

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**  
**ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SCRUTINY PANEL**  
**Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> June 2012**

The first item to be dealt with was the **Botchergate Conservation Appraisal and Management Plan**. The initial report and proposals had been dealt with at the E & E Panel meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2011. Three members of the Panel met with the Heritage Officer to consider the response to the consultation, where 43 responses had been received.

The members met on 13<sup>th</sup> June and included in the issues addressed were:

Historic buildings outside the boundary should be taken into consideration

The city council's capacity to undertake enforcement action

The area could be substantially enhanced with improved streetscape

Small enhancements would improve the area, especially where instances of poor design made the area look shabby

Positive action to be taken with regard to the action plan which would be produced should the document be accepted by the council

Members were mindful of the economic climate but hoped that every effort should be made to achieve what is possible. It was hoped transport arrangements at the junction of St Nicholas Street and London Road could be enhanced, as well as the planting of trees.

The task group report was agreed and the comments referred to the executive. It was resolved that the action plan be brought to the Panel when available.

The **Events Policy** was considered. There was some concern that the new protocol could militate against smaller organisations. The Panel were assured by the Portfolio Holder that there was a need for uniformity and accountability in overseeing the use of Council land and facilities for events, that officer help would be available to assist groups and organisations, Other concerns with regard to parking and restoration of land were addressed.

It was agreed that an ongoing assessment of the process be made to ensure its accessibility to users.

The **Waste Services Annual Report** was received. There was less recycling this year but this could be explained by the economic downturn. The Panel was advised that the City Council was an active member of the Cumbria Strategic Waste

Partnership. The Enhanced Partnership Working Project was set up to assess options for improved working between CSWP members.

The report was noted and the Panel looked forward to a presentation on CSWP at the October meeting. A report will be brought to the next meeting on enforcement with regard to fly tipping.

**The Performance Monitoring Report** was noted and the style of monitoring reports was to be discussed at the next Scrutiny Chairs Panel.

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Chairman