



Meeting Date: 4th January 2022

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Title: **Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel Vice Chair's Report – Councillor Keith Meller**

Flood Risk Management Update

A Report by Messrs Mounsey and Lawton of the E.A. was presented to the Panel. The Panel felt that regular communication to the business and general community would be of use to reassure. Included in the regular update would be the performance of the flood defences, the progress of continuing work to further defences, the funding and timescales to completion. It was thought a community group for the City could be established as groups in Carlisle Rural areas were more established, the group would be made up of Members, Ward Members, Officers and the E.A. to enable improved communication. Phase 3, Caldew River Corridor Defences had been reviewed upwards in the light of new data and revised to improve the performance. The new plan is currently being used in a feasibility study and funding request.

Budget Update

The Panel were keen to make sure any plans for monies earmarked to be spent in and on Carlisle along with reserves were firewalled as the City moved forward to LGR. The Panel asked for the car parking charge increases due for 2022/2023 be held at 2021/2022 prices but the second hour be revised upward and permits reviewed to become less restricted and available to more. The Panel also asked for increased building control function to come from Planning and Building Control Reserves. The Panel were informed a detailed business case had been prepared and the Council were working hard to ensure funding for Carlisle was spent in Carlisle.

Revised Capital Programme 2021/2022 and Provisional Capital Programme 2022/2027

The programme was noted, the Panel asked for an update for Bitts Park for which a written response was offered.

A Development Corporation Business Case Progress Report for St. Cuthbert's Garden Village

The Council had been awarded £750k to prepare a business case for a Dev. Corp., which had to be submitted by June 2023, the Panel saw the need for it to ensure sufficient ongoing involvement to enable and enforce high standards, aspirations and an holistic approach over the tenure. Members asked for the notes of St. Cuthbert's Garden Village MAG to be circulated.

Carlisle Transport and Movement Plan

The Regeneration Manager gave a presentation and has been commissioned to define the T & M Plan and resulting investment, enabling future infrastructure and other developments in the City. The plan must take account of all modes of transport and, importantly, the fact we are a rural district with poor bus services in the surrounding villages, and as such will remain reliant on some form of car. The plan must include the ability to accommodate HS2 extra long trains into our station and also contain safe routes for pedestrians and cyclists. Members are invited to comment and give feedback on the strategy and objectives

Full details of the discussions are to be found within the Minute Book

Cllr Keith Meller
Vice Chairman