EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2011

EEOSP.14/11 OVERVIEW REPORT INCORPORATING THE WORK PROGRAMME AND FORWARD PLAN ITEMS

The Scrutiny Officer (Mrs Edwards) presented report OS.06/11 providing an overview of matters related to the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel's work. Details of the latest version of the work programme were also included.

Mrs Edwards reported that:

- The Forward Plan of the Executive covering the period 1 February 2011 to 31 May 2011 was published on 17 January 2011. The issues that fell within the remit of the Panel were:
 - KD.031/10 Parking Connect Joined up on/off Car Parking Enforcement for Cumbria. This item was considered by the Panel at their meeting on 2 December 2010.
 - KD.003/11 Housing Design Supplementary Planning Document. This item was on the agenda for the meeting.
 - KD.006/11 Energy Efficiency Supplementary Planning Document. In agreement with the Chair the Panel had decided that they did not wish to consider the item as it had been considered at a recent meeting of the Panel.

Since the publication of the report the Forward Plan covering the period 1 March to 31 July 2011 had been published. The Plan had 1 item relevant to the Panel – KD.009/11 – Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership – that would "consider the Council's participation in the Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership 'Enhanced Partnership Working' Project and, if appropriate, to appoint representatives to sit on both the Project Delivery Board and the Project Delivery Team." The report was scheduled to be considered by the Executive at their meeting on 14 March as part of the enhanced working programme. Further details would be available to the Panel in April as part of the Waste Services update.

 Parking Connect – a report was presented to the Executive on 14 February 2011. The Chairman requested an update on the position of the Parking Connect proposals and was informed by the Assistant Director (Local Environment) (Ms Culleton) that the County Council would not be discussing the issue until their meeting in March so it was unlikely that there would be any changes before April. The Chairman reminded the Panel that the Car Parking Task and Finish Group had made a number of recommendations to the Executive. The Executive responded that several of those recommendations would be looked at alongside Parking Connect. Due to delays in that project the Chairman requested that the Executive provide an update for the Panel meeting in April with regard to the implementation of the recommendations from the Car Parking Task and Finish Group.

 Members agreed that the Carlisle Tourism Partnership should remain on the work programme.

A Member asked, as the Charges Review indicated that the provision of purple sacks would remain, where the Council the £30,000 identified as that saving would be found. She reminded Members of the Executive that the Panel had recommended a review of the distribution of purple sacks and the possibility of the provision of bins where possible. The Local Environment Portfolio Holder assured Members that the matter was to be reviewed along with the recycling of cardboard and plastic.

RESOLVED: 1) That, subject to the issues raised above, the Overview Report incorporating the Work Programme and Forward Plan items relevant to this Panel be noted.

2) That the Executive be requested to provide an update on the recommendations from the Car Parking Task and Finish Group for the Panel meeting in April.