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<b>Outside Body / Joint Committee</b>	<b>Feedback</b>
Allerdale Citizens Advice Bureau	<p>The meetings are held monthly, and I have attended a couple.            Yes I believe Council representation adds value because we can advise on some funding and also fill in details of projects etc.            There have been no particular actions to note.</p>
Allerdale Disability Association	<p>I am on the board of this valuable organisation, which meets and assists local people with their disability issues and offers any help they can with the daily problems they have.</p>
Allerdale Investment Partnership	<p>The partnership meets formally every three months or so. There are fortnightly updates for the directors. Contact between Council and AIP officers is both regular and on demand.</p> <p>I have attended all formal and informal directors' meetings until recently. It should be noted that my resignation as a director of the partnership is currently in hand, and I have already been replaced by Cllr Sharpe for all practical purposes.</p> <p>The presence of Council representatives on the Board is clearly essential as plans cannot be actioned without the agreement of both partners.</p> <p>The involvement of the AIP has helped to advance significant projects included in the Workington Regeneration Scheme - for example, the Innovation Centre planned for the Central Car Park site, the Workington Sports Village and collaborative work with Cumbria County Council to improve the Port of Workington and land at Oldside which has been designated for employment. In addition to this, the Partnership has generated income for the Council by negotiating residential development at Ashfield Road and improved infrastructure at Lillyhall to attract new business and additional investment.</p>

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	<p>The AIP Board meets every three months, I have attended all. There are also monthly informal catch-up meetings and further impromptu meetings as and when necessary to discuss matters as they arise. Project team members and officers also meet regularly to discuss progress.</p> <p>Yes. Presence on the Board is essential as this is a partnership and plans cannot be actioned without the agreement of both partners.</p> <p>Completion of Workington Travelodge, large residential development schemes at Ashfield Road, and planning of potential future projects at key employment sites such as Oldside and Lillyhall.</p> <p>Completion of Workington Travelodge, large residential development schemes at Ashfield Road, and planning of potential future projects at key employment sites such as Oldside and Lillyhall. If these go ahead, they will benefit both partners.</p> <p>The Council does not necessarily have the skills and expertise in-house that the partner can bring to the table as part of the process of deciding which development proposals are most suitable for the partnership to engage in. With the decrease in funding from central government, the Council needs to work towards self-sufficiency and to find alternative sources of income so that service levels are maintained. Having a partner well versed in investment and project strategy is an essential tool for the Council.</p> <p>I was appointed to the AIP Board in January 2020 the Board usually meets every 2/3 months as well as monthly update meetings. I have attended all the meetings. I believe representing the Council on this Outside Body adds value as it is a partnership, the Board cannot progress things without all agreeing. The AIP Board have delivered several projects; examples are Travelodge, Ashfield Road Phase 2 and we are planning future projects that will benefit all parties. It is essential to have representation on the AIP Board and work with our partners. We all bring different skills and expertise to deliver projects for Allerdale. With Government budget restraints this is a good way to look at generating income from other sources.</p>
<p>Cumbria County Council Pensions Forum</p>	<p>The Pensions Forum has not met since I took over the role. I will however outline its function and key points from the presentation below.</p>

