

COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR EDEN

Meeting date: 15 November 2022

From: Assistant Director – Customer and
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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's vision, set out in the Council Plan 2018-2022, is to be "a Council that works with residents, businesses, communities and other organisations to deliver the best services possible within the available resources." The approach and work of the Local Committee directly contributes to this, and area based working and shaping services locally, are key ways of delivering this vision.*

2.2 *Eden Local Committee's current priorities have been developed by its three Member Working Groups. These are described in appendix B.*

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 2022-23 and the commitments and expenditure to date.*

- 3.2 ***Members note the provisional unallocated resources in the 2022-23 Communities Revenue Budget of £61,796 as of 30 September 2022.***
- 3.3 ***Members agree to award a grant of £11,040 from the Area Planning budget to support the PAUSE project as described at 4.31 – 4.32.***
- 3.4 ***Members note the awards from the cost of living support allocation to enable food purchases via those named supporting agencies as described at 4.33-4.35.***
- 3.5 ***Members agree to a grant of £8,000 to The Riverside Group Ltd from the 11-19 Universal Services budget as previously allocated for universal service provision in Penrith and as described at 4.37***
- 3.6 ***Members agree to vire the £12,000 unallocated balance from the 11-19 Universal Services Budget to the oversubscribed 0-19 budget as described at 4.38.***
- 3.7 ***Members note the area planning update in 4.5 to 4.45.***

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Eden Local Committee Communities Budget allocation is based upon the 2022-23 budget agreed by Council on 10 February 2022. 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 2021-22 have been included. Of the roll-forward amount of £168,751 from 2021-22, a large proportion is for earmarked projects.
- 4.3 The report updates Members on the Local Committee's Communities Budget for the 2022-23 financial year which are summarised in Appendix A of the report.
- 4.4 Of the total Communities Budget allocated to the Local Committee, £109,031 was allocated to discretionary revenue budgets.

COVID-19 Response and Community Resilience

- 4.5 The Eden Community Resilience Group met on 27 September for a focused session on Warm Spots.
- 4.6 Many organisations across Cumbria are starting to offer regular Warm Spots/ Hubs/Spaces/Welcomes, to support people who are impacted by cost of living pressures. A multi-agency group has been working on resources to support them. It has been agreed that any offer should include as a minimum: a warm heated space, company (a warm welcome) and at least one member of staff/volunteer, a warm drink (free or at cost), and be open for at least 2 hours each week.

- 4.7 Resources are now being developed including an interactive map, Warm Spot Community Leader's Pack, Warm Spots Toolkit and comms support. Funding has also been allocated by Cumbria County Council and Cumbria Community Foundation (CCF). Grants of up to £1,000 per venue are available. Full details are on the CCF website at www.cumbriafoundation.org/fund/warm-spots-fund/

Area Based Working

Appleby Area Planning Group (APG)

- 4.8 The group met at Appleby Public Hall on 14 September. The Elected Members of Appleby and Brough area for the Shadow Authority Westmorland and Furness Council were invited to attend the meeting to inform them of local priorities. A short presentation on the Westmorland and Furness draft council plan was delivered by Cumbria County Council's Community Development Officer (CDO). The presentation was to facilitate engagement with APG colleagues and hear their initial views on the emerging values, vision and priorities in the draft council plan. Feedback from the engagement was recorded and shared with the new authority to assist with the wider consultation.
- 4.9 Expressions of Interest have been submitted to the Eden District Council (EDC) Inspiring Eden Fund to support a feasibility study for a town centre shuttle, an outcome is awaited.
- 4.10 The CDO has set up a meeting with CCC's countryside access team with Action for Communities in Cumbria (ACT) and volunteers from Rotary to undertake footpath audit work. The countryside access team, alongside the community team, will provide advice and support with the audit. Progress will be updated at future APG meetings.
- 4.11 A Meeting has been arranged with the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership to assist with development of local schemes and help with access to funding, advice and guidance.
- 4.12 An alternative location for electric vehicle charging points needs to be explored. APG members discussed alternative sites and EDC officers will explore viability of sites, infrastructure and planning.
- 4.13 Local business support offers from EDC Invest in Eden has been shared with the APG members, for onward sharing with local business community contacts. A local business adviser has been identified to offer business support.

