

## COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR SOUTH LAKELAND

Minutes of a Meeting of the County Council Local Committee for South Lakeland held on Tuesday, 5 October 2021 at 10.00 am at Council Chamber, County Offices, Kendal

### PRESENT:

Mr N Cotton (Chair)

Mr B Berry  
Mr RK Bingham  
Mr J Bland  
Mr M Brereton  
Mr W Clark  
Mr SB Collins

Mr GD Cook  
Mrs S Evans  
Ms J Filmore  
Mrs S Sanderson  
Mr WJ Wearing  
Mr M Wilson

#### District Council

Mr J Brook  
Mr A Jarvis

#### Parish Councils

Mr L Hallatsch

#### Officers in Attendance:

Mr M Conefrey	-	Public Health Locality Manager
Mr P Hosking	-	Local Area Network Manager
Mrs K Johnson	-	Area Manager, South Lakeland
Mrs M Jones	-	Commissioning Manager, Learning Disability, Autism and Mental Health
Mrs H Karaaslan	-	Team Leader Traffic Management - South
Mr R Lewis	-	Traffic Manager - Highways Assets and Strategy
Mr M Messenger	-	Commercial Development Lead

### **PART 1 – ITEMS CONSIDERED IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

#### **17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs B Gray, Mr C Hogg, Mr P McSweeney, Mr P Thornton and Mrs J Willis.

#### **18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was no Public Participation at the meeting.

## **19 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED**, that, the press and public not be excluded from the meeting for any item of business.

## **20 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

Ms J Filmore declared that she undertook contractual work for the Birchall Trust therefore would not take part in any discussions relating to the Trust if it arose during the meeting.

## **21 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the meeting of the Local Committee held on 14 July 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

## **22 UPDATE ON THE WORK IN SOUTH LAKELAND TO SUPPORT THOSE WITH AUTISM**

Members received a presentation on the National Autism Strategy from the Commissioning Manager, Learning Disability, Autism and Mental Health ('the officer'). The presentation covered the following:

- The National Strategy for Autistic People, Children and Young People 2021 to 2026
- 6 priority areas
- The strategy outlines the Government's plans to improve services and support
- Financial commitment
- The Strategy includes children
- Every local council needs to implement the autism strategy

During the presentation, the officer thanked Mr M Wilson for his role as Member Autism Champion for South Lakeland Local Committee.

After the officer confirmed to a member that the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) supported children and young people with Autism, the member welcomed this and commented on his experiences over the years working with young people with Autism in educational settings. The officer talked about the minimal support available immediately after diagnosis but this was being addressed in work by the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System. Members were informed about the charity Triple A – All About Autism and its 'Navigator' project.

Members were informed that the County Council was leading the way as an employer of adults with Autism. The County Council had developed a Neurodiversity Policy in order that adults with Autism could be supported in the workplace.

A member highlighted that early diagnosis in children was vital, adding that a member of his family had received this but support ceased once a person reached adulthood. He asked about the support available to adults. The officer acknowledged this, but noted that work was underway with partner organisations to provide a transitional offer. Work was also taking place following a recent Ofsted Inspection in relation to preparing young people with Autism for adulthood.

A member talked about her role as a School Governor at Sandside Lodge in Ulverston and the work in progress relating to Autism. She advised on how the Education budget was challenged by the High Needs Block and how the budget continued to be massively overspent due to the rapidly expanding number children on the Autism spectrum needing support, in a range of educational settings. It was highlighted that many local authorities were in the same position. The member urged the Committee to ask for financial support for Special Educational Needs at any opportunity.

It was noted by the officer that although £75m had been allocated nationally for the first year of the Autism Strategy, this would not be enough to fully support the improvements required to support people with Autism.

The Committee's Autism Champion thanked the officer and team for the work in supporting Autism in the county and gave his support to the Autism Strategy. He explained about the role of the 'Team A' working group and gave his support to the work it was doing.

