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Fells and Solway Community Panel

Meeting Date: Thursday, 14 March 2024
Time: 10.30 am
Location: Dalston Victory Hall, Dalston, Carlisle, CA5 7QB

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1.	Apologies for Absence To receive any apologies for absence.	
2.	Minutes To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 December 2023.	3 - 8
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Fells and Solway Community Panel

Date: Monday, 11 December 2023

Time: 2.00 pm

Location: Main Room, Silloth Community Hall, Peterill Street, CA7 4EA

Present: Cllr A Markley (Chair), Cllr E Lynch (Vice-Chair), Cllr T Allison and Cllr K Thurlow

Also Present: Youth Parliament MP for Cumberland
Scheduled Bus Services Officer

In Attendance Community Development Officer, Lee Thorburn (Area Planning Manager),
Senior Specialist - Democratic and Assistant Director - Highways and
Transport

20 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted by Councillor Johnson and the Director of Resources.

21 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2023 be approved as a correct record.

22 Declarations of Interest

7. Investing in our Neighbourhood Report.

Councillor Tony Markley, Non Pecuniary, Due to him being a member of Silloth Town Council and a member of Silloth Vintage Rally Ltd.

23 Exclusion of Press and Public

RESOLVED that the press and public not be excluded from the meeting for any item of business on the agenda.

24 Youth Parliament

The Youth Parliament MP for Cumberland (YMP) attended the meeting and delivered a presentation to the Panel providing an overview on the Youth Parliament and what they do.

The YMP had attended the Fells and Solway Panel being a local resident and student in Silloth. They were elected on 1 March 2023 for a 1 year Term to be ...'an advocate for the young people locally, regionally and nationally and project the voices of young people to help them impact positive change in our communities'.

The presentation detailed a number of the YMP's campaigns including

- 'Food for Learning' which on a national scale, every MYP collaborated to deliver the motion into the UK parliament. The motion was calling for more support for parents in the cost-of-living crisis
- 'Dyslexia Awareness' a campaign to get more government funding into schools to train teachers in identifying children with signs of dyslexia and support to those with a diagnosis.

The Members thanked the YMP for a very confident and professional presentation and said they hoped to see them engaging with future Council events.

RESOLVED, that the presentation be noted.

25 Providing Public Transport in a Rural Area

The Scheduled Bus Services Officer covering Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness Council's provided a presentation on 'Providing Public Transport in Remote Rural Areas'.

There were currently six transport schemes the Council had involvement in those being: Bus Service, Community Bus Section 22, Community/Village Wheels, Voluntary Car Scheme, Rural Wheels and 'Rural Mobility' demand responsive transport.

An overview of each scheme was provided including the pros and cons of each and the current situation for each within the Fells and Solway area.

Members asked questions on management and responsibility for some of the schemes, the use of group taxis, the £2 fare scheme and the possible use of school transport.

The AD of Highways and Transport informed members that a piece of work was being undertaken looking at how best to utilise the Council's small fleet of minibus's more efficiently during school time rather than them being parked up not in use.

There was perhaps an opportunity for Community Panels to feed into that work and influence where there might be a need for a route in their area.

RESOLVED, that the presentation be noted.

26 Investing in our Neighbourhood Report

Members received a report which set out the current position of the Neighbourhood Investment Fund allocation to the Fells and Solway Community Panel as agreed by the Cumberland Council Executive.

The Community Development Officer provided members with an overview of the six current investment applications which required approval by the Panel. Following consideration members unanimously agreed to the following:

1. that an amount of £10,000 be allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Silloth Town Council towards new play equipment for Eden Street play area. This amount included a £1,500 contribution from the local member for Silloth's allocation;

2. that an amount of £1,500 be allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Silloth Vintage Rally Ltd towards pedestrian barriers for use at community events. This amount included a £500 contribution from the local member for Silloth's allocation;
3. that an amount of £5,000 be allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Kingmoor Parish Council towards Cargo Cycleway scheme. This amount includes a £2,000 contribution from the local member for Dalston & Burgh's allocation;
4. that an amount of £8,000 be allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Beaumont Parish Hall towards building regulations approval. The £8,000 was to be transferred to the Fells and Solway Community Panel from the Flood Programme and ring-fenced for Beaumont Parish Hall;
5. that an amount of £7,000 be allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Wigton Theatre Club towards energy efficient heaters. This amount included a £1,000 contribution from the local member for Wigton's allocation;
6. that an amount of £2,161.75 be allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Healthy Hopes towards employing an admin/ link worker. This amount included a £1,000 contribution from the local member for Wigton's allocation.

The report also set out for members information a summary of all approved investments not exceeding £1,500 authorised by the Senior Manager, Panel Chair and relevant Local Member and details on additional investment within the Panel area including the Winter Holiday Activity Food Programme.

RESOLVED – that,

- 1) The report be noted;
- 2) The investment applications detailed above be approved.

27 Community Panel Update

Members received a detailed report which provided an update on recent activity within the Fells and Solway Community Panel area over the last quarter period.

The Area Planning Manager requested that recommendation 2.4 of the report be withdrawn, it was explained that the Councils Public Participation Scheme was currently under review and that work should be completed in the first instance.

The Area Planning Manager explained the process that had been undertaken for the development of the Community Panel priorities and associated engagement activity. The final priorities were to run alongside Cumberland Council's central aim of improving the health and wellbeing of residents.

Members were asked to note and agree the final three suggested priorities which were:

- Community Infrastructure
- Community Safety and Rural Crime
- Highways and Transport

Members asked whether it meant all future investment applications were required to meet the priorities once approved, it was confirmed that was the case.

It was noted that the first Fells and Solway Community Network event had taken place on 11 October 2023 in Wigton Market Hall.

The event was a workshop for representatives from parish and town councils and had been well attended.

On 3 October 2023 the Cumberland Executive had agreed a framework to be used by Community Panels for the recruitment of Co-opted members. Following that agreement the Panel members were asked to consider the framework, they discussed possible timescales for appointments to the Fells and Solway Panel and a suggested timetable as set out in the report was agreed.

From the Libraries Update contained within the report one member commented on the positive increased sign-up figure for the annual Summer Reading Challenge aimed at 4-12 year olds and the Panel had a discussion around possible reasons for that increase. Members asked whether it was possible to report on activities that were working well in each of the members areas to be reported on for a future meeting. The Community Development Officer agreed to look in to that.

