

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

THURSDAY 23 JULY 2015 AT 10.00AM

PRESENT: Councillor Burns (Chairman), Councillors Caig (as substitute for Councillor Scarborough), Ellis, Mrs McKerrell, Osgood, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Vasey and Ms Williams.

ALSO

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs Bradley – Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder
Councillor Mrs Riddle – Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder

Lynsey Buckle – Development Manager, Youth Zone
Joanne King – Cumbria County Council

OFFICERS: Deputy Chief Executive
Director of Economic Development
Communities and Family Development Officer
Contracts and Community Services Manager
Partnership Manager

COSP.39/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Scarborough.

COSP.40/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in respect of the business to be conducted.

COSP.41/15 PUBLIC AND PRESS

It was agreed that the items of business in Part A be dealt with in public.

COSP.42/15 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RESOLVED – 1. That the minutes of the meetings held on 9 April 2015 and 11 June 2015 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

COSP.43/15 CALL-IN OF DECISIONS

There were no matters which had been the subject of call in.

COSP.44/15 CARLISLE AND EDEN COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL PLAN 2015-16

The Deputy Chief Executive presented Report SD.11/15 that presented the Community Safety Partnership's work programme for the coming year in the form of their partnership plan. While presented as a developed document it represented a 'live' work programme which would develop throughout the year and could be influenced and shaped through the City council's representation on the Community Safety Partnership's Leadership Group.

The Deputy Chief Executive reminded Members that the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed statutory obligations on local authorities and the police to act in cooperation with other services and agencies to work together to develop and implement a partnership plan for tackling crime and disorder in the area. The legislation required local Community Safety Partnerships to produce a plan setting out how it intended to tackle crime and disorder and allowed the development of strategies to tackle short, medium and long-term priorities.

The Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership's Leadership Group took responsibility for developing the Community Safety Partnership annual plan based on evidence drawn from the annual countywide community safety strategic assessment. The Leadership Group included representation from Carlisle City Council via the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Health and Wellbeing and the Contracts and Community Services Manager. The proposed plan for 2015-16 was approved at their meeting held in June 2015 and was appended to the report.

Members were asked to consider the Partnership Plan and provide comment and feedback to the Executive.

The Carlisle District Summary of the Cumbria Crime and Community Safety Strategic Assessment indicated that levels of crime in Carlisle continued to fall. Numbers of incidents of theft of a motor vehicle, violence against a person and criminal had risen and there had been a marginal increase in incidents of domestic violence and sexual offences. However incidences of burglary of a dwelling, other burglary, theft from a motor vehicle, drug crime, business crime and alcohol related violence against a person had fallen.

Alcohol misuse was an issue in the district with increasing rates of alcohol specific mortality of females and admitted to hospital episodes with alcohol related conditions.

Castle Ward, which included the City Centre had the highest level of crime in the county. That was driven by high levels of anti-social behaviour, business crime, shoplifting, drug crime and criminal damage.

It was anticipated that the implications of welfare reform and the impact that may have on individuals and families could lead to an increase in crime, potentially acquisitive crime as well as domestic violence, alcohol and substance misuse as financial pressures increased.

In considering the report Members raised the following comments and questions:

- *What was the makeup of the Partnership and who were they accountable to?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager explained that legislation dictated that the Action Plan had to be pulled together at force level. Issues within Cumbria were diverse across the County and there were three police patrol levels. It was agreed that the most practical way forward was to have a Carlisle and Eden Partnership. The Partnership consisted of representatives from the police, fire service, probation, Cumbria County Council, Carlisle City Council and Eden District Council as well as non-voting representatives from agencies such as Licensing. The two voting members for the City Council were the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder and the Contracts and Community Services Manager. Other agencies could be brought in as required. The Action Plan was submitted to the Police Crime Commissioner for approval to ensure it tied in with his crime policies.

- *Was there any 'community' representation on the Partnership?*

The Communities and Family Development Officer explained that community groups were involved as part of the problem solving group.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder further explained that representatives from domestic violence groups had attended the meetings. The Portfolio Holder confirmed that the meetings were not open to the public and were funded from the Police Crime Commissioner.

