

Clerk - Cockermouth TC

From: Gail Willis-smith <gailwillis001@gmail.com>
Sent: 20 July 2023 07:49
To: Clerk - Cockermouth TC
Subject: Re: All Saints School Cockermouth

Hi Sheila

Funding to provide All Saints sensory garden with one of these please -

https://m.hope-education.co.uk/product/early-years/sand,-water-and-messy-play/water-play-and-exploration/water-wallboard-set-/hp00050711?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=DSA_EY&gclid=CjwKCAjwh8mlBhB_EiwAszt_dBJKFABnlfvmln291oFYGeL2rfkSBYPnjL80SPRJALITdBiYLSI3BoCJPcQAvD_BwE

Thanks
Gail

On Tue, 18 Jul 2023 at 11:40, Clerk - Cockermouth TC <clerk@cockermouth.org> wrote:

Please can you provide details of estimated costs

thanks

Sheila Brown

The Town Clerk

Cockermouth Town Council

The Town Hall

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From: Gail Willis-smith <gailwillis001@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2023 11:00 AM
To: Clerk - Cockermouth TC <clerk@cockermouth.org>
Subject: All Saints School Cockermouth

Hi,

I am currently leading a small team to help rejuvenate in the Special Educational Needs garden at All Saints School in Cockermouth. As you can see from the photos the garden is in need of investment.

I wondered if the town council would make a donation towards mirrors to go on the fences or a cordless strimmer for the grass?

Clerk - Cockermouth TC

From: Emma Heys <emma@thekirkgate.com>
Sent: 21 July 2023 15:46
To: Clerk - Cockermouth TC
Subject: New project at Kirkgate Arts and Heritage

Hello Sheila

Earlier this year we received confirmation from the Heritage Lottery fund that they would provide the majority of the funding for our "in my shoes" project. This is an 18-month project which aims to give the people of West Cumbria the opportunity to share and celebrate their own cultural heritage. This project will include bringing some diverse performances to the area, the collection of oral histories to create an oral history archive. Some of the story's collected in this archive will feed into other work for this project. Areas that will draw on the oral history archive will include work created and performed by the Kirkgate youth theatre and two exhibitions created by the Kirkgate Heritage group. We have already secured 50% of the match funding that we require for the project.

To tie in with the projects title and the towns historic link with shoe manufacture the first Heritage group exhibition will be based around the Millers shoe factory. The exhibition that is due to take place in the Kirkgate centre from the 10th of November for a month and then do a tour of other community venues in the area.. We would like the council to consider a donation of £500 toward the design and printing of the display boards (all the content will be created by our Heritage volunteers) and some consumables. The exhibition will include photos and memorabilia from the factor and some personal stories collected from people who worked in the factory. We believe that the exhibition will be of great interest to local people as well as visitors especial anyone who worked in the factory or who know someone who did. Visitor number to the exhibition will encourage people to explore the town and spend in other local business.

If you require any further information on the project, I will be happy to give more details or speak directly to the council if that would be helpful.

Best Regard

Emma Heys

General Manager
Kirkgate Arts and Heritage
01900 829966





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Mandate for Society/Club/Association

General notes for completing this mandate

Please read these notes carefully and make use of the checklist tickboxes on the last page to help confirm that each section has been completed.

- Use this mandate for new and existing accounts (if you wish to advise us of changes to the signatories or signing instructions on your account(s)).
- Your signing instructions should be appropriate to your needs and easy to understand.
- If you are opening a new account we will require a copy of the Society/Club/Association rules or a constitution.
- If there has been a change of Chairperson or Secretary since the original mandate was taken, then a copy of the resolution appointing the new Chairperson or Secretary should be provided. If you need to change the address of your bank statements and other correspondence, please ask for a change of address authority form.
- If you are advising us of changes to signatories only, you do not need to provide a copy of your rules or constitution.
- Complete in black ink and BLOCK CAPITALS only.
- The use of correction fluid is not permitted.
- All corrections and deletions must be initialled by any two signatories. Where there is only one signatory, only one initial is required.
- Please make sure all pages of the mandate are completed and returned to us via post to: **Freepost HSBC forms**. If you are outside the UK, please send to: **HSBC, 51 Saffron Road, Wigston, Leicester, LE18 4AG**.
- Please refer to the last page 'Information you provide to us' for details of how we will collect and use your information. Our full Privacy Notice can be found at business.hsbc.uk/legal or you can also ask for a copy in branch.
- Please continue to next page to complete the mandate.

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Sort code or internal address

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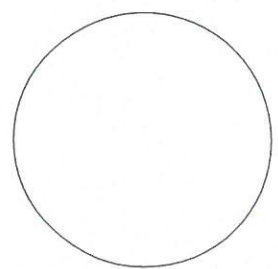
Mandate reviewed by authorised signatory in accordance with procedures and identification summary form completed

Signature Date

Print name

Care – all pages of this mandate are to be forwarded to Banking Operations (previously known as DSC).

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Section 1

To: HSBC UK Bank plc Date

Name of Society/
Club/Association*

The Society/Club/Association* requests you (please tick as appropriate)

to open ☐ (an) account(s) in its name, **or** continue ☐ (an) existing account(s) in its name.

Section 2

Please tick the box or complete the boxes only

We require this mandate to cover all accounts held now and in the future ☐ (please tick box and move to Section 3)

or

If you wish to limit this mandate to specific account(s) please complete the boxes below:

Sort Code - -

Account Number

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Account Number

Please note: If the above boxes are left blank, we will assume your mandate covers all accounts held now and in the future. If the above boxes are completed we will only apply to those accounts listed. If the above boxes are completed we will only apply to those accounts listed.

* Delete as appropriate

Section 3

We attach a copy of the rules/constitution of the Society/Club/Association.

Section 4

In order that you may credit any interest earned, we confirm that Society/Club/Association* has a separate identity from its members and that no individual member has the right to be paid, or will directly benefit from any interest earned.

Section 5

Please complete all sections

"the Bank" means HSBC UK Bank plc.

"Instructions" means

- cheques or any other payment instructions signed on behalf of the Society/Club/Association* and any payment instructions which have been duly authorised otherwise than in writing, whether any account of the Society/Club/Association* is in debit or credit;
- any instructions to stop a payment on behalf of the Society/Club/Association*, received by the Bank in accordance with the applicable provisions in the Business Banking Terms and Conditions at that time;
- instructions to deliver any item held on behalf of the Society/Club/Association* by the Bank in safe keeping;
- any other instructions in respect of any other transaction with the Bank (including the opening of additional account(s) and closing of any account(s)).

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We set out overleaf a list of all authorised persons, together with specimen signatures and certify that the following resolutions

were passed at a meeting of the of

held on and have been entered in the minute book.

- 5.1** That a bank account or accounts be opened/continued* and the Bank is authorised to act on any Instructions provided they have been given by those persons named in the Specimen Signature section (or authorised by such persons in accordance with the applicable authorisation requirement(s)) as follows:

Please choose one of the following three options

Any one listed person
solely

☐

or

Any two listed persons
together

☐

or

Other

(for any other instruction and write a brief description, for example 'any three from the four signatories', or 'any one signatory up to and including £500' or 'any two signatories up to and including £1,000' etc)

Please note in respect of opening additional accounts, if more than one person is authorised and the Society/Club/Association* has allocated individual signing limits, only the individual(s) with the highest limit will be authorised to apply to open additional account(s).

- 5.2** That any debt incurred to the Bank under this mandate shall, in the absence of written agreement by the Bank to the contrary, be repayable on demand.
- 5.3** That the Secretary is authorised to supply the Bank, as and when necessary, with lists of all persons who are authorised to give instructions on behalf of the Society/Club/Association*, and that the Bank may rely on such lists.
- 5.4** That the Society/Club/Association* accepts the account(s) and banking relationship with the Bank will be governed by and subject to the Business Banking Terms and Conditions (a copy of which has been provided) as amended from time to time, together with any terms and conditions in respect of specific products and services requested by the Society/Club/Association*.
- 5.5** That these resolutions be communicated to the Bank and remain in force until cancelled by notice in writing to the Bank, signed by the Chairperson or Secretary from time to time acting or claiming to act on behalf of the Society/Club/Association*, and the Bank shall be entitled to act on such notice whether the resolutions have been validly cancelled or not.

*Delete as appropriate

Signature of Chairperson
who chaired the meeting at which
the Resolutions were passed

Print Name

Signature of Secretary

Print Name

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Specimen Signatures

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Please rule through all unused boxes.

If you have moved in the past three years, please also give your previous address. Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS.

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Please sign, keeping within the box	<input type="text"/>		Official Position <input type="text"/>

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Specimen Signatures continued

Please tick the box to confirm all unused signatory boxes have been ruled through

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The declaration below must be signed. The mandate will not be valid and will be returned to you, if it is not signed.

Signature of Secretary authorised to supply lists of authorised signatories:

Signature

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Print Name

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Date

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- I confirm that the above including, where applicable, specimen signatures are the signatories authorised by the resolution in Section 5.

If this is an amendment please insert the date of the previous resolution.

