
**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
INFRASTRUCTURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HELD ON 1 NOVEMBER 2001**

IOS.9/01 LOCAL PLAN ROLL FORWARD

The Director of Environment and Development submitted report EN.165/01 concerning the review process for the Carlisle District Local Plan.

He outlined the background to the Local Plan, commenting that since its adoption a number of revised and new guidance notes had been issued by Central Government, notably PPG3 Housing and PPG25 Development and Flood Risk. Further guidance had also been issued on Government policy such as the Urban and Rural White Papers in 2000. In addition, there existed a hierarchy of planning guidance which developed the regional and strategic context for local development.

The Director drew Members' attention to Appendix 1 to his report which set out the formal stages which had to be followed in reviewing the Local Plan, together with an estimate of the likely timetable at Appendix 2.

He added that the Government had announced a Planning Green Paper to be issued this year which it was envisaged would address many planning issues, including the Development Plan process. The Council would consider a response to the Green Paper in due course, but Officers were of the view that it was unreasonable to delay the review process in anticipation of changes to planning legislation.

The Director commented that he would welcome a process whereby the whole Authority had ownership of the Plan and there may be a training requirement for Members who would take part in the process.

The Portfolio Holder for Infrastructure, Environment and Transport commented that the Development Control Committee was to consider training for its Members which could be inclusive of the Members of this Committee. Members were of the view that it was vital that they received adequate training.

In considering the matter, Members were of the view that initially the Executive should provide a policy steer to guide this Committee through the review stages.

RESOLVED – (1) That the process required to roll forward the Carlisle District Local Plan be noted.

* (2) That the Executive be requested to provide a policy steer on the matter.

(3) That Members of this Committee would wish to be included in any planning related training provided by the Authority.