



Border, Fellside and North Carlisle Community Panel Update

Meeting Date 5 September 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 Facilities and Support
 - Highways
 - Environment.

2.0 Recommendation

- 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. Where appropriate, it also makes reference to consultations that are Cumberland wide or specific to this area.
- 3.2 This Community Panel covers the wards of Belah, Stanwix Urban, Longtown, Brampton, Houghton and Irthington, Corby and Hayton and Wetheral.

Network Events and Network Activity

Network Event

- 3.3 The Panel's Network Event was held on 16 July at Belah Community Centre. Residents received presentations from Waste and Highways. There was also the opportunity for residents to ask questions to members and officers. The Carlisle Southern Link Road Team and Renewi had information stalls at the Event.
- 3.4 A further Network Event will be arranged in October/November 2024.

Carlisle Southern Link Road (CSLR)

- 3.5 Carlisle Southern Link Road celebrated its first year on 24 June 2024. Community Development Officer (CDOs) from Border, Fellside and North Carlisle and Petteiril Community Panel attended the event.

The event provided an opportunity for the CDOs to promote the community panels and to discuss how they will support future consultation, in particular with St Cuthberts Village.

- 3.6 This activity links to the panel's highways priority.

Brampton and Longtown ICC Collaborative Leadership Group

- 3.7 At its meeting on 5 July 2024, the ICC Group received a presentation from CADAS on a proposal to pilot a project to support pain medication reduction in primary care. Funding for the project was being sought from the Health Improvement Fund and this Panel. A further meeting was held on 2 August 2024. Feedback will be made available from these meetings in future reports.

Other Activity

Teenage Market

- 3.8 The Teenage Market was held in the City Centre on 22 June 2024. The markets provide young people a free platform to network and showcase their creative talent. The Sustainable Growth and Transport team and the Community Development team worked collaboratively to plan, co-ordinate and oversee the development of the market. The date of the next event is 23 November 2024 at The Lanes Shopping Centre.

Upperby Gala

- 3.9 The event was held on 28 July 2024 at Hammonds Pond and was attended by residents from across the Carlisle area. CDOs were in attendance and spoke with members of the public about Community panels, priorities and investments.

Wider Cumberland Activity

Youth Parliament

- 3.10 Make Your Mark is the largest youth consultation, giving young people aged 11-18yrs the opportunity to vote on the topics that are most important to them. This year, Cumberland young people voted Culture, Media and Sport as their top priority but a full list of the results is shown below. Cumberland Youth Council will be taking this topic forward, campaigning, listening to what young people want and making change.

Topics	Results
Culture, Media and Sport	1182
Health and Wellbeing	1164
Jobs, the Economy and Benefits	1024
Crime and Safety	830
Climate Change and the Environment	572
Education and Learning	469
Transport	460
Rights, Equalities and Democracy	363
Youth Work and Young People's Services	227
International Relations	176
Total number of MYM votes recorded	6467

Carlisle Adult Learning Update

- 3.11 The 2023/24 academic year finished on 31 July 2024. 448 learners were successfully enrolled onto Skills provision, which includes GCSEs, Functional Skills, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), Health and Wellbeing, and digital courses.
- 3.12 In addition, 1,069 learners were enrolled onto non-accredited digital, maths (funded via Multiplier funding), languages, arts and crafts, and health and wellbeing courses during 2023/24. These courses enabled learners to acquire new skills and prepare for further training or employment.
- 3.13 The figures above also include provision delivered to 111 learners regarded as 'Learners with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities' (LLDD), providing opportunities to learn new skills and develop their independence. Across Carlisle, the service currently works with Heathlands and Carlisle Day Care Services/Garden Linx.
- 3.14 Most learners accessing face-to-face provision live in Carlisle and the surrounding areas. Learners living across the county can access provision offered by Carlisle Adult Learning via an online delivery platform.

- 3.15 New provision for the 2024/25 academic year went live on 1 August 2024. Brochures were sent to every home in Cumbria during August.
- 3.16 During the summer months, ESOL learners have continued to take up learning opportunities including various workshops covering spelling and grammar, arts and crafts, and language acquisition through games.
- 3.17 Carlisle Adult Learning now offers free Skills courses to employers, providing benefits to their organisation. Learning and development in the workplace upskills the team and the organisation benefits in terms of efficiency, morale, and staff retention.
- 3.18 Carlisle Adult Learning will attend the following Harvest Events around Carlisle and surrounding areas:

EVENT NAME	VENUE	DATE	TIME
Spring Harvest	Yewdale Community Centre	29/04/2024	1300-1530
Spring Harvest	Greystone Community Centre	05/06/2024	1000-1230
Autumn Harvest	Brampton Methodist Church	27/09/2024	0930-1200
Autumn Harvest	Denton Holme Community Centre	22/10/2024	1300-1530

- 3.19 The provision is available to find, book, and enrol at <https://adultlearningcumbria.org/>.