A member asked what gaps in Autism services had been identified by the Ofsted Inspection. These were listed by the officer and included diagnosis, waiting for diagnosis and CAMHS.

The Chair thanked the officer and expressed his hope that the £75m committed to the first year of the Autism Strategy would continue into future years.

**RESOLVED**, that, the position be noted.

## **23 LOCAL COMMITTEE REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Senior Democratic Services Officer presented a report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services regarding the revised Terms of Reference for Local Committees. The Terms of Reference were attached to the report, which members were asked to note.

The Chair proposed that the report be noted. This was agreed by assent of the Committee.

**RESOLVED**, that the Terms of Reference of the Local Committee be noted.

## **24 AREA WORKING - SOUTH LAKELAND**

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services regarding Area Working in South Lakeland. The report provided service information and offered recommendations to South Lakeland Local Committee for approval from the Strategic Planning Working Group meeting held on 16 August 2021 and the Children and Young People’s Working Group meeting held on 1 September 2021. The report also provided Local Committee with an update on activity against agreed priorities and provided an overview of the current budget position.

The Area Manager guided members through the recommendations in the report. She highlighted a number of themes in the Environment Fund/Contain Outbreak Management Fund (COMF) and stated they were discussed at the various Local Committee Working Groups. These Funds were responsive and reactive and were used to enhance community activity. The projects supported by the Funds were to get people socially active following the pandemic.

The Area Manager talked members through a number of grant awards. Attention was drawn to the award to Kendal Torchlight Carnival. The Carnival had recently taken place but it was stressed that this would not set a precedent for the future to allow funding of activities to take place before Committee had made a decision. This was merely a time critical COMF grant award which required some agility to support the communities to recover from the effects of the pandemic. Following a member question about whether residents had received all of the Carnival advertising material through the post, the Area Manager confirmed they did and explained what different events had taken place due to COVID and the need to keep people socially distanced, adding that it had been an innovative and successful project, which would likely be replicated in future years.

The Chair and a number of members thanked the Area Manager and the Community Team, for the work they were doing in processing the significant number of grant applications and awards from the Environment Fund and COMF.

Following a member query as to whether the list of Environment schemes could change, the Area Manager advised that this was possible and the progress against the schemes would be presented to members at each of their Strategic Planning Working Groups, which would include any re-profiling if necessary. It would then come to the following Local Committee for agreement.

Mr Wearing proposed and Mr Bland seconded that the recommendations, as set out in the report, be agreed.

Mrs Evans gave an update on the meeting of the Children and Young People’s Working Group. The Away Day for CLA and Care Leavers would be rearranged due to a COVID outbreak. Feedback had been received from the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF): some providers had been let down by children booking a place and then not attending the activities on the day/s. The SL Winter HAF programme was presently being put together and Members were asked that if they were a School Governor, to ask their schools to encourage children to attend.

A young person from the Lakes Youth Council had attained excellent exam results. Congratulations were extended to her from the Local Committee. All members were reminded that they were very welcome to attend all of the Children and Young People's Working Group meetings and to attend the next one if possible.

A member encouraged all members to respond to the County Council's draft Bus Service Improvement Plan. He added that the young people's bus travel card available in South Lakeland should be widely recognised and rolled out across Cumbria.

A member congratulated the work of the Children and Young People's Working Group and welcomed the emphasis on and positive work undertaken supporting young people who had or were about to leave care. The member thanked everyone involved in this work.

In reference to the COMF grant award to the Bowness and Windermere Community Care Trust, a member asked if the grant had been spent and if the Town Council could be advised on how it had been used. The Area Manager advised that this would be followed up, that the Town Council could be linked in with the group and members would be informed of the response.

The Area Manager gave details of a number of projects contained within the Monitoring Report which were progressing well. This included the work taking place with key partners to progress the Kendal Northern Access Route as funding had now been received from Government to complete a Strategic Outline Business Case.