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	<p>The Pensions Forum meets to inform and consult the wider representation of employing organisations and employee and pensioner representatives. The dates of these meetings are synchronised with those held by the Pensions Committee to allow for Forum input.</p> <p>The function of the Pension Forum - To seek the views of the representative bodies, employees and pensioners and discuss items of common interest in relation to pensions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) administration of pensions and information to employees and pensioners in Cumbria;</li><li>(ii) discretionary benefits under the Scheme;</li><li>(iii) the state of the fund (the Annual Report and Accounts shall be submitted to the Forum);</li><li>(iv) investment policy; and</li><li>(v) developments in public sector pension matters and to make appropriate recommendations by the County Council.</li></ul> <p>Key Points from the notes of the meeting of November 2021</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There is £3.2 Billion invested in the Local Government Pension Scheme. This is managed by the Local Pensions Partnership Administration LPPA <a href="http://www.lppapensions.co.uk">www.lppapensions.co.uk</a></li><li>• 34% of this is invested with Border to Coast with another 17% moving to this fund in the future. The Border to Coast Fund has a strategy which actively considers how its investments affect climate change and how the risk of climate change affects its portfolio performance. <a href="http://www.bordertocoast.org.uk">www.bordertocoast.org.uk</a></li><li>• There has been strong performance with a fund value now 111% over the 2019 value overcoming the trough created by COVID economic shock.</li><li>• Going forward there is now some danger from the inflationary environment we are entering.</li><li>• There is a reported lack of clarity on how the LGPS will be administered after vesting day next April</li><li>• New software is being introduced so all pensions staff will need training on the new system</li></ul> <p>The next meeting will be in November 2022</p>
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<p>Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee</p>	<p>Membership of this committee requires an eye for detail and an ability to translate the dense jargon and acronyms that populate almost all of the reports tabled by officials. I like to think, as a former civil servant (who, I confess, often wrote the very kind of reports I now wade through) I have the necessary skill set. However, it takes a bit of time to find your feet as the committee has a number of very experienced councillors who talk in the same “language” as the officials.</p> <p>There have been two inextricably linked themes to Committees I have attended: the impact of Covid 19 and NHS recruitment difficulties.</p> <p>Whilst the reports may be a bit far from a light read, the impressive thing is that senior NHS leaders do attend. So, I have been able to ask questions about Allerdale issues and I have received crisp and easy to follow responses. For example, the challenge a few months ago was the inability to discharge patients from hospital due to there being no social care packages. Also, staff absences due to Covid affected all hospitals. We received, a couple of meetings ago, a report on dental services and how the issue was now the shortage of patients! That is, people were afraid to visit as their perception was the service was closed or unsafe. That led on to discussions on communication and we as councillors could add our local insight and suggestions.</p> <p>West Cumbria continues to have a serious issue in being able to attract key professionals. I have been able to talk about how Allerdale Borough Council’s strategies with town development, sport and culture, all go towards making Allerdale a place where people will want to live and work. It’s not all about the lakes and fells.</p> <p>I now have an enhanced understanding of how the Committee holds the NHS services to account and the ability to listen and talk to senior leaders. As they get to know you, you can see they take note of particular issues and their responses the next time are more focused. Unfortunately I missed a couple of meetings due to family bereavements, one being a loss to pancreatic cancer and the level of care from the hospital was not the highest standard. This personal insight enabled me, without talking about my specific personal experience, to give focused feedback to the Chief Operating Officer, Peter Rooney. I have also been elected as Vice Chair at two of the Committee meetings.</p> <p>In conclusion, this is an important committee that requires investment in time and I hope to build on my experience in future, for the benefit of people in Allerdale.</p>
<p>Cumbria Police &amp; Crime Panel Joint Committee</p>	<p>These meetings are held on a quarterly basis.  I have attended two meetings out of two.</p>

