

# COUNTY COUNCIL LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR CARLISLE

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From: Assistant Director - Customer and Community Services

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT

### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1.1 *This report gives an overview of the work of the Carlisle Community Development Team and the Public Health Manager (Carlisle) from September 2022 – February 2023. It provides an overview of partnership work of the team with case studies showcasing the team's work. It also provides a summary of community grant activity processed by the team during the same period.*

### **2.0 STRATEGIC PLANNING AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

2.1 *The items covered by this report support the council to achieve the outcomes stated in the Council Plan 2019 - 2022:*

- *People in Cumbria are healthy and safe*
- *Places in Cumbria are well-connected and thriving*
- *The economy in Cumbria is growing and benefits everyone*

2.2 *Improved locality working is one of the ways the council is delivering on its priorities. The county council vision, included in the Council Plan 2019 -2022, sets out that it will 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 vision.*

2.3 *The development, operation and monitoring of the Council Plan requires a focus on the Council's performance against the identified outcomes, increasingly understood through localities. Carlisle Area Plan 2022 -2023 sets out four targeted priorities for the area, which are:*

- *Developing Our Economy and Infrastructure*
- *Improving Health and Wellbeing*
- *Improving outcomes for Children and Young People*
- *Developing Thriving Communities.*

- 2.4** *Locally devolved funding is available for Carlisle Local Committee to allocate within the area to support positive outcomes, targeted and mainstream, designed to improve outcomes for the communities of Carlisle. This funding can be targeted to initiate new activity or to enhance/complement existing provision according to locally determined need.*
- 2.5** *Local Committee is mindful of equality issues and duly considers that its actions and decisions do not result in inequality of service provision or exclusion from participation. The work of Local Committee directly supports the Council's wider equalities agenda.*

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1** *Members are asked to note the contents of this report*

### **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1.** The report outlines the work of Carlisle Community Development and Public Health Manager (Carlisle) from September 2022 – February 2023 and provides an overview of the range of ways the team has supported communities in Carlisle from a Community Development perspective.
- 4.2.** 'Community Development' can be described as, '*community members coming together to take collective action and generate solutions to common problems*', and 'Community Engagement' can be described as, '*the process by which organisations and individuals build ongoing, permanent relationships for the purpose of applying a collective vision for the benefit of a community*'. Both are involved in helping Cumbria County Council with its strategic aims and play a large part in the Community Development Team's work. Central to the role of the Community Development team is to facilitate and make the most of partnership working opportunities.
- 4.3.** The Community Development team work closely with other organisations to provide support and signpost to opportunities for community groups and community group development. This support can be wide ranging and prove vital for community groups to become self-sustainable and look to reach their full potential. It can include linking them with other Council departments such as Children's Services, guidance on accessing funding, exploring different and innovative ways of delivering services, signposting and facilitating partnership working.

### **5.0 PRIORITY 1 - DEVELOPING OUR ECONOMY & INFRASTRUCTURE**

- 5.1.** Carlisle Community Development Team have considerable experience of conducting public engagement and regularly support colleagues from other departments such as Capital Programmes team, Flood Development Management team, and the Highways Team. This past year we have been involved in the planning and delivery in several public consultations for key strategic projects alongside colleagues from Cumbria County Council and Carlisle City Council.

- **Strategic Corridors Public Consultation** - (1 April to 22 April 2022) for Hadrian's Wall and West Coast corridor including on-the-street surveys at Brompton and Housesteads. 50% of people spoken to prefer the green route option, following Hadrian's Wall.
- **Reimagining the Market Square / Greenmarket** - (July and 25 November – 9 December 2022). We gathered views of the public, residents, visitors, and businesses on how they currently used the area, and what their issues, concerns and aspirations for it might be. 600 people visited the stand in the Market Square in the summer. This was followed up by second consultation in December 2022 on the development of concept design options.



- **Devonshire Street Pedestrian Improvements** - (24 November 2022) with an afternoon/evening drop in public engagement event for local business and residents to discuss the concept designs and three options. Most people spoken to prefer the widening of footpaths on both sides of the street.
- 5.2. **Teenage Market** - The Community Development Team are working closely with City Council Regeneration team to develop Carlisle's first Teenage Market on Saturday 22 April 2023 as part of the Future High Street programme. The day aims to give young people a chance to show off their talents with a live performance space, sell products and trial their business ideas to generate a vibrant high street and encourage future market traders.
  - 5.3. **Carlisle Infrastructure Delivery Plan Working Group** - is supported by Carlisle Community Development Team and has met three times over the year. Through the development of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan, CCC and Carlisle City Council jointly identify infrastructure needed to support delivery of the Carlisle District Local Plan, propose programmes of work and advise/make recommendations to Local Committee, and identify funding to deliver identified programmes from a variety of sources. Infrastructure

Delivery Plan includes IDP Annual Report/Transport Improvement Study, St Cuthbert Garden Village, Carlisle Southern Link Road, Rail, Cycling and Walking Programmes, The Citadels and Carlisle Station, and High Street Fund and Towns Deal.