RESOLVED – that,

1. The report be noted;
2. The proposed three priorities as set out in paragraph 3 of the report be agreed;
3. It be agreed that up to three co-opted members be recruited as part of the agreed Co-opted members Scheme.

Presentation on Electric Charging Points

The Assistant Director of Highways and Transport provided a brief presentation for members on electric charge points.

It was explained the Council had been required to bid for an allocated pot of funding to spend on delivering charging points across the authority area. This had been carried out before the deadline of 30 November 2023.

Each Community Panel was now being asked to think about what requirements they felt they had for their respective areas and to identify potential locations where they may be installed.

Members viewed a map of identified locations which had been plotted by officers as a starting point.

The AD explained the various complexities and restrictions associated with installation, for example charge points could not be installed on car parks, and stressed that this was an on street parking scheme only.

Members were encourage to discuss the topic with their communities and discuss at Parish and Town Councils.

A members briefing was also to be arranged in the near future.

RESOLVED, that the presentation be noted.

28 Highways and Transport Strategic Board Update

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Highways and Transport Strategic Board meeting held on 10 November 2023 be noted.

29 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The Chair highlighted that the next scheduled meeting date of the Fells and Solway Community Panel on 11 March 2024 conflicted with another committee meeting and requested that the date be moved if possible.

Members of the Panel were in agreement to the change in date and following discussion it was;

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the Fells and Solway Community Panel be held on Thursday 14 March 2024, 10am in Dalston, with venue to be confirmed by Democratic Services.

The meeting finished at 4.23 pm

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Fells and Solway Community Panel Investing in our Neighbourhoods

Meeting Date – 14 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 That Members note the contents of the report

- 2.2 Members to consider and discuss the agreed priorities to better understand where the focus needs to be going forward
- 2.3 Members agree that an amount of £7,000 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to North Allerdale Development Trust (NADT) towards Silloth Friday Night Project and Kirkbride Youth Group. This amount includes £2,614 from the Fells & Solway allocation, a £2,386 contribution from the local member for Silloth's allocation and £2,000 from the local member for Thursby's allocation
- 2.4 Members agree that an amount of £3,700 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Chrysalis (Cumbria) Ltd towards a pilot outreach and holiday programme. This amount includes £1,750 from the Fells & Solway allocation, a £1,150 contribution from the local member for Wigton's allocation and £800 from the local member for Thursby's allocation
- 2.5 Members agree that an amount of up to £8,917 is allocated from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund towards improvements to Jubilee Walk, Aspatria. This amount includes up to £330 from the Fells & Solway allocation, a £6,000 contribution from the local member for Aspatria's allocation and £2,587 from the Environment Fund 2022/23 which was carried over and ring-fenced for this project
- 2.6 Members agree the Neighbourhood Investment Plan (NIP), as presented up to 31 March 2025
- 2.7 Members agree to review the NIP at each Community Panel meeting.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Investment Fund (NIF) budget allocation to this Community Panel is £60,727. This allocation is intended to enable the Community Panel to plan activity in their communities through investment. A summary of this fund is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 It was recommended and agreed by the Cumberland Council Executive in the report 'Devolution of Community Funds to Community Panels' presented 30 May 2023;

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

It is proposed the NIF be managed by the Senior Manager, Community Services in conjunction with the Assistant Director, Communities and Localities.
- 3.3 Now that the Community Panel has formally agreed it's priorities, the Members will assess applications against the locally agreed priorities which are:
 - community infrastructure
 - community safety and rural crime
 - highways and transport
- 3.4 In addition to the priorities, there are a number of criteria / rules that must be adhered to as this relates to public funds (see **Appendix 2**). There may be occasion where applications are received that do not fit with the local priorities or meet the funding

criteria. In these cases, the applications will not be presented to the Community Panel. However, the Council works with other partners and will often be able to advise on other funding streams or will support a group so that they can meet the funding criteria.

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

4.0 Investment Applications

- 4.1 Appended to this report are the details of investment applications, for approval by Fells and Solway Community Panel. **See Appendices 3 – 5.**
- 4.2 Appendix 3 – CCGA/1989-24 NADT
- 4.3 Appendix 4 – CCGA/2020-24 Chrysalis (Cumbria) Ltd
- 4.4 Appendix 5 – CCGA/2037-24 Jubilee Walk, Aspatria
- 4.5 **NADT** – are applying for funding to facilitate two universal youth groups: The Silloth Friday Night Project and Kirkbride Youth Group.
- 4.6 The Friday Night Project is a weekly youth group providing sports, youth work, and community activities for young people aged 11 and above in Silloth and surrounding areas.
- 4.7 Kirkbride youth group is a monthly group offering sports, youth work, and arts and crafts sessions for young people aged 8 and above in Kirkbride and surrounding villages.
- 4.8 Together these groups offer support to over 200 young people.
- 4.9 Funding for these two vital projects has ceased, with funding for Silloth being withdrawn in December 2023 leaving them with minimal time to implement a contingency plan. The funding they are seeking would provide essential breathing space, allowing time to formulate a longer-term strategy to sustain and continue the valuable services offered by these group.
- 4.10 The total cost of the project is £13,593 and NADT are applying to the Fells and Solway Community Panel for £7,000.
- This application meets the following priority:
- community infrastructure
- 4.11 **Chrysalis (Cumbria) Ltd** – are applying for funding towards expanding their outreach and holiday provision activities at weekends and evenings and purchasing new IT equipment to support this.
- 4.12 Activities will include discos in the community, trips to the cinema, bowling, theatre and gym with a focus on supporting local initiatives in Wigton and surrounding area.
- 4.13 Individuals will be supported to research local opportunities, achieving IT skill development and transferable skills.

4.14 Adults with learning difficulties will expand their horizons by accessing a wider range of mainstream activities and opportunities to socialise with friends. Carers will receive additional respite and enable them some time away from caring responsibilities.

4.15 The total cost of the project is £20,298 and Chrysalis are applying to the Fells and Solway Community Panel for £3,700.

