

Copeland Area Planning Report 15 January 2019

This report brings together information from across the Community team and provides Copeland Local Committee with an update on the work and activity undertaken to promote and progress Area Planning since the last meeting of committee.

The work of the Local Committee, through Area Planning and projects helps to achieve the Council Plan priorities, which are;

- People in Cumbria are healthy and safe
- People in Cumbria are well connected and thriving
- The Economy in Cumbria is thriving and benefits everyone

Grants awarded

Recommendations following Grants panel on 12 December 2018

- An allocation of £1,890 to Millom BeSpoke Biking to purchase a trailer.
- An allocation of £2,000 to Orchestra Live towards their Coastal Connections project with schools in Copeland
- An allocation of £4,028 to Cumbria Youth Alliance towards running a Young Leaders programme in Copeland
- An allocation of £3,290 to Whitehaven Harbour Youth Project towards the Fusion Youth Group.
- An allocation of £500 to the Community Skills & Learning Team in support of Cook and eat sessions for vulnerable client group.
- An allocation of £1,680 to Circus Starr to purchase 100 show tickets for vulnerable and disadvantaged children in Copeland.
- Members also supported the principle of funding an interactive projector or games table that has proven to be beneficial for people who have dementia or autism.

Area Planning and Community Service Update

Joint working is continuing between officers from the County and Borough councils, with the Chair of Local Committee and the Mayor included.

Since the last meeting a range of briefings and events have been held including:

- Arts Council England Creative People and Places Fund Briefing
- County-wide Autism Champion Group
- Seascale Parish Council Community Asset Transfer meeting
- 3 Tier Meetings including Millom and Area Planning
- Community Grants Panel
- Working group for Allerdale and Copeland CPPF

- Copeland Children and Young People Partnership
- Supported Well Whitehaven Project Development Sessions.

Public Health

The Public Health Locality Manager continues to work with partners across the Copeland Area and with Health colleagues in the NHS. This work identifies and assists in the Area Planning approach to create locally based community solutions to support the health and well-being of the community.

Upcoming diary dates and reminders include various Workshops and Forums through January and February 2019.

Current Public Health Campaigns include;-

- Change 4Life 'making a swap when you next shop' aims to encourage families to cut back on sugar by making a few simple swaps
- Healthy Harms Smokefree aims to encourage people to use the online 'Personal Quit Plan'
- Stay Well This Winter highlights the importance of looking after yourself and checking on people in your community who may be more at risk during this time
- Dry January gives participants the opportunity to be alcohol free for 31 days, advice and behaviour changes.
- Run Every Day (RED) to support mental health by doing something active every day in January.

Updates on the last meetings and workshops were detailed.

Library and Archives update

The annual plan of activities and themed promotions across Copeland's library and archive network for 2019 is being drafted and will be presented to Members as soon as it becomes available. This supports the council's aspirations to engage more people with the services of libraries and archives as well as deliver the national library network's Universal Offers, focusing on Learning, Reading, Information, Culture, Health and Digital. Activities include;

- Monthly 'Active Minds' sessions were launched at Millom Library. These sessions are for people living with dementia, and their carers.
- A pilot project in Whitehaven Library will start in the spring to provide impartial and free advice events on money management for all ages.
- Self-issue machines have been installed at Millom and Seascale to give the public the opportunity to manage their own book borrowing and returns.
- Potential for a West Cumbria bid to the Arts Councils' Creative People and Places Fund

Area Planning Projects

There are a number of projects currently in development or progressing as part of Area planning for Copeland, including:

- Whitehaven Community Hub
- Millom Holistic way

Local Authority Governors

No nominations since last meeting

Children and Young Peoples Partnership meeting on 14 December 2018 discussed:

- Connected Communities – Mirehouse
- Copeland Community Fund – Youth Fund
- Soundwave
- West Cumbria Bounce Back
- Children's Healthy Lifestyle Programme

School Crossing Patrol (SCP) service requirement for Copeland

Currently there are more SCP sites than funds allow and the service has been supplemented from Local Committee. As part of Area Planning, local committee may wish to reconsider the report and the on-going commitment to the current number of SCP sites.