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Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel

Meeting Date: Thursday, 14 March 2024

Time: 6.00 pm

Location: Mirehouse Community Centre, 19 Seathwaite Avenue, Whitehaven,
CA28 9SW

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1.	Apologies for Absence To receive any apologies for absence.	
2.	Declarations of Interest To receive declarations from members of any disclosable pecuniary interest, personal interests, other registrable interest or any other interests in respect of items on the agenda.	
3.	Exclusion of Press and Public To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any item on the agenda.	
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Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel

Date: Wednesday, 6 December 2023

Time: 6.00 pm

Location: Ivy Club, Bransty, Whitehaven, CA28 6HF

Present: Cllr G Minshaw (Chair), Cllr J Ghayouba, Cllr M Hawkins, Cllr J Forster and Cllr E Williamson

In Attendance Assistant Director of Strategy and Policy, Senior Manager – Community Services, Community Development Officer, Highways Representative and Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny)

21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Gillian Troughton and Nik Hardy (Assistant Chief Executive).

22 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Mike Hawkins declared an interest in agenda item 7, as a volunteer with Beck Bottom Community Garden (paragraph 2.2) and due to working for Health Hopes (Paragraph 2.3)

Councillor Jeanette Forster declared an interest in agenda item 7, relating to the grant application for Red Lonning Community Centre (paragraph 2.5) as a Trustee of the Community Centre and due to a personal connection to the applicant.

23 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that the press and public not be excluded from the meeting for any items of business on this occasion.

24 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting held on 7 September 2023.

25 Highways & Transport Strategic Board Meeting Minutes

The Panel received the minutes of the meeting of the Strategic Highways Board held on 10 November 2023, with the Highways Representative providing the Panel with highlights from the minutes which related to the Panel area.

The Chair asked when the Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TTROs) public consultation would occur, for which the Highways Representative noted that there was currently no specific date but that the Member consultation would be take place in the New Year and the final results would need to ready by April. Highlighting that therefore public consultation would take place during the available period.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Highways and Strategic Board meeting held on 10 November be noted.

26 Community Panel Update

The Senior Manager – Community Services updated the Panel on the need to remove the Public Participation section of the report (Recommendation 2.4, paragraphs 3.18 and 3.19, and Appendix 3) due to changes being proposed to the Council's Constitution by the Constitution Working Group. The proposed changes would be sent to the Standards and Governance Committee for their approval before being sent to Full Council for the final agreement. Once the changes have been approved, the topic will be brought back to the Panels. The Senior Manager – Community Services also noted that recruitment for Co-Opted Members would begin in February following the Panel's agreement of the framework.

The Community Development Officer provided an overview of the detailed report which updated Members on activity in the Community Panel area and included information regarding the Network Panel event, Adult Learning, Library Update, Summer Holiday Activity and Food Programme, Winter Programme (included within Appendix 4), Red Lonning Community Centre, Bransty Community Group, and the Food Cumberland Strategic Framework and Green to Grow event.

Members thanked the Community Development Officer for all their hard work in helping community groups thrive and flourish, with specific mentions regarding the Red Lonning Community Centre and Bransty Community Group and their ongoing activities.

A Member asked about the criteria for Co-Opted Members, which the Community Development Officer highlighted would focus on the Panel's priorities and ensure that the correct experience to provide a difference for the community would be considered.

A Member noted that they would like to see a younger member of the community become Co-Opted onto the Panel and highlighted the potential option of working with the local member of the Youth Parliament to help with this. The Community Development agreed that this could be highlighted to the relevant officer when the recruitment process begins.

RESOLVED: that,

- 1) The contents of the report are noted.
- 2) The Priorities, as set out in paragraphs 4.3 to 4.6, be approved.
- 3) The process to recruiting up to 3 Co-Opted Members as part of the agreed Co-Opted Members Scheme, set out in paragraph 4.12 and Appendix 2, be agreed.

27 Investing in our Neighbourhood Report

The Senior Manager – Community Services highlighted a potential problem that Community Panels may face going forward when voting on applications, if for some reason the Panel should not be quorate and proposed an additional recommendation for the Panel to agree to

help with this potential issue. The Panel agreed with the proposed solution, as noted under resolution 2.

Members received a report which set out the current position of the Neighbourhood Investment Fund allocation to this Community Panel as agreed by the Cumberland Council Executive. The Community Development Officer informed the Panel that there were 5 Community Investment Applications for either approval, disapproval, or deferment.

Councillor Hawkins and Councillor Forster left the meeting during the discussions around the applications which related to their Declarations of Interest, as noted under agenda item 2.

A Member asked that, going forward, a column be added to the investment summary table to highlight which priority the application met. The Community Development Officer agreed to add the additional information going forward.

Members discussed how the results from applications being approved and funding being provided was measured. The Community Development Officer noted that further information could be included within the Community Panel Update agenda item when possible.

A Member asked which training provider had been chosen regarding the Red Lonning Community Centre application, which the Community Development Officer clarified as being the Fire Service.