This application meets the following priority:

- community infrastructure

4.16 **Jubilee Walk Aspatria** – The Community Development team is working with the Corporate Assets team and local member on improvements to the footpath at Jubilee Walk, Aspatria.

4.17 Through funding received from 2021/22 and 2022/23 Environment Fund, work was undertaken by a local contractor to install a soak away and French drain and clear a blocked drain. This alleviated the problem of the footpath flooding.

4.18 Though the path no longer floods, some water does still collect at one end of the path and the surface of the path is very uneven.

4.19 Installing an additional soak away and resurfacing the path would bring it up to an acceptable standard, providing a dry and even surface for parents/ carers walking their children to school. It will also make the footpath, which is used by the wider community, more accessible for wheelchair users.

4.20 The total cost of the project is up to £8,917 and an amount of up to £8,917 is required.

This application meets the following priority:

- highways and transport

Investments to note as they have already been approved:

4.21 £1,217 was awarded from the local member for Dalston and Burgh's allocation to Cummersdale Parish Council towards improvements to Cummersdale village hall entrance.

4.22 £500 was awarded from the Neighbourhood Investment Fund to Meals on Wheels Cumbria towards setting up an emergency response hardship fund.

4.23 £500 was awarded from the local member for Dalston and Burgh's allocation to Beaumont Parish Council towards a summer rural play scheme.

4.24 £464 was awarded from the local member for the Solway Coast to the Lindow Hall, Bowness-on-Solway towards kitchen equipment for their warm space.

Neighbourhood Investment Plan

- 4.25 The draft Neighbourhood Investment Plan for this Panel area is attached at **Appendix 6**. 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.
- 4.26 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 to funding.
- 4.27 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.

Additional Investments

- 4.28 This report details information regarding additional investment within the panel area. To be noted by the panel.
- 4.29 Investment awards made by Active Cumbria.

Organisation	Project / Activity	£
Re-Conditioning Fund		
Age UK West Cumbria	Care to Move Project – Funding split between Re-conditioning Fund and Together Fund for Care to Move staff training.	£6,264
Home Group	Funding to support the delivery of physical activity within 8 older peoples living schemes throughout West Cumbria.	£5,960
Together Fund (Fund Finished September 2023)		
Aspatria Dream Scheme	Butterfly Project – Swimming for Older Adults	£3,402
Wigton Rugby Club	Funding to support additional exercise to music classes for older adults and those with physical disabilities in partnership with Keswick and Solway ICC	£1,821
Fit 4 Life	Funding to support care homes to deliver physical activity through Activate sessions for older adults	£2,625

PAUSE	County wide project to support women accessing PAUSE programme with suitable kit to engage in physical activity at home	£1,906
Watchtree Nature Reserve	Funding to support cycling (adapted cycles) and walking provision for menopause group and over 65's group	£5,948

4.30 Easter Holiday Activity Food Programme specific for the Fells and Solway Panel area.

Provider	Ward	Ages	Total Days of Activities	Allocation £
Aspatia Dreamscheme	Aspatia	6-16	4	£3,600
Watchtree Nature Reserve	Thursby	5-12	4	£960
Wigton Youth Station	Wigton	6-16	3	£1,068
			Total	£5,628

5.0 Options

Alternative Options Considered

5.1 No options considered.

Risks

5.2 There are no risks identified with the contents of this report.

Consultation

5.3 There has been no consultation associated with the contents of this report.

Legal Comment

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

Finance Comment

- 5.5 The Neighbourhood Investment Fund is part of Communities and Localities within the Public Health and Communities Directorate.
- 5.6 The Neighbourhood Investment Fund budget for 2023/24 is £0.542m which is allocated to fund the 8 Community Panels to the values outlined on the Executive Report dated 30th May 2023.
- 5.7 The 2023/24 budget allocation to the Fells & Solway Community Panel is £60,727.
- 5.8 Approval is sought to agree a proposed funding allocation of £17,030.
- 5.9 It is recommended that the funding allocation is approved as it is within the confines of the available remaining 2023/24 budget as shown in the table below:

Fells & Solway Community Panel		Total	Fells & Solway	Aspatia	Dalston & Burgh	Solway Coast	Thursby	Wigton
2023/24 Budget Allocation		£60,727	£30,727	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000
Minus Approved Investments:	CCGA 1888-23	-£440			-£440			
	CCGA 1887-23	-£1,500	-£1,000		-£500			
	CCGA 1890-23	-£5,286	-£4,286					-£1,000
	NADT	-550						-550
	Carlisle Youth Speaks	-100			-100			
	IA&F CIC	-800						-800
	Bowness CG	-650				-650		
	CCGA 1931-23	-10,000	-8,500			-1,500		
	CCGA 1934-23	-1,500	-1,000			-500		
	CCGA 1937-23	-5,000	-3,000		-2,000			
	CCGA 1953-23	-7,000	-6,000					-1,000
	CCGA 1941-23	-2,162	-1,162					-1,000
	Meals on Wheels	-500	-500					
	Cummersdale Parish Cnc	-1,217			-1,217			
	Beaumont Parish Cnc	-500			-500			
	Lindow Hall	-464				-464		
Minus proposed Investments:	CCGA 1989-24	-7,000	-2,614			-2,386	-2,000	
	CCGA 2020-24	-3,700	-1,750				-800	-1,150
	CCGA 2037-24	-6,330	-330	-6,000				
Balance of budget remaining:		£6,028	£585	£0	£1,243	£500	£3,200	£500

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Impact Assessments

- 5.10 An assessment has not been completed.

