

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN
Meeting date: 31 October 2018
From: Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services

AREA MANAGER'S REPORT - EDEN

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *The Area Manager's report brings together information from across the Community teams including Community Development and Services, Public Health and Waste Prevention. This report provides Local Committee with an update on the work of each area, identified activity against priorities, highlights current issues and provides an overview of the budget position.*

2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

2.1 *Improved locality working is one of the ways the Council is delivering on its priorities. The County Council vision, included in the Council Plan, sets out that it will be '... an effective and efficient organisation that delivers the best possible services for the people of Cumbria within its available resources, protects the most vulnerable, and works with others in the community to shape services and help find solutions for the future.' The approach and work of the Local Committee directly contributes to achieving this vision.*

2.2 *The Eden Area Plan sets out the three targeted priorities for the area, which are access to services, developing strong and resilient communities, and supporting a better quality of jobs in the area; and details how the Council is delivering its services in support of them.*

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

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 *Note the budget allocations for 2018-19 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to date.*

- 3.2** *Note the provisional unallocated resources in the 2018/19 Communities Revenue Budget of £64,478 as at 30 September 2018.*
- 3.3** *Members agree to allocate £10,000 from the 0-19 budget to deliver a project supporting better mental health in young people as described in paragraphs 4.18 and 4.19.*
- 3.4** *Members note the area working update highlighted in paragraphs 4.6 – 4.33.*

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1** The Eden Local Committee Communities Budget allocation is based upon the 2018/19 Budget agreed by Council on 15 February 2018. The Local Committee is able to vire funding between budget lines during the course of the financial year, subject to any restrictions set by Cabinet and/or Council regulating the use of such funds. The Committee is not able to vire money from capital budgets to revenue budgets.
- 4.2** The provisional figures carried forward from the out-turn budget for 2017/18 have been included. The roll-forward amount of £69,952 from 2017/18 is for earmarked projects.
- 4.3** The report updates Members on the Local Committee's Communities Budgets for the 2018-19 financial year which are summarised in Appendix A of the report.
- 4.4** Of the total Communities Revenue Budget allocated to the Local Committee, £108,723 was allocated as discretionary revenue budget.
- 4.5** Appendix B through to Appendix H provide detail against individual budget lines, including original allocation, brought forward balances, commitments and expenditure to 30 September.

Area working in Eden

- 4.6** Following last month's local committee which was held at Alston Town Hall Members enjoyed a social enterprise safari where they were offered a useful introduction to social enterprise and were able to see, first hand, how it was benefitting the town and surrounding areas.
- 4.7** Members were given a tour of Nenthead community shop and the developments around the project involving the chapel which is currently being renovated. The tour also included the Alston community gym (featuring the town's new electric vehicle charging points) and the South Tynedale Railway.
- 4.8** Members received an overview of the engagement activity around Eden District Council's Masterplan for Penrith and were given the opportunity to put forward their views to the County Council's infrastructure planning team. Members were advised to also put forward their own representations to the engagement in addition to this if they wished to.

- 4.9 Discussions with the Alston Moor Partnership and the local Member around proposals for the Alston Primary School site have continued with various options for the town being considered. The team are also working with the Alston Moor Community Transport group around the community wheels bus in Alston
- 4.10 Community development officers and highways colleagues are working with Lazonby Parish Council and the local Member to set up a local steering group to address traffic issues within the village.
- 4.11 Cumbria County Council, Eden District Council, Appleby Town Council, The Environment Agency, Eden Rivers Trust, Natural England and other appropriate stakeholders have formed a working group to address the issue of a damaged weir at Bongate in the town. The group are currently overseeing the assessment of options for repair, full or partial removal and looking to develop a programme of work for implementation.
- 4.12 The rural issues working group met on 24 September. The group received an update from the council's lead officer for economic programmes around the Cumbria LEP priorities and also funded projects relevant to Eden. There was a good discussion about how the group might further engage with the LEP around Eden priorities and a number of local projects were highlighted of interest for further engagement and potential support.
- 4.13 The group received an update on work to further understand issues faced by community transport in Eden and proposals to promote the available opportunities. Social Enterprise was discussed following the Alston safari and an action was taken for officers to seek more insight into areas of strength and possible development within the district. The group also put forward an ask of other local Members to come forward with suggested issues for local parishes that could be considered as the group looks to develop a programme of works to support its priorities.
- 4.14 The Penrith Members working group met on 26 September. The session was attended by Alan Houghton, Eden District Council's economic development officer, who presented information on the recent benchmarking activity undertaken on the town. Discussions around the vitality of the town centre led to the an agreement to initiate a joint meeting of the group alongside representatives from the district and town councils to begin to scope a Vitality Plan for Penrith alongside residents, the public and private sector.
- 4.15 Members received an update on the Penrith Parking and Movement Study which is currently out for tender. Bids will be assessed before the next meeting of the group and it was agreed that the lead technical officer would attend to provide an update.
- 4.16 The children and young people working group met on 9 October. The session was attended by Annette Noble who represented the Cumbria Fostering Network who talked to members about her first hand experiences as a foster carer in Eden and contributed to a wider discussion about how the group might support the network.