RESOLVED: that,

- 1) The contents of the report be noted.
- 2) Any applications received, where a significant amount of Members had to declare disclosable pecuniary interests which result in the meeting not being quorate (as the members had to leave the room), be delegated to the Chair, Assistant Director of Communities & Localities and the Director attached to this Community Panel for a decision outwith this meeting and that the outcome of the decision be reported to the next meeting of the Community Panel so there is a formal record.
- 3) An amount of £2,500 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Beck Bottom Community Garden towards interpretation panels/ information boards and a friendship bench for the gardens be agreed.
- 4) An amount of £7,280 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Healthy Hopes towards delivering a weekly health and wellbeing group at the New Life centre in Whitehaven be agreed subject to an addition to the project achievement report which would include a paragraph on the impact that the funding is making and case studies relating to that impact.
- 5) An amount of £6,485.25 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Healthy Hopes towards an Administration Support role for their organisation be agreed.
- 6) An amount of £1,800 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Red Lonning Community Centre towards First Aid training for centre volunteers, garden activities and equipment be agreed.
- 7) An amount of £5,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Keekle Village Hall towards Improvements to drainage and accessibility for Village Hall car park be agreed.
- 8) An additional column be added to the investment summary table to highlight which priority the application met.

28 Future Community Network Panel Meeting - verbal update

The Community Development Officer provided the Panel with a verbal update regarding the next Community Network Panel event which they are hoping will take place in the Spring.

The Community Development Officer also noted that an informal meeting would be organised to look at the Community Panel Investment Plan which was currently being worked on. And highlighted that the Investment Plan would need to be completed before next Network Panel event took place.

RESOLVED that the verbal update be noted.

29 Date and Time of Next Meeting

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Whitehaven & Coastal Community Panel will take place at 6pm on Thursday 14 March 2024 at Mirehouse Community Centre, Whitehaven, CA28 9SW.

The meeting finished at 6.40 pm



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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Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel Update

Meeting Date – 14 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:
 - A Local Environment where individuals, households and communities can live well and thrive.
 - Better Health and Wellbeing for all.
 - Addressing inequalities through improved access to services and opportunities.
 - A Local Economy that is thriving and benefits everyone.

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 Bransty, Egremont North and St Bees, Hillcrest and Hensingham, Howgate, Kells and Sandwith and Mirehouse.

Network Activity

3.3 A Community Network event was held on 13 February 2024.

3.4 Representatives of local Town and Parish Councils, together with local organisations were asked to further discuss the Whitehaven and Coastal priorities and the Neighbourhood Investment Plan.

3.5 The discussions held supported the overarching Community Panel priorities, and ensured that the areas of focus identified at the initial community consultations and the first Community Network event. The event on 13 February 2024 looked at specific topics and themes locally.

3.6 Feedback received at Network events and through the questionnaire evidenced that one of the most important areas requiring improvement in the Community Panel area is play parks.

3.7 An action has been taken to engage teams in Cumberland Council. This will gain an insight into any current plans in place for reviews or improvements to play parks in the panel area and to identify where the Community Panel can support with this. .

Co-opted Members

3.8 The original proposed timeframe for implementing the co-opted members is as shown below.

Report to Council Executive	3 October 2023
Report to Community Panels to set out the framework as agreed by the Executive and obtain agreement to recruit	Community Panel meetings for December 2023 / January 2024 tranche
Recruitment process	January / February 2024
Report to Community Panels to confirm recruitment of co-opted members for the year 2024-2025	Community Panel meetings for March 2024 tranche
Co-opted members in place (induction) and attending Community Panel meetings	Community Panel meetings for June 2024 tranche

- 3.9 There was some delay in starting the process although it is now well underway and the application process is open and being advertised. The closing date for applications is 29 February 2024 and next stage of the process has been developed with consideration being given to the number of applications. The process is fully supported by officers and arrangements have been made so that the final decision regarding appointments rests with each panel.
- 3.10 The option is to appoint **up to** three co-opted Members per panel, although a panel could decide to elect one, two, three or none.
- 3.11 Membership will be ratified at the June meetings and the co-opted members will be invited to that meeting to take up their place.

Active Cumbria

Programme Delivery - Outputs and Progress

Street Tag

- 3.12 On 3 January 2024, the previous school based programme was relaunched with a new format.
- 3.13 The previous locality leader boards were merged to match the two new unitary authorities. In addition to schools Street Tag now includes workplaces, community organisations, sports clubs, and families. These groups can now create teams and compete on one of the two leader boards.
- 3.14 Active Cumbria are now seeking people to become team captains to create teams for their respective settings.
- 3.15 Season 1 of the new programme finishes on the 13 March 2024. Active Cumbria will then share the results and outcomes of that first season.
- 3.16 To date 36 Schools and organisations from across Cumberland are engaging in this years programme.

Active Travel to School -Bikeability

- 3.17 Training has been delivered in the following school in the panel area: .

- Valley Primary School and Nursery – 13 pupils in year 5
- Lowca Community School – 6 pupils in year 5 and 4 pupils in year 6
- St James' CofE Junior School – 23 pupils in year 6
- Hensingham Primary School – 20 pupils in year 4 and 10 pupils in year 6
- Jericho Primary School – 53 pupils in year 6
- Monkway Junior School – 14 pupils in year 6
- Bransty Primary School – 20 pupils in year 6

Active Start

- 3.18 Distington Community School, Moor Row Primary School and Mayfield School have undertaken Active Start training for Early Years this academic year.

Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

- 3.19 Two Walk Leader training sessions were delivered in July 2023 and in January 2024 at Distington, with 16 attendees from across the former Allerdale and Copeland areas.

Wellbeing Walks

- 3.20 Are taking place in the following areas:

- Copeland Wellness Service in Whitehaven and Egremont – (Weekly)
- Egremont Amblers (Weekly)
- St. Bees Wellbeing Walks Abbey Wood & St. Bees Beach (Weekly)

Active Lives Survey

- 3.21 Following LGR this data is now collected on a unitary authority footprint and not a district footprint, as it was done previously. This means less schools are randomly selected to participate meaning the data is much more generalised across the unitary area.