Contact Officer:

CDO: Helen Esslemont, Community Development Officer

Appendices:

Appendix 1 – Neighbourhood Investment Fund Summary

Appendix 2 - Community Investment Criteria

Appendix 3 – CCCGA/1989-24 NADT

Appendix 4 – CCGA/2020-24 Chrysalis (Cumbria) Ltd

Appendix 5 – CCCGA/2037-24 Jubilee Walk, Aspatria

Appendix 6 – Draft Fells and Solway Neighbourhood Investment Plan

Allocation	Actual Spend		Pending Agreement		Remaining Balance			
	£		£		£			
FELLS & SOLWAY	£	30,727.00	£	24,947.75	£	5,694.00	£	85.25
ASPATRIA	£	6,000.00	£	-	£	6,000.00	£	-
DALSTON & BURGH	£	6,000.00	£	4,757.00	£	1,243.00	£	-
SOLWAY COAST	£	6,000.00	£	3,114.00	£	2,886.00	£	-
THURSBY	£	6,000.00	£	-	£	4,800.00	£	1,200.00
WIGTON	£	6,000.00	£	4,350.00	£	1,650.00	£	-
TOTALS	£	60,727.00	£	37,168.75	£	22,273.00	£	1,285.25

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Community Investment

General Criteria, Guide to the Application Process and Terms and Conditions of Funding

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Cumberland Council has established an investment scheme for voluntary and non-profit-making groups. Investments are available for groups who are involved in community projects and initiatives that benefit the residents of a community within the area.
- 1.2 Community Investments are coordinated by the Council's Community Development Teams and applicants are advised to contact their local Community Development Team for advice and guidance in advance of making an application for funding.
- 1.3 In awarding funds we aim to ensure that the application process is easy to understand and made clear to all applicants, while at the same time ensuring sufficient information is gathered to promote value for money, fairness in decision making, public accountability and avoidance of fraud or misuse of funds, reflecting the highest standards of public sector financial management.

2 The Community Investment Fund – Criteria for Funding

- 2.1 Investments from this fund are awarded to groups who are involved in community based projects and initiatives that will benefit the local area. The Community Investment Fund is intended to invest in communities to bring about a positive and lasting change for the benefit of the whole community.
- 2.2 Projects and/or initiatives will be assessed on their ability to contribute to the achievement of the Cumberland Council Plan and locally identified community priorities.

2.3 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.

3 The Application Process

3.1 Applications for funding should be made on our application form and supported by all requested supporting documentation.

3.2 Application forms can be downloaded from our website www.cumberland.gov.uk

- 3.3 You can fill in an electronic version of the application form using Microsoft Word and email it to us but we must receive a hard copy of the application with at least two signatures along with the appropriate supporting documents in order for us to process it.
- 3.4 Completed application forms must be signed and returned with the following supporting documents:
- A minimum of two Estimates/Quotes from two different independent suppliers.
 - A detailed breakdown of all costs associated with your application for funding.
 - A copy of a recent Bank Statement for all accounts held in the name of your group.
 - A copy of your most recent Annual Accounts or Audited Accounts.
 - Your Equal Opportunities Policy or Statement (where not explicit in Constitution).
 - Your Constitution or other governing documents.
 - A copy of your last Annual Report and/or AGM minutes.
 - Your Child Protection Policy, where appropriate.
 - Your Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Policy, where appropriate.
- 3.5 Incomplete applications or applications that do not include all of the above documentation cannot be considered for funding.
- 3.6 We may contact you to ask for more details about your project or possibly arrange to visit your organisation. We will be pleased to help you with any queries you may have in relation to the supporting information you are required to provide in advance of submitting your completed application.

4 How your Application is Dealt With

- 4.1 Upon receipt of an application for funding we will make an initial assessment to check that the application is eligible for funding against the criteria of the scheme and that all supporting documentation has been provided.
- 4.2 We aim to acknowledge receipt of all applications within 10 working days of receiving the application.
- 4.3 An evaluation report will be produced for each eligible application along with a recommendation for funding.
- 4.4 A community forum or investment panel made up of councillors and/or community leaders from the area will discuss the application and make a final recommendation for funding.
- 4.5 Once your application has been considered and a decision has been made we will inform you by letter and if you have been successful we will arrange for the funds to be released.

5 Unsuccessful or Ineligible Applications

- 5.1 Applicants whose applications are unsuccessful or ineligible will be notified by letter and receive feedback on the reasons for the failure of the investment application within two weeks of the decision.

6 Payment of Funding

- 6.1 Funding approved for payment can now be paid directly into a group or organisation bank account via the Bank Automated Credit System (BACS).
- 6.2 Once authorised the council's Financial Services department will arrange for funding to be paid directly into the group or organisation bank account as detailed in the application form.

7 Project Achievement Report (PAR)

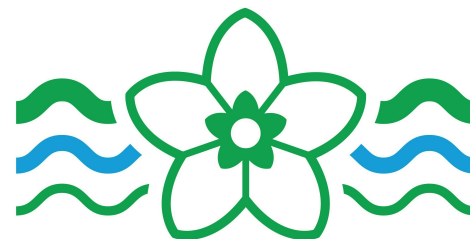
- 7.1 As part of the conditions of funding you are required to complete and return a Project Achievement Report (PAR) within six months of receiving funding.
- 7.2 The PAR process is designed to assist you in evaluating the success of your project or initiative and also provides an evidence base for the council's internal audit process. As part of the PAR you will be required to provide supporting documentation e.g. receipts, invoices, bank statements, etc to evidence the expenditure of the funding awarded.
- 7.3 Organisations or groups who do not complete and return a satisfactory Project Achievement Report may be required to return their funding and will not be considered for future funding.

8 Promotion of our funding support

- 8.1 We require that groups and organisations recognise Cumberland Council's funding support by highlighting this on all promotional materials in relation to the project or initiative e.g. acknowledgement in any press releases issued by the group, posters, flyers, website, etc.

9 Terms and conditions of funding for Cumberland Council

- 9.1 You are required to maintain a bank account in the name of the group. All withdrawals from the account should require a minimum of two signatures.
- 9.2 Investments awarded must be spent only on the purpose for which is stated within your application. If for any reason your circumstances change and you wish to vary the way in which you spend your investment you are required to contact us and request written permission to do so.
- 9.3 You are required to provide access to all necessary documentation (see guidance notes & criteria) to support your application for funding.
- 9.4 Financial support provided by Cumberland Council should be acknowledged on all printed publicity and in information given to the press and media.
- 9.5 Your organisation or group should promote equality of opportunity and eliminate all forms of discrimination. Your commitment to this should be clearly identified in a written policy or statement that takes into account current legislation and good practice.
- 9.6 In the event of your organisation ceasing to operate or failing to undertake or complete the activity for which the investment was offered, the Council reserves the right to withhold payment, reduce its award or seek recovery.
- 9.7 You will be required to submit a Project Achievement Report six months after any investment award has been paid. Organisations or groups who do not complete and return a satisfactory Project Achievement Report may be required to return their funding and will not be considered for future funding.