Alston Area Planning Group

- 4.14 The last meeting of the Alston APG was cancelled following the death of Her Royal Highness, The Queen, with the next meeting due to take place on Tuesday 8 November.

- 4.15 The Observatory Dark Skies project is underway, working with Eden District Council, to develop the first major professional observatory in Cumbria at the Golf Course. The group have secured Inspiring Eden Funding and are awaiting the outcome of other funding applications. The group have been awarded £5k from the Eden Local Committee Area Planning Budget – there is more information in Appendix C. The group have developed an outreach programme to work with the local school, and good relationships have been formed with Durham and Lancaster Universities who will both be using the observatory for education and research purposes.
- 4.16 As part of the work to set up a regular youth provision in Alston, a youth worker from Cumbria Youth Alliance has been brought in to work in Alston to develop a sustainable offer for the area.

Kirkby Stephen Area Planning Group

- 4.17 The group met online on Monday 12 September. As with the Appleby APG, shadow Members for Kirkby Stephen and Tebay area attended to join the local discussions and take part in the initial feedback session for the draft Westmorland and Furness Council Plan which was presented by the Area Manager.
- 4.18 The rest of the meeting focused on the local action plan priorities. The group are progressing a number of local priorities including the renovation of a dedicated youth centre, environmental management plan for Jubilee Park, a local transport audit project, review of road signage, development of a local business network and increasing sports facilities for the area. Funding has been secured for a number of local projects with an outcome awaited on Expressions of Interest submitted to Eden District Council for funding.
- 4.19 Two new priorities were added to the local action plan including a local project to create a memorial garden at the Masonic Hall. CCC Highways team have engaged with the project and are progressing works on the highway to support the proposal. In addition, a priority focus on Local Government Review (LGR) will now be discussed at future meetings following the development of a dedicated working group for Kirkby Stephen Town Council on LGR and arrangements with the new authority.
- 4.20 APG group members met with CCC Highways colleagues to review the map of improvements to local road signage. The proposals have been mapped out to improve locating amenities, services, attractions and link routes have all been recorded and, where possible, are being progressed in work packages.

Penrith Area Planning Group

- 4.21 The Penrith APG and Penrith Member Working Group continue to meet regularly to steer key projects – the latter met most recently on 1 November.
- 4.22 The Parking and Movement Study Implementation Group continues to meet monthly with officers working on a number of projects to deliver the schemes. Work is progressing to install electric vehicle charging points at

Penrith Leisure Centre and Drovers Lane car parks. Final documentation has been submitted and installation is expected to take place soon.

- 4.23 The Borderlands Town Team for Penrith last met on 27 September where the group received an update on the programme and individual project developments based on the three place plan themes – Capitalising on our Connections, Hub for Business and Culturally Centred.
- 4.24 The programme has a timeline of Project Initiation Documents – a template for which is provided by the wider Borderlands governance structure - to be submitted for consideration for early January. As there will be more schemes being considered than funding available, scheme prioritisation will be an important part of the process. This prioritisation framework will be considered for endorsement at the next Town Team meeting on 8 November.
- 4.25 The Penrith Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) has now been published on the county council website at www.cumbria.gov.uk/planning-environment/cyclingandwalking/. Attention is now on scheme delivery options with links to Borderlands being considered. The wider committee enjoyed a session with walking and cycling officers around the role of Active Travel England and opportunities to enable LCWIP schemes via Active Travel Fund 4 on 11 October.

Shap Area Working

- 4.26 The group met for a hybrid meeting at the Market Cross in Shap and online via Teams on Monday 3 October. Natalie Naisbitt, officer from the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership delivered a presentation at the start of the meeting to update the group on the work of the partnership and inform them of advice and funding available to support local projects that aim to reduce carbon. The rest of the meeting focused on the local action plan priorities.
- 4.27 Members of the group shared updates on the following projects: Shap Monthly Market, a woodland project, the local footpath audit which has progressed to mapping of improvements, a feasibility study for the development of the old sports hall site and a local business support and engagement opportunity for the community. An outcome is awaited following an Expression of Interest submitted to Eden District Council for funding to support a number of local projects.
- 4.28 A meeting to progress the footpath audit work took place on 20 October, facilitated by the CDO. This next phase of the project will map out all paths on Public Rights of Way and create a digital record identifying improvements and priorities. The work will also link with Natural England's project recognising the route as a National Trail.

