

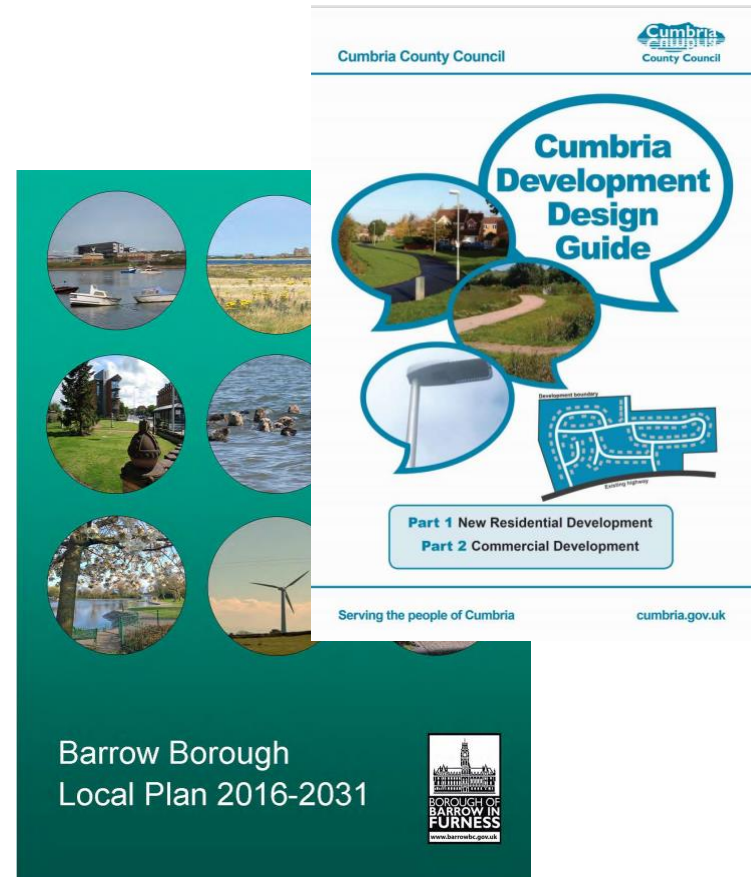
Barrow Local Committee

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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
- 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

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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
 - 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

Any Questions?