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Title: **Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel Chair's Report – Councillor
Christine Finlayson**

LOCAL HUB DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY SAFETY

This Report came to Scrutiny on 17th February 2022.

The Panel were given an update on the work of the Carlisle Local Focus Hub and shared the proposals for establishing the Hub within the City Council by appointing a fixed term Hub Manager.

Sgt Blain, Cumbria Constabulary, gave an overview of how the Hub operates in terms of working with partners, data sharing arrangements and taking into account the impact of Local Government Reorganisation.

Visits have been undertaken to the districts of Allerdale and Copeland where the Hubs are provided in-house by the local authority, which works very well.

It is hoped that this will be agreed which will allow this important proposal time to be implemented and embedded for the new Council next year.

JAMES STREET BATHS AND TURKISH HEALTH SUITE FEASIBILITY STUDY

Carlisle City Council are currently delivering the £27million Sands Centre Redevelopment Project.

This will combine the existing entertainment and leisure facilities at the Sands Centre providing a modern, contemporary entertainment, leisure and swimming facility at a single location.

The new swimming facilities at the Sands are scheduled to open from late summer 2022.

The decant from the Pools will take place around this time and will require a close down of the Pools plant and securing of the site.

This is in preparation for the Borderlands improvements to the Carlisle Railway Station.

The Pools building will be secured and all external walls will be made good in order that the building can be operated independently thereafter.

JAMES STREET BATHS AND TURKISH HEALTH SUITE FEASIBILITY STUDY

The Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel welcomed the Representatives of the Friends of Carlisle Victorian Baths and Turkish Baths

A presentation was given to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel to consider the Friends aim for the facility, their vision and need for the Health Suite in the context of heritage, amongst other factors.

The Friends asked that the Panel agree that the Friends Group be allowed 8 - 10 months to complete the AHF funded Feasibility Study which the Friends have already secured, which has been agreed.

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted an overview of the key findings of the Feasibility Study for the James Street Baths and adjoining Grade II listed Turkish Health Suite which has been commissioned for Carlisle City Council.

The study formed part of ongoing project development work for the Borderlands funded Carlisle Station improvements project which was being led by Cumbria County Council.

The report by Mott McDonald identified a number of potential uses and set out four indicative potential development schemes over a period of time with greater levels of interventions and costs.

It has been proposed and recommended that the Executive Officers work with the Friends Group to explore a Community Asset Transfer.

The Council supports such groups and the Funding Officer was able to provide advice on available funding pots.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME ACTION AND ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY UPDATE ON RECENT ACTIVITY

The Local Environmental Crime and Enforcement was approved in June 2021 which brought together an extensive range of services and activities provided by street cleaning, parking and enforcement teams in support of local priorities.

The report provides an update on recent activity and highlights progress of the Council's Civic Enforcement Officer and street Cleaning Teams and provided further information on enviro-crime enforcement, court outcomes, fly tipping at recycling sites over Christmas

and New Year, engine idling, new enforcement vehicles, verge clearance, litter strategy and success stories.

There were many questions for the Panel to which the Officer was able to demonstrate the efficiency, effectiveness and good working practice of the whole team.

QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Policy and Performance Officer submitted the Quarter 3 Report 2021/2022 performance against the current Service Standards and a summary of the Carlisle Plan 2021/2023 actions as defined in the Plan.

Service Standards are the measure judged to be the most important in the community and most likely to influence the overall satisfaction of the Council's Performance.

The current overview gives the Scrutiny Panel an indication of what the Service Standards are achieving by way of a dashboard which measures all the actions taken. To date they are very efficient and mostly on target.

OVERVIEW REPORT

The current Workplan has seen some changes recently to accommodate further work to progress on a few items in order to streamline and combine some items for Scrutiny.

Full details of the discussions are to be found within the Minute Book.

Cllr Christine Finlayson
Chairman