

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Report of  
Chairman

**COUNCILLOR  
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*The second O & S Management Committee Meeting was held on Thursday, 28th September 2006.*

*With regard to Monitoring and Changes to the Forward Plan, though welcomed, concern was expressed as to the large number of changes.*

*Following recommendations from the Corporate O & S Committee, the Management O & S Committee resolved that the Chief Executive be asked to emphasise to Officers the requirement for adequate Officer representation at O & S Committee Meetings.*

*The adjournment of O & S Meetings for press interviews gave rise to consternation. Resolved that the Vice Chairman takes over chairing the meeting if the Chairman is being interviewed.*

*The Protocol Task and Finish Group met with the Executive on the 21<sup>st</sup> September. Topics discussed were based on the Improvement Plan with the Executive making an impact. Deliberations reached: -*

- a) Attendance at each other's meetings and the Civic Diary. Unanimity was not reached re the Civic Diary – conflict between Executive Briefings and O & S Meetings. The Chief Executive in conjunction with the Executive will seek to resolve the issue.*
- b) The Forward Plan.*
- c) Speaking at Meetings.*
- d) Holding Portfolio Holders to account.*

*At the next meeting, date to be determined, the following issues will be discussed: -*

- a) Executive responses to O & S Final Reports.*
- b) Executive responses to O & S Recommendations and Resolutions.*
- c) Planning for O & S Policy Development Role*
- d) Pre-Scrutiny*
- e) Monitoring references to the Executive and Executive responses to O & S.*

*The role of O & S in Carlisle Renaissance was discussed with the Corporate Director, Mr McNichol. Although the " role " would continue to evolve, it was resolved that the Development Framework and the Movement Strategy would be reported to Infrastructure O & S.*

*The Corporate Resources O & S would look at the N.W.D.A. programme on a quarterly basis.*

*Monitoring Project Delivery against outcomes to be carried out by the Community O & S at appropriate stages.*

*Economic Strategy may need to be a joint O & S as it covers areas under the remit of different O & S Committees.*

*Asset Review, Accommodation Review and Development of Projects to be directed through the Corporate Resources O & S.*

*Thus the Overview and Monitoring of the overall Carlisle Renaissance Project lies with the Corporate Resources O & S.*

*It was proposed that the second and fourth meetings of the Management O & S, held jointly with the Executive, be changed to the first and third meetings in the next Civic Year. This would enable a more effective future policy plan to be implemented.*

*On the 17<sup>th</sup> October, I attended a meeting of the Cumbria Overview Scrutiny Group Chairmen at Barrow. Topics discussed included the Waste Review and the Local Area Agreement Review. The Waste Review Task and Finish Group are to have one last meeting in November with the CSWP, after which the Waste Review will be scrutinised by the County Overview Scrutiny Group at regular intervals. The Local Area Agreement Review Task and Finish Group presented their report, which will be monitored once it comes into force during 2007. The next meeting, to be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2007 at 11am., will be hosted by Carlisle City Council.*