Resolution dated

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IMPORTANT – Checklist

Section 1 completed: Please tick box

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Section 2 completed: Please tick box

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Date when Board Resolutions were passed has been completed

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Section 5 completed: Insert the title of the governing body of the Society/Club/Association, eg, 'Committee' in the first box, the name of the 'Society/Club/Association' in the second box and the date of the meeting at which these matters were resolved. Please tick box

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Section 5.1 completed: One option chosen. Please tick box

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Section 5.5 completed: Signed by the Chairperson who chaired the meeting and the Secretary. Please tick box

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Please tick the box to confirm all unused signatory boxes have been ruled through.

☐

Before submitting this mandate, please ensure you have checked the following:

All corrections and deletions have been initialled by the required number of signatories.

Please tick box

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The declaration has been signed – the mandate will not be valid and will be returned if unsigned.

Please tick box

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You must provide us with the rules/constitution of the Society/Club/Association for us to photocopy and return to you. Please confirm copy provided. Please tick box

☐

Identification and address verification of authorised individuals

To comply with current regulations, the Bank must identify and verify the residential address(es) of all signatories to new accounts and new signatories to existing accounts. If the Society/Club/Association* has only one person signing on the account, it will be necessary to identify and verify the residential address of one other principal contact, eg, Treasurer or Chairperson. If required, we will ask for separate original documents to confirm their identity and verify their address(es).

Examples of documents include the following:

- Full UK Driving Licence for either identification or address verification, but not both;
- Valid full Passport for identification; and
- Credit card/utility bill dated within the last four months for address verification (we do not accept online bills). Upon request, we will provide guidance on other suitable documents.

*Delete as appropriate

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The information we have collected about you and your authorised signatories in this mandate will be used to carry out checks with fraud prevention agencies for the purposes of preventing fraud and money laundering, and to verify your identity and the identity of your authorised signatories. We and fraud prevention agencies may also enable law enforcement agencies to access and use your information and that of your authorised signatories to detect, investigate and prevent crime. If we, or a fraud prevention agency, have reason to believe there's a fraud or money laundering risk we may refuse to provide the services you and your authorised signatories have requested. We may also stop providing existing products and services to you and your authorised signatories.

To find out more about credit and fraud checks, read our 'Guide to Credit Scoring, Credit Reference and Fraud Prevention Agencies' leaflet. You can get a copy in any of our branches or you can request a copy by contacting us in your preferred way.

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CALC NEWS

May & June 2023

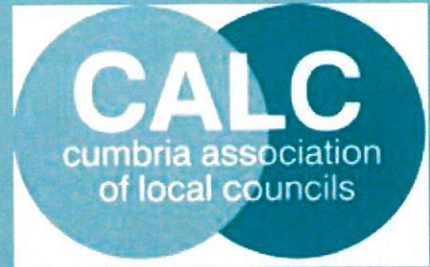


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CALC Update



Special General Meeting

Thank you to those Parish and Town Councils that attended the meeting on Saturday 22nd July 2023 to discuss the above proposal and the transitional arrangements.

The motion as follows was approved with 24 votes for and 1 against and 1 abstention:
The meeting approved the draft Memorandum of Articles of Association & for future implementation by CALC and agreed that it may be used to support an application allowing CALC to become a Private Company Limited by Guarantee.

The motion as follows was approved with 25 votes for and 1 abstention.
The meeting approved the transitional governance arrangements to move to a private Company Limited by Guarantee

TRAINING

The January to July 2023 Training Programme has now concluded. A Programme for September to December will be circulated later in the summer.

Community Emergency Planning

CALC can support Town and Parish Councils to be involved with, or lead on, Community Emergency Planning in their area.

There are guidance information sheets and templates available [here](#) to support you to create a Community Emergency Plan.

Many communities have informal plans/procedures that are used in the case of an emergency or an event, based on local knowledge and experience.

By capturing this valuable information within a more 'formal' community emergency plan, this local knowledge can be made available to Category 1 and 2 responders and Cumbria Local Resilience Forum Partners. [Cumbria Resilience Forum](#) | [Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council](#) (cumbriaprepared.org.uk)

CALC can support Local Councils around Community Resilience, including Community Emergency Planning

please contact:

lindsay.nicholson@cumbria.gov.uk (Westmorland & Furness)

kate.mcgibbon@cumbria.gov.uk (Cumberland)

The Flood Hub website

The Flood Hub [website](#) provides loads of fantastic resources around flood related topics:

It's well worth a look, specifically the map (click [here](#)) that shows what's going on in local areas.

This includes showing where there are local community groups, or Local Councils that have an role in flooding – which might be about campaigning for better flood protection, helping local people to prepare for flooding, or both.

There are already some Cumbrian community groups on there, but we also know there are lots who aren't on the map.

If your Town or Parish Council has a role in flooding, you can get yourself added to the map by:

- Sending an email to Christina christina.worsley@newground.co.uk who leads The Flood Hub team
- Let her know the name of your group, the area it covers, and the contact details you'd like to see displayed on the map (this could be a group email address, a Facebook page or a link to your website)

Resilience of Local Councils



Public Works Loans

The Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) has the power to lend to parish and town councils in England. It is for the PWLB to decide whether to make a loan in respect of an application, but it will normally lend if their terms and conditions are met. Here is some useful information about Public work loans:

- **Purpose** - Borrowing must be for capital expenditure only
- **Amount** - Not less than £5 x number of local government electors, Maximum £500,000 in a single financial year (more possible by discussion with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG)).
- **Terms** - Maximum Term - 50 years – for acquisition of, or works to, land and buildings. 10 years or life span of an asset, in all other cases. Minimum term is 2 years
- **Interest Rates** - Fixed interest rates are higher the longer the borrowing term. Variable rates are available, which may change at one, three or six month intervals, for loans with a maximum term of 10 years. The actual rate charged will be agreed two working days before the date of advance.
- **Repayments** - Repayments are made half yearly
- **Fees** - Fees payable are 35p for every £1,000 on a fixed rate or 25p for every £1,000 on a variable rate.
- **Process** - Application for Approval to Borrow - Approval to borrow must be sought from the DCLG via NALC/CALC prior to submitting an application to the PWLB. Councils should only apply for borrowing approval when they are fully ready to take up the borrowing i.e. planning obtained, they also need to ensure that they have all the supporting Information required for approval
- **Process** – Application to PWLB - The decision to borrow must be taken by the full council – this is separate from the decision to apply for borrowing approval. The completed form, with supporting documents, should be sent to PWLB two weeks before the loan is required.

The National Lottery Community Fund

The UK Fund

The UK Fund is one of the first significant commitments as part of NLCF's new strategy, 'It starts with community.' **Grants of £500,000 to £5 million are available.**

The objectives of the fund

Funding is intended to develop and expand community links by:

- Strengthening relationships between people whose experiences of life have not been the same. For example, relationships between people of different ethnic backgrounds, generations, occupations or geographies.
- Creating connections between online and offline worlds.
- Helping to make sure people from all backgrounds can shape the future of their communities.

Statutory bodies (including town, parish and community councils) are eligible to apply.

Full guidance and the links to register for their webinar information sessions can be found on the NLCF website.

Community Renewable Energy Event



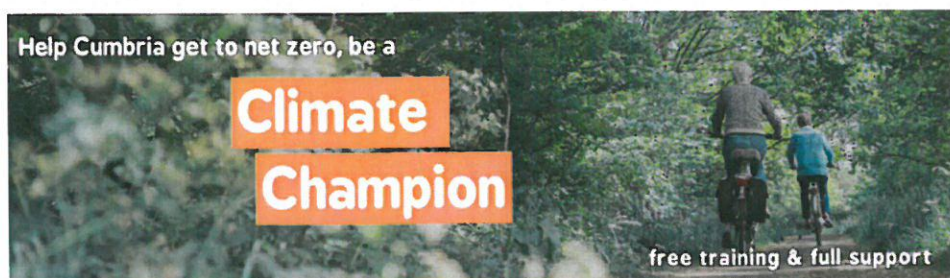
On 29th June, CALC hosted a **Community Renewable Energy Event**, in collaboration with CAfS.

With over 60 attendees, the event was a great success with a range of key speakers talking about community energy and current initiatives across Cumbria.

CALC presented on 'What Local Councils can do' in relation to **Community Energy**. This presentation can be found on the CALC website [here](#) along with the **Community Energy Support Pack** for Town and Parish Councils.

There is also support (& funding) available from CAfS for **Community Renewable Energy** projects. Click [here](#) for more details.

Community Climate Champions Copeland



Cumbria Action for Sustainability (CAfS) are looking to involve volunteers as **Climate Champions** who live or work in the Copeland area.

They are really keen to involve town and parish councillors who want to-

- Ensure Climate Change is on the agenda of their Local Council.
- Know what Climate Actions their town or parish council can take within their powers and duties.
- Use their climate knowledge to share information and support their peers, residents and communities to take climate action.
- Receive free training to increase their knowledge and skills in relation to climate science, solutions and practical actions.

For more information and how to apply, please click here: [Community Climate Champion \(Volunteer\) - CAfS](#)

CALC will also offer support to any Councillors that become Climate Champions.