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	<p>Representing the Council gives me a chance to raise points given to me by fellow councillors and keeps me up to date on what the Office of the PCC is doing.</p> <p>Because of the time of the year, the first meeting was focused on the recruitment of Police Officers, where the PCC was hopeful to recruit 117 Officers for Cumbria, at the meeting in October 65 have been recruited, but the stalling point was to get them trained and up to speed.</p> <p>The PCC was hoping to fill some of the vacancies with PCSO Officers as they have been trained, the backfill the number of PCSO's.</p> <p>Drug Dealing was still rising, County lines were having some success by targeting higher up the food chain rather the small-time dealers.</p> <p>At the time of the meeting Workington was the 'Crime Capital' but the statistics didn't include Carlisle.</p> <p>The second meeting I attended was to approve the PCC/Police Budget for 2022/23.</p> <p>In short I believe representation to the joint committee is essential as it gives a snapshot of what is happening in Cumbria during that quarter, plus the added value of holding the PPC and Cumbria Police to account on various problems that are occurring in Allerdale, and making sure that these are recorded.</p> <p>Both the PCC and Cumbria police are very impressed with the Workington Hub based in Allerdale House, Workington and holds that as a model of excellence for the rest of Cumbria.</p>
Cumbria Tourist Board	<p>I am a member of The Cumbria Tourist Board and have found the meetings knowledgeable, rewarding and of great value by engaging with other members and business to gain information which I have distributed to other districts and business via myself and ABC officers. ABC hosted a Tourism conference at Energus Lillyhall which was very well attended by tourism venues and business across Allerdale and Cumbria.</p>
Energy Coast West Cumbria Ltd	<p>The BEC Board meets quarterly, and I attended all meetings in 2021/22.</p> <p>Yes, I believe that the council's presence on this body adds value. The reasons for this are two-fold. Firstly, the council is able to influence and understand the direction of BEC's regeneration work which has an impact on our communities. Secondly it creates an opportunity to work in partnership with other councils and public bodies on a broader regeneration agenda.</p>

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	<p>BEC have undertaken regeneration activity in Allerdale during the last year, especially in support of the Maryport Regeneration Programme. Both in terms of support to the programme and in regeneration activity.</p> <p>Allerdale have been able to influence the future direction of the company through the development of its strategic plan and ensure that the organisation is working collaboratively to deliver the aims of its members.</p> <p>Yes, I would consider representation to be essential. As an owner of the company, it is important that the Council gives the organisation its full support and also ensures that the company is focused on the members aims and objectives.</p>
<p>Harrington Harbour &amp; Dock Board</p>	<p>The Committee does not meet on a regular timescale only when there are outstanding problems or issues to be discussed, there has been 3 meetings over the last year and I have attended them all. I do believe representing the Council on the body is beneficial to all concerned since this ensures that all aspects of usage of the Harbour covers the correct running of a safe Harbour for all to use and being able to have insight of local input and concerns.</p> <p>Recent activity - The main channel into the Harbour was cleared and made seaworthy, the area around the Harbour has been made more car friendly, the gate has been repaired, the sea warning lights have been maintained to the appropriate standard and part of the inner harbour has been de-silted. The Harbour Master reports to the committee at every meeting on all matters of repairs etc. Lack of financial support is very restricted on the upkeep of the Harbour.</p> <p>I do consider the representation of ABC ensures the safety management, proper reporting from the Harbour Master to most of all local input being a great asset through the committee members. Legal preparation and requirements are now being set in place for the new Cumberland Council Authority for 2023. It was suggested at one point that it would be better to close the Harbour not financially viable since this would be into millions of Pounds.</p> <p>Representation is essential to ensure all aspects of responsibility of overseeing the correct procedures.</p>

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	<p>I would like to comment that lack of the correct funding and support to ensure a leisure harbour would be a great asset to the local economy. I do feel the Harbour for the last 10 years has been run on very limited financial input consequently to the detriment of Harrington and the Harbour. Hopefully this new authority will be able to invest for a better future for this lovely community coastal asset. And I would like to see more local persons whether boat owners or not be involved via the Committee to ensure the future of Harrington Harbour.</p>
	<p>The Board met 3 times in 2021, no meetings have taken place in 2022 as yet, I have attended all meetings.</p> <p>Yes, for the reason that Harrington Harbour is situated within Allerdale Borough Councils remit and by representing the Harrington Harbour and Dock Board we are unifying our corporate approach in delivering green spaces, tourist attractions and leisure facilities that are enjoyed by everyone including visitors.</p> <p>Harrington Harbour and Dock Board as mentioned is a very popular place for local residents and people visiting the area. All facilities that encompass Harrington Harbour needs to be managed from a health and safety perspective making sure all services supplied are safe for everyone to use, this represents the council well as there will be no enforcement from the HSE but public opinion and satisfaction is guaranteed.</p> <p>All actions undertaken by Harrington Harbour and Dock Board are for the benefit of all persons using the harbour, either from a leisure situation with the moorings we have for boat users, local dog walkers and visitors. We believe we have aesthetically enhanced the appearance of the harbour making it an attraction for everyone.</p> <p>Yes, public opinion and feedback from local residents is essential for any council, as our aims are to provide suitable and safe services for everyone. The council has many varying service areas and if</p>