- 5.4. **St Cuthbert Garden Village** - A design review panel for Upperby Edge was held in November 2022 as part of the first phase of the Garden Village, the Public Health Locality Manager was part of this design review process which focussed on a number of key areas including dedicated bus route, landscape and streetscape, green infrastructure and open space, transport links, active transport – cycling and walking routes (and cycle storage), character areas, house types, smart sustainable living, and comment was made on community access to school facilities. Cumbria County Council through Active Cumbria will be taking part in the Sport England Opening School Facilities programme. Newman School has been chosen as a school to work with. Age Friendly communities was also discussed with the design panel to ensure that housing meets the needs of all ages, not just the working population.
- 5.5. **Active Travel & LCWIP** – very much complementing the work of the LCWIP, the Public Health Locality Manager has worked with colleagues in Active Cumbria and the Cycling & Walking team on the application for the Active Travel Social Prescribing Programme which culminated in a £1.5 Million investment shared between Carlisle and Barrow.
- 5.6. **Social Enterprise City** - In September 2022 we provided an update on the pausing of this work alongside the development of a needs analysis for Cumbria Community Foundation. We have contributed funding towards the needs assessment alongside Riverside and it's expected that this work will commence in April 2023. As a team we continue to refer organisations to Cumbria Social Enterprise Partnership for both start up and development support and the Public Health Locality Manager has continued to work with the Partnership on the development of a proposal for Social Enterprise Zone status, led by Martin Allman Social Enterprise Manager.

## 6.0. **PRIORITY 2 - IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

- 6.1. The **Health and Wellbeing Forum** for Carlisle has continued to meet with a focus on population health and wider determinants. It has been a period of much uncertainty with the development of the Integrated Care Board, developments with LGR and changes to Public Health at the National level with a split in responsibilities, some of which now sit with the Department of Health and Social Care and the Office for Health Improvement & Disparities (OHID), some with NHS England and some with the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). Age Friendly Communities has been a key feature of the last two meetings.
- 6.2. **Age Friendly Communities** – Carlisle is now part of the UK Network for Age Friendly Communities with the Centre for Ageing Better having committed to working towards becoming an age friendly community. The research from the Public Health Locality Manager and Age UK Carlisle &

Eden has been disseminated to a wide range of stakeholders and a plan to progress the approach has been developed with Age UK and the Dementia Action Alliance. We have managed to part fund a position within Age UK to employ an Age Friendly Community Coordinator who will work on the grassroots elements of the project. A briefing document will be circulated to the new authority once it comes into existence.

- 6.3. **ICC Priorities** – an ICC refocus event was held in November with a wide range of professionals from across the health and care system in attendance. Meetings with Carlisle Network ICC have been maintained throughout the pandemic, but the other two ICC's did not meet. Following the event Carlisle Healthcare have started to meet again, but Brampton & Longtown ICC leadership team have failed to meet despite several efforts from the Public Health Locality Manager. Carlisle Network ICC actively discuss community development approaches whilst Carlisle Healthcare is just starting to, the Public Health Locality Manager has been working on the 'preparing well' pilot with the ICC, this is a secondary health prevention programme for those waiting for surgery. The aim is to provide additional support to patients in terms of managing their long-term conditions to improve lifestyle and be fit enough to be eligible for surgery when the time comes for their intended procedure. The programme has been considered in terms of health inequalities and will roll out across the health system to other ICC's over the next two years.
- 6.4. **Cost of Living Response** – The current cost of living crisis is the biggest concern to mental and social wellbeing and has been a key feature within the approach to the cost-of-living crisis which has been determined the number one priority for public health currently. The team attend and feed into a wide range of meetings regarding this including the Poverty Reference Group. The Cost-of-Living Crisis Response Group, the Affordable Warmth Group, Food Poverty Group and Welfare Reform Board. We have also contributed to and circulated widely the Cost-of-Living Community Leaders Guide alongside updating various webpages and contributing to the cost-of-living webpage for Carlisle City Council.
- 6.5. **Warm Spots** – The Community Development Team and Public Health Locality Manager have been involved in the development of the Warm Spots programme. Carlisle now has over 20 Warm Spots across the district with further settings in development. Funding has been made available from Cumbria County Council via Cumbria Community Foundation and a toolkit has been developed for those that wish to host one. Additional funding from Community Grants has been provided alongside funding from the Household Support Fund.
- 6.6. **Tackling Inequalities** – The Community Development Team continue to focus on those experiencing inequalities. This approach drives our priority places and helps us to focus funding on the needs of the most marginalised communities as per the Carlisle Area Plan.
- 6.7. **Inequalities in Vaccine uptake** – The British Medical Journal reported in December 2021 that around a third of people are still unvaccinated in the most deprived areas compared to one in five (19%) in the least deprived areas. Carlisle mirrors some of this and the Community Development team have provided additional support, including supporting vaccine clinics in areas of low uptake, including Currock and Botcherby in December 2022.