Districtwide Activity

- 4.29 Members attended the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Scheme Reference Group on 21 September. Members were updated on the status of the Principal Areas of Disagreement Summary Statement (PADSS), Relevant

Representations and were informed about the appointment of scheme contractors.

- 4.30 The Eden Area Team have been working with Sticky Bits Community Interest Company to contribute towards a countywide LGBTQ+ awards ceremony recognising the efforts of businesses, councils, community organisations, schools, colleges and universities around equality, diversity and support for the LGBTQ+ community. An amount of £1,266 from the Area Planning budget has been awarded which is replicated across other Local Committees. There is more information in Appendix D.
- 4.31 The Eden Area Team have also been working with PAUSE who are a charitable organisation working with women who have experiences, or are at risk of, repeat removals of children from their care. In Cumbria PAUSE are seeking funds to support a pilot project which will provide a countywide PAUSE Practitioner.
- 4.32 The organisation has submitted a joint application for funding to all 6 Local Committees. The post would be a peripatetic role covering the county, delivering the PAUSE service to some of the most high risk and vulnerable women in our communities. The post will be for 18-month, scheduled to start in January 2023. There is more information in appendix E and Eden Local Committee are asked to support a funding award of £11,040 from the Area Planning budget to enable this project.
- 4.33 At Eden Local Committee on 27 July, Members heard about an additional funding allocation to support households in Eden to cope with the increasing cost of living, and supported allocations totalling £10,000 (from an available £21,300) to support food banks in Eden. The Eden Area Team committed to investigating other food structures which may also benefit from funding.
- 4.34 On investigating such structures, and within the context and confines of the grant, officer advice is to offer further grant funding to agencies within Eden, who are supporting our most vulnerable residents, to enable them to provide emergency food supplies for individuals.
- 4.35 In discussion with a range of agencies regarding need and capacity, and in agreement with the Local Committee Chairman; the remaining £11,300 will be distributed to the following organisations:
- £5,000 to Eden Carers
 - £5,000 to Cumbria Family Support
 - £1,300 to Christians Against Poverty

Children and Young People

- 4.36 The Eden Local Committee Children and Young People Working Group last met on 25 October. The group received a presentation from Deb Royston, Chief Officer from Cumbria Family Support, on the work of the organisation, The group supported funding applications for £2000 from the Dacre Institute to contribute to the local playground and £2000 to Parkplay to support the

development of a programme in Penrith. These are described in appendix F and G.

- 4.37 The group also heard an update on the 11-19 Universal Services budget with a full status briefing being provided for the wider committee in Appendix H. The group supported the application (and subsequent recommendation to this Committee) from The Riverside Group Ltd for £8,000 already previously allocated to support provision in Penrith. There is more information in Appendix I.
- 4.38 The briefing at Appendix H describes the status of the 11-19 budget which – due to a number of factors but largely impacted by COVID-19 – is carrying forward some historical underspend. The briefing supports a recommendation to vire the ringfenced but unallocated amount of £12,000 to the 0-19 budget which is currently oversubscribed.

Public Health and Wellbeing

- 4.39 The latest meeting of the Eden Health and Wellbeing Forum took place on 20 October where forum members received updates on a number of key issues and priorities.
- 4.40 The Director of Public Health reported to the Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) on 14 October 2022 on the work of a multi-agency task and finish group that reviewed data on the impact COVID-19 has had on inequalities in Cumbria. The group reviewed the Recovery Strategy Priorities and Outcomes Framework and suggested mitigation priorities. The task and finish group's findings were also shared with the Health Equity Commission panel. The report from the Director of Public Health to Cumbria's October 2022 HWBB can be accessed via the following link <https://councilportal.cumbria.gov.uk/documents/s125786/Item%207a%20Report.pdf>,
- 4.41 Professor Sir Michael Marmot was commissioned to undertake an independent review of health inequalities in Lancashire and Cumbria in September 2021. A Health Equity Commission (HEC) was established to receive the review, the panel for which included leaders from health, upper tier local authorities, and regional experts from voluntary community, faith and social enterprise sectors (VCFS), housing, economy, older adults, young people, minority ethnicities and localities. Evidence was gathered through data analysis, workshops, online consultations and surveys and group meetings. The Panel also received presentations from Health and Wellbeing Boards and Place Based Partnerships. Recommendations from the review were shared with the HWBB and can be accessed here:

[HEC Report for Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Board \(Executive Summary\)](#)

[A Hopeful Future: Equity and the Social Determinants of Health in Lancashire and Cumbria \(Institute of Health Equity\)](#) (full report 175 pages)

[HEC Presentation to Cumbria Health and Wellbeing Board October 2022](#)

4.42 A countywide Cost of Living Crisis Coordination Group has been established and the first multi-agency meeting was chaired by Colin Cox on 13 October 2022, with representation from a wide range of partners from all sectors. Terms of Reference were agreed, and immediate priorities identified. Task and Finish groups will coordinate work on actions to mitigate the impact of the current crisis on people's health by:

- Identifying those who are most severely impacted
- Establishing a programme of action aimed at supporting income maximisation, keeping people warm, keeping people adequately fed and nourished, mitigating the risks of decreased mental health and wellbeing and keeping people safe.
- Building mechanisms for flexible community support for vulnerable groups

4.43 A presentation was provided on local Green Homes Grants and Sustainable Warmth. A request was made for partners to share details of the Sustainable Warmth Fund and encourage people who may be eligible, to apply. The grants are aimed at improving energy efficiency and making carbon savings. Households with an income below £30,000 per year and a low energy performance rating may be eligible to receive up to £25,000, to install measures such as insulation, renewable energy and double glazing. Further information is available from the host council and the scheme ends in March 2023. www.carlisle.gov.uk/SustainableWarmthCumbria

4.44 Seasonal flu vaccinations are now available, free of charge, for people who are eligible; including women who are pregnant, people with a serious long term health condition and people aged 50 years or over. Access is via GP practices and many pharmacies. Further details can be found at: www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/book-flu-vaccination

4.45 Seasonal COVID boosters are also now available to people aged over 50 years and to those with underlying health conditions. Even if people have already been vaccinated, a fourth jab is recommended to boost immunity. Bookings can be made online and details of walk in centres can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/book-coronavirus-vaccination/> People who cannot book an appointment online can call 119 free of charge instead. Some GP practices are also offering COVID booster vaccinations to at risk patients, but the criteria varies by practice.

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.

5.2 Members may choose to either agree the recommendations for decision as presented or suggest alternative proposals.

6.0 RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Details of the Local Committee's Communities budget position at the end of September is included in Appendix A to this report.
- 6.2 Should recommendation 3.3. be agreed, £11,040 will be committed from the Area Planning budget, leaving £10,784 available for future allocation.
- 6.3 Recommendation 3.4 will fully allocate the Cost of Living Fund.
- 6.4 Should recommendation 3.5 be agreed, £8,000 already committed from the 11-19 Universal Services budget will be reallocated to the Riverside Group Ltd.
- 6.5 Should recommendation 3.6 be agreed, £12,000 will be de-committed from the 11-19 Universal Services budget and vired to the 0-19 Services budget. This will increase the unallocated resources in the 0-19 Services budget from £5,742 to £17,742.

7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no negative legal implications in relation to the recommendations contained in this report. The recommendations properly fall within the remit of functions afforded to the Committee by virtue of the Constitution.

8.0 CONCLUSION

- 8.1 This report provides the Local Committee with a comprehensive update on its communities budget, area planning project updates and related matters delegated to the committee.

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APPENDICES

Appendix A Local Committee budget summary.
Appendix B Eden Local Committee priorities for 2022/23.
Appendix C Grant application from Alston Moor Golf Club
Appendix D Grant application from Sticky Bits CIC
Appendix E Grant application from PAUSE
Appendix F Grant application from Dacre Institute

Appendix G Grant application from Parkplay
Appendix E Briefing note on 11-19 Universal Service Budget
Appendix F Grant application from The Riverside Group Ltd

Electoral Division(s): All in Eden

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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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