Can you Separate the roles of Mayor and Chairman

CALC have recently been asked if the role of Mayor and Chairman can be split, in short, there is no legal power to separate these two roles; section 245(6) of the LGA 1972 which states that:

The council of a parish [...] which is not grouped with any other parish [...] may resolve that the parish [...] shall have the status of a town and thereupon—

(a) the council of the parish [...] shall bear the name of the council of the town;

(b) the chairman and vice-chairman of the council shall be respectively entitled to the style of town mayor and deputy town mayor;

(c) the parish meeting [...] shall have the style of town meeting.

The underlined subsection b above, makes it clear that the roles of chairman and town mayor are identical, and therefore cannot be separate; and there is no power to separate these two roles. The Council cannot have both a Chairman and Mayor, and neither can it have a Vice-Chairman and Deputy Mayor. These two terms and roles are the same and cannot be split.

LTN 1 – Council's powers to discharge their functions and LTN2 – Chairman of local councils, both providing useful and basic legal guidance on this matter. Both are available from the NALC website www.nalc.gov.uk/members-area/legal

Town Council Leaders?

We have had a few queries regarding leaders in town councils, a local council has no statutory authority to elect a council leader



News from Lake District National Park Partnership



New Chair for Lake District National Park Partnership

The Lake District National Park Partnership has appointed Dr Celia Caulcott as its new Chair. Celia took over the helm from Stephen Henwood CBE who stood down in May after five years in the role.

The Partnership is currently made up of 21 organisations (including CALC) from the public, private and charity sectors who work together to deliver positive management of the Lake District National Park and World Heritage Site.

Celia will lead the Partnership in its ambitious plan for the Lake District to deliver on five key areas:

- Climate action: achieving net zero and adapting to climate change
- The future of farming and forestry, nature recovery and climate change
- A Lake District for everyone
- Sustainable travel and transport
- Vibrant communities and a prosperous economy after Covid-19

Celia has had a successful career in the bioscience research and innovation sectors, holding various senior roles including Executive Director of the government's Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council and most recently the position of Vice-Provost (Enterprise) for University College London.

A regular visitor to her family's farmhouse in the Lake District since the 1960s, she now lives there having recently retired, and is involved in managing land for both farming and nature conservation.

On her appointment, Celia said: 'I'm honoured to have been invited to chair the Lake District National Park Partnership, and greatly look forward to working with all the Partners in taking forward its vision for the National Park.'

If any members of CALC would like to find out more about the Lake District Partnership then please do get in touch with us at LDNPP@lakedistrict.gov.uk

Veronica Fiorato
Partnership Manager
Lake District National Park Partnership

Our photo shows Dr Celia Caulcott, Chair of the Lake District National Park Partnership.



Some VAT information which might be helpful to your councils

A Parish Council is considering installing charge points, from which they will gain a little bit of income. How will the council deal with the VAT?

Owning and operating EV charge points

Selling energy for electric vehicles is a taxable business activity, and the VAT rate is 20%. The council will be obliged to register for VAT if its total standard-rated taxable income reaches £6,000 in a financial year (VAT Notice 749 Local authorities and similar bodies section 3.2).

The council can only reclaim VAT on the costs of purchasing, installing and operating EV chargers itself, if it does register for VAT.

Lease option

Some providers offer options for a council to lease a small piece of land to an EV operator, who will receive all income and own (and pay for) the equipment. Normally the council would receive a rent (which may be a percentage of the income the operator receives). This is different – renting land is a VAT-exempt business activity.

VAT on related costs will be minimal if the council is not incurring any investment or operating costs. Unless the council is currently suffering a restriction on VAT recovery (due to having other exempt income and more than £7,500 VAT incurred on related costs), then we would not expect the council to lose any VAT recovery (details of the rules relating to exempt income are in section 7 of VAT Notice 749).

A parish council is considering installing hook up points to enable motorhomes to park up for overnight stays. How would the VAT be dealt with on the income?

Motor homes

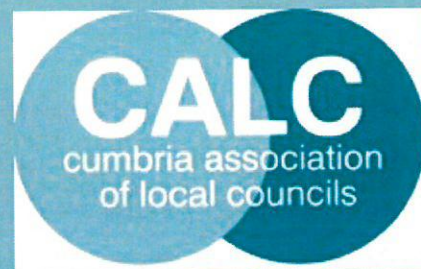
This is a little complicated, because it depends on how the council plans to make its charges. Will the council charge a pitch fee? Will a hook-up fee be obligatory and/or included in the pitch fee? Pitch fees are standard-rated taxable supplies, but there are some cases where a hook-up fee is at the 5% reduced fee – see VAT Notice 701/20.

Car parking

If the council charges for car parking, then that is also a taxable supply. Once it starts charging, it won't be entitled to reclaim VAT on costs relating to the car park unless it registers for VAT. As explained above, the council will be obliged to register for VAT if its total standard-rated taxable income reaches £6,000 in a financial year.

Research suggests that the car park is, or has been free, with donations requested. A donation is not a taxable charge – so long as the driver is fully aware that paying a donation is optional.

Council Projects



Ulverston Town Council

Ulverston Town Council's new outdoor community gym was officially opened by the Mayor of Ulverston, Councillor Michelle Scrogham.

The £16,000 gym was supplied by Caloo and is suitable for people of all ages from 10+ and caters for all abilities. The equipment was chosen by members of the community who filled in a survey to have their say on what they wanted to see included in the gym. The installation features eight workout stations including an accessible arm bike and tai chi wheels for wheelchair users.

Exercise options include a chest press, lat pull, chin ups, leg raise, arm bikes, cross trainer and skier. QR codes are shown on each piece of equipment which provide full instructions, workouts for all ability levels and the option to monitor progress via the free Caloo app.

Mayor of Ulverston, Councillor Michelle Scrogham said "I think covid made us all keenly aware that our outdoor spaces and exercise are important for mental health as well as fitness. I'm really grateful to our Town Clerk for project managing this, ensuring we are able to provide such wonderful equipment that's free for everyone to use. It was lovely to see people of all ages trying it out at the weekend"



Beckermest Play Park

The village play park in Beckermest has been transformed following a successful funding application to the Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership. Community Investment Funding of £84,838 was awarded to Beckermest with Thornhill Parish Council to revamp the play area with new equipment last year. The work was completed earlier this year and an official opening was held last week to celebrate the new facility.

Parish Council Chair Julie Nugent said it was a fabulous day. "It really has transformed the village, you rarely go past the play park now without a dozen children playing on it," she said. "Children from other areas are also coming through to use it – it's brilliant."

A large piece of equipment had to be removed last year as it had fallen into disrepair after 22 years. As part of the new project, local children were involved in choosing their preferred equipment.

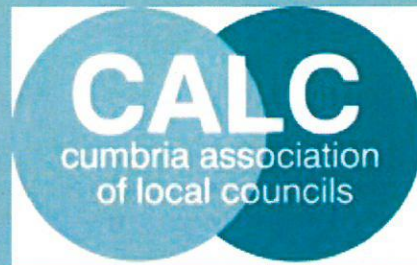
Officially opening the play park was Josh Park who said: "It's much better than our old play park and I now come here more often. I like the fact it has big swings but I like the slide the best!"

Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) is an underground facility designed to safely and securely dispose of higher activity radioactive waste. As part of the GDF programme, £1million per year is available in local areas involved in the search for a suitable site and a community willing to host such a facility.

The Mid Copeland GDF Community Partnership is one of four areas currently involved in the process and it covers the electoral ward of Gosforth which includes Seascale, Gosforth, Beckermest, Calderbridge, Haile, Thornhill, Nethertown and Braystones. The Lake District National Park is excluded from consideration.

Deep geology beyond the coast is being considered for siting the underground elements of a GDF in Mid Copeland. This means a surface facility on, or near, the coast would provide access to a disposal area deep in rock beyond the coast. The GDF programme is still in its early stages. A decision to develop a GDF could not be taken until the community in the electoral wards directly affected has had a say and taken a Test of Public Support.





NALC opens nominations for its Star Council Awards 2023

NALC has opened nominations for its Star Council Awards 2023 to celebrate the achievements of the local (parish and town) council sector.

The Star Council Awards are the only awards programme in England specifically designed to acknowledge the impact and contribution of local councils in their communities. The awards are open to all local councils, councillors, clerks, and county associations across England.

This year, there are five award categories for which entrants can apply: Council of the Year, Councillor of the Year, Young Councillor of the Year, County Association of the Year and Clerk of the Year. The award categories have been carefully selected to recognise excellence in different areas of local council operations and highlight the varied contributions made by councils.



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NALC Legal Updates

Biodiversity duty

A few of you have asked us about the biodiversity duty. The Environment Act 2021 made changes to the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 in respect of biodiversity.

Section 40 of the 2006 Act, in force 1 January 2023, places a duty on all local authorities, including parish councils, to from time to time consider what action the authority can properly take to further the general biodiversity objective. The general biodiversity objective is the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity in England so all parish councils must take biodiversity into account in all their decisions and actions. The government has issued guidance on complying with the duty.

Section 40A of the 2006 Act places a duty on principal authorities (but not parish councils) to produce biodiversity reports.

Data protection – request not to share an email with councillors

A council asked us about a scenario where a member of the public had written to the clerk to complain about named councillors. The clerk shared the correspondence with all councillors and the resident had complained that this was a data protection breach. Our view considered the reasonable expectation a person has when writing to a council. The council is the corporate body and our general view was that it would be within the contemplation of a complainant that such a letter would be shared with councillors.

