



Summons to Meeting

Thursday 9 February 2023

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Friday 17 February 2023, 1.30 pm

Council Chamber, Allerdale House

Membership:

Councillor Michael Heaslip (Co-Chair)

Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes (Co-Chair)

Councillor Carole Armstrong

Councillor Barbara Cannon

Councillor John Cook

Councillor Allan Daniels

Councillor Patrick Gorrill

Councillor Malcolm Grainger

Councillor Iain Greaney

Councillor Daniel Horsley

Councillor Sally Lansbury

Councillor Paul Scott

Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. If you have any questions or queries contact Gayle Roach on 01900 516809.

Agenda

1. Minutes (Pages 3 - 8)

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2023.

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Declaration of Interests

Councillors/Staff to give notice of any disclosable pecuniary interest, other registrable interest or any other interest and the nature of that interest relating to any item on the agenda, in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.



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4. Questions

To answer questions from members of the public – submitted in writing or by electronic mail no later than 5.00pm on a working day, allowing two clear working days before the day of the meeting.

5. Public Participation

To hear representations from members of the public on items which appear on the agenda – submitted in writing or by electronic mail no later than 5.00pm, 2 working days before the meeting.

6. Monitoring of Regeneration Programmes - Workington and Maryport

To receive verbal updates on each programme.

7. Cumbria Community Safety Partnership Annual Report (Pages 9 - 10)

8. Cost of Living Measures Update

To receive a verbal update.

9. Verbal Update on Local Government Reorganisation

10. Forward Plan (Pages 11 - 16)

11. Work Programme and Outcomes Monitoring (Pages 17 - 18)

12. Task and Finish Group/Working Group Updates



Chief Executive

Date of Next Meeting:

**Friday 17 March 2023, 1.30 pm
Council Chamber, Allerdale House**

Agenda Item 1

At a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held in Council Chamber, Allerdale House on Friday 13 January 2023 at 1.30 pm

Members

Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes (Co-Chair)

Councillor Markus Campbell-Savours -Sub	Councillor Barbara Cannon
Councillor Allan Daniels	Councillor Patrick Gorrill
Councillor Malcolm Grainger	Councillor Iain Greaney
Councillor Vaughan Hodgson - Sub	Councillor Daniel Horsley
Councillor Sally Lansbury	Councillor Paul Scott

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Michael Heaslip, Councillor Carole Armstrong and Councillor John Cook

Staff Present

T Godfrey, K Kerrigan, G Roach and L Stamper

317. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2022 were signed as a correct record.

318. Declaration of Interests

None declared.

319. Questions

None received.

320. Public Participation

None received.

321. Economic Recovery and Growth Strategy Progress Update

The Programme Director & Chief Officer Assets provided members with an update presentation on activity within the Economic Recovery and Growth Strategy.

The Economic Recovery and Growth Strategy had been approved by Executive on 12 May 2021 and contained six strategic objectives identified to deliver the vision, building on issues and opportunities identified in a baseline assessment:

- Clean growth and the low carbon economy
- Growing and future proofing Allerdale's manufacturing base
- Support agriculture to grow and prosper post EU exit
- Harnessing changing lifestyle and working patterns to diversify and grow the

economy

- Creating thriving visitor destinations, towns and rural communities
- Sharing the proceeds of growth.

A summary was provided on all activity achieved/completed under each of the six themes over the last two years. Members acknowledged a lot had been delivered during that time.

Questions were asked around engagement with the Cumbrian LEP and the plans for moving forward, the UK Shared Prosperity Funding process, in particular an update regarding involvement of communities and local groups and around the infrastructure for electric vehicles, in particular were any plans in place for improving charging points across the borough.

It was agreed a written response would be provided to members following the meeting on those queries raised.

Agreed

That the update be noted.

322. Consideration of Cumberland Sports Village Executive Report

The Programme Director & Chief Officer Assets provided members with a verbal update on the Cumberland Sports Village.

Following questions from members no firm timetable on the delivery of the programme could be provided at present however it was still anticipated to be delivered within the timetable for the town deal funding which was by the end of 2026.

