

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE			
PORTFOLIO AREA: ECONOMIC PROSPERITY			
Date of Meeting:	17 December 2001		
Public			
Key Decision:	No	Recorded in Forward Plan:	No
Outside Policy Framework			

Title: FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE TASK FORCE PUBLIC MEETINGS

Report of: TOWN CLERK & CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Report reference: TC. 243/01

Summary:

To consider the attached letter from Cumbria County Council which refers to a request from the Foot and Mouth Disease Task Force Steering Group. The letter requests the Council to consider holding a public meeting to discuss the recovery stage, post Foot and Mouth Disease.

Recommendations:

The Executive is requested to indicate whether a further public meeting to discuss Foot and Mouth Disease should be held and if so whether in Carlisle or in Carlisle and Eden, as requested by the Cumbria Foot and Mouth Disease Task Force Steering Group.

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1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND OPTIONS

The attached letter from Cumbria County Council refers to a request from the

Foot and Mouth Disease Task Force Steering Group. The letter requests the Council to consider holding a public meeting to discuss the recovery stage, post Foot and Mouth Disease, including proposals for a Rural Action Zone, North West Regional Development Agency recovery plan and work on recovery being undertaken through the Carlisle / Eden Local Strategic Partnership. A full report has previously been made to the Council on these initiatives (ref. TC. 121/01).

The letter states that the Task Force will be preparing a written submission to be made to the Government's three inquiries into the Foot and Mouth Disease.

The Executive is asked whether such a meeting would be helpful in Carlisle. Thus far, the Council's response to the recovery from Foot and Mouth Disease has been undertaken within the Local Strategic Partnership with Eden District Council. If the Executive considers that a meeting should be held, then this could be undertaken either by Carlisle City Council, or on the basis of a joint meeting with Eden District Council, under the auspices of the Local Strategic Partnership.

2. CONSULTATION

1. A request from Cumbrian Foot and Mouth Task Force Steering Group.
2. Consultation proposed with the Carlisle / Eden Local Strategic Partnership.

3. STAFFING/RESOURCES COMMENTS

None

4. CITY TREASURER'S COMMENTS

None

5. LEGAL COMMENTS

None

6. CORPORATE COMMENTS

None

7. RISK MANAGEMENT ASSESSMENT

None

8. EQUALITY ISSUES

The meeting should be held in a location suitable for all rural / urban locations.

9. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

A meeting could provide the opportunity to discuss environmental matters.

10. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

None

11. RECOMMENDATIONS

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Town Clerk & Chief Executive