These clinics were organised with input from the Public Health Locality Manager, posters and banners were created and flyers were distributed to 14,000 houses across the City. Work continues with maternity, and with those from ethnically diverse backgrounds.

- 6.8. **Think Pharmacy First** – The Public Health Locality Manager has been involved with Community Pharmacy and the Integrated Care Board to roll out the Pharmacy First approach across the North Cumbria Health footprint. Pharmacies are available to provide free medical advice and can now also provide free medication for some illnesses and minor ailments under the Think Pharmacy First scheme. The scheme allows people who receive free prescriptions to go straight to their pharmacist to receive treatment without needing to visit their GP to get a prescription first. This is a service that can help people in the current cost of living crisis, information has been sent to a wide range of services including food banks and affordable food outlets.

## 7.0. PRIORITY 3 – IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

- 7.1. **Children Young People Working Group** – the group meet three weeks prior to local committee, however with the uncertainty currently due to LGR, this latest meeting was cancelled. It is usual at each meeting to provide an update on each of the priority areas which are to support the work of the Looked after Children Champion, Domestic Abuse, Development of play and youth provision in urban & rural areas, support Carlisle Holiday Activities Partnership (CHAP) and HAF schemes. There is a guest speaker to update the group around one of the priorities, so that the group is well informed. Reports from the Children Young People Working Group have been presented to local committee, the last report was at the 7<sup>th</sup> November Local Committee.
- 7.2. **Carlisle Holiday Activity Partnership** – Carlisle Local Committee agreed to ringfence £28,540 from 0-19 Community Grants Budget to support those who are not on Free School Meals. Providers can use this funding as a joined-up approach alongside the Cumbria Holiday Activity Food Programme (HAF) so everyone can benefit and friends are able to be together. The following have been funded:

The Rock Youth Project	Summer Holiday Provision within the area of Upperyby, Currock and Harraby South
Carlisle Matters	Holiday provision in conjunction with HAF programme for the areas of Botcherby, Petteril Bank and Longtown
Carlisle Matters	Summer Splash one day events to take place one day a week in 5 areas of Carlisle and rural area
Pride in North Cumbria	Summer Holiday provision for those aged 13–19 years
Carlisle Matters	Towards funding 2 x October Half-Term splash events
Carlisle Matters	Towards funding 2 x February Half-Term splash events

- 7.3. **Holiday Activity Food Programme (HAF)** – 23 providers have delivered a variety of activities mainly face to face. Providers must provide at least four hours of activity per day, for four days a week with a healthy meal daily. There are 6 new providers this year, 2 primary age, 2 with a disability focus, and 2 for secondary aged schools.

	Total number of Children	Total number of sessions
Easter	544	2118
Summer	1184	6161
Winter	1146	2738

- 7.4. **HAF Young Inspectors** – this is a Cumbria County Council programme through targeted youth. The Young Inspectors choose which provision they would like to visit and why they have chosen it. They chose not to visit projects they had personal experience of as they wanted to be independent inspectors. Before the inspectors made the visit they worked together to decide ‘what good looks like’ and from that devise a series of questions or observations for the visit using the project criteria. The Young Inspectors have provided a case study showing photographs of the day alongside the feedback. The young Inspectors complete a crib sheet on the day, they always meet after the visit to discuss their findings and choose which areas they want to flag up as important, unique and/or demonstrating good practice. All reports are shared with the inspectors before submission to ensure that all the salient points have been recorded. Please see **Appendix 1** Young Inspectors visit to Pyjama Drama in Denton Holme.