The six-month rule – attendance at the annual parish meeting


We were asked if a councillor's attendance at the annual parish meeting counted as attendance for the purposes of section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972. In the case in question, it was the only attendance the councillor might have been able to rely on and apologies/ reasons had not been submitted for non-attendance at council meetings. Our view was it did not count.

Attendance was as an elector at the annual meeting of electors rather than as a councillor representing the council. We considered the position could be different for a councillor who is the council chair where there is a separate parish council for the parish as they are required to chair the annual parish meeting.

Wine and cheese at the parish meeting

We were asked about a scenario where the parish council had paid for and served wine and cheese to electors attending the annual parish meeting. The provision on not using licensed premises unless no other suitable room is available applies to parish meetings (paragraph 14 (5) of Schedule 12 to the Local Government Act 1972). Notwithstanding the point that the meeting had happened so would need to be challenged to be an issue, and we understand it was a very well-attended meeting, our view was that paragraph 14 (5) does not prohibit the serving of wine per se. In our view it would be generally preferable for refreshments to be paid for councillors, with appropriate quantities served.

Historically redacted information in minutes

A member of the public contacted a council because he had been going through old council minutes and wondered about the parts not detailed because they were discussed in confidential session or redacted from disclosure under FOI because of the commercial sensitivity exemption. There is no duty to revisit old minutes to publish what was deemed unable to be published at the time. That is not to say a council is barred from disclosing information under FOI no longer deemed to be commercially sensitive. 

Town & Parish Council Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer PAYE implementation

We have been made aware that some clerks are still not classed as an employed workers for the councils that they work for. This is a further reminder that legally all Town & Parish Council Clerks should be employed workers and have a contract of employment, their salary payments are subject to PAYE, and they **cannot** be Self-Employed

The below is an extract from the HMRC Guidance

The correct Tax and NIC treatment of Parish Clerks.

A Parish Clerk is an Office holder. All office holders are subject to PAYE. This means that Parish Clerks:

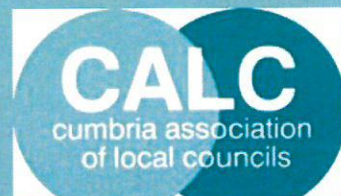
- *can never be considered self employed for tax or NIC purposes.*
- *must not be paid "gross"; and.*
- *must be taxed under PAYE.*

Parish Councils must register as an employer with HMRC and operate PAYE on the income the Clerk earns. This is the same position as for any office or employment; there is no other acceptable tax treatment applicable to Parish Clerks. Any previous agreements with HMRC or the former Inland Revenue under which the Clerk was paid gross or was treated as self employed are void, as are any 'inherited arrangements' under which a Clerk's income is not subjected to PAYE.

If any council is currently using a self employed Clerk, the council should rectify the situation by employing the Clerk as soon as possible. CALC can provide template contracts of employment and guidance on PAYE, salary etc.



Vacancies



Kingmoor Parish Council

Kingmoor Parish Council require a Parish Clerk. Applications are invited for the post which will be vacant from 1st July 2023. The hours are 8 hours per week, paid in accordance with the NJC salary starts at £11.21 per hour with a 3 month probation period. The successful applicant will be expected to work from home, and a laptop computer and printer will be provided to facilitate this. The Clerk will be responsible for the day to day administration of the Parish Council, to advise the Council on legal decision making, dealing with correspondence, preparing agendas and minutes, and attending Council meetings as well as liaison with other local government bodies and other partners. The Clerk is also the Responsible Financial Officer of the Council managing all finances on a day to day basis and would be expected to prepare the financial records for audit, in accordance with the audit regulations which apply to Parish Councils. If you are interested in applying for this position please contact the Clerk for a job description, person specification, and application form for the post. Kylie Palmer - 01228 674005 or via e-mail clerk@kingmoorparishcouncil.org Prospective candidates are welcome to contact the Clerk or Chairman Cllr Faulder to discuss the role. The closing date for applications is 17th July 2023

Cockermouth Town Council

COCKERMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL, require a CLERK AND RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFER, FULL-TIME (37 HOURS PER WEEK), SALARY WITHIN GRADE LC3 SCP 33-36 - £39,298 - £42,503 p.a (pay rise pending) Cockermouth Town Council is looking for a well organised and committed successor to our highly effective Town Clerk who is retiring after 14 years in post. Our town is a lively, attractive and dynamic place between the fells of the Lake District and the Solway Coast. The successful applicant will lead the day-to-day management of the Town Council's services, events, staff, facilities and finances. Our new Clerk will be community-minded, flexible and supportive with a sound understanding of local authority work and enthusiasm for building on the Council's achievements. Ideally you will have the CiLCA qualification or be willing to work to gain it. We offer excellent nationally-based terms and conditions of employment. Some evening and weekend work is required. Please email assistant@cockermouth.org for a recruitment pack with full details of the vacancy and how to apply. Closing date for applications: 23.59pm on Friday 28th July 2023. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcome applications from all sections of the community. We aim to conduct interviews with shortlisted candidates at Cockermouth Town Hall on Thursday August 24th 2023. www.cockermouth.org



Hutton Parish Council

HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL require a Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council. Hutton Parish Council seeks a confident person with an interest in the local community for the post of Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council as soon as possible. The Clerk is responsible for managing the Council's day to day business, providing advice, and implementing decisions. Applicants will need to be computer literate, able to prepare council agendas and record minutes, be familiar with book keeping and financial procedures and be able to correspond with external organisations on behalf of the Council. Working hours are 4 per week and the salary is in accordance with nationally agreed scales. With the exception of meetings attendance, the post holder will be expected to work from home. The Council meets in the evening on alternate months, with other meetings being called as required. Formal training and plenty of help and advice will be available. For an informal discussion and further information, please contact the Chairman, David Stables, on 01768 483738 or email glenstae@btinternet.com. Applications should be sent, marked "Private and confidential", to the following address by no later than 31st July 2023: 5 Vendace Court, Borrowdale Road, CA12 4EU

Bassenthwaite Parish Council

Bassenthwaite Parish Council seeks a confident person with an interest in the local community for the post of Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer to the Parish Council. The Clerk is responsible for managing the Council's day to day business, providing advice, and implementing decisions. Applicants will need to be computer literate, able to prepare council agendas and record minutes, be familiar with book keeping and financial procedures and be able to correspond with external organisations on behalf of the Council. Working hours are 18.25 hours per month and the salary is in accordance with nationally agreed scales. With the exception of meetings attendance, the post holder will be expected to work from home. The Council meets on the first Thursday evening of every month, with other meetings being called as required. Applications should be sent by email to bassenthwaiteclerk@aol.com by no later than 31st July 2023.

Lakes Parish Council

Lakes Parish Council require an administrative assistant to the Clerk.

- 8 hours per week
- Flexible working (Ambleside, sites within Lakes Parish and home)
- £16 per hour
- Works laptop
- Nest pension

For more details on the vacancy, duties and requirements, please visit: www.lakesparish.co.uk

- Applications close on the 4th of August at 4pm.
- Interviews will be held on Thursday and Friday, 10th and 11th of August 2023 in Ambleside.
- The job starts on Monday the 4th of September.

Please direct any questions and/or send your CV (Word or PDF) to The Clerk, clerk@lakesparish.co.uk. Please use 'Job Vacancy AAC23' as the e-mail subject when sending your CV. Alternatively, you can post your CV. The address can be found on the website.

Grange-over-Sands Town Council - Venue Manager

Grange-over-Sands Town Council seeks an enthusiastic, self-motivated team player to manage the Victoria Hall and help deliver Town Council services. This is an opportunity to join a small team and have a varied and interesting role, working with the public, and as part of the community, to make a real difference for residents and visitors. Hours to be agreed, in the region of 30 - 37 hours a week. SCP LC2 18–23 (£27,344 to £30,151) pro-rata based on 37-hour week, depending on experience. To arrange an informal chat about the role email townclerk@grangeoversands.net. To download the application pack visit www.grangeoversandstowncouncil.gov.uk. Deadline for applications by email to townclerk@grangeoversands.net 9am, Monday 31 July 2023. Interviews will be held at the Victoria Hall on Thursday 3 August 2023

Clerk - Cockermouth TC

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Make a splash this summer: 10p swims for Cumberland children

All children aged up to 16 years old from the Cumberland area can go for a swim in a choice of five indoor pools for only 10p over the school summer holidays.

The discounted scheme has been put in place by Cumberland Council, with the support of GLL and Wigton Baths Trust, and is an enhancement of previous summer schemes.



The council scheme will offer discounted swimming opportunities throughout the week, including weekends.

It will be available at the following leisure sites at allocated times during the school summer holidays:

- [Cockermouth Leisure Centre](#): 10am - 11am, Monday to Friday and 11.15am - 12.15pm on weekends.
- [Copeland Pool and Fitness Centre \(Whitehaven\)](#): 9am - 10am, Monday to Friday and 12pm - 1pm on weekends.
- [The Sands Centre \(Carlisle\)](#): 10am - 11am, Monday to Friday and 10am - 11am on weekends.
- [Wigton Baths](#): 11am - 12pm and 5pm - 6pm (Monday), 11.15am - 12.15pm and 5pm - 6pm (Tuesday), 11.30am - 12.30pm and 5pm - 6pm (Wednesday and Thursday), 10am - 11am (Friday) and 10am - 11.30am (Saturday).