A Kendal Town Team had been drawn together to support SLDC with the development of a Levelling Up Fund bid, which would be ready by December 2021. The Kendal LCWIP was progressing well. It would be going out for consultation again in October 2021 and would focus on the detail within the draft plan. The Ulverston LCWIP would also commence development. The first working group would be convened in mid-October 2021 to kick-start the process. The Community Team were also working on a wide variety of projects in addition to those on the monitoring report.

A member highlighted that there had been no communication to the Local Committee or the Area Manager from Affinity Credit Union on the new arrangements with Pennine Credit Union. The member was unhappy that previous credit unions for the area had received significant funding to get them off the ground but they had not communicated the future plans in Cumbria to past funders and key stakeholders.

An observer on the Committee asked for further details on the social lunch at Bowness and Windermere. The Area Manager undertook to provide the details after the meeting

The Chair commented positively on the varied projects being carried out across the whole of South Lakeland.

The recommendations as set out in the report were agreed by assent of the Committee.

**RESOLVED,** that

- (1) members note the budget update for 2021-22 including the commitments and expenditure to date (Appendix A of the report);
- (2) members note the work of the Strategic Planning Working Group as set out in the minutes at Appendix B of the report;
- (3) members agree the current list of Environmental Fund and Contain Outbreak Management Fund schemes as outlined in Appendix C of the report;
- (4) members agree an amount of £19,275 to the Grange Community Food Share Group towards a permanent operational base due to a continuous rise in community demand from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund - Harnessing Capacity (Appendix D of the report);
- (5) members agree an amount of £6,236 to the Lower Holker Village Hall to increase community capacity by returning the hall into use and to a covid-secure standard from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund – Harnessing Capacity (Appendix E of the report);
- (6) members agree an amount of £9,000 to the Kendal Torchlight Carnival to enable the adaptation of traditional activities to a managed outdoor approach in a covid-secure way from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund – Harnessing Capacity (Appendix F of the report);
- (7) members agree an amount of £8,227 to Kendal Manna House to support vulnerable members of the community to re-engage, provide outreach support and covid-secure face-to-face services from the Contain Outbreak Management Fund – Harnessing Capacity (Appendix G of the report);
- (8) members note the work of the Children and Young People’s Working Group as set out in the minutes at Appendix H of the report;
- (9) an update to be provided to members on the grant award to Windermere and Bowness Town Council;

- (10) an update to be provided to members on the social lunch at Bowness and Windermere.

## **25 2021/22 HIGHWAYS DEVOLVED REVENUE AND CAPITAL UPDATE REPORT**

A report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure was considered which gave an update on the 2021/22 Highways Devolved Revenue and Capital budgets. The report presented the Highways Devolved Revenue and Devolved Capital and Non-Devolved Capital Budget finance reports and updated members as to current progress on the budget lines which were detailed in the appendices attached to the report.

The Local Area Network Manager South Lakeland presented the report. He added that regrettably, the overhead costs relating to technical and operational staff and operational plant were not included in the report. Currently, it was quite difficult to present an accurate report to members, however there was an understanding what the overheads were likely to be. The estimated amount of overspend in the revenue Budget and underspend in the Capital budget were reported. Members were informed that some schemes would be brought forward to this year to ensure that devolved money was spent and this would happen once the overhead costs were clarified.

Discussion took place on the forecast increased spend within the Bridges and Structures budget. The Chair stated that bridges got damaged but no one admitted it or reported it. He stated that in the past it had been raised that CCTV could be used to identify who had damaged the bridge so they could pay repair costs. The Local Area Network Manager South Lakeland undertook to raise this with the Bridges and Structures Manager. Mr Collins would raise this issue at the Highways Continuous Improvement Board. He stated that heavy vehicles also caused damage to bridges and this issue was replicated around the country. The Chair stated that it would be useful to review best practice in other authorities for this issue. A number of members concurred that issue should be addressed.

Members were asked to contact the Bridges and Structures Manager or the Local Area Network Manager South Lakeland if they had queries about bridges or structures in their division.