The Business Case had been agreed by Executive in principle however a number of areas had been identified where further work was required around project governance, providing confidence around delivery and around certain financial aspects.

It had been agreed that a structure would be developed, and a company would be established to deliver the sports village on behalf of the clubs and they would commission that additional work that was required to move forward.

That company had now been established and grant funding agreed. There had been some governance issues that needed to be addressed which were causing some delays. Those issues were due to be addressed imminently.

Once that additional work had been completed, estimated to approx. four weeks, and the Business Case approved the project would progress to the next stage. It would be at that stage there would be a clearer idea of the timetable that members were looking for.

In the background the two clubs continued to work on engagement with stakeholders and partners and were soon to launch a website to communicate with fans what was happening with the development, what the plans were and how people could get engaged in the process.

It was hoped that in the next 6-8 weeks the Council should be in the position to provide more detail around the Business Plan.

One encouraging aspect linked with this project was there had been some positive conversations with the Football Foundation around funding, primarily for the community pitch, and work was currently underway including both clubs on developing an application for that funding.

Agreed

That the update be noted.

323. Options appraisal for leisure centre provision in Keswick

The Programme Director & Chief Officer Assets provided members with a verbal update on the options appraisal for leisure provision in Keswick.

It was explained that consultants had been appointed last year to develop on the findings from the previous review for an options appraisal. A draft report had been developed however as it was not fully complete it was felt not appropriate to share with members at this stage.

The report reviewed the market gap analysis along with facilities models, guidance and wider strategic plans. It had looked at six locations appraisals looking at planning constraints, road infrastructure, topography, access and ownership.

Consultation had been undertaken with GLL, local Keswick members, the LDNP and with Highways.

This had developed two options for a base facility mix and basic design concept with high level costings. Those were to be further refined through a stage two business case development report currently underway.

A completed options report was expected within the next few weeks and the second phase more detailed report was due by the end of February.

Members asked for the reasons on the delay for a report to be considered by Executive before Christmas as had been announced in a previous portfolio update. It was agreed that would be looked in to and a response provided following the meeting.

The Keswick members present referred to the meeting they had participated in with the consultants and reiterated their point that the right building design and creativity was key to the project's success.

Agreed

That the update be noted.

324. Final Consideration of Received Responses on Safer Streets Project

The Committee considered all the responses received to their original set of questions on a presentation received on the Safer Streets Project in St Michaels, Workington.

Members said that their overall goal was to establish whether they felt, and could it be demonstrated, that the project had delivered value for money.

From the responses obtained from the Safer Streets Co-ordinator, the Police and Local Focus Hub which now included a set of figures as requested, the committee collectively agreed that it didn't appear much value for money had been achieved.

It was however acknowledged that a top-down approach was in place with strict guidelines and a prescribed focus allowing little room for designing a scheme that could deal with local issues.

The Committee thanked those who had taken the time to provide them with responses.

Agreed

That the Committee noted all the information provided, felt it clear that a top-down approach was evident and not appreciated and that value for money had not been achieved on delivery of the project.

325. Verbal Update on Local Government Reorganisation

The Specialist – Policy provided members with a verbal update on LGR.

A number of key posts had been appointed for Cumberland Council, namely;

- Assistant Chief Executive - Director of Strategy, Policy and Performance: Nik Hardy
- Director of Public Health and Communities: Colin Cox
- Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport: Darren Crossley
- Director of Business Transformation and Change: Jo Atkinson
- Director of Resources: Simon Higgins.

Staff Allocation had been confirmed for the vast majority of staff and now Service Planning activities were well underway.

A 100 day communication plan was being developed and delivered.

Resolved

That the update be noted.

326. Forward Plan

The Forward Plan was noted.

327. Work Programme and Outcomes Monitoring

Members noted the work programme and discussed the expected items for their next meeting on Friday 17 February 2023.