- 4.17 Cath Clarke also attended the meeting and gave the group an insight into the work of Cumbria Youth Alliance (CYA) in Eden. A discussion took place around CYA's youth provision mapping work previously undertaken on behalf of the Committee and current engagement with the sector. The group considered how the committee could improve collaboration in this area through granting communications.
- 4.18 The group also had a discussion around a project proposal for the application of funds to be used addressing key priorities. The project that the group recommends to Committee is one focusing on improving mental health within young people in Eden.
- 4.19 The project, which will be delivered alongside Carlisle Eden Mind, will offer Young People's Mental Health First Aid training to a limited number of sixth form students in Eden alongside campaign work encouraging a "Random Act of Kindness" during Mental Health Awareness Week in February next year. There is more information on this proposal contained within Appendix I.
- 4.20 The community development team also recently provided support at the highways and infrastructure team health, safety and wellbeing day providing health and wellbeing information, facilitating workshops and supporting the delivery of the day generally

Health and wellbeing

- 4.21 Suicide Alertness training sessions are being held throughout the district during autumn including Penrith, Appleby, Kirkby Stephen and Alston. The sessions are extremely popular with more being added. A version of this training session will be offered to members following the Area Planning workshop around Health and Wellbeing planned for November.
- 4.22 Suicide Safer Eden's annual meeting was held on Thursday 18 October at 7pm at Penrith Rugby Club. A key aim of the group is to recruit champions across towns and villages in Eden. A representative of Suicide Safer Eden will be attending the workshop in November to share progress.
- 4.23 Eden Social Care team are moving across to the Hub from the middle of October to work alongside health colleagues. A visit to the Hub for Members is being arranged.
- 4.24 Plans for social prescribing are moving forward in Eden. Living well coaches are being recruited by Cumbria Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to work in every GP surgery across the district. Ashley Liston, Lead GP in Eden, will be attending the November workshop to share progress.

Community services and libraries

- 4.25 Over 600 children from across Eden took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge which focused on the Mischief Makers of the Beano. The challenge took place in 5 of our libraries and featured 25 individual events. Throughout the time we engaged with 13 volunteers to help deliver the project.

- 4.26 Arragon's returned to Penrith Library last month to deliver a cycling maintenance workshop to encourage people to get active alongside the Tour of Britain coming through Cumbria.
- 4.27 There was a talk in Penrith Library on the history of the Border Regiment from Stuart Eastwood who is a museum assistant at the Cumbria Military Museum.
- 4.28 Monday 8 October saw the launch of this year's Libraries Week and, in keeping with Committee priorities; the theme was promoting health and wellbeing. Activities included a talk by retired GP on stress management techniques, hand massage sessions and activities designed to promote the libraries many health and wellbeing information resources. There was also a display on the 1918 flu pandemic and how it affected Cumberland. There were resources such as maps, parish records and newspapers on film and the local history librarian was available to chat.

Waste prevention and resource maximisation

- 4.29 There was a social media communications campaign promoting composting and food waste digesters over the summer. This was also supported by print advertising for composters in the Adult Education mag which is posted through the door of every household in Cumbria.
- 4.30 Sales for compost bins countywide more than doubled total sales for the year so far with 482 sold in August and September. In Eden this equated to 59 sales over those two months.
- 4.31 There was a well-attended Freegle give and take day at Newbiggin Village Hall. This was the first event of its kind in Newbiggin so the turnout was encouraging. The group are already planning to return for an event in the run up to Christmas.
- 4.32 Eden is also embracing the repair café culture more than anywhere else in the county. There are now regular repair cafes held in Kirkby Stephen, Penrith and Alston. The next one will take place in Kirkby Stephen on 17 November and will also double up as a give and take day.
- 4.33 Eden's waste prevention officer was at full council on 4 Sept promoting the single use "Plastic Clever" reduction pledges to Members. The team have been working with Penrith Action for Community Transition who are coordinating the pledges with our support and on behalf of other sustainability groups around the county.

5.0 OPTIONS

- 5.1 Members are asked to note the allocations of the Eden Local Committee Devolved Communities Budget and the locality working update contained within this paper.
- 5.2 Members may decide to support the recommendations outlined in this report, amend them and choose to commit different levels of funding for grant awards within their delegated budget, or not to accept them.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Following its meeting on 30th July, the Local Committee has unallocated resources of £9,570 in its 0-19 Services Budget.
- 6.2 The recommendation in this report is to allocate the £10,000 that was earmarked in March 2018 for 0-19 Strategic Development, so there are no financial implications for the Local Committee arising from this report.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 Recommendations 3.1, 3.2 and 3.4 are for members to note. There are, therefore, no direct legal implications.
- 7.2 In relation to recommendation 3.3, under part 2D paragraph 2.4 (o) of the Constitution, Local Committee has the function to:

“Allocate, in accordance with the guidance agreed by Cabinet (on 3 March 2011) funds from the 0-19 services budget in order to support positive activities, both targeted and mainstream, designed to improve outcomes for children and young people and reduce inequalities and, in doing so, ensure that projects should address at least one of the following criteria:

- (i). Providing access to play, recreational, leisure or outdoor activities.
- (ii). Providing access to care or educational activities.
- (iii). Providing access to safe and enjoyable places for children and young people to go.
- (iv). Providing access to holiday, weekend or out of school activities.
- (v). Enabling children and young people’s involvement and participation e.g. forum, youth council, engagement, empowerment, decision-making.
- (vi). Supporting children and young people to take part in volunteering or community action.”

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report provides the Local Committee with a comprehensive update on its communities budgets and related matters delegated to the committee.

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10 October 2018

APPENDICES

Appendix A-H

Local Committee Budgets

Appendix I

Briefing Note – C&YP Mental Health Awareness Week

Electoral Division(s): All in Eden

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?
If so, give details below.

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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
[including Local Committees]

No previous relevant decisions

CONSIDERATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

Not considered by Overview and Scrutiny

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers

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