The Contracts and Community Services Manager advised that the work of the Community Safety Partnership and the deliverables from the Action Plan were funded through a bid to the Police Crime Commissioner.

- *Was there a limit to the bid for funding?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager explained that the Partnership drew up an annual plan from which costs were determined. That provided an indication of the funding that would be required. A bid was then submitted to the Commissioner. Regular links to the Commissioner's office allowed the Partnership to submit a level of bid with a practical chance of success (because the Commissioner's available funding was limited and covered all of Cumbria).

- *What can the partnership bid for?*

The Partnership priced up the elements for their annual plan which were not already resourced from individual organisations and then bid for sufficient funding to deliver the rest of the plan.

- *If there was not a statutory responsibility would the City Council continue to be part of the Partnership?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager stated that the group took a coordinated approach to solving problems. The best way to tackle issues of crime and anti-social behaviour was usually via multi-agency responses so he believed the Council would always choose to engage with Partners to provide coordinated responses.

The Portfolio Holder explained that the police were the key organisation taking the work forward and because of the way in which the police force worked it made sense to include Carlisle and Eden. Councillors from either authority could attend the problem solving group to raise issues within their Ward. There were currently two groups in Carlisle but that was in the process of changing. However the Portfolio Holder believed it to be a valuable forum for any Councillor to raise issues.

- *Why did the Partnership change its name from the Crime and Disorder Partnership which seemed more appropriate?*

The Deputy Chief Executive explained that the change was as a result of a legislative requirement.

The Communities and Family Development Officer advised Members that the main issues considered by the Partnership were substance and alcohol misuse, reoffending, domestic

violence, antisocial behaviour and violent crime. The Officer stated that there were a number of ways of tackling each category:

- antisocial behaviour – youth provision at peak times such as Summer Splash and the Citizenship programme
 - enforcement – It's Your Choice programme working with young offenders through court orders
 - use of antisocial behaviour powers – via the community trigger which gave victims the right to hold agencies accountable. If the victim believed that the agency had not dealt with the offence they could ask for a review. The Communities and Family Development Officer advised that there had been no such requests in Carlisle to date
 - violent crime as a result of alcohol and drug misuse was tackled through existing schemes including the Drug and Alcohol Service, taxi marshals and schools working with young people. The Communities and Family Development Officer advised that the Partnership were keen to develop a programme to tackle legal highs especially in rural areas and develop a better working relationship with the British Transport Police.
 - Domestic and sexual violence – the Partnership continued to support groups county wide and had supported the new sexual referral centre. The partnership included a number of domestic violence champions and was developing into the private sector such as supermarkets to raise awareness
 - Reducing reoffending – the most prolific were targeted through the reoffenders programme. The Partnership were keen to use and expand the restorative programme.
- *It was a concern that racism was the most common form of hate crime. Were there any plans for an education programme?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager advised that the Pub Watch scheme was being extended to include takeaways as that was where much of the hate crime took place. Offenders would be banned from using takeaways as well as pubs.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder advised that one reason the number had increased was that people were more inclined to report hate crime at night and were encouraged to do so.

There was a similar picture with regard to sexual violence. The police would prefer to see the number of incidents rising as a result of more incidents being reported.

- *Why had hate crime been taken out of the Partnership's priorities?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager confirmed that because hate crime was linked to a number of other areas, it was often driven by alcohol and the night time economy and actions to tackle hate crime had been included within other priority areas.

- *Had the recommendations from the Hate Crime Task and Finish Group been taken into account?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager confirmed that they had and advised that the establishment of community centres as reporting centres was a direct result of the work undertaken by the group.

- *Were those recommendations available to the public?*

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that the minutes were available on CMIS and that he would find a copy and send them to Members of the Panel.

The Communities and Family Development Officer advised that the City Council provided funding for the Summer Splash scheme which started on 22 July 2015 and was rolled out across the District. There were also smaller clubs in community centres that would be held later in the year.

