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## Carlisle West Community Panel

**Meeting Date:** Monday, 25 March 2024  
**Time:** 6.00 pm  
**Location:** Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle

No	Item	Pages
1.	<b>Apologies for Absence</b>  To receive any apologies for absence.	
2.	<b>Disclosures of Interest</b>  To receive declarations by councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest, personal interests, other registrable interests or any other interests in respect of items on the agenda.	
3.	<b>Exclusion of Press and Public</b>  To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item on the agenda.	
4.	<b>Minutes</b>  To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Community Panel held on 18 December 2023 and the minutes of the Special meeting held on 16 January 2024 (copies enclosed).	3 - 8
5.	<b>Investing in our Neighbourhood Report</b>  To consider a report by the Senior Manager – Community Services (copy enclosed).	9 - 66
6.	<b>Community Panel Update</b>  To consider a report by the Community Development Officer (copy enclosed).	67 - 78

7. **Highways and Transport Strategic Board Minutes**

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To note the minutes of the Highways and Transport Strategic Board held on 30 January 2024 (copy enclosed).

8. **Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the date of the next meeting of the Community Panel is to be confirmed.

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## **Carlisle West Community Panel**

**Date:** Monday, 18 December 2023

**Time:** 6.00 pm

**Location:** Denton Holme Community Centre, Morley Street, Carlisle

**Present:** Cllr J Whalen (Chair), Cllr A Glendinning (Vice-Chair) and Cllr A Harid

**In Attendance** Democratic Services Officer  
Community Development Officer  
Chief Executive  
Cumberland Network Manager  
Senior Manager - Community Services

### **19 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Southward and Councillor Quilter.

### **20 Disclosures of Interest**

Councillor J Whalen declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No 6 – Investing in our Neighbourhood Report (Grant Application CCGA./1946-23 – Carlisle Radio FM (CRFM)) as the applicants were friends of the family.

### **21 Exclusion of Press and Public**

**RESOLVED**, that the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item on the agenda.

### **22 Minutes**

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2023 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### **23 Sandsfield Road Tree Planting Scheme**

The Panel received a presentation from a representative of Electricity North West Ltd (ENWL) on Sandsfield Road Tree Planting Scheme. Members were informed that Ofgem required Electricity North West to have an environmental plan 2023 – 2028. This plan consisted of a framework of 21 environmental related goals to be delivered over the next five year. Two of the goals related to biodiversity. The goal behind this scheme was enhancing biodiversity and natural capital across 100 sites and plant 10,000 trees.

The representative outlined the plans and benefits of the proposed scheme establishing a flagship tree planting scheme on ENWL landholdings at Sandsfield Road, Carlisle, in partnership with the Cumbria Coastal Community Forest. The scheme would encompass 11 hectares, used as grazing land only, which was unsuitable for commercial development due to the presence of electrical infrastructure. 14,000 trees would be planted as well as retaining some grassland to increase overall habitat value.

To conclude the representative advised members of the current status of the scheme, with final stakeholder engagement underway and planting planned for February / March 2024

The discussion centred around public access to the site, prevention of anti-social behaviour and the impact on the infrastructure whilst the scheme was being progressed. The representative agreed to discuss the maintenance regime with the Cumberland Network Manager outside the meeting. The representative welcomed members' advice to inform the local police and to involve the local schools to encourage ownership and reduce possible anti-social behaviour.

The representative was thanked for his informative presentation.

**RESOLVED**, that the presentation be noted.

## **24 Investing in our Neighbourhood Report**

Members received a report from the Community Development Officer which set out the current position of the Neighbourhood Investment Fund allocation to this Community Panel as agreed by the Cumberland Council Executive and presented investment applications for consideration and approval from the budget allocation.

The Panel debated the investment applications and how they linked in to the Panel's priorities for 2023-2024/2024-25. In relation to the Carlisle Radio FM (CRFM) Launching a local radio station investment application, the Chair declared an interest, took no part in the discussion and the Vice-Chair took the Chair. It was suggested by the Community Development Officer and agreed by members that the award of investment money to Friends of Chances Park be earmarked until the Friends could show further external funding had been secured. The Panel reduced the suggested investment amount for the ICan Wellbeing Group application.

Members welcomed the suggestion that update reports on the investments awarded be received at future meetings of the Panel and the Senior Manager – Community Services agreed to look at this across all panels.

**RESOLVED**, that

- (1) £5000 be allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Age UK Carlisle and Eden: Older Persons Shopping Service;
- (2) £3750 be allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Carlisle Radio FM (CFRM) to launch a local radio station;
- (3) £3000 be earmarked from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund budget to Friends of Chances Park towards the cost of a labyrinth in Chances Park but not paid until the Friends could show they have secured further external funding;
- (4) £2500 be allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Morton Community Centre towards youth boxing sessions;
- (5) £3518 be allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Eden Rivers Trust to improve access and bio-diversity in Engine Lonning;
- (6) £4500 be allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to iCan Wellbeing Group CIO for iCan holistic wellbeing sessions;

(7) £5000 be allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Prism Arts for a community exhibition at Carlisle Cathedral.

## **25 Community Panel Update**

The Panel considered a report which updated members on the recent activity in the Community Panel area. Members were asked to agree the five main priorities, listed below, that had been identified following engagement with residents:-

- Environmental Issues
- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Housing
- Public Service Framework
- City and Town Centre

The Senior Manager, Community Services advised members on the process and timeframe for co-opting members to the Panel. It was agreed that a decision on this be deferred until all Panel members were present and a special meeting be arranged for this purpose.

Members welcomed the events that had taken place such as the Carlisle Fire Show and Christmas light switch on.

**RESOLVED**, that

- (1) the draft priorities for the Carlisle West Community Panel be agreed;
- (2) the decision to appoint co-opted members to the Panel be deferred. A special meeting be arranged to consider this.

## **26 Highways and Transport Strategic Board**

The Panel received the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Highways Board held on 10 November 2023.

A member, in discussion of Minute 10.23, welcomed the additional funding allocated for bus services.

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes be noted.

## **27 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of Panel was scheduled for 25 March 2024 at 6.00 pm in Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle.

The meeting finished at 7.35 pm

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**Carlisle West**  
Community Panel

**Date:** Tuesday, 16 January 2024

**Time:** 11.30 am

**Location:** Eden Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle

**Present:** Cllr J Whalen (Chair), Cllr A Glendinning (Vice-Chair), Cllr A Harid and Cllr C Southward

**In Attendance** Democratic Services Officer, Community Development Officer, Chief Executive and Senior Manager - Community Services

**28 Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr A Quilter.

**29 Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interests made at the meeting.

**30 Exclusion of Press and Public**

**RESOLVED**, that the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item on the agenda.

**31 Community Panel Co-opted Members**

The Senior Manager – Community Services presented a report following a deferment of a decision at the December meeting of the Panel to recruit up to three co-opted members to the Panel. Members at the December meeting deferred the decision until all Panel members could be present. In order to meet the deadlines for the recruitment process, the Panel was now being asked to consider appointing up to three members or defer the decision to the next recruitment round in 2025. It was noted that initially the recruitment process would operate as a pilot from which lessons could be learned. It was further noted that five Panels had agreed to co-opt and two had decided against it.

A report had been presented to the Executive on 3 October which recommended that the Executive agree a framework to be used by Panels when making the appointments. The

agreed framework was appended to the report. The Executive encouraged membership to be extended to co-opted members as they could bring a different perspective, knowledge, best practice and potentially resources to the Panels.

Members, in discussion, preferred to defer the decision to co-opt as they felt that the Panel was in its infancy, needed further development and more public engagement to assess their communities' needs. Members felt that having time to strengthen the Panel would make it easier to identify suitable people to co-opt in future. Some members felt that the recruitment process was too extensive. The Senior Manager outlined the reasons why the recruitment process had been put in place and the Chief Executive reminded members of the Council Plan and the Council's aims and objectives for transparency and public engagement. Engaging with members of their communities before Panel meetings was discussed.

**RESOLVED**, that the decision to appoint up to three co-opted members be deferred to the next recruitment in 2025.

The meeting finished at 12.00 pm





## **Carlisle West Community Panel Investing in our Neighbourhoods**

**Meeting Date – 25 March 2024**

**Lead Officer – Paul Musgrave**

### **1.0 Purpose / Summary**

- 1.1 The report sets out the current position of the Neighbourhood Investment Fund allocation to this Community Panel as agreed by the Cumberland Council Executive. Where they have been received, this report presents investment applications for consideration and approval from the budget allocation.
- 1.2 This report also presents the draft Neighbourhood Investment Plan for consideration and progress against it will be reported to future meetings through this report.
- 1.3 The work of the Community Panel contributes to the achievement of the Council Plan 2023 - 2027 vision:
  - Cumberland Council takes a fresh approach to the delivery of inclusive services that are shaped by our residents and communities.
  - By enabling positive outcomes for health and wellbeing, prosperity and the environment we will fulfil the potential of our people and our area.
- 1.4 The Council Plan aims to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents through the following priorities:
  - Addressing inequalities
  - Local economies that work for local people
  - Environmental resilience and the climate emergency
  - Delivering excellent public services
- 1.5 This Community Panel has developed its own local priorities which were shared and discussed with our local communities and agreed formally by this Community Panel. They have been used by the Community Panel to inform the development of the draft Neighbourhood Investment Plan and in assessing investment applications.

### **2.0 Recommendations**

- 2.1 Members note the contents of the report.

- 2.2 Members to consider and discuss the agreed priorities to better understand where the focus needs to be going forward.
- 2.3 Members agree that an amount of £1,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Laurie Brewis Trust - CCGA/ 1997-24
- 2.4 Members agree that an amount of £2,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Carlisle Mencap - CCGA/2011-24
- 2.5 Members agree that an amount of £4,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Spiral - CCGA/2010-24
- 2.6 Members agree that an amount of £12,800 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Yewdale Community Centre - CCGA/ 2000-24
- 2.7 Members agree that an amount of £4,500 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Carlisle Matters - CCGA/2043-24
- 2.8 Members agree that an amount of £376 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Carlisle Society for the Blind - CCGA/ 2036-24
- 2.9 Members agree that an amount of £500 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to St Cuthbert's Parochial Church Council - CCGA/2042-24
- 2.10 Members agree that an amount of £2,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Cumberland & Carlisle Community Arts Project - CCGA/2004-24
- 2.11 Members agree that an amount of £1,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Meals on Wheels - CCGA/ 1996-24
- 2.12 Members agree that an amount of £3,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Carlisle One World Centre - CCGA/ 2039-24
- 2.13 Members agree that an amount of £1,500 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Denton Holme Longsowerby Community Engagement - CCGA/2034-24
- 2.14 Members agree that an amount of £2,560 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Yewkids @ Yewdale Community Centre - CCGA/2001-24
- 2.15 Members agree to decommit an amount previously allocated to Friends of Chances Park for £3,000 towards the cost of a labyrinth.
- 2.16 Members agree the Neighbourhood Investment Plan (NIP), as presented up to 31 March 2025
- 2.17 Members agree to review the NIP at each Community Panel meeting.

### 3.0 Background

3.1 The Neighbourhood Investment Fund (NIF) budget allocation to this Community Panel is £81,330. This allocation is intended to enable the Community Panel to plan activity in their communities through investment. A summary of this fund is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3.2 It was recommended and agreed by the Cumberland Council Executive in the report 'Devolution of Community Funds to Community Panels' presented 30 May 2023;

*That all the Community Panels have the delegated authority to approve grant applications funded from a new 'Neighbourhood Investment Fund'.*

*It is proposed the NIF be managed by the Senior Manager, Community Services in conjunction with the Assistant Director, Communities and Localities.*

*Initially it is proposed that all grant (investment) applications go to each panel for agreement regardless of value. This will be reviewed within the first 12 months.*

3.3 Now that the Community Panel has formally agreed it's priorities, the Members will assess applications against the locally agreed priorities which are:

- Environmental Issues
- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Housing
- Public Service Framework
- City and Town Centre

3.4 In addition to the priorities, there are a number of criteria / rules that must be adhered to as this relates to public funds (**Appendix 2**). There may be occasion where applications are received that do not fit with the local priorities or meet the funding criteria. In these cases, the applications will not be presented to the Community Panel. However, the Council works with other partners and will often be able to advise on other funding streams or will support a group so that they can meet the funding criteria.

3.5 Potential applicants are always advised to speak with the relevant Community Development Officer (CDO) prior to submitting an application. The CDO can offer advice and for this panel area, the CDO is Jamie Hendry (Jamie.Hendry@cumberland.gov.uk).

### 4.0 Investment Applications

4.1 Appended to this report are the details of investment applications, for approval by Carlisle West Community Panel. See Appendices 3-14

#### **Laurie Brewis Trust – Appendix 3 CCGA/1997-24**

4.2 This investment is to support activities that are taking place within the Carlisle West panel area of which residents from around Carlisle and surrounding area attend. This investment is only for three months whilst the organisation awaits the outcome from National lottery which will secure activities for the next few years.

This investment meets Council plan priority:

- Health & Well Being

### **Carlisle Mencap - Appendix 4 CCGA/2011-24**

- 4.3 The investment is required to run a twelve-month pilot project to support people with a learning disability and / or Autism to understand Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in a way that is meaningful to them. To enable them to understand difference in a way that makes sense, what is right and wrong, the implications of their own actions and how this is treated in law and give them the tools to challenge such behaviour as a responsible member of their local community. This project turns traditional EDI training on its head, treating people with a learning disability as equal citizens with the capacity to make poor choices or be influenced by the opinion of others. They will focus on the learning disability community as the perpetrator of racism and marginalisation as opposed to being the victim. Through their work they have discovered that there are no opportunities for people with a learning disability to benefit from this kind of support. This was brought to light recently when an individual who had taken part of a racist act required support.

This investment meets the Council plan priority:

- Delivering excellent public services

Meets the Carlisle West priority:

- Public Service Framework

### **Spiral – Appendix 5 CCGA/2011-24**

- 4.4 The investment is required to increase hours to cope with the demand of referrals to Spiral for 12 months whilst they find other opportunities for funding streams for future years. They work with four schools Richard Rose Morton, Central Academy, Caldew Lea & Belle Vue schools where children from the panel area attend and have pupils access their drop in facility within the city centre.

This investment meets the panel priorities:

- Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

### **Yewdale Community Centre – Appendix 6 CCGA/ 2000-24**

- 4.5 Years of historically low grant funding combined with Covid, cost of living pressures have resulted in the reserves at Yewdale community centre being quite tight. There is a wider discussion to take place at community panels about community centre funding in the future and how this is allocated. The ask here is for a top up to make the day to day running of the centre comfortable.

This investment meets the panel priorities:

- Public Service Framework

The investment meets the Council plan priorities:

- Health & Well Being
- Tackling inequalities

#### **Carlisle Matters Show and Tell - Appendix 7 CCGA/2043-24**

- 4.6 Show and Tell is a new project with the aim of reaching out and supporting as much of our community as possible. The events will provide a platform for 20+ support agencies to reach out to communities, offering a range of fun and engaging, and informative activities. This funding is asked to support the larger planned event in Bitts Park in May. It is hoped that the events will attract business sponsorship in the future and bring visitors in to the city which would be a positive for city centre traders and businesses too.

The investment meets the panel priority –

- Town & City Centre

#### **Carlisle Society for the Blind - Appendix 8 CCGA/2036-24**

- 4.7 The funding will be used to design, print and distribute information leaflets about the support, services and activities provided by Carlisle Sight Support. Over the past two years the charity has been able to re-engage with the sight loss community post covid. Updated information will be placed in the eye clinic at Carlisle infirmary, specialist eye care services in Carlisle, low vision clinic, opticians, GP surgeries and community venues.

This investment meets the council plan priority –

- Improving Health & Well Being

#### **St Cuthbert's Parochial Church Council - Appendix 9 CCGA/2042-24**

- 4.8 St Cuthbert's Church is based in the heart of the city, an historic building often used for Civic events and a popular tourist attraction. The funding will be used towards the cost of 5 free concert's at the venue over the summer months

This investment meets the panel priority –

- Town & City Centre

#### **Cumberland & Carlisle Community Arts Project (CCCAP) - Appendix 10 CCGA/2004-24**

- 4.9 Over the course of 2024 CCCAP will provide a series of open days, workshops, events and activities that will give participants the opportunities to access the world of tv, film and theatre. We will use our sessions as an opportunity to nurture and develop local talent. The sessions will be delivered by professionals with an extensive range of skills and experience in the industry.

This investment meets the panel priority –

- Town & City Centre

This investment meets the council plan priority –

- Health & Well Being

#### **Meals on Wheels – Appendix 11 CCGA /1996-24**

- 4.10 This pilot scheme will be to set up an emergency hardship response fund. The applicants have identified an increase in the number of highly vulnerable individuals

who would benefit from additional support from delivery of meals over 12 weeks at no cost to the recipient. The emergency hardship response fund will not take applications from individuals but will be on a referral basis via agencies such as adult social care. This pilot scheme has the potential to prevent hospitalisations until other support from family and organisations can be implemented.

