
EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL HELD ON 16 JUNE 2011

ROSP.37/11 CORPORATE PLAN: PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANELS

The Policy and Communications Manager (Mr O'Keeffe) submitted report PPP.08/11 which provided the Panel with end of year performance for 2010/11.

Mr O'Keeffe explained that the report outlined the review, development and the summary changes to the Corporate Plan and added that Assistant Directors would give a more detailed analysis and update of progress at a future meeting.

A summary of the changes to the 2011/12 Plan were provided in the table in the report and included one new Local Environment action, one new Economy action and changes to others and a revised performance framework section to reflect the development of actions, risk and performance indicators to measure the performance of the key actions.

The report also highlighted the changes that had taken place throughout the year and gave an update on the Transformation Programme. The report finished with some good news stories and achievements.

Mr O'Keeffe explained that the next report to the Panel would be the 1st quarter report and it would be different to this report. It would contain key actions applicable to this Panel and any relevant sub actions, performance and risks that were related to the key actions. Some of the performance measures may look different than in previous reports because most of the National Indicators had been removed. The Council was also moving away from figure based performance reports and were developing measures that related to the key action.

In considering the report Members raised the following comments and questions:

- The Panel asked that targets, trends and timescales be included in future reports to allow for useful Scrutiny. They also asked that the Panel returned to monitoring exceptions including areas that were exceeding targets.
- How had the support to community centres been organised?

Mr O'Keeffe explained that the changes to community centre support were a part of the restructure of the Community Engagement Directorate. The support had changed to geographical areas. He added that the progress of the support would be useful for the Panel to monitor because the City Council's approach to community centres support was unique.

- The Regional Growth Fund Bid Round 1 had been unsuccessful and it was felt that this was due to the large area and small population and the lack of major private sector backing. The Panel felt that the Council needed to inform the Government Department and relevant Ministers that regions such as Cumbria, who needed the investment, were at a disadvantage due to the criteria required.

Members agreed that the Government should be informed of the issues and that the whole Council should support the recommendation.

A Member asked if the Authority had approached local investors to assist with the Bid and felt it would be worth investigating further.

Mr O'Keeffe informed the Panel that the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel would be considering the development of Carlisle's visitor economy at its next meeting. He also informed the Panel that there was an opportunity to apply to Round 2 using the lessons learned from Round 1.

Mr O'Keeffe informed the Panel that a detailed report on sickness absence would be submitted to the Panel at its next meeting. The report would link into the Employee Opinion Survey as part of the Organisational Development Plan.

RESOLVED – 1) That Report PPP.08/11 be noted and the Panel looked forward to the new 1st quarter monitoring report.

2) That an apolitical motion be submitted to Council regarding the aspects of future investment and the issues regarding the Regional Growth Fund Bid.