- 7.5. A successful six-month pilot of **Detached Youth Work** (as facilitated by the community development team) has been delivered between January - Summer of 2022 in the Harraby area of Carlisle following a spate of anti-social behaviour (ASB) incidents in the area. Police data showed during winter’ 21 Harraby had risen to 5th in Cumbria for ASB incidents, Keenan Park is a particular hot spot which is a regular on the Community Tasking Reports. It’s important however to understand the role of Youth work in tackling ASB. Youth work is not a soft approach to policing, Youth work is set within the four cornerstones of Youth work which are education, empowerment, equality, and participation. Youth work is underpinned by a clear set of values. These include:

- Young people choosing to take part.
- Utilising young people’s view of the world.
- Treating young people with respect.
- Seeking to develop young people’s skills and attitudes rather than remedy problem behaviours.
- Helping young people develop stronger relationships and collective identities.
- Respecting and valuing differences.
- Promoting the voice of young people.

Following feedback and evaluation, successes & lessons learnt from pilot are:

- Over 200 young people were seen during pilot with over 100 contacts made.
- ASB incidents in Harraby dropped by half in February compared to previous month from 31 to 14. ASB incidents from April have steadily reduced monthly.
- Multiagency youth workers have been able to share resources/skills and developed closer working relationships.
- Multiagency steering group for the pilot has brought together closer working with partners such as Police, Riverside, local primary schools, community centre, Carlisle Sport Board.

7.6. **Extending the Pilot** - Thanks to funding via Cumbria County Council Community Grants scheme for Harraby, Botcherby and Belle Vue ward areas, Carlisle Youth Zone and The Rock Youth Project are able to extend and expand their partnership to offer a new Detached Youth Work programme across 3 evenings a week for an initial 6-month period. Through working in partnership, it will harness the strengths and expertise of both organisations and offer a joined-up approach for young people. The Community Development team are assisting with the recruitment and this project will link up with the Safer Streets Project led by The Edge, commissioned by Police & Crime Commissioners Office.

7.7. **Longtown Youth Work** - The team secured funding from the 0-19 Community Grants Budget for a local youth engagement worker to provide detached and outreach work in Longtown. This is a great quick win while the Borderlands Place Plan goes through its key milestones. The work has been well received so far. A case study of a youth engagement show 'natural high' took place at William Howard School by the youth engagement worker. A report is attached in **Appendix 2**

7.8. In 2022 **Active Cumbria** received funding from COMF for Active Start and from Carlisle Community 0-19 Community Grants Budget towards the costs of setting up Street Tag. This funding was for costs towards the development of a Carlisle district leader board and any associated prizes for the winning schools each season. 14 schools across Carlisle have taken part in Street Tag with 459 players travelling 67,000 miles within the last 12 months. **Appendix 3** is a case study for Street Tag. **Appendix 4** is a case study from the Active Start programme. The Active Start programme to date the programme has delivered 2 practical training courses for Early Years practitioners and teachers and 1 further course aimed at Key Stage 1/ PE Leads. In total 41 individuals from a combination of 33 schools and Private Voluntary or Independent providers (PVI's) have attended the training. It is estimated that 1,094 children under the age of 5 will have benefited from this programme to date based upon the number of children enrolled within the participating settings.



## 8.0. PRIORITY 4 – DEVELOPING THRIVING COMMUNITIES

- 8.1. **Food Security Network** – this group meet quarterly with a variety of organisations involved from affordable food outlets, advice and support agencies to supermarkets and foodbanks. There are now over 60 people on the mailing list for this group. The network not only discusses issues around food but ways to prevent food poverty and opens connections with other organisations the network may benefit from. Information regarding affordable food outlets and foodbanks is updated and shared on a regularly basis with the network, referral agencies and the public. See **Appendix 5** for the latest list of providers.
- 8.2. We have also updated the designated site within Cumbria County Council cost of living pages with a focus on food, making it easily identifiable as to what a foodbank is compared to an affordable food outlet. <https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/foodsupport.asp>. This development was after feedback from Carlisle Foodbank which has struggled with increasing referrals. This also identified a need to update the referral leaflet for agencies to be easier to read and follow, to ensure that referrers were referring appropriate to need. This has now been created as a version to print and a version that was easy to see on a computer screen. See **Appendix 6**
- 8.3. Christmas and New Year was a concern for many, it appeared that many outlets would be closed over the Christmas period, and to help identify what was open, each of the Community Development Teams within the Council updated the “Help is here this Christmas” flyer which was a great way to share information and ensure people were prepared. **Appendix 7**
- 8.4. **Mapping Food Insecurity** - In July 2022 the affordable food outlets and foodbanks (food groups) were asked to do a mapping exercise and collate information giving demographic information for those who are accessing food. This was shared with policy officers and the wider Public Health team and informed some of our early work on responding to the cost-of-living crisis. Appendix 8
- 8.5. Following the above, the Community Development Team have been participating in the Food Insecurity monitoring at the Local Level (FILL) Pilot Project, with the University of Liverpool and the Independent Food Aid Network. See **Appendix 9**. FILL aims to address the evidence gaps by working with local authority partners to develop and test a method for gathering data on local food insecurity, its risk factors, and access to - and use of - interventions at the local level. The development of a representative, repeatable and robust household survey which has been collaboratively devised to measure food insecurity across local areas.
- 8.6. **No Child Goes Hungry Task and Finish Scrutiny Group** - Members were keen to hear from local community food providers within Carlisle to support the task and finish group. They wanted their insights into why and how families with children are turning to affordable food outlets and food banks – what works, where are the challenges and what recommendations they would like to put forward. With the ground knowledge the development team were also part of the group that fed into the report along with recommendations.