Cumbria PE Network meetings

- 3.22 Active Cumbria's Physical Education Network meetings are termly meetings and include Continued Professional Development input from a keynote speaker, county updates and breakout rooms for the locality areas.

3.23 Children and Young Peoples conference

'Physical Activity and Movement – The Curriculum and Beyond!' took place on Thursday 7 March 2024 at North Lakes Hotel, Penrith. A range of guest speakers and schools shared best practice and participated in three workshops.

- 3.24 **Cumbria School games** -five county events took place in 2023 covering both Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness. 1044 participants were involved as well as 175 young leaders. Planning is well underway for 2024 events.

- 3.25 **Activate kits for Warm hubs** – Active Cumbria held an Activate training session in June 2023 at the Whitehaven United Reform Church where 16 people attended from a variety of organisations. Five Activate Bags were distributed through the Warm Hub funding in March 2023. The organisations are now sharing their kits with other community groups to ensure more people benefit from using the games equipment. The kits are held by Whitehaven URC, Florence Arts Centre, Skills4U Cleator Moor, Beckermeth Reading Rooms and Millom Network Centre.

Local Focus Hub Update

- 3.26 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.

3.27 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 former Copeland area LFH is in Whitehaven Police Station
- Each LFH has a Police officer Hub Coordinator allocated, who is responsible for the day-to-day management of referrals received from partners.

Operating Model

3.28 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.

3.29 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.

Partners

3.30 Each Hub manages referrals in the same way, with each Hub having slightly different partners depending on the needs of the community.

3.31 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 are key partners who we work with daily.
- 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.

3.32 An overview of Local Focus Hub initiatives is at **appendix 1**.

Libraries Update

- 3.33 Whitehaven Library continues to offer a wide range of services to library members and customers in the general locality, supplemented by a programme of varied activities and sessions. Libraries nationally work to support the delivery of 'Universal Offers' and the Whitehaven Library programme endeavours to reflect these. The Universal Offers are: Children's Promise; Reading; Information and Digital; Vision and print Impaired People's Promise; Health and Wellbeing; Culture and Creativity. .
- 3.34 February Half Term saw a range of activities aimed at children – including costume swaps ahead of World Book Day, to help not only with the financial burden on parents but help address unnecessary waste. Wordsworth Grasmere were on site offering the ever popular Rucksack of Rhymes sessions.
- 3.35 The regular offer for young families has been adjusted for the new year with weekly Storytots now on Thursdays at 2pm, and Saturdays featuring a 'Storycise' session at 10.30am.
- 3.36 The Storycise concept features staff led sessions with stories read out and the actions followed by adults and children. The programme was developed by two experienced children's physiotherapists and is aimed at preschool and reception children, to help develop their foundation movement skills.
- 3.37 The Library is offering increased touch-down time for staff from Family Hubs to engage with customers. In February, it hosted a consultation event for the Council's Family Wellbeing Programme.
- 3.38 Arts Out West are working in partnership with Cumberland Libraries to bring high quality professional performances of music, drama and dance into our libraries. This is a renewed partnership for Whitehaven Library, after a hiatus after COVID. This cultural aspect of library work recommenced with an evening of stories and songs exploring the enduring power of place, performed by Jessie McMeekin and Dave Camlin in 'The Long Way Home'.

Planting for Pollinators, Cumbria Wildlife Trust

- 3.39 Cumbria Wildlife Trust have been working with Cumberland Council to identify suitable areas where native plant species can be planted, to encourage a range of insects and wildlife into the area, as well as improving the way the area looks.
- 3.40 In the last 50 years, evidence suggests that the UK insect population has decreased by around 50% and this is due to the loss of a rich flower habitat. The project aims to help address the issue by helping to re-instate flower rich habitats within the landscape.
- 3.41 Cumbria Wildlife Trust have gained funding from Cumberland Council and Fibrus to be able to do the planting and Cumbria Wildlife Trust have worked closely with Cumberland Council and local residents to find the best places for the plants to go. The project encourages local residents to get involved with the planning and the planting too.
- 3.42 A planting session is planned next to The Beacon on the 16 March 2024. This planting session is open to all.
- 3.43 Cumbria Wildlife Trust were introduced to Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project by the Community Development Officer, to ensure that young people had the opportunity to learn more about the diverse benefits of planting for pollinators.
- 3.44 A planting session together with the young people will take place on 23 March 2024 in Whitehaven.
- 3.45 Cumbria Wildlife Trust, Cumberland Council's Open Spaces Team, members of Bransty Residents Group and the Elected Member for Bransty, Councillor Joseph Ghayouba have conducted a site visit to the Bransty area to identify further suitable areas for planting.

Support Leaflet

- 3.46 The 'Christmas Support' leaflet has been updated and rebranded 'Winter Support'. The new version is at **appendix 2**.

Consultations

Family Wellbeing Transformation

- 3.47 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.
- 3.48 In the Whitehaven and Coastal Panel area an engagement event took place at Whitehaven library on Thursday 22 February 2024. Further engagement events took place at Egremont Library Thursday 22 February 2024, Workington and Wigton

libraries on Monday 5 February 2024, and Brampton and Harraby community centres on Wednesday 28 February 2024.

3.49 The 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.

3.50 The survey, which closes on 15 March 2024, can be found online at <https://consult.cumberland.gov.uk/children-and-family-wellbeing/children-and-family-wellbeing-services/>

Waste Collection Review

3.51 Cumberland Council are inviting residents to have their say and play a key role in developing the future of Cumberland’s Waste Services.

3.52 Following the Local Government Reorganisation, there is a need to streamline current collections, ensuring a uniform service across the Cumberland area. This will ensure waste will be collected consistently in a sustainable, effective and efficient way.