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	<p>one falls below our standard of operation which increases public dissatisfaction then the reputation of the council could become jeopardised.</p> <p>There have been two meetings in the last municipal year, I attended both meetings.</p> <p>Yes I believe council representation adds value. The Council owns the Harbour and appoints the members of the Board which is responsible for governance of the Harbour under the Harbour Acts and the Harbour Order. It is essential - to the Council - that its ownership of the Harbour is complemented by a proper Harbour governance arrangement.</p> <p>It is a matter of uncertainty with respect to both bodies as to whether a) there is a lease in place from Council to Harbour Board of the Council's Harbour asset; and b) whether there should be such a lease, given the inability of the Harbour Board to generate sufficient revenue to maintain the fabric of the Harbour or even to fund the requirements of the Harbour Order as to safe navigation. The situation is under continuing review and urgently needs sorted.</p> <p>Yes I consider representation to be essential to the Council. The Council is ultimately responsible for the Harbour as owner and as appointing body for the Harbour Board.</p> <p>The sustainable governance and maintenance of the Harbour needs sorted. The can cannot be kicked down the road as something for the new unitary Council to sort out. That would be irresponsible of us.</p>
<p>Lake District National Park (LDNP) Authority</p>	<p>1-3 meetings per month, it varies. I have not attended as many as I would have liked due to treatment I needed.</p> <p>I definitely believe that council representation adds value, I can represent Allerdale constituent's views, fears and priorities of those communities living in and around LDNP. I also find out and hear the views and priorities of other Councillors, be they Parish, District or County as well as the Secretary of State appointees.</p> <p>By bringing experiences and learning back to Council from training sessions and site visits attended as well as by attending Development Control Committee (DCC), Authority and Governance meetings in addition to being party to their Covid response. This has aided my professional input into meetings at ABC. Experiences of virtual LDNPA meetings has also brought the better ideas to Allerdale.</p>



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	<p>I have been a voice for the Allerdale communities living in and around the LDNP at meetings particularly with respect to DCC and Policy.</p> <p>: I have brought my 11 years as Development Panel member experience as well as the many years involvement with Allerdale and LDNP planning matters which included Local plans and Secretary of State planning appeals and judicial review. This experience has shaped my input, questions and actions (ie moving approval or refusal, most importantly with material planning reasons) at DCC meetings in particular. My experience as a Councillor has similarly aided my involvement and questioning at meetings other than DCC.</p> <p>I certainly do consider representation essential. It is imperative that the constituents living and/or working in and around LDNP have a voice and representation by an elected member.</p> <p>: I am uniquely qualified to represent Allerdale as the representative on LDNPA as I was brought up, attended Infants, Junior and Senior schools in LDNP and was married at St Kentigern’s Church in Keswick as well as working in an around the LDNP and like most people my leisure activities are also centred in and around the Lakes as well as having family and friends in the park.</p> <p>Because I have spent most of my life living and working in or next to the LDNP and as a Councillor, the DCC and DP memberships plus Secretary of State Inquiries and Judicial Review attendances must make me one of the most experienced in this particular area where knowledge, objectivity and professionalism are extremely important as it is one of the most publicly attended of committees/panels.</p>
<p>Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Scrutiny Board</p>	<p>The meetings are biannual and the last two were on the 9/9/2021 and 16/3/2022 and I attended both. We were briefed regarding what the LEP are doing and get the opportunity to ask questions and scrutinise, but no actions were taken as we note the reports. These included, recovery plan, CLEP support for business, labour and skills shortage and economic impact uptake. The minutes for the March meeting have not been published but we looked at the economic overview, the journey to net zero, levelling up and the infrastructure fund.</p> <p>I am not aware what actions have been taken during my time, I do not consider my presence essential but believe Allerdale should be represented.</p>

