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Outside Body / Joint Committee	Member/s	Feedback
Allerdale Citizens Advice Bureau	Cllr Pitcher	
Allerdale Disability Association	Cllrs Pitcher & Fitzgerald	<p>This is an extremely active organisation providing excellent service to residents with vulnerabilities. ADA appears to have thrived since moving to the Moorclose Community Centre and will shortly be transferring to a larger area of the building (originally the library) which has been refurbished specifically for the purpose. The relationship with Allerdale Borough Council remains strong. At a recent meeting, we learned that ADA has helped its clients to access almost £10 million worth of funding by providing representation and advocacy services. Clearly, this success leads to savings for Local Government and the NHS in a number of ways as well as increasing spend in the local economy. ADA very much values the support it has received from Allerdale BC over the years.</p>
Allerdale Investment Partnership	Cllrs Johnson, Sharpe & Smith	<p>Imperative that elected members continue to represent the best interests of their Authority as part of this partnership with each project being secured as an incorporated entity with members included as directors. The structure allows the development potential of Authority fixed assets to be unlocked with investment funding from the private partner(s) to expedite social and environmental benefits for Authority residents and to provide an equal economic investment return to the partners.</p>

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Cumbria Community Foundation West Cumbria Panel	Cllr Pitcher	
Cumbria County Council Pensions Forum	Cllr Lansbury	<p>Background 130 Employers are affiliated to the Local Govt Pension Scheme and there are 60,663 individual members of the scheme. The total fund value for Cumbria is £3.1 Billion. LGPS works by pooling Employer and Employee contributions together with the income from investment. The scheme holds a diverse portfolio, pooled and managed by Border to Coast pensions. Overall, Border to Coast manage £60 billion of pension investment funds</p> <p>Performance The fund has grown year on year except for a dip in September 2022. Where the fund value declined from £3.318 billion to £3.118 billion. Overall, the fund exceeded the benchmark of annual fund investment portfolio. Employee data held in the system is between 95% and 98% complete. Border to Coast have a strategy for achieving Net Zero (Carbon emissions) and appear to be committed to supporting the Global Energy Transition. They have launched a 'Climate Opportunities' investment fund to drive change and find solutions to the Climate Crisis.</p> <p>LGR There will be very little impact on employers and employees and everyone (including those who have opted for 50:50 contribs) will be moved onto the full LGPS on 1st April.</p> <p>Some Issues for consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The info provided, suggests employees that have chosen to reduce contributions to 50:50 because of their own financial constraints and the cost of living crisis will be moved onto the full scheme and will need to apply again to go back onto the 50:50 scheme. Communication about this is important for Cumberland Council. • Only 40% of active members have completed their Death grant nominations – this % should be much higher and needs some work in order to ensure that employees families receive what they are due. • Only 42% of pension members have signed up to the MyPension on-line service. This area also needs attention to enable more people able to access their records.
Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Semple	

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Cumbria Police & Crime Panel Joint Committee	Cllr Smith	
Cumbria Tourist Board	Cllr Markley	
Energy Coast West Cumbria Ltd	Cllr Johnson	
Harrington Harbour & Dock Board	Cllr Johnson	
	Cllr Heaslip	There is a deal of confusion about the relationship between this statutory body and the Council (Cumberland from 1 April 2023) which I have tried, without complete success, to unravel. I would propose to Cumberland that they agree to the Boards suggestion that the lease is defunct and has been automatically terminated; and that they seek a Harbour Revision Order to dissolve the Board and make the Council the Harbour Authority. Note that existing Board members remain Board members until they resign or are dismissed.
	Cllr Harrington	
Lake District National Park (LDNP) Authority	Cllr Cockburn	Do you believe that representing the Council on the body adds value? : Definitely, I can represent Allerdale constituents 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. What actions have been taken during the duration of your appointment which have added value to the Council? : By bringing experiences and learning back to Council from extensive 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

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		<p>aided my professional input into meetings at ABC. Experiences of virtual LDNPA meetings has also brought the better ideas to Allerdale. I have been a voice for the communities living in and around the LDNP at meetings particularly with respect to DCC and Policy.</p> <p>What actions have been taken during the duration of your appointment which have added value to the body? : I have brought my 12 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>Do you consider representation to be essential to the work of the Council and delivery of its service areas? : 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>Do you wish to make any further comments with regards to your appointment on the body? : 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 were also centred in and around the Lakes as well as having family and friends in the park. 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>
Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Scrutiny Board	Cllr Campbell-Savours	
Maryport Harbour Authority	Cllr Kendall	<p>Allerdale no longer fund this body, it is more for member representations and occasionally officer support.</p> <p>The development and longevity of the Harbour authority is vital as it underpins the operation of the harbour and marina, the jewel in the crown for Maryport.</p> <p>Dredging is due to commence in during the next 12 months.</p>

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Risk & Hazard Reduction and Waste Group	Cllrs Fitzgerald & Markley	With the proximity of Sellafield, this group is an extremely important source of information about the day to day happenings at Sellafield. The WCSSG sub groups are likely to change shortly but membership of this group's successor is crucial for the new Authority since the Sellafield site will be within its geographical boundaries. The group regularly receives clear and concise presentations from senior members of Sellafield staff. This should be maintained.
Solway Coast AONB Joint Advisory Committee	Cllrs Cook & Kendall	The Solway Coast/AONB is of great importance to West Cumbria both as a visitor attraction and of benefit to the local people and it is important that it is resourced properly by the new authority The present financial reports show it needs funding to cover shortfalls.
Solway Firth Partnership	Cllr Cook	
Spent Fuel Management & Nuclear Materials Group	Cllrs Fitzgerald & Markley	With the proximity of Sellafield, this group is an extremely important source of information about the day to day happenings at Sellafield. The WCSSG sub groups are likely to change shortly but membership of this group's successor is crucial for the new Authority since the Sellafield site will be within its geographical boundaries. The group regularly receives clear and concise presentations from senior members of Sellafield staff. This should be maintained.
West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group	Cllr Fitzgerald	This group is the forum for bringing together all of the information received in the sub-groups. As explained earlier, with the Sellafield site within the geographical boundaries of the new Authority, and with SL's considerable economic influence as major employer within the area, the relationship is one that must be maintained.

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Workington Harbour Management Committee	Cllrs Johnson, Sharpe & Heaslip	
		Unlocking the potential of the Port will provide a key driver to its long-term prosperity. Under its current municipal governance, it should continue to be overseen by elected members as part of the Authority's wider economic development agenda in expanding the facilities to include a fully integrated logistics hub.
		This is an Outside Body nomination in the hands of Allerdale Council. From 1 April 2023 it is simply a Committee of Cumberland Council, and not an Outside Body in its hands. Cumberland Council will make its own determination.