3.53 As part of the Cumberland Council’s commitment to meeting the needs of residents, fulfilling the council plan, and complying with legislation, we are embarking on a comprehensive review of waste services.

3.54 In addition to drop-in roadshows detailed below, there is an online survey that can be accessed here: [either completing an online survey](#).

Friday 16 February	9.30am – 12.30pm	Egremont Farmers Market
Wednesday 21 February	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Longtown Community Centre
Saturday 24 February	10am – 2pm	Workington Market
Saturday 24 February	11am – 3pm	Carlisle Library
Wednesday 28 February	10am – 2pm	Tesco in Millom
Monday 4 March	3.30pm – 6.30pm	Brampton Community Centre
Friday 8 March	10am – 2pm	Wigton Market
Wednesday 13 March	10am – 2pm	Booths Keswick
Saturday 16 March	10am – 3pm	Whitehaven Entrepreneurs Market

3.55 During these roadshows, people have the opportunity to interact with council staff, discuss waste services, learn about ways to enhance recycling habits and obtain a paper copy of the survey.

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 Whitehaven and Coastal 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 Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel is £70,486.

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Impact Assessments

4.8 An impact Assessment has not been used.

Contact Officer: Lee Thorburn Area Planning Manager

Appendices attached to report:

Appendix 1 Local Focus Hub

Appendix 2 Winter Support Leaflet

LOCAL FOCUS HUB INITIATIVES

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	Depending on the difficulties of the encampment the Hubs 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 Local Focus 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 including Police, Councils, Integrated Care Boards and registered Social Housing providers together.
Community Safety Partnership (CSP)	the Local Focus Hubs 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	Launched in the former Allerdale area and is now being rolled out across Cumberland in 2024. 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)



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/

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
- Carlisle: Homelessness2@cumberland.gov.uk
- Copeland: Homelessness3@cumberland.gov.uk

You can also get help by calling Shelter on **0300 330 1234** or emailing 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

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 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
- **Safety Net** - **01228 515859**. 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.

Local support services

- **Gateway 4 Women (Carlisle)** call **01228 212090** or email: 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.
- **Women Out West** supports women in West Cumbria. Call **01946 550103** or **07539 780431**, email contactus@womenoutwest.co.uk or go online at: 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
- thefoodbank.org.uk
- 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

Harriston Community Food Pantry

Harriston, Aspatia, CA7 2ED

- Tuesdays noon - 2pm or by prior appointment.
- Contact: **07795 907985** or email 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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Additional mental health support

Kooth is an online service for people aged 11 - 18: www.kooth.com

Mindline Cumbria offers support via phone, text or email. Call 0300 561 0000, email info@mindlinecumbria.org or go online at: 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
citizensadviceallerdale.org.uk

- Carlisle: call **0800 278 7844** 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

Credit unions

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

Carlisle and District Credit Union - **01228 594007** or email info@carlislecu.com

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

Whitehaven, Egremont and District Credit Union (WEDCU) - **01946 66755** or email 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

- 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 or visit 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

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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Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel Investing in our Neighbourhoods

Meeting Date – 14th 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 the Neighbourhood Investment Plan (NIP), as presented up to 31 March 2025
- 2.4 Members agree to review the NIP at each Community Panel meeting.
- 2.5 Members agree that that an amount of £12,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Proud and Diverse Cumbria towards furniture, kitchen equipment and an art project for their new hub in Whitehaven.
- 2.6 Members agree that an amount of £6,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Whitehaven Community Trust towards the delivery of a new pilot support project to help young people when they move on from the hostels and secure their own accommodation.
- 2.7 Members agree that an amount of £8,810 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Time To Change West Cumbria towards delivering a new crisis support project, developed in partnership with Citizens Advice Copeland and Together We.
- 2.8 Members agree that an amount of £6,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project towards a new floor covering for the main areas of the building.
- 2.9 Members agree that an amount of £8,410 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to St Bees Village Hall towards the costs of renovations and repairs of the community building.
- 2.10 Members agree that an amount of £3,200 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Whitehaven Cricket Club towards purchasing a range of equipment which will allow them to purchase equipment to deliver inclusive activity sessions.
- 2.11 Members agree that an amount of £3,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Whitehaven Boxing Club towards purchasing a new boxing competition ring.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Investment Fund (NIF) budget allocation to this Community Panel is £70,486. **Appendix 1** sets out the current position of this fund.
- 3.2 This allocation is intended to enable the Community Panel to plan activity in their communities through investment.
- 3.3 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.

- 3.4 Now that the Community Panel has formally agreed its priorities, the Members will assess applications against the locally agreed priorities which are:
- A local environment where individuals, households and communities can live well and thrive.
 - Better health and wellbeing for all
 - Addressing inequalities through improved access to services and opportunities
 - A local economy that is thriving and benefits everyone

- 3.5 In addition to the priorities, there are a number of criteria and rules that must be adhered to as this relates to public funds at **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.

- 3.6 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 Tamsin Beattie (Tamsin.Beattie@cumberland.gov.uk).

4.0 Investment Applications

- 4.1 Appended to this report are the details of investment applications, for approval by Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel. **See Appendices 3 to 9**

Appendix 3: CGA/ 2023-24 Proud and Diverse Cumbria

Appendix 4: CGA/ 2024-24 Whitehaven Community Trust

Appendix 5: CGA/ 2025-24 Time to Change West Cumbria

Appendix 6: CGA/ 2028-24 Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project

Appendix 7: CGA/ 2030-24 St Bees Village Hall

Appendix 8: CGA/ 2031-24 Whitehaven Cricket Club

Appendix 9: CGA/ 2032-24 Whitehaven Boxing Club

- 4.2 Members agree that that an amount of £12,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Proud and Diverse Cumbria towards furniture, kitchen equipment and an art project for their new hub in Whitehaven. The total cost for the project is £100,000 and the group are applying to the Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel for £12,000.

