

Meeting Date: 13th September 2022

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

EMERGENCY PLANNING

A multi-agency Teams meeting was held for the Major Heat Event - High Temperatures Expected 17th - 19th July 2022. The meetings took place between 15th and 19th July to assess the risks, share intelligence and public messages. Record high temperatures were recorded across England, Carlisle reached 34.5° C.

LONGTOWN PLACE PLAN

- The Borderlands Place Programme will target investment in places that will help boost economic activity across the region. Recognising the importance of our smaller rural market and coastal towns to the local economy, this programme will provide £50 million of funding across the Borderlands
- A series of Place Plans will be developed for the region's priority towns and town centres. Towns will only enter the Place Programme should their Place Plan contain projects eligible for Borderlands investment. Up to £3m is available for each place
- To draw down funding from the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal, each prioritised town is subject to a comprehensive process of planning, programme and project development, assessment and project selection to ensure that Borderlands resources are targeted on eligible economic interventions which will deliver the greatest benefits, in towns demonstrating the greatest level of need or opportunity
- In Cumbria one service centre was selected in each district through a process based on socio-economic evidence and knowledge of the local challenges and opportunities of the area, Longtown was selected from within Carlisle District with Executive approval
- Working with the Prosocial Place, the development of a Longtown Place Plan is underway through an evidence based, community-led approach. All Longtown

residents and businesses and representatives from the surrounding area have been invited to contribute to the co-production of a Place Plan

- A series of five community workshops have been held with local people. Now halfway through the engagement process, with other events planned for the early Autumn including: school workshops; Longtown Stakeholder Summit; and exhibition of the Draft Place Plan.

SHARED PROSPERITY FUND

- The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) replaces the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund (ESF). UKSPF provides £2.6bn of new funding to be spent by March 2025 with all areas of the UK receiving a core allocation via a funding formula rather than a competitive process
- Core UKSPF funding is a mix of mainly revenue funding, but with an increasing proportion of capital spend across the three-year programme. Conditional allocations for the Cumberland districts for the period 1st April 2022 - 31st March 2025:
 - Allerdale £ 3,842,852
 - Carlisle £ 4,104,659
 - Copeland £ 2,638,112
 - **Cumberland £10,585,623**
- The types of eligible interventions / projects that can be supported by SPF fall within three Pillars that are aligned with the Levelling Up White Paper which are: Community and Place; Supporting Local Businesses; and People and Skills
- To access the Core SPF allocation for this area, the District Councils within the Cumberland footprint are each working towards completion of an Investment Plan. In Year 1, actions will be delivered by each District Council, in years 2 and 3, the Plan will have joint delivery arrangements along the unitary footprint. Initially, each Investment Plan will be approved by their respective District Council and endorsed by the Cumberland Shadow Authority.
- Councils have worked closely in conjunction to engage local stakeholders. One cross district stakeholder workshop was held jointly in mid-July. A total of 49 organisations were represented and a feedback meeting to discuss plans and next steps will be held in September 2022
- All interested stakeholders were given the opportunity to share details of potential UKSPF projects by sharing potential projects in the form of Expression of Interests (EOIs). More than 80 EOIs across the Cumberland area were received. Analysis of information shared provided a view of the scope of potential projects to be delivered locally through UKSPF funding

- Investment Plans will be submitted for approval by the UK Government with an extended submission date of 1st September 2022.

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The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15th September and the focus is skills.