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Title: **Economy, Enterprise & Housing Portfolio Holder's Report –  
Councillor Marilyn Bowman**

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### **PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING**

The Council are working with the National Residential Landlord Association (RNLA) to set up some free training for landlords, the course entitled "Landlord Fundamentals" will be happening in March and November 2023. The educational opportunity is being managed in partnership to ensure local landlords are given training to get an overview of the entire lettings process, to ensure they are better informed to meet their legal obligations at each point of a tenancy. The project is being funded through civil penalty income the Council has generated in the last year through non compliance with private sector housing legislation.

### **SHARED PROSPERITY FUND**

#### **Year One Programme**

The programme is well underway with several projects now in delivery. These include:

- E1: High Street Grant Scheme (capital)
- E4: Uncovering Roman Carlisle Phase 3 – community excavation
- E8: To develop branding, story and content for Cumberland
- E12: Development of Borderlands Town Investment Plan for Longtown
- E16: Carlisle Enterprise Fund and High Street Grant Scheme (revenue)
- E17: Heritage Trail
- E30: Business Support for High Street Grants

Following the approval of Carlisle's Investment Plan by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022, an open call for projects under E6: Arts / Cultural Events and E14: Feasibility Studies accepted applications until 21<sup>st</sup> December 2022 when the application period was closed. The total ask in terms of

grants requested was more than double the funding allocated under both of these interventions, therefore applications needed to be carefully reviewed using the assessment framework tool created in partnership with Allerdale and Copeland District Councils.

The resulting report was considered by a Panel comprising the Corporate Director of Economic Development, the Portfolio Holder for Economy, Enterprise and Housing and the Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage and Leisure. The outcome of the Panel's recommendations for grant awards was taken to a meeting of the Cumberland Local Partnership Group 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 with the final decision on grant awards as follows:

Under the E6 Intervention: Support for Arts / Cultural Events

- City of Lights (Science) - £15,000
- Prism Arts: Arts without barriers - £10,000
- Rocket Theatre Group – Big Dance Carlisle - £10,000
- Blank Wall Assassins Street Art Trail - £38,000

Under the E14 Intervention: to receive support for Feasibility Studies

- 14MU Heritage Project
- Prism Arts Future Home
- International Heritage and Culture Hub

It should be noted that under E14, no direct award of grant monies will be made. Successful projects will receive support from a supplier appointed by Carlisle City Council.

## **MARKET SQUARE PROJECT**

- A second consultation was held in November / December last year, which presented a number of design concepts for residents, businesses and visitors to consider
- The proposals for the proposed preferred option are now being finalised and will be ready in March
- Members will have the opportunity to review and comment on the proposed preferred option before it is taken forward for detailed design