- [Workington Leisure Centre](#): 10.30am - 11.30am, Monday to Friday and 10.30am - 11.30am on weekends.

[Find out more](#)



Embankment repairs at Cairn Bridge

There will be embankment repairs at Cairn Bridge near Warwick Bridge in Carlisle.

The embankment repairs are scheduled to start on Monday 24 July and will continue until approximately Wednesday 6 September, weather permitting.

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Improvement works on the A6071 Brampton to Smithfield

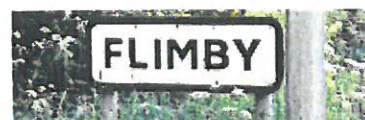
There will be improvement works on the A6071 Brampton to Smithfield.

The carriageway improvements are scheduled to start on Monday 24 July with a scheduled completion date of Tuesday 22 August. These works will be carried out under a daytime road closure from approximately 8am – 8pm, each day.

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Flimby Flood Alleviation work continues

flood alleviation work in and around Flimby will be continuing.



To alleviate flooding in Flimby and Maryport, the Environment Agency provided £1.5 million from its 'Flood Defence Grant in Aid' fund.

The flood alleviation programme has successfully completed the following works:

- Diversion of peak flows from Penny Gill to Furnace Gill.
- Remediation works to an existing flood gate adjacent to the A596.
- Upgrading the surface water drainage systems in the residential areas of Coniston Avenue
- Construction of additional dams to slow the flow of water in woodland to the east of Flimby.

- Substantial replacement of a culvert below the A596 at Bragg Beck.

The next stage of the works commenced in July, focusing on the diversion of the water main at Bragg Beck culvert. This is scheduled to take three weeks to complete.

[Read more](#)

Not long until our action-packed health and wellbeing festival

On Friday 4 August (10am to 3pm) we will be providing free family entertainment alongside access to vital wellbeing services at an event at the Recreation Ground in Whitehaven.



Pet therapy, bouncy castles, trampolines, face painting, exercise sessions, a climbing wall, tale trails, and a colour run, are just a few of the activities on offer, alongside performances from a dance academy, acrobats, a magician, and a DJ.

The crowds will also be wowed by performances from a dance academy, acrobats, a magician, and a DJ.

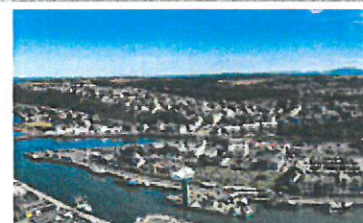
There will also be an array of health and wellbeing support providers showcasing their services and providing advice and guidance to residents.

Organisations can help with loneliness, housing, financial hardship, benefits, welfare and more.

[Read more](#)

Community gets creative for Maryport Taste of the Sea

The community is coming together to bring some great new attractions to a fabulous food festival this summer.



Maryport Taste of the Sea, in partnership with Maryport Town Council, is part of the Taste Cumbria events organised by Cumberland Council. It takes place in the heart of the town on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 August.

There is always a great producers' market at the top of Senhouse Street, with a hot food court, festival marquee drinks tent, live music and a picnic field down on the harbourside. That area will also be used to promote fish and seafood, and there will also be a young entrepreneurs' market and chefs' demonstrations too, as well as a fairground and children's activities.

Maryport Town Council has increased its sponsorship of the event this year with a brilliant £20,000 to ensure the festival is even bigger and better. Now lots of local organisations are getting involved to bring new attractions for visitors.

[Read more](#)

Industrial action continues: Unions refuse to accept offer from Allerdale Waste Services to return to work

Further to a meeting yesterday (Monday 17 July) between Allerdale Waste Services, Cumberland Council officers and UNITE and GMB Trade Unions, the current industrial action remains unresolved despite best efforts to reach an agreement.

The strikes are in the context of Unions demanding parity between AWS pay and the pay of former Copeland Waste Services staff who are now part of Cumberland Council.

AWS employees were awarded a 10.1% pay rise on 1 April this year which is based on the Foundation Living Wage (a higher rate than the National Living Wage). This increase alone saw salaries being comparable or higher than other waste services in the Cumberland area.

Throughout the discussions, AWS have been prepared to agree to:

- Pay double time for Bank Holidays and provide days in lieu of Bank Holidays worked.
- Provide four additional days annual leave.
- Reduce drivers' weekly hours from 44 to 39.5 per week, with an accompanying increase in their hourly rate to prevent financial loss.
- Reduce Loaders' weekly hours from 39 to 37 per week, with an increase in their hourly rate to ensure no adverse financial impact.
- Introduce overtime pay at time and a half, rather than plain time.
- Phase out the current 'task and finish' approach.
- Implement Dignity at Work training for all AWS employees, encouraging a supportive and respectful work environment.
- A one-off payment of £400 (tax free).

In addition to the list above which the Unions have refused, representatives have also demanded an additional 8% pay for drivers and 4% for loaders. AWS are unable to accept this as it is not affordable and as with their original ask would not provide parity. As a result of this, the Unions have stated that they have now revoked their proposals which they put forward on 4 July.

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Top class investment for Robert Ferguson School, Carlisle

Cumberland Council is investing more than £60,000 for maintenance works at Robert Ferguson Primary School in Carlisle, beginning in the autumn school holiday period.

Robert Ferguson Primary School in Carlisle will have their window lintels replaced and associated works, as part of Cumberland Council's Prioritised Capital Maintenance programme.

Some of the existing lintels will be replaced with new fair-faced reinforced concrete units and some purpose made composite units, these will be in keeping with the appearance of

the school. The works are due to begin in October and will be completed by the end of 2023.

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Only one week left to apply for an apprenticeship with Cumberland Council

Our apprenticeships offer an opportunity to earn while you learn and get real life work experience with service professionals. They open doors to future employment and qualifications, and learners receive 1-on-1 support from managers and mentors.

We have a range of opportunities available in Carlisle, Wigton, Workington and Maryport.

Vacancy roles include Health & Social Care, Accountancy, Customer Service and Business Administration.

Do you know anyone looking to start an apprenticeship? They need to apply before **Friday 28 July** to receive an invitation to our recruitment day.

To apply go to www.cumberland.gov.uk/jobs and search/filter 'apprenticeship'.

Cumberland Council pays tribute to long-serving staff member

Cumberland Council has paid tribute to a long-serving staff member, Ken Bruce.



Ken's journey with the council began in 2000 when he dedicated his talents and skills to serving the community for many years. Unfortunately, Ken passed away during the challenging period of lockdown.

The Highways teams could not attend the funeral, because of the restrictions at the time. To pay their respects, they frequently visited the crematorium with some of the vehicles that Ken, a member of the Highways team, used to drive. These visits served as a way for the team to honour Ken's memory and offer their support to his family during such a difficult time.

The team made a collective decision to honour Ken's dedicated years of service by placing an art sketch of a chainsaw on an out-of-hours response vehicle.

[Read more](#)

Distington Hall Grounds awarded the coveted Green Flag Award as it is officially recognised as one of the country's best green spaces

Cumberland Council is celebrating after receiving a Green Flag Award for Distington Hall Grounds, including their magnificent walled garden.

The news that the site, which forms part of the Distington Crematorium grounds, has achieved the accreditation - the international quality mark for parks and green spaces - is testament to the hard work and dedication of the team that care for the green space so that everyone can enjoy it. This includes the volunteers of Distington Walled Garden.

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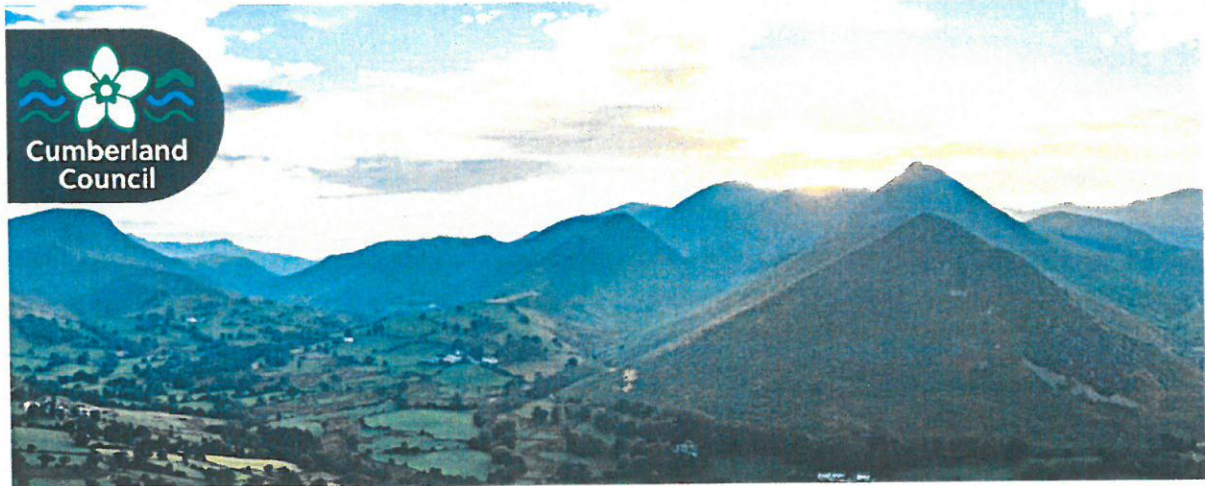
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Deep clean at Cleator Moor

We started a comprehensive street cleaning programme this week aimed at helping to revitalise Cleator Moor.

