

AGENDA

COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

THURSDAY 24 MARCH 2011 AT 10.00AM

in the Flensburg Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle.

****Briefing meeting for Members will be at 9.15 am in
the Flensburg Room****

Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutions.

Declarations of Interest (including declarations of “The Party Whip”)

Members are invited to declare any personal interests, any personal interests which are prejudicial and any declarations of “The Party Whip”, relating to any item on the agenda at this stage.

Public and Press

To agree that items of business within Part A of the agenda should be dealt with in public;

To agree that items of business within Part B of the agenda should be dealt with when the public and press are excluded from the meeting.

Minutes of previous meetings

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2011 [Copy Minutes in Minute Book Volume 37(5)] and to note the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2011 (Copy Minutes herewith)

PART A

To be considered when the Public and Press are present

A.1 CALL-IN OF DECISIONS

To consider any matter which has been the subject of call-in.

A.2 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Riverside Carlisle

Pursuant to Procedure Rule 10.1, the Assistant Director (Governance) to report the receipt of the following questions to the Chairman which have been submitted on notice by Mr Barker, Secretary of the Carlisle and Rural Tenants' Federation.

- 1) "Bearing in mind the Coalition Government's continued and increasing emphasis on open-ness and accountability by public bodies, and bearing in mind the recent instructions to local authorities and other public bodies by the Secretary of State for Local Government to impose that increased open-ness and accountability, do you consider that the Riverside Panel report last summer in any way represented an adequate response to those Secretary of State's instructions, in view of the fact that the Riverside report was criticised by members of this Panel as inadequate in clarity or verbal explanation and also criticised as incomprehensible by the national media which pointed out that the report had more than forty unexplained abbreviations and unexplained pieces of jargon?"
 - 2) "Bearing in mind the criticism by members of this Panel, and the serious criticism by the national media outlined in my previous question, and bearing in mind the overwhelming difficulties that members of Carlisle and Rural Tenants' Federation and the public of Carlisle have had in getting a public dialogue with Riverside about the Audit Commission report, do you consider that the report by Riverside to the Panel last summer in any way helped the Panel, or in any way helped the Carlisle tenants of Riverside, or in any way helped the taxpayers of Carlisle who have a democratic right to be kept informed about Riverside's involvement in the affairs of the city council estates
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and in the affairs of the 6000 Riverside tenants and the other people who live on these estates?”

- 3) “Bearing in mind the criticism of the Riverside Panel report last summer, outlined above, and bearing in mind the fact that the current report before the Panel today contains no unexplained abbreviations and no unexplained pieces of jargon and is in fact written in comprehensible English, what lessons should Riverside draw from the criticism at the previous Panel hearing and from the criticism by the national media and what lessons should the Panel draw from the fact that a Riverside report is now written in comprehensible English?”

A.3 OVERVIEW REPORT INCORPORATING THE WORK PROGRAMME AND FORWARD PLAN ITEMS

To consider the overview report incorporating the work programme for 2010/11 and Forward Plan items from the Forward Panel for 1 March to 30 June 2011 relevant to this Panel.

(Copy Report OS.3/11 herewith)

A.4 SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT

To consider the draft Scrutiny Annual Report before its consideration by the Scrutiny Chairs Group.

(Copy Covering Report OS.7/10 herewith and Draft Annual report to follow)

A.5 NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING TASK AND FINISH GROUP

To consider the draft report of the Task and Finish Group detailing their findings and agree whether they wish to make recommendations to the Executive.

(Copy Report OS.8/11 to follow)

A.6 ACTIVITIES CONTRIBUTING TO SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE NOT IN EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT OR TRAINING (NEETs)

The Assistant Director (Community Engagement) to report on activities contributing to supporting NEETs.
(Copy Report CD./11 to follow)

PART B

To be considered in Private

B.1 TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME FOR CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

This report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as the report contains exempt information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.

The Assistant Director (Community Engagement) to submit a report updating the Panel of the Transformation Programme.
(Copy Report CD.02/11 herewith)

Members of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel:

Conservative: Bowman S, Mrs Clarke (Chairman), Nedved

Labour: Mrs Bradley (Vice Chairman), Cape, Glover, Mrs Riddle

Liberal Democrat: Mrs Farmer

Substitutes: (Conservative)Layden, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Vasey, (Labour)Hendry, McDevitt, Scarborough, (Liberal Democrat)Allison.

Enquiries, requests for reports, background papers, etc to Committee Clerk: Rachel Rooney – 817039

Notes to Members: Briefing meeting will be held at 9.15am in the Flensburg room