This investment meets the council plan priorities:

- Health & well being
- Addressing inequalities

**Carlisle One World Centre – Appendix 12 CCGA /2039-24**

4.11 Each year Carlisle One World Centre works through a theme from April to March and for 2024-2025 this will be Bridging Faith Communities to promote inter-faith relations in the city. This will be achieved few a series of activities and events detailed in the panel report in the attached Appendix.

This investment meets the panel priority:

- Town & City Centre

This investment meets the council plan priority:

- Tackling inequalities

**Denton Holme Longsowerby Community Engagement - Appendix 13 CCGA/2034-24**

4.12 Denton Holme Community Engagement Group is applying for funding towards 4 key projects: Community Meal Share, Summer Fayre, establishing the group as a Community Interest Organisation, and repair to Sheffield Street Community Planter.

This investment meets the council plan priority:

- Health & Well Being

This investment meets the local priority:

- Environment

**Yewkids @ Yewdale Community Centre – Appendix 14 CCGA/ 2001-24**

4.13 This application is for funding to support an additional drop in for struggling families at Yewkids Nursery at Yewdale Community Centre

This application meets the council plan priorities:

- Health & Well Being
- Tackling Inequalities

**Additional Investments**

4.14 This report details information regarding additional investment within the panel area for information.

4.15 Investment awards made by Active Cumbria.

Organisation	Project / Activity	£
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<b>Reconditioning Fund (part of the Live Longer Better in Cumbria programme)</b>		
AgeUK	Second part of project (first part funded by Together Fund, details below). This element is for service development – staff members making use of the Care to Move training they attended and helping people be more confident/mobile in their homes.	4,278
GLL/The Sands Centre	Pilot period of 6 months to trial a Senior Activity session every Monday morning at the centre.	3,929
Susie Tate Project	Deliver introductory dance and movement sessions in 2 new settings. Develop an ambassador's programme for those already involved in sessions Link in with stroke ward at Cumberland Infirmary relating to both of the above.	3,068
<b>Sport England Together Fund (finished Sept 2023)</b>		
Age UK	Initial part of project for staff to undertake Care to Move training and apply the learning.	5,558
Carlisle Youth Zone	Boxing 'activator' training for staff and subsequent delivery to young people over a 6 month period.	3,435
Different Strokes	Delivery of stroke rehabilitation sessions monthly at the Sands Centre March-September 2023, in addition to a selection of suitable equipment	904
People First	A project which engaged people with learning disabilities and autism in physical activity / active travel through a regular outdoor walking and cycling programme.	6,778
Pride in North Cumbria Panah project	Delivery of an activity schedule to women seeking asylum based at Cumbria Park Hotel including swimming, yoga and walking at locations including The Sands and Carlisle College.	5,440
<b>Travel Actively Fund</b>		
Age UK	Carlisle area wide wheeled mobility rollator loan scheme	38,577
Rebike Cumbria CIC	Cytech mechanic L2 training for 2 existing volunteers.	6,250

#### 4.16 Easter Holiday Activity Food Programme specific for the Carlisle West Panel area.

<b>Provider</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Ages</b>	<b>Total Days of Activities</b>	<b>Allocation £</b>

GLL The Sands Centre	Central	8-16	4	3,000
GLL Trinity Leisure Centre	Central	5-11	4	2,585
Morton Manor Community Centre	Morton West	5-11	4	2,924
Pyjama Drama (Inclusive Provision)	Denton Holme	5-18	4	3,000
St Barnabas & St Luke's	Carlisle West	5-16	4	10,250
Yewdale Community Centre	Yewdale	5-11	4	1,725
			<b>Total</b>	<b>23,484</b>

### Decommitment

- 4.17 An amount of £3,000 was previously agreed at the meeting of this Community Panel on 18 December 2023 to Friends of Chances Park (reference CCGA-1966-23) as per the Minute below.

*£3,000 be earmarked from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund budget to Friends of Chances Park towards the cost of a labyrinth in Chances Park but not paid until the Friends could show they have secured further external funding.*

This has not been achieved in the current financial year and therefore the funding is to be de-committed.

### Neighbourhood Investment Plan

- 4.18 The draft Neighbourhood Investment Plan for this Panel area is attached at **Appendix 15**. This first version sets out the framework around Community Panels and the Community Network together with the agreed priorities. This will ensure there are very clear links between what has been identified as priority areas; where the Community Panel invest and what they invest in.
- 4.19 The priorities have been developed over the past 6 months and there have been a number of engagement sessions to complement a survey about whether these felt right for this panel area. The Council will continue to speak with communities about these priorities in order to refine them and identify relevant activity in addition funding.



- 4.20 The Neighbourhood Investment Plan, as presented identifies some activity already and although Members are being asked to agree this as the final version, it will remain a live, working document to reflect ongoing conversations with the communities and other stakeholders.

## **5.0 Options**

### **Alternative Options Considered**

- 5.1 There was an option not to put forward the applications for investment but they meet the criteria in place.

### **Risks**

- 5.2 The risk associated with this report is that allocations proposed do not meet the criteria for investments. This is mitigated through officer experience, processes in place and awarding investments in a public forum.

### **Consultation**

- 5.3 There has been no consultation associated with this report.

### **Legal Comment**

- 5.4 No legal issues arise directly from the report. Any legal issues arising from the delivery of specific projects will be dealt with as they arise.

### **Finance Comment**

- 5.5 The Neighbourhood Investment Fund is part of Communities and Localities within the Public Health and Communities Directorate.
- 5.6 The Neighbourhood Investment Fund budget for 2023/24 is £0.542m which is allocated to fund the 8 Community Panels to the values outlined on the Executive Report dated 30<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- 5.7 The 2023/24 budget allocation to the Carlisle West Community Panel is £81,330.
- 5.8 Approval is sought to agree a proposed funding allocation of £35,236
- 5.9 It is recommended that the funding allocation is approved as it is within the confines of the available remaining 2023/24 budget as shown at Appendix 1.

<b>Carlisle West Community Panel - NIV000001</b>		
2023/24 Budget Allocation		<b>£81,330.00</b>
Minus Approved Investments:	The Lookout	-12,800.00
	Yewdale CF	-2,500.00
	Yewdale CF	-500.00
	Carlisle Church of the Nazarene	-1,000.00
	CCGA-1945-23	-5,000.00
	CCGA-1946-23	-3,750.00
	CCGA-1965-23	-2,500.00
	CCGA-1960-23	-3,518.00
	CCGA-1957-23	-4,500.00
	CCGA-1975-23	-4,996.00
	CCGA-1891-23	-300.00
	Word for Word Theatre	-1,275.00
Minus proposed investments:	CCGA-1997-24	-1,000.00
	CCGA-2011-24	-2,000.00
	CCGA-2010-24	-4,000.00
	CCGA-2000-24	-12,800.00
	CCGA-2043-24	-4,500.00
	CCGA-2036-24	-376.00
	CCGA-2042-24	-500.00
	CCGA-2004-24	-2,000.00
	CCGA-1996-24	-1,000.00
	CCGA-2039-24	-3,000.00
	CCGA-2034-24	-1,500.00
	CCGA-2001-24	-2,560.00
<b>Balance of budget remaining:</b>		<b>£3,455.00</b>

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### **Impact Assessments**

5.10 An assessment has not been completed.

#### **Contact Officer:**

CDO: Jamie Hendry, Community Development Officer

#### **Appendices:**

Appendix 1 – Neighbourhood Investment Fund Summary

Appendix 2 - Community Investment Criteria

Appendix 3 – Laurie Brewis Trust

Appendix 4 - Carlisle Mencap

Appendix 5 - Spiral

Appendix 6 - Yewdale Community Centre

Appendix 7 – Carlisle Matters

Appendix 8 - Carlisle Society for the Blind

Appendix 9 - St Cuthbert's Parochial Church Council

Appendix 10 - Cumberland & Carlisle Community Arts Project

Appendix 11 - Meals on Wheels

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Appendix 14 - Yewkids at Yewdale Community Centre

Appendix 15 – Draft Carlisle West Neighbourhood Investment Plan

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	Allocation	Actual Paid	Pending Agreement	Remaining Balance
CARLISLE WEST	£ 81,330.00	£ 42,639.00	£ 35,236.00	£ 3,455.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>£ -</b>	<b>£ 42,639.00</b>	<b>£ 35,236.00</b>	<b>£ 3,455.00</b>

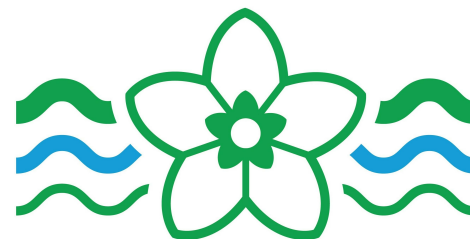
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**The following criteria must be met in order to be eligible for funding under this community Investment scheme:**

- a. Investments will be given only to voluntary and non-profit making groups and organisations to support community initiatives that benefit residents in their local area.
  
- b. Investments should support the achievement of the Council's Council Plan as agreed by the Cumberland Council. In addition, projects and initiatives should fit with locally identified priorities or plans for example, ward profiles, community plans, neighbourhood plans, parish plans etc.
  
- c. Investments will be awarded for one-off project costs for example, purchase of equipment, building work, refurbishment costs etc.
  
- d. Investment applications will be considered for non-recurring expenditure only, therefore operational running costs, general maintenance costs (energy bills, insurance) will not be funded.
  
- e. Applications will be considered from constituted groups only, we do not accept applications from individuals.
  
- f. Applications for less than 100% of costs are preferred and groups are advised to try other avenues of funding in addition to this fund.
  
- g. We will not normally accept more than one application for funding per organisation or group in any one financial year. We may accept more than one application from the same group for clearly identifiable different projects in the same financial year.
  
- h. Projects from schools, churches or other religious groups cannot be funded unless they have a clear wider non-religious community benefit for example, a church hall that is used by a local community group, a play area also open for public use, etc.
  
- i. Organisations or groups that operate a policy of exclusivity or have a closed membership and is thereby not open to any member of the public will not be considered for funding.
  
- j. We cannot fund community events if they are intended to pass on any surplus income to other organisations, for example, concerts with benefits to 'local charities'.
  
- k. Investment applications will not be considered from political organisations.
  
- l. Investments will not be awarded retrospectively, for example, investments will only be awarded for work or resources still to be purchased at the time the application is made.
  
- m. Organisations or groups with outstanding Project Achievement Report (PAR) will not be considered for future funding.

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<b>Forum Area or Division:</b>	Carlisle - Carlisle wide
<b>Reference:</b>	CCGA/1997-24
<b>Group Name:</b>	The Laurie Brewis Trust (Heathlands Project)
<b>Community Development Officer:</b>	Jackie Hayhow
<b>Community Development Assistant:</b>	Joanne McKenna
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	£4,632.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	£4,632.00

## APPLICATION REPORT

### Application Summary

The Laurie Brewis Trust is a charitable organisation located at Heathlands that provides activity groups for vulnerable adults in Carlisle and Brampton. The activities include art and textile groups and therapeutic seated aerobics. These activities are run under the banner of Better Together. Better Together's mission is to create inclusive communities for vulnerable people through activity, socialisation, and shared interest. This is designed to improve mental and physical well-being, instil educational skills, and provide sustainable friendship groups and resilient community networks. The goal of Better Together is to create a sense of belonging and community among vulnerable people by providing them with opportunities to engage in activities that they enjoy and that promote their well-being. By doing so, Better Together hopes to improve the mental and physical health of these individuals, while also helping them to develop new skills and form lasting friendships. The project is open to older adults, learning and disability groups, adults suffering from degenerative conditions, and adults suffering from poor mental health, and is designed to be inclusive and welcoming to all.

Better Together is a successful project that offers a program of community activities. The project has grown and now provides seven activities with an average of fifteen people attending each activity. The Better Together project has shown that there are many vulnerable people who want to socialise and can be helped by providing purposeful and well-designed activities that improve mental and physical health. Better Together creates an environment for socialisation and networking by utilising good venues and high-quality facilitators. This community investment will secure the running of three successful and established activity groups we currently run in the Petteril Community Panel area. These groups include Crafts at Harraby Community Centre with 20 participants, Seated aerobics at Harraby Community Centre with 35 participants, and Seated aerobics at Currock Community Centre with 15 participants. Each of these projects are established and well-attended. Further to this, it will help sustain us to provide community transport links through a 16-seater vehicle for those who would otherwise be unable to attend. This community investment will pay towards venue hire, transport, and facilitation. We currently work in partnership with iCan Wellbeing Group and Delicate Stitches who facilitate these activity groups. To keep these community activities running, we need your investment to ensure financial sustainability over the short term until we secure a larger funding bid (The National Lottery) with the aim to ensure these projects will continue to benefit local communities in the long term.

In recent years, and especially since the Covid pandemic, we have noticed that there are gaps in the services that support vulnerable people to engage in activities with others, leading to isolation. Community groups adapted to the needs of vulnerable people provide an opportunity to build relationships with others, gain skills and confidence, improve wellbeing, access support and advice, lead more purposeful fulfilling lives, and for some, can provide a route towards employment. With the benefit of assistance from the National Lottery, yourselves, and our charity reserves, we can continue to provide a wide range of groups that help older adults, learning and disability groups, adults suffering from degenerative conditions, adults suffering from poor mental health and isolated individuals. We aim to continue operating the three projects mentioned above in their current form. Each of the activities are at or near capacity, and charges to attend are £3 to £4. Participants would be challenged to pay more. LBT is able to cover shortfalls in provision costs from our reserves, including the use of our adapted vehicle. In addition to the facilitator, each group requires a trained, experienced, and flexible team member to support participants given their needs. This role includes driving participants to attend in our vehicle, ensuring the

group runs safely, leading and guiding volunteers, supporting individuals who may be distressed or confused, have physical challenges, need to discuss difficulties in their lives, or address a host of other issues as they arise.

This investment will help seventy people who currently attend these three activities to continue participating in them. It's important to run inclusive and accessible sessions like Better Together seated aerobics, which are physical, sociable, and fun. These sessions help people stay healthy and give structure to their day. Anthea, who attends seated aerobics at Currock, says, "I love getting out, chatting, and keeping my body moving. Just keep the activity going!" These groups provide participants with a regular, safe, and secure place to attend and offer a purposeful activity that they will enjoy. They also help people become part of a thriving local community.

Arts and textiles give people the chance to relax, get creative, and forget about troubles in their lives for a few hours each week. Kathy, who attends our craft class at Harraby, said, "I love these textiles sessions. They are always new and give me something to look forward to each week." Art is fundamental to our mental and physical well-being, just like exercise and meditation. Research by the Mental Health Foundation suggests that art helps boost confidence, making us feel more engaged and resilient. It can also alleviate anxiety, depression, and stress.

Community engagement activities are becoming increasingly recognized for their benefits and cost-effectiveness, particularly for isolated individuals. These activities help reduce social exclusion, loneliness, and demand on NHS services. Many individuals from hard-to-reach groups require activities that take into account their physical, mental health, or cognitive needs, as well as an open-minded and welcoming environment that encourages people with difficulty and disadvantage. By attending specialist community activities, participants gain confidence, friendships, engagement through participation, and a sense of purpose. This provides a springboard from which attendees can grow their participation in more mainstream activities.

Our aims are to:

Create strong communities and support networks. To keep people from feeling isolated and lonely, it is key to provide opportunities to meet in the community. We do this by providing an array of activities in Carlisle.

Increase confidence, independence, and wellbeing for beneficiaries. Allowing people the chance to participate in enjoyable, meaningful, and healthy activities in comfortable surroundings and sociable environments not only provides physical and mental wellbeing but also increases confidence and independence.

Provide continuous fun and meaningful activities for all vulnerable groups. One size does not fit all! We understand that a range of activities with different approaches are needed to make people enjoy and take part. We therefore develop and specialise our sessions to suit people's needs.

### **Key Themes Met**

Council aim - improve health and wellbeing of our residents.

Petteril investment priorities - Emotional / Wellbeing / Mental Health

Better Together is a project that aims to bring communities in Carlisle and the surrounding areas together by increasing transport links and providing a variety of activity groups. The project uses local community centres in key geographic locations to allow more people to attend and takes a holistic approach to building strong communities.

The activities offered by Better Together are designed to improve the mental and physical health of vulnerable adults. The project aims to help participants access activities that will improve their connections to the community at large, increase their confidence, and allow them to increase their ambitions. Social networking, fun, and activity purpose are the top priorities of Better Together's activities.

According to recent responses from beneficiaries, 71% of participants found physical health improvement (especially mobility), 89% stated that they had increased the size of their social group, 91% that their mental health/wellbeing had improved, and 72% felt they had increased their independence after 6 months or more of attendance. This shows how the Better Together project contributes to the Cumberland Council's aim of improving the health and wellbeing of residents and also one of the investment priorities for Petteril Community Panel - Emotional/Wellbeing/Mental Health.

