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

NORTHERN POWERHOUSE CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION

Carlisle was represented at the Northern Powerhouse annual conference this year, which took place on the 21st & 22nd February. The new display stand provided the backdrop, and a Carlisle prospectus was produced showcasing the genuine growth opportunities available in Carlisle District. This complemented earlier Carlisle Story work, and therefore provided a good round up of what we have to offer.

The conference was targeted at a wide range of professionals including public and private sector leaders and investors, with an audience of approximately 3,000 people in attendance across both days.

McVitie's also kindly provided some Custard Creams which helped to engage people in discussions about what opportunities exist in the District.

CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE COLLABORATION

We are in the early stages of an exciting collaboration between Carlisle City Council, Tullie House and the Confucius Institute based at Lancaster University. The Institute aims to develop cultural relationships with communities and to support enterprise and innovation throughout the North West. In January we welcomed performing arts students from the Harbin Normal University in Heilongjiang province, who performed at Tullie House and the Old Fire Station. The second event 'East Meets West' is an exhibition of paintings by the Chinese Diplomat and talented artist Mr Wang Ying, using traditional Chinese painting techniques to bring a new perspective to UK landscapes. The exhibition continues at Tullie House until 21st May. We hope to bring further events in the future.

ROUND-UP OF EVENTS

We have an exciting and varied programme of events lined up for 2017, designed to be enjoyed by local residents and to increase the number of visitors to our city. In addition to our traditional headline events, we have big name music concerts, another programme of open air theatre at Talkin Tarn and spectacular Hadrian's Cavalry events to mark the 1,900th anniversary of Hadrian becoming the 14th Emperor of the Roman Empire.

18 March – Carlisle Comic Con, Richard Rose Central Academy

The event is brought to us by Wonky Rocket Promotions; but it is Carlisle's first international Comic Con (a comic book convention). There will be guests from TV and film, Artists from Marvel, DC, Dark horse and more. There will be over 50 stalls selling everything from cakes to collectables. 'Kit' from Nightrider has confirmed as too has Dave Prowse – 'Darth Vader', it will be a busy and popular event with teenagers and young adults.

Thursday 13 - Monday 17 April Easter International Market, Carlisle city centre

Market Place Europe will bring the International Market to Carlisle where there will be over 35 traders bringing the very best in tasty foods and unique craft from across the globe.

Between Thursday 13 April and Easter Bank Holiday Monday 17 April 2017, Carlisle's city centre pedestrianised area will be bursting with flavour and a fantastic family friendly atmosphere, offering visitors the opportunity to visit a number of countries and try something different.

Market Place Europe are the UK's leading operator of Continental and Special event markets. Their markets are renowned throughout the UK and Ireland, not only for their high quality but also for the variety of products.

EVENTS LIST FOR 2017:

Saturday 13 May	Health Mela, Carlisle city centre
Monday 29 May	Upperby Gala, Hammond's Pond
Friday 2 June	UB40 and Level 42, Brunton Park (CUFC)
Saturday 3 June	Olly Murs, Brunton Park (CUFC)
Saturday 10 June	Cumberland Show, East Park, Brisco
Saturday 24 June	Armed Forces Day, Carlisle city centre
Thursday 29 June	The Secret Garden open-air theatre, Talkin Tarn
Saturday 1 - Sunday 2 July	Hadrian's Cavalry Live in Carlisle, Bitts Park
Saturday 8 July	Unity Festival, Carlisle city centre
Saturday 8 July	Jess Glynne, Carlisle Racecourse
Saturday 15 July	Bryan Adams, Bitts Park
Sunday 16 July	Little Mix, Bitts Park
Thursday 10 August	A Midsummer Night's Dream open-air theatre, Talkin Tarn
Saturday 19 - 28 August	Carlisle Pageant, Carlisle city centre
Saturday 4 November	Fireshow, Bitts Park
Sunday 12 November	Remembrance Sunday, Carlisle city centre
Sunday 19 November	Christmas Lights Switch-On, Carlisle city centre