

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND

Meeting date: 29th January 2020

From: Executive Director - Corporate, Customer and Community Services

AREA PLANNING – SOUTH LAKELAND

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides service information and offers recommendations to South Lakeland Local Committee for approval from the following working groups;

Children & Young People's Working Group – 11th December 2019

1.2 The report also provides Local Committee with an update on activity against agreed priorities and provides an overview of the current budget position.

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *In February 2018 the new Council Plan 2018 – 2022 was agreed with the vision of being 'A Council that works with residents, businesses, communities and other organisations to deliver the best services possible within the available resources.' Supporting communities to thrive through area working and shaping services locally remains a key objective within the plan. It builds on '...well established locality working arrangements to develop services and solutions with communities.....as well as recognising the unique community leadership role fulfilled by Elected Members.' The approach and work of the Local Committee directly contributes to this vision.*

2.2 *Local Committee for South Lakeland has agreed its 4 priorities for the 4 year term till March 2021 which will continue to be the lens through which local issues are tested and through which performance outcomes will be measured. These are Economic Development; Education and Skills; Travel and Accessibility; Health & Well Being. In addition, Local Committee will continue to forge effective working relationships with SLDC to maximise resource allocation and improve outcomes for communities.*

2.3 *The locally devolved funding is available for Local Committees to allocate within the area to support positive outcomes, targeted and mainstream, designed to improve outcomes for the communities of South Lakeland. This funding can be targeted to initiate new activity or to enhance/complement existing provision according to locally determined need.*

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Members are asked to note the budget update for 2019-20 including the commitments and expenditure to date, Appendix A.**

Children and Young People's Working Group

- 3.2 That Members note the work of the Children & Young People's Working Group as set out in the minutes at Appendix B.**

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 Borderlands

Following the endorsement at the last meeting to select Ulverston as South Lakeland's selected town in the Borderlands Place Programme, an economic assessment which details the socio-economic rationale and also the opportunities which are available to the town has been drafted. This will be submitted to the Borderlands Programme Board for confirmation within their Place Programme this month.

- 4.2 The selected towns will be incorporated into an Outline Business Case for the Place Programme for approval by the two Governments as the framework by which the funding will be secured.

- 4.3 If approved, each town will be required to prepare a comprehensive Town Plan, working with a range of local stakeholders. The Partnership Board will approve the Town Plans for subsequent consideration and approval by the relevant Government, which will release the funds.

4.4 South Lakeland Association of Local Councils

The annual meeting between CCC and the South Lakeland Association of Local Councils took place on 29th November 2019 and was chaired by the Local Committee chair.

- 4.5 Prior to the meeting the SLALC indicated that it would like to discuss a number of Highways issues, including:

- A street lighting agreement between parish councils & CCC
- Winter gritting and topping up the bins
- Highways Information Management System (HIMS)
- Verge and Hedge Cutting

- 4.6 The above subjects were discussed and provided opportunity for Parishes to be fully updated on the current situation and ask questions relating to their areas.

- 4.7 In addition to the above, an update was provided on the Working Together Project advising that the service will be rolled out from January 2020 and that interested Parishes can visit the website:

www.cumbria.gov.uk/yourcommunitysupport/workingtogether.asp to learn more and how to get involved.

4.8 Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) was discussed again with the group and how Parishes contribute to this positive way of working. Many Parishes have already identified and are making use of their community assets, improving their built environment, increasing social connectedness while also supporting the most vulnerable residents in the community.

4.9 Finally, and in response to issues raised in the past regarding public transport and the challenges in rural areas, the group was asked if they would value a Transport Toolkit to assess the various issues, understand the levels of support required and consider how the community might take it forward. An example of a draft toolkit was circulated and the Parishes were asked to feedback on whether they would find something like this of use.

4.10 Library Service

A new Friendly Group has started at Kendal Library aimed at tackling loneliness and social isolation. Meeting every other Monday afternoon, the Friendly Group is a social gathering where people are welcome to join in craft and art activities and make new friends over a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of cake. 31 people have joined in so far. Each session has been themed; *Winter Garden* – flower, leaf and twig arrangements; *Christmas* – the group decorated the library Christmas tree; *Festive Decorations*; *Message to a stranger* – making bookmarks with a positive message. A selection of these will be placed in random books in the library for people to find.