The Chair proposed that the report be noted. This was agreed by assent of the Committee.

**RESOLVED,** that

- (1) Local Committee notes the revenue and capital budget allocations for 2021/22 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to the end of August 2021 and shown in Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report;

- (2) the Local Area Network Manager South Lakeland liaise with the Bridges and Structures Manager to ascertain the feasibility of the use of CCTV near Bridges and Structures.

## **26 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION WORKING GROUP MEETING 1 SEPTEMBER 2021**

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the Highways and Transportation Working Group meeting held on 1 September 2021. The report provided the notes of the meeting of the Highways and Transportation Working Group and included recommendations for consideration by the Local Committee.

The Chair of the Highways and Transportation Working Group presented the report which outlined the business of the meeting. He welcomed that members were now receiving Flood and Development Management reports. He asked members to let the Flood and Development Management Team know if they knew of work that Developers should be doing as part of the development rather than the County Council having to undertake the work at a later date at its own cost. The requirements needed to be included in the agreement with the developers prior to work commencing and not as an afterthought.

Local Member Mr Berry referred to the Windermere Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). He was happy with the TRO. He commented on how long it had taken to resolve the issues with parking in the area and how hard it had been to understand the parking requirements of some of the community. He considered that the TRO would go some way to resolve some of the parking issues and asked members to support the TRO. An observer on the Committee reported on how the local community were not totally supportive of the TRO and that parking signs had been removed. The Chair commented on the robustness of the consultation process and the ability for the public to respond to proposals. The Traffic Management Team Leader - South Lakeland gave feedback on the comments received to the public consultation.

Mr Wearing gave a report on recent flooding at Windermere Road at Grange-over-Sands. He explained how he, along with local residents and the Environment Agency had closed the flooded road due to an inadequate response from the Highways service. Signs had not been available and a pump had only been delivered to the location late in the day. He explained his actions in trying to obtain help from officers and the Highways Hotline with the flooding. He considered that the County Council's response was inadequate and he was disappointed that only he and the Environment Agency were protecting his residents. The Chair asked that the Local Area Network Manager South Lakeland investigate the lack of support to Mr Wearing during the flooding incident and provide him with a response.

The Chair considered that a protocol should be in place for flooding incidents and that the local community should have access to signs to close roads in order to stop damage occurring from flood water if motorists drove through it. The Local Area Network Manager South Lakeland detailed the Highways Service's command and

control protocols in place, for example to alert the emergency services, when roads were closed.

A member drew the Committee's attention to safety issues on the A590 from Haverthwaite to Backbarrow which were negatively impacting on local residents. She talked about how residents planned their days around their ability to access the A590 and how the 70mph speed limit impacted on the ability for residents to cross the road. The member referred to the minutes of the CRASH Group and asked where the A590 safety issues could be raised. She raised that it was difficult to obtain information about works and diversion routes at the location. She also considered that it was difficult to raise safety issues on the roads in the south of the county. The Local Area Network Manager South Lakeland talked about the agreed strategic diversion routes when there was an incident on the A590 and their suitability for motorists. He advised on the discussions with National Highways to ensure that diversion routes were identified. He recommended that the National Highways website would give real time information on routes.

In referring to how dangerous the A590 was, a member advised of the discussions he had had with National Highways on the matter and highlighted that the only real solution was a large investment of money to improve the road. Another member stated that the Local Committee should take the lead with National Highways in pursuing improvements to the A590 by obtaining regular updates on the road and making the case for residents and local businesses that the road be improved. A number of members concurred with these views.

The use of social media to convey messages about traffic collisions and road works to residents was suggested by a member. Both the Local Area Network Manager South Lakeland and the Traffic Management Team Leader - South Lakeland commented on how social media and signage on the roads for planned works were used to convey highways messages to the public. Both officers would liaise to ascertain how information could be better disseminated about National Highways' road closures.

