

Report to: Council

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Meeting Date: 5 November 2013

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Title: **Environment & Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel - Chairman's Report –
Councillor Mrs Bowman**

The Panel have met twice since my last report to Council.

The focus of the meeting on the 12th September 2013 was to gain a better understanding of the development of the Business Interaction Centre (BIC). Mr. M. Berry, University of Cumbria attended and gave the Panel an overview of the work undertaken so far and responded to questions.

A visit to the BIC has been arranged for the 6th November 2013, allowing time for the Centre to become fully operational.

An update on the Tourism Strategy enabled the panel to raise questions of the Director and the Leader on the delivery of the Tourism Service.

A lively debate and questioning of details concerning the Local Enterprise Partnership and the Old Town Hall, Phase 2 made for an interesting meeting on the 17th October 2013.

Appreciation of the extensive work that has been undertaken by the Local Plan Team on the Preferred Options Consultation was acknowledged by the Panel.

Full details of the discussions are included within the Minute Book.

Councillor Marilyn Bowman
Chairman.