4.11 The group meets the first and 3rd Monday of every month, it is free and there is no need to book. Social isolation and loneliness are an increasing issue in our communities with major health ramifications in later life. The Friendly Group is just one example of what our libraries are doing to play their part in tackling social isolation by providing opportunities to get involved in the community and make new friends. Details about this and other groups can be found in our monthly ‘What’s On’ guide.

4.12 Grants Approved under £5K

Since the last Local Committee, and in accordance with the revised Local Committee Terms of Reference, the below grants have been approved by the Area Manager in consultation with elected Members. As with all grants the necessary due diligence and assessments have been carried out.

Name of Organisation	Activity	Amount (£)	Budget Line
Orchestras Live	Encountering Wordsworth: Support to young composers supported to collaborate with a professional orchestra, composer and sound artist to compose and present new work at a public concert.	£2,000	0-19 Universal Services

4.13 The Monitoring Report at Appendix D sets out previous decisions taken by the Local Committee, which enables members to track progress against agreed outcomes and ensure that regular performance reporting is taking place. While many of these projects were funded in previous years, their delivery is ongoing with the outcomes requiring continued monitoring and evaluation.

5 OPTIONS

- 5.1 The Local Committee may choose to support the recommendations to a greater or lesser extent subject to available funding and in line with corporate policy and service standards.

6 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The latest budget for 2019-20 including the commitments and expenditure as at 31st December is as set out in appendix A (recommendation 3.1).
- 6.2 There are no direct resource implications from the recommendation to note the work of the Children & Young People's Working Group as set out in the minutes at Appendix B (recommendation 3.2). (NG15/01/20)

7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report and the Local Committee is authorised to accept the recommendations. PS. 17.1.20

8 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report provides the Local Committee with an update on a variety of projects which are either coming to fruition or are continuing to be developed to benefit local communities.

Dawn Roberts
Executive Director for Corporate, Customer & Community Services

10th January 2020

APPENDICES

Appendix A – Financial Statement to 31st December 2019

Appendix B – Minutes of the Children & Young People's Working Group 11/12/19

Appendix C - Monitoring Report to December 2019

Electoral Division(s): All in South Lakeland

Executive Decision

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Key Decision

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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?

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If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?

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Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?

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If so, give details below.

Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

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PREVIOUS RELEVANT COUNCIL OR EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

No previous relevant decisions.

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers.

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APPENDIX A

FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO 31ST DECEMBER 2019

Budget Sector	Original Budget 2019/20	Balance B/Fwd Note 1	Virement In	Virement Out	Revised Budget 2019/20 Note 1	Committed Expenditure	Actual Expenditure to Date	Projected Outturn 2019/20	Unallocated Resources or Variance
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Discretionary Budgets									
General Provision	44,708	86,774	10,664	(10,000)	132,146	36,478	61,108	97,586	34,560
Community Grants	48,000	35,436	0	0	83,436	1,480	42,739	44,219	39,217
Economic Initiatives	35,000	12,728	0	0	47,728	12,176	21,206	33,382	14,346
School Crossing Patrols	19,796	28,351	0	(10,664)	37,483	24,954	12,529	37,483	0
0-19 Services	35,708	50,123	10,000	0	95,831	28,820	63,281	92,101	3,730
Young Persons Transport	30,000	(2,744)	0	0	27,256	7,605	19,651	27,256	0
	213,212	210,668	20,664	(20,664)	423,880	111,513	220,514	332,027	91,853
Local Revenue Schemes	0	20,841	0	0	20,841	20,841	0	20,841	0
Other Revenue Budgets									
Neighbourhood Development Team	128,778	0	0	0	128,778	0	128,778	128,778	0
Money Advice Contract - CAB	47,550	0	0	0	47,550	0	47,550	47,550	0
Sandgate Pool	46,000	8,328	0	0	54,328	7,004	47,324	54,328	0
Sandgate Pool-Provision Transfer to Trust	0	50,000	0	0	50,000	50,000	0	50,000	0
	222,328	58,328	0	0	280,656	57,004	223,652	280,656	0
LOCAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITIES TOTAL	435,540	289,837	20,664	(20,664)	725,377	189,358	444,166	633,524	91,853

Appendix B

SOUTH LAKELAND LOCAL COMMITTEE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORKING GROUP

Minutes of a meeting of the South Lakeland Local Committee Children and Young People's Working Group held on Wednesday 11 December 2019 at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 1, County Offices, Kendal.