The Chair of the Highways and Transportation Working Group explained the work he and a number of members of the Committee were undertaking with the IT team supporting HIAMS, which related to member accounts. The IT team were working to ensure a responsive system for members and the public. A member asked if notifications could be sent out to members if there was an issue, similar to the type sent out by the Environment Agency.

The Chair of the Highways and Transportation Working Group proposed that the recommendations, as set out in the report be agreed. These were agreed by assent of the Committee.

**RESOLVED**, that

- (1) Local Committee approves the bringing into operation of *The County of Cumbria (Various Roads, South Lakeland Area)(Consolidation of Traffic Regulations) (Order 2002)*

(Various Roads, Windermere) Variation Order 20>< (“the Order”) in its entirety, having taken into account the objections and representations which were received, and having also taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to at paragraph 7.2 of the Report (attached as appendices 2 – 6 of the report);

- (2) Local Committee notes the details provided in Appendix 1, 2 and 3 of the report from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure (attached as Appendix 7 of the report) which gave a 2021/22 Flood and Development Management Update and that the Local Committee notes that there are no additional comments in the Appendices to bring to the attention of Local Members. Any significant comments, changes and/or amendments will be highlighted in subsequent and future reports to the Highway and Transportation Working Group;
- (3) the Local Area Network Manager South Lakes investigates the lack of support to Mr Wearing regarding the flooding incident at Windermere Road at Grange-over-Sands and provide him with a response;
- (4) the Local Area Network Manager South Lakeland and the Traffic Management Team Leader - South Lakeland liaise to ascertain how information could be better disseminated about National Highways’ road closures.

## **27 NORTH LONSDALE ROAD, ULVERSTON TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 20><**

The Traffic Management Team Leader - South Lakeland advised that there was an error in the report and recommended that the report be considered at the next meeting of the Committee to be held on 25 November 2021.

The Chair proposed that the report be deferred to the next meeting of the Committee. This was agreed by assent of the Committee.

**RESOLVED**, that, the North Lonsdale Road, Ulverston Traffic Regulation Order 20>< be determined at the South Lakeland Local Committee meeting to be held on 25 November 2021.

## **28 SCHOOL STREETS INTIATIVE - SIR JOHN BARROW SCHOOL PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER**

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the School Streets Initiative - Sir John Barrow School Proposed Experimental Traffic Regulation Order. The report informed South Lakeland Local

Committee of the responses to the Statutory Consultation undertaken for the proposal to introduce a School Street in Ulverston, at Sir John Barrow School, under an Experimental Order.

The Traffic Management Team Leader - South Lakeland presented the report and talked members through the responses received to the Statutory Consultation. Members were provided with a synopsis of the responses and the number of responses received.

The Chair expressed how the Committee was keen to support safety measures at schools and always encouraged walking and cycling to school.

The Local Member, Mr Wilson thanked the traffic team for their work and the school who had responded quickly to the proposal. He commented that the Order would help reduce traffic levels outside of the school and fit well with the Council's objectives for safeguarding and health and wellbeing.

A member highlighted that this type of initiative would only work in urban settings as rural schools did not have many alternative routes. However, it was raised by another member that rural schools still had issues with traffic and parking so extracting elements of the initiative could benefit rural schools. The Chair asked that the Committee be advised if there were any issues relating to the initiative.

The Chair proposed that the recommendation, as set out in the report be agreed. This was agreed by assent of the Committee.

**RESOLVED,** that, the Local Committee, having taken into consideration the matters contained in Section 122(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which are more specifically referred to a paragraph 7.2 of the Report, approve the introduction of an Experimental School Street Order, outside Sir John Barrow School, on Argyle Street, Ulverston, for a period of 30 minutes at either end of the school day, with permitted exemptions, as shown on the plan attached as Appendix 1 of the report.

## **29 DIVISIONAL HIGHWAY PRIORITY WORKS 2020 / 2021**

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding Divisional Highway Priority Works 2020 / 2021. The report updated the Local Committee of the Divisional Highway Priority Works schemes to be funded via the devolved 2021 /2022 highway capital budget for South Lakeland and asked members to approve Appendix 1 of the report as the scheme of works for 2021 / 2022.