Forum Area or Division:	Allerdale - Fells & Solway Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/1989-24
Group Name:	North Allerdale Development Trust
Community Development Officer:	Helen Esslemont
Community Development Assistant:	Jodie Thurlow
Amount Requested:	£7,000.00
Total Project Cost:	£13,593.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

Over the past decade, NADT has facilitated two universal youth groups: The Silloth Friday Night Project and the Kirkbride Youth Group. The Silloth Friday Night Project is a weekly youth group that provides sports, youth work, and community activities for young people aged 11 and above in Silloth and the surrounding areas. Kirkbride Youth Group is a monthly group offering sports, youth work, arts & craft sessions for young people aged 8 and above in Kirkbride and surrounding villages. Together, these groups offer support to over 200 young people. The Silloth group, being the larger of the two, currently has more than 160 members and continues to grow, with regular attendances ranging between 50 and 60 young people. Kirkbride is a smaller provision with current membership of 30 members with average attendances of 21.

Funding for these vital projects have ceased, Silloth being the most recent with all funding being pulled in December 2023, which has left us with minimal time to implement a contingency plan. Kirkbride has had funding from the community, but the shortfall has been absorbed by ourselves since the COVID pandemic to ensure the project has continued. The funding we are seeking would help cover our overheads including staffing, room hire and sports coach cost. This financial support would provide us with essential breathing space, allowing us the time to formulate a longer-term strategy to sustain and continue the valuable services offered by these groups.

Key Themes Met

The projects meet the panel's priority of Community Infrastructure and significantly contribute to Cumberland Council's key priorities, particularly in the areas of Improving Health and Wellbeing and Addressing Inequalities. By offering regular sports, youth work, and community activities, the youth groups play a vital role in enhancing the overall health and wellbeing of young people within the localities. Additionally, the expansion of services in Silloth to support those transitioning from primary to secondary school can address potential inequalities by ensuring a smoother educational and social transition for young people. The projects align with the broader goal of nurturing Local Economies that Work for Local People. In Kirkbride, where housing development is underway, youth activities contribute to building a vibrant community that attracts families, thus supporting the local economy.

Number of People Benefiting

100 +

Breakdown of Project Costs

Youth worker salaries - £4920
 Management & supervision - £1236
 Travel - £937
 Material & equipment - £980
 Sports coach - £2750
 Hall hire - £2770

Total = £13,593

Awaiting outcome of application to CCF £4896

Previous CCC Funding

December 2023 - £550 towards resources for Christmas activities (from local member's allocation. £5286 towards afterschool youth group in Wigton (£1000 from local member's allocation).

Grant Amount Recommended

7000

Officer comments

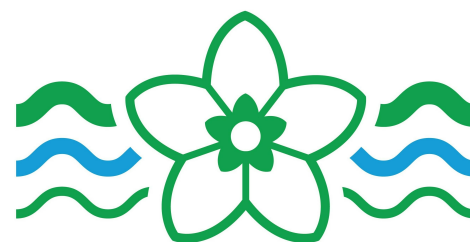
The lasting impact of Covid19 on young people is something NADT continue to observe and the importance of maintaining consistent youth provisions within rural communities, villages and coastal areas has become more vital than ever. This funding will allow NADT to continue the popular Friday Night Project which had it's funding cut at short notice and give them time to work on further funding and increased community backing.

The local member for Silloth will contribute £2386 and the local member for Thursby £2000 from their allocations to the project.

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

Member Signature:

Date:



Forum Area or Division:	Allerdale - Fells & Solway Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/2020-24
Group Name:	Chrysalis (Cumbria) Ltd
Community Development Officer:	Helen Esslemont
Community Development Assistant:	Jodie Thurlow
Amount Requested:	£8,549.00
Total Project Cost:	£20,298.00

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

Chrysalis is a local charitable company based in Wigton. We provide a range of high-quality support for adults with learning disabilities and their families across North Cumbria. We have three resource bases across Wigton and a social enterprise Wholefood Shop providing for over 70 individuals. We also have a specialist provision in Carlisle. Activities focus on providing meaningful opportunities for socialisation and development of individual skills, including the arts, outdoor activities such as sailing, walking groups, independent living skills, sensory stimulation, horticulture. We support individuals to live independently in their own homes through our supported living teams, this can range from 1hr to 24/7 support.

As part of our ongoing recovery from Covid we are keen to expand our outreach and holiday provision to provide much needed activities at the weekends and evenings. The funding would support the activities by providing staff support for a limited range of outreach activities for 6 hours a week and their associated activity costs. This would enable us to offer the activities at reduced cost to individuals and enable a pilot project to ascertain if the activities would be successful in the longer term. Activities would include, discos in the community, trips to the cinema/ pub , bowling , theatre the gym with a focus on supporting local initiatives in Wigton and surrounding areas. Individuals would be supported to research local opportunities, achieving IT skills development and transferable skills.

Adults with learning disabilities will expand their horizons by accessing a wider range of mainstream activities and opportunities to socialise with their friends. Potential for individuals to develop natural supports in the community through these opportunities reducing reliance on services as well as developing life skills that enable people to achieve further independence. Carers will receive additional respite and enable them some time away from their caring responsibilities. Local businesses will benefit from increased income from the individuals attending the activities and an opportunity to develop their social inclusion agenda.

The funding from this application would be applied to the outreach development, and will enable us to offer the services to individuals at a reduced cost for the initial period which will enable us to gauge the level of interest for the outreach activities, ensure equal access to all individuals irrespective of the ability to pay and map future need. Individuals would contribute to the costs, depending upon the amount of available support funding.

Key Themes Met

The project supports Cumberland Council's central aim of improving the health and wellbeing of residents by enabling people to be more active in their community.

Chrysalis' work will also reduce inequalities by ensuring people have a wide range of life choices just like everyone else and this will be supported by local people for local people. The additional support for carers as a by-product of the project will ensure that they are able to continue in their role reducing dependency and providing critical support to prevent family breakdown.