Present: Cllr. Shirley Evans (Chair), Cllr. Mark Wilson, Cllr. Geoff Cook,

Also in attendance:

Mike Conefrey	Public Health Locality Manager
Graham Bassett:	Targeted Youth Support Manager
Gill Holmes:	Community Development Officer

1. Apologies: Cllr Matt Brereton, Cllr James Airey, Cllr Sue Sanderson, Cllr Will Clark, Karen Johnson, Yvonne Rowlinson, Joanne Gawne, Paula Fearnley

2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting of the Working Group held on 16 October 2019 were presented to Local Committee on 28 November 2019 and confirmed as a correct record.

Gill Holmes had contacted Outside In with a view to some Members visiting the site in the New Year. Date to be arranged.

ACTION: GH to contact Outside In to arrange a date for the visit

3 Budget Update & Performance Monitoring Report

Several evaluation reports for completed projects had been circulated to the group. Brathay Trust have confirmed that they would like to attend a future meeting to update Members on progress being made on the Emotional Resilience project.

Gill reported that £10000 had been vired over from General Provisions.

4. A2B Now Report

It was noted that card holder numbers are rising slowly but unfortunately not the journey numbers with still no patronage on small operator services. The addition of the poster in numerous bus shelters seemed to have worked well in raising the profile of the A2B scheme. Geoff Cook will inform us when timetables are next being updated so that we can continue to promote A2B in bus shelters. It was agreed that we will continue to publicise the scheme in various ways.

Costs for the year are projected at £26,841 which is well within the allocated £30,000.

5. CiCC Update and Children's Champion report

Some of the young people are attending a full council meeting in January 2020 to provide councillors with an update about the events and activities of the youth council.

They are having a Christmas Party for South Lakes CiCC on Monday 16th December at Sedbergh Drive which Cllr Shirley Evans will be attending.

The Countywide CiCC meeting was held in November and we will receive the report in due course.

The 'Make your Mark' ballot results were discussed and members were pleased to note the number of overall votes across Cumbria totalled 27,599. Nationally, Cumbria came 7th in the Top 20 areas based on votes. This is to be celebrated that our young people recognise the importance of having their voices heard.

6. Funding Request

Orchestras Live Funding of £2,000 is requested towards a project to work with children and young people aged 8 -18 from the South Lakeland area, including those with profound learning and physical disabilities and those living in isolated areas who can benefit through an inclusive, collaborative creative music, sound and literature project. 25 young composers from the County will be supported to collaborate with a professional orchestra, composer and sound artist to compose and present a multi-media new work at a public concert.

Recommendation: that £2,000 be allocated from the 0 -19 Universal Services budget for the Encountering Wordsworth project

7. Public Health Update

The update focused on issues of risk taking behaviour including alcohol and drug use. The working group was advised that collaboration with partner agencies, including the police and NHS, is on-going with the initial activity being to triangulate data to validate concerns raised. An update on this will be provided at the next working group.

8. Any Other Business

None

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, 19 February 2020 in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Kendal at 2pm

South Lakeland Local Committee - Monitoring Report to December 2020

ITEM	ELECTORAL DIVISION / TOWN	DATE AGREED	DESCRIPTION	OUTCOMES/ OUTPUTS	CURRENT STATUS/INFORMATION	COST/ BUDGET (£) TO LOCAL COMMITTEE	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/S
Priority: Promoting sustainable economic growth and creating jobs							
1	Kendal	18 th May 2016	Kendal Northern Access Route	<p>In support of the Local Plan refresh, identify options to deliver</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Strategic growth of the town ii) Reduce congestion iii) Improve resilience & accessibility to existing employment areas iv) Consider resilience of M6 corridor in Kendal area 	<p>£60K cost of study shared between Local Committee (£30K), SLDC (£20K) and Kendal Town Council (£10K).</p> <p>Consultants, Mott McDonald, commissioned and started August '16. Final consultant's report complete and can be found at:</p> <p>http://www.cumbria.gov.uk/planning-environment/infrastructureplanning/schemedevelopment.asp</p> <p>Consolidated vision bringing together & inspecting several recently commissioned studies for the area in readiness for outline business case. Co-funded study by CCC (£20k), SLDC (£20K) and Kendal Town Council (£10K).</p> <p>Study work has included high level appraisal work to compare broad</p>	<p>£30K Economic Initiatives and General Provisions (50/50)</p> <p>£20K Economic Initiatives towards consolidated vision</p>	<p>Karen Johnson Michael Barry Paul Marriott</p>