Councillor S Lansbury requested that a new item be added for the March 2023 meeting for consideration of a final wrap up report from the Climate Change Action Group. This was agreed by the Committee.

328. Access to Health Services Task and Finish Group Report

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee were presented with the final report and recommendations from the Access to Health Services Task and Finish Group (TFG).

The TFG met during July through to December 2022, the final report was to be considered and approved by the Committee which would then be recommended to the Executive. A number of the recommendations were specific to Allerdale to pick up and action, the remainder were to be forwarded on to the new Cumberland Council from 1 April 2023.

The scope of the review was intended to focus on the delivery of GP and Dentistry services, with particular regard to service in Workington, to scrutinise the plans of the NHS for those services and to work with County Health Scrutiny, Health Watch and patient participation groups to understand the needs of the community in those services.

As part of the review the TFG through internal communication channels had instigated a 'call for evidence' asking to hear direct from residents, the request received a tremendous response from people wanting to share their experiences to which the TFG and Committee expressed their thanks.

In reference to the recommendations on pages 37-38 of the agenda, it was suggested as a way forward that for the Allerdale specific recommendations the Co-Chairs of Scrutiny agree with the Leader of the Council to send a joint letter of representation to the three Members of Parliamentary for Allerdale detailing the TFG review and their recommendations. This was agreed by the Committee.

329. Task and Finish Group/Working Group Updates

The Committee considered an updated scoping document for the third and final TFG due to commence on Democratic Participation in Voting.

It was noted that Councillor S Lansbury was standing down from the membership of this group due to other commitments.

The scoping document was agreed by Committee.

The meeting closed at 2.33 pm

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A series of police-led workshops have been held in recent months to discuss the future of the Cumbrian Community Safety Partnerships (CSPs) and how they can be re-modelled to best meet the requirements of the two Unitary Authorities after 1st April.

This is an important discussion because the countywide Safer Cumbria Board, which currently assists the CSPs with some functions, will also be changing as a result of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and is likely to withdraw most of its support, including for Domestic Homicide Reviews (DHRs).

Clearly, there is a need to manage this transition as the CSPs currently have no direct allocation of staff or resources since funding from the Police and Crime Commissioner terminated over a year ago.

A national review of CSPs is currently taking place to address the many inconsistencies that currently exist. Some English counties are home to multiple CSPs whereas in others a single partnership has responsibility for a disproportionately large geographical area. There are various methods of funding and the role of CSPs is not clearly defined. When the results of the national consultation are published, it is likely to be recommended that CSPs will carry out some additional roles in terms of local implementation of the Serious Violence Duty and the policies of the Combating Drugs Partnership. This would be in addition to existing duties around Domestic Homicide Reviews for which CSPs already have statutory responsibility.

It would be reasonable to expect that with additional duties, more funding from central government would be made available for CSPs to successfully fulfil their enhanced roles.

As a result of the Cumbrian workshops, a proposal has been drafted for consideration by the Shadow Cumberland Council with the following suggestions:

- That there will be a single CSP for Cumberland that will fulfil community safety statutory responsibilities
- That themed delivery groups will be set up and maintained that are governed and held to account by the CSP. These groups will focus on current community safety issues and priorities
- That two dedicated roles are created of a CSP manager and a Domestic Homicide Review (DHR) co-ordinator to enable satisfactory fulfilment of statutory responsibilities
- That these roles be added to the Cumberland Council revenue budget and then be partly re-charged to other responsibilities and stakeholders
- That the role of CSP will transfer from elected members to the director (officer) responsible for community safety. It is proposed that the Chair of the CSP will be a member of the countywide Safer Cumbria Board to provide key information exchange and interconnection.