- 8.7. The Lookout Community Fridge – The Community Development team have administered funding from the waste team to bring a community fridge to Carlisle. The Lookout Community Hub in the Raffles estate is the host for the fridge, and it is proving to be very popular. The Hub is working with supermarkets to access produce and residents not just in Belle Vue but further across the city have been able to access 5 items on a first come first served basis. It is advertised through the Hubs Facebook page. See **Appendix 10**



- 8.8. **Refugees & Asylum** – The Community Development team are helping the community groups involved within the refugee and asylum processes by facilitating regular local response meetings and the strategic refugee group for Carlisle. Serco as a private organisation are responsible for managing the hotels but the community support they require is within the remit of our Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) sector. Carlisle Refugee Action Group (CRAG), MultiCultural Cumbria, and Penrith & Eden Refugee Network in particular have played a vital role in the response but the meetings include a wide range of partners from the Police, Fire service, Carlisle College, Migrant Help, Advice agencies and community centres.
- 8.9. The co-ordination focuses on health, including mental health, donations (for example clothing), access to education and ESOL, English language and conversation classes, general activities around health and wellbeing including exercise and volunteering, community cohesion and legal support.
- 8.10. The recent 'Welcome to the City Event' took place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January at Brunton Park hosted by Carlisle United Community Sports Trust.



- 8.11. **Community Events** – Over the past year, the team have collaborated on and attended a range of community events within their areas based of information giving and signposting. This collaborative approach was a positive approach for organisations such as Riverside, Carlisle Eden Mind, Community Champions, Adult Education, DWP Families Team, Family Action and Barnardos which all have the opportunities to speak to local residents in a more relaxed, natural environment.
- 8.12. **Work in Electoral Divisions** - The Community Development Team continue to support locality working across all 18 electoral divisions with focus on the needs of the most marginalised communities as per the Carlisle Area Plan. We deliver community development activities that help residents speak up about the issues that matter to them, which can include a variety of activities from consulting the community about something the council is thinking about doing, to gaining information or support for a local community project or council initiative or seeking public opinion over the design and delivery of local services. Across the 18 electoral divisions key community development work has included:
- 8.13. **Belah**
- Work with local councillor on development of various community grants to improve the facilities at Belah Community Centre to benefit wider community.
  - Help local groups work more effectively and access funding, for example St Mark's Church community drop-in.

#### 8.14. **Belle Vue**

- Facilitate and coordinate Belle Vue Community Groups meeting which takes place bi-monthly the Community Development chair this and it helps all the groups in the area to work well together and avoid duplication.
- Work with the local councillor to ensure a fair distribution of community grants to the various groups in the area.
- The community development team has worked with the waste reduction team to procure a community fridge. The community fridge is at the Lookout on Shadygrove Road
- Secured funding from 0-19 Community Grants Budget for detached youth work in the area.
- Developing a targeted youth intervention project in partnership with the Police.

#### 8.15. **Botcherby**

- Work with local councillor on development of various community grants to benefit wider community such as updating the outside walls of Melbourne Park changing rooms working collaboratively with the local residents.
- Looking at the needs and support St Andrews Church and Magpie bowling Club to resurrect their activities after Covid-19.
- Provide support to groups funded by Botcherby Grants Panel to ensure sustainability and future provision for the residents of Botcherby.

#### 8.16. **Brampton**

- Work with local councillor on development of various community grants to benefit wider community and support the parish councils within the area.
- Support projects within the area such as Brampton Community Food, Brampton Food Bank and sport clubs within the area. Support events such as Winter Harvest and Jubilee Events.

