

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN

Meeting date: 15 January 2020

From: Executive Director – Corporate, Community and Customer Services

AREA PLANNING IN EDEN

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 *The Eden Area Planning Report brings together information from across the community teams including community development and services as well as public health. 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 Members note the budget allocations for 2019-20 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to date.**
- 3.2 Members note the provisional unallocated resources in the 2019/20 Revenue Discretionary Budgets of £88,835 as at 31 November 2019.**
- 3.3 Members note the area planning update contained within this report between paragraphs 4.6 and 4.30.**
- 3.4 Members agree to allocate £10,000 from the Eden 0-19 budget to fund the Phunky Foods pilot project as explained at point 4.23.**

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Eden Local Committee Communities Budget allocation is based upon the 2019/20 Budget agreed by Council on 14 February 2019. 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 figures carried forward from the out-turn budget for 2018/19 have been included. Of the roll-forward amount of £96,579 from 2018/19, a large proportion is for earmarked projects.
- 4.3 The report updates Members on the Local Committee's Communities Budgets for the 2019-20 financial year which are summarised in Appendix A of the report.
- 4.4 Of the total Communities Revenue Budget allocated to the Local Committee, £108,972 was allocated to discretionary revenue budgets.
- 4.5 Appendix B through to Appendix H provide detail against individual budget lines, including original allocation, brought forward balances, commitments and expenditure to 31 November 2019.

Area Planning in Eden

- 4.6 Members attended an area planning session with officers in November. The two item agenda featured a session led by Andy Auld, Chief Executive Officer for Citizen's Advice Carlisle and Eden (CACE) investigating the impacts of rolling out Universal Credit in Eden. The second part of the agenda featured a session on Eden's Adult Social Care structure and the ongoing collaborative efforts with the Eden Integrated Care Community (ICC) attended by Fiona Musgrave, Assistant Director – Integration and Partnerships and Gordon Barwick, Adult Social Care Team Manager, from the council as well as the Lead GP for the Eden ICC, Ashley Liston.

- 4.7 Conversations are being facilitated between the council's property colleagues and the Nenthead Play Area Association around the ownership of the land where the village playground is situated.
- 4.8 The community team is working with infrastructure and development control colleagues to organise an engagement session in the New Year to discuss the Alston Flood Report.
- 4.9 The Kirkby Stephen Bench Walk project will be led by the Women's Institute with support from the community team, Westmorland Dales Partnerships, Kirkby Stephen Community Arts, and Walkers are Welcome. A map of all benches in and around the town will form the basis of a number of accessible to all walking routes. An event in late spring organised by the group will be the launch pad for the project and will feature a range of inclusive activities for all. The project aims to support the dementia friendly community campaign in Kirkby Stephen, help to reduce isolation and loneliness, as well as encouraging more physical activity within the community.
- 4.10 The community team are supporting the Appleby Flood Risk Management Scheme. The public meeting held on 2 October featured a proposal to create a pumping station on Holme Street and improvements to Doomgate Culverts as preferred options. The scheme is planned for commencement on March 2020 with the Environment Agency having secured £1.5 million for scheme.
- 4.11 The community team and Action for Communities in Cumbria (ACT) attended a stakeholder meeting on 20 November to provide information and advice on community led emergency planning in the parish as part of the Pooley Bridge construction project engagement.
- 4.12 The community development officer has been working with local Members, highways colleagues and the South Lakeland community team on public engagement planning to help minimise the impact on businesses and local communities of the upcoming A592 Safer Roads Scheme works. A Parish Meeting has now been organised for January, Chairs and Councillors have been invited from: Barton, Dacre, Martindale, Matterdale and Patterdale Parish Councils. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the parishes of the scheme, proposed timescale, possible disruptions and identify groups, organisations and businesses who will need to be informed.
- 4.13 A range of local stakeholders were invited to take part in the first Penrith cycling and walking infrastructure workshop in December. The session, which was delivered by the council's community and infrastructure teams, allowed stakeholders to receive an update on the local cycling strategy as well as put forward their view on cycling and walking issues in town and possible future opportunities. The output of the session was an agreement to move forward with the development of a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.
- 4.14 The Penrith Member Working Group met on the 16 December with the main items on the agenda being the Penrith parking and movement study and the Penrith social innovation event.