### **Number of People Benefiting**

50 - 100

### **Breakdown of Project Costs**

Costs to cover for three months

£1,980.00 Seated Aerobics - Currock community centre

£2,094.00 Seated Aerobics - Harraby community centre

£1,752.00 Craft Textiles group - Harraby Community Centre

Income

£528.00 Seated Aerobics - Currock community centre

£1,392.00 Seated Aerobics - Harraby community centre

£768.00 Craft Textiles group - Harraby Community Centre

are expecting a response by April.

We plan to apply to The People's Postcode Lottery when the funding round opens in March.

We have been successful in funding applications from the following: The Lottery, The Lottery 'Funding For All', The Cumbria Foundation, The Postcode Neighbourhood Foundation and the Longtown and Brampton Rotary. These have funded the Better Together project for the last four years.

A breakdown of where the participants reside is appendix A

Investment recommendation

£2,000.00 - Petteril

£1,000.00 - Carlisle West

£500.00 - BFNC

**Previous CCC Funding**

£3,752.00 - 2022 from Cumbria County Council for a new community T-shirt printing group

**Grant Amount Recommended**

2,000

**Officer comments**

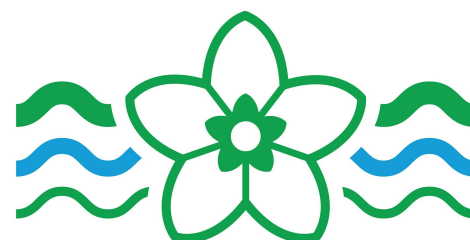
This investment is only for three months due to one funding stream coming to an end and they are waiting for an outcome from National Lottery and other providers

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<b>Forum Area or Division:</b>	Carlisle - Carlisle wide
<b>Reference:</b>	CCGA/2011-24
<b>Group Name:</b>	Carlisle Mencap
<b>Community Development Officer:</b>	Jackie Hayhow
<b>Community Development Assistant:</b>	Joanne McKenna
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	£5,000.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	£5,000.00

## APPLICATION REPORT

### Application Summary

Carlisle Mencap is a membership organisation, an independent Registered Charity affiliated to Royal Mencap, and a Company Limited by Guarantee based in the north of the city.

They directly provide life-long person-centred support for 250 people with a Learning Disability, Autistic people, their families and carers. They work to reduce loneliness, build resilience and boost self-esteem through social and leisure activity provision, specialist residential facilities and respectful home-based and community-based support.

They were established in 1968 by a group of local parents who wanted better life chances for their children; our mission then as it is now, is to empower people with and Learning Disability to live happy and healthy lives. We have been improving peoples lives for over 50 years.

Carlisle mencap are governed by an executive committee all of whom are parents with lived experience and three of our trustees are adults with a learning disability. Together with their wider membership, they strategically drive the organisation forward, operating with compassion, dignity and respect, advocating for those seldom heard and supporting them to live fulfilling, active and inclusive lives.

Carlisle Mencap are registered with the Care Quality Commission holding rating of good which is testament to the high standards of safety, care, effectiveness, responsiveness and quality leadership that we adhere to. Other recent endorsements include Investors in People and our Disability Confident Committed Employer Award.

The investment is required to run a twelve-month pilot project to support people with a learning disability and or Autism to understand Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in a way that is meaningful to them. To enable them to understand difference in a way that makes sense, what is right and wrong, the implications of their own actions and how this is treated in law and give them the tools to challenge such behaviour as a responsible member of their local community. This project turns traditional EDI training on its head treating people with a learning disability as equal citizens with the capacity to make poor choices or be influenced by the opinion of others. They will focus on the learning disability community as the perpetrator of racism and marginalisation and opposed to being the victim. Through their work they have discovered that there are no opportunities for people with a learning disability to benefit from this kind of support, this was brought to light recently when we were asked to support an individual who had taken part of a racist act.

They treat everyone they work with as the individual they are, and they expend enormous energy to safeguard them from harm and fight for equity and their inclusion within society. This project seeks to challenge conventional concept of protection and assumes that people have the capacity, unless proven otherwise by the court of protection, to learn how to protect themselves.

They will create and deliver a series of EDI training workshops for people with a learning disability. Each session will last for up to two hours, the pace and content will be tailored to the needs of the people attending. They are able to

offer one to one support where required. They will offer the workshops on a rolling basis allowing people to complete the series at their own pace.

They will practically build a suite of accessible learning resources covering a range of topics such as positive aspects of difference, celebration of uniqueness, diversity of families, honesty about prejudice and mistreatment and the law. All sessions will be delivered in someone's preferred communication type including Picture Exchange Communication System, PECS and story boards where appropriate. Participants will take part in a range of activities to support their understanding such as creating their own cultural passport or explore difference through music and art.

The workshops will be delivered by our training team lead by our Registered Learning Disability Nurse who is responsible for running our in-house training department. They have a proven track record of developing and delivering high quality training and are a City and Guilds registered centre with 'exemplary standards of work' at our Jan 2024 External Quality Assurance. They will deliver the programme face to face in community venues throughout the city and if necessary, one to one at a suitable venue. The workshops will be open to the persons wider support network, family and carers will be able to attend.

As a not-for-profit organisation, they rely on a diverse income stream including grant funding to support our work. They need the investment to fund the staff time, resources and venue hire for the pilot project for a twelve-month period. Unfortunately, they do not have the free financial reserves to invest in this project without seeking external funding.

They expect that over the life of the pilot they will engage with between 30-40 people with a learning disability. Based on their own membership alone, they would expect to engage with participants as follows within the panel areas:

Carlisle West 40%

Petteril 40%

Border, Fellside and North Carlisle 20%

The learning disability community of Carlisle will be more confident to deal with situations that arise and make positive choices. They will benefit from the social interaction that the workshops will promote and be part of a peer support network. Their families, and carers will directly benefit from this project and be in receipt of the service. Giving them the confidence that their loved one is equipped with the right tools to keep themselves safe and make the right choices. They will also benefit from the social interaction with other parents and carers.

The wider community will benefit from people's increased understanding of EDI and their personal responsibility as part of their local community.

Their partner provider organisations will benefit as we work with them to identify people to take part in the pilot, share best practice to develop the project further.

Cumberland Council: they are keen to share our work and findings with the council to develop this pilot further and explore the partnership to create a programme of training for our learning disability community and other identified groups.

They want to achieve a more integrated and cohesive community. Improve the health and wellbeing of people with a learning disability and prevent them from accessing the justice system, reduce the likelihood of hate crime and exploitation that could be generated a lack of understanding regarding EDI.

### **Key Themes Met**

Their pilot project will address the general council priorities of; addressing inequalities by giving people with a learning disability the tools they need to integrate with their local community. To be responsible citizens equal to their peers. It will meet an identified need offering people with a learning disability access to training to support them as valued members of the community.

Deliver excellent public services, by working with the council to develop this innovative approach to addressing EDI and taking the learning from the pilot and applying this to other protected characteristic groups, the wider council, elected members and communities themselves.

Carlisle West: making a valuable and innovative contribution to the public service framework trailblazing the concept of inclusion by treating people with learning disability as equals with a valuable contribution to make to their community. Offering a preventative service reducing the need for future interventions.

Petteril; by supporting the emotional wellbeing and mental health of people with a learning disability, their wider support network, family and carers. Empowering them to make the right choices when faced with difficult decisions and giving their wider family the confidence to allow them to live their own independent lives.

Border, Fellside and North Carlisle; by supporting community facilities and support people within the panel area again offering a preventative service reducing the need for future interventions

**Number of People Benefiting**

10- 50

**Breakdown of Project Costs**

£855.00 - Staff time set up 3 days £38 per hour

£2736.00 - Staff time session delivery

£800.00 - Training materials and equipment

£159.00 - Travel costs

£100.00 - refreshments

£350.00 - Venue hire

Total costs £5,000.00

**Investment recommendation**

Petteril - £2,000.00

Carlisle West - £2,000

BFNC - £1,000

**Previous CCC Funding**

2022 £975.00 - develop a games room at the centre

**Grant Amount Recommended**

5,000

**Officer comments**

Investment allocation recommendation

Petteril - £2,000.00

Carlisle West - £2,000

BFNC - £1,000

This is a unique pilot and is supported by Joel Rasbash - Strategic policy and scrutiny advisor

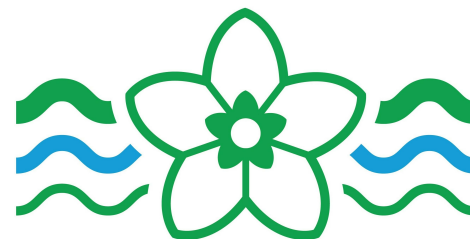
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<b>Forum Area or Division:</b>	Carlisle - Petteiril Community Panel
<b>Reference:</b>	CCGA/2010-24
<b>Group Name:</b>	Spiral
<b>Community Development Officer:</b>	Jackie Hayhow
<b>Community Development Assistant:</b>	Joanne McKenna
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	£9,000.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	£22,841.00

## APPLICATION REPORT

### Application Summary

Spiral is a charity which works with young people aged 8-25 and guardians of young people facing various issues related to bullying, including those vulnerable to bullying behavior. The young people, staff, and volunteers work with are experiencing increased anger, low mood, and anxious thoughts; these are all factors that can lead to bullying behavior and becoming a target of bullying. The approach adopted by staff and trained volunteers at Spiral is to provide psychoeducation to young people enabling them to gain knowledge on their and their peers developing brain and learn how to manage difficult and overwhelming emotions.

This project is funded by Cumbria community Foundation and is coming up to its third year. I am applying for funding towards staff members hours, to increase their hours 8 a week, 16 hours are funded through the Cumbria Community Foundation. The employee has recently finished studying a degree in psychology at the University of Cumbria and has completed their taking level 2 in Youth Work.

**Preventing the effects:** This project provides emotional coaching via Teams and face-to-face for young people aged 8-25 who are facing issues around bullying, as young people are wanting more face-to-face this is becoming more time consuming and staffing hours need to be increased. The emotional coaching is client centered and can last between 2-8 sessions, depending on the service offered and the need of the young person, the employee or volunteer will work with young people who are vulnerable to bullying related issues and being bullied, and bullying.

#### Structure of the 1:1s:

Initial meeting – find out more about the young person and their situation. If the young person is not suitable for Spiral they will be supported to access another service.

#### Session 1:

On the first session, the assessment, goals, and evaluation forms are completed. It is important that goals are set as this provides structure to the sessions, ensures the work in 1:1s are within Spiral's structure for this project (what is funded), and to measure outcomes clearly.

#### Sessions:

This is the space where they can work creatively with the young person, as long as it is within Spiral structure of self, for the safety of both staff and the young person. This will be done by adding clarifying and directional structures like purpose, and vision, or by adding simple organisational structures like better planning, and mental/emotional flexibility and adaptability through openness, acceptance, and non-judgment.

#### Last session:

On the last session staff spend time with the young person, celebrating what they have achieved and look at the sessions as a whole.

1. Area to continue development

2. Triggers (active thoughts, feelings, and situations)
3. Warning signs (thoughts, feelings, and behaviors)
4. Self-care (activities that can be done to maintain well-being)
5. Coping strategies (skills that help you manage problems, situations)

The context of the coaching will include and encourage the young person to explore the body's natural responses to understand how the brain and body develops and responds to stressful situations, explore the anatomy of emotion, learn approaches to understand behavior and make changes, realistic goal setting, as well as mindfulness and various techniques to self-soothe.

#### Structure of drop-in sessions:

The employee will work online or in person with 2 young people at separate times, on a set afternoon or morning which ever is agreed with the school. The T-grow model will be used during the session to get a clear direction. The young person can come back to check-in with the her on their progress up to 3 times, if they do return this allows her to talk over barriers that came up and how to move around them.

This will be done in areas where young people are more vulnerable.

Local young people will benefit from this service are young people in the Carlisle West and Petteiril area. Moving forward into year 3 of the project the hope is to continue to maintain the waiting list no higher than 4 months and deliver drop-in sessions to young people in the Petteiril area. The funding from Cumbria Community Foundation was to cover Carlisle and Eden, coming into the final year of the project referrals have been paused from the Eden area due to an increased demand on the service in Carlisle.

As a charity Spiral are there to fill a gap that statutory bodies do not meet. Working with young people at a prevention level gives the tools to support themselves, before it gets to the point of the young person needing more intense / therapeutic support through statutory services.

An employee provided drop-in sessions in 2023 in Newtown School, below is some feedback from a staff member;

'Linda's sessions supported many of our pupils over many weeks at Newtown. Our children benefitted from 1-1 sessions with her, as and when necessary to support their emotional health and well being. She provided many children with a variety of strategies to use to manage in a range of situations. We were very grateful for the support in school and could definitely see the benefit/impact that it had for many of our pupils. Greatly appreciated.'

Through providing drop-ins and emotional coaching, Spiral want to continue to reach the outcomes provided in Spiral's summary report 2023.

To round-up what the 4 main outcomes are:

1. The young person can manage overwhelming emotions and tricky situations - anger, bullying
2. The young person is less likely to act on impulse
3. the young person feels more confident within themselves
4. increased participation

Schools which Spiral will continue to work in are; Richard Rose Morton and Central Academy, Newtown School, Newman School, and Petteiril bank School. School's which Spiral are delivering 'think before you send' workshops in to raise awareness of Spiral and the services we provide; St Cuthberts, Caldew Lea, and Belle Vue School. As well as working in those school's staff and volunteers meet with young people in Spiral's office, they meet with young people within the Petteiril and Carlisle West catchment area, as they are not in education or only attending part time. One young person living in the Raffles area attending Richard Rose, was not in education, after attending 6 sessions and Mum also received support from Spiral due to the stress, the young person is now in back in full time education. I also went to the Pink with the you g person and they started to use this service also.

#### Key Themes Met

Petteiril - Children and Young People and emotional/Wellbeing/Mental Health.

West - anti-social behavior

Within Spiral's external report from 2023 of which is available it indicates that the most common issues in young people are anger, self-confidence, and worries. After young people have attended sessions the report shows that 'It has made me less worried', 'helped me with feelings' and 'helped me to be more confident in daily life and encouraged me to do more activities out of school'.

Spiral is the only charity that specialises in targeted work with young people experiencing bullying. The emotional coaching currently offered has been developed over the years to target bullying related issues therefor making it a unique service. I can also confidently say that the people that are connected to spiral genuinely care about the growth and development of the organisation.

Due to the demand of drop ins - Spiral are looking to relocate to a larger premises.

Spiral receive funding from Cumbria Youth Alliance, Co-op, FCST, Lottery.

**Number of People Benefiting**

10- 50

**Breakdown of Project Costs**

£22,841.00 total cost of salary increased for 12 months

looking for £9,000.00 to cover the short fall from 8 hours to 16 hours to help with the demand of referrals within the area

**Previous CCC Funding**

£4605 - 2022 'preventing the effects £1,045 -2022 training

**Grant Amount Recommended**

4,000.00

**Officer comments**

Investment recommendation

Carlisle west - £4,000.00 - to be confirmed

Petteril - £4,000.00

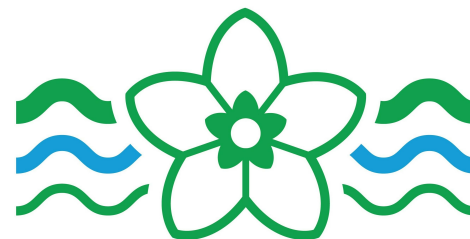
Due to the demand of referrals from schools, organisations as a one off support on the proviso they look for additional funding for future years

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<b>Forum Area or Division:</b>	Carlisle - Carlisle West Community Panel
<b>Reference:</b>	CCGA/2000-24
<b>Group Name:</b>	Yewdale Community Centre
<b>Community Development Officer:</b>	Jamie Hendry
<b>Community Development Assistant:</b>	Jodie Thurlow
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	£15,000.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	£15,000.00

## APPLICATION REPORT

### Application Summary

We are a local community centre situated in the heart of Sandsfield, Morton, Belle-Vue and Yewdale Wards. We opened on February the 14th 1992 making this our 32nd year serving the local community and the district. We serve an ever-changing wide demographic audience and accordingly we deliver a wide range of diverse activities. These include trampolining where we continue to produce national champions, nursery provision with an emphasis on infants with special needs. Our nursery has once again been judged as outstanding by Ofsted for the eighth year running. In 2023 the nursery won the prestigious Best Early Years Provider award. We deliver in door bowling, youth activities, and sessions to tackle anti-social behaviour and social isolation/loneliness such as Soup and Sandwiches and access to partner organisations.

We are constantly looking for ways to raise revenue to offer as much support as possible to the community for all ages.

