



Lakes to Sea Community Panel Update

Meeting Date – 21 March 2024

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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:
 - Transport for the Community
 - Community Health and Wellbeing
 - Community Involvement
 - Community Resilience

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 Bothel and Wharrels, Cockermouth North, Cockermouth South, Dearham and Broughton, Keswick, Maryport North, and Maryport South.

Network Events and Network Activity

3.3 A Network Event took place at Crosthwaite Parish Rooms 24 January 2024.

3.4 This event brought Lakes to Sea Panel members and Town and Parish Council representatives.

3.5 The event explored the Panels priorities and how these met local delivery.

3.6 Feedback was collated and will be used to support the Neighbourhood Investment Plan and help shape delivery of the Neighbourhood Investment Fund.

3.7 The Community Development Officer (CDO) for the Lakes to Sea Panel will be attending a variety of local groups active in the Lakes to Sea 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.

3.8 In addition the Lakes to Sea CDO will also attend organised events to promote and profile the work of the Community Panel and Community Development team. Events attended by the CDO include:

3.9 **Place Partnership Programme** – Active Cumbria held an event at the Centre, Ewanrigg on 28 February 2024. The purpose of this meeting was to provide attendees with the opportunity to learn more about the programme. This followed discussions between Active Cumbria and Sport England regarding their plans to invest in around 80 – 100 places across England over the course of the next 5 years as part of their Place Partnership Expansion Programme.

3.10 **Spring into Action** – was held at the Oval Centre, Salterbeck, Workington on 12 March 2024. This event 'West Together catch up and seed swop' included speakers from a range of partners including Officers from the Community Development Team.

- 3.11 **Age without Limits Action Day** – Celebrating the first Age Without Limits Action day. Challenging & taking a stand against everyday ageism. Age without Limits Action Day was held at Keswick library on 20 March 2024. The aim was to break barriers and bring people together. The format was a Coffee and Chat to encourage friendship.
- 3.12 The Lakes to Sea CDO attended the Age without Limits Action Day at Keswick Library. This was an opportunity to engage the community and promote the Lakes to Sea Community Panel.

Update on Co-opted Member recruitment

- 3.13 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

- 3.14 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 next stage of the process has been developed with consideration being given to the number of applications. The process is fully supported by officers and arrangements have been made so that the final decision regarding appointments rests with each panel.
- 3.15 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.
- 3.16 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

Active Cumbria Programme Delivery - Outputs and Progress

- 3.17 **Street Tag** - On 3 January 2024, the previous school based programme was relaunched with a new format.

- 3.18 The previous locality leader boards were merged to match the two new unitary authorities. In addition to schools it was opened up to include more setting including Workplaces, community organisations, sports clubs, and families who are now all able to create teams and compete on one of the two leader boards.
- 3.19 Active Cumbria are now approaching people to come forward and become team captains (How to Create a Team) to create teams for their respective settings.
- 3.20 Season 1 of the new programme closed on the 13 March 2024. Active Cumbria will share the results and outcomes of that first season in due course.
- 3.21 36 Schools and Organisations from across Cumberland are engaging in this years programme so far.
- 3.22 **Active Travel to School - Bikeability** -training has been delivered in the following schools within the Lakes to Sea in the panel area:
- Braithwaite C of E Primary School – 6 pupils in Year 5, 5 pupils in Year 6
 - Flimby Primary School – 19 Pupils in Year 5, 11 Pupils in Year 6
 - St Bridgets C of E School – 11 Pupils in Year 5, 7 Pupils in Year 6
 - Netherhall School – 30 Pupils in Year 7
 - Maryport C of E Primary School – 34 Pupils in Year 5
- 3.23 **Active Start** - Flimby Primary School, All Saints School, St Bridgets Primary School, Eaglesfield Paddle and Fairfield Primary School have undertaken Active Start training for Early Years this academic year.
- 3.24 **Ramblers Wellbeing Walks** - Two Walk Leader (WL) training sessions have been delivered in Distington during July 2023 and January 2024. There were 16 attendees from across the former Allerdale and Copeland areas.
- 3.25 Wellbeing Walks are taking place in Keswick organised through North Cumbria Integrated Care (NCIC) **appendix 1**

