

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN

Meeting date: 28 September 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 *This 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 2020-21 and the commitments and expenditure recorded to date.**
- 3.2 Members note the provisional unallocated resources in the 2020-21 Communities Revenue Budget of £101,475 as at 31 August 2020.**
- 3.3 Members note the area planning update contained between 4.6 to 4.30.**
- 3.4 Members agree to allocate £10,000 towards the 0-19 strategic priority project described in 4.23.**
- 3.5 Members note a grant of £4,618.60 to Right2Work – which is part of the Oaklea Trust – as described in 4.25**
- 3.6 Members agree to vire £10,000 from the Area Planning budget line to the 0-19 budget line as described in 4.26.**
- 3.7 Members note the Terms of Reference for the three Member working groups described between 4.27 – 4.29.**

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Eden Local Committee Communities Budget allocation is based upon the 2020-21 Budget agreed by Council on 13 February 2020. 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 2019-20 have been included. Of the roll-forward amount of £130,294 from 2019-20, a large proportion is for earmarked projects.
- 4.3 The report updates Members on the Local Committee's Communities Budgets for the 2020-21 financial year which are summarised in Appendix A of the report.
- 4.4 Of the total Communities Revenue Budget allocated to the Local Committee, £108,551 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 August 2020.

Covid-19 Response and Recovery

- 4.6 As of September 1, the Eden Community Hub stood down after supporting people in Eden through 5 difficult months during lockdown and throughout the phased reopening. In total a true and effective partnership between all tiers of local government, the third sector and the community, supported 305 Eden residents via call centre referrals. The telephone helpline remains

open for people who may continue to reach out for assistance and colleagues are on standby should the local situation require an additional response.

- 4.7 Community officers continue to support the welfare of Eden residents in the short term. The local multi-agency community group will continue to meet to review recovery and collectively manage / escalate any emerging issues. The team are currently talking to local support agencies about additional capacity that could be secured to further support Eden residents via local application of a hardship fund recently awarded to the Council from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA).
- 4.8 The “Reopening Safely” groups continue to meet and make dynamic decisions locally on town centre movements. To help us phase from short term to medium term recovery, the Eden community group has agreed a set of priorities themes based around economy, wellbeing, young people and locality. These priorities will be discussed at an upcoming Member workshop to discuss synergies with the priorities of the Local Committee.
- 4.9 The team have been supporting the Alston Area Planning group to ‘Reopen Alston Safely’. The group have created a website with detailed information on the amenities in town and a map helping visitors and returning residents to navigate the town. The group is now looking to further projects for the town.
- 4.10 The next meeting of Appleby’s Reopening Safely group was postponed until 29 September to allow for schools to return and a review of new pinch points or safety measures required due to increased footfall. Appleby Town Council have submitted their first claim for Reopening High Street Safely funding to the district council.
- 4.11 The Reopening Penrith Safely group have agreed that the wider collection of Stakeholders brought together will be stood down with the transition into more medium term Covid-19 recovery issues now being taken forward by the established Penrith Town Working Group.
- 4.12 The community team has also supported Reopening Safely groups for Patterdale, Pooley Bridge and Shap where local leads have been supported with funding bids, communications messaging / materials and social distancing around the public highway.

Area Planning Activity

Alston

- 4.13 The community team have helped to organise and host 2 virtual drop-ins for the Front Street project: Residents and businesses were invited to the virtual information drop-in sessions on Monday 7 September. CCC Officers and members of the Alston Front Street Steering Group were on hand to answer questions on the recently laid trial panel, the main works planned in 2021 for Phase 1 (area by the market cross) and the temporary tarmac resurfacing that will go ahead in the coming months replacing the patchwork of old cobbles in the area of road above the market cross.

Appleby

- 4.14 The Environment Agency met with Appleby Town Council and Appleby Emergency Response Group in June and August with updates on the Doomgate Culvert project. A presentation has been planned for the next meeting of the Town Council. The team have been liaising with both local groups, assisting with communications and supporting areas of the community impacted by the planned works.

Penrith

- 4.15 The team continue to support the progression of the Penrith Parking and Movement Study, assisting with the finalisation of the study and joint messaging ahead of being delivered to the committees of Penrith Town Council, Eden District Council and this Eden Local Committee.
- 4.16 Initial discussions have begun with Eden District Council around possible collaborations relating to Voreda House developments including potential for multi-agency shared space, improved customer journey and also how the new centre will fit into developing area thinking for Penrith.

Kirkby Stephen

- 4.17 The next meeting of the Kirby Stephen area planning group took place on 16 September where the group reviewed a piece of work mapping current partner plans and discussed key priorities for the area.
- 4.18 The council has secured funding from the Environment Agency (Grant in Aid) to undertake an 'Initial Assessment' to examine the high level flood sources, pathways and receptors in Kirkby Stephen which will help to design a more detailed 'Appraisal' flood study. Community officers have been supporting colleagues around local stakeholder engagement.

