Yes
Subject:			
Revised F	Parish Charter		
Portfolio Area	1:		
Economic	Prosperity		
Key Decisions	3		
To approv	e or amend the revise	d Parish Charter.	
	whether the Parish C		ported to Full Council
To agree	the launch and distribu	ution mechanism for	r the Parish Charter.

Decision to be taken at Executive meeting on

23 October 2006

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date when the matter will be considered by that Overview and Scrutiny Committee OR reason why the matter does not need to go to Overview and Scrutiny:

Community O&S Committee on 18 October 2006

Consultees:

Internal Departments, Parish Councils, Carlisle Parish Councils Association, Senior Management Team.

Date for Consultees' comments:

Internal Departments - completed end June 2006. Parish Councils - first round completed end June 2006 and further round of consultation August - end September 2006 Carlisle Parish Councils Association - 11 May 2006, 12 June 2006, 19 June 2006 Senior Management Team - 25 July 2006

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

The Director of Development Services' report will be available five working days before the Executive meeting. Existing Parish Charter (Carlisle City Council 1998)

Further Information from:

Rural Development Officer, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle CA3 8QG

Reference:	KD.052/06	Active:	Yes
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Subject:

Theatre / Arts Centre Feasibility Study

Portfolio Area:

Leisure, Culture and Heritage

Key Decisions

To consider the Theatre / Arts Centre Feasibility Study report and forward it to Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee for comment.

Decision to be taken at Executive meeting on

23 October 2006

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date when the matter will be considered by that Overview and Scrutiny Committee OR reason why the matter does not need to go to Overview and Scrutiny:

Community O&S Committee on 23 November 2006

Consultees:

Portfolio holder, wide range of local groups and bodies, Overview and Scrutiny, Executive, Citizens Panel

Date for Consultees' comments:

The local groups and Panel members will have been consulted by 29 September 2006, followed by the Executive and Overview and Scrutiny.

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

The draft Feasibility report will be available five working days before the Executive meeting. Report CS.13/06 - Theatre / Arts Centre Feasibility Study (at Executive on 24 April 2006). Report CLS.003/06 - Arts Centre / Theatre Feasibility Study (at Executive on 20 February 2006)

Further Information from:

Head of Culture and Community Services, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Reference:	KD.058/06	Active:	Yes
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Subject:

Shaddon Mill Lease

Portfolio Area:

Leisure, Culture and Heritage

Key Decisions

To consider the option of taking a lease on Shaddonmill for the continued storage of the artefacts held there.

Decision to be taken at Executive meeting on

23 October 2006

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date when the matter will be considered by that Overview and Scrutiny Committee OR reason why the matter does not need to go to Overview and Scrutiny:

The decision required is whether to enter into a lease and as such is not seen as something which Overview and Scrutiny would need to consider as they have and will have input into the strategic direction to be taken in relation to the Tullie House Dvelopment Plan.

Consultees:

Portfolio holder, Development Services

Date for Consultees' comments:

2 October 2006

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

The Head of Culture and Community Services' report will be available five working days before the Executive meeting.

Further Information from:

Head of Culture and Community Services, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Reference:	KD.059/06	Active:	Yes
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Subject:

Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Grant - Investment Programme

Portfolio Area:

Sustainable Communties and Environment and Infrastructure

Key Decisions

To agree amendments to the ODPM Investment Programme.

Decision to be taken at Executive meeting on

23 October 2006

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date when the matter will be considered by that Overview and Scrutiny Committee OR reason why the matter does not need to go to Overview and Scrutiny:

Community O&S Committee on 18 October 2006

Consultees:

Senior Management Team, partner agencies, Overview and Scrutiny

Date for Consultees' comments:

18 October 2006

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

Report CS.47/06 - Office of the Deputy Prime Minister Grant (at Executive on 25 September 2006). The Director of Community Services' report will be available five working days before the Executive meeting.

Further Information from:

Head of Environmental Protection Services, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle CA3 8QG

Reference:	KD.048/06	Active:	Yes	
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Subject:

Budget Strategy 2007/08

Portfolio Area:

Finance and Performance Management

Key Decisions

To consider strategic financial issues arising as part of the budget making process:

- (a) Individual Charges Review
- (b) Individual New Revenue Spending Pressures
- (c) Individual Savings and Gershon Savings Proposals
- (d) New Capital Spending Proposals and Provisional Capital Programme
- (e) Renewals Reserve
- (f) Repair and Maintenance
- (g) Treasury Management and Borrowing Implications
- (h) General Fund Revenue Estimates
- (i) Consideration of Consultation feedback
- (j) Final Revenue Support Grant (if available)
- (k) Summary Overall Revenue and Capital position
- (I) Executive's Draft Budget Proposals for consultation
- (m) Final Revenue Support Grant and Final Budget Summary
- (n) Treasury Management and Investment Strategy
- (o) Executive's Final Budget Proposals

Decision to be taken at Executive meeting on

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) on 20 November 2006
(i) on 11 December 2006
(j), (k) and (l) on 18 December 2006. (l) to be tabled at meeting (m), (n) and (o) on 22 January 2007

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for all budget issues except the detailed service estimates. Community and Infrastructure O&S Committees for Budget Bids, Savings and Charges pertaining to their individual areas of responsibility.

