
**EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE
ENVIRONMENT AND ECONOMY
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
HELD ON 5 APRIL 2012**

**EEOSP.25/12 OVERVIEW REPORT INCORPORATING THE WORK
PROGRAMME AND FORWARD PLAN ITEMS**

The Overview and Scrutiny Officer (Mrs Edwards) presented report OS.11/12 which provided an overview of matters related to the Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel's work. Details of the latest version of the work programme were also included.

Mrs Edwards reported that:

- The Forward Plan of the Executive covering the period 1 April 2012 to 31 July 2012 had been published on 16 March 2012. There were six items that related to the work of this Panel:
 - KD.004/12 – Interim Planning Statement – Housing – The Chair and Vice Chair had met with the Planning Manager (Mr Hardman) to look at the report. As there was no change to policy it was agreed that it was not necessary for the Panel to scrutinise the statement. A note had been circulated to all Panel members and no concerns were raised about the proposal.
 - KD.003/12 – Enterprise Centre – There would no longer be a report to the Executive as the decision had been made as part of the 2012/2013 budget process. An update on implementation of the Task Group recommendations was on the agenda for the meeting

It had been decided that as the Executive would be making a decision on the following items it was agreed that they would not be required for consideration at the meeting on 23 June as scheduled within the Forward Plan:

- KD.008/12 – Castleway Cycle Ramp (also know as “Caldew Cycle Plan” in Sainsbury S.106-687 Document)
- KD.010/12 – Castle Street Public Realm Improvements

The Environment and Housing Portfolio Holder explained that the decision to release funding for the completion of the Castleway Cycle Ramp would be made at the Executive meeting immediately following the Panel meeting. Apart from two small areas all of the cycleway that was originally intended would be completed once the Castleway Cycle Ramp was completed.

With regard to the Public Realm the Executive would also be making the decision on the release of funding with regard to the area close to Abbey Street. The Portfolio Holder acknowledged that there were still issues with large vehicles turning from Castle Street

and damaging kerb stones. However the vehicles were necessary to make deliveries to stores in town and the situation would be monitored.

- KD.011/12 – Events Policy – this item had been withdrawn from the Forward Plan to allow further work to be undertaken
- KD.006/12 – Core Strategy Preferred Options – Members would have the opportunity to consider the report at their meeting on 21 June 2012 before the Executive make their final recommendations on 2 July 2012.
- The draft of the Scrutiny Annual Report had been attached to the report and aimed to summarise the work carried out in the Civic Year and discuss issues for the future. Suggestions made by the three Overview and Scrutiny Panels would be used to amend the draft before it was considered by the Scrutiny Chairs Group for agreement prior to being submitted to full Council. The report had been considered by the Resources and Community Overview and Scrutiny Panels and their comments incorporated. There were no further comments from members of the Panel.
- The Carlisle Economic Partnership Chair had agreed to work with the Chamber of Commerce and its own core membership to look at the development of an information exchange forum/platform around skills provision and demand. The matter would be considered by that group at their meeting in April. Work had progressed to try to address concerns around communication with hard to reach 16-18 year olds. The City Council, Carlisle College, the Youth Zone and Inspira had met to develop a work programme to improve the use of, and communication through, digital technology and social media specifically targeted at NEET (not in education, employment or training) young people. A workshop was scheduled for 30 May 2012 followed up by a “hack lab” where NEET young people and service users worked directly alongside developers and programmers to establish new communication mediums. The Director of Community Engagement would update the Panel at a future meeting.

The Economic Development Portfolio Holder confirmed that she had attended the Carlisle Economic Partnership meeting in February and that there had been a very full agenda.

- Members of the Panel, with members of the Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel, had been invited to attend Richard Rose Morton Academy to hear about the Career Academy. Kate Holt, Principal of 14-19 Education explained about the Career Academy before introducing some of the employees and several students involved in the scheme. The visit ended with a tour of the Academy. The Chairman gave an overview of the visit and the work of the Academy and stated that she would work with Officers and Members with regard to the possibility of the City Council providing a mentoring facility for the Academy as there were a number of services for which officers from the Council could mentor students.

The Deputy Chief Executive (Mr Crossley) advised that work through the Economic Partnership would look at education as part of the skills agenda and that there would be intervention and support at all levels of education.

RESOLVED – 1) That, subject to the issues raised above, the Overview Report incorporating the Work Programme and Forward Plan items relevant to this Panel be noted.