This project meets the following priorities: -

- Better Health and Wellbeing for all.
- Addressing inequalities through improved access to services and opportunities.

4.3 Members agree that an amount of £6,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Whitehaven Community Trust towards the delivery of a new pilot support project to help young people when they move on from the hostels and secure their own accommodation. The total cost for the project is £6,000 and the organisation are applying to the Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel for the full amount.

This project meets the following priorities: -

- Better Health and Wellbeing for all.
- Addressing inequalities through improved access to services and opportunities.

4.4 Members agree that an amount of £8,810 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Time To Change West Cumbria towards delivering a new crisis support project, developed in partnership with Citizens Advice Copeland and Together We. The total cost for the project is £64,502 and the organisation are applying to the Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel for £8,810.

This project meets the following priorities: -

- Better Health and Wellbeing for all.
- Addressing inequalities through improved access to services and opportunities.

4.5 Members agree that an amount of £6,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project towards a new floor covering for the main areas of the building. The total cost for the project is £6,537.25 and the organisation are applying to the Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel for £6,000.

This project meets the following priorities: -

- Better Health and Wellbeing for all.

4.6 Members agree that an amount of £8,410 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to St Bees Village Hall towards the costs of renovations and repairs of the community building. The total cost for the project is £9,180 and the organisation are applying to the Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel for the full amount.

This project meets the following priorities: -

- Better Health and Wellbeing for all.
- Addressing inequalities through improved access to services and opportunities.

4.7 Members agree that an amount of £3,200 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Whitehaven Cricket Club towards purchasing a range of equipment which will allow them to purchase equipment to deliver inclusive activity sessions. The total cost for the project is £3,200 and the organisation are applying to the Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel for the full amount.

This project meets the following priorities: -

- Better Health and Wellbeing for all.
- Addressing inequalities through improved access to services and opportunities.

4.8 Members agree that an amount of £3,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Whitehaven Boxing Club towards purchasing a new boxing competition ring. The total cost for the project is £5,000 and the organisation are applying to the Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel for £3,000.

This project meets the following priorities: -

- Better Health and Wellbeing for all.

Neighbourhood Investment Plan

The draft Neighbourhood Investment Plan for this Panel is attached at **Appendix 10**. 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.

4.9 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.

4.10 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.

Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) Easter

The following community organisations will be offering Easter HAF sessions in the Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel area.

Provider	Ages	Total Days of Activities	Allocation
Football Fun Factory, Red Lonning	5-12	4	£5,400.00
GLL Whitehaven Leisure Centre	5-10	2	£960.00
South Whitehaven Youth Partnership – Mirehouse	5-16	4	£2,396.00
South Whitehaven Youth Partnership – St Peters	5-16	4	£2,396.00
The Solway Hall/Rosehill Youth Theatre (Inclusive Provision)	5-16	4	£4,763.00
Total Allocation in Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel Area			£15,915.00

Investment Awards made by Active Cumbria in the Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel area:

4.11 The following organisations have been awarded funding by Active Cumbria:

Organisation	Project / Activity	£
Reconditioning Fund		
Castles and Coasts Housing Association	Funding to train 3 housing management workers to deliver armchair exercise classes as well as 3 activity kits that customers could use at their own leisure within the communal areas	£1,685.00
R and R Day Services	Funding will be used to trial employing an extra member of staff to provide smaller group activities and exercises to enable more personalised care to improve mobility, balance and cognitive exercises	£1,872.00
Opening School Facilities		
Mayfield School	Funding provided to purchase 12 specialist bikes, storage facilities and the running of bike sessions	£33,412.00 (Year 1) £13,794.00 (Year 2)
St Benedict's Catholic High School	Funding provided to allow 6 projects based around football, orienteering, basketball, cricket, gymnastics and athletics to take place outside of the school day	£17,665.69 (Year 1) £10,019.00 (Year 2)
Whitehaven Academy	Funding for projects for after school clubs. Activities include fell running, orienteering, basketball, futsal, netball, cricket, dodgeball, trampolining, roller skating and yoga. Includes coaching leadership skills and first aid courses for pupils development	£17,728.83 (Year 1) £4,075.00 (Year 2)
Sport England Together Fund (finished Sept 2023)		
Bee Unique	Funding to create 4 football teams (U8, U12, U16 and adults) based at Mayfield School	£3,978.00
Marchon Badminton Club	New badminton coaching sessions, 2 hours a week for 10 weeks	£1,660.00

Groundwork	Health and wellbeing programme, including martial arts and fitness sessions for people seeking asylum in Whitehaven	£6,800.00
Dance ranch	To set up a new line dancing session to span across the generations, looking to increase participation through local school engagement and taster sessions	£780.00

Place Partnership Work

4.12 Sport England are extending their Place Partnership work and investing £190m across 80-100 places across the Country. Three localities in Cumbria have been selected as identified as part of this work.