Date when the matter will be considered by that Overview and Scrutiny Committee OR reason why the matter does not need to go to Overview and Scrutiny:

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h) - Community O&S Committee on 23
November 2006, Infrastructure O&S Committee on 30 November 2006
and Corporate Resources O&S Committee on 7 December 2006
(j), (k), (l) - Corporate Resources O&S Committee on 11 January 2007

Consultees:

Overview and Scrutiny, Business Community, Trade Unions and Citizens

Date for Consultees' comments:

Consultation period - 19/12/06 to 20/01/07

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

The Director of Corporate Services' reports will be available five working days before the Executive meetings.

Further Information from:

Head of Financial Services, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle CA3 8QG

Reference:	KD.053/06	Active:	Yes
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Subject:

Sports Facility Feasibility Study

Portfolio Area:

Leisure, Culture and Heritage

Key Decisions

To consider the options proposed in the study for future sports facility development in the City.

Decision to be taken at Executive meeting on

20 November 2006

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Community Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date when the matter will be considered by that Overview and Scrutiny Committee OR reason why the matter does not need to go to Overview and Scrutiny:

Community O&S Committee on 20 July and 23 November 2006

Consultees:

Portfolio holder, Overview and Scrutiny, Sports Clubs, Carlisle Local Area Committee, Parish Councils

Date for Consultees' comments:

28 October 2006

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

CS.25/06 - Sports Facility Feasibility Study (at Executive on 12 June 2006)

CS.38/06 - Sports Facility Feasibility Study (at Community O&S Committee on 20 July 2006).

Draft Sports Facility Feasibility Study report.

The Director of Community Services' report will be available five working days before the Executive meeting.

Further Information from:

Head of Culture and Community Services, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Reference:	KD.055/06	Active:
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Yes

Subject:

Carlisle City Council Sustainable Community Strategy (Community Plan)

Portfolio Area:

Promoting Carlisle

Key Decisions

(a) To consider the Carlisle Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) draft version of a Sustainable Community Strategy (Plan) for the City to take effect from April 2007.

(b) To consider the outcomes of consultation with Community, Corporate Resources and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committees, partners and the public.

(c) To recommend to Council the adoption of the Sustainable Community Strategy (Plan).

Decision to be taken at Executive meeting on

20 November 2006 19 February 2007 19 March 2007

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Community O&S Committee - but all O&S Committees will be consulted.

Date when the matter will be considered by that Overview and Scrutiny Committee OR reason why the matter does not need to go to Overview and Scrutiny:

All Overview and Scrutiny Committees to be consulted: Community - 23 November 2006 and 15 February 2007 Corporate Resources - 7 December 2006 and 22 February 2007 Infrastructure - 30 November 2006 and 8 March 2007

Consultees:

Extensive consultation via the Carlisle LSP Forum and Groups, including: Carlisle City Council staff and members, partners from the private, public, community and voluntary sectors. Local people and stakeholders in the City and its region.

Date for Consultees' comments:

Late Autumn 2006 - to be programmed by the Carlisle Local Strategic Partnership

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

Cumbria Sub-Regional Strategy. Cumbria Local Area Agreement. Proceedings of the Carlisle Local Strategic Partnership and Priority Groups. Proceedings of Carlisle Renaissance.

Further Information from:

Carlisle Local Strategic Partnership Manager, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG

Reference:	KD.057/06	Active:
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Yes

Subject:

Carlisle City Council Corporate Plan / Best Value Performance Plan

Portfolio Area:

Finance and Performance Management

Key Decisions

(a) To consider a draft version of a new Corporate Plan for the City Council that incorporates the Best Value Performance Plan for 2007/08.
(b) To consider the outcome of consultation with the Community, Corporate Resources and Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committees and recommend to Council adoption of the Corporate Plan / Best Value Performance Plan.

Decision to be taken at Executive meeting on

22 January 2007 19 March 2007 4 June 2007 25 June 2007

Responsible or Lead Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee - but all 3 Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be consulted.

Date when the matter will be considered by that Overview and Scrutiny Committee OR reason why the matter does not need to go to Overview and Scrutiny:

All 3 Overview and Scrutiny Committees to be consulted: Community O&S Committee - 15 February, 29 March, 7 June 2007 Corporate Resources O&S Committee - 22 February, 12 April, 14 June 2007

Infrastructure O&S Committee - 8 March, 19 April, 21 June 2007

Consultees:

Extensive consultation within and outside the organisation to include: Carlisle City Council staff and Members, partners including the public and private sector, community and voluntary sector and local people.

Date for Consultees' comments:

Various dates to be programmed into the project plan for producing the Corporate Plan.

Relevant reports/background papers which are available:

Draft Corporate Plan / Best Value Performance Plan at Executive on 22 January, 19 March and 4 June 2007. The Head of Policy and Performance Services' report will be available five working days before the Executive meeting.

Further Information from:

Head of Policy and Performance Services, Carlisle City Council, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG