

AGENDA

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

THURSDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2011 AT 10.00AM

in the Flensburg Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle.

****Briefing meeting for Members will be at 9.15 am in
the Flensburg Room****

Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutions.

Declarations of Interest (including declarations of “The Party Whip”)

Members are invited to declare any personal interests, any personal interests which are prejudicial and any declarations of “The Party Whip”, relating to any item on the agenda at this stage.

Public and Press

To agree that items of business within Part A of the agenda should be dealt with in public;

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Minutes of previous meetings

To note the minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2011 (Copy Minutes Herewith)

PART A

To be considered when the Public and Press are present

A.1 CALL-IN OF DECISIONS

To consider any matter which has been the subject of call-in.

A.2 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Riverside Carlisle

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.1, the Assistant Director (Governance) to report the receipt of the following questions to the Chairman which have been submitted on notice by Mr Barker, Secretary of the Carlisle and Rural Tenants' Federation.

“Given the frequent use of the phrase “working together” by Mr. Mally Irving, the Development and Leasehold Manager of Riverside Carlisle in his presentation to the Panel meeting on July 14 2011, and given Mr Irving`s emphasis on the importance of this exhortation in describing what he considered to be Riverside`s co-operation with others in its current housing developments, how does the Panel explain the serious criticisms of Riverside`s operations which expressed a completely contrary view and were made by members of the Panel earlier in the same meeting.?”

Is it not the truth, that while Mr Irving may consider that Riverside is committed to co-operation and working together, in reality Riverside`s working together and co-operation outlined by Panel members at that meeting, is a completely different story and illustrates the true situation in Carlisle and district, particularly as it relates to Riverside`s current dispute with its leaseholders, and that the reality outlined by the Panel members clearly illustrates that Riverside is in serious need of being properly held to account?

Given this need for Riverside to be properly held to account, will the Panel now express support for the Housing Minister Mr Grant Shapps who recently told the Chartered Institute of Housing conference that the government is shortly to consult with Riverside and other housing associations on whether to extend the scope of the Freedom of Information Act to include housing associations in order to make it easier for tenants and members of the public to find out more about how Riverside and other associations work and also find out more about what Riverside and other associations do with the money they get from taxation.?”

A.3 OVERVIEW REPORT INCORPORATING THE WORK PROGRAMME AND FORWARD PLAN ITEMS

To consider a report providing an overview of matters related to the work of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel, together with the latest version of the Work Programme and details of Forward Plan items relevant to this Panel
(Copy Report OS.24/11 herewith)

A.4 DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF POLICY

The Assistant Director (Community Engagement) to report on Discretionary Rate Relief protocol and Criteria. The matter was considered by the Executive on 30 August 2011.

(Copy Report CD.09/11 herewith and minute excerpt to follow)

A.5 PLAY STRATEGY

The Assistant Director (Community Engagement) to submit the final report regarding the BIG Lottery Fund and the exit strategy.

(Copy Report CD.12/11 herewith)

A.6 PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORTS

The Policy and Communications Manager to submit performance monitoring reports relevant to the remit of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

(Copy Report PPP.13/11 herewith)

A.7 CARLISLE AND EDEN CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2011-12

To note, agree outcomes and submit recommendations to the Executive, from the Joint Carlisle and Eden CDRP Panel which was held on 4th August 2011

(Minute Excerpts herewith)

A.8 TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME FOR CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

The Assistant Director (Community Engagement) to provide a verbal update on the Transformation Programme on services areas within the remit of the Panel.

PART B To be considered in Private

-NIL-

Members of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Conservative: Nedved, Parsons, Prest

Labour: Bradley, Glover (Vice Chairman), McDevitt, Scarborough

Liberal Democrat: Luckley (Chairman)

Substitutes: Bainbridge, Bowman S, Layden(Conservative), (Labour)Hendry, Quilter, Riddle (Liberal Democrat) Farmer

Enquiries, requests for reports, background papers, etc to Committee Clerk:

Rachel Rooney – 817039

Notes to Members: Briefing meeting will be held at 9.15am in the Flensburg room