Yewdale is a thriving centre with a passionate team of long serving staff and volunteers. Since Covid, the spike in inflation and the Cost-of-Living crisis, our costs have increased significantly. This has been compounded with decades of comparatively low levels of grant funding making it increasingly difficult to build up our reserves. We have historically received the smallest amount of grant funding from the council and have never been able to build up the same level of reserves that some centres have managed to put aside, and which some are falling back on currently to see them through this critical recovery period. Yewdale CC is the smallest Community Centre in Carlisle in terms of size, yet in 2023 we turned over £195,000 and still managed to make additional cost savings of over £11k. Inflation is coming down as are energy costs. By the same token patronage is increasing and our business plan gives us confidence that we can increase our annual revenue and our reserves back to pre-Covid levels. We are open from 8:30 am to 9:00 pm Monday to Friday with permanent bookings or hires on a weekend. Additional operating space would further increase our potential. However, our lease is due to expire in the next 3 years which limits any capital funding we can apply for to enable us to increase our capacity. We have formally requested a 25-year extension to the lease which will enable us to apply for higher grants. We are a proactive centre and are actively looking to identify and secure funding from both local and national funders. Although we are hopeful of some success, these grants are often to deliver specific activities to support the community but do not supply any unrestricted surplus. We will use the funding towards our core costs which will enable us to focus more on our communities and our long-term strategy.

As discussed above we see ourselves in a unique but temporary financial situation. This results from the impact of costs associated with Covid, the spike in inflation and the Cost-of-Living crisis. This is further compounded with decades of comparatively low levels of grant funding making it increasingly difficult to build up our reserves to pre-Covid levels. We have historically received the smallest amount of grant funding from the council and have never been able to build up the same level of

reserves that some centres have managed to put aside, and which are relying on to 'plug the gap'.

Without this financial injection we would be unable to continue to deliver many of our programmed and subsidised projects. Research undertaken recently by The University of Cumbria has identified that two LSOAs in our catchment area are amongst the 20% most deprived in England and one, Carlisle 009A (Belle Vue: Southeast) is amongst the 10% most deprived; it is the most income deprived in Carlisle City and fourth most deprived in North Cumbria. This caps the amount we can charge for many of the services we provide to many in our communities as the services would be unaffordable to them. We pride ourselves on being an inclusive provider.

We have recently submitted bids to the following organizations: -

- Police and Crime Commissioner- Successful £2400
- Social Enterprise Hub – Successful in receiving professional business and development support.
- Cumberland Building Society – Donation £100
- Northern Gas- Donation - £200
- B&Q – Successful £1000
- HAF (Easter) – Submitted
- National Lottery – Submitted
- Hedley Foundation – Submitted
- Morrisons – Unsuccessful
- Children in Need – Unsuccessful
- HDH Wills- Unsuccessful
- We are also hoping to submit funding bids to the Art Council and National Lottery over the next 6 months.

#### Services

- Parent and Toddler Group (Twice Weekly)
- Bowls (Weekly)
- Church Group
- Soft Play Sessions
- Social Group
- Knit and Natter
- Holiday Club
- Diabetes Programme
- Intensive Care Support Group
- Corporate Meetings and Room Hires
- Parties/ Events/ Projects
- Brunch Club (Monthly)
- Trampoline Rec Sessions (4 night)
- Nursery Term Time (Ofsted Rating – Outstanding)
- Country and Western Nights (Monthly)
- Trampoline Club (Twice Weekly)
- Karate (Weekly)
- Chojinkai (Weekly)

#### Background information on costs and services

- Over the past 12 months our bills have increased as follows:
- Payroll Services – Increase of 14%
- Waste Services – Increase 14%
- Monthly Water – Increase 70% (£100 a month- £170 a month)
- Phone and Broadband – 21%
- Cleaning Supplies – Increase 130% (even though we are buying less)
- Our Booking System has introduced an additional £600 annual fee without notice

Carlisle West - Public Service Framework

**Number of People Benefiting**

100 +

**Breakdown of Project Costs**

See above

**Previous CCC Funding**

Towards the cost of a new coffee machine

**Grant Amount Recommended**

12800

**Officer comments**

The recommendation matches that awarded to the Lookout at the September 2023 Community Panel meeting. A wider discussion with the members at the Community Panel meeting about the potential future allocation of Community Centre funding is required to make a reasoned decision about this application.

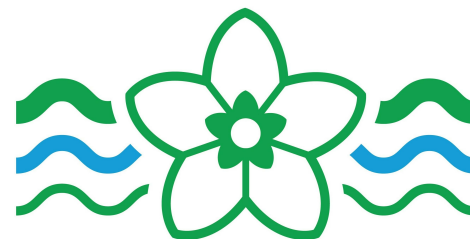
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<b>Forum Area or Division:</b>	Carlisle - Carlisle West Community Panel
<b>Reference:</b>	CCGA/2043-24
<b>Group Name:</b>	Carlisle & District Federation of Community Organisations (Carlisle Matters)
<b>Community Development Officer:</b>	Jamie Hendry
<b>Community Development Assistant:</b>	Jodie Thurlow
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	£13,048.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	£24,448.00

## APPLICATION REPORT

### Application Summary

Carlisle & District Federation of Community Organisations, known locally as Carlisle Matters, is a registered charity, working for the benefit of community groups in and around Carlisle. We provide support, guidance, sharing of best practice, delivering a diverse range of events and projects for community benefit.

SHOW AND TELL is the next step from our successful Harvest events.. We want to be bigger and better than before, reaching out to, and supporting as much of our community as possible, during these times of hardship.

The events will provide a platform for 20+ support agencies to reach out to communities, offering a range of fun and engaging, yet informative activities.

The funds will enable us to deliver a number of these events around the City. We need funding for marketing, refreshments, event management, promotional materials, entertainments, insurance, porto loos, bouncy castles, security, fair ground rides etc.

In particular, the Bitts events, scheduled for May and September, will help promote other events and bring visitors in to the City to engage in positive activities. Increased footfall will in turn have a positive knock on effect for local City Centre businesses .

We've had meetings with Chris Blain, who is keen to piggy back on these events, in piloting the OPERATION RESPECT CAMPAIGN happening in the West of the County. The Emergency Services will be present, bringing their vehicles, police dogs etc.

Emergency services will contribute to the events. All concerned will have ample opportunity to engage with young people, working towards reducing anti social behavior, which can be problematic in our neighboring estates.

Activities will also aim to raise awareness of environmental and outdoor activities.

### Key Themes Met

Town & City Centre

### Number of People Benefiting

100 +

### Breakdown of Project Costs

Bitts Park Show & Tell - May

fair rides 2000

inflatables 1000

Little inventors 350

Ican 500

Public Liability Event Insurance 1000  
PPL 200  
porto loos 280  
security 210  
event staff 234  
stage construction 2500  
live bands & DJ's 1500  
volunteer expenses 200  
management 1000  
TOTAL 10974

The total costs of the May & September events in Bitts Park are £21,948. The amount of funding requested for these two events is £10,548. For each event the ask is for £5,274.

Story construction have awarded £1000. The plan for Carlisle Matters is to showcase Show N Tell in 2024 and the bring in private business sponsorship for future events, reducing the reliance on grant funding

**Previous CCC Funding**

Numerous applications for Harvest events and Warm Hubs winter 22/23

**Grant Amount Recommended**

4500.00

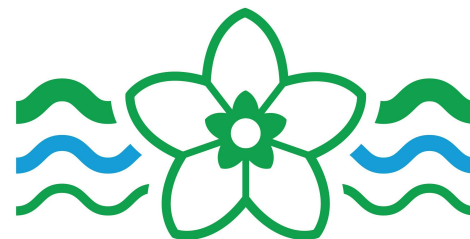
**Officer comments**

This is a new project which could potentially be a huge success in bringing foot fall and people together from all across the city. The recommendation is to make a substantial contribution to the May event and then review the success of this ahead of the next Community panel in June before committing further funding to the applicant for the September event.

**Comments from Elected Member(s) / Neighbourhood Forum / Grant Panel**

**Member Signature:**

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<b>Forum Area or Division:</b>	Carlisle - Carlisle West Community Panel
<b>Reference:</b>	CCGA/2036-24
<b>Group Name:</b>	Carlisle Society for the Blind
<b>Community Development Officer:</b>	Jamie Hendry
<b>Community Development Assistant:</b>	Jodie Thurlow
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	£376.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	£376.00

## APPLICATION REPORT

### Application Summary

We support people with visual impairment and sight loss around the Carlisle district. This includes helping people maintain independence in their home and being active in the community. We provide information and advice on everyday living solutions and access to specialised resources and equipment. We also arrange home visits to those who are unable to access our centre and organise a calendar of social clubs, events and activities.

The funding will be used to design, print and distribute information leaflets about the support, services and activities provided by Carlisle Sight Support. Over the past two years the charity has been able to re-engage with the sight loss community post covid and has successfully demonstrated that together we can overcome challenges and barriers.

Updated information will be placed in the eye clinic at Carlisle infirmary, specialist eye care services in Carlisle, low vision clinic, opticians, GP surgeries and community venues.

People with a recent diagnosis of sight loss are faced with a real crisis. Whilst medical staff are able to provide information about eye care, it is important also to be aware of what additional support is available. This could include practical support, emotional support or access to peer support groups. In all these cases having access to information can provide a lifeline. Over the past two years, Carlisle Sight Support have listened to our community and responded by providing what they need, where they need it. This increased activity on our part will be reflected in new publicity and information. We hope that providing access to information at key locations, will not only benefit patients and customers but also professional staff employed in a range of services - increasing their awareness of the availability of local support.

### Key Themes Met

Improving health and wellbeing - Think local first and sustainably. People with sight loss face challenges to access to the resources that can help them ensure their independence. Isolation in the home can be a result of this. This isolation can also lead to other physical and mental health related issues and a growing lack of mobility. The opportunity to provide information and to fight back against isolation and exclusion is at the heart of this application.

### Number of People Benefiting

100 +

### Breakdown of Project Costs

375.99 one of print costs

### Previous CCC Funding

**Grant Amount Recommended**

376

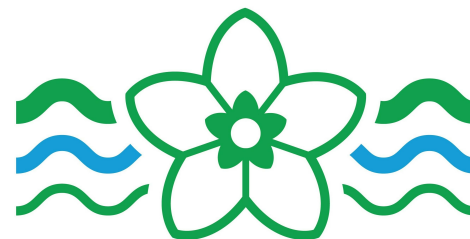
**Officer comments**

A reputable organisation doing good work that meets the council's key theme of improving health & well being

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<b>Forum Area or Division:</b>	Carlisle - Carlisle West Community Panel
<b>Reference:</b>	CCGA/2042-24
<b>Group Name:</b>	St Cuthbert's Parochial Church Council
<b>Community Development Officer:</b>	Jamie Hendry
<b>Community Development Assistant:</b>	Jodie Thurlow
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	£500.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	£950.00

## APPLICATION REPORT

### Application Summary

St Cuthbert's Church is based in the heart of the city, an historic building often used for Civic events and a popular tourist attraction. I represent a group that was formed to provide concerts for folks in the city and beyond; the idea being to promote the arts in the city, encourage those who may not find such things accessible because of access or costs by making the concerts free of charge and by providing a wide variety of concerts provided, mainly by local talent of a variety of ages – and genres. Therefore, allowing individuals and groups of all ages to showcase their talent amongst their peers and a wider audience, including tourists / visitors to Carlisle.

The funding would be used to pay a proportion of the costs of paying artist's fees and expenses. There will be five concerts this year and three of them have been sponsored by local individuals, making up just short of 50% of the basic costs, which includes piano tuning and performance licence fees. As mentioned earlier, the concerts are free of charge to encourage those who may not be able to afford to come, those who otherwise may never go to a concert, to make it accessible for family supporters of performers (e.g. This year we have several young people involved in performances, so we are trying to encourage their families to support them). A free concert is also an attraction to tourists. The church provides venue, heat & light and refreshments free of charge. Individuals can make a donation if they so wish.

The events are offered to all residents and visitors of Carlisle and the surrounding area. The performers themselves benefit from having an opportunity to share their art and 'showcase' their talent in their local area. For example, we have invited the City of Carlisle Youth Orchestra, with performers from 10 to 18 and a community choir from Cockermouth of some 50 members who will be singing for the first time in its history to an audience outside Cockermouth (and no doubt bringing friends and family with them to try out the shops, cafes etc in advance of the concert!) We have a young Cellist from Langholm who we hope will attract an audience from outside the city as well as younger, budding cellists / students and a fantastic young pianist who is a student at the Royal Scottish Conservatoire and currently has another role in the city accompanying Carlisle Community Choir; we anticipate a good audience from the choir and beyond for that concert. Overall, we anticipate a decent 'footfall' into the city centre who will not only attend but shop, eat, drink and stay in the city centre

### Key Themes Met

Town & City Centre

### Number of People Benefiting

100 +

### Breakdown of Project Costs

£950 total

In kind contribution from the Church by providing the venue & refreshments

\*Members the concert program is in an accompanying email

**Previous CCC Funding**

None

**Grant Amount Recommended**

500.00

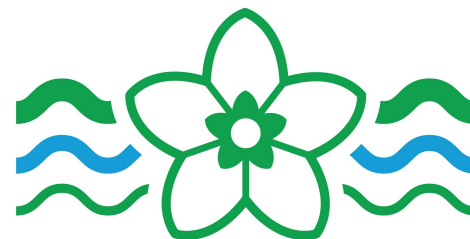
**Officer comments**

Happy that this meets the City & Town Centre priority. Events like this are advantageous to City Centre businesses and trader's and encourages people to see Carlisle as a tourist destination.

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<b>Forum Area or Division:</b>	Carlisle - Carlisle West Community Panel
<b>Reference:</b>	CCGA/2004-24
<b>Group Name:</b>	Cumberland & Carlisle Community Arts Project (CCCAP)
<b>Community Development Officer:</b>	Jamie Hendry
<b>Community Development Assistant:</b>	Jodie Thurlow
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	£2,700.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	£17,000.00

## APPLICATION REPORT

### Application Summary

We are the 'Cumberland & Carlisle Community Arts Project' (CCCAP), a Community Interest Company designed to benefit and enhance the lives of the local community. Our aim is simple. We strive to engage with and bring out the absolute best in everyone we work with in the community by providing the best in film and TV classes in the Cumberland and Carlisle area. In 2022 we noticed a significant difference in our local communities. Social isolation, the cost-of-living crisis and the negative impact of Covid on our communities has changed how people develop social connections. Following consultation with a number of people we realised the extreme lack of opportunity for those trying to enter the tv & film industry in the Cumberland area. With ever decreasing funding to the performing arts and the closure of many establishments in the area, the chance to get employment in acting was becoming harder and harder. We decided we wanted to make a difference and that is why we created CCCAP.

Over the course of 2024 we will provide a series of open days, workshops, events and activities that will give participants the opportunities to access the world of tv, film and theatre. We will use our sessions as an opportunity to nurture and develop local talent. Our sessions will be delivered by professionals with an extensive range of skills and experience in the industry. We will provide advice and guidance on all aspects of the industry, from acting to script work, improvisation, production, stage, lighting, costume, camera angles and ultimately how to secure employment and opportunities. We are seeking a small amount of funding to get the project started. The funding will be used to deliver our open days across the Carlisle area. Our open days/ introductory sessions will provide people with an insight into who we are, what we do and enable us to sign people up to our workshops. It will also enable us to gauge interest from the local community and shape our future services.

Although opportunities in the tv & film industry are becoming more accessible in the Northwest of England many producers are still casting actors and actresses from other parts of the UK.

Our project will be open and accessible to all. It will provide everyone, irrelevant of race, religion, disability, age, gender, or financial status the SAME opportunity to grow and learn. The project will allow people to increase their skill set, build confidence in a safe environment, and make the world of TV &

Film industry a step closer. Our project will open doors and provide local people with the skills, knowledge and understanding of the TV and Film industry so people can access the same opportunities as some of the more urban areas of the UK. We are also hoping to use our programme to collaborate with one of the mental health charities in Carlisle. Working alongside them and using course participants we hope to create a short film that focusses on a key issue facing our communities such as Men's Mental Health (Andy's Man Club).

We are different because: -

- We created CCCAP following consultation with local people.

- Health and Wellbeing is at the heart of what we do.
  - There are minimal opportunities in the area for people to access the TV and Film industry.
  - Our project is open to everyone irrelevant of race, religion, disability, age, gender, or financial status.
  - We are nonprofit making organisation here to benefit the community.
  - We are a locally run organisation, not a national corporation.
  - Our workshops will be delivered by professionals who have grown up in the local area and gained extensive experience in the industry over recent years.
- Phil- Actor, presenter and casting agent in TV and film spanning generations, giving him a highly respected reputation with production companies and casting directors. He has worked with actors in some of the highest-profile dramas and movies, including: "The A-Word," BBC. "Swallows and Amazons," feature film. "Innocent," ITV Drama and many more.
- Kris- Actor, Writer and Director has worked in front of the camera and almost every job behind it too, as well as, an extensive career on the live stage, all of which spanning across 18 years.

