

Report to:

**Council**

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Title: **Leaders Portfolio Holder's Report –  
Councillor Colin Glover**

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### **Local Economic Partnership – Update**

The Government announced the result of the Local Growth Fund Bids on the 7<sup>th</sup> July. Cumbria LEP put 10 projects forward, 2 of which are in Carlisle. Both projects in Carlisle were successful in obtaining funding. The City Council is leading on the Durrhill project which will reinvigorate the estate through a package of measures including site infrastructure which will unlock development land, promoting economic growth and deliver jobs.

The LEP Board are now looking at future opportunities for funding from the Growth Deal initiative in particular projects relating to nuclear, logistics and urban development.

The Cumbria Employment and Skills Commission are preparing a Skills Plan for the LEP Board. This work will help the detail of the European Social Infrastructure Fund (ESIF).

### **Federation of Small Businesses**

Councillor Bradley, myself and the Director of Economic Development recently met the Federation of Small Businesses to discuss a range of issues, in particular Small Business Saturday and how the Council can support small businesses. They were particularly interested in the Carlisle Story and the Ambassadors Group. An article will appear in the next edition of their newsletter 'The Voice'.

## **Carlisle Partnership**

The Carlisle Partnership held its annual Partnership Forum / AGM. The focus this year was to showcase best practice that has taken place over the past year and consider the digital agenda. The event was fully booked with a waiting list, and very well attended attracting over 75 participants from a range of organisations including public, private and voluntary sectors. A huge thanks go to all of our partners for their continued support in driving key projects forward and tackling priority issues. A Carlisle Partnership newsletter was produced which provides a flavour of work that has been taking place.

The event also gave the opportunity to launch new concepts and projects, such as the Food Carlisle work (supported by a locally sourced and produced lunch from the Carlisle area) and projects such as the Carlisle Food Charter, Fair meals direct, community growing and skilful food work. It also presents the opportunity to celebrate success and the achievements of Healthy City Designation (Carlisle were the first to achieve this in the UK - presented by Dr Jane Rossini – Centre Director for Public Health England) and Home life Carlisle who recently were shortlisted for the National HIA Awards in the 'Integration Champion' category and achieved highly commended.

## **Upcoming Events**

A full list of upcoming events is available in the Events Guide.

### Borderlines - Carlisle Festival of Reading and Writing

The literary event has been supported by Carlisle City Council and will take place at various venues between Friday 5 and Sunday 7 September. It has been organised by Bookends, Cumbria Library Service and Tullie House Museum & Art Gallery, in association with Cumbria Life.

### Fireshow Fun Day

A Fun Day will be held on Saturday, 1 November, between 2pm and 6pm in Carlisle city centre. It will be part of the build up to the Carlisle City Council Fireshow.

The family-friendly fun will include FREE activities, including street entertainment and face painting. There will also be music on the bandstand, seasonal tasty treats and a Fireshow photo booth in the Tourist Information Centre.

### Bitts Park Fireshow

This year's Fireshow will be held on Saturday, 1 November in Bitts Park, Carlisle. Pre-entertainment will start at 6.30pm and the bonfire lit at 7pm. The whole event will last around an hour. Admission is free, although there will be a collection for the Mayor's Charity Fund and Rotary Club Carlisle (South). Visitors are asked to give generously, as local charities benefit. This year's Fireshow will bring the city's history to life with a sparkling tale themed on 'The Carlisle Story'. Around 35,000 people are expected to attend the City Council event, organised in conjunction with She's Gott it!