Capital Programmes Update

Transformation of Carlisle Library

- 3.20 The works are continuing for the refurbishment of Carlisle Library. This project will transform the existing library space in The Lanes Shopping Centre into a state-of-the-art library and learning facility. The new multi-functional space will offer a blend of opportunities for learning, skills development, digital connectivity, and community engagement. Equipped with the latest digital tools and training materials, the newly transformed library will serve as a vibrant centre for education and community activities.
- 3.21 During the construction period, which is due to begin in Autumn, Adult Learning services will temporarily move to the Civic Centre. This temporary relocation ensures that there is no interruption in services and that adult learners continue to have access to the support and resources they need.

Market Square and Greenmarket

- 3.22 The enhancement of Market Square, Green Market and Castle Street is a key component of the Carlisle High Street programme funded from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC). The improvements include relocation of the War Memorial and Memorial benches to a more prominent space within the Market Square area, allowing the creation of a new events space and new seating areas.

- 3.23 The project will introduce enhanced biodiversity and added greenery through planting to improve the streetscape, making it a safer, more secure environment and encouraging the use of open public spaces in the City Centre. Work was planned to start in August 2024 and the project team have met with all business owners to discuss the operating requirements with a view to minimising impact to the businesses during this period.

Devonshire Street

- 3.24 The enhancements to Devonshire Street form a key element of the Future High Street Fund programme. Improvements include widening the footway on both sides of the street increasing the space for pedestrians and enabling opportunities for seating, street furniture, cycle parking spaces and trees, making the area more pedestrian friendly and less car dominant. The construction of the scheme started in February 2024, and works are now mostly complete. A street party took place 3 August 2024 in collaboration with the businesses on Devonshire Street to celebrate the first stage of the new public realm space in Carlisle city centre.
- 3.25 The highway opened to traffic on 5 August 2024 following the completion on the road safety audit.

Central Plaza

- 3.26 This project is focusing on making the former Central Plaza Hotel site 'developer ready'. This work is focusing on the stabilisation of the party wall with the Green Room Theatre. The technical design work is complete, and the Project Team are currently undergoing a procurement exercise to identify a suitable contractor to complete the works.
- 3.27 The project now has a contractor appointed and started the works in August 2024. Works are expected to last for approximately 6 weeks.

Carlisle Southern Gateway

- 3.28 Improvements include wider footways and the incorporation of new cycling infrastructure, new seating, and the introduction of biodiversity and added greenery through planting to improve the streetscape. The aim is to create a safer, more secure environment and encourage the use of open public spaces in the City Centre.
- 3.29 Work started on site in June 2024 and the project team will have continuous liaison with all business owners, bus service providers and taxi groups to discuss the operating requirements with a view of minimising impact to the businesses.

Carlisle Southern Link Road

- 3.30 Key achievements include:
- Re-opening Wreay Road and a section of the newly constructed Brisco roundabout.
 - Installing the beams on the Brisco footbridge
 - Pouring the decks of the new WCML and Petteril Road bridges
 - Deck to Durdar Bridge cast.
 - Started works to foundations for Newby West footbridge.

3.31 Works in August included:

- Completion of the Peastree Farm accommodation bridge
- Earthworks have started to link up M6 Junction 42, Peastree Bridge and WCML bridge.
- Cast deck to Durbar footbridge.
- Complete wing walls to Peastree bridge and WCML bridge.

3.32 Road closures and traffic management (West to East).

- The Dalston Road closure remains in place. Significant progress has been made with construction of the new Cummersdale roundabout and footbridge and remain on programme to re-open the road in September.
- Grace Lane has now been closed and a temporary access track has been created to allow third-party service diversions to be undertaken. For the duration of these works, the bus stop at Cloverfields has been moved 200 yards North to reduce interface with the necessary traffic management on Dalston Road and the junction with Peter Lane. They expect to have these diversions complete and for Grace Lane to reopen in October 2024.
- A section of Ratten Row remains closed allowing earthworks and drainage operations to be undertaken associated with the Southern Link for the new Durdar roundabout.
- The Ivegill Road closure was implemented late July 2024 works have begun to realign the existing road and tie it into the new Durdar Road bridge. There is an expectation to have Ivegill Road re-opened by the end of October 2024.

3.33 Fully signposted diversion routes are in place for the duration of all closures. Information regarding all traffic management associated with the project including diversion routes can be found on Cumberland Councils website [Roadworks | Cumberland Council](#) and there are also weekly traffic management bulletins on the Carlisle Southern Link Road Facebook Page.

3.34 Where possible, actions were taken to reduce disruption to road users, however due to the nature of these particular works, full closures were unavoidable.

3.35 As part of the multi-million-pound investment in the infrastructure of the Carlisle Southern Link Road, there is a commitment to invest in our local communities to ensure added social value back into the county. Activities in August included:

- The three ICE Quest Scholars Summer placements.
- Continuing the bamboo clearance project at Richard Rose Central Academy.

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 Border, Fellside and North Carlisle 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 2024/25 budget allocation to the Border, Fellside and North Carlisle Community Panel is £106,872.

Impact Assessments

4.8 An impact Assessment has not been used.

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