Local Focus Hub Update

- 3.26 The purpose of the Local Focus Hubs (LFH) is to coordinate partner agencies, establishing clear and productive relationships with key partners from statutory, secondary and third tier and voluntary groups. The aim of the LFH is to:
- Improve community safety and tackle difficult and long- term problems where a single organisation has explored all options and requires a partnership approach.
 - Lead on community safety initiatives and reduce the fear of ASB and Crime.
 - Identify emerging trends and look at initiatives to prevent and reduce ASB and Crime in partnership and collaboration.
- 3.27 There are three established Local Focus Hubs in Cumberland Council. Each geographically aligned with the neighbourhood policing teams of Carlisle and Wigton,

Derwent and Esk. Each hub is based in co-located offices with easy access offering partners the opportunity to work and collaborate with LFH staff.

- The former Allerdale LFH 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

- 3.28 Problems are referred into the hub by any partner agency signed up to the information sharing agreement. A referral can relate to an individual, a family, a business, or organisation. The issue referred could be concerning crime and disorder, health and wellbeing, environmental, housing and many other areas of work.
- 3.29 There is an online referral form containing a series of risk assessment-based questions which produce a grading. Each referral is then managed through an established problem-solving model.

Partners

- 3.30 Each Hub manages referrals in the same way, with each Hub having slightly different partners depending on the needs of the community.
- 3.31 Each LFH manager works alongside the neighbourhood policing team's Inspector which provides a lead on collaborative partnership work with:
- Community Sergeants, Community Beat Officers, Police Community Support officers, Child Centred Policing Teams, Police Mental Health team, Youth offending and Crime Prevention.
 - Cumbria Fire and Rescue, NHS Services including Addiction and Mental Health services, Multi-Disciplinary Teams (Vulnerable service users living in the community), MARAC (Multi-agency risk assessment conference), Environment Agency, British Transport Police, Immigration.
 - Local Authority – Environmental Health, Licensing, Enforcement, Legal, Planning, Homelessness Team, Greenspaces, Highways, Education, HAWCs, Trading Standards
 - Social Housing partners from Riverside, Castles and Coasts, Home Group, My Spaces, Home Group, Westfield Housing and other smaller housing providers are key partners who we work with daily.
 - Remedi (Mediation service and support for victims of ASB), Victim Support. Youth Organisations, Youth Offending, Age Concern, Business crime reduction group, Cumbria Family Support and many others.
- 3.32 An overview of Local Focus Hub initiatives is at **appendix 2**.

Capital Projects Update

3.33 **Maryport Regeneration** - Key updates on the Maryport regeneration programmes are:

Future High Streets Fund

- 3.34 Programme update – the FHSF was originally due to end on 31 March 2024; however, DLUHC (the Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities) have approved an extension request to 30 September 2024 on three projects: the Wave; the Carlton; Christ Church.
- 3.35 The Wave projects – capital contracts are in the process of being awarded to deliver the works on the new schemes, including upgrades to the Wave Centre (which will be renamed Maryport Activity Centre, following a public consultation) along with improvements to the Harbour and Promenade, supported by new ‘Wayfinding’ (including enhanced signage).
- 3.36 The Carlton – construction work is now fully underway on this scheme, which will provide a creative hub to include a flexible performance space and artists workshops and exhibition area. The new scheme is due to open in Autumn 2024.
- 3.37 Christ Church – works are well underway on redeveloping this historic listed building, overlooking Maryport Harbour, into a new venue for the Maritime Museum. The clock face was replaced during January 2024. The restoration work will be followed by a full internal fit-out by an interpretative designer, and is due to open to the public in Summer 2024.
- 3.38 Public Realm – these improvements to the pedestrian areas for those arriving in Maryport, including clearer signage, upgrading green infrastructure and improved parking provision, are currently underway and due to be completed by the end of March 2024. Following a public consultation, the new signage will be blue and will feature a lighthouse emblem.
- 3.39 The Boardwalk – providing a pedestrian link between Maryport’s Harbour and Promenade, on the route of Hadrian’s Cycleway (National Cycling Route 72), the new facility was completed in January 2024, and an official opening ceremony was held on 5 February 2024.
- 3.40 Residential Conversion Grants – this grant programme will convert 16 empty units into residential apartments in and around Senhouse Street, increasing footfall on the High Street and supporting the night-time economy. The refurbishments are all due to be completed by March 2024.