The Traffic Management Team Leader - South Lakeland presented the report and an update was given on some schemes within the Programme. Members were requested to agree the amendments to the Programme, as set out in the report.

The Chair proposed that the recommendations, as set out in the report be agreed. These were agreed by assent of the Committee.

**RESOLVED,** that

- (1) Local Committee approves the current Divisional Highway Priorities Works Programme 2021 / 2022 (“the Programme”) set out in Appendix 1 of the report;
- (2) Local Committee agrees that the following scheme which includes Traffic Regulation Orders is approved to be progressed to statutory consultation and advertising in due course: Sedbergh & Kirkby Lonsdale – Parking restrictions A65;
- (3) Local Committee notes that allocations have been made for the Kendal Nether and Windermere Divisions;
- (4) Local Committee notes that reallocations/amendments have been made to Kendal Strickland and Fell, Lakes, Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale and Ulverston West divisions.

### **30 COUNTY HALL CAR PARK - INTRODUCTION OF ELECTRIC CHARGING FACILITIES**

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the County Hall Car Park - Introduction of Electric Charging Facilities. The report recommended to the Local Committee to amend The County of Cumbria (County Hall, Kendal) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2020 to provide for the installation of electric charge points in Area 4. It also recommended that the South Lakeland Local Committee agree to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of the amendments to the Order and subject to no objections, authorise the bringing into force of the Order. Any objections to the Order would be brought to a future Local Committee meeting to resolve the issues.

The Traffic Manager - Highways Assets and Strategy presented the report, detailing the proposed amendment to the Order. He highlighted that the change was proposed in order to support the Council’s ‘carbon neutral county’ objective and the use of electric vehicles was increasing therefore more charging points were required. The location and number of charging points across County Council owned sites was reported. It was noted that this was a small change to the Order.

A member asked if a person could use the EVCP space to charge their car and also take advantage of free parking if it only took a short time to charge the car. It was confirmed by the Traffic Manager - Highways Assets and Strategy that the maximum time allowed to park in a charging bay was three hours in total.

A member queried whether the proposed EVCP charge of 30p per kWh was inclusive or exclusive of the reported electricity cost of 12.3p per kWh . He also

raised that electric vehicle owners may be affluent (due to the cost of purchasing the vehicle in the first instance) and this could result in more affluent people taking advantage of free parking should their vehicle not need to be charged for the three full hours. He stated that users of EVCPs should have to pay to park and pay to charge their car. Another member thought that it should be made clear that people should not park in an EVCP space unless they were charging their vehicle and that there be an enforcement scheme in place for this. It was suggested by the Chair that parking enforcement officers could monitor this.

The Commercial Development Lead explained that the proposed EVCP charge of 30p per kWh was inclusive of the cost of electricity cost at 12.3p per kWh. He highlighted that this was a capital enterprise project with a requirement to pay back capital from the revenue generated. He commented on the 30 EVCP spaces the Council was investing in across five sites, with the creation of additional future expansion capacity through the installation of new power supplies. He explained how the provision of EVCPs was supporting the cultural shift from petrol/diesel vehicles to electric vehicles and that the provision of the spaces would help to ensure that it was not onerous for people to charge their electric vehicles.

The Chair asked for the figures relating to the differential for parking and charging an electric car compared to just parking a petrol/diesel car. The Commercial Development Lead undertook to provide a written response on this.

A short discussion took place on how the number of EVCPs would increase in future. The Commercial Development Lead explained to members how EVCPs had a range of vehicle charging options (for example motorway services used more powerful devices which charged vehicles more quickly).

The Chair welcomed the points made by members and asked that the Local Committee be updated at a future meeting on the operation of the amended Order. A member asked for further information on what other local authorities were doing in relation to EVCPs. The Commercial Development Lead reassured members that best practice from other local authorities had been taken into consideration and that similar EVCPs were successful.

