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Title: **Leader's Portfolio Holder Report –
Councillor John Mallinson**

BORDERLANDS INCLUSIVE GROWTH DEAL Programme

- Since signing the Heads of Terms in July 2019, a large volume of work has progressed by the Borderlands Partners as part of the preparations for agreeing the Deal
- This includes the development of a suite of Deal-wide documentation which set out the content of, and approach to, delivering the Deal
- The Borderlands Partnership Board has previously received, and approved, Deal-wide documents including the Collaboration Agreement that was approved by the Council in November 2019
- The key documents that are required in order to reach Final Deal Agreement include:
 - The Deal document,
 - Implementation Plan and
 - Financial Plan
- These have been shared with UKG and SG officials to progress negotiations towards Final Deal in early 2021

CARLISLE PROJECTS

Good progress continues to be made on three Carlisle projects - Carlisle Station, Citadels and Caldew Riverside:

Carlisle Station

- The detailed business case for seeking £20m investment from the Deal to deliver the improvements to the railway station project has now been approved by Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). The delivery of this project is dependent on the use of land owned by the City Council
- An overview of this project will be brought to Council for consideration in February 2021, following input from The Executive and the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panels during December and January

Citadels

- Following the allocation of £50m funding from the Deal to transform the Citadels buildings, the project partners continue to develop the detailed business case for a new campus for the University of Cumbria on the site
- As the Citadels are Grade 1 listed, detailed discussions with Historic England have taken place. They are very supportive of the project and a series of development and design principles have been agreed with them
- A second stage of consultation on the project proposals was undertaken between 20th November – 11th December 2020. The feedback on the proposals was very positive, and the project team are using the feedback to refine the proposals prior to submission
- Submission to the MHCLG has been identified for January 2021

Caldew Riverside

- The City Council are in discussion with Homes England regarding the next phase of project development, which will involve drawing up detailed proposals and securing additional funding

CARLISLE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

CARLISLE PARTNERSHIP – STATE OF THE PLACE SESSION

On the 19th October Carlisle Partnership brought together a cross sector of Partners to hold a “State of the Place” session. The purpose was to reflect on the last few months living and working with Coronavirus and to consider impacts, threats and opportunities moving forward as well as receive Partner updates on their experiences during the pandemic.

CARLISLE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

On Monday, 7th December, Carlisle Partnership Executive held a virtual meeting amongst our place based Strategic Partners. The meeting additionally welcomed North Cumbria NHS. The meeting focused on the following key areas:

- A Covid situation report
- Cumbria and Carlisle community resilience updates
- State of the Place follow up
- St Cuthbert's Garden Village Consultation session
- Collaborative Funding Pilot
- System Infrastructure business
- A number of project or partner updates were provided

Carlisle Partnership continues to send a weekly newsletter regarding partnership updates and activity, Covid response and recovery and funding. Between March and September:

- 46 partners were activity engaged in resilience work
- 3,554 customer enquiries

- 7,000 food parcels were distributed
- There were 34 community resilience group meetings
- 357 funds were shared via Carlisle City Council webpage
- There were 179,226 views on Carlisle City Council Funding webpage
- Over 40 Partnership information updates were shared

EMERGENCY PLANNING

Covid-19

The Council continues to respond to the Covid-19 emergency through the Cumbria Local Resilience Forum, Health Protection Board and Strategic Recovery Coordination Group. The move out of the November lockdown into the new tiers, with Cumbria placed in Tier 2, has led to renewed focus on supporting businesses and publicising and enforcing the new restrictions.

The Tactical Coordination Group has developed new task groups to continue the response work, two are notable for the shift in response: Vaccination Sub-Group and a Volunteering Sub-Group.

Communications and Public Consultations

We continue to support the countywide communications response to the Covid-19 emergency. In addition to this, work continues on key projects including the St Cuthbert's Garden Village consultation, the Borderlands Carlisle Station and Citadels consultation and the Stay Local, Shop Local promotion.