- *Was there dialogue between the Partnership and organisations such as the Youth Zone?*

The Communities and Family Development Officer advised that youth providers were included in Task Groups and their opinions taken into account. Cumbria County Council also used the information to feed into programmes that they were delivering.

- *The demographic data did not match the demographic information included in the Council's Local Plan.*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager advised that the information was obtained from the Cumbria Intelligence Observatory and they may have used information in respect of the previous year. The Contracts and Community Services Manager confirmed that he would check the data and advise Members accordingly.

- *Was there any money put aside specifically for domestic violence? It was strange that such a high priority had to rely on charitable sources.*

The Communities and Family Development Officer advised that last year the work of the domestic abuse champions led to the development of the new sexual referral centre. The Police and Crime Commissioner had worked with other Partners including the City Council to fund the development and delivery of the sexual assault referral centre this year.

However, the Portfolio Holder advised that there was never sustainable funding for domestic violence. The Police Crime Commissioner had provided a proper assessment centre for rape within the district which the City Council had also put money into. However there was no statutory central funding.

The Contracts and Community Services Manager confirmed that he could inform the Partnership that the Panel were disappointed that there was no statutory funding available for this important area of work.

- *Was there any evidence that restorative justice was working?*

The Communities and Family Development Officer advised that the Integration Management Team produced that information and confirmed that she would obtain that information and circulate it to Members of the Panel.

- *As part of a coordinated approach to 'secure by design' does the Partnership discuss new developments with developers?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager explained that the Planning Officers discussed new developments with the police who had a dedicated planning officer. They would then make recommendations to developers. The police would be consulted on new developments and if any issues were anticipated would raise concerns.

The Communities and Family Development Officer added that the Designing Out Crime Officers were consulted in the design of parks and any development on Council land.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder advised that if a play area was to be included in a housing development it would be located so houses with windows would look towards the play area so someone was able to keep an eye on children playing. Planners and the Development Control Committee took notice of recommendations made by the police.

- *What community initiatives could there be?*

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder advised that there had been an article in the local press the previous evening regarding restorative justice.

- *The community could be involved in litter picking and graffiti removal.*
- *Who was taking the Every Action Has Consequences project into schools?*

The Communities and Family Development Officer advised that the Police Community Support Officers delivered the project in schools along with people who had been affected by crime. Inspira and some volunteers also did some work in schools. However the preferred option was for the police to deliver the project to try to break down barriers with the police and the impact was higher when delivered by the police.

- *How many of the Partnership's initiatives had been achieved and how many would have been achieved without the Partnership?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager advised that some of the actions on the Action Plan would be done by the police and/or licensing anyway, but the majority of the Action Plan was additional work that would not be undertaken without the partnership. The funding bid to the commissioner was submitted as part of multi-agency coordination.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder stated that the problem solving group was a good example of partnership working as it stopped issues escalating. The problem solving group directed the Partnership and the Task and Finish Groups ensured actions were undertaken.

- *The ACORN Category profile referred to a rising prosperity category. What did that mean?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager explained it was one of ACORN's classifications and looked at socio demographic elements then put them into groups.

- *The report indicated that Carlisle had 1% of residents in rising prosperity while the national figure was 10%.*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager explained that the category took into account income, type of work, marital status, number of cars, education then put them into

broader categories. There were fewer people in the higher categories in Carlisle than there were nationally.

The Director of Economic Development explained that the category was linked to the predictions on business growth.

- *With regard to antisocial behaviour who categorises the calls to the police?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager explained that the call handlers categorise the calls based on clear guidance. The categories varied and included issues such as littering, vehicle obstruction and vagrancy.

- *It may be useful to explain that Castle includes the City Centre where it would be expected that there would be more frequent incidents.*

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder added that Currock and part of St Aidans Wards also included part of Botchergate which may distort the figures in those areas.

The Contracts and Community Services Manager advised that he would ask for that information to be included in future.