After raising his concerns that electric vehicle owners could park for free, a member asked for the County Council's position on electric charging points, in particular for those who charged their vehicles at home. He was concerned that trailing cables could cause a trip hazard on the street.

After being asked if the charges would be reviewed in future, the Commercial Development Lead advised that a review would be likely in six months' time but 30p per kWh for the cost of electricity used was a standard charge. It was reported that work was being undertaken with SLDC and other local authorities on the provision of EVCPs for the future as currently there was a lack of charging points. The number of charging points needed to be increased to support the influx of tourists who may have electric vehicles.

Following a member question on enforcement of the Order, the Traffic Manager - Highways Assets and Strategy advised members that to use an EVCP, the vehicle must be electric and must be charging for a maximum of three hours. A member queried if people could be charged more money to use the space if they were not charging their vehicle.

The Chair proposed that the recommendations, as set out in the report and an update be provided to the Local Committee at a future meeting on the operation of the amended Order, be agreed. These were agreed by assent of the Committee.

**RESOLVED,** that

- (1) Local Committee agrees to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of amendments to The County of Cumbria (County Hall, Kendal) (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2020 (“the Order”) for the introduction of electric charging points in Area 4, and for the inclusion of the existing staff electric charging points into the Order;
- (2) Local Committee agrees that in the event that no objections are received, the Order be brought into operation;
- (3) Local Committee agrees that any unresolved objections will be brought back to the Local Committee for consideration, otherwise the Order will be made and introduced;
- (4) the Commercial Development Lead provide a written response on the figures relating to the differential for parking and charging an electric car compared to just parking a petrol/diesel car;
- (5) the Committee be updated at a future meeting on the operation of the amended Order.

### **31 COUNTY HALL CAR PARK - INTRODUCTION OF ANNUAL PERMIT CHARGE**

A report was considered from the Executive Director – Economy and Infrastructure regarding the County Hall Car Park - Introduction of Annual Permit Charge. The report made recommendations to the Local Committee to amend The County of Cumbria (County Hall, Kendal) (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2020 to provide the introduction of an annual permit charge of £350 in Area 5, the main public parking area, as an alternative option to the current daily tariffs. It also recommended that South Lakeland Local Committee agree to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of the amendments to the Order and subject to no objections, authorise the bringing into force of the Order. Any objections to the Order would be brought to a future Local Committee meeting to resolve the issues.

The Traffic Manager - Highways Assets and Strategy presented the report and outlined the current position for paying for parking at County Hall. Members were informed about the arrangements in place at SLDC for parking in its car parks, with the costs and locations of its car parks detailed for the Committee. Current staff parking arrangements were reported and it was highlighted that demand for parking spaces may reduce following a 'New Ways of Working' initiative being introduced by the County Council, for all staff.

A member asked how many staff would be affected by parking permit changes, if the car park could be full of staff parking for free, how many staff members would get a parking permit and if the change to the existing staff parking permit to cover 7 days from 5 was for staff who worked on a 7 day rota.

The Traffic Manager - Highways Assets and Strategy advised on the number of staff permits available and who was entitled to them until 2022 when there would be review of staff parking permits. The number of staff who would be affected by the charges was not known.

A short discussion took place on the parking arrangements for the disabled and Blue Badge owners.

It was noted that a review of parking charges would be ongoing. This was welcomed by the Chair.

The Chair proposed that the recommendations, as set out in the report be agreed. This was seconded by Mr Wilson. These were agreed by assent of the Committee.

**RESOLVED,** that

- (1) Local Committee agrees to proceed to statutory consultation and advertisement of amendments to The County of Cumbria (County Hall, Kendal) (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2020 ("the Order") for the introduction of an annual permit charge of £350 in Area 5, as an alternative option to the current daily tariffs and that the operational days of existing staff permits which are currently valid for 5 days be changed so as to be valid for 7 days;
- (2) Local Committee agrees that in the event that no objections are received, the Order be brought into operation;
- (3) Local Committee agrees that any unresolved objections will be brought back to the Local Committee for consideration, otherwise the order will be made and introduced.