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					<p>corridors; a range of high level costs and benefits have been calculated. Liaison with the EA continues re. their infrastructure; and SLDC to affirm scale of future growth in Kendal.</p> <p>The Strategic Outline Business Case completed previously as part of the Kendal Strategic Transport Infrastructure Study is being updated to take account of recent study work.</p> <p>An application to the Dept for Transport (through TfN) has been submitted for funding to develop an Outline Business Case. Partners have provided letters of support. Awaiting decision.</p>		
2	Kendal	20 th March 2019	Co-ordination of multi-agency group (Kendal Futures) to influence economic growth in and around Kendal.	Improved economic growth for Kendal	<p>Contribution towards Co-ordinator's post to March 2019. Annual update to be provided.</p> <p>Next update due Feb '20 to SPWG</p>	£7,750 Economic Initiatives	Karen Johnson Paula Scott

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3	Kendal	November 2018	Business Improvement District April '19 to March '24	Businesses within Kendal BID reporting increased revenue and footfall	<p>On-going interest from Local Committee re. the development of the BID and its impact on the economic growth of the town.</p> <p>Vote for renewed BID for period 2019 to 2024 agreed 29/11/18</p> <p>Cllr Geoff Cook representing LC on new BID Board.</p> <p>Next update due April 2020 to SPWG</p>	£4,420 per annum (2019/20 to 2024/25) Economic Initiatives	Karen Johnson
4	Ulverston	28 th January 2015	Business Improvement District April '15 to March '20	Businesses within Ulverston BID reporting increased revenue and footfall	<p>On-going interest from Local Committee re. the development of the BID and its impact on the economic growth of the town.</p> <p>Representation from LC declined by BID board (May '18)</p> <p>Next update due August 2020 to SPWG</p>	£1,288 per annum (2015/16 to 2020/21) Economic Initiatives	Karen Johnson

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5	Ulverston	26 th September 2018	Ulverston Highways & Transportation Study	<p>Improved infrastructure and access, facilitating economic growth:</p> <p>i) A590 Economic Analysis re. the wider economic benefits of improving the A590 corridor.</p> <p>ii) Ulverston Transport Improvement Study to identify opps. to improve the A590, the local road network and sustainable travel in the town,</p> <p>iii) Ulverston Strategic Transport Study to identify the strategic issues facing the A590 and considering the role of major interventions.</p>	<p>Work with the LEP and HE to develop evidence to make a strong case for future Investment.</p> <p>Consultants commissioned by CCC in partnership with HE to identify a package of integrated transport interventions to address existing and future constraints on the A590 and the local highway network in the town.</p> <p>Local Committee will be engaged in the development of the study while a wider Ulverston stakeholder group including representatives of the County Council, District Council, Town Council and Highways England will be formed.</p> <p>The Study is to run from July '19 to the end of November '19.</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement re. the identified options for improvements started in Ulverston on 20/09/19</p>	£20K General Provisions	Karen Johnson Michael Barry

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6	Ulverston	28 th November 2019 (for noting)	Borderland Place Programme	Economic growth across the town through the development and delivery of Town Plan	Identified as part of Borderlands Place Programme. Economic case submitted January 2020 to the Borderlands Board for approval as part of wider programme submission to govt. Awaiting decision.		Karen Johnson
7	Grange	19 th November 2018	Flood Alleviation Scheme	Protect homes and businesses from future flooding	To carry out investigative work and interventions to prevent flooding to properties in Windermere Road. Civil works on site to provide access to the top of the well. Access for assessment of blocking culvert taking water towards houses. Consultants sought for solutions to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NFM retaining wall and new culvert from top field into bottom field 2. Alterations to culvert flows from well to carpark 3. Design of additional storage and pumping from the carpark on Windermere road to Ornamental pond 	£20K General Provisions	Doug Coyle
8	Windermere, High Furness,	4 th June 2019	Windermere Ferry Advisory Group	CCC a strong partner to support economic	Terms of Reference approved by Local Committee. Inaugural meeting		Karen Johnson Karl Melville

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	Lakes			growth; ferry a catalyst for further growth in the area	of partnership group took place 16/07/19. Twice yearly meetings, next 9/3/2020		