**Key Themes Met**  
City & Town Centre

Health & Well Being

**Number of People Benefiting**  
100 +

**Breakdown of Project Costs**

The total cost to deliver our full 2024 programme is £17,000. We are seeking £2700 from Cumberland Council to deliver 3 x open days/ events (hopefully one in Carlisle City Centre). See breakdown below

Total Budget

Activity Total Cost

3 x Introductory Sessions/ Open Days £2,700

4 x 3 Week Programmes (12 Sessions) £9,400

5 x Filming Days / Shoots £4,400

1 x Red Carpet Event £500

TOTAL COST £17,000

Budget Breakdown for 3 x Open Days

Activity Total Cost

Room Hire x 3 £450

Hire of Production Equipment £1650

Staffing Costs £600

TOTAL COST £2700.00

**Previous CCC Funding**  
New organisation

**Grant Amount Recommended**  
2000.00

**Officer comments**

The recommendation is a reflection of the number of applications that have been received for this Community Panel. It is a start up



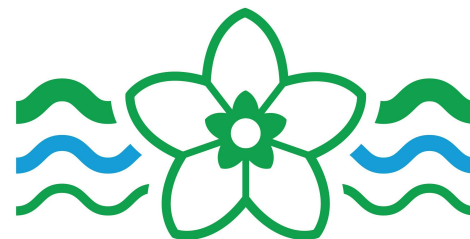
organisation who can deliver some innovative arts & cultural work in the City Centre and I think we should give them some support towards this.

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<b>Forum Area or Division:</b>	Carlisle - Carlisle wide
<b>Reference:</b>	CCGA/1996-24
<b>Group Name:</b>	Meals on Wheels
<b>Community Development Officer:</b>	Jamie Hendry
<b>Community Development Assistant:</b>	Jodie Thurlow
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	£2,500.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	£14,000.00

## APPLICATION REPORT

### Application Summary

We wish to set up an Emergency Hardship Response fund for those identified as being in dire need and unable to pay for their meals.

In recent months we have identified a growing number of individuals who are falling through the net of social care. These people tend to be those whose age or lifestyle have rendered them incapable of decision making or financial stewardship. There is often a time-lag in getting social care help to these people - and at times no additional help is forthcoming.

The Emergency Hardship Fund (EHF) would be available to those referred to us by agencies such as Adult Social Care who are concerned about the nutrition of an individual. These are often those suffering from addiction and mental health issues who urgently need an intervention.

We would propose to provide free meals for 3 days per week for up to 4 weeks to enable other care agencies to catch up. This is a very basic level of provision that would prevent someone from becoming completely malnourished.

We hope to be able to benefit those at the very margins of society and in danger of neglect. By applying to Carlisle West, Petteril, Fells & Solway and Border Fellside & North Carlisle Community panels we seek to help individuals within each.

Due to the moderate amount of funds available, we can only help a relatively small number, but hopefully make a significant impact in helping longer-term care services become involved.

Such interventions could reduce hospital admissions and improve the bodily and mental health of an individual.

All meals are subsidized to customers. We rely on grant provision for ancillary costs like paying volunteer travel. We currently have an application in to the National Lottery for a proportion of costs and other grant bodies like Cumbria Community Forum and the Garfield Trust have contributed in the past to other capital projects like kitchen equipment which frees finance to direct provision.

With this project, provision may be limited by panel area if not all applicants contribute. All provision is tracked and reported on.

### Key Themes Met

Cumberland Council plan priorities met:

- health & well being running through the heart of everything we do.
- Addressing inequalities
- Delivering excellent public services

**Number of People Benefiting**

100 +

**Breakdown of Project Costs**

The proposal is to allow an individual to receive emergency free meals for a maximum of 4 weeks.

Provision would be on three days, Monday, Wednesday and Friday (with some individual changes where necessary. The period of provision may be less based on needs, but for not more than 4 weeks/12 meals.

Costs are based on our standard client charge of £4.20 for a main course and £1.70 for a dessert - £5.90 for a single defined meal for the purposes of this project. This is a net amount of £70.80 for a single client remaining for the 4 week/12 days provision.

The application per community panel of £2500 will allow for 35 full referrals per community panel. This will be tracked and reported on to each granting Ward. Overall the Meals on Wheels Service will contribute a further £1000 per community panel in raised funding to support volunteer drivers, clerical and admin expenses.

The project is experimental and therefore time-limited to 12 months. Within this time we would hope to attract other funders and tie-in existing service providers to aid in the smooth running of the project.

We don't currently have a way of extracting postcodes as a report on our database. We have a purpose-built system and sadly, it does not have that function. We are building a new one, but this is some way ahead. I can tell you that we have 248 active customers on the system and they break down to 180-200 deliveries per day in 9 rounds. We can take a snapshot of rounds, so for example, this Friday we have 17 on the Wigton round (which covers quite a bit of rural including Thursby and Abbeytown).

On referrals, we have existing relationships with Adult Social Care, NHS Hospital Discharge teams and AGE UK. Referrals move both ways, we may get a request from Adult Social Care, at other times our volunteers may visit a client and we refer to Adult Social Care for immediate help in other areas after seeing their living conditions. We often find people who have fallen through the care net and this fund would also help them.

On this project we would be breaking new ground and it's difficult to predict exactly the spread of need across the community areas. Broadly, dementia and mental health issues have no boundaries although the ability to pay regularly as private ongoing customer for meals is more geographically defined. However, the concept is to temporarily help those families in crisis. For example, sudden onset or worsening of dementia can often lock relatives out of bank accounts when their loved one is not able to access it. It often takes some time to organise things and we see quite a lot of clients entirely on their own.

**Previous CCC Funding****Grant Amount Recommended**

£4000.00

**Officer comments**

The overall amount being requested from Meals on Wheels is £10,000 from Cumberland Council. The ask is for £2500 from Carlisle West, Petteril, Fells & Solway and Border, Fellside & North Carlisle Community panels.

In view of Meal's on Wheel's positive financial picture I would recommend a smaller pilot than the amount of funding being asked for here. An initial pilot of £1000 per community panel if awarded would lead to an investment of £4000.

Meals on Wheels are also committing £4000. This would give the project £8000 to get up and running. This could be reviewed quite quickly to assess where demand for the emergency fund is coming from and any subsequent applications can be led by the demand figures. Collecting data from a successful pilot would also allow Meals on Wheels to leverage further external funding.

Recommendation:

Carlisle West £1000

Petteril £1000

Fells & Solway £1000

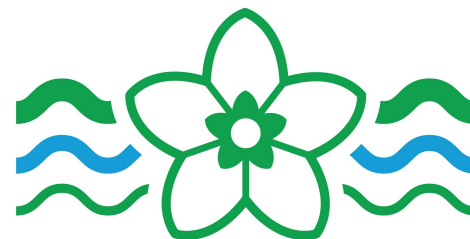
Border Fellside & North Carlisle £1000

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<b>Forum Area or Division:</b>	Carlisle - Carlisle West Community Panel
<b>Reference:</b>	CCGA/2039-24
<b>Group Name:</b>	Carlisle One World Centre
<b>Community Development Officer:</b>	Jamie Hendry
<b>Community Development Assistant:</b>	Jodie Thurlow
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	£5,000.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	£6,479.00

## APPLICATION REPORT

### Application Summary

Each year COWC works through a theme from April to March approximately and for 2024-2025 this will be Bridging Faith Communities to promote inter-faith relations in the city.

This project will consist of a series of events and the provision of relevant information on the topic, attempting to bring it more into the mainstream as we live in a world where there is still deep division based on faiths and belief systems, and unfortunately a lot of prejudice and fear, often building on the unknown rather than the known.

Events will include:

The establishment of an annual 'peace walk' in the city to take place in October in the run up to the main Inter-Faith Week in Mid November. .

3 shared meals and celebrations of community and faith over food plus support to meals and events hosted by partner organisations such as Carlisle United, Multicultural Cumbria and Carlisle Refugee Action Group.

Promotion of resources such as the Jewish Living Exhibition and other resources that can be displayed in school or community hubs to educate and inform about world faiths and cultures.

A series of Faith Conversations - short dialogues, to be recorded and shared on COWC's website, along with posts, links and articles of interest.

Promotion of the main religious festivals and traditions from the following main world religions: Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Bahai and Buddhism through social media and other means.

COWC will deliver this project working closely with Churches Together in Carlisle (a strong ecumenical grouping of Christian churches), Carlisle Cathedral and the Carlisle Mosque. Carlisle Refugee Action Group, Cumbria Development Education Centre and Carlisle United will be the delivery partners and the project will also work with Multicultural Cumbria, Anti-Racist Cumbria, Cumbria SACRE (Network of RE teachers), Tullie House, AWAZ, Carlisle Youth Zone, Carlisle College, University of Cumbria and local schools.

of local churches, the Mosque and other faith communities will benefit from the opportunities to meet new people and celebrate their faiths and by association, their cultures, foods and festivals together. People will experience pride in their traditions and the opportunity to share them either through the shared meals, conversations, articles, posts or other means.

New communities in the city, including recently arrived workers in the nursing and caring professions, international students, refugees and people seeking asylum and others who have moved to Carlisle and the churches that have been set up to support them (e.g. the Redeemed Christian Church of God (Nigerian members) and others for Indian and Zimbabwean nurses. They will benefit from a new level of welcome and sanctuary in Carlisle that the project will bring, as well as feeling more accepted and part of the city's overall faith community as a result.

Carlisle community members of no particular religion will also benefit from learning more about some of the major world faiths and the shared principles of peace, love and tolerance that they promote. They will have opportunities to experience and taste new cultures and traditions through some of the project's activities and they will also benefit from the spirit of collaboration, acceptance and

friendship that will run through this project.

**Key Themes Met**

City & Town Centre

Tackling inequalities by working with groups with protected characteristics

**Number of People Benefiting**

100 +

**Breakdown of Project Costs**

\* See attached spreadsheet

**Previous CCC Funding**

**Grant Amount Recommended**

3000.00

**Officer comments**

Carlisle One World Centre have build a good reputation working with Afghan & Syrian refugee's and their families over the last few years. They have put on a number of high profile events to build inclusion and tolerance in Carlisle. Carlisle Refugee Action Group who they cross over with provided a first class response to the need of the two asylum hotels at the Milton Hilltop and Cumbria Park.

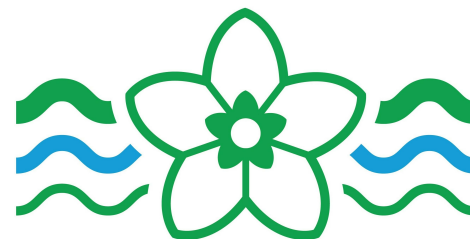
Again the recommendation is influenced by budget constraints of what is left in this years allocation. Happy to have the conversation if members think this should be awarded a higher or lesser amount in the Community Panel meeting

**Comments from Elected Member(s) / Neighbourhood Forum / Grant Panel**

**Member Signature:**

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<b>Forum Area or Division:</b>	Carlisle - Carlisle West Community Panel
<b>Reference:</b>	CCGA/2034-24
<b>Group Name:</b>	Denton Holme & Longsowerby Community Engagement
<b>Community Development Officer:</b>	Jamie Hendry
<b>Community Development Assistant:</b>	Jodie Thurlow
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	£3,371.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	£4,392.00

## APPLICATION REPORT

### Application Summary

DHLCE has initiated, organised, enabled, and developed neighbourhood activities and events since 2021. This has included regular litter picks, Christmas Fayres, a Jubilee Big Lunch Fete in St James Park, and three community meal share events in response to current cost of living crisis and to develop mutual support. It seeks to bring local people together, to build community and improve quality of life.

We are requesting a grant for 4 key projects:

1. Community Meal Share x 4 (quarterly). A grant will contribute towards the basic cost elements of the free events that included venue hire, meal ingredients and refreshments, activities, and printed publicity items: £300 per each of the four quarterly meal share events.
2. Summer Fayre: We will be hosting a Summer Fayre in Denton Holme that is free for all to attend. It will host a variety of stalls, offer food and drink, have live music performances, rides for the children, face painting, games, and more. We are requesting funds to cover the costs of the brass band, bouncy castle, face painting, and drinks and marketing.
3. DHLCE is currently an unregistered charity. Due to its fundraising ambitions, the group is in the process of registering as a Community Interest Organisation (CIO). We are requesting funds to contribute to the costs of establishing as a CIO and raising awareness of the existence of the group across the whole of Denton Holme & Longsowerby. Items we are requesting funding for are comprehensive insurance cover for 12 months; printed marketing materials including leaflets to post through all houses across Denton Holme and Longsowerby, and posters; and 12 months Domain Name Hosting
4. Sheffield Street Planter we are looking for funding to repair the brick work around the garden. This is the last phase Of the garden project

The proposed four quarterly free community meal share events are a vital way of bringing people together to find mutual support that alleviates social isolation, enables mutual support, provides an inexpensive nutritious meal, introduces local activities and support services, and can catalyse community spirit. Its merits were demonstrated and appreciated at three such events that spanned October 2022 to October 2023. It particularly benefited people on very low fixed incomes such as Universal Credit and State Pensions, as well as young families, and elderly lonely people.

2 The summer Fayre will be open to all individuals and families of all demographics from Denton Holme, Longsowerby, and the wider Carlisle area. It provides a great opportunity for local people to come together for a free event, and encourages a sense of community among people who would often not socialise together. DHLCE have previously held a successful Christmas Fayre in December 2021,2022,2023 and a Big Lunch event in June 2022, with feedback from the community stating that they would like more such events to take place in the future.

3 Through registering as a CIO, this will enable the group to apply for a wider range of funding opportunities so that we can apply implement more frequent, and a more diverse range of activities/support. It is critical for the group to raise more awareness of its existence, and as an inclusive group, there needs to be a marketing strategy that will reach across a diverse range of those people e.g. younger persons who often prefer digital and older persons who prefer receiving materials in print. We hope that by formalising the

group and raising awareness of the group, we can grow our membership which in turn means we will be able to support more people and increase the community spirit throughout Denton Holme and Longsowerby.

4 The Sheffield Street Planter renovation will make the area look more attractive and a nicer place to live which will benefit all local residents

**Key Themes Met**

As per Cumberland council and Carlisle west panel the Sheffield Planter activity could contribute to "improved health and wellbeing" and helping the environment by making Denton Holme more 'green'. The summer Fayre could contribute to "Health and well being for children and people of all ages" and "Crime & anti social behaviour" as it will enable young people, and others, to come together in their community which could encourage future cooperation and care of their community. Forming a CIO and raising awareness of our CIO could enable us to contribute to most of the councils priorities i.e. delivering excellent public services, improving health and wellbeing ,environmental issues, and Crime & anti social behaviour.

**Number of People Benefiting**

100 +

**Breakdown of Project Costs**

\*See attached spreadsheet

**Previous CCC Funding**

Applied previously towards the meal share events

**Grant Amount Recommended**

1500.00

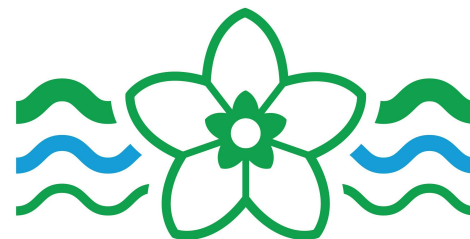
**Officer comments**

Elements of the application meet the Cumberland Plan priorities and also the local priorities . The Meal Share events for example could come under tackling inequalities from my experience of having attended one and there is also a large health and well being elements to these events. The Sheffield Street planter would also contribute under the environment to pride in local place. A lot of the residents put a lot of hard work in to maintaining that area for the benefit of local residents. This is also another application where the recommendation is influenced by what remains in this years budget.

**Comments from Elected Member(s) / Neighbourhood Forum / Grant Panel**

**Member Signature:**

**Date:**



<b>Forum Area or Division:</b>	Carlisle - Carlisle West Community Panel
<b>Reference:</b>	CCGA/2001-24
<b>Group Name:</b>	Yewkids @ Yewdale Community Centre
<b>Community Development Officer:</b>	Jamie Hendry
<b>Community Development Assistant:</b>	Jodie Thurlow
<b>Amount Requested:</b>	£4,560.00
<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	£4,560.00

## APPLICATION REPORT

### Application Summary

We are a small community centre and nursery in the heart of Sandsfield Park, Morton and Yewdale Wards. We serve the local community as well as the district as a whole due to the diverse number and wide ranging activities we offer, such as trampolining, nursery provision for children aged 2-4years, bowling, youth activities and sessions to tackle anti-social behaviour and social isolation/loneliness.

