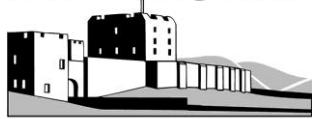


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# **COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL**

## ***Panel Report***

### **Public**

**Date of Meeting:** 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012

**Title:** CDRP Joint Scrutiny Panel

**Report of:** Overview and Scrutiny Officer

**Report reference:** OS 19/12

### **Summary:**

This report provides options on the future of the scrutiny of issues relating to the Carlisle and Eden CDRP.

### **Recommendations:**

Members are asked to:

- Discuss and agree how the Panel wish to scrutinise the Carlisle and Eden CDRP and Community Safety issues.

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## **1. Background**

- 1.1 Following a joint piece of work between scrutiny members of both Carlisle and Eden, Members of the Panel agreed the Terms of Reference for the Joint CDRP Scrutiny Panel on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010.
- 1.2 The main reason for the establishment of the Joint Panel was to consider cross cutting issues and also avoiding duplicate enquiries and activities which clearly makes better use of limited partner time and resources. Following a delay the Panel has now held meetings over a full Civic Year and it is therefore timely to review.
- 1.3 Panel Members raised concerns at the meeting of Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel (COSP) on 7<sup>th</sup> June that the Joint Scrutiny Panel was not fulfilling the intended purpose and resolved that consideration should be given as to whether Carlisle should continue to be involved in the Joint Scrutiny or whether this should return to COSP.
- 1.4 Members noted that the dedicated officer support to Carlisle and Eden CDRP has been cut and the Panel has been supported in the latter months by Officers from the Community Engagement Directorate from Carlisle City Council.
- 1.5 There have also been issues with the Scrutiny Officer support to the Panel and Members from Carlisle are concerned that this support has fallen in the main to the officer from Carlisle. There is no indication that this will change in 2012/13.
- 1.6 Members have also questioned whether the Joint Panel has added any value to the scrutiny of the Carlisle and Eden CDRP, over and above scrutiny that could have been undertaken by the COSP, which in accordance with the Constitution and legislation is the dedicated Panel to undertake this scrutiny.
- 1.7 There have also been concerns raised that as scrutiny of the CDRP has been undertaken by the Joint Scrutiny Panel, the Community O&S Panel have, in effect, lost the link to Community Safety.
- 1.8 Unfortunately the Terms of Reference for the Panel do not contain an exit strategy other than that there should be an end of year review of the effectiveness of the Panel.

## **2. Options**

- 2.1 Members need to consider the following options for the future of scrutiny of the Carlisle and Eden CDRP
  - (a) To continue to be involved in the Joint Scrutiny Panel.
  - (b) To continue to be involved in the Joint Scrutiny Panel but also for COSP to undertake scrutiny of Community Safety issues relating to Carlisle.
  - (c) To withdraw from the Joint Scrutiny Panel and for COSP to scrutinise the all activities of the CDRP and general Community Safety issues relating to Carlisle.