- *How many cases of burglaries resulted in arrests and/or prosecutions?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager advised that he could obtain that data from police performance reports. The Officer explained that there were often several incidents in an area and it was generally a matter of time before the offender was picked up by the police and the incidents stopped.

- *With regard to drug offences the report generally included taking drugs and the possession of drugs. Why was drug related crime, ie crimes as a result of drug taking, mentioned separately to alcohol related crime?*

The Deputy Chief Executive stated that he believed that was due to the police classification. Burglary could be an acquisitive crime but was not classified that way in the report. However that information could be obtained from the police.

The Contracts and Community Services Manager added that the police approach was to target dealers, etc.

- *The report stated that life expectancy of a man in Castle Ward was lower than that of a man in Belah Ward. What was the reason for that difference?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager explained that it was due to socio demographics including lifestyle and income levels.

- *There was also a link between the propensity for smoking and drinking, and domestic violence, which was relative to income and where a person lived.*
- *Was there any evidence of how many incidents were perpetrated on and reported by the different groups in the ACORN statistics?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager explained that ACORN were more likely to capture demographic information but was not sure how that information was monitored.

- *It was said that more affluent homes were less likely to report incidents of domestic violence.*

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder advised that all reports were taken into account by the Leadership group. That was the reason for the Action Plan.

- *A Member was surprised that the report stated that most drug users in Cumbria were aged between 36 and 45 apart from Eden which was 26 to 35.*

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder advised that it may be useful to provide a link to the Cumbria Intelligence Observatory who supplied the information.

- *It would also be useful to have someone from the Observatory present next time the report is considered by the Panel.*

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder advised that a couple of years ago representatives from the Observatory attended a meeting of the Panel and explained where the organisation obtained the information and how it was interpreted. It was agreed that it would be useful to do that again.

- *The report indicated that there was a high percentage of 14-17 year olds taking up alcohol and/or drugs as there was nothing else for them to do. There was not much about provision for young people in the report.*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager advised that the Summer Splash scheme and safe clubs had been retained but the provision of facilities for young people was mainly down to resources. The Community Safety Partnership had launched a limited bid to the Police Crime Commissioner but it was not possible to provide a full service and youth provision was wider than engagement with the youth service.

- *Did the Partnership have any plans to discuss with agencies such as the Youth Zone and others, their role in coordinating and providing diversionary activities for young people?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager explained that there were no plans through the Community Safety Partnership to do so but Officers would discuss the matter.

- *The rising cost of sport provision was a concern as it was putting families in a difficult position. Would it be possible to put pressure on the Football Association to put money into the pot for sports provision for young people?*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager explained that the safe clubs were funded through Sports England but he would try to include sports provision in the bid to the Police Crime Commissioner to extend the range of clubs for young people.

- *It may be possible to apply to Grass Roots for funding. Free tennis was also available to under 16s from the Lawn Tennis Association.*

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder advised that the Partnership delivered positive youth projects to prevent future offending. Officers should try to work with all agencies including the Youth Zone and other providers in a preventative role.

In response to a query from a Member the Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder advised that “slights” in respect of road casualties meant slight injuries.

- *How was education of hate crime included in the Action Plan?*

The Communities and Family Development Officer advised that hate crime would be included in the Action Plan and views would be taken on board.

- *Do the police work with door supervisors and how were they regulated?*

The Communities and Family Development Officer advised that regulation of door supervisors was part of the Best Bar None scheme which had links to the police and Licensing Authorities. All door supervisors had to be registered and fully trained.

