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September 2021

**County Council Local Committee for Barrow – Friday 17 September 2021**

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# Barrow Local Committee

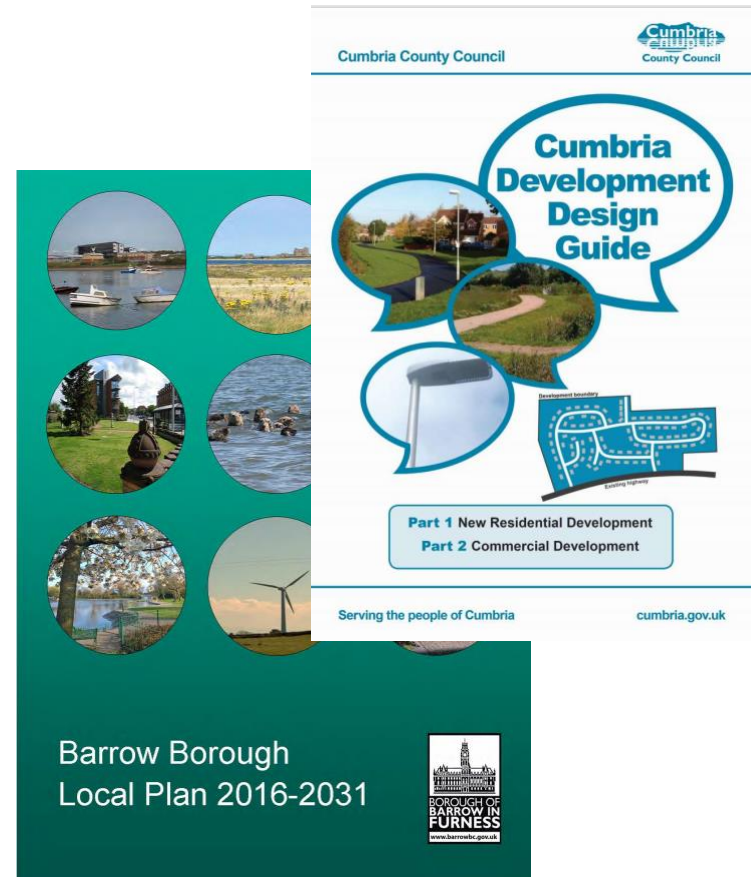
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# Development of Planning Performance Agreement (PPA)

# Planning in Cumbria

- Two tier local Government environment
  - District Councils - determine majority of applications
  - County Councils – determine minerals and waste / county proposals
- <sup>4</sup> County Council also important consultee even when not determining authority, e.g.
  - Highways and Transport;
  - Lead Local Flood Authority;
  - Education



# What is a PPA?

- Government encourages the use of planning performance agreements (PPAs) for large or complex planning proposals.
- These are voluntary agreements between us and the applicants which helps to:
  - bring together the developer, the Local Planning Authority and key stakeholders to work in partnership throughout the planning process
  - ensure complex proposals progress through the process to mutually-agreed timescales
  - ensure appropriate resources and expertise are provided to advise on complex proposals
  - provide greater opportunity for dialogue through the planning process and help deliver high-quality development
- They do not impact on the Council's decision making

# Examples

- County Council used on major projects across the county:
  - Sellafield
  - NUGEN
  - National Grid
  - West Cumbria Mining
  - West Cumbria Pipeline
  - DONG Energy



# Experience has shown

- They...
  - support the development of effective relationships
  - offer an enhanced framework to support the project management of complex proposals
  - provide greater resource to respond effectively to major proposals
  - reduce complexity of communication between the organisations and wider partners.
  - help to add value to development proposals and deliver stronger aligned outcomes



# Barrow Context





# Opportunity with PPA

- Benefits of PPA with BAE include:
  - BBC and CCC being resourced to respond fully to planning applications
  - Closer working relationship with BAE and opportunity to achieve better outcomes
  - 6 – Integration of new development with plans for Barrow town centre, economy and transport
  - Support achievement of shared solutions to challenges



# Structure and Principles

- BBC, CCC and BAE within single agreement
- Two decision making groups:
  - Strategic Group to provide strategic direction and leadership for PPA
  - Delivery Group to manage the PPA, approve work packages, be responsible for their delivery, provide technical input and share expertise
- Work packages likely to include:
  - Transport – support the development of transport evidence bases
  - Planning – looking at cross cutting land use planning matters
  - Applications – dealing with individual planning applications

# Next Steps

- To finalise the content of the PPA document
- To formally decide to enter into the PPA – a Key Decision for the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure
- The decision to enter into the PPA and the signing of the legal document is expected in November 2021

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# Any Questions?

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