Number of People Benefiting

50 - 100

Breakdown of Project Costs

Total Project Cost - £20,298

Staffing - £12,678

IT to support (inc laptop, phone etc) - £700

Transport Services for members - £2,000

Hall Hire - £720

Outreach tablets/ laptops & resources - £3,000

Staff expense costs - £1,200

Generated revenue - £3,200 (£5 per week/ per member)

Chrysalis will match fund this application with £8,549

Previous CCC Funding

Chrysalis hold the Cumberland Council contract for the provision of community activities and supported living for adults with learning disabilities.

Grant Amount Recommended

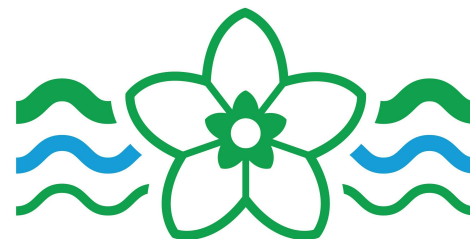
£3,700

Officer comments

This funding would allow the group to purchase the IT equipment needed in readiness for starting the project in April.

The local member for Wigton will contribute £1,150 and the local member for Thursby £800 from their allocations to the project.

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



Forum Area or Division:	Allerdale - Fells & Solway Community Panel
Reference:	CCGA/2037-24
Group Name:	Cumberland Council - Corporate Assets
Community Development Officer:	Helen Esslemont
Community Development Assistant:	Jodie Thurlow
Amount Requested:	£10,559.95
Total Project Cost:	£10,559.95

APPLICATION REPORT

Application Summary

The Community Development team is working with the Corporate Assets team and local member on improvements to the footpath at Jubilee Walk, Aspatria.

Through funding received from 2021/22 and 2022/23 Environment Fund work was undertaken by a local contractor to install a soak away and French drain and clear a blocked drain. This alleviated the problem of the footpath flooding.

Though the path no longer floods, some water does still collect at one end of the path and the surface of the path is very even.

Installing a soak away and resurfacing the path would bring it up to an acceptable standard.

Key Themes Met

This project meets the panel's priority of 'highways and transport' and Cumberland Council's aim of improving the health and wellbeing of residents.

Number of People Benefiting

100 +

Breakdown of Project Costs

Install timber edging to footpath - £4,519.92

Install a 3 meter soak away - £275.16

Install 40mm of AC20mm binder (tarmac) - £1,918.08

Install 20mm o AC6mm topping (tarmac) - £2,086.80

Total - £8,799.96

£2,587 Environment Fund 2022/23 carried over to the new authority ring-fenced for this project.

The local member will contribute his £6,000 allocation to this project.

Previous CCC Funding

Cumbria County Council Environment Fund

Grant Amount Recommended

An amount up to £8,917

Officer comments

Improvements to the path will mean children will be able to walk to school without getting their feet wet and a better surface will encourage more parents/ carers who may also have prams to walk their children to school. The path is also used by the wider community and will be more accessible for wheelchair users.

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

Member Signature:

Date:



**Cumberland
Council**



**FELLS AND SOLWAY
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:

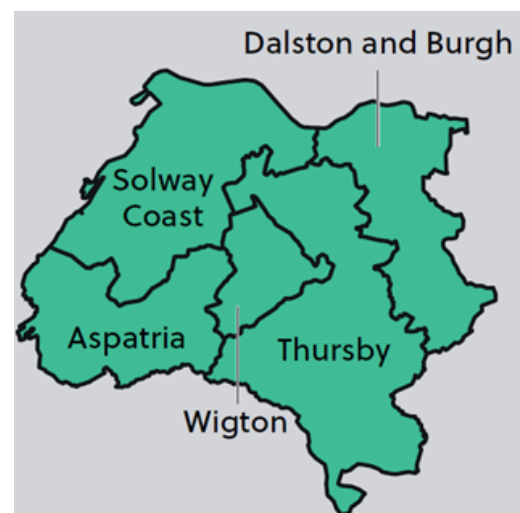
- Ambitious
- Collaborative
- Compassionate
- Empowering
- Innovative

Fells and Solway 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 Fells and Solway Community Panel represents the wards of:

- Aspatria
- Dalston and Burgh
- Solway Coast
- Thursby
- Wigton



Fells and Solway 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 Fells and Solway 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.

Fells and Solway 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 Fells and Solway priorities for 2023-2025 have been identified as:

- Community infrastructure
- Community safety and rural crime
- Highways and transport

Fells and Solway 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.

Fells and Solway priorities and key focus areas

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

Priority – Community Infrastructure

- Supporting community facilities and activities
- Promoting pride in your local area

Priority – Community Safety and Rural Crime

- Increasing community safety
- Community resilience

Priority – Highways and Transport Issues

- Sustainable and accessible travel
- Improving the local living environment

Fells and Solway Neighbourhood Investment Plan - Action Plan

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

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Fells and Solway 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:
 - Community infrastructure
 - Community safety and rural crime
 - Highways and transport issues

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That 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 Aspatria, Dalston and Burgh, Solway Coast, Thursby, and Wigton.

Network Events

Cummersdale

- 3.3 Raise: Cumbria Community Forest held a drop-in engagement event at Cummersdale Village Hall on 15 January, attended by the local member for Dalston and Burgh and the CDO. Residents received a letter prior to the session explaining about the plans for tree planting on a site at Cummersdale which is being developed in partnership with Cumberland Council and Raise. Residents were also invited to complete the online survey which ran from 13 December to 17 January and to come along to the drop-in where they had a chance to speak to representatives from Raise and Cumberland Council.
- The drop-in and survey resulted in an overall positive response to the proposed tree planting and some useful information was gathered to help hone Raise's approach.

Bowness-on-Solway

- 3.4 The local member for the Solway Coast and CDO attended the Lindow Hall warm space monthly lunch on 17 January. During a previous visit by the CDO to the warm space, residents reported that they were unaware of what services and support were available to them. This resulted in the CDO arranging for several organisations to attend the January warm space. Representatives from Citizen Advice Allerdale, Carer Support West Cumbria, Cumberland Libraries, Cumberland Waste Prevention along with the Health and Wellbeing Coach and NHS Living Well Coach for the area were able to give useful information, support, and advice to those attending.