The Places – Mirehouse, Kells & Woodhouse

Related: E01 Super Output Areas, Lower layer in Copeland 005

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- E00 Output Areas
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Whitehaven
Moresby PF
KELLS
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MIREHOUSE
WOODHOUSE
Sandwith
Moor
LINETHWAITE
Rottington
St Bees
Bigrigg

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

Whitehaven & Coastal Community Panel		
2023/24 Budget Allocation		£70,486.00
Minus Approved Investments:	CGA 1924-23	-2,500.00
	CGA 1925-23	-7,280.00
	CGA 1941-23	-6,485.25
	CGA 1932-23	-1,800.00
	CGA 1936-23	-5,000.00
Minus proposed Investments:	CCGA 2023-24	-12,000.00
	CCGA 2024-24	-6,000.00
	CCGA 2025-24	-8,810.00
	CCGA 2030-24	-8,410.00
	CCGA 2028-24	-6,000.00
	CCGA 2031-24	-3,200.00
	CCGA 2032-24	-3,000.00
Balance of budget remaining:		£0.75

Appendices:

Appendix 1: Neighbourhood Investment Fund Summary

Appendix 2: Investment Criteria

Appendix 3: Proud and Diverse Cumbria

Appendix 4: Whitehaven Community Trust

Appendix 5: Time To Change West Cumbria

Appendix 6: Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project

Appendix 7: St Bees Village Hall

Appendix 8: Whitehaven Cricket Club

Appendix 9: Whitehaven Boxing Club

Appendix 10: Whitehaven and Coastal Neighbourhood Investment Plan Draft

Contact Officer:

CDO: Tamsin Beattie, Community Development Officer

	Allocation	Amount Paid	Pending Agreement	Balance Reducing
WHITEHAVEN & COASTAL	£ 70,486.00	£ 23,065.50	£ 47,420.00	£ 0.50
TOTALS	£ 70,486.00	£ 23,065.50	£ 47,420.00	£ 0.50

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Appendix 2:

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.

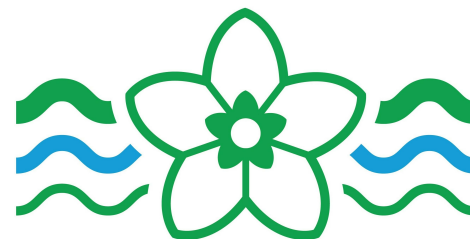
i. Organisations or groups that operate a policy of exclusivity or have a closed membership and is thereby not open to any member of the public will not be considered for funding.

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.



Forum Area or Division:	Copeland - Whitehaven & Coastal Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/2023-24
Group Name:	Proud and Diverse CIC
Community Development Officer:	Tamsin Beattie
Community Development Assistant:	Jodie Thurlow
Amount Requested:	£12,000.00
Total Project Cost:	£100,000.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

Proud and Diverse Cumbria are opening a new support hub in Whitehaven town centre and they require investment funding towards some furniture including sofas, dining tables and chairs and they also require some kitchen equipment. They have already raised a large proportion of the funding they require for the project through other funders and they require these essential items to be able to offer a welcoming and professional space to their service users. The group require £11,000 towards this. The group have also applied for £1,000 towards an art project which will provide all of the materials required to design and develop pieces of art for the centre and the intention is to get service users involved in the project, so that the art pieces reflect them and their journey to where they are.

Key Themes Met

Better Health and Wellbeing for all.
Addressing inequalities through improved access to services.

Number of People Benefiting

100 +

Breakdown of Project Costs

£11,000 towards furniture and kitchen equipment.
£1,000 towards an art project.

Previous CCC Funding

No

Grant Amount Recommended

£12,000

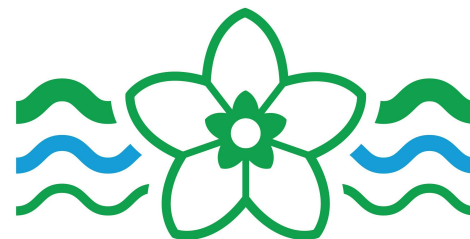
Officer comments

Recommendation of full amount requested made.

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

Member Signature:

Date:



Forum Area or Division:	Copeland - Whitehaven & Coastal Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/2024-24
Group Name:	Whitehaven Community Trust
Community Development Officer:	Tamsin Beattie
Community Development Assistant:	Jodie Thurlow
Amount Requested:	£6,000.00
Total Project Cost:	£6,000.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

Whitehaven Community Trust have identified that when young people leave their supported accommodation to move into their own properties, they are often unable to purchase basic essential items to manage in their home. The trust always do their best to help them find things like a free sofa or a bed, but thinks like kitchen equipment, new bedding, towels, rugs etc. are very hard for them to get. To assist the young people in maintaining a reasonable standard of living, Whitehaven Community Trust plan to work with young people on a case by case basis, to help them to purchase essential items within a set budget which the trust will hold and manage. They will also maintain contact with the young people when they move on, to see if this support has made a positive difference to the way they are able to live in their new property.

Key Themes Met

Better Health and Wellbeing for all
Addressing inequalities through improved access to services and opportunities

Number of People Benefiting

10- 50

Breakdown of Project Costs

£6,000 to be used to support up to 20 young people with essential items they require when moving on from supported homeless accommodation into their own property.

Previous CCC Funding

Cost of living E-Vouchers for their residents to support with food costs etc.