Eden Lakes

- 4.19 Similarly to Kirkby Stephen, an 'Initial Assessment' to examine the high level flood sources, pathways and receptors in Shap. AECOM Infrastructure & Environment UK Limited were awarded the professional services contract to carry out the initial assessment and are now commencing with the study.
- 4.20 Following the delayed public engagement around the A592 Safer Roads Scheme due to floods and the pandemic, a refreshed communications plan and stakeholder list will be worked up by the team. New options for public engagement and sharing of information will be considered and take into account COVID-19 safety measures as well as non-digital households/communities. The scheme is still planned to go ahead in 2021.

Member Working Groups

- 4.21 The Penrith Member Working Group met on 7 September and received updates and discussed the work of the Penrith Town Working Group, Penrith Marketing and Communication Group and the Penrith Parking and Movement Study. A new draft Terms of Reference for the Penrith Town Working Group and project boards associated with the partnership was

brought to the meeting for comment ahead of drafting a final version for partners to agree.

- 4.22 The Children and Young people working group met on 8 September. Members heard an update on the Social Prescribing Youth Link Worker Project which has commenced in Eden. Two Link Workers are now in post and developing the services across Eden and referrals are already being received. The recruitment of Volunteer co-ordinators for the project has also now completed and new recruits are due to join local teams imminently. The project will be promoted widely across the district and referral processes made as accessible as possible.
- 4.23 The group finalised their proposal to ask Local Committee to endorse Coaches in Mind – an emotional wellbeing and mental health pilot project in Eden – in support of the group’s strategic priority. The project, which will be delivered by Carlisle and Eden Mind, will aim to deliver an online and face to face emotional wellbeing coaching and mentoring programme for young people in secondary schools in Eden. All five secondary schools have agreed to participate. Funding will enable 150 young people across the district to access the programme. The programme is completely flexible and can be tailored to the needs of each individual. All young people on the programme are supported by a Coach. The programme aims to build emotional resilience and coping strategies to help young people manage emotional challenges and changes in life. There is more information on the proposal in the briefing contained at appendix I.
- 4.24 The group also received an update on the PhunkyFoods pilot project which was launched in April 2020. Virtual training and induction was completed with all participating schools in Eden. The early intervention with tools and resources was to allow for schools to embed elements of the scheme into the curriculum and planning for the proceeding academic year. A face to face training seminar with all school leads is planned for late October providing it is safe to do so.
- 4.25 Members heard a grant application from Right2Work to enable a local scheme supporting young people with learning disabilities and complex needs into local outdoor work placements. The group supported the officer recommended amount of £4,618.60. More details on this project can be found in appendix J.
- 4.26 On discussing the Local Committee’s 0-19 budget it was noted that, following grant awards to a number of excellent projects, the budget was now reporting a balance of £1,386.40. Given the expected additional needs of young people recovering from COVID-19, the group would like to recommend that Local Committee agrees to vire £10,000 from Area Planning to 0-19 to continue to support youth projects in Eden at this important time.
- 4.27 At the Local Committee meeting of 31 October 2018, members considered a report on the establishment of Local Committee working groups. The report asked members to constitute three Eden Local Committee working groups and agree membership of these, in line with the County Council’s

Constitution.

- 4.28 The Minutes of that meeting suggested that the Annual Meeting of Eden Local Committee in 2019 consider the Terms of Reference of the working groups and provide an opportunity to discuss membership. In planning for the 2019 Annual meeting it was considered that due to the short number of months between agreeing the Working Groups arrangements and Annual Meeting of the Local Committee, there would not have been sufficient time to assess the efficacy of the groups and their work. Therefore this item remained on the Forward Plan of work for the Committee.
- 4.29 The Committee is invited today to comment on the Terms of Reference (appendix K - M) and review the membership to ascertain whether any changes should be made.
- 4.30 A member of the team is currently an apprentice of the Council studying for a Chartered Managers Degree, she has completed her first year and earned a place on the Dean's List for the grade she received

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 The Local Committee's current budget and commitments are shown in Appendix 1 to this report. The Local Committee currently has unallocated resources of £101,475.
- 6.2 Should recommendation 3.4 be agreed, £10,000 will be committed from the 0-19 Services budget, reducing unallocated resources in this budget to £6,005.
- 6.3 Should recommendation 3.5 be agreed, £4,618.60 will be committed from the 0-19 Services budget, reducing unallocated resources to £1,386.40.
- 6.4 Should recommendation 3.6 be agreed, unallocated resources in the Area Planning budget will be reduced by £10,000 to £41,207 and unallocated resources in the 0-19 Services budget will be increased to £11,386.40.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The recommendations for consideration by the Local Committee are within the remit afforded by the Constitution

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 – Briefing note on 0-19 Strategic Priority project proposal
Appendix J – 0-19 grant application from Right2Work
Appendix K-M – Eden Local Committee Member Working Group Terms of Reference.

Electoral Division(s): All in Eden

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
If a Key Decision, is the proposal published in the current Forward Plan?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
If exempt from call-in, has the agreement of the Chair of the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee been sought or obtained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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