RESOLVED: 1. That in future the Strategic Assessment be submitted to the Panel earlier in the year and prior to consideration of the Action Plan

2. that the Deputy Chief Executive circulates a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the Panel containing the recommendations of the Hate Crime Task and Finish Group to Members

3. that the Contracts and Community Services Manager check the information in respect of demographics and advise Members accordingly

4. that the Contracts and Community Services Manager report to the Partnership, the disappointment of the Panel that there was no statutory funding available for supporting victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

5. that the Communities and Family Development Officer to circulate information in respect of the restorative justice system to Members of the Panel

6. that the Contracts and Community Services Manager obtain information in respect of arrests/prosecutions in cases of burglaries

7. that a representative from the Cumbria Intelligence Observatory be invited to a future meeting of the Panel prior to the next submission of the Community Safety Partnership Action Plan

COSP.45/15 YOUNG PEOPLES' SERVICES

The Chairman advised that he had asked for the item to be included on the agenda as a precursor to future discussion about the Council's role in the provision of services for young people as he believed that they were not being well served generally, particularly by statutory agencies and that perhaps this Council could be a catalyst for bringing agencies together.

The Council's Partnership Manager introduced Lynsey Buckle, Development Manager at the Youth Zone and Joanne King from Cumbria County Council.

The Partnership Manager explained that the Carlisle Partnership was made up of representatives from 80 organisations from the public and private sectors and volunteers. The Annual General Meeting had been held the previous week and the Partnership Manager circulated copies of the newsletter. The Partnership was made up of the Executive Group and a number of sub groups examples of which included a health sub-group, food sub-group and Carlisle Youth Council.

In September the Executive Group meeting focussed on Children and Young People and it was felt that there was a gap with regard to young people's voice within the Partnership. Since September work had been advanced to further engage and develop the Carlisle Youth Council. The Partnership Manager presented a short video made through the Partnership and by a local Carlisle college student and the Carlisle Youth Council. The young people said that the Youth Council was a good way to gather views and opinions and gave purpose to young people. They provided information about the meetings and the Thumbs Up project. The young people explained that their project for the coming year was mental health to show young people where they could go for help and to try to remove the negative stigma associated with mental health. They explained that the Partnership allowed them to present a young person's voice.

In considering the presentation Members raised the following comments and questions:

- *Those young people were well motivated. How could they transfer that enthusiasm to other less motivated young people?*

Ms King explained that members of the Youth Council were a mixed ability group and included young people from different schools and college. The young people chose to sit on the Council and became mentors to younger/new people. There had been a promotion about the Youth Council last year in the Lanes and they were doing other things to promote youth democracy in general. The group had been in existence for around four years.

The Partnership Manager added that because the projects were being taken into and engaging schools that was involving more young people. Additionally outreach work was targeted at places young people were visible eg the work in the Lanes shopping centre which had taken place the year before.

In response to a query from a Member Ms King advised that the Youth Zone was for young people from 11 to 19 and up to 25 for people with special needs. There was a core group of twelve youth councillors. As well as the local Youth Council there was also a County Youth Council, a regional Youth Forum and a national Youth Parliament. Last year the Youth Council had its first elected member on the Youth Parliament.

The Partnership Manager advised that the Youth Council had been approached by the Director of Public Health for their views which had been included in the Annual Health report and provided another example of good practice where young people were shaping the area.

Ms King informed Members that the "Make Your Mark" ballot listed the top ten priorities for young people. The ballot was taken into schools and colleges and last year 3,302 young people took part which was a 45% turnout for the area and highlighted the breadth of engagement with local young people. The top issue was determined as mental health.

- *A Member was concerned that mental health was the top topic.*

The Partnership Manager advised that mental health issues were on the increase nationally. Ms King explained that having carried out research the main issues were bullying, cyber bullying, exam pressures and peer pressure. The Youth Council would be working with a number of organisations who would assist in developing the project and were keen for further support. Partners had been in to deliver presentations to young people.

Ms King stated that through work with the Partnership it had been decided this year to trial a local ballot with five local priorities. Organisations were being invited to put forward suggestions and be more involved.

In response to a query from a Member Ms King explained that the ballot would be carried out in schools. The votes would then be counted by the partnership. The ballot papers had been sent to all pupils with a covering letter and it may be possible that some children would receive the letter more than once from a number of agencies. Children aged 11-19 would be eligible to take part in the ballot.

- *A lot of children were self-harming and were under pressure from social media.*

Self-harming was not just about cutting and there was now more understanding about the issue and it was being talked about more.

