

**PORTFOLIO:**

**ENVIRONMENT &  
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Report of  
Portfolio Holder:

**COUNCILLOR  
RAY BLOXHAM**

## 1. DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The Council received on 05 December 2006 notification that it has been awarded £29,617 for performance between July 2005 and June 2006. Unfortunately this chosen period was a period when we were a standard Authority and rated poorly for our performance. The second and more substantial tranche of the Planning Delivery Grant for Development Control Performance will be based on the performance between April 2006 and March 2007 and will be announced after April 2007.

The Annual Monitoring Report for 2006 on the Development Plan and the Local Development Scheme was submitted in accordance with the requirements to the Government Office on Friday 29th December 2006. This will be recognised in the subsequent award of the Planning Delivery Grant after April 2007.

## 2. ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS

As I have reported to Council on several previous occasions that my Ward visits, feedback from other Members and partners, there are a number of physical improvements across the City that can have a major benefit to many of our communities. The Council has allocated £300,000 for work of this nature, with some contributory funding from other partners, and an update on progress is as follows:-

**Back Lanes:** Lanes completed to date this year include:-

Thomas Street  
Hawick Street  
Irthing Street  
Melbourne Street  
Melbourne Street / Raven Street  
Currock Road  
Granville Road

This work is ongoing with a number of other lanes currently being improved and others scheduled over the next 3 months. In some locations work is about to start on the Alleygates initiative.

**Parking Improvements** - A programme of improvements has been agreed and is underway. The impact of United Utilities services in grass verges and other associated highway improvements have caused some changes to the timing of the works and schemes completed include:-

Lyndhurst Gardens  
Glendale Rise  
Beverley Rise  
Hillary Grove

At the time of writing this report works are underway at:-  
Highfield Avenue

Eldon Drive  
Sunnymede

A significant number of other locations will be progressed in the first 3 months of 2007.

**Raised Planters** - at a number of locations across the City raised planters have been installed in the carriageway as part of earlier improvement schemes. These have presented increasing problems in recent years and Ward Members raised these with me. Detailed consultation has now been undertaken with the Ward Members and a programme has been prepared for the removal of some of these. This schedule of works will commence in January 2007.

**Litter Bins** - An important component of the Council's strategy to deliver clean neighbourhoods we have fitted approximately 45 new / replacement litter bins across the City. Indeed in addition we have been working with CHA who have provided funding for another 15 litterbins. Another 30 bins have been ordered for installation in January. If Members have any problem locations, which you feel would benefit from additional litterbins, please contact the Director or his staff who will arrange for an inspection.

**Amenity Lighting** - Discussions with the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and CHA are ongoing. An initial programme has been agreed which is as appended. There may be minor changes and it is likely that CHA will fund some additional lighting in Botcherby. Works are scheduled to commence in late January.

Members of the Council can see from this that work has started on the ground on a number of initiatives. This work however, is weather dependant and the completion over the next few months will be challenging however these should bring a significant improvement to our communities across many parts of Carlisle.

This Council has a right to be proud of the programme of works from back lanes, parking improvements, removal of raised planters, litterbins and amenity lighting as highlighted in my report.

### **3. SMALL SCALE COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

The Council allocated £60,000 in 2006/7 for this initiative which has been apportioned to every Ward Member to facilitate minor improvements consistent with our "Cleaner, Greener, Safer" priority. To date applications for funding to the sum of approximately £17,000 have been approved for a range of projects. All Members have received details and I would strongly urge those who have not yet taken advantage of this initiative to do so before the end of the financial

year. This is an opportunity for you to be able to assist your local community with small-scale initiatives please use it or lose it!

**4. CALDEW/CITY CENTRE FLOOD DEFENCE PROJECT**

The flood defence project for the City has been split into 2 phases, the first which provides protection to the Warwick Road area is ahead of programme and should be completed in the Summer. The second for the Caldeu / City Centre has been the subject of a presentation to the full Council last year.

I can advise the Council that a planning application for this scheme has now been received and should be considered by the development Control Committee in March / April.

This aspect of the overall project, through a major urban area has a range of implications for the Council and the community. The Director of Community Services has contacted affected Ward Councillors to discuss details of the project and I am trying to set up a briefing for all Members.

I have also asked the Director to prepare a report on the project for the Executive meeting on 22 January.2007.

**Councillor R Bloxham**  
**Environment and Infrastructure Portfolio Holder**

## **DRAFT LIGHTING PROGRAMME FOR 2006/7**

<b><u>Ward</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
Belah	Fernlea Way	Extra Lighting Required
Belah	Briar Bank	Extra Lighting Required
Belah	Belah Rd/St Anne's	Additional Lights Required
Belah	Footparth that runs across the field from bottom of Dene Cres to shops at Parkside	Additional Lights Required
Belah	Belah Rd from opposite The Redfern to corner of Caird Avenue	Improved Lighting Required
Belle Vue	Beck Road	Lighting Requires Improvement
Belle Vue	Bower Street	Improved Lighting Required
Botcherby	Eden Park Crescent	Brighter Lighting
Brampton	Between Ivinsons Garage and Townfoot Industrial Estate	Additional Lights Required
Castle	Petteril Street	Improve St Lighting
Castle	Bower Street	Extra Lighting Required
Castle	Granville Road	Extra Lighting Required
Castle	Bassenthwaite Street	Extra Lighting Required
Caldewgate	Head Street	Additional Lighting required
Currock	Harrison St & Esther Street	Extra Lighting Required
Denton Holme	Entrance to Coledale Meadows	Extra Lighting Required
Denton Holme	29/31 North Street Back Lane	1 New Light Required
Denton Holme	Empire Road	Extra/Brighter Lights Required
Denton Holme	St James Avenue	Extra Lighting Required
Denton Holme	Wadsworth	Improved Lighting Required
Harraby	Whinsmoor Drive entrance to the cut leading to shops	Extra Lighting Required
Irthing	Low Row - Immediately outside 'Glenrae'	Lights Required

<b><u>Ward</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
Longtown & Rockcliffe	Rockcliffe Village Green	
Morton	Irton Place	Replace Columns
Morton	Ellesmere Way	Improved Lighting Required (White Lights Required)
Morton	Burnrigg	Brighter Lights Needed - no need for them to be oragne
Morton	Whinrigg	Extra Lighting Required
Morton	Langrigg Road	Improved Lighting Required
Morton	Wansfell Avenue	Additional or Stronger Lights Required
St Aidans	Jackson Street	Extra Lighting Required
St Aidans	South Henry Street outside The Flats & rear of flats	Extra Lighting Required
St Aidans	Broad Street	Extra Lighting Required
St Aidans	Lismore Street/Hall Street	Extra Lighting Required
St Aidans	Petteril Street	Extra Lighting Required
St Aidans	Edward Street	Extra Lighting Required
St Aidans	Thirlwell Avenue jtn Thirlwell Gardens	Extra Lighting Required
St Aidans	Margery Street	Extra Lighting Required
St Aidans	Flower Street	Improved Lighting Required
Stanwix Rural	Smithy Croft, Houghton	Provide Lighting
Stanwix Rural	South West corner of Village Hall Houghton	Lamp Required
Stanwix Urban	Mulcaster Crescent	Extra Lighting Required
Wetheral	Faustin Hill	Extra Lighting Required