The work started on Monday 24 July, with the project targeting the removal of chewing gum and ingrained dirt from pavements and pedestrianised zones; enhancing the overall cleanliness and appeal of the area for residents and visitors alike.

The street cleaning initiative focused on the large pedestrian area in front of the library, then worked across to the Civic Hall and around the square and the surrounding pavements on Jacktrees Road, Cragg Road and Market Street before moving to the B5295 between the park at Montreal St and Quarry Rd.

Dedicated crews equipped with specialist jet washers and mechanical sweepers have been working hard taking on the grime.

[Read more](#)



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Programme of Carlisle Open-Air Theatre events underway

A bumper programme of open-air theatre events is underway in Carlisle and there is still the chance to book your tickets for August's events.

Two more performances by The Pantaloons theatre company are planned at Talkin Tarn Country Park, Brampton. or all events, please bring along seating and a picnic.

[Read more](#)

Community Panels open for business

Our new Community Panels are up and running and groups can apply for support.

The eight panels each have a budget to invest in their area. Residents and partners help decide what their local priorities should be, and the panel supports projects matching those priorities.



Cumberland
Community Panels

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Council partnership provides new homes in Keswick

A former mountain bike shop and appliance showroom in Keswick has been converted into four new affordable homes for locals.

The building on Otley Road is owned by Cumberland Council and has been transformed into four modern apartments which have all been let to people who work in the town.



The traditional slate building has been completely converted, with new wiring and plumbing inside. The one-bedroom apartments have solar panels on the roof, with convenient parking and cycle racks, new kitchens and bathrooms.

[Read more](#)

Cumbria Adoption launches campaign to find forever homes for children who wait longer

In its latest campaign Cumbria Adoption is reaching out to find loving forever families for children who traditionally wait longer to be adopted; up to 13 months longer for children over five.

The children in Cumbria who tend to wait longest for adoption are sisters and brothers who need to live together, older children and those with additional or complex needs.

Cumbria Adoption service, which works on behalf of Cumberland Council and Westmorland and Furness Council, helped to find families for 34 children from Cumbria last year.

Around 40 per cent of the children who were waiting for homes last year were brothers and sisters staying together, while 14 per cent of children with a plan of adoption had a disability.

The adoption service welcome adopters regardless of age, marital status, gender, sexuality, disability or employment status and in most cases the process takes 6-8 months.

During August, Cumbria Adoption will be at a number of summer shows and are also holding an online event, where you can speak to our team and ask any questions you may have:

- **Wednesday 2 August** - Speak to our team at Cartmel Show, Cartmel Park, LA11 6QF, from 10am to 3pm
- **Friday 4 August** - Speak to our team at Whitehaven Health and Wellbeing Festival at the Recreation Ground, Coach Road, from 10am until 3pm
- **Saturday 19 August** - Join online event from the comfort and privacy of your home at 10am. To book onto our upcoming event please email events@cumbriaadoption.org.uk

[Read more](#)

Cracking comedy line up coming to Maryport

Four amazing comedians, one fabulous town - the excellent Maryport Taste of the Sea comedy night returns next month.

The event, which takes place on Friday 11 August, launches Maryport Taste of the Sea, in partnership with Maryport Town Council – the fabulous food and drink festival which will be back in the heart of the town on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 August.

Tickets cost £20 and are on sale now. The show starts at 7.30pm and takes place at Maryport ARLFC, Mealpot Road.

MC for the evening is Dave Twentyman, described as 'brilliant' by TV comic John Bishop. His style is upbeat, cheery and warm, and this seasoned northern comedian can endear himself to even the rowdiest of crowds.

He's joined by three other great faces from the UK and international comedy circuit.

Book now

...and have your say on the colour of the new boardwalk in Maryport

The public are being asked for their views on the colour of a new Boardwalk which will improve accessibility at one of Maryport's seaside locations.

The new stretch of pathway being created by Cumberland Council will join the town's promenade and harbourside crossing the sandy area known locally as La'al Harbour. It will be made of a very strong glass reinforced plastic material with a honeycomb structure so water won't pool on it. Structural engineers have designed it to be non-slip and it will be located above the tideline so will not be affected by the seawater unless there are very high tides.

Five colours are on offer – each of them widely available in case of future maintenance, and to ensure they are the most cost-effective for the Council. The main strip of pathway will be edged in a different material for safety reasons to make it stand out from the surrounding sands.

The five colours are 'green', 'teak', 'sand', 'light grey' and 'dark grey' and members of the public are being invited to vote for their favourite.

Vote now

Cumberland Council responds to rail consultation

Cumberland Council is formally responding to the public consultation initiated by the Rail Delivery Group regarding the proposed closure of ticket offices and changes to staff roles at various train stations.

At its Full Council meeting this week (Tuesday 25 July), Members expressed their deep concern over the proposed changes and highlighted the potential negative impacts on passengers, particularly vulnerable groups and those with accessibility needs.

The consultation, which was launched on the 5 July, allowed a very limited timeframe of just three weeks for responses, raising concerns about the sufficiency of the consultation process to gather comprehensive feedback from stakeholders.

The proposed changes are expected to affect several stations within the Cumberland area, including Northern stations in Workington and Whitehaven, as well as the Avanti West Coast station in Carlisle. Cumberland Council's response is based on local evidence and is in alignment with the supporting responses submitted by the Local Enterprise Partnership transport and infrastructure group and Transport for the North. Transport for the North emphasised the need for holistic reform, considering the needs of all station users and local communities.

[Read more](#)

Community events to tackle antisocial behaviour

COMMUNITY partners are tackling antisocial issues with a series of events in west Cumbria this summer - the first of which we held on Friday.

Allerdale Local Focus Hub – a problem-solving partnership co-ordinated by Cumberland Council and Cumbria Police – has arranged community days in four west Cumbrian locations.

The Operation Respect events will feature access to wellbeing services, financial support, sports sessions, fun activities, food and community clean-ups.

The remaining events take place between 10am and 3pm as follows on these dates and at these locations:

- Wednesday, 2 August - Firth View Walk, Westfield, Workington.
- Tuesday, 8 August - The Oval Centre, Salterbeck, Workington.
- Thursday, 24 August - The Centre, Ewanrigg, Maryport.

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Cumbria Archive Service commended for outstanding local heritage preservation

Through its successful mid-point inspection, Cumbria Archive Service has proven its dedication to upholding the highest standards in archival excellence.

Archive Service Accreditation is the UK standard for archive services, ensuring the efficient management and improvement of archival institutions through external validation and identification of best practices. The accreditation process involves rigorous assessments by trained assessors, followed by confirmation from the Archive Service Accreditation Panels.

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Sent: 06 August 2023 20:46
To: Clerk - Cockermouth TC
Subject: Don't miss out on a cracking comedy night, a new community respite bed, latest on the Carlisle Southern Link Road and the AWS industrial action, and more

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Cracking comedy line up coming to Maryport

Four amazing comedians, one fabulous town - the excellent Maryport Taste of the Sea comedy night returns next Friday.



The event, which takes place on Friday 11 August, launches [Maryport Taste of the Sea](#), in partnership with Maryport Town Council – the fabulous food and drink festival which will be back in the heart of the town on Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 August.

Tickets cost £20 and are on sale now. The show starts at 7.30pm and takes place at Maryport ARLFC, Mealpot Road.

MC for the evening is Dave Twentyman, described as 'brilliant' by TV comic John Bishop. His style is upbeat, cheery and warm, and this seasoned northern comedian can endear himself to even the rowdiest of crowds.

He's joined by three other great faces from the UK and international comedy circuit.

Book now to avoid disappointment - tickets are selling fast

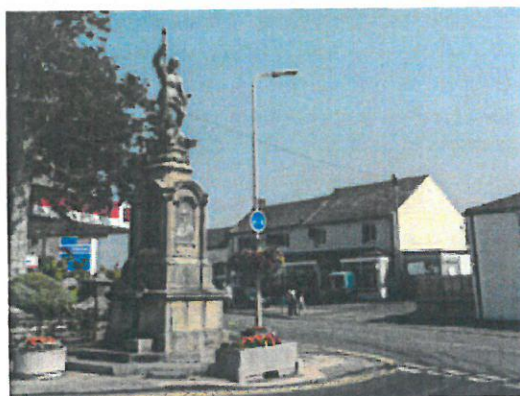
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Active Cumbria launches Summer Boost campaign

Summer Boost helps older adults and those with long term health conditions reap the benefits of being more physically active. Summer is an ideal time to recondition and prepare for the colder weather later in the year. You can help the older people in your life to boost their strength, stamina, suppleness and skills by getting involved in the campaign. From tips to keeping active at home to finding new activities, Summer Boost aims to help everyone, regardless of age or condition, to live longer - better.