Kirkbride

- 3.5 The Patient Participation Group and staff from the Croft Surgery, Kirkbride held a Spring into Health Event on 9 March at Kirkbride Primary School. Cumberland Council's Plan 2023- 2027 has a key focus on prevention and early intervention and highlights in particular the health inequalities experienced by those living in rural and coastal communities. The Spring into Health event was designed to support these important issues at a very local level by providing information, advice, and fun activities. It also gave an opportunity for the community to learn more about improving their own health (alcohol awareness, diabetes, mental health etc.) and find out about a range of local support services.

- 3.6 The Fells and Solway Community Panel’s priorities run alongside Cumberland Council’s aim of improving the health and wellbeing of their residents. As part of the panel’s community network engagement, the CDO and panel members attended this Health and Wellbeing drop-in, where they were able to speak to the community about the Community Panel, their priorities for investment and how community groups can apply for investment, and the role of co-opted panel members.

Libraries Update

- 3.7 In the libraries across this panel area, weekly Lego Clubs have been reintroduced. This is a great way to develop creativity, problem solving and critical thinking. Details of where and when the clubs take place can be found on Cumberland Libraries website.
- 3.8 A monthly What’s On libraries guide has been successfully introduced so customers, partner organisations and other service providers can see at a glance what groups and events are taking place that month. It is available in print in branches and electronically via a mailing list. Anyone who’d like to be added to the mailing list should contact workington.library@cumberland.gov.uk The February edition that relates to the branch libraries in this community panel area is attached at **Appendix 1** to give members an insight into the type of information provided and the range of activities across libraries.
- 3.9 February Half Term saw a host of activities for children. To help ease the financial burden on parents, the annual World Book Day costume swaps combined with World Book Day themed activities took place in Silloth and Wigton.

Update on Co-opted Member recruitment

- 3.10 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

- 3.11 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

was 29 February and the next stage of the process has been developed with consideration being given to the number of applications.

- 3.12 The process is fully supported by officers and arrangements have been made so that the final decision regarding appointments rests with each panel. 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.
- 3.13 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

Street Tag

- 3.14 On 3 January 2024, the previous school based programme was relaunched with a whole new format. The previous locality leader boards were merged to match the two new unitary authorities, and it was opened up to include more settings other than just schools. Workplaces, community organisations, sports clubs, and families etc., are now all able to create teams and compete on one of the two leader boards. Season 1 of the new programme finished on the 13 March 2024, so Active Cumbria will be able to share the results and outcomes of that first season in at a future meeting. 36 schools and other organisations from across Cumberland are engaging in this year's programme so far.

Bikeability

- 3.15 Bikeability training has been delivered in the following schools in this panel area:
- Silloth Primary School – 20 pupils in Year 5, 22 pupils in Year 4
 - Blennerhasset School – 7 Pupils in Year 5, 13 Pupils in Year 6
 - Rosley C of E School – 11 Pupils in Year 6
 - Plumbland C of E Primary School – 6 Pupils in Year 5, 7 Pupils in Year 6 (Plumbland C of E School have also attended the Active Start training this academic year)
 - Burgh by Sands School – 13 Pupils in Year 5
 - St Cuthberts Catholic Primary School – 8 Pupils in Year 5

Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

- 3.16 Two Walk Leader (WL) training sessions (Jul 23 and Jan 24) have been delivered at Distington this financial year with 16 attendees from across the former Allerdale/Copeland areas.
- 3.17 Currently there are the following Wellbeing Walks taking place organised through NCIC:
- Wigton Wellbeing Walk (Monthly)
 - Silloth Wellbeing Walk (Weekly)
 - Kirkbride Wellbeing Walk (Weekly)
 - 'Easy' and 'Harder' Wigton Food Pantry Walks (Bi-weekly)
 - Blraithwaite House Wellbeing Walk (Monthly)
 - Aspatria Wellbeing Walk (Bi-weekly)

3.18 There are also the following Wellbeing Walks taking place organised through Watchtree:

- Wellbeing Walks (Weekly)
- Active Over 65's (Twice Weekly)

Appendix 2 shows wellbeing walks available across the former Allerdale area.

Local Focus Hub Update

3.19 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.

3.20 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 LFH servicing the former Allerdale area is in Allerdale House and shares office space with Housing Locations, Environmental Health and Licensing
- 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

3.21 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.

3.22 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

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

3.24 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.

An overview of Local Focus Hub initiatives is at **Appendix 3**.

Borderland Place Programme

- 3.25 A Place Programme was established under the County Council for Wigton, to benefit from Borderlands funding. There has been a delay across all three programmes across Cumberland but a Restart meeting is being arranged to take the programme in Wigton to the next level. As part of this, the Terms of Reference for the Town Team will be reviewed and the Town Team will start to meet on a regular basis to see schemes come to fruition.

Support Leaflet

- 3.26 The 'Christmas Support' leaflet has been updated and rebranded 'Winter Support'. The new version is at **Appendix 4**.

Consultations

Family Wellbeing Transformation

- 3.27 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.
- 3.28 In the Fells and Solway Panel area, the engagement event took place at Wigton Library on 5 February 2024. Additional engagement sessions took place in Workington,

Egremont and Whitehaven libraries and in Brampton and Harraby community centres during February.

3.29 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.

3.30 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

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

3.32 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.

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

3.34 In addition to drop-in roadshows detailed below, there is an online survey.

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

3.35 The Roadshows presented an 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 Fells & Solway 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 Fells & Solway Community Panel is £60,727.
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Impact Assessments

4.8 An impact Assessment has not been used.

Contact Officer: Lizzy Shaw, Senior Manager, Community Services

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Library Activities

Appendix 2 - Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

Appendix 3 - Local Focus Hub

Appendix 4 - Winter Support Leaflet

Regular events at Silloth Library

Monday - 2pm-3:30pm

Mindful Mondays

Colour yourself to calm. Join us every Monday for the soothing art of colouring.

Wednesday - 1:30pm-3:30pm

Board Games

Join us for some fun and competitive board gaming

Tuesday 13 February

World Book Day

Costume Swap

2pm-3pm

World Book Day themed costume swap and activity.

Wednesday - by appointment only

Carer Support Clinic

If you care for someone who couldn't manage without your support you may be eligible for benefit payments. To book call: 01900 821976

Friday - All Day

Piece and Quiet

Join us for a full day of putting together jigsaws

Friday - 10am-1pm

Scrabble Club

Come along and play scrabble, chat and meet new people

Saturday - 11am-12pm

Lego Club

Lego themed fun for children over 5 and their grown-ups!