#### 8.17. **Castle**

- Work with the local councillor to ensure a fair distribution of community grants to the various groups to benefit the area.
- Support groups and organisations that are based within the centre of Carlisle and protect historical artifacts within Tullie House and the restoration to the Star of David window in Caldewgate

#### 8.18. **Corby and Hayton**

- Work with local councillor on development of various community grants to benefit wider community such as Castle Carrock village bike racks and Cumwhitton village hall.

- Support local groups with community-led projects and access larger funding schemes, such as Castle Carrock Parish Council community play field & orchard project, and Carlatton & Cumrew Parish Council's development of Cumrew Church as a key community building.

#### 8.19. **Currock**

- Work with local councillor on development of various community grants to improve the facilities at Greystone Community Centre to benefit wider community.
- Support local groups such as Carlisle Villa Boxing Club, The Rock Youth Project and jubilee events.

#### 8.20. **Dalston & Burgh**

- Work with local councillor on development of various community grants to benefit children, young people, and families such as Beaumont Parish Council Play Park, Dalston Parish Council summer fun days, Kingmoor Parish Council Play Park and Burgh-by-Sands Play Park.
- Support the local councillor with community-led projects, being the link with other teams, support with accessing larger funding schemes, for example Kingmoor Parish Council and Cycle Carlisle with Cargo Cycle way project

#### 8.21. **Denton Holme**

- Work with the local councillor to ensure a fair distribution of community grants to the various groups in the area.
- Supported the Denton Holme Community Engagement Group to access funding for various events, Christmas Fayre, Meal Share Event at St James Church and planting of flower beds in the Community Garden.
- Support Cornerstone's with funding towards their Warm Spot project.
- Funding to Rebike to run cycling awareness courses with young people during school holidays.

#### 8.22. **Harraby North**

- Work with local councillor on development of various community grants to benefit children, young people, families and adults such as improvements to local sports & recreational facilities, junior and adult's sports clubs, and community events.
- Work with the local councillor, key stakeholders and community to improve access to sports & recreational facilities such as the cycle track.
- Facilitated with local community, schools, Police, Riverside, and community & youth projects to deliver 6-month pilot to tackle youth ASB in area. Successful pilot has led to development of a detached youth work project, with funding to start in Harraby this Spring.

### 8.23. **Harraby South**

- Work with the local councillor on development of local community grants, benefitting the Community Centre, local football teams and youth partnership initiatives.
- Support and co-ordinate the Petteril Bank extended Services meeting bi-monthly bringing together the various community organisations with the school and nursery on the Petteril Bank school site and Community Hall.

### 8.24. **Houghton and Irthington**

- Work with local councillor on development of various community grants to benefit wider community and support the parish councils within the area.
- To support the Houghton Village as they reach a pinnacle point within Britain in Bloom. Update play areas within villages and Jubilee Events

### 8.25. **Longtown**

- Work with local councillor on development of various community grants to benefit wider community.
- Borderlands: The team have supported the Longtown Development Team to become a constituted group and put in place policies and procedures as well as providing guidance to resolving teething problems. This is part of the work of implementing a wider place plan which will see up to £3m be drawn down for economic growth projects in the coming years.
- Funded a range of projects from the Brownies to wider youth engagement work, jubilee events and a start-up grant for the Longtown Development Team.
- Supported 5 engagement sessions and a stakeholder summit as part of the Place Plan and attend all Longtown Development Team meetings

### 8.26. **Morton**

- Work with local councillor on development of various community grants to improve the facilities at Morton Community Centre to benefit wider community.
- Create additional places for those who are not on free school meals or to attend the HAF (Holiday Activity Food Programme). Support local clubs and community groups within area.

### 8.27. **Stanwix Urban**

- Work with local councillor on development of various community grants to benefit wider community.
- Supported local groups such as the Cricket Club's youth teams to apply for funding from community grants.
- Supported other groups like the Friends of Rickerby Park with looking at wider options for projects.
- Chair Co-ordination meeting of the Cumbria Park Asylum Hotel

### 8.28. **Upperby**

- Work with local councillor on development & improvements to community led projects to benefit children, families and older adults such as Hammond's Pond Railway, Gillford Centre sensory room & outdoor area, Upperby Elderly Activities group and Mount Pleasant Road Residents group weekly drop-in.
- Support the local councillor to improve road safety outside of the two primary schools.
- Provide a point of contact and a place to develop ideas for helping local groups to work effectively with local partnerships, such as Margaret Mary's, Upperby Parish hall, Upperby Seniors Club, The Rock and Currock Community Centre.