[Read more](#)



Application date extended for Aspatia's Town Centre Facelift Scheme

Businesses and homeowners in Aspatia now have until Friday 18 August to apply for Cumberland Council's Town Centre Facelift Grant Scheme.

The application date has been extended, giving even more opportunities to take part in the scheme.

[Read more](#)

Carlisle Southern Link Road constructing a plan to inspire future careers in construction

Cumberland Council's main contractor for the Carlisle Southern Link Road (CSLR) project, Galliford Try Infrastructure, and their subcontractor Story Contracting, have recently begun a programme assisting Inspira, a leading career management organisation.

Inspira works to solve unemployment by helping individuals prepare for working life and link them to local employers, with much of their work often providing an overview of the industries present in Cumbria.

Representatives from Galliford Try Infrastructure and Story Contracting delivered talks to those participating in the programme to understand the CSLR project in more depth and hear about upcoming opportunities for employment. They then had a tour of Story Contracting's Headquarters, workshop, and training facilities with the opportunity to ask questions.

Seven local people participated in the programme. The sessions were interactive and fun to ensure maximum interest and engagement:

- Week 1 – CV writing, budgeting, addressing barriers to employment, dress to impress workshops with Inspira.

- Week 2 - Visit to Story Contracting Headquarters in Carlisle with a tour of the offices and yard and presentations from Galliford Try and Story Contracting employees.
- Week 3 – A tour of Story Contracting's sites to discuss day to day activities and meet team members.
- Week 4 - Mock interviews with 1:1 coaching, feedback and top-tips.

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New community hospice respite bed opens at Park Lodge care home

Hospice at home opened a new community hospice respite bed, the Lancarr room, within Park Lodge Care Home, Aspatria on Tuesday. Care will be carried out by the current care home staff while Hospice at Home staff will take referrals from local health care professionals.



Cllr Martin Harris Cumberland Council's Executive Member for Adult's and Community Health, said "The opening of the new community hospice respite bed is a great example of collaboration to create a valuable resource for the benefit of the local community across North Cumbria. The teams will work hand in hand to provide personalised care and support during a difficult time, providing comfort and compassion for those being cared for and their families."

Gillian Shepherd, Park Lodge Care Home manager said, "The team here feel privileged to host this service and support the important work of Hospice at Home. The room has a lovely, homely feel and we hope it will provide a much-needed restful break for anyone who needs it."

[Read more](#)

Latest on the industrial action by Allerdale Waste Services staff

A meeting with Trade Unions, facilitated by ACAS (Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service) was set up this week by Allerdale Waste Services (AWS) and Cumberland Council in a further attempt to resolve the current ongoing strike action affecting waste collections in the former Allerdale area.

Find out more and information on bin collections on our website.

[Read more](#)

Top class 'school street' initiative gets the permanent go ahead, for a school in Carlisle

We are pleased to announce that Inglewood Infants School in Carlisle will continue to run a 'school street' on a permanent basis.

Cumberland Council took over responsibility for the project from Cumbria County Council, which had been implemented in September 2021. In a meeting on Tuesday (1 August), the Highways and Transport Strategic Board members agreed to make the scheme permanent, with the exceptions including emergency vehicles.

As a result of the successful experimental school street at Inglewood Infant School, the traffic congestion levels outside the school has reduced, during arrival and departing times, before and after the schools open and close, and the school welcomes the permanent traffic order.

[Read more](#)

All aboard the train planter

Cumberland Council's Community Rail Cumbria, Northern and The Maryporters have been working in partnership with the staff and apprentices at Gen2, who have designed and produced a wonderful bespoke train planter for the platform at Maryport railway station.

The project was inspired by a train built by Tony Messenger, a trainer at Gen2 who sadly passed away. Welding & Fabrication Trainer/Assessor Simon Farrar set a challenge, as part of their course work, to a group of young apprentices (Steven Fiddler, Stephen Temple, Dylan Tuner, Tyler Harrel and Blake Miller) to design and build a bigger train to be used as a planter at the railway station. Over a number of months, Simon and the apprentices took this from an idea to the final build.

Station Adopters – "The Maryporters" engaged with the teachers and pupils from Netherall Secondary School, who assisted with the planting of flowers at the railway station, including the new train planter. With the support of Northern and ISS the train planter has now been installed and sits proudly on the platform for all to see.

[Read more](#)

Student sleuths unravel the mysteries of long and short grass!

A University of Cumbria student has been collaborating with Cumberland Council's Green Spaces Team and students from a Carlisle school to study grass.

As part of their research, Bryony Hawkes a zoology student from the University of Cumbria, has been examining how long grass affects insects in Carlisle, compared to short grass.

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CLERK'S REPORT

Town Hall

Library/TIC

£150 was raised for Cancer Research during the Chamber of Trade's Charity Week.

Allotments

Judging has commenced.

Two untidy allotments are being closely monitored.

Plot 14a St Helens Street has been given up and re-let.

Public Toilets

Arrangements have been made to open the toilets at Harris Park over the summer holidays.

Play Areas

I am meeting Playdale on 9/8/23 regarding the replacement of the old roundabout.

Tourism and Publicity/Library

Roof light in extension is aged and leaking and will be replaced by Simon Turner Roofing within the next 10 days.

Memorial Gardens

A Nichol undertook a survey of trees in Memorial Gardens on 16/5/23. He surveys them every 18 months. His report is awaited.

A memorial bench has been placed at the bottom end of the gardens opposite the castle.

Weddings

August is a busy month for weddings.

Marvejols visit to Cockermouth October 2023

Work is progressing on making the requisite arrangements.

I have received the list of attendees and we have nearly sorted out their accommodation.

I am also in discussions with Claire regarding a choir exchange in April 2024 & a Youth Exchange in 2024.

I have been exploring the cost of a trip to Marvejols in October 2024 for the 41st anniversary.

Remembrance Service

This will be held on Sunday 12 November 2023 at 1pm in the URC Church followed by a short wreath laying service at the cenotaph at 2pm. Please make a note in your diary.

Mayoral Chain

Please can we discuss the options provided to extend the life of the Mayor's chain. It cannot be lengthened.

SWOD

Kirstie has applied for the road closure, market licence and temporary event notice. We have reviewed the risk assessment. Arrangements are now at an advanced stage.

Fireworks

I have reviewed the Event Plan and other documentation and applied for the road closure order from Cumberland Council.

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Good Afternoon Sheila

Your chain has now been engraved and passed back to me to generate a quote as requested:

Q0082009:1 CHAIN MODIFICATION

To customers existing sterling silver gilt chain of office.

Remove 6 x existing links either side of the centre link on the outer row, 12 in total.

Produce 12 x sterling silver gilt P69 links and replace the old removed links.

Repair any broken jump rings on existing chain and re-finish in polished hard gold plate.

Quantity 1 £2531.76 nett.

Please note that the above price is generally valid for 30 days and is exclusive of carriage and vat.

Delivery is currently in the region of 8 to 10 weeks from receipt of a firm instruction to proceed.

I hope that the above is of assistance and I will hold your chain here until I hear further from you, in case you do wish to proceed.

Kind regards
Louise

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Calendar of Meetings for 2024

Please can we agree the following dates:-

Wednesday 17 January 2024

Wednesday 21 February 2024

Wednesday 20 March 2024

Wednesday 17 April 2024

Wednesday 15 May 2024

Wednesday 19 June 2024

Wednesday 17 July 2024

Wednesday 21 August 2024

Wednesday 18 September 2024

Wednesday 16 October 2024

Wednesday 20 November 2024

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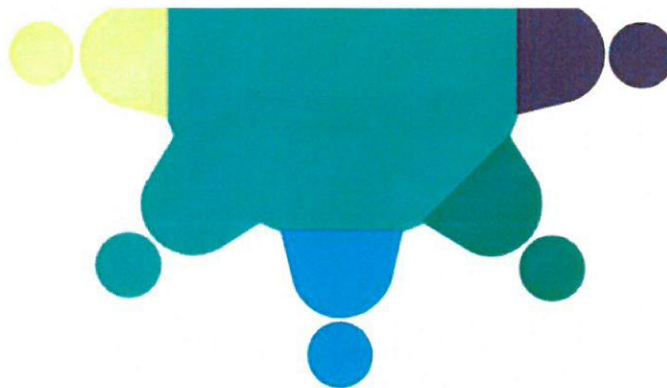
Note – Special Planning will continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month excluding January 2024 due to our offices being closed for Christmas.

Our Annual Parish Meeting must be held annually between 1 March & 1 June.

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New Community Panels open for business

27 July 2023 [Locality Boards](#)



CUMBERLAND Council's eight new Community Panels are now open for business, and community groups can apply for support.

The panels were designed to put residents at the heart of decision making in their communities. Made up of ward councillors, they will liaise with a network of local partners and residents to ensure effective investment.

Each panel has an amount of funding, but can also support projects with lobbying, signposting and leveraging further help.

Councillor Lisa Brown, Deputy Leader of Cumberland Council, said: "It's exciting to see the new panels move forward and start to receive applications. The hyper-local support they can offer is intrinsic to helping create resilient, vibrant communities.

