



Report to the Joint Executive Committee

Meeting Date – 9th September 2024

Key Decision – No

Public/Private – Public

Portfolio – Cllr Mark Fryer, Leader Cumberland Council and Cllr Jonathan Brook, Leader Westmorland and Furness Council

Directorate – Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport

Lead Officer – Isobel Brown, Programme Director for Enterprising Cumbria

Title – Enterprising Cumbria Joint Executive Committee Forward Plan

Brief Summary:

This report provides the forward plan of items to be considered by the Joint Executive Committee (JEC) within the Economic Growth/Enterprising Cumbria section of the meeting agenda.

Recommendations:

For the reasons set out in this report, the Joint Executive Committee is recommended to:

1. To comment on and agree the Forward Plan

1. Background

1.1. On 30th July, the JEC agreed that the meeting to split into two parts to deal with Economic Growth / Enterprising Cumbria related items separately on the agenda. In line with this, members also agreed that the Forward Plan be reviewed and updated in light of the emerging government change in policy and the agreed approach to monitoring and managing Economic Growth items and functions within the authority of the JEC.

1.2. The key difference to the previous Forward Plan presented to Members is that the quarterly updates have been replaced with six-monthly updates in line with monitoring

of legacy LEP programmes into Central Government. This is to ensure that the information to Members is as robust and up to date as possible, whilst also receiving updates on programme progress, and any issues, in the intervening period.

1.3. It should also become clear, in line with any updated Government guidance that we receive, timescales and approach on the Economic Strategy which are being considered in a separate report for Members' consideration.

1.4. A revised forward plan has been included in *Appendix A* for Members' consideration, comment, and approval. It should be highlighted that, as the Cumbria Economic Growth Board (CEGB) is due to hold its inaugural meeting later this month the items for consideration from the November meeting onwards will adapt and evolve so that the JEC can consider reports, and any decisions required, on the CEGB's work and any sub-groups that are established as well.

2. Alternative options considered

2.1. Not applicable

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

3.1. This report is recommended for approval by the Joint Executive Committee. The recommendations are consistent with the approach and responsibilities within the authority of the JEC.

Contribution to the Council's Plan Priorities –

The proposals set out in this report will help support sustainable, inclusive, economic growth across Cumbria. The establishment of Enterprising Cumbria creates the opportunity for the two Councils to work together to develop a shared approach to supporting economic growth across Cumbria and in turn contributing to the visions and ambitions set out in the two Council Plans.

Relevant Risks and explain how risks can be mitigated –

Not applicable

Consultation / Engagement –

Consultation and engagement with businesses will take place through the Cumbria Economic Growth Board as the advisory body, due to hold its inaugural meeting later this month.

Legal –

Not applicable

Finance –

Cumberland Council is responsible for monitoring and reporting on the delivery and outcomes of those programmes to the relevant government departments. Assurance for the monitoring and reporting of these programmes will be provided by the Westmorland and Furness assurance team and the costs and expectations of this support will be determined in the Collaboration Agreement with Cumberland Council.

In addition Cumberland Council are delivering the other core functions of business representation and strategic economic planning working in collaboration with Westmorland and Furness Council. For the period 1 April – 30 September the CLEP is continuing to deliver the business representation role and this is being managed through a legal agreement between all three parties. As part of that the agreed cost envelope for that period will be agreed in advance with the CLEP. The monitoring of compliance with the agreement will be led by Westmorland and Furness Council as the legacy Accountable Body.

Information Governance –

There are no direct Information Governance Implications arising out of this report

Impact Assessments –

Have you screened the decision for impacts using the Impact Assessment? No

If you have not screened the decision using the Impact Assessment, please explain your reason – Not key decision

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Background papers:

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

Appendices attached to report:

- Appendix A – Forward Plan



FORWARD PLAN – ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON LEP INTEGRATION

Meeting Date	Items to be considered	Report Author	Portfolio Holders
9 th September 2024	Update on legacy LEP programmes	Liz Watson, Accountable Body and Assurance Manager	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council
	Update on live programmes	Isobel Brown, Programme Director, Enterprising Cumbria	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council
	Economic strategy	Isobel Brown, Programme Director, Enterprising Cumbria	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council



22 nd November 2024	2024/25 Q1/Q2 Monitoring Report for legacy LEP Programmes	Liz Watson, Accountable Body and Assurance Manager	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council
	Update on live programmes (6 month point update)	Isobel Brown, Programme Director, Enterprising Cumbria	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council
	Economic strategy	Isobel Brown, Programme Director, Enterprising Cumbria	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council
	Update from Cumbria Economic Growth Board, and any decisions required	Chair, Cumbria Economic Growth Board	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council



27 th January 2025	Update on legacy LEP programmes	Liz Watson, Accountable Body and Assurance Manager	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council
	Quarterly Update on live programmes	Isobel Brown, Programme Director, Enterprising Cumbria	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council
	Update from Cumbria Economic Growth Board and Themed/Sub-Groups	Chair, Cumbria Economic Growth Board	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council
3 rd March 2025	Update on legacy LEP programmes	Liz Watson, Accountable Body and Assurance Manager	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council



	Quarterly update on live programmes	Isobel Brown, Programme Director, Enterprising Cumbria	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council
	Update from Cumbria Economic Growth Board and Themed/Sub-Groups	Chair, Cumbria Economic Growth Board	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council
12 th May 2025	Economic Growth Board and Sub-Groups Update	Chair, Cumbria Economic Growth Board	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council
	2024/25 Q3/Q4 Monitoring Report for legacy LEP Programmes	Liz Watson, Accountable Body and Assurance Manager	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council



	Year end update on live programmes	Isobel Brown, Programme Director, Enterprising Cumbria	Jonathan Brook, Leader of Westmorland and Furness Council Mark Fryer, Leader of Cumberland Council
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