**32 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITY - UPDATE**

A report from the Executive Director – Corporate, Customer and Community Services was considered regarding an update on Community Development and Public Health Activity. The report drew attention to key Community Development and Public Health Activity undertaken by the South Lakeland Area Support Team and the Locality Public Health Manager.

The Locality Public Health Manager explained that due to the governance process, the report had been drafted three weeks ago so gave an update on a number of areas of activity. Members were informed that the number of daily average cases had increased from 54 to 70 cases. Rates were particularly increasing in 10-14 year olds. It was thought that Lateral Flow tests were being performed but not reported so numbers would be higher than reported. PCR testing had increased by 13% since the report was written. The number of case rates were reported and it was noted that there had been little progress made on the number of 1<sup>st</sup> vaccinations. Information was provided on Community Vaccine Training Programme and how it was supporting people who were anxious to have their vaccinations. School children were now being vaccinated. High infection rates made it likely that some would present with infection before they had developed immunity in response to vaccination. Members were reassured that the Community Team was working hard to support community vaccination.

In relation to 25 - 40 year old vaccination take up rates, a member asked how South Lakeland compared to other areas and what was being done to increase take up rates. The Locality Public Health Manager explained the complexity in identifying the reasons for vaccination take up rates but noted that South Lakeland was better than some areas in the country. He felt that some in this the age group were taking an active stance about not being vaccinated but hoped that people being trained to support the community with its vaccinations could have an influence on this age group.

A member asked for the Committee to be informed if there was a spike in the number of children not attending school due to COVID infections. He referred to a leaflet regarding mental health and wellbeing and asked that it be circulated in South Lakeland. Reference was made to people who had received both vaccinations but still had still caught COVID. The Locality Public Health Manager explained that vaccination reduced the rates of sickness and death in older people rather than stopping the transmission of COVID.

The high uptake of second dose vaccination in Eden was highlighted a member. It was queried whether South Lakeland could learn from best practice. The Locality Public Health Manager explained the work being undertaken by the NHS in vaccination roll out and that everything was being done to increase vaccination uptake numbers.

A member queried why young people did not want to be vaccinated. The Locality Public Health Manager outlined a number of reasons for slow uptake such as the message conveyed early in the pandemic, that COVID mainly affected older adults. A member thought that the spread of false information on social media and a lack of

knowledge about the effects of COVID could be stopping younger people being vaccinated.

It was highlighted by a member that people were dying from illnesses other than COVID and requested that excess death figures be included in future reports to the Committee. The Locality Public Health Manager advised that current excess death figures were lower than 2020 and would provide further detail for the next meeting.

The Chair proposed that the report be noted. This was agreed by assent of the Committee.

**RESOLVED**, that

- (1) the content of the report be noted;
- (2) excess death figures be included in future reports to the Committee

### **33 LOCAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND LEADERSHIP**

The minutes of the Local Committee Chairs and Leadership meeting held on 5 July 2021 were presented by the Vice Chair. He drew members' attention to the different funding streams which were available to Local Committees.

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the Local Committee Chairs and Leadership meeting held on 5 July 2021 be noted.

### **34 PARTNER ORGANISATIONS**

#### **a Outside Bodies**

Mr Wilson, as the Local Committee's Autism Champion, advised that given the population of Cumbria, most people would know someone with Autism so he welcomed that the County Council had expert officers working on improving the life chances for them.

Mr Wilson, as the Local Committee's Armed Forces Champion, advised that there was not lot of demand for armed forces support in South Lakeland but he would be working with SLDC on improving what was available for the armed forces.

#### **b Children's Champion**

As she had to leave the meeting, Mrs Evans undertook to provide a written report to members.

### **35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Committee would be held on 25 November 2021 at 10.00am.

The meeting ended at 1.00 pm