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<p>Risk &amp; Hazard Reduction and Waste Group</p>	<p>These meetings take place bi-monthly or thereabouts. The move to virtual meetings during the pandemic has enabled me to attend almost all of them. I would hope to maintain attendance at around 80% or above now that some meetings have resumed in person.</p> <p>Regular updates from the NDA and Sellafield staff are of great benefit due to the importance of the nuclear industry to the local economy in terms of the number of employees and the significance of the nuclear supply chain within Allerdale.</p> <p>I have attached a recent report to the Scrutiny Chairs for additional information.</p> <hr/> <p>Number of meetings attended – 3</p> <p>Yes I believe representations adds value.  All Sellafield present and future work is discussed at meetings.  These groups are particularly pertinent to the development work I spent 25 years on at Sellafield. Such are the timescales between development, process plant and products suitable for long term storage as cemented wastes.  What actions have been taken throughout the year that have added value to the council?  Since 2014 Sellafield Ltd, via their Social Impact Investment Fund, contributed £500K each to Copeland and Allerdale Council's. Allerdale's share goes to fund individual community projects, regeneration, sports and leisure that are components of the 10-year plan.</p> <p>Added value to Sellafield Ltd. comes from helping maintain a vibrant, viable West Cumbria to recruit labour locally, and to attract future management to the area. Sellafield Ltd and its subcontractors provide, directly or indirectly, up to 40% of all jobs in Workington and Whitehaven areas.  Yes I consider representation essential - It is a major employer for generations ahead. Both Sellafield and Allerdale benefit in terms of job security, good apprenticeship schemes a safe work environment and a captive workforce.</p>
<p>Solway Coast AONB Joint Advisory Committee</p>	<p>The steering group meet three times per year.  Representatives from Cumbria County Council, Carlisle City natural England Environment Agency, Solway Firth Partnership, Allerdale Borough Council and Maryport Town Council in the ANOB area.  The programme of the next meeting on 24 May is to provide strategic direction, it has failed to meet in a while due to the covid restrictions.</p>

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	<p>The Westlands project &amp; maintenance to the area is important &amp; that we give a high profile to promote the area as a tourist area other than the lakes national park.</p> <p>The extension to the cycleway from Allonby to Silloth is helping to promote the areas access from the whole of the UK, and this will also give added value to the regeneration scheme in Maryport.</p> <p>We are all enthusiastic members in selling our new story, giving a stronger mission for connecting people &amp; places.</p>
Spent Fuel Management & Nuclear Materials Group	<p>These meetings take place bi-monthly or thereabouts. The move to virtual meetings during the pandemic has enabled me to attend almost all of them. I would hope to maintain attendance at around 80% or above now that some meetings have resumed in person.</p> <p>Regular updates from the NDA and Sellafield staff are of great benefit due to the importance of the nuclear industry to the local economy in terms of the number of employees and the significance of the nuclear supply chain within Allerdale.</p> <p>I have attached a recent report to the Scrutiny Chairs for additional information.</p>
	<p>The nuclear industry has its own language of acronyms and abbreviations. So the first thing I am pleased about is my achievement in understanding 50% of them; if I had another year I would get an even better understanding but it is a Sisyphean task. Legacy is also a favourite word and I now realise I am a legacy civil servant.</p> <p>In all seriousness though, I have been really grateful for the time Sellafield senior managers have invested in explaining the work going on to protect us all. It is very impressive. I was brought up next to Britain's second Magnox power station and have thus lived all my life in a nuclear area. The first Magnox plants had a defence use first, civil use a by product. So we now have that legacy – hundreds of tons of spent nuclear fuel and waste that need looked after for hundreds of years.</p> <p>The SFM &amp; N group meetings often clash with others and at the last meeting in April Cllr Tyson and I were the only people in the meeting apart from the Chairperson. Even so, the ability to scrutinise and get beneath the jargon is vital. The nuclear industry needs, always, to have a "critical friend". I know they value feedback.</p>