"We set up Community Panels, and their supporting Community Networks, to deliver real change - addressing the particular needs of their area at a grass-roots level.

"We're keen to hear both from existing groups and projects, who may have received local council funding before, and new applicants keen to get their ideas off the ground. Check soon, as your local panel will have a deadline by which to apply.

“Community Panels are here to listen, so I would urge people to get in touch and see how we can help. We want to see investment led by communities themselves, and enabled by the council.”

The panels are also in the process of consulting with their community to decide which issues should be prioritised.

Each panel has a different deadline by which to apply for support. To find out more about Community Panels, how to apply for support, and the deadlines, visit <https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/your-council/community-panels/what-are-community-panels-and-how-do-i-apply>

Cumberland's eight Community Panels are:

- Workington Together
- Petteril
- Whitehaven and Coastal
- Fells and Solway
- Lakes to Sea
- Carlisle West
- South Cumberland
- Border, Fellside and North Carlisle

The areas covered by each panel, their membership, and future meeting dates, can be found here <https://www.cumberland.gov.uk/your-council/community-panels>

The panels' funding is based on data around health, which is closely aligned to levels of deprivation.

Click here for the Cumberland Community Panels

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Report to Executive

Meeting Date – 27th June 2023

Key Decision – Yes

Public/Private – Public

Portfolio – Cllr Mark Fryer (Leader of the Council)

Directorate – Assistant Chief Executive

Lead Officer – Nik Hardy

Title – Allocation of Sellafield Social Impact Investment Fund 2023/2024

Summary: This paper seeks approval from the Executive with regards to the allocation of funding from the Sellafield Social Impact Investment Fund (SIIF) for the year 2023/2024. This funding must be utilised within the footprints of the former council areas of Allerdale and Copeland and must support the delivery of the Sellafield Social Impact Strategy and the Council's own priorities.

Recommendations:

That members approve the split and utilisation of Sellafield Limited's SIIF funds as outlined in paragraphs 2.7 and 2.8.

That members ask that officers undertake a full assessment of any implications of the SIIF funding on the revenue budget in future years.

Tracking

Executive:	27 June 2023
Scrutiny:	
Council:	

1. Background

1.1. Since 2014 the Board of Sellafield Ltd has agreed annually to allocate funding up to £1million to the former Allerdale and Copeland Borough Councils (£500k each) to support projects, initiatives and programmes of work that deliver social conditions for growth.

1.2. The general requirement of the fund was that activity should be in line with the objectives of Sellafield's Social Impact Strategy and the Energy Act 2016, in addition to the each of the Council's own priorities.

1.3. Sellafield Ltd have confirmed that Cumberland Council will continue to receive the funding in 2023/24 on the basis that £500k continues to be allocated and spent within the footprints of the former Councils of Allerdale and Copeland.

1.4. The funding has been used to support and underpin a wide range of activity that has benefitted the local community since its inception. In 2022/23 Allerdale Borough Council utilised the funding as outlined below:

- Community Resilience support - £100,000
- Sporting and cultural development - £75,000
- Support for economic development activity - £125,000
- Support for regeneration activity - £200,000

1.5. The individual elements detailed in each of the above bullet points were delegated to various Chief Officers from the Council via a report to the Executive of Allerdale Borough Council in April 2022.

1.6. In Copeland Borough Council the funding was allocated as outlined:

- Access to leisure and sport -£350,000
- Leisure grants in Millom and Egremont -£27,000
- Support for regeneration delivery - £26,000
- Digital inclusion activity - £20,000
- Financial inclusion and hardship support - £47,000
- Art based learning activity - £15,000
- Inclusion and wellbeing activity -£15,000

2. Proposals

2.1. Cumberland Council must now consider how this funding should be utilised in 2023/24, whilst recognising any ongoing revenue implications for Cumberland council arising from decisions taken by the former district councils.

2.2. Spend associated with the delivery of the SIIF programme must contribute to the delivery of the Sellafield Social Impact Strategy and the Council Plan.

2.3. The Sellafield Social Impact Strategy, Six – Social Impact Multiplied, was adopted by Sellafield Ltd in 2020 and forms the basis for their socio-economic investment activities. It has a focus on the following objectives:

- Resilient economies
- Thriving communities
- Social value chains
- Sustainable incomes
- Collective impact

2.4. Cumberland Council adopted the Council Plan in October 2022. The Plan placed health and wellbeing at the centre of the council's activities and is supported by four key strategic themes:

- Addressing inequalities
- Environmental resilience and climate emergency
- Local economies that work for local people
- Delivering excellent public services

2.5. Both Allerdale and Copeland Councils utilised the funding for one off projects and activity in addition to supporting ongoing activity such as supporting the leisure activity in Copeland and regeneration programmes in Allerdale.

2.6. The SIIF funding remains integral to the ongoing delivery of various established commitments made by the former district councils, therefore the proposal for the utilisation of funding in the current financial year seeks to continue and build on this activity whilst a full assessment of the implications on the revenue budget associated with the funding on future years is undertaken.

2.7. It is proposed that in the former Allerdale Council area the funding is allocated as follows:

Activity	Amount	Strategic objectives contribution	Chief Officer funding allocated to
Community and voluntary sector support	£100,000	This activity has the potential to contribute to a wide range of objectives within the Cumberland Plan and the Sellafield Social Impact Strategy	Director of Public Health and Communities
Sporting and cultural development	£75,000	This activity contributes to the council's aspiration to improve health and wellbeing in addition to Sellafield's aspiration for thriving communities	Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport
Regeneration and economic development	£325,000	This activity will contribute to the Council's objective around economies that work for local people and Sellafield's resilient economies objective	Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport

2.8. In the former Copeland area, it is proposed that the funding is allocated as follows:

Activity	Amount	Strategic objectives contribution	Chief Officer funding allocated to
Supporting leisure activity	£378,000	This activity contributes to the council's aspiration to improve health and wellbeing in addition to Sellafield's aspiration for thriving communities	Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport
Regeneration and economic development	£25,000	This activity will contribute to the Council's objective around economies that work for local people and Sellafield's resilient economies objective	Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport
Social inclusion activity	£97,000	This activity has the capability to contribute to a wide range of objectives within the Cumberland Plan and the Sellafield Social Impact Strategy	Director of Public Health and Communities

2.9. The proposed split of funding detailed above provides the council with the flexibility to support ongoing commitments utilising the SIIF funding and respond to other priorities as they emerge that support delivery of the Council Plan objectives. A more detailed assessment with regards to the impact of ongoing commitments on Cumberland's revenue budget will be undertaken during the next twelve months ahead of any potential additional SIIF funding from Sellafield in 2024/25.

3. Alternative options considered

- 3.1. Members may choose to support the recommendations contained within the report or otherwise.
- 3.2. Members could propose to utilise the SIIF funding to support a different set of priorities and activities, however this may have a wider impact on the revenue budget of the council.

4. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 4.1. The funding provided to the former district councils over many years resulted in a wealth of socio-economic activity that benefits the local communities in West Cumbria.
- 4.2. Cumberland Council now have the opportunity to continue that good work and the recommendations contained within this report, provide an opportunity to build on existing activity, explore new opportunities and review the financial position in future years.
- 4.3. The recommendations are:
 - That members approve the split and utilisation of the SIIF funds as outlined in paragraphs 2.7 and 2.8.
 - That members agree to the delegations as detailed in paragraphs 2.7 and 2.8 and ask that officers undertake a full assessment of the implications of the SIIF funding on the revenue budget.

Implications:

Contribution to the Cumberland Plan Priorities -

The Social Impact Investment Fund will make a significant contribution to the delivery of the Council Plan. The SIIF funding will be utilised on a wide range of activity and projects and will further the councils objectives in areas such as health and wellbeing, addressing inequalities and economies that work for local people

Relevant Risks –

The principal risks associated with the Social Impact Investment Fund are around the delivery of the programme in accordance with the conditions laid down by Sellafield Ltd. These risks will be mitigated by ensuring that the council operates as a responsible accountable body and ensures that proper processes and procedures associated with external funding are adhered to.

There has been limited engagement on proposals to date given the nature of the funding and existing commitments. Further consultation and engagement will be undertaken within each of the key activity areas as the scope for new projects and activities becomes apparent.

Legal –

Whilst the decisions in relation to the allocation of the funding from Sellafield Ltd could have been taken jointly by the Director of Public Health and Communities and the Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport the matter has been referred to the Executive which also has the power to make any decision.

Further decisions of the Directors will be required in order to expend the allocated funding. The funding must be spent in accordance with Sellafield Ltd's terms and conditions. If used to issue grants the award must be compliant with the Subsidy Control Act if services, goods or works are to be procured, then the Council's Contract Procedure Rules must be adhered to. (E Lawson 06.06.2023)

Finance –

Finance implications are contained within the body of the report.

Information Governance –

No information governance issues arise from this report. Any issues that may arise thereafter will be dealt with as appropriate.

Impact Assessments –

Have you screened the decision for impacts using the Impact Assessment?

The SIIF funding will not have a negative impact on and will make a positive contribution to some of the socio-economic challenges residents face. Further impact assessments will be required as specific elements of the funding are developed in the coming months.

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Appendices attached to report:

Background papers:

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: