



South Cumberland Community Panel Update

Meeting Date – 13 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:
 - Improving Health and Wellbeing
 - Accessibility and connectivity
 - Supporting children, families and young people
 - Improving the local living environment

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members note the contents of the report.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 This report sets out the activity that has taken place within this Community Panel area in the last quarter that has been led or supported by Cumberland Council. It also makes reference to consultations that are Cumberland wide or specific to this area.
- 3.2 This Community Panel covers the wards of Cleator Moor East and Frizington, Cleator Moor West, Egremont, Gosforth, Millom and Millom Without.

Network Events and Network Activity

- 3.3 The South Cumberland Panel Community Development Officer will be attending a variety of local groups active in the South Cumberland Community Panel area. The intended outcome is to promote the work of the Panels, engage the community and encourage collaborative ways of working with partners and stakeholders.
- 3.4 In addition the Community Development Officer will also attend organised events to promote and profile the work of the Community Panel and the Community Development team.
- 3.5 The Community Development Team have been invited to join and hold a table at the funding Fair organised by NWS (Nuclear Waste Services) Community Investment Fund on 21 February 2024 in Beckermest Reading Room and 29 February in Gosforth Public Hall.
- 3.6 At this event the Officers will be able to explain the role of Community Panels and the Neighbourhood Investment Plan together with the priorities required for the investment application process. Members and Officers will be available to speak to the public and collect feedback as well as network with other funders at the event.
- 3.7 The South Cumberland Community Development Officer attending the Talk and Tidy event arranged by Local Focus hub in Millom on 24 January 2024. This involved working with partners of the Local Focus Hub, litter picking in the town and engaging with the public. A further Talk and Tidy event was held in Cleator Moor on 29 February 2024.

Active Cumbria - Programme Delivery Outputs and Progress

Street Tag

- 3.8 On 3 January 2024, the previous school based programme was relaunched with a new format.
- 3.9 The previous locality leader boards were merged to match the two new unitary authorities, widening the programme to include more settings in addition to schools. These include workplaces, community organisations, sports clubs, and families, which are now all able to create teams and compete on one of the two leader boards.
- 3.10 Active Cumbria are seeking people to come forward and become team captains where they can create teams for their respective settings.

- 3.11 Season 1 of the new programme finishes on the 13 March 2024, after which Active Cumbria will be share the results and outcomes the first season.
- 3.12 Currently 36 Schools and organisations from across Cumberland are engaging in this years programme.

Active Travel to School - Bikeability

- 3.13 Training has been delivered in schools across the South Cumberland Panel areas. Full details are at **appendix 1**.

Active Start

- 3.14 Gosforth Primary School and Seascale Primary School have undertaken Active Start training for Early Years this academic year.

Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

- 3.15 Two Walk Leader (WL) training sessions took place in July 2023 and January 2024. These were delivered at Distington with 16 attendees from across the former Allerdale and Copeland areas.

The following Wellbeing Walks are taking place in or close to the panel area. Full details at **appendix 2**.

- Copeland Wellness Service - Cleator Moor and Egremont (Weekly) and Seascale – (Monthly)
- Egremont Amblers (Weekly)

Active Lives Survey – Children and Young People

- 3.16 Following LGR this data is now collected on a unitary authority footprint and not a district footprint. This results in less schools being randomly selected to participate meaning the data is much more generalised across the unitary area.

Cumbria Physical Education (P.E.) Network meetings

- 3.17 Active Cumbria P.E. Network meetings are termly meetings and include continued professional development input from a keynote speaker, county updates and breakout rooms for the locality areas.

Children and Young People (CYP) conference

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

Cumbria School games

- 3.19 Five county events took place in 2023 covering both Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness. 1044 participants were involved as well as 175 young leaders. Planning is well underway for 2024 events. Further information is available via the link: [Cumbria School Games - Active Cumbria](#)

Sellafield Funding

- 3.20 Active Cumbria supported Sellafield in distributing funding to organisations in the former Allerdale and Copeland localities focusing on creating new opportunities for physical activity.

Activate kits for Warm Hubs

- 3.21 Active Cumbria held an Activate training session in June 2023 at the Whitehaven United Reform Church where 16 people attended from a variety of organisations.
- 3.22 Five Activate Bags were distributed through the Warm Hub funding in March 2023.
- 3.23 The kits are held by Whitehaven URC, Florence Arts Centre, Skills4U Cleator Moor, Beckermest Reading Rooms and Millom Network Centre.
- 3.24 These organisations are now sharing their kits with other wider community groups so more people benefit from the games equipment.

Local Focus Hub Update

- 3.25 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.
- 3.26 There are three established Local Focus Hubs in Cumberland Council. Each geographically aligned with the neighbourhood policing teams of Carlisle and Wigton, Derwent and Esk. Each hub is based in co-located offices with easy access offering partners the opportunity to work and collaborate with LFH staff.
- The former Copeland area LFH is in Whitehaven Police Station
 - Each LFH has a Police officer Hub Coordinator allocated, who is responsible for the day-to-day management of referrals received from partners.

Operating Model

- 3.27 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.
- 3.28 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

- 3.29 Each Hub manages referrals in the same way, with each Hub having slightly different partners depending on the needs of the community.
- 3.30 Each LFH manager works alongside the neighbourhood policing team's Inspector which provides a lead on collaborative partnership work with:
- Community Sergeants, Community Beat Officers, Police Community Support officers, Child Centred Policing Teams, Police Mental Health team, Youth offending and Crime Prevention.
 - Cumbria Fire and Rescue, NHS Services including Addiction and Mental Health services, Multi-Disciplinary Teams (Vulnerable service users living in the community), MARAC (Multi-agency risk assessment conference), Environment Agency, British Transport Police, Immigration.
 - Local Authority – Environmental Health, Licensing, Enforcement, Legal, Planning, Homelessness Team, Greenspaces, Highways, Education, HAWCs, Trading Standards
 - Social Housing partners from Riverside, Castles and Coasts, Home Group, My Spaces, Home Group, Westfield Housing and other smaller housing providers are key partners who we work with daily.
 - Remedi (Mediation service and support for victims of ASB), Victim Support. Youth Organisations, Youth Offending, Age Concern, Business crime reduction group, Cumbria Family Support and many others.
- 3.31 An overview of Local Focus Hub initiatives is at **appendix 3**.

Libraries Update

- 3.32 Local library services are offered from staffed branch libraries in Millom, Egremont, Frizington and Cleator Moor.
- 3.33 Library users in the Gosforth and Seascale areas can access more limited book supplies in 'Library Links', offered in community run buildings.
- 3.34 These localities rely on community volunteers to resource the books, and other elements of the offer in their buildings.
- 3.35 The self-service machine in Seascale has now been upgraded to a newer model to assist the community volunteers manage any books or other items borrowed from that Library Link.
- 3.36 In the start of 2024, some of the branch libraries have altered their regular programme of events in response to local feedback.

- 3.37 Egremont Library now hosts a regular Chess Club, whilst Millom Library has made a number of changes to the dates and times of regular events. This has led to a significant increase in the attendance at its Lego Club and Rhymetime for children with their parents and carers.
- 3.38 Library staff are currently working with Jamie Jenkinson, one of the artists previously commissioned as part of the Connecting Cumbria's Hidden Coast project.
- 3.39 Jamie is finalising some customised pieces, that came out of his commission, to be available at Millom Library from the summer as part of an art trail along the coast. The work reflects the area's landscape and heritage and the pieces at the library will incorporate sound recordings in the work. More information on the residency: [Deep Time Artist Residences: Artists explore the hidden side of Lake District Coast \(cumbria.ac.uk\)](https://www.cumbria.ac.uk/deep-time-artist-residences)

Support Leaflet

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

Consultations

Family Wellbeing Transformation

- 3.41 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.
- 3.42 In the South Cumberland Panel area the first engagement event took place at Egremont Library Thursday 22 February 2024. Additional engagement sessions took place in Workington and Wigton libraries on Monday 5 February 2024, Whitehaven library on Thursday 22 February 2024 and Brampton and Harraby community centres on Wednesday 28 February 2024.
- 3.43 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.
- 3.44 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

- 3.45 Cumberland Council are inviting residents to have their say and play a key role in developing the future of Cumberland's Waste Services.
- 3.46 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.

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

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

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

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

4.0 Options

Alternative Options Considered

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

Risks

4.2 The associated corporate risk is as follows:

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

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

Consultation

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

Legal Comment

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

Finance Comment

- 4.6 The South Cumberland 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 South Cumberland Community Panel is £64,523
S Morris 21/02/2024

Impact Assessments

- 4.8 An impact Assessment has not been used.

Contact Officer: Lee Thorburn Area Planning Manager

Appendices attached to report:

- Appendix 1 Active Travel to school - Bikeability
- Appendix 2 Ramblers Wellbeing walks
- Appendix 3 Local Focus Hub
- Appendix 4 Winter Support Leaflet