
**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE
HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2012**

EX.016/12 HOUSING STRATEGY 2012-16
(Key Decision)

Portfolio Environment and Housing

Subject Matter

(In accordance with Paragraph 15(i) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, the Mayor has agreed that call-in procedures should not be applied to this item)

Pursuant to Minute EX.129/11, the Deputy Chief Executive submitted report CD.19/12 presenting the Housing Strategy 2012 - 16 which would provide the principles for housing development in Carlisle during that period.

He reminded Members that the Housing Strategy superseded the previous Strategy and was a key document identifying the housing needs, challenges and solutions to be taken forward for the Carlisle district area. The Strategy Vision, which included the Council's vision, priorities and key actions, was presented in the corporate format at Appendix 1.

The Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel had on 24 November 2011 considered the matter and resolved:

"1) That the Housing Strategy 2011-15 and Action Plan be welcomed and the comments of the Panel, as set out above, be referred to the Executive.

2) That the Strategic Director and the Assistant Director (Community Engagement) submit an update on the accommodation for the University of Cumbria to a future meeting of the Panel."

A copy of Minute Excerpt COSP.88/11 had been circulated.

The Deputy Chief Executive further reported that the Housing Strategy 2012 - 16 had been revised to take account of comments received during the consultation period; feedback from representatives attending the Local Strategic Partnership event on 22 November 2011; and the Government's published Housing Strategy. In conclusion, he recommended that the revised Housing Strategy be approved for submission to Council.

The Chairman of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel thanked the Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder for his contribution to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel and outlined the following matters which Overview and Scrutiny would like to be involved in at an early date:

- The link between the Economic Growth of the City and the housing needs that would be required;
- How other lenders could be encouraged to provide more support to people in low cost housing;
- How the housing needs of the growing older and vulnerable population within Carlisle would be addressed;
- How the issue of appropriate student accommodation within the City would be addressed.

The Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder said that he appreciated the support of Overview and Scrutiny then moved the revised Housing Strategy 2012-16 following final consultation.

Summary of options rejected None

DECISION

That the revised Housing Strategy 2012-16 following consultation, as attached to Report CD.19/12, be referred to Council for approval.

Reasons for Decision

To enable the Housing Strategy 2012 - 16 to be taken forward