Priority: Improving Health and Well-being and Tackling Poverty

9	South Lakeland	20 th March 2019	Money Management Advice & Support	The key outcomes of the contract are: i) support for individuals in debt to an extent where their home or liberty are at risk or those whose debts are seriously affecting the health and wellbeing of the individual/family ii) Preventative activity that raises awareness of how to avoid debt, educate people about effective budgeting	Delivered through Citizens Advice Bureau. Annual updates on progress to LC Next update due Feb 2020 to SPWG	£47,500 Money Advice Contract	Karen Johnson
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				and money management; and support people to maximise their income			
10	South Lakeland	24 th March 2014	Eden & South Lakeland Credit Union	South Lakeland residents able to access affordable credit and savings	<p>South Lakeland and Eden Credit Unions merged with the aim to create a stronger offer with greater sustainability.</p> <p>Further opportunities for outreach in other parts of SL to be developed as the offer in SL strengthens.</p> <p>Last update: Feb 2019</p>		Karen Johnson
11	South Lakeland	April 2016	Sandgate Hydrotherapy Pool	Improve the health and mobility of people with disabilities and enable them to self-manage their conditions	<p>Trustees and Active Cumbria manager working together to consider continual improvement and future sustainability of the pool.</p> <p>Working with CCG to develop a commissioned approach to funding the pool rather than grant based.</p> <p>Seeking to be independently sustainable by 2020/21</p> <p>Next update due April 2020</p>	£46K Sandgate Pool Budget	K Johnson Richard Johnston

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12	Kendal South, Kendal Castle, Kendal Highgate, Ulverston East, High Furness	20 th March 2019 May 2019	School Crossing Patrols	Parents and schools supported to get their children to school safely	Contract with Orian for actual kerbside hours delivered and recruitment. 8 crossing patrols currently in operation (51 hours, 15 mins per week) of which 4 are presently vacant. LC review of contract in May 2019 and agreement to assess all 8 crossing sites (SPWG). Results to be shared Feb 2020	£19,796 SCP Budget for kerbside hours only £4,000 SCP Budget	Karen Johnson
13	Kendal, Lower Kentdale, Kent Estuary	4 th June 2019	Kendal to Milnthorpe Cycle Route Feasibility Study	Improved health and well-being; safer and linked cycle routes; contribution to reduced carbon emissions	Feasibility study to commence across a defined route to identify improvements to ensure safety and link up with existing routes. Aim for results to attract national funding. Results due February 2020	£10,000 Economic Initiatives	Karen Johnson
14	Windermere	4 th June 2019	CAT of Ellerthwaite House through long lease	Local people are supported and the local economy capitalises on national/international visitors	Exhibition, museum and learning centre to be co-located with library in Ellerthwaite House. Paradise Trust to secure long lease on building, secure national funding and upgrade	£10,000 Property	Karen Johnson

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					<p>the building to realise this ambition.</p> <p>Cabinet decision taken Dec '19 to enter into a long lease with the Paradise Trust.</p> <p>CCC to continue to work with Trust to deliver a strong community hub and a worldclass learning centre.</p>		
15	Staveley	19 th January 2019 (for noting)	Staveley Area Planning	<p>Whole village approach to create a sustainable and vibrant community offer which meets the current and future housing, care and safety needs of individuals and families</p> <p>Infrastructure in place which effectively enables economic growth</p>	<p>Areas of focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and reshaping of care services • Support greater independent living • Explore creating homes for life, ECH and/or affordable housing • Fire Service trial of Rapid Response Vehicles (RRV) • Ensure the streetscape and highways elements support the village to function effectively and further develop its unique commercial offer • Improve accessibility into the village via rail <p>Community engagement during 2019 - ongoing</p>		<p>Karen Johnson Pam Duke Nathaniel Hooton Dawn McGough</p>

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					<p>Cumbria Care Consultation re. Reshaping Care Services completed 1/11/19 on proposed closure of The Abbey Residential Care Home and options for the future. Cabinet decision January 2020.</p> <p>Successful RRV trial complete and to become permanent part of Fire Service operations</p> <p>Application submitted to Access for All Fund 'To consider the feasible options and provide an alternative accessible route to Staveley Station Platform enabling rail to become a viable travel options for residents and visitors who cannot access the station currently due to the existing challenging 41 steep steps.' Decision expected Spring 2020.</p>		