Ms Buckle explained that the Youth Zone were about to launch a project called the S Word that dealt with suicide. An informal survey had been undertaken and children as young as 7 and 8 were aware of suicide. The Youth Zone would be putting on workshops on self-esteem and body image to help young people.

Ms King explained that one of the benefits of working with the Partnership was that they could expand projects such as Thumbs Up which rewarded a positive work experience. Eighteen businesses had been involved. At the recent AGM those businesses were awarded a Thumbs Up sticker and a certificate. Three hundred young people at William Howard School had been sent a questionnaire as part of a pilot looking at part time employment and work experience placements.

The Partnership Manager presented a video of Rebecca Morley who was the Member of the Youth Parliament representing Carlisle and Eden at both local and national level.

- *The people on the Youth Council were possibly not representative of the majority of young people in Carlisle. In an earlier presentation received by the Panel it had been suggested that many young people were drinking because there was nothing else for them to do. How could the Youth Council engage with those groups?*

Ms King advised that it was difficult but the Youth Council represented the community and could work with other partnerships. Schools were encouraged to get groups involved. The Youth Council Executive Group met monthly but there were other forums available that did not attend the meetings but were involved with young people.

The Partnership Manager stated that the Youth Zone were doing a great job in engaging with large number of young people and should be commended for their innovative work.

- *A Member had had a tour of the Youth Zone last year and suggested that new Members may wish to request a tour. His son had joined as a result of the tour and he had told his friends about it. They had since also joined.*

- *The National Citizenship Service was also a good place to get young people involved.*
- *How were young people who were drinking/smoking/taking drugs being targeted?*

Ms King discussed the links with the youth groups which provided positive activities for young people.

Ms Buckle advised that the Youth Zone attracted everyone. It cost 50p to attend and currently had 1200 young people attending a third of who were from the poorest areas. The Youth Zone targeted disadvantaged young people but not necessarily those in poverty. Young people from rural areas and vulnerable groups were encouraged to attend as well as those who would be more likely not to volunteer for things.

Ms Buckle informed that the Youth Zone had taken part in the Aviva project which looked at teaching skills about food and won at a national level. Carlisle partners and the public assisted in voting, backing and as a result securing the funding for the Bake It, Cook It, Eat It Share It project.

The Youth Zone had run a Z-Chef competition for disadvantaged young people and had 16 volunteers. The competition looked at simple issues such as being on time and switching off mobile phones. The young people progressed over a two week period at the end of which one young man was awarded a place at the Shabby Scholar restaurant working as a trainee chef.

In April the Youth Zone appointed an employability officer who was working on a programme looking at interview techniques and CVs as well as gaps in business needs. A local engineering company was setting aside whole day for an engineering programme with other local engineering businesses also being involved.

- *The proposed changes in education meant that young people had to remain in education until they were 18. That could lead in the future to a number of 26/27/28 year olds who had not been able to find work since leaving school but who would not be eligible to take advantage of projects at the Youth Zone. Was there anything else in Carlisle that could fill that gap?*

Ms Buckle explained that they were working with young people from 13 and working with businesses sharing basic employability skills to get them job ready. At age 16 young people were pulled in several different directions and they needed a voice.

- *In the past young people had milk or paper rounds which taught discipline and encouraged young people not to rely on their parents. That was targeting the right age group.*
- *It was important to keep work experience real. Many young people did not want to work after 4.00pm or on Saturdays but they had to learn to work within the structure of the company.*

Ms Buckle advised that business leaders were explaining the basics to young people such as being on time and switching mobile phones off.

- *Groups and projects similar to the Youth Council had come and gone over the years. What could be done to make those groups more sustainable??*

Ms King stated that the issues were still the same and it was still difficult engaging with some people. Technology had changed and expectations of young people were changing. They wanted quick wins. It was important to ensure that there was something available to help young people.

The Chairman was positive about the work taking place for young people in the area and thanked all. Ms King and Ms Buckle were thanked for their input and the Chairman suggested that the next meeting of the Panel could be held at the Youth Zone and Members could see for themselves the facilities available.