### 8.29. **Wetheral**

- Support and facilitate regular Wetheral community grant meetings with the local councillor, to bring the local parish councils together and allocate funding to community projects such as Wetheral cricket club, creating a community woodland, and improved play facilities.
- Provide support to groups funded by Wetheral Grants Panel with governance and policy development, by being a link with the county council and with organising community events, such as jubilee events.

### 8.30. **Yewdale**

- Work with local councillor on development of various community grants to benefit wider community.
- The Community Development team have given a lot of support through community grants to Yewdale Community Centre to help with the continuation of long standing projects like Sandsfield Soup, and also for new projects such as vestibular development for 0-4 year olds from the 0-19 budget
- Funded Yewdale School PTA to hold a summer fayre and support other local groups such as Carlisle Trampoline Club.

## 9. **GRANTS AND FUNDING**

- 9.1. The team have worked exceptionally hard this year, due to more targeted grant development on top of our usual grant programmes. Grant applications have nearly doubled from the previous year. The Community Development Assistants have processed 227 grants compared to 125 grants last year. Working closely with residents, social enterprises, community groups, parish councils and other organisations, Carlisle Local Committee has awarded funds to deliver the best local community projects possible within the available resources to achieve the Council Plan and Carlisle Area Plan outcomes:



**220**

Group applications  
funded



**97%**

Application  
success rate



**£14,000**

was our largest  
grant, the smallest  
was **£150**



**135**

VCFSE  
organisations funded



**£556,180**

Awarded in  
grants

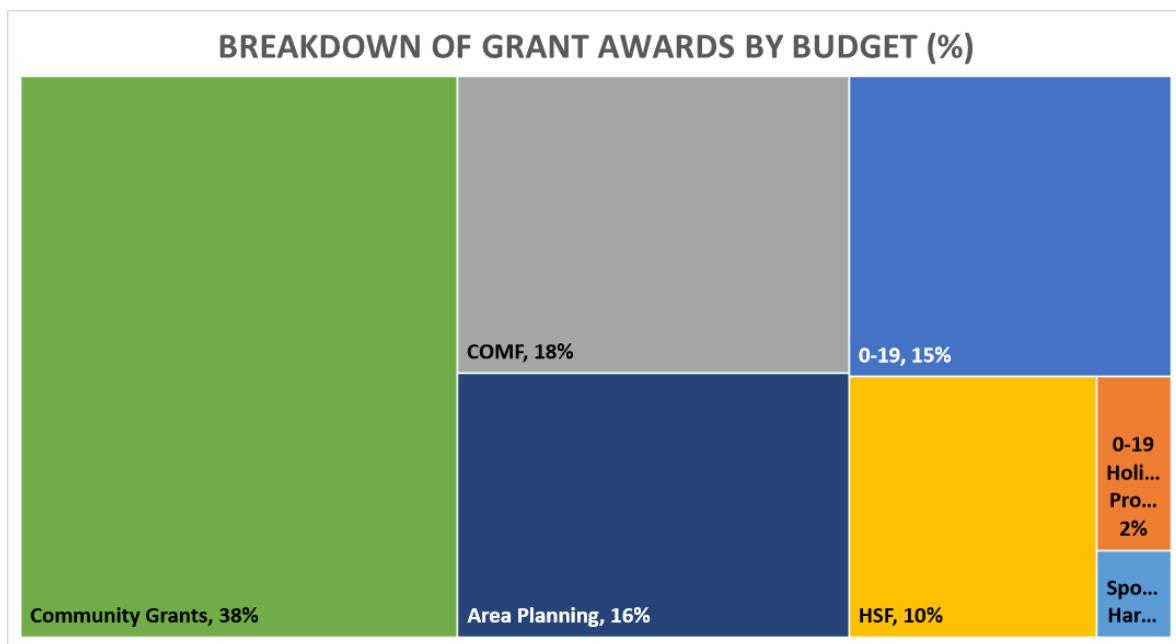


**£1.5million**

estimated generated  
economic impact for  
Carlisle

- 9.2. These grants have enabled groups to secure match funding or have provided the last bit of funding needed to start a project. Carlisle Local Committee has invested **£556,180 in grants, this investment in local communities has generated an estimated £1,504,171.90 in economic impact.** The wider economic impact has enabled Carlisle to have a sustainable & thriving voluntary, community, faith & social enterprise (VCFSE) sector, supporting volunteering, community activities and events, green spaces, parks, play parks and sports & recreation facility improvements, public building improvements, youth provision, holiday schemes, after school clubs, warm spots, cost of living crisis response & affordable food support, mental health support. **Last year, our grants produced a 124% Return on Investment, this year it has increased to 159% Return on Investment (ROI) benefitting Carlisle communities.**







The graph above shows the breakdown of Carlisle Local Committee Grant awards by budget, with Electoral Division community grants being the largest with 38%, and the smallest are sports hardship grants at 1% and 0-19 holiday provision grants at 2%. Carlisle Local Committee by splitting the grants budget between electoral divisional community grants and dedicated grant pots (COMF, Area Planning, 0-19 etc) has enabled Carlisle Local Committee grants panel to successfully work with officers to develop projects to benefit Carlisle Area Plan priorities, 68% of all CLC grants awarded were recommended by the grants panel.