In the meantime, The West Cumbria CSP continues to meet regularly and enjoys a strong relationship with both Allerdale and Copeland Local Focus Hubs. In recent years, the CSP has contributed to two successful bids for Safer Streets funding which has benefited the residents of Workington and Whitehaven. Direct funding from the

CSP has been awarded for:

- Active Bystander Training
- Training for relevant partners on Adverse Childhood Experience
- Research on Youth Violence
- Security doorbells to assist victims of Domestic Abuse
- Equipment for ID tagging of illegal motorcycles
- Stronger Together Moorclose
- Training for relevant partners whose work brings them into contact with young people
- Taxi marshalling in Workington and Whitehaven
- Project Unbeatable which provides a structured coaching programme for young people from the age of nine years
- Funding for additional staff hours and IT equipment to support the educational programme developed by North Allerdale Development Trust (NADT)

The above is not an exhaustive list.

Partners in regular attendance at CSP meetings include the police, fire service, social housing providers. Allerdale and Copeland Local Focus Hubs together with senior officers from the county and district councils. The current structure already provides a firm footing to support the new Cumberland Council. However, LGR presents the opportunity to further develop the CSP model and to realise more of its potential.

Allerdale Borough Council – Executive Reports and Key Decisions

1 February to 31 March 2023

Decision	Date decision to be made and decision maker	Open/Exempt	Portfolio Holder	Officer contact details
<p>1 Senhouse Street, Maryport, Heritage Action Zone</p> <p>Key Decision</p> <p>Approval of appointment of main contractor, following a competitive procurement exercise, to deliver capital works to convert the former Maryport Maritime Museum to an art gallery with an artist in residence apartment, as part of the Heritage Action Zone (HAZ) programme.</p>	<p>Assistant Chief Executive (Innovation and Commercial)</p> <p>November 2022</p>	<p>Part exempt</p>	<p>Leader and Executive Member: Economic Growth, Community Development and Placemaking (Councillor Mike Johnson)</p>	<p>Assistant Chief Executive (Innovation and Commercial)</p>
<p>Disposal of land at Central Car Park, Workington</p> <p>Key Decision</p>	<p>Programme Director (Transformation)</p> <p>17 January 2023</p>	<p>Part exempt</p>	<p>Leader and Executive Member: Economic Growth, Community Development and Placemaking (Councillor Mike Johnson)</p>	

<p>The Wave Centre, Maryport - Future High Streets tender</p> <p>Key Decision</p> <p>Executive is requested to approve the award of the contract to a main contractor to deliver a programme of capital works at the Wave Centre, Maryport, following a competitive tender process, in accordance with the Council's procurement regulations.</p>	<p>Executive</p> <p>February 2023</p>	<p>Part exempt</p>	<p>Leader and Executive Member: Economic Growth, Community Development and Placemaking (Councillor Mike Johnson)</p>	<p>Assistant Chief Executive (Innovation and Commercial)</p>
<p>Christ Church - Future High Streets tender</p> <p>Key Decision</p> <p>Executive is requested to approve the award of the contract to a main contractor to deliver a programme of capital works at Christ Church, Maryport, following a competitive tender process, in accordance</p>	<p>Executive</p> <p>February 2023</p>	<p>Part exempt</p>	<p>Leader and Executive Member: Economic Growth, Community Development and Placemaking (Councillor Mike Johnson)</p>	<p>Assistant Chief Executive (Innovation and Commercial)</p>

with the Council's procurement regulations.				
<p>The Carlton, Maryport - Future High Streets Tender</p> <p>Key Decision</p> <p>Executive is requested to approve the appointment of a main contractor to deliver a programme of capital works to redevelop the Carlton, Maryport, as part of the Future High Streets programme, following a competitive tender process, in accordance with the Council's procurement regulations.</p>	<p>Executive</p> <p>February 2023</p>	Part exempt	<p>Leader and Executive Member: Economic Growth, Community Development and Placemaking (Councillor Mike Johnson)</p>	<p>Assistant Chief Executive (Innovation and Commercial)</p>
<p>Empire Yard - Future High Streets Programme</p> <p>Key Decision</p> <p>Review of project deliverability following receipt of updated</p>	<p>Executive</p> <p>February 2023</p>	Part exempt	<p>Leader and Executive Member: Economic Growth, Community Development and Placemaking (Councillor Mike Johnson)</p>	<p>Brendan Carlin, Assistant Chief Executive (Innovation and Commercial)</p> <p>brendan.carlin@allerdale.gov.uk</p>