Heritage Action Zone

Programme update

- 3.41 The HAZ scheme is due to end in March 2024. Completed schemes include seven shop front refurbishments (including Heron Foods supermarket) and restoration of Maryport Town Hall.
- 3.42 Shipping Brow Art Gallery – the new art gallery, on the site of the former Maritime Museum, will showcase work by celebrated artists with a local connection, such as Percy Kelly and William Mitchell, as well as current local artists. The top-floor has been converted into a self-contained flat, to accommodate a graduate ‘artist in residence’, who will help run the facility. The gallery opened its doors to the public in November, with a launch event held on 16 November 2024.
- 3.43 ‘Made in Maryport’ cultural consortium – the consortium continues to support and deliver popular events in Maryport, including the ‘Scaryport’ festival at Halloween, with the Literary Festival in March.

Libraries Update

- 3.44 2024 saw the reintroduction of Lego Clubs across Allerdale Libraries – we are welcoming families into our libraries for a weekly lego club, usually based around a theme.
- 3.45 The aim is to develop creativity, problem solving and critical thinking – details of where and when the clubs take place can be found on Cumberland Libraries website.
- 3.46 A monthly What’s On in Allerdale 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 at **appendix 3**
- 3.47 February Half Term seen a host of activities aimed at children happening across Allerdale Libraries. Annual World Book Day costume swaps combined with World Book Day themed activities are taking place to help ease the financial burden on parents.
- 3.48 Wordsworth Grasmere will be joining us in Workington and Keswick Libraries for their popular Rucksack of Rhymes sessions and a new partner, BAE systems will be delivering a day of Roving Robots coding workshops at Workington Library.
- 3.49 More information and booking available at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/allerdale-libraries-42262177793>
- 3.50 Arts Out West are working in partnership with Cumberland Libraries to bring high quality professional performances of music, drama and dance into our libraries.
- 3.51 This is a new partnership for Allerdale Libraries and Maryport Library. Maryport Library hosted ‘The Long Way Home’ on Friday 1st March.

Support Leaflet

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

Consultations

Family Wellbeing Transformation

- 3.53 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.
- 3.54 Engagement took place at Workington and Wigton libraries on Monday 5 February 2024, Egremont and Whitehaven libraries on Thursday 22 February 2024 and Brampton and Harraby community centres on Wednesday 28 February 2024.
- 3.55 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.
- 3.56 The survey, closed on 15 March 2024.

Waste Collection Review

- 3.57 Cumberland Council are reviewing the waste collection services and are inviting feedback to help meet the needs of the residents.
- 3.58 Feedback was sought through survey and a series of roadshow. In the Lakes to sea Panel area a roadshow took place at Booths in Keswick on 13 March 2024.
- 3.59 The government is introducing a system called "Simpler Recycling". This means that Local Authorities are required to collect glass bottles and jars, tins and cans, household plastics such as bottles, tubs and trays (including flexible plastics e.g. crisp packets, biscuit/chocolate wrappers, film, bread wrappers), cartons, paper and cardboard, garden waste and food waste from the kerbside.
- 3.60 In addition, residents were asked what other items could be collected from the kerbside to make recycling of all household items as simple and easy as possible.
- 3.61 The survey closed 15 March 2024

4.0 Options

Alternative Options Considered

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

Risks

- 4.2 The associated corporate risk is as follows:

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

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

Consultation

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

Legal Comment

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

Finance Comment

- 4.6 The Lakes to Sea 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.

The 2023/24 budget allocation to the Lakes to Sea Community Panel is £60,184.

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Impact Assessments

- 4.7 An impact Assessment has not been used.

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Appendices attached to report:

Appendix 1 Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

Appendix 2 Local Focus Hub Initiatives

Appendix 3 Library Service 'What's On'

Appendix 4 Winter Support Leaflet