- 4.15 The Penrith parking and movement study is now well underway with the consultant, WSP, reviewing the available parking, infrastructure and planning data. The initial behavioural information has been gathered via face to face and online survey work. The first stakeholder workshop session took place on 7 January and presented an opportunity to gather views from a range of key technical stakeholders.
- 4.16 Working in association with the Cumbrian Neighbourliness Network via Action for Communities in Cumbria (ACT) and Cumbria Council for Voluntary Service (CVS), the council will co-host an event in Penrith next month aimed at generating ideas to help reduce loneliness and social isolation in and around the town.
- 4.17 The event, which is planned to take place at the Methodist Church on 5 February, will be hosted by the Brathay Trust and will be “open space” in nature. This means there will be no fixed agenda and the event delegates will suggest the topics they wish to discuss at the beginning of the day with the intended outputs being new connections and possibly new projects supported by the right organisations in the most appropriate way.
- 4.18 The Penrith area planning group which currently comprises the county, district and town council alongside the Chamber of Trade and both town Business Improvement Districts (BIDs) met twice recently. The first meeting centred around pulling together plans and priorities for a themed collective plan highlighting opportunities and gaps. The second focused on developing one of those priorities – joint communications efforts around town events.
- 4.19 Following agreement with Members from both Eden Local Committee and Eden District Council to develop a business case for Penrith for the Borderlands Place Programme, work is now underway to develop the place template between the two authorities. As was stressed strongly in discussions with Members, key to this business case will be how developments in the town can ripple out to the rest of the district.
- 4.20 The Rural Issues Working Group met on Friday 22 November and reviewed activity against agreed priorities. The group discussed previous areas of focus: broadband, universal credit, transport, rural learning and skills, and housing. They used the second part of the meeting to discuss areas for the coming year, some topics identified were: rural health, devolution, highways maintenance, access to services, and planning.
- 4.21 The group heard progress on the Eden Community Transport Toolkit and agreed a launch plan for the New Year.
- 4.22 The Children and Young People Working Group met on Tuesday 3 December. The group heard an update on Children Looked After and discussed progress being achieved by recipients of the Committee’s 11-19 Universal Funding. An update has been prepared for the wider committee and is attached at Appendix I.
- 4.23 The group also have also sufficiently progressed the strategic priority project to enable an ask of Committee. The priority for this year was agreed by the group as supporting healthy weights and the group has put forward an

initiative called Phunky Foods which will provide schools with a package to address obesity including tools to target nutrition, activity, well-being and community engagement. The proposal is to run a pilot project in the Eden divisions with the highest statistics for overweight and obese children in Reception and Year 6 – Brough, Kirkby Stephen, Penrith East and Penrith West. There is more information on the proposal in Appendix J.

Community Services and Libraries

- 4.24 During November the library service celebrated Cumbria Children's Book Week which included a baby, bounce and rhyme hand massage session and promoting a bonfire themed poster competition on fire safety. The team marked Anti Bullying week with an odd sock day craft session and board games were available in the library every day during International Games Week – this included electronic games on the tiny tablet as well.
- 4.25 On 10 December, the Penrith team kicked off the festive season with a Christmas sing song and a Christmas crafts session. Displays and promotions for December included the Costa book awards, World AIDS Day and the Eden Forum against domestic abuse. The libraries ever popular decorative window took on a festive flavour artfully and imaginatively decorated as part of Penrith Sparkle.
- 4.26 Local libraries in Alston, Appleby, Kirkby Stephen and Shap continue to host a range of social activities including homework clubs, reading groups, knit and natters, toddler sing-a-longs and computer sessions for beginners.

Public Health and Wellbeing

- 4.27 The team held an Eden healthy weights workshop last month which was well attended by a wide range of partners. A local plan is being formulated and a follow up workshop will be held in Spring.
- 4.28 A Dementia Friends training session has been organised for January in Kirkby Stephen with 10 confirmed attendees from the café event in November. Following this the team will look to set up and organise a Dementia Network in Kirkby Stephen to help continue the work of the campaign, recruit new volunteers and organise future training.
- 4.29 A countywide social prescribing strategy is being formulated to be finalised in Spring 2020. The public health manager sits on the community group workstream which is looking at the involvement of community groups and third sector organisations in a social prescribing system. The strategy that is being developed will complement the work already carried out in Eden by the living well coaches as well as the new young people's social prescribing service.
- 4.30 The countywide draft Public Health Strategy action plan has been developed. Work has now started to formulate the Eden action plan which will focus on Eden priorities. This work will be overseen by Eden Health and Well Being Forum.

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.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Following its November meeting the Local Committee has unallocated resources of £13,110 in its 0-19 Services budget. Should recommendation 3.4 be agreed, £10,000 will be committed from this budget, leaving £3,110 available for future allocation.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Recommendations at 3.1 to 3.3 (inclusive) are for members to note. There are, therefore, no direct legal implications.
- 7.2 When allocating and moving money between budgets, Local Committee must follow the rules set by the Council following its consideration of the “Draft Revenue Budget 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Plan (2019 – 2022) and Draft Capital Programme (2019 – 2024)” report (“the Report”) on 14 February 2019 and any such additional restrictions set by Cabinet and or Council regulating the use of such funds.
- 7.3 The Recommendation at 3.4 is a proper decision that can be taken by the Local Committee by virtue of paragraph 5.1.2(d) of the Constitution Part 2D - Local Committees which allows it to exercise decision making functions such as approving applications for grants from the Local Committee's budget for amounts exceeding £ 5,000 in line with the policy.

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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APPENDICES

Appendix A-H - Local Committee Budgets

Appendix I – 11-19 Universal Funding Update

Appendix J – 0-19 Strategic Funding proposal for Phunky Foods

Electoral Division(s): All in Eden

Executive Decision

Yes	
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Key Decision

	No
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If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?

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

	No
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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?

		N/A
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Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny?
If so, give details below.

	No
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Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?

	No	
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Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?

	No	
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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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