Within our 29 nursery families we have an increasing number of parents and also grandparents who are experiencing social isolation due to a number of factors, including background deprivation and mental health issues, particularly anxiety. We have a growing number of parents who are younger and have little or no family support and are very anxious about even leaving the house. They speak of feeling lonely and not being able to get out and make friends, many of them rely heavily on the nursery staff for social interaction and company. Parents tend to drop their children off and leave but we hope that with some initial support from staff we could have a weekly drop in coffee morning for them to meet and have a chat with other parents. This time could also be used by staff to offer more general support to signpost to many of the organisations that we do use as targeted support bodies such as debt advice, food banks, healthy start programme, parenting classes.

Some of our families have backgrounds in which they have experienced adverse childhood experiences themselves, some are receiving support from other agencies and have plans in place to support the safeguarding of their own children, this has led them to have anxiety and other mental health illnesses. Many of these families rely on the nursery staff and meeting them each day as their only social interaction other than with their children. We also have families who are from other cultural backgrounds and are new to the area and speak of having no friends in the area. It is a time to build on the trusting relationships with the nursery and support them in integrating further into our society.

### Key Themes Met

Health & Well Being  
Tackling Inequalities

The project contributes to many of the Council's key priorities such as supporting people in areas of deprivation and it enables people who suffer from social isolation to enjoy safe spaces where they can meet others in familiar surroundings with the support of staff who they already trust, hopefully enabling them to have the confidence to build on their own social skills and abilities to push themselves out of their comfort zone.

**Breakdown of Project Costs**

Project to run for 40 weeks:

Total grant application for £4560

Drinks and snacks £35 per weeks x 40 = £1400

2 hours room hire per week £50 per wk x 40 = £2000

Staff time to facilitate the running of the sessions 2 hours per week @ £25 x 40 wks = £1000

Marketing, outreach and project management 1 hour per week for first 2 months = £160

**Previous CCC Funding**

The Community Centre have another application in to this Community Panel meeting

**Grant Amount Recommended**

2560.00

**Officer comments**

The recommendation takes out the applicant ask for contribution to room hire given that there is another application from Yewdale Community Centre for operational running costs.

From speaking to the nurse I understand there is a need for this project. Family Action are inundated with referrals due to the nature of the times we are living in and this would give further help and support to families in the west of the city.

**Comments from Elected Member(s) / Neighbourhood Forum / Grant Panel**

**Member Signature:**

**Date:**



**CARLISLE WEST  
NEIGHBOURHOOD INVESTMENT PLAN  
2024-2025**

## Cumberland Council - Vision and Values

Cumberland Council Plan 2023-2027 sets out what we will focus on in the first four years, how we want our new council to work and what residents can expect from us.

The council have identified the following priorities for 2023-2027:

- Addressing inequalities
- Local economies that work for local people
- Environmental resilience and the climate emergency
- Delivering excellent public services

We want to take a fresh approach to the delivery of inclusive services. Services that will be shaped by our residents and communities. By focusing on health and wellbeing, we will unlock the potential in our communities – supporting the environment and driving investment.

We will be:

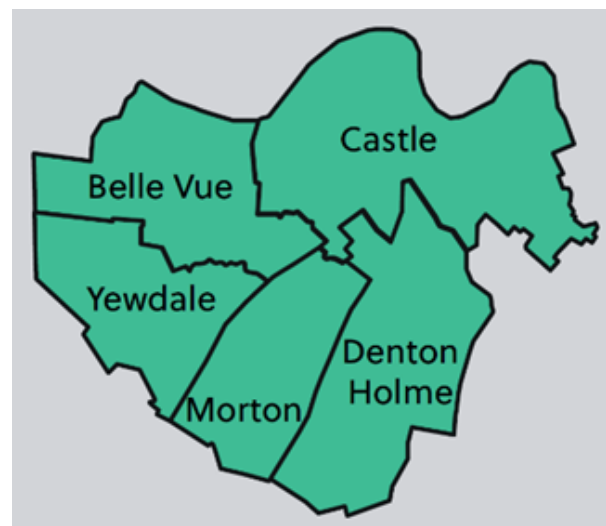
- Ambitious
- Collaborative
- Compassionate
- Empowering
- Innovative

## Carlisle West Community Panel

Community Panels are a new concept that was introduced with the start of the Cumberland Council. The council has eight Community Panels operating on a small footprint, contributing to the achievement of the council plan while focusing on local need. Each Community Panel has also set its own priorities specific to the geographical area covered by the panel.

The Carlisle West Community Panel represents the wards of:

- Belle Vue
- Castle
- Denton Holme
- Morton
- Yewdale



## Carlisle West Community Network

It is the intention of Cumberland Council that our communities will be listened to and will help shape services. To help with this, each Community Panel has a Community Network as part of their engagement with communities. The Network is a series of interactions which range from small topical conversations to larger events open to all. The Network is anyone with an interest in the panel area, whether that be residents, partners, the voluntary or community sector or businesses. Network activities will develop and support the delivery of the Carlisle West Neighbourhood Investment Plan.

The Community has helped to set the priorities for the area up to 2025, which form the basis for this Neighbourhood Investment Plan and subsequent influence and investment.

## Carlisle West Neighbourhood Investment Plan

The Neighbourhood Investment Plan sets out the panel priorities and key focus areas identified by the members and communities. This demonstrates the council's commitment for services to be shaped by our residents and communities. Creating a partnership approach to addressing local priorities and supporting investment within the local area will help to deliver locally and support local need.



The Carlisle West priorities for 2023-2025 have been identified as:

- Environment
- Crime and anti-social behaviour
- Housing
- Public service framework
- City and town centre

## Carlisle West Neighbourhood Investment Fund

Cumberland Council have allocated funding to help the panel directly support the achievement of the priorities. This is available for the Community Panel to invest in organisations who in turn deliver benefits within their community.

## **Carlisle West priorities and key focus areas**

Throughout engagement on the panel priorities, residents identified focus areas which were important to them. Below identifies the top focus areas for each priority.

### **Priority - Environment**

- Biodiversity and enhancing natural spaces
- Promoting pride in your local area

### **Priority – Crime and anti-social behaviour**

- Reduce anti-social behaviour
- Community safety

### **Priority - Housing**

- Empty and underused residential and business properties
- Affordable residential and business rent
- Work in partnership with Registered Social Landlord's

### **Priority – Public service framework**

- Access to healthcare services
- Strengthen communication

### **Priority – City and Town Centre**

- Supporting community facilities, activities and events
- Public Realm
- Accessibility and connectivity



### Carlisle West Neighbourhood Investment Plan - Action Plan

Date Identified	Action	Priority	Responsible	Timescale	Date Complete
01/04/2024	Distribution of the Carlisle West Neighbourhood Investment Fund	All	Community Development Team	31/03/2025	
01/04/2024	Ongoing network activity, including activity based on the panel priorities.	All	Community Development Team	31/03/2025	

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## Carlisle West Community Panel Update

**Meeting Date – 25 March 2024**

**Lead Officer - Paul Musgrave**

### **1.0 Purpose / Summary**

- 1.1 The report updates this Community Panel on recent activity by Cumberland Council within this Community Panel area.
- 1.2 The work of the Community Panel contributes to the achievement of the Council Plan 2023 - 2027 vision:
  - Cumberland Council takes a fresh approach to the delivery of inclusive services that are shaped by our residents and communities.
  - By enabling positive outcomes for health and wellbeing, prosperity and the environment we will fulfil the potential of our people and our area.
- 1.3 The Council Plan aims to improve the health and wellbeing of our residents through the following priorities:
  - Addressing inequalities
  - Local economies that work for local people
  - Environmental resilience and the climate emergency
  - Delivering excellent public services
- 1.4 This Community Panel has also identified the following priorities for this panel area which are:
  - The environment
  - Crime & anti-social behaviour
  - Housing
  - The Public Service Framework
  - The City Centre

## **2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 Members note the contents of the report.

## **3.0 Background**

3.1 This report sets out the activity that has taken place within this Community Panel area in the last quarter that has been led or supported by Cumberland Council. It also makes reference to consultations that are Cumberland wide or specific to this area.

3.2 This Community Panel covers the wards of Belle Vue, Castle, Denton Holme, Morton and Yewdale.

### **Network Events**

3.3 A community network event was held at Morton Manor Community Centre on the 6 March. There was an opportunity for the community/groups/organisations to consider in more detail the priorities that have been set by the community panel which are set out in paragraph 1.4.

3.4 This has helped contribute towards developing the Neighbourhood Investment Plan and has given a stronger steer around the priorities when agreeing investments.

3.5 **Carlisle Youth Festival** - This took place on 24 February 2024 at Carlisle Youth Zone and was led by the youth and supported by organisations. The steering group consists of young people connected with Youth Councils and Carlisle Youth Zone, Community Development Team, Youth council, PINC, People First and University of Cumbria. There were different zones created which included Make a difference – environmental activities, Be active (indoor and outdoor) Have a go, Young bands and performances, quiet zone, have a go movement, have a go food related, wellness and arts. This event received funding last financial year from County Council.

3.6 **Raffles Community Planning** –

At the end of January a multi-agency patch walk was held in Raffles starting from the Lookout Community Hub. Riverside Housing, the Police and Council Officer's attended. There is a will to develop some community planning initiatives. The option of developing a strategic plan for the neighbourhood is being explored, utilising the United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Funding.

An initial development is that there is an Operation Respect day planned in the community on 23 July 2024. Further details will be available for the next community panel meeting in the summer.

## **Active Cumbria**

- 3.7 **Street Tag** - On 3 January 2024, the previous school based programme was relaunched with a whole new format. The previous locality leader boards were merged to match the two new unitary authorities, and it was opened up to include more settings other than just schools. Now workplaces, community organisations, sports clubs, and families are able to create teams and compete on one of the two leader boards.
- 3.8 Season 1 of the new programme finishes on the 13 March 2024 and 36 schools and organisations from across Cumberland are engaging in this year's programme so far. Active Cumbria will be able to share the results and outcomes of that first season in due course.
- 3.9 **Active Travel to School** - Bikeability training has been delivered in the following schools in the panel area, Belle Vue (60 pupils in Year 1 and 61 pupils in Years 5 and 6), Newlathes Junior (44 pupils in Year 6), Bishop Harvey Goodwin (17 pupils in Year 6). In addition, Newlathes Infant School have undertaken Active Start training for Early Years.
- 3.10 **Ramblers Wellbeing Walks** - Two Walk Leader (WL) training sessions have been delivered in the Carlisle area this financial year with 14 attendees. The Travel Actively team have also delivered their own additional training sessions. Walk Leaders have also had the opportunity to attend Dementia Friends training.
- 3.11 Currently there is a weekly Wellbeing Walk taking place from the CADAS offices and the Healthy City team at Cumberland Council run a programme of walks right across the Carlisle covering Petheril, Carlisle West and Border, Fellside and North Carlisle community panel areas.
- 3.12 **Travel Actively** - Two Travel Actively Funds (TAF) have been awarded totalling £44,827. The Travel Actively Learning Programme works with young people with Learning Difficulties and/or Autism to increase their awareness, knowledge and skills to enable them to travel actively safely. 114 people who accessed the learning programme.
- 3.13 253 people engaged with the Travel Actively project.
- 3.14 **Active Lives** - Following LGR, this data is now collected on a unitary authority footprint and not a district footprint, as it was done previously. This means a lot less schools are randomly selected to participate meaning the data is much more generalised across the unitary area.
- 3.15 **Cumbria School Games** – 5 county events (all panel areas were covered) took place in early 2023. 1,044 participants were involved as well as 175 young leaders. Planning is well underway for this year's events.
- 3.16 The current team focus is within the following Local Super Output Areas (LSOA):
- LSOA Carlisle 006B (Castle: South East) which was selected as the initial Active Cumbria priority place for Older Adults.

LSOA 009A Belle Vue: South East i.e. Raffles is a medium-term priority for Children and Young People and Low Socio-Economic groups.

LSOA 009D Morton: South is a medium-term priority for Low Socio-Economic Groups.

### **Local Focus Hub Update**

- 3.17 The purpose of the Local Focus Hubs (LFH) is to coordinate partner agencies, establishing clear and productive relationships with key partners from statutory, secondary and third tier and voluntary groups. The aim of the LFH is to:
- Improve community safety and tackle difficult and long-term problems where a single organisation has explored all options and requires a partnership approach.
  - Lead on community safety initiatives and reduce the fear of ASB and Crime.
  - Identify emerging trends and look at initiatives to prevent and reduce ASB and Crime in partnership and collaboration.
- 3.18 There are three established Local Focus Hubs in Cumberland Council. Each geographically aligned with the neighbourhood policing teams of Carlisle and Wigton, Derwent and Esk. Each hub is based in co-located offices with easy access offering partners the opportunity to work and collaborate with LFH staff.
- The Carlisle LFH is situated on the ground floor of the Civic Centre and shares an office with the Enforcement Team.
  - Each LFH has a Police officer Hub Coordinator allocated, who is responsible for the day-to-day management of referrals received from partners.
- 3.19 **LFH Operating Model** - Problems are referred into the hub by any partner agency signed up to the information sharing agreement. A referral can relate to an individual, a family, a business, or organisation. The issue referred could be concerning crime and disorder, health and wellbeing, environmental, housing and many other areas of work.
- 3.20 There is an online referral form containing a series of risk assessment-based questions which produce a grading. Each referral is then managed through an established problem-solving model.
- 3.21 **LFH Partners** - Each Hub manages referrals in the same way, with each Hub having slightly different partners depending on the needs of the community.
- 3.22 Each LFH manager works alongside the neighbourhood policing team's Inspector which provides a lead on collaborative partnership work with:
- Community Sergeants, Community Beat Officers, Police Community Support officers, Child Centred Policing Teams, Police Mental Health team, Youth offending and Crime Prevention.
  - Cumbria Fire and Rescue, NHS Services including Addiction and Mental Health services, Multi-Disciplinary Teams (Vulnerable service users living in the

community), MARAC (Multi-agency risk assessment conference), Environment Agency, British Transport Police, Immigration.

- Local Authority – Environmental Health, Licensing, Enforcement, Legal, Planning, Homelessness Team, Greenspaces, Highways, Education, HAWCs, Trading Standards
- Social Housing partners from Riverside, Castles and Coasts, Home Group, My Spaces, Home Group, Westfield Housing and other smaller housing providers.
- Remedi (Mediation service and support for victims of ASB), Victim Support. Youth Organisations, Youth Offending, Age Concern, Business crime reduction group, Cumbria Family Support and many others.

3.23 An overview of Local Focus Hub initiatives is at **Appendix 1**

### **Teenage Market**

3.24 Funded by the High Street Taskforce, three Teenage Markets have been successfully held in Carlisle throughout 2023, hosted by Cumberland Council. The Teenage Markets aim of giving a free platform in the city centre to aspiring young entrepreneurs and performers to showcase their talents.

3.25 Groups of young people from youth organisations and schools from within Carlisle have traded at all three markets: Carlisle Youth Zone, The Rock Youth Project and James Rennie enterprise group. Young people from each of these organisations were supported by youth workers and teachers when planning and preparing products to sell on their stall, as well as attending with the young people on the day.

3.26 Live music and performance is a key element to this unique market experience, providing an opportunity for young people to showcase their talents within the city centre in front of a live audience.

3.27 As well as providing young people with an opportunity to trade and perform, Carlisle Teenage Market also provided one young person the chance to develop their skills and experience in event management and sound production.

3.28 The Teenage Markets held throughout 2023 have evidenced a real entrepreneurial spirit amongst young people not only from within Carlisle but across Cumberland and it is hoped that this can be rolled out across Cumberland. Developed by local teams, to inspire more local traders, by looking at market towns as suggested by the young people themselves.

3.29 A copy of the full Teenage Market report can be made available to members on request.

### **Carlisle Libraries Update**

- 3.30 Weekly events are well-attended and popular, including Lego Club, Baby Bounce and Rhyme and Storytimes. Early literacy is promoted through a programme of regular school visits where children are introduced to the library and encouraged to become members.
- 3.31 To support parents in the current economic climate, a World Book day costume swap was facilitated and themed activities and events were held to celebrate the day on 7 March.
- 3.32 The library service in the area offers a range of community engagement activities to promote health and wellbeing, information sharing, learning and development, and to reduce social isolation. Examples include a Weekly 'Knit & Natter' session, a Dungeons & Dragons game club for young people with social anxiety, an English Conversation Café for people who are learning English as a second language, a fortnightly Carlisle Refugee Action Group drop-in session and a weekly Resettlement Team Drop-in session.
- 3.33 Outreach staff take the library out to people in the community and hold regular reminiscence sessions in care homes. The outreach staff are also currently distributing refurbished laptops and databank cards to people who are in digital poverty. The Good Things Foundation has provided funding for this initiative for those individuals that qualify.
- 3.34 Carlisle Library is preparing to run a six-month pilot project where software will be loaded on to five self-issue kiosks in the library. This will enable the service to promote events, activities and service initiatives on the kiosks screens. The project will be evaluated over the six-month period, and, if successful, it may be rolled out to other libraries.
- 3.35 The Health and Wellbeing Coaches have a designated space in Carlisle Library from Monday to Friday. They offer an appointment and drop-in service for clients. Library staff can signpost people who need health and well-being support (sometimes in crisis) to the team.
- 3.36 The service also established a new partnership with the Department of Work and Pensions in Carlisle in the summer of 2023. A range of services, including Job Centre Plus, Carlisle Youth Alliance and Carlisle Key are in the library on a Friday. They offer appointments and drop-in services to young people between the ages of 16-25. Job fairs and information sessions with other key employment advisor agencies are being planned.
- 3.37 Other regular drop-in and advice sessions are available from a range of agencies, including Carlisle Law Centre, Victim Support UK (domestic abuse), Community Police, Age UK, Carlisle Repair Café, and SEND (special educational needs and/or disabilities).



