



CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Committee Report

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Title: MID-TERM REVIEW OF THE CITY VISION PARTNERSHIP AND
LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

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Summary:

The City Vision Partnership is due for a review and the LSP for Carlisle needs to be established. This practical session for Corporate Resources O&S will help us to reach a view about the Priorities for the LSP and the type of structure that would be most appropriate. Appendix 1 is a paper that we will base the session on.

Recommendations:

That the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee give their opinion on the questions raised as part of this session in order to help develop the City Vision Partnership into the local strategic partnership for Carlisle.

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Session 1: Determining City Vision Priorities

Review of the City Vision Priorities in relation to Carlisle Renaissance Objectives

Carlisle City Vision 2002-2012

"Our vision is to ensure a high quality of life for all in both our rural and urban communities."

The Priorities, established in 2000:

- Communities – Have powerful, positive communities (inc. a safe, clean and attractive place to live)
- Economic prosperity – Diversify and modernise the local economy.
- Health and Wellbeing – Reduce health inequalities
- Infrastructure, environment and transport – Have an integrated transport system
- Celebrating Carlisle – Improve Carlisle's image

Carlisle Renaissance's vision is:

"Carlisle will be a vital and attractive place that drives Cumbria's economic, physical and social renaissance.

The Centre of Carlisle will be a catalyst for economic growth with clusters of higher 'value added' employment stimulated by an expanded and enhanced education infrastructure and the development of vibrant high quality mixed use areas.

It will be recognised as one of the most significant tourist destinations within the UK, based on its rich heritage, a diverse and rejuvenated cultural offer and the proximity of stunning rural landscapes. It will be a beautiful City with quality public spaces and a townscape that sensitively blends contemporary architecture with the historic environment.

Gateways into and movement around the Centre will be improved and Carlisle will be renowned for its beautiful green spaces alongside the rivers Eden and Petteril combined with a bustling and active river frontage along the Caldew on the edge of the City Centre.

Investment within target communities will ensure that they have the capacity to benefit from the transformation of Carlisle and connect with the new opportunities that an urban renaissance will deliver."

The Strategic Objectives are;

- Establish Carlisle as a **Learning City** geared towards meeting the needs of the economy, where educational attainment is consistently improved, with an expanded higher education sector and a focus on fostering entrepreneurialism.

- Strengthen the City's **economic** base by stimulating investment in higher value added business, new business creation and establishing sustainable growth clusters.
- Maximise the potential of Carlisle as a major **tourist destination** for leisure and business tourism with a high quality tourism infrastructure and a range of cultural and leisure activities that build on the City's unique heritage, environmental qualities and geographic location.
- Create **sustainable communities** that are part of Carlisle's renaissance, capable of accessing new opportunities in education, training and employment and able to secure tangible improvements in local housing, sport and other services.
- Expand the City Centre, orientating it to the south and west, introduce new high quality mixed-use development with improvement **public realm** and create a **vibrant waterfront** environment.
- Improve **movement** into and around the City for all modes of transport and promote sustainable development that reduces dependence upon car travel.

City Vision Priorities	Carlisle Renaissance Objectives
<p>Communities – Have powerful, positive communities (inc. a safe, clean and attractive place to live)</p>	<p>Create sustainable communities that are part of Carlisle's renaissance, capable of accessing new opportunities in education, training and employment and able to secure tangible improvements in local housing, sport and other services.</p>
<p>Economic prosperity – Diversify and modernise the local economy.</p>	<p>Establish Carlisle as a Learning City geared towards meeting the needs of the economy, where educational attainment is consistently improved, with an expanded higher education sector and a focus on fostering entrepreneurialism.</p> <p>Strengthen the City's economic base by stimulating investment in higher value added business, new business creation and establishing sustainable growth clusters.</p> <p>Expand the City Centre, orientating it to the south and west, introduce new high quality mixed-use development with improvement public realm and create a vibrant waterfront environment (fits with Communities and Infrastructure, environment and transport as well).</p>
<p>Health and Wellbeing – Reduce health inequalities</p>	
<p>Infrastructure, environment and transport – Have an integrated transport system</p>	<p>Improve movement into and around the City for all modes of transport and promote sustainable development that reduces dependence upon car travel.</p>
<p>Celebrating Carlisle – Improve Carlisle's image</p>	<p>Maximise the potential of Carlisle as a major tourist destination for leisure and business tourism with a high quality tourism infrastructure and a range of cultural and leisure activities that build on the City's unique heritage, environmental qualities and geographic location.</p>

There is a large amount of synergy between the City Vision Priorities and the Carlisle Renaissance Objectives. As the Carlisle Renaissance Objective were set with a thrust on economic development but with an eye to City Vision this is to be expected.

There are, however, a number of differences.

Carlisle City Council has just approved 2 new corporate priorities of;

- Cleaner, Greener, Safer; and
- Learning City.

Questions for the Corporate Resources O&S

1. From a City Council point of view are these still the right priorities?
2. **Safe, clean and attractive** could this be Cleaner, Greener, Safer – is there enough emphasis here on the environment?
3. The most obvious gap is around **health** – is there a need for a stronger emphasis on health?
4. Should Learning City be a Priority in its own right?
5. Would **Housing** fit under Sustainable Communities and link from there to the Carlisle Housing Partnership?
6. Should **Tourism** be a priority?
7. What about **Transport** and movement?
5. **Rural** – in the Vision for City Vision rural is explicitly mentioned – is this a theme that should cut across all the Priorities? Are there other cross-cutting issues?
6. Any other issues?

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