## 2022-23 LEGACY YEAR

9.3. **Carlisle Youth and Community Work Conference (CYWC22)** – this was led by the community development team with a steering group of key partners and was delivered on Wednesday 7th December at University of Cumbria Fusehill Street campus. The conference brought together nearly a hundred people and fifty local community groups, charities, youth organisations, faith groups & parish councils from across North Cumbria as well as students from the university who are hoping to start a career in community development and youth work. It was a celebration of the work of the community & youth sector in Carlisle, with the aim to share good practice, learn, and inspire each other! The objectives of CYWC22 were to:

- Bring together CCC and key partners to celebrate successes over past few years.
- Consider key themes that present opportunities and challenges for the sector and communities we serve.
- Provide opportunities for groups to network and showcase projects



## Carlisle Youth & Community Work Conference 2022





**Wednesday 7 December 2022**  
**3.00pm to 8.00pm**

At UoC Learning Gateway, Fusehill St, Carlisle, Cumbria CA1 2HH

Find out more at [Carlisle.AreaSupport@cumbria.gov.uk](mailto:Carlisle.AreaSupport@cumbria.gov.uk)

Full day, afternoon or evening bookings



**The conference is free and will have BSL interpreter**

9.4. The **CYCW22 programme** had two key speakers, two dedicated participatory workshop sessions (with a choice of seven workshops), Q&A panel, marketplace and live evaluation session. Evaluation of the event was done using evaluation forms and a live Mentimeter survey, the full report can be seen in **Appendix 11**. Key collated results are shown below:

- 95% said CYCW22 conference was relevant & valuable to them
- 96% said CYWC22 conference timings, information, advice & guidance was good
- The workshops were highly rated by participants with 84% in total giving positive & very positive benefits.
- 82% of participants felt there should be another event like this next year.



**Photo: Cllr Deborah Earl, Cabinet member for Public Health & Community Services, Cumbria County Council opening the conference.**

- 9.5. **Community Event Celebrations Fund** - A one-off grant pot Carlisle Local Committee wanted to offer communities in its legacy year. In total 35 grants were awarded for community celebration events, many of these were to celebrate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Grants awarded totalled £21,391 for 16 urban events and 19 rural events, which benefitted an estimated 13,000 people.
- 9.6. In January 2023 the Community Development Team were part of the "**Be Brilliant**" scheme, recognised for their exceptional efforts and valuable contributions to community resilience. Cumbria County Council Chief Executive John Metcalf met the team and congratulated them on their achievement. **Appendix 12**
- 9.7. **Appendix 13** highlights the Community Team Contact Details, including the Officer details for Electoral Divisions, Grants and other themed roles.

## **10. RESOURCE AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **11. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1. This report is for information only.

## 12. CONCLUSION

12.1. This report provides a detailed overview of Community Development activity during the last few months and shows the value of strong community leadership. Members are asked to note the report but questions to officers are welcomed.

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### APPENDICES

***Appendices 1 – Pyjama Drama HAF Young Inspection Report***  
***Appendices 2 – Longtown Engagement William Howard***  
***Appendices 3 – Active Cumbria – Street Tag***  
***Appendices 4 – Active Cumbria – Active Start***  
***Appendices 5 – Alternative Food providers***  
***Appendices 6 – Referral leaflet for Agencies***  
***Appendices 7 – Supporting Carlisle over Christmas 2022***  
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***Appendices 10 – Community Fridge***  
***Appendices 11 – CYCW22 Evaluation and Feedback Report***  
***Appendices 12 – Be Brilliant Case Study***  
***Appendices 13 – Carlisle Community Development Team Contact Details***

Executive Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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Is the decision exempt from call-in on grounds of urgency?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
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"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Has this matter been considered by Overview and Scrutiny? If so, give details below.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No
Has an environmental or sustainability impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A
Has an equality impact assessment been undertaken?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	N/A

***N.B. If an executive decision is made, then a decision cannot be implemented until the expiry of the eighth working day after the date of the meeting – unless the decision is urgent and exempt from call-in and necessary approvals have been obtained.***

**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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