development cost estimate.				
Portfolio Holder updates (non-key) Non-Key Decision	Council 1 March 2023	Open	Leader and Executive Member: Economic Growth, Community Development and Placemaking (Councillor Mike Johnson)	Alex FitzGerald, Senior Policy and Improvement Officer alex.fitzgerald@allerdale.gov.uk
Governance Update Report Non-Key Decision	Council 1 March 2023	Open	Deputy Leader and Executive Member: Policy, Governance and People Resources (Councillor Marion Fitzgerald)	Sharon Sewell, Chief Officer (Place and Governance) and Monitoring Officer sharon.sewell@allerdale.gov.uk
Overview & Scrutiny Update Report Non-Key Decision	Council 1 March 2023	Open	Councillor Michael Heaslip, Councillor Carni McCarron-Holmes	Sharon Sewell, Chief Officer (Place and Governance) and Monitoring Officer sharon.sewell@allerdale.gov.uk
Quarter 3 Finance Report Oct to Dec 2022 Key Decision To inform members of the Council's financial performance against budget for the period	Executive 15 March 2023	Open	Executive Member: Finance and Legal (Councillor Colin Sharpe)	Catherine Nicholson, Chief Officer (Assets) and S151 Officer catherine.nicholson@allerdale.gov.uk

April to December 2022 along with the forecast position to 31 March 2023				
Quarter 3 Performance Report 2022/23 Non-Key Decision A report detailing performance against the Council Strategy Delivery Plan 2022/23 at the end of Quarter 3 2022/23.	Executive 15 March 2023	Open	Deputy Leader and Executive Member: Policy, Governance and People Resources (Councillor Marion Fitzgerald), Leader and Executive Member: Economic Growth, Community Development and Placemaking (Councillor Mike Johnson)	Ian Brogden, Digital Transformation Officer, Alex FitzGerald, Senior Policy and Improvement Officer ian.brogden@alldale.gov.uk, alex.fitzgerald@alldale.gov.uk
Award of construction contract for Workington Innovation Centre Key Decision	Executive 15 March 2023	Fully exempt	Leader and Executive Member: Economic Growth, Community Development and Placemaking (Councillor Mike Johnson)	Programme Director for Workington & Chief Officer - Assets
Award of operator contract for Workington Innovation Centre Key Decision	Executive 15 March 2023	Fully exempt	Leader and Executive Member: Economic Growth, Community Development and Placemaking (Councillor Mike Johnson)	Programme Director for Workington & Chief Officer - Assets
Cumberland Sports Village	Executive 15 March 2023	Part exempt	Leader and Executive Member: Economic Growth, Community	Programme Director for Workington & Chief Officer - Assets

Key Decision To consider the business case for the development of the proposed Cumberland Sports Village			Development and Placemaking (Councillor Mike Johnson)	
Boardwalk, Maryport - Future High Streets tender Key Decision Executive is requested to approve the award of the contract to a main contractor to deliver a programme of capital works to develop a new boardwalk between Maryport harbour and promenade, following a competitive tender process, in accordance with the Council's procurement regulations.	Executive 15 March 2023	Part exempt	Leader and Executive Member: Economic Growth, Community Development and Placemaking (Councillor Mike Johnson)	Graeme Wilson, Programme Director for Maryport Regeneration graeme.wilson@allderale.gov.uk

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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2022-2023

2023
Friday 17 February <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Monitoring of Regeneration Programmes - Workington & Maryport• Cumbria Community Safety Partnership Annual Report• Cost of Living Measures Update• Update from Task and Finish Groups• Update on Local Government Reorganisation
Friday 17 March <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quarter 3 Performance Report• Quarter 3 Finance Report• Consideration of final feedback from Outside Body representatives• Update from Task and Finish Groups – Democratic Participation Final Report Sign Off• Report from Climate Change Advisory Group• Overview & Scrutiny Committee sign off report

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