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Title: **Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel Vice Chairman's Report –
Councillor Christine Finlayson**

Panel Meeting – 14th January 2021

The Local Environment (Climate Change) Strategy

The Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership (ZCCP) have received National Lottery funding and are in the process of making relevant appointments to the Partnership.

It was proposed that the Partnership Manager will be invited the Scrutiny meeting when the appointment process has been completed.

Key dates have also been included in the Action Plan to provide an overview of the 2037 target with the scale of reductions required across Cumbria.

Many other aspects were discussed at length which are recorded in the minutes.

Review of Public Space Protection Orders and Enforcement Strategy

Local Environment Crime, Action and Enforcement Strategy

The Neighbourhood Services Manager introduced the Local Environment Crime, Action and Enforcement Strategy outlining the Councils approach to maintaining clean streets and neighbourhoods and reinforced its commitment to taking robust action against those responsible for enviro-crimes such as littering, fly tipping, and dog fouling. It was also mentioned there is ongoing work to help influence positive behaviour change. Also an action plan to tackle other negative behaviours.

There will be other heightened enforcement activity with regard to roadside litter and motorists parked with engines idling, which supports wider carbon reductions and activity to improve local air quality.

Public Space Protection Orders

There were concerns raised regarding alcohol consumption on the streets, also safeguarding for individuals who may have an addiction.

Links between Cumbria Constabulary and the Homelessness Services are critical in ensuring ongoing support to individuals and we were reassured that the procedures in place are successful in reducing anti-social behaviour and providing help to those in need.

Active Spaces Review, Community Services

We had a very encouraging and clear presentation of the active spaces, it also highlighted the specialist equipment that is in place in some parks in the city.

The Health and Wellbeing Manager added the key criteria for any new Active Spaces development is accessibility to everyone to encourage inclusion. We were also assured that all the play areas are in a safe condition and that ongoing repairs and maintenance will be carefully considered and monitored.

The Communities, Health and Wellbeing Portfolio Holder congratulated the teams for their well managed green spaces and play areas, adding they work very hard and are expanding the outside offer, encouraging more exercise outdoors.

Air Quality Action Plan Consultation and Adoption

We had a very comprehensive Report from the Principal Health and Housing Officer who set out the background to the Air Quality Action Plan, the consultation process which had been undertaken and the responses received.

The Scrutiny time was cut short due to some Panel members other time commitments. The Panel asked if the report could be brought back to the February meeting. Timescales did not permit this, but Members have been able to pass their responses the Consultation directly to the Principal Health and Housing Officer.

The Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder acknowledged the work that had been undertaken to produce the Action Plan. He also highlighted the continuously improving air quality in Carlisle and some of the practical work that had happened to achieve clean air which we all benefit from, along with discussions with Public Transport Providers in the City and the County Council Highways team.

It was also suggested we look at Park and Ride in the future.

Full details of the discussions are to be found within the Minute Book

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Cllr Christine Finlayson
Vice Chairman