Baby Weigh Station

Check the weight of your baby/toddler anytime. Just ask a member of staff for the self-weigh scales.

Scan this QR code to book on to our current events and see what else is on offer



Regular events at Wigton Library

Monday 5 February

Family Wellbeing Drop-in

9:30am-12:30pm

Have your say on the future of family services in Cumberland.

Monday 5 February

Toddler Time

10:30am-11:30am

Story, rhyme and play session for under 5's and their grown-ups.

Monday 12 February

World Book Day

Costume Swap

2pm-3pm

World Book Day themed costume swap and activity.

Monday 26 February

Cumbria Hearing Aid Drop-in

2pm-4pm

Advice on maintenance and looking after your hearing aids.

Monday - 3pm-4:30pm

Mindful Mondays

Colour yourself to calm. Join us every Monday for the soothing art of colouring.

Tuesday - 2pm-4pm

Creative Wellbeing

Come and join your local NHS Living Well Coach, play old school board games or do some craft, enjoy a cuppa with some company and have some fun!

Thursday - All Day

Board Games

Join us for some fun and competitive board gaming.

Thursday 29 February

Writing for Pleasure

10:30am-12pm

Would you like to meet fellow writers? Join us on the last Thursday of the month. Bring your creativity and lots of words.

Thursday - 3:15pm-4:30pm

Lego Club

Lego themed fun for children over 5 and their grown-ups!

Friday - All Day

Piece and Quiet

Join us for a full day of putting together jigsaws

Regular events at Wigton Library cont..

Friday

Knit and Natter

1pm-2:30pm

Get together on the first and third Friday for a chat, bring your own craft project.

Baby Weigh Station

Check the weight of your baby/toddler anytime. Just ask a member of staff for the self-weigh scales.

Aspatria Library

Aspatria Library is currently available from temporary accommodation in Aspatria's Children's Centre on King Street.

The opening times in this temporary accommodation are Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 1pm to 5pm and the following services are available:

- Select and Collect Book Service**
- Free internet access**
- PC and printing facilities**
- Book renewal and returns service**

Telephone: 07557499129

Scan this QR code to book on to our current events and see what else is on offer



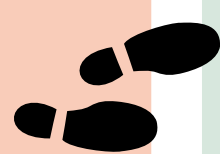
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Walk

When

Contact

• Active Over 65s -
 Watchtree
 (CA5 6NL)

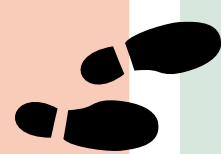


• Every Monday and
 Tuesday
 • 2PM



• Leanne Fisher
 01228712539
 learning@watchtree.co.uk

• Aspatria Wellbeing Walk
 (CA7 3HZ)

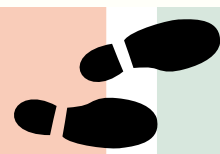


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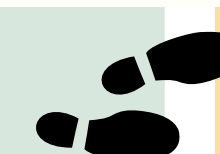


• Becky Symes
 07919411381
 Rebecca.Symes@ncic.nhs.uk

• Blaithwaite House
 Wellbeing Walk
 (CA7 0AZ)

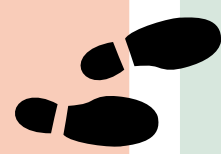


• Last Thursday of the
 month
 • 10.30AM



• Sarah Jackson
 07929744069
 sarah.jackson4@ncic.nhs.uk

• 'Easy' & 'Harder' Wigton
 Food Pantry Walks
 (CA7 9HT)

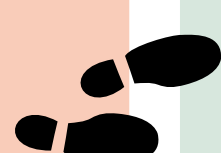


• Easy (1st Wednesday)
 Harder (3rd Wednesday)
 • 10AM



• Sarah Jackson
 07929744069
 sarah.jackson4@ncic.nhs.uk

• Keswick Wellbeing Walk
 (CA12 4NF)

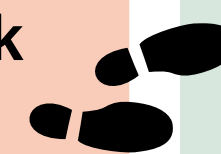


• Alternate Thursdays
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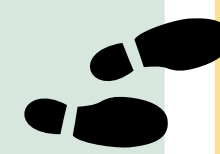


• Rebecca Wade
 07825118551
 Rebecca.Wade@ncic.nhs.uk

• Kirkbride Wellbeing Walk
 (CA7 5JH)

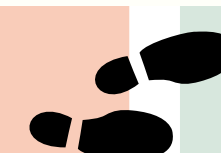


• Every Thursday
 • 1.30PM



• Simon McCall
 07717 693 062
 Simon.McCall@ncic.nhs.uk

• Maryport Wellbeing
 Walks - Multiple Routes
 (CA15 8AB)

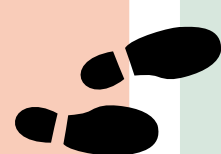


• Alternate Wednesdays
 • 10.30AM (2.30PM on the
 24th January)



• Christine Slater
 07723016110
 c.slater417@btinternet.com

• Silloth Wellbeing Walk
 (CA7 4AW)



• Every Tuesday
 • 2PM



• Simon McCall
 07717 693 062
 Simon.McCall@ncic.nhs.uk

• Watchtree Nature Reserve
 Wellbeing Walk
 (CA5 6NL)

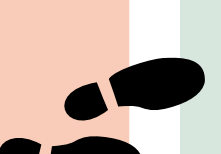


• Every Monday
 • 10AM



• Brian Scroggie
 07724071636
 brianscroggie@totalise.co.uk

• Wigton Wellbeing Walk
 (CA7 9QD)

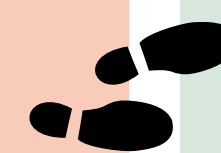


• 3rd Tuesday of the month
 • 10AM



• Sarah Jackson
 07929744069
 sarah.jackson4@ncic.nhs.uk

• Workington Wellbeing
 Walk
 (CA14 2QG)



• Alternate Thursdays
 • 10AM



• Laura Humphreys
 07874082737
 laura.humphreys6@nhs.net

walks may be subject to change

Postcodes indicate walk meeting point. Walks without postcodes have multiple routes - please visit ramblers.org.uk and search Wellbeing Walks for specific walk dates and more details.

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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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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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