RESOLVED: That the Policy Officer supporting the Panel make arrangements for the next meeting of the Panel scheduled to be held on 3 September 2015 to be held at the Youth Zone.

COSP.46/15 OVERVIEW REPORT AND WORK PROGRAMME

The Deputy Chief Executive presented report OS.11/15 which provided an overview of matters relating to the work of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel and included the latest version of the work programme and Key Decisions of the Executive which related to the Panel.

The Deputy Chief Executive reported that:

- the Notice of Key Executive Decisions, published on 26 June 2015, included the following item which fell within the remit of this Panel.

KD.03/15 – Carlisle and Eden Community Safety Partnership Annual Plan 2015-16 – the matter had been considered earlier in the meeting

KD.23/15 – Tennis Facilities Improvement – The Executive will be asked on 27 July 2015 to approve the addition of £495,000 to the capital programme to fund tennis facilities enhancement works at Bitts Park. The Executive will be asked to accept £400,000 via a grant award from the Lawn Tennis Association with Carlisle City Council providing £95,000 in match funding.

KD.24/15 – Closed Cycle Track Development – the Executive will be asked on 27 July 2015 to approve an application (via a solicited bid process) for £650,000 of British Cycling Funding to develop a Closed Circuit Cycle Track at the Harraby Campus. The Executive were also asked to approve the acceptance of such funding (subject to a successful bid) and the addition of £650,000 to the capital programme wholly funded by British Cycling. .

- There were no references from the Executive meeting on 29 June 2015 that fell within the remit of this Panel.
- An informal meeting of the Panel would be held immediately following the meeting to consider the Work Programme for the forthcoming Municipal year.

In considering the report Members raised the following comments and questions:

- *Where was the funding for the cycle way coming from?*

The Deputy Chief Executive explained that the City Council had invested in the community facility in Harraby and a bid for match funding of approximately £650,000 would be made to British Cycling.

- *There was concern about the time that the floodlights would be switched off at the site. Other similar sites were lit until 10.00pm.*

The Contracts and Community Services Manager explained that that was a specific planning requirement as a result of residents' concerns and was not linked to operation or funding of the site.

RESOLVED – 1. That the Overview Report (OS.11/15) incorporating the Work Programme and Notice of Executive Decisions items relevant to this Panel be noted.

COSP 47.15 WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2015-16

The Deputy Chief Executive advised that there were a number of standard items including:

- Tullie House Business Plan
- References from the Executive on fees and charges
- Setting the budget and the MTFP.

It had also been suggested that the following items should be included in the Work Programme:

- Performance of the Arts Centre – the first report should be six months after the opening of the Arts Centre and six monthly thereafter
- Greenwich Leisure Limited.

The Economy, Enterprise and Housing Portfolio Holder also suggested the following:

- The Council's relationship with private landlords
- The Energy efficiency project in private houses. To be considered in February/March 2016. New legislation would require social and private landlords to ensure properties met a level of energy efficiency in their properties and that would need to be monitored.

Other issues were:

- New leisure contract – that would be considered by the Executive in October before being considered by the Panel. It may be possible to tie it to the scrutiny of Greenwich Leisure Limited but as the new contract would be discussed as a private item it would make it clear that they were two separate issues
- The future of Tullie House
- Empty properties/housing quality
- There had been a commitment at Council that the Panel would talk to other social landlords. That could be done as part of the bi-annual Riverside review.
- Welfare Reform and how it was being undertaken in Carlisle

- Carlisle Plan
 - Cumbria Intelligence Observatory
 - Community Safety Partnership.
- *The needs of young people could be looked at as part of a Task and Finish Group.*

It was also suggested that a further Task and Finish Group could look at health issues in Carlisle.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman and the Policy Officer formulate a Work Programme from the issues raised and present it at the next meeting of the Panel scheduled to be held in September.

COSP.48/15 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

The Chairman advised the Panel that the Committee Clerk was leaving the authority. The Chairman, and the Panel, thanked the Officer for her work.

(The meeting ended at 12.45 pm)