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

CARLISLE AMBASSADORS

Carlisle Ambassadors held their last meeting of 2019 at the Shepherds and Auctioneer on Wednesday, 27th November 2019. The theme was Transport & Distribution Industry with keynote speakers including Karen Stalker of Stalkers Transport Services, Kerrie Allison of Reays Coaches and Mark Whitelocks of Stagecoach Cumbria & North Lancashire. The 190 delegates enjoyed an insight into the world of transport and logistics as well as finding out more about the opportunities for employment or engagement via the supply chain in this vast industry. Carlisle is home to several household names in this sector, many growing from family businesses to the well-recognised brands we know today. Motivational presentations followed, demonstrating how following your dream and having a sense of commitment and urgency (having that 'let's get started today' attitude) can help you achieve success. Delegates reflected on the successes of the 2019 Ambassador programme before visiting showcases from 16 businesses providing further insight into business success in the transport sector and enjoying the festive afternoon tea buffet while networking and making their own business connections. The next scheduled meeting of Carlisle Ambassadors is set for 12th March 2020, with the first meeting of Young Carlisle Ambassadors being arranged for January 2020.

CARLISLE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE

Carlisle Partnership Executive held their last meeting of 2019 on 2nd December 2019, which was kindly hosted by Stobart Group at Carlisle Airport.

The meeting focused on the following key areas:

- Host spotlight: Stobart Group and Carlisle Airport
- Key theme: Cumbria's Economic Potential where we were joined by Cumbria LEP
- An update from the Community Safety Partnership
- System Infrastructure:
 - Matters of interest / arising

- Reflection of the journey so far
- Partner and co-chair changes. We welcome new partners such as the national lottery to the Executive.
- Place Standard progress update and next steps
- Subgroup updates
- Any of Business and upcoming dates

The Partnership are utilising a generous leadership approach and are so grateful to all of our wonderful partners for their ongoing commitment, valuable input and contributions they make to partnership working in the area.

BORDERLANDS

CARLISLE RAILWAY STATION

- The preparation of a detailed business case for the project continues to be progressed.
- Following the 1st public consultation from September 18 – October 9 the next stage is to produce some options for the redevelopment of the Station for a 2nd public consultation.
- The 2nd consultation was scheduled for December but due to the election this has been postponed until the new year.

CALDEW RIVERSIDE

- The City Council has commissioned consultants to refresh the existing work that has been done to understand the extent of land contamination issues on the Caldey Riverside site.
- The consultants who undertook the previous work in 2009-10 have been reappointed, given their extensive knowledge and understanding of site.
- This work will involve
 - further site investigations and;
 - the production of a fully costed remediation strategy using up-to-date techniques and costing.

STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

The City Council have recently worked with and supported Kingmoor Park Properties and the Department for International Trade to secure the inclusion of Kingmoor Park Enterprise Zone within the Government's Northern Powerhouse portfolio. The portfolio is used by the Department for International Trade to promote significant projects and investment opportunities to an international audience.