Grant Amount Recommended

£6,000

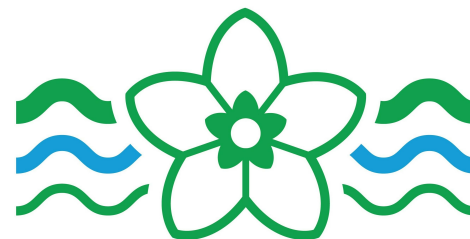
Officer comments

Full amount recommended

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

Member Signature:

Date:



Forum Area or Division:	Copeland - Whitehaven & Coastal Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/2025-24
Group Name:	Time to Change (West Cumbria) Project CIC
Community Development Officer:	Tamsin Beattie
Community Development Assistant:	Jodie Thurlow
Amount Requested:	£8,810.00
Total Project Cost:	£64,502.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

Time To Change West Cumbria (TTCWC) have identified, in partnership with Citizens Advice Copeland and Together We that there was a gap in support services to help address the complex issues that people facing financial crisis often struggle with. They have identified the need for a holistic, person centered approach to addressing individual support needs in one place, as individuals facing crisis often have to engage with a number of different services in different places and this leaves them facing further complex issues with travel, confidence to engage with the support organisations and confusion on what to do first.

This programme aims to address complex support needs in one place by having a partnership approach to support and by having financial support and mental health support services available in one place and from organisations working together to address the complex issues facing the individual.

Key Themes Met

Better Health and Wellbeing for all

Addressing inequalities through improved access to services and opportunities

Number of People Benefiting

50 - 100

Breakdown of Project Costs

Staffing the whole project will cost £64,502. TTCWC have applied to Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel for 25% of the costs which is £8,810.

Previous CCC Funding

Funding for cost of living E-Vouchers to directly support clientele

Grant Amount Recommended

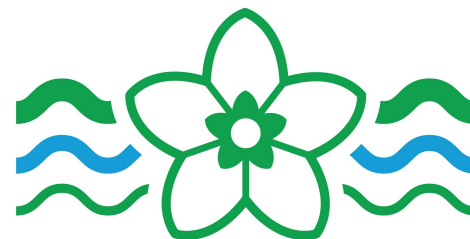
£8,810

Officer comments

Amount requested is recommended.

Member Signature:

Date:



Forum Area or Division:	Copeland - Whitehaven & Coastal Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/2030-24
Group Name:	St Bees Village Hall Committee
Community Development Officer:	Tamsin Beattie
Community Development Assistant:	Jodie Thurlow
Amount Requested:	£9,180.00
Total Project Cost:	£9,180.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

St Bees Village Hall require funding to support them with completing their refurbishments and repairs of St Bees Village Hall. The committee have raised a large proportion of the funding required, however some unforeseen issues arose when a roof was checked after the initial surveys and costings had been completed and this roof required a full replacement. This has left the committee short of funds to complete the last phases of the work. The last phases include repairs of windows, two upstairs rooms- including electrical repairs and window replacements and refurbishing the stairwell, as well as decorating.

Key Themes Met

Improved health and wellbeing, as the hall is used for a wide range of physical activities and sociable activities. The hall also improves access to services, as a number of activities for the community are delivered there and are easy for locals to access without the need for transport.

Number of People Benefiting

100 +

Breakdown of Project Costs

The whole project has currently cost around £35,000. The Committee have come to Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel for help with covering their shortfall to complete the final phase of the project. They have stated there was some flexibility in the amount they were requesting, if necessary and it could be adjusted if required.

Previous CCC Funding

No

Grant Amount Recommended

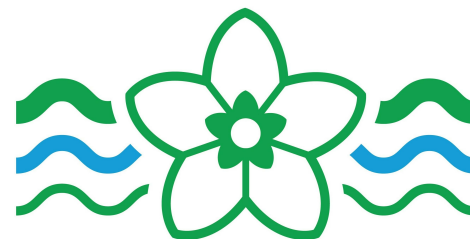
8410

Officer comments

Unable to recommend full amount requested, as we don't have that amount available. Have recommended £8410, which is the maximum amount the panel have available in the budget.

Member Signature:

Date:



Forum Area or Division:	Copeland - Whitehaven & Coastal Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/2028-24
Group Name:	Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project
Community Development Officer:	Tamsin Beattie
Community Development Assistant:	Jodie Thurlow
Amount Requested:	£6,000.00
Total Project Cost:	£6,537.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project require funding towards replacing a very large area of floor covering for their main activities areas of the centre. The current carpet has lasted 15 years but, it has become very worn and is coming lose in places which is a trip hazard. The current carpet also looks very old and worn and does not give a positive impression of the centre. They wish to gain funding towards replacing the current carpet and this will benefit the young people who attend the centre and should hopefully give a much better first impression to groups considering hiring the venue in the future for activities.

Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project have approached the Community Panel for this funding, as it is very, very difficult to find suitable funding resources which cover this type of essential item for their centre.

Key Themes Met

The centre focusses on better health and wellbeing of the young people who attend the centre and they feel that offering a centre which is well presented will make the young people feel valued and will give them a better sense of wellbeing when using the centre.

Number of People Benefiting

100 +

Breakdown of Project Costs

Total costs £6,537.25#, requesting £6,000 towards the costs.

Previous CCC Funding

No

Grant Amount Recommended

6000

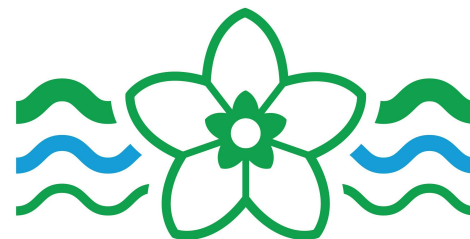
Officer comments

The new floor covering is urgently needed and it is something which the organisation need for the premises to remain safe, comfortable and well presented.

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

Member Signature:

Date:



Forum Area or Division:	Copeland - Whitehaven & Coastal Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/2031-24
Group Name:	Whitehaven Cricket Club
Community Development Officer:	Tamsin Beattie
Community Development Assistant:	Jodie Thurlow
Amount Requested:	£3,200.00
Total Project Cost:	£3,981.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

Whitehaven Cricket Club have applied for investment funding to be able to purchase a range of equipment which will allow them to deliver cricket sessions in schools with a focus on attracting more female players to their club. The club also wish to deliver sessions focused on inclusive games for people with physical and learning disabilities and differences.