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	<p>The SFM &amp; N group has a strong link to the GDF community work. My understanding is that we are at least 30 years away from a safe solution to storing waste above ground. Meanwhile we rely on the expertise and skill of our local workforce.</p> <p>There are fewer more important groups and I would recommend membership of this group to other councillors who want to be that critical friend.</p>
<p>West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group</p>	<p>The group meetings are held four times a year; in February, May, August and November.</p> <p>For personal reasons I have only attended one meeting which was some time ago now therefore it is difficult to report back on my input in to this group.</p> <p>I do believe however it is important for us to be part of these external bodies to gain information for future workings and collaboration and I would / will attend if and when I can going forward.</p>
<p>Workington Harbour Management Committee</p>	<p>Meets every three months, I have attended all meeting.</p> <p>Yes I believe it adds value - The Port is situated in Allerdale Borough and is a key gateway serving West Cumbria, the rest of the sub-region and beyond. It is a significant economic driver in supporting a variety of businesses and is attractive to potential inward investment. In addition, it will be integral to the asset base of the new unitary authority, Cumberland Council, and particularly important in context of the strong likelihood for Towns Deal investment funding which will unlock the potential for further high-quality economic development.</p> <p>The new Port Manager has managed an operational review successfully and, strategically, has worked with Borough and County officers on a masterplan and a capital programme. These actions have been overseen and supported by the WHM Committee in recognition of these plans underpinning a secure future for the port facilities.</p> <p>I previously managed the business at the Port (as a County Council employee) for 10 years between 2005 and 2015. My knowledge and experience have been used to both challenge and support decision making, advise and inform, and to offer independent support in explanations to co-Committee members.</p> <p>Yes I consider representation to be essential - In terms of responsible management of economy and infrastructure, the Council's representation on this Committee remains absolutely essential as the Port is a key asset to the current Borough and for the new unitary authority.</p> <p>The Port assets will become part of the capital structure of the new Cumberland Council and hence Allerdale Borough's 'voice' on the WHM Committee during the forthcoming transition year will be</p>

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	<p>crucial in moulding any governance changes to preserve and develop strategies that remain in the best interests of all residents and that secure a strong future for the facilities.</p>
	<p>The Committee meets quarterly, I have attended all meetings in 2021/22.</p> <p>Yes, the Port of Workington is an important strategic asset for Allerdale and West Cumbria</p> <p>Agreement of the Port Masterplan, which will support the future development of the land at Oldside which is owned by Allerdale Borough Council and identified as a future employment site.</p> <p>Agreement of Port Business Plan and Investment Strategy.</p> <p>Yes, the Port is a vital strategic and economic asset for Allerdale and West Cumbria and is key to future investment and the economic growth of Workington and Allerdale.</p>
	<p>There were four meetings in the 2021-22 municipal year, I attended all four,</p> <p>Yes it is important that the Council is able to contribute to the effective governance of the Port; I am able to contribute from long involvement in the Port of Workington.</p> <p>What actions have been taken - Continuing effective governance of the Port as a key feature of the local economy. Replacement of the railway bridge giving access to the Port, (but I'm not taking any personal credit for that)</p> <p>Adoption of a masterplan for the development of the port and the port estate (but again I take no personal credit).</p> <p>Yes, the Port is an essential element of the local economy and the Council must be involved in ensuring its effective governance</p>

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Note:

Members were asked to provide responses to the following questions

During your time on the body(s);

1. What is the number/frequency of meetings?
2. How many meetings have you attended?
3. Do you believe that representing the Council on the body adds value?  
Please explain your response
4. What actions have been taken during the duration of your appointment which have added value to the Council?
5. What actions have been taken during the duration of your appointment which have added value to the body?
6. Do you consider representation to be essential to the work of the Council and delivery of its service areas?  
Please explain your response
7. Do you wish to make any further comments with regards to your appointment on the body?