- 3.38 Carlisle Library also host the Business and Intellectual Property Centre service. This is a British Library funded project which offers start-up business advice. The centre also offers access to the British Library’s digital business resources.

### **Support Leaflet**

The ‘Christmas Support’ leaflet has been updated and rebranded ‘Winter Support’. The new version is at **Appendix 2**.

### **Consultations**

#### **Family Wellbeing Transformation**

- 3.39 Cumberland Council are looking to transform their Family Wellbeing services to better meet the needs of children, young people and families in Cumberland. Their vision is that every child grows up in a nurturing and supportive environment, surrounded by love and a strong community which enables them to thrive. By prioritising children and family wellbeing, they can create a brighter future for generations to come.
- 3.40 A number of drop-ins offered the public an opportunity to share their views, ask questions and speak to elected members and staff. Members of the public were also invited to complete the Family Wellbeing in Cumberland survey which ran until 15 March 2024.

#### **Waste Collection Review**

- 3.41 Cumberland Council we are reviewing the waste collection services and are inviting feedback to help meet the needs of the residents.
- 3.42 The government is introducing a system called “Simpler Recycling”. This means that Local Authorities are required to collect glass bottles and jars, tins and cans, household plastics such as bottles, tubs and trays (including flexible plastics e.g. crisp packets, biscuit/chocolate wrappers, film, bread wrappers), cartons, paper and cardboard, garden waste and food waste from the kerbside.
- 3.43 In addition, residents are being asked what other items could be collected from the kerbside to make recycling of all household items as simple and easy as possible.
- 3.44 The survey closed 15 March 2024

## **4.0 Options**

### **Alternative Options Considered**

- 4.1 No other options considered as this report is to note only.

### **Risks**

- 4.2 The associated corporate risk is as follows:

*There is a risk that the Community Panels and Community Networks do not effectively engage with and/or represent the views of local residents, partners, businesses and third sector organisations.*

- 4.3 The activities outlined in this report and the associated recommendations help to mitigate this risk. There are no further risks associated with this report.

#### **Consultation**

- 4.4 There has been no consultation associated with the recommendations of this report.

#### **Legal Comment**

- 4.5 No legal issues arise directly from the report. Any legal issues arising from the delivery of specific projects will be dealt with as they arise.

#### **Finance Comment**

- 4.6 The Carlisle West Community Panel is one of 8 Community Panels which are funded from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund which is part of Communities and Localities within the Public Health and Communities Directorate.
- 4.7 The 2023/24 budget allocation to the Carlisle West Community Panel is £81,330.

#### **Impact Assessments**

- 4.8 An impact Assessment has not been used.

**Contact Officer:** Lizzy Shaw, Senior Manager - Community Services

#### **Appendices attached to report:**

- Appendix 1 – Local Focus Hub Initiatives  
Appendix 2 – Winter Support Leaflet

Safer Streets	Working closely with the Police Crime & Commissioner’s office to support the various rounds of funding public realm initiatives to improve safety and reduce ASB and the fear of crime. This involves bringing together appropriate partners to provide data, attend site visits and submit recommendations.
Hoarding	The Local Focus provides a platform in dealing with the complexities of hoarding and the many different partners needed to support the service user.
Illegal Encampments	The LFHs are able to convene appropriate partners in a timely manner to deal with initial short-term and create a referral to manage partner responses.
ASB Case Reviews	Under the revised ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 local authorities have a statutory requirement to provide a mechanism to allow victims and organisations the right to review their case of ASB where a threshold has been met. The LFH managers are now the single point of contact and have the responsibility to respond to victims, gather information and convene a review meeting bringing together relevant responsible authorities.
Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	LFHs are one of the thematic groups that report to the CSP, providing updates on priorities set by the CSP in relation to community safety initiatives. Currently involved in Violence Against Women and Girls, ASB and Knife Crime
Operation Respect	Multiple approach to tackle environmental crime pulling in partners from Local Housing providers, Police, Fire & Rescue, VOSA, DVLA, Environment Agency and many other partners. Listening to communities and taking action to improve and raise the quality of health and wellbeing in hard-to-reach communities.
Talk & Tidy Events	Monthly multi-agency litter pick and informal engagement with the public.
Community Alcohol Partnership	Multi-agency approach to tackling underage drinking. Considering a holistic approach – the health effects on teenagers, result of ASB and behaviour, underage sales, educating parents, delivering assemblies within schools.
Coordination of annual operations with Police and other partners	Op Roman Candle tackling ASB at Halloween, Test Purchasing, Road Safety Events, Op Sceptre focussing on knife crime)

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**Help is here this winter**

Winter can be a difficult time - existing pressures can be heightened when we have to deal with keeping warm, the costs of Christmas and possible health challenges. We've put together some ways you can find support.

## **Emergency help**

### **Ways to Welfare**

Cumberland Council's helpline offers emergency support with essentials, and advice on other financial support. Call **0300 373 3730** (option 2) or visit the Ways to Welfare webpage at [legacy.cumberland.gov.uk/welfare/](https://legacy.cumberland.gov.uk/welfare/)

### **Homelessness and housing help**

If you are homeless now, or in danger of losing your accommodation, call **0300 373 3730** or email:

- Allerdale: [Homelessness1@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Homelessness1@cumberland.gov.uk)
- Carlisle: [Homelessness2@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Homelessness2@cumberland.gov.uk)
- Copeland: [Homelessness3@cumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Homelessness3@cumberland.gov.uk)

You can also get help by calling Shelter on **0300 330 1234** or emailing [info@shelter.org.uk](mailto:info@shelter.org.uk). In an emergency call **0808 800 4444**.

If you are concerned about someone sleeping rough, a referral can be made via [streetlink.org.uk](https://streetlink.org.uk)

## **Domestic abuse**

If you are at risk, or experiencing abuse, support is available.

Call Cumbria Police on **101** or visit [cumbria.police.uk/report-it](https://cumbria.police.uk/report-it) to report domestic abuse.

**In an emergency, always call 999.**

### **Cumbria-wide services**

- **Cumbria Victim Support** - call **0300 3030 157**. Monday - Friday 9am - 6pm.  
For 24/7 support call 0808 1689 111 or email [cumbria.admin@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:cumbria.admin@victimsupport.org.uk)
- **Safety Net** - **01228 515859**. [www.safetynetuk.org](https://www.safetynetuk.org)
- **The Bridgeway** - free and confidential out-of-hours advice for victims of rape or sexual assault. Call **0808 118 6432** or email [info@thebridgeway.org.uk](mailto:info@thebridgeway.org.uk).

## Local support services

- **Gateway 4 Women (Carlisle)** call **01228 212090** or email: [admin@cumbriagateway.co.uk](mailto:admin@cumbriagateway.co.uk)
- **Freedom Project (West Cumbria)** for women, men and children affected by domestic abuse. Call **01900 67167** or **07712 117986**, or email [admin@freedom-project-westcumbria.org.uk](mailto:admin@freedom-project-westcumbria.org.uk).
- **Women Out West** supports women in West Cumbria. Call **01946 550103** or **07539 780431**, email [contactus@womenoutwest.co.uk](mailto:contactus@womenoutwest.co.uk) or go online at: [womenoutwest.co.uk](http://womenoutwest.co.uk).

## National services

**Galop** - for LGBT+ victims of domestic abuse - **0800 9995428**

**Mankind** - **01823 334244**

**Men's Advice Line** - **0808 8010327**

**The Freedom Programme** - Freephone helpline **01942 262 270**

**Child Line** - **0800 1111**

## Bereavement services

The bereavement services team can be contacted on **01228 817390** (Carlisle) **07762 421072** (Allerdale) or **01946 598305** (Copeland).

## Food help

### Food banks

To get help from a food bank you need to be referred with a voucher. Contact Citizens Advice on **0808 208 2138** for more information.

Food banks are usually closed on Bank Holidays. Please check their websites for details:

- [carlislefoodbank.org.uk](http://carlislefoodbank.org.uk)
- [thefoodbank.org.uk](http://thefoodbank.org.uk)
- [barrow.foodbank.org.uk](http://barrow.foodbank.org.uk)

## Brampton

Brampton Community Centre, Union Lane, Brampton, CA8 1BX

- Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10am - 2pm.
- Contact **01697 745000**.

## Carlisle

Carlisle Foodbank, 4 Tower Court, West Tower Street, Carlisle CA3 8QT

- Open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from noon - 3pm.
- Contact **07512 552449**.

St Barnabus Church, Shady Grove Road, Brookside, Carlisle CA2 7JT

- Open Thursdays from 10am - 11am. Call 01228 538983 to arrange a collection outside these times.

St Luke's Church, Stonegarth, Carlisle

- Open Thursdays from 10am - 11am. Call 01228 538983 to arrange a collection outside these times.

## Cockermouth

North Lakes Foodbank, Lorton Street Methodist Church, Cockermouth, CA13 9RH

- Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am - noon.

## Cornerstone food bank

Denton Street, Carlisle

- Open Monday to Friday 10am - 3pm.
- Closed from 12pm on Friday 22 December 2023 until Tuesday 2 January 2024.
- Contact **01228 549796**.

## Egremont

The Hub, The Meeting Place, Egremont, CA22 2DR

- Open Tuesday and Friday 1pm - 3pm.

## Maryport

St Mary's Church, Netherhall Corner, Maryport, CA15 6LL

- Open Tuesday and Thursday noon - 2pm and Friday 4pm - 6pm.

## Millom

Barrow Foodbank in Millom, Crown Street Baptist Church Hall, Crown Street, Millom, LA18 4AG

- Open Tuesdays and Fridays, 11am - 1pm.
- Contact 01229 774601 (during food bank hours).

## Whitehaven

New Life Church, 24 Irish Street, Whitehaven, CA28 7BY

- Open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 11.30am - 1.30pm.

## Wigton

Cornerstone Methodist Church, 50 High Street, Wigton, CA7 9PG

- Open Tuesdays and Fridays, 10am - 2pm.

## Workington

The Bridge Centre, Central Square, Workington, CA14 3BG

# Food support groups

## West Cumbria:

### Aspatia Dreamscheme

Rainbow Room, King Street, Aspatia, CA7 3ES

- Rainbow Pantry - Fridays, 10am - 5pm.
- Contact: [office@dreamscheme.club](mailto:office@dreamscheme.club)

### Harriston Community Food Pantry

Harriston, Aspatia, CA7 2ED

- Tuesdays noon - 2pm or by prior appointment.
- Contact: **07795 907985** or email [harristonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:harristonvillagehall@gmail.com)

### Highfield Food Pantry

Highfield Road, Cockermouth, CA13 9JF

Second and fourth Friday of every month from 10.45am - 12.15pm

- Contact: **07901 616436**.

### Keswick Area Food Share (KAFS)

Heads Lane, Keswick, CA12 5HD (next to Keswick Library)

- Open Wednesdays, 10am - 1pm.
- Contact: **07876 568596** or email [keswickareafoodshare@gmail.com](mailto:keswickareafoodshare@gmail.com)

### King's Church Meal Share

The Hub, Market Street, Cockermouth, CA13 0AX

- Open Thursdays 1pm - 2pm for food and prepared meals.
- Contact: **01900 821100** or email [admin@kingscc.org](mailto:admin@kingscc.org)

### Millom Network Centre Community Shop

Unit 3, Devonshire Road Industrial Estate, Devonshire Road, Millom LA18 4JS

- Open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10am - 2pm.
- Contact: **01229 666025**.

### Moorclose Community Centre

Needham Drive, Workington, CA14 3SE

- Regular community food pantries. See [Moorclose Community Centre Facebook page](#) for details.



## Northside Community Centre

Trinity Drive, Northside, Workington, CA14 1AX

- Community shop and food pantry. See NCCL Facebook page for details.

## The Oval Pantry

The Oval Centre, Salterbeck Drive, Salterbeck, Workington, CA14 5HA

- Third Friday of every month at 11am.
- Contact: **01946 834713** or email [theoval@riverside.org.uk](mailto:theoval@riverside.org.uk)

## Phoenix Enterprise Centre

Phoenix House, Jacktrees Road, Cleator Moor, CA25 5BD

- Thrift Hub Food Pantry provides fresh and store cupboard food and personal care items.
- Open Monday to Friday 9am - 4.30pm.
- Contact: **01946 813555** or email [advice@phoenixenterprisecentre.co.uk](mailto:advice@phoenixenterprisecentre.co.uk)

## Wigton Food Pantry

St Cuthbert's Church Hall, Wigton, CA7 9HU

- Open Wednesdays 9am - 12.30pm. Coffee Morning 9am - noon.
- See Wigton Food Pantry Facebook page for details.

## Workington Derwent Rotary Community Food Pantry

St John's Court, Workington, CA14 3DS

- Community Food Pantry is on the first Friday of each month at 11am.
- Contact: **07505 243677** or email [antonymcguckin@talktalk.net](mailto:antonymcguckin@talktalk.net)

## Carlisle area:

### Botcherby Pop-up Pantry

Botcherby Community Centre, Victoria Road, Carlisle, CA1 2UE

- Open Wednesdays noon - 4pm.
- Contact: **01228 596992**.

### Brampton Community Food

Methodist Church Hall, Main Street, Brampton, CA8 1RS

- Open Fridays 9.30am - 12.30pm.
- Contact **07394 546877**.

## Carlisle Community Help

Unit 100, Brunthill Road, Kingstown Industrial Estate, Carlisle, CA3 0EH

- Open Monday to Friday, 9.30am - 4pm.
- Contact: **07394 546877** or email [info@carlislecommunityhelp.co.uk](mailto:info@carlislecommunityhelp.co.uk)

## Harraby Campus Pop-up Pantry

Harraby Community Centre, Edgehill Road, Carlisle, CA1 3SN

- Open Monday and Wednesday 1pm - 4pm.
- Contact: **01228 537831**.

## Longtown Pop-up Pantry

Longtown Community Centre, Arthuret Road, Longtown, CA6 5SJ

- Open Wednesdays 4pm - 7pm and Friday 9am - 12pm.
- Contact: **01228 791876**.

## The Lookout Community Hub

Shady Grove Road, Carlisle, CA2 7LD

- Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am - 4pm.
- Contact: **07413 258279**.

## Oasis Pantry

St Paul's Church, Carlisle, CA1 1BJ

- Open Fridays 10am - 1pm.
- Contact: **07838 349561**.

## Petteril Bank Community Fareshare

Petteril Bank Community Centre, Mead Road, Carlisle, CA1 3BX

- Open Wednesdays 1.30pm - 2.30pm.
- Contact: **01228 530190**.

## Free meals

### 108 Mealbank

108 Botchergate, Carlisle, CA1 1SN

- Open Mondays from 6pm - 7.30pm.
- Contact **01228 593256**.

## Cornerstone Free Community Breakfast

Denton Street, Carlisle

- Open Wednesdays, between 8am to 9am
- Contact **01228 549796**.

## Wednesday Breakfast

Church of Scotland, Chapel Street, Carlisle, CA1 1JA

- Open Wednesdays, 8am - 9.30am

## Yewdale Community Centre Home Hub

Yewdale Community Centre, Hutton Way, Carlisle, CA2 7TH

- Contact **01228 591270** for opening hours.

## Free school meals

If you already qualify for free school meals, you will automatically receive a voucher for the school holidays. Your school will buy the vouchers on your behalf.

If you have any questions about holiday vouchers, please speak to your child's school.

## Mental health support

If someone is in a mental health crisis and needs urgent help, they can call their local Crisis Team 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

North Cumbria - **0800 6522 865**. Those who are deaf/hard of hearing should text **0779 565 6226**.

South Cumbria - **0800 953 0110**.

The **Samaritans** are available 24/7 on **116 123** for people who need to talk to someone urgently. Find out more at: [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org).

## Additional mental health support

**Kooth** is an online service for people aged 11 - 18: [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

**Mindline Cumbria** offers support via phone, text or email. Call 0300 561 0000, email [info@mindlinecumbria.org](mailto:info@mindlinecumbria.org) or go online at: [www.mindlinecumbria.org](http://www.mindlinecumbria.org)

**Lighthouse** - **0300 561 0000**. Open 5pm - 11pm every night. Crisis support based in Carlisle, for people in Carlisle and Eden. Appointments only - call **0300 561 0000** to arrange.