The club have received letters of support from both schools and support organisations and there is a great deal of support for the proposed activities and sessions from both types of organisations.

The club have advised that the equipment should last for many years and it will be beneficial to many individuals in the coming years.

The club also hope that offering inclusive sessions will give their young coaches the opportunity to work with and support a wide range of individuals with different learning styles and support needs and this type of experience will be very valuable in their personal development.

Key Themes Met

Better Health and Wellbeing for all

Addressing inequalities through improved access to services and opportunities

Number of People Benefiting

100 +

Breakdown of Project Costs

£3,200 for equipment costs.

Previous CCC Funding

no

Grant Amount Recommended

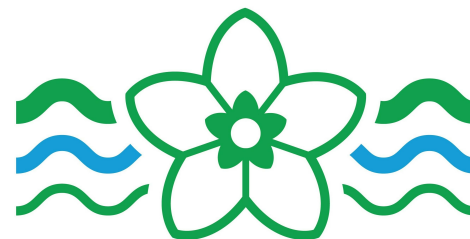
3,200

Officer comments

Recommendation of full amount.

Member Signature:

Date:



Forum Area or Division:	Copeland - Whitehaven & Coastal Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/2032-24
Group Name:	Whitehaven & District ABC
Community Development Officer:	Tamsin Beattie
Community Development Assistant:	Jodie Thurlow
Amount Requested:	£3,000.00
Total Project Cost:	£5,000.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

Whitehaven Boxing Club would like investment funding towards the costs to buy a new competition boxing ring. The club wish to purchase the ring so that they can offer improved facilities at their club and so that they can host competitions in the future. The club hope that this will help them to attract new members and also, that it will give club members the opportunity to practice for competitions in an appropriate environment. The club offer very cheap sessions to members to ensure the activities are accessible to all and having the new ring, with an expected lifespan of 30+ years, will allow them to continue to charge a very low fee to members.

Key Themes Met

Better Health and Wellbeing for all

Number of People Benefiting

100 +

Breakdown of Project Costs

Total cost is over £5,000. The club have had £2,000 donated towards the cost of the new ring from Whitehaven Town Council and they have applied to Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel for £3,000. The intention is to cover any shortfall from club funds.

Previous CCC Funding

No

Grant Amount Recommended

£3,000

Officer comments

Recommendation of £3,000 made.

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

Member Signature:

Date:



**Cumberland
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WHITEHAVEN AND COASTAL 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:

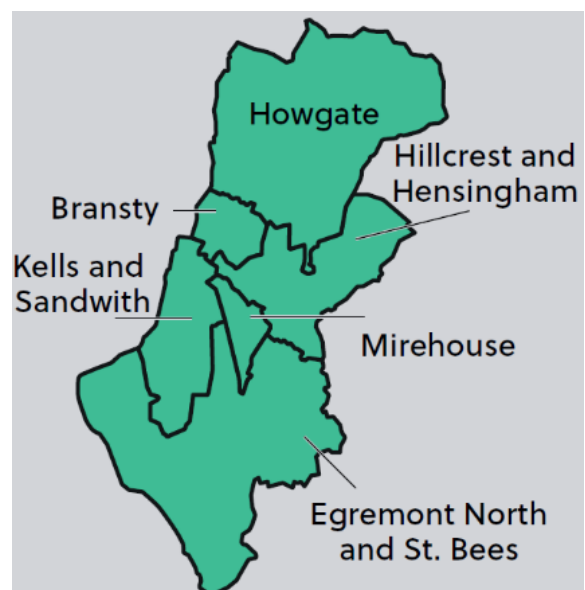
- Ambitious
- Collaborative
- Compassionate
- Empowering
- Innovative

Whitehaven and Coastal 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 Whitehaven and Coastal Community Panel represents the wards of:

- Bransty
- Egremont North and St. Bees
- Hillcrest and Hensingham
- Howgate
- Kells and Sandwith
- Mirehouse



Whitehaven and Coastal 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 Whitehaven and Coastal 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.

Whitehaven and Coastal 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 Whitehaven and Coastal priorities for 2023-2025 have been identified as:

- A local environment where individuals, households and communities can live well and thrive
- Better health and wellbeing for all
- Addressing inequalities through improved access to services and opportunities
- A local economy that is thriving and benefits everyone

Whitehaven and Coastal 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.

Whitehaven and Coastal priorities and key focus areas

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

Priority - A local environment where individuals, households and communities can live well and thrive.

- Play parks, community gardens and allotments
- Natural spaces
- Community safety
- Community transport links

Priority - Better health and wellbeing for all.

- Sociable activities for all
- Healthy cooking and eating
- Sports, physical and recreational activities
- Better disabled access, health and disability advice and support including mental health

Priority - Addressing inequalities through improved access to services and opportunities.

- Health education campaigns
- Managing household income, including cost of living advice and support
- Job creation and employment advice
- Helping people to 'age well'

Priority - A local economy that is thriving and benefits everyone.

- Support for new businesses
- Town centre improvements
- Better business opportunities

Action Plan

Date Identified	Action	Priority	Responsible	Timescale	Date Complete
01/04/2024	Distribution of the Whitehaven and Coastal 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	
01/04/2024	Engagement with Cumberland Council's Open Spaces Team, to gain a full understanding of the play park review for the area.	A local environment where individuals, households and communities can live well and thrive	Community Development Team and Elected Members	31/03/2025	

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