## Financial help

**Citizens Advice** - free advice on many issues including debt, benefits, employment, energy and housing.

- Allerdale: call **01900 604735** or email [advice@citizensadviceallerdale.org.uk](mailto:advice@citizensadviceallerdale.org.uk)  
[citizensadviceallerdale.org.uk](http://citizensadviceallerdale.org.uk)

- Carlisle: call **0800 278 7844** [www.cca.org.uk](http://www.cca.org.uk)

- Citizens Advice National Advice Line **0800 278 7959**

**Worrying About Money** - the Independent Food Aid Network's step by step guide to finding support with financial issues in Cumberland. [www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/Cumberland](http://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/Cumberland)

## Credit unions

Credit unions provide savings, loans and other services to members.

**Carlisle and District Credit Union** - **01228 594007** or email [info@carlislecu.com](mailto:info@carlislecu.com)

**Pennine Credit Union (PCCU)** - **01282 691333** or email [enquiries@pccu.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@pccu.co.uk)

**Whitehaven, Egremont and District Credit Union (WEDCU)** - **01946 66755** or email [info@wedcu.co.uk](mailto:info@wedcu.co.uk)

## Help for families

**Family Action** provides support for families with children aged 0 - 19 years.

**Allerdale contact: 07815 687287.**

- North Allerdale Children's Centre, 10-12 Wampool Place, Wigton, CA7 9SA call **016973 43870**.
- West Allerdale Children's Centre, Ennerdale Road, Maryport, CA15 8HN call **01900 819190**.

**Copeland contact: 01946 64600.**

- South Whitehaven Centre, Whinlatter Road, Whitehaven, CA28 8BN.
- Millom Children's Centre, Lapstone Road, Millom, LA18 4LP.

**Carlisle contact: 07734 003789** or email: [Carlisle@family-action.org.uk](mailto:Carlisle@family-action.org.uk)

- Carlisle West Children's Centre, Morton, Wigton Road, Carlisle, CA2 6JP.
- Newtown Children's Centre, Shady Grove, Carlisle, CA2 7LE.
- Petheril Bank Child and Family Centre, Burnett Road, Carlisle, CA1 3BX.
- Longtown Child and Family Support Centre, Mary Street, Longtown, CA6 5UF.

**FamilyLine** Free support to adult family members on all aspects of family life. Call **0808 802 6666**, text **07537 404282**, email [familyline@family-action.org.uk](mailto:familyline@family-action.org.uk) or visit [family-action.org.uk](http://family-action.org.uk) to webchat. Monday to Friday 9am - 9pm. Outside these hours there is a text crisis line.

## Help for the over 55s

**Age UK** provide free information on issues including benefits, energy bills, daily living aids, social isolation and housing.

Call **0800 678 1602** between 8am and 7pm.

Copeland Age and Advice Service helps over 55s in Copeland and is open Monday to Thursday 9am - 5pm and Friday 9am - 4pm.

Call **01946 552166** or email [referrals@caasteam.com](mailto:referrals@caasteam.com)

**Winter Warmth Fund** - This is for people aged over 60 who have less than £5,000 savings. If you get the state pension (and/or pension credit), or struggle in winter due to heating costs, you can apply for a Cumbria Community Foundation grant of £200.

**Contact:**

- Age UK Carlisle and Eden **01228 536673**
- Copeland Age & Advice Service **01946 552166**
- Age UK West Cumbria (Allerdale) **01900 844670**

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## Highways and Transport Strategic Board

**Date:** Tuesday, 30 January 2024

**Time:** 10.30 am

**Location:** Cumbria House, Botchergate, Carlisle

**Present:** Cllr D Rollo (Chair), Cllr B Cannon and Cllr M Fryer

**Also Present:**

**In Attendance** Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport  
Democratic Services Officer  
Assistant Director - Highways and Transport  
Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer)  
Lawyer - Highways and Traffic  
Traffic Management & TTRO Team Leader - Allerdale  
Senior Manager - Infrastructure Planning and Transport  
Senior Manager for Asset Management  
Senior Manager, Highways Delivery  
Traffic Management Team Leader - Copeland  
Road Safety Coordinator  
Capital Portfolio Manager - Capital Programme

### **HSTB.14/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Grisdale and Cllr Quilter.

### **HSTB.15/23 HEALTH AND SAFETY PRESENTATION**

The Chair gave a presentation on winter driving. The presentation highlighted the difficulties face by the highway teams and advice for driving when it was cold and there was a risk of black ice. The Chair referred members to the ROSPA (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) website for further advice.

### **HSTB.16/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

### **HSTB.17/23 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**, that the press and public be not excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item on the agenda.

### **HSTB.18/23 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the last meeting of the Board held on 11 November 2023 be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### **HSTB.19/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A petition was presented to the Board by John Robinson – Tree Road, Brampton:-

“I and everyone who is a signee of this petition would like to ask the Cumbria Highways Department to form a section of footpath along the side of the boundary wall to Allan Fields, Tree Road, Brampton, Cumbria. Also to make the road single track with priority to the vehicles travelling up the hill. The existing arrangements at the moment is highly dangerous for pedestrians, the disable, pushchairs and wheelchair users.”

The Board received the petition which was to be considered under agenda item 7.

The Chair read out a letter of support from the Local Member for Brampton who had been unable to attend the meeting.

A Board member asked if the petitioner had approached the community panel. The petitioner advised he had not.

The petitioner was thanked for his attendance at the meeting and for the presentation of the petition.

### **HSTB.20/23 PETITION - TREE ROAD, BRAMPTON**

The Senior Manager for Asset Management presented a report on the petition received to form a section of footpath along the side of the boundary wall to Allan Fields, Tree Road, Brampton and also to make the road single track with priority to vehicles travelling up the hill.

Members were informed that it was the intention of officers to investigate the issues and requests raised and provide a detailed report back to the next meeting of the Highways & Transport Strategic Board in April 2024.

The Assistant Director for Highways and Transport encouraged reporting as it strengthened the case for that issue to be dealt with and advised that this could be done in various ways including online, the highway hotline and through Community Panels.

**RESOLVED**, that the Board, having heard the presentation of a Petition requesting the Council to form a section of footpath along the side of the boundary wall to Allan Fields, Tree Road, Brampton, agree that officers investigate the issues and requests raised and report back to the next meeting of the Board in April 2024.

### **HSTB.21/23 CAPITAL PROGRAMME UPDATE**

The Board received a report and presentation from the Capital Portfolio Manager that provided an update on the Highways and Transport projects included in the Place Portfolio of the Capital Programme. The Place portfolio includes projects that were funded from the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) through Levelling Up funding, Town Deal, Future High Street Funds and Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal.



It was noted that the Council had a large Place programme including four Town Deals (Carlisle, Workington, Cleator Moor and Millom), two Future High Street Funds (Carlisle and Maryport) and three Levelling Up schemes. A large element of the Capital Programme included a range of highway and transport focused projects that were funded through DLUHC. These projects included junction improvements, public realm enhancements and cycle and walking improvements. The report provided members with an update on progress of the highways and transport focused projects within the programme and highlighted any key items for consideration by the Board.

Members spoke in support of the projects. The officer and team were thanked for their fantastic work.

**RESOLVED**, that the report be noted.

## **HSTB.22/23 HIGHWAYS FUNDING ALLOCATION 2024-25**

The Highways Asset Manager provided a report that updated the Board to the Highways Capital Allocations for 204/25 and recommended the split of highways capital funding between the relevant asset groups. The report also contained details on how the schemes were prioritised.

Members noted that following arbitration the Department for Transport ( DfT), Highways Capital Grant allocation was disaggregated between Cumberland and Westmorland & Furness in 2023/24 and 2024/25, assuming that the grant allocation remained the same for both years. The result was that Cumberland received £17.14m in 2023/24 and will receive £16.78m in 2024/25. The officer explained that without arbitration the allocation would have been £16.37M in both years. In future years the DfT would allocate funding directly to both authorities in line with the DfT formulae which would see a further reduction in funding to £16.37m.

It was reported that in November 2023 an additional £1.949m was awarded to Cumberland for both 2023/24 and 2024/25 for local road resurfacing and wider maintenance activity on the local highway network. The year-by-year profile beyond 2024/25 had not yet been finalised, but the funding was expected to increase over time and it was estimated that £130m additional funds would be allocated between 2023/24 and 2033/34. Given Cumberland had been allocated £1.949M in 2023/24 and £1.949M in 2024/25 it was estimated that for each year from 2025/26 to 2033/34, an extra £14.03M will be allocated to Cumberland for highways. Additional grant funding was allocated to specific projects such as the Levelling Up Fund and so this was ring fenced from these purposes and was not included in this paper.

The report proposed a split of the £18.729m (£16.78m and £1.949m) between the various asset groups for 24/25 and was linked to the Highways Asset Management Strategy which was approved by the Board in August 2023. The Strategy recommended an asset driven approach to the maintenance of the highways and the associated infrastructure, fulfilling the statutory duty under Section 41 of the Highways Act 1980 to maintain the highway (option 3 in the report).

Members welcomed the asset management risk based approach as it ensured the allocation split was flexible and responsive to service needs. A member asked what the overall effect would be on the road network as he felt it was in poor condition. The Assistant Director for Highways and Transport advised that the network was the Council's biggest asset, continually expanding, underfunded, needed investment and, in part, was reliant on funding bids. The Chair advised of regular meetings with the DfT to lobby for more funding. The officer confirmed that the Levelling Up fund allocation was ring-fenced for the A595 and A5086.

Winter weather and the detrimental effect it had on the network was discussed. The Assistant Director for Highways and Transport outlined new measures put in place to maintain the network.

**RESOLVED**, that

- (1) the Cumberland Highways Capital Funding Allocation between the asset groups for 2024/25 be approved as detailed in section 4 of the report;
- (2) additional funding received during 2024/25 would be allocated by officers in conjunction with the agreement of the Portfolio holder.

### **HSTB.23/23 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 24/25**

A report was presented to members detailing the proposed works programme for the Highways & Transport service for the 2024/2025 budget year. The report also indicated potential programmes for future years. The programme was broken down into several work types, each aimed at supporting the maintenance and improvements of the road network across Cumberland.

It was noted that the finalised works programme would be circulated to members along with map locations. A member advised that some of the schemes had been assigned to the wrong community panel. The officer agreed to correct these. The officer confirmed pre-existing schemes would take priority.

**RESOLVED**, that the proposed Highways Works Programme for the 2024/25 budget year and the indicative programme for future years, Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.

### **HSTB.24/23 20 MPH SPEED LIMIT POLICY**

The Traffic Management Team Leader – Copeland presented a report on a new 20mph speed limit policy, appended to the report and criteria to be used in assessing and implementing 20mph speed limits within Cumberland.

The Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer advised the Board that the report decision was a key decision and had not gone through the due process therefore invited members to make comments and advised that this matter would be considered at the next Board meeting.

The officer outlined the background of the paper. The 20mph speed limit policy had been developed to deliver a consistent approach to the assessment and introduction of 20mph limits within Cumberland. The policy was intended to ensure speed limits were logical and suitable for their surroundings, and was reflective of the DfT's stance on 20mph limits. It was noted that the policy would be revisited once new DfT guidance was published. The 20mph restrictions would be reviewed in accordance with the agreed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) programme which was appended to the report.

The officer outlined schemes for schools and advised that it was unrealistic to enforce 20 mph speed limits at every school. Other measures could be put in place to assist with safety around schools. The discussion centred around enforcement, speeding, speed limits in villages and parking on pavements. A member expressed his disappointment on the policy as he felt it was too timid. A Board member disagreed and advised that the introduction of the policy would help speed up the assessment process. The Assistant Director for Highways and Transport advised

that it was a supportive measure to deliver a consistent approach to the assessment and introduction of 20 mph limits with Cumberland.

**RESOLVED**, that the 20mph speed limit policy be submitted to the next meeting of the Board for consideration.

### **HSTB.25/23 ROAD SAFETY MANAGEMENT AND THE CUMBRIA ROAD SAFETY PARTNERSHIP (CRSP)**

A report was received which provided a brief explanation of the management of Road Safety within the Council boundary and background to the Cumbria Road Safety Partnership (CRSP) which was attached as Appendix 1. The Board was updated on several changes currently being made which had the aim of making the roads within Cumberland safer for all.

Members noted that the CRSP, led by the Cumbria Police had recently refreshed its approach to its Governance and have now:

- Adopted “Vision Zero” – A target of zero fatalities by 2040 with a 50% reduction in those killed or seriously injured by 2030, with respect to a baseline.
- Established an overseeing Tactical Group and two Operational Groups, which act as the local tasking forums. The current Remit of the Tactical Group was attached as an Appendix.

The CRSP Road Safety Plan was currently being finalised, which was expected to apply for a three year period, together with the future use and hosting of the supporting CRSP website. Related activity currently underway by Cumberland Council was the drafting of a Cumberland Council Road Safety Policy that would detail how the Council would ensure the safety of the infrastructure and the intention to make the optimum use of staffing resources through the Transformation process.

**RESOLVED**, that the report be noted.

### **HSTB.26/23 CUMBERLAND COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, MARYPORT AND SURROUNDING AREA) (CONSOLIDATION AND PROVISION OF TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) ORDER 20><**

Members received a report that informed of the background and proposed changes to the former “The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, Maryport and Surrounding Area) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations) Order 2023, following statutory consultation and advertisement of the Cumberland Council (Various Roads, Maryport and Surrounding Area) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations) Order 20><.

The Traffic Management (Allerdale) & TTRO (Cumberland) Team outlined the background, consultation period and the proposed changes.

The Ward Councillor made representations including the following points:-

- raised concerns about the reduction of waiting limit from 1 hour to 30 minutes in disc parking bays on Senhouse Street;
- raised concerns on a narrow part of Senhouse Street with bollards that made it difficult for wheelchair users and prams, fire appliances and ambulances;

- asked for disc parking, waiting limit to 30 minutes, on Senhouse Street (outside the pub) in place of the bus stop;
- supported the proposals for Wood Street and Catherine Street.

The officer confirmed that no objections to the proposals had been received. The Ward Councillor was advised that some of the changes proposed related directly to the delivery of the Maryport Future High Street Fund project and if necessary, could be reviewed in the Maryport and surrounding area traffic review in 2025/26.

**RESOLVED**, that

- (1) that, having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which were more specifically referred to in the Legal section of the report, it be agreed that the Cumberland Council (Various Roads, Maryport and Surrounding Area) (Consolidation and Provision of Traffic Regulations) Order 20>< (“the Order”), be brought into operation, as advertised, in respect of the following proposals:
  - (i) reduce the extent of the “Disc Zone 2 – Disc Parking places, waiting limited to 2 hours, return prohibited within 2 hours, resident permit holders exempt from the time limit, 8.30 am – 6.00 pm, Monday to Saturday inclusive” on the south side of Catherine Street, Maryport by 4 metres and replace it with a “No Waiting At Any Time” restriction;
  - (ii) remove the “Disc Parking Places, Waiting Limited to 1 hour, return prohibited within 1 hour, 8.30 am – 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday inclusive” restriction on parts of Senhouse Street, Maryport;
  - (iii) introduce “Disc Parking Places, Waiting Limited to 30 minutes, return prohibited within 30 minutes, 8.30 am – 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday inclusive” restrictions on parts of Senhouse Street, Maryport;
  - (iv) amend the “Disc Parking Place, Waiting Limited to 30 minutes, return prohibited within 1 hour, 8.30 am – 6.00pm, Monday to Saturday inclusive” restriction on the south side of Wood Street, Maryport to “return prohibited within 30 minutes”;
  - (v) amend the extent of the “No Waiting At Any Time” restrictions on Senhouse Street, Maryport

**HSTB.27/23 INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING AND TRANSPORT UPDATE**

The Senior Manager for Infrastructure Planning and Transport presented a report that updated the Board on key workstreams within Infrastructure Planning and Transport. These were as follows: -

- Active Travel
- Funding for Bus Services
- Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas 2 (ZEBRA 2)
- Transport for the North (TfN)

Members discussed bus services in their areas and difficulties in maintaining them. The officer was aware of issues that had been raised by members through the engagement that has happened with the Community Panels.

Members were disappointed that a bid had not been put forward for funding to the Zero Emission Bus Regional (ZEBRA) 2 scheme. The Council had submitted an Expression of Interest to potentially submit a bid but unfortunately an agreement could not be put in place with Stagecoach. The Chair and Assistant Director of Highways and Transport had raised concerns with the DfT, outlined the difficulties working with one bus service operator and held regular meetings with Stagecoach to try and attain a people led service.

A member raised concerns on the Winter Maintenance Policy. It was agreed that this be discussed outside of the meeting.

The officer and highways teams were thanked for all their hard work.

**RESOLVED**, that the report be noted.

### **HSTB.28/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board was scheduled for 22 April 2024 at 10.30 am in the Civic Centre, Carlisle.

The meeting finished at 1.20 pm

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