



Place Panel

Date: Thursday, 01 December 2022

Time: 16:00

Venue: Flensburg Room

Present: Councillor Trevor Allison, Councillor James Bainbridge, Councillor Mrs Anne Glendinning, Councillor Mrs Linda Mitchell, Councillor Michael Mitchelson, Councillor Peter Sunter
Councillor Mrs Ann McKerrell (for Councillor Ms Jo Ellis-Williams)

Also Present:
Portfolio Holder

Councillor Mrs Bowman - Economy, Enterprise and Housing

Councillor Christian - Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder
Councillor Ellis - Finance, Governance and Resources Portfolio

Holder

Officers:

Corporate Director of Economic Development
Head of Regeneration
Head of Health and Wellbeing
Policy and Scrutiny Officer
Mr Mackay, Tullie House
Mr Smith, Tullie House
Ms Smalley, Tullie House
Ms Proud, Tullie House

PLP.35/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Ms Ellis-Williams and Councillor Dr Tickner.

PLP.36/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were submitted.

PLP.37/22 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED - That items in Part A be dealt with in public and the items in private be dealt with in Part B.

PLP.38/22 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED - 1) That it was noted that Council, at its meeting on 8 November 2022 received and adopted the minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2022. The Chair signed the minutes.

2) That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

PLP.39/22 CALL-IN OF DECISIONS

There were no items which had been subject of call-in.

PLP.40/22 UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND - YEAR ONE DELIVERY OF INVESTMENT PLAN

The Corporate Director of Economic Development submitted a report regarding the UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Year One Delivery of Investment Plan (ED.31/22).

The Corporate Director of Economic Development reported that the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) had allocated funds to all local authorities in the UK to fund revenue and capital projects over a three-year period 2022-2025.

The Government had allocated £4.1 million for the Carlisle area.

To draw it down, the Council had submitted an Investment Plan to the Department for Levelling Up, Homes and Communities setting out how it intended to use and deliver the funding. The submitted Investment Plan set out that the first year of the allocation would be managed and delivered by Carlisle City Council, whilst the second and third years' delivery would be managed and delivered by the new Cumberland Authority.

The Investment Plan for Carlisle was due to be approved in October 2022. However, there was a pressing need to confirm the delivery and spend for Year 1 of the programme, which had allocation of £498,138. A number of projects had been identified through an expression of interest that could be delivered by the end of this financial year, 31 March 2023. The report set out the proposed projects and grant programmes that would comprise the delivery programme for Year 1 of the programme.

The matter was considered and agreed by Council on 8 November 2022 (Minute Excerpt C.146/22(ii) referred).

In considering the report Members raised the following comments and questions:

- A Member asked what the fallback position was in respect of year one delivery?

The Corporate Director stated that the monies for the project which had not been received from government were committed or 'defrayed' i.e. allocated to the projects and able to be drawn down when available.

The Chair asked who was responsible for meeting any cost over run on the projects?

The Head of Regeneration advised that year 1 had been costed well; in terms of year 2 projects may need to re-profile spending to accommodate any cost increases. However, the majority of the projects sought revenue funding and were therefore at a lessened risk of acute cost increase.

- The Chair asked what plans had been made for the artefacts already uncovered at the Cricket Club?

The Head of Regeneration responded that the project listed in the report provided for the extension of the community archaeological dig project. In respect of the future of the artefacts, the matter was currently under consideration. The site itself, due to its

location on an active flood plain would be covered over when excavation works were complete to protect the site from erosion, damage or potential loss.

- A Member sought further detail on the 'enterprise fund'.

The Head of Regeneration explained that it was a pot of funding, both revenue and capital to support businesses to grow and develop.

- The Chair asked whether Cumberland Council were aware of the projects.

The Corporate Director advised that the Shadow Authority Executive for Cumberland Council had approved a report on the Fund and its projects.

RESOLVED – That the Place Scrutiny Panel receive report UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Year One Delivery of Investment Plan (ED.31/22).

PLP.41/22 QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE REPORT 2022-23

The Policy and Scrutiny Officer submitted the quarter 2 2022/23 performance against current Service Standards and an update on the delivery of the Carlisle Plan 2021-23 actions as defined in the Plan. Performance against the Panel's 2022/23 Key Performance Indicators were also included (PC.28/22).

In considering the report Members raised the following comments and questions:

- What works remained outstanding in respect of the redeveloped Sands Centre?

The Head of Health and Wellbeing responded that there were a number of consequential improvements to be carried out to the Events Centre to increase energy efficiency.

In terms of the newly developed portion of the site, in addition to the snagging list, a small dining area was to be installed as well as spectator seating and a balustrade. The Head of Health and Wellbeing emphasised that the works were minor and that the facility was in full operational use.

The Chair noted that there had been a number of reports in the national press regarding GLL (the operator of the facility) reducing the opening hours of a number of its facilities and lowering the temperature of some of its swimming pools, he sought reassurance that the Sands Centre would not be subject to such reductions.

In response the Head of Health and Wellbeing advised that the new pool facilities in the Sands Centre were amongst the most energy efficient in the country and given its use by schools the water temperature had to be maintained at a certain level. The site was operating at full opening hours: 06:30 – 22:00, there were currently no plans to reduce that.

Regarding further questions from Members on the Sands Centre, the Head of Health and Wellbeing provided the following responses:

- the unisex changing rooms on the ground floor had been designed following Sport England guidance;
- a full resurface of the car park had not been possible during the construction phase of the development, the works would be completed some time in early 2023.

- Would the recently developed Rural Strategy continue to be a joint document with

Eden District?

The Policy and Scrutiny Officer undertook to provide a written response on the matter to the Panel.

RESOLVED - 1) That the Quarter 2 Performance Report 2022/23 (PC.28/22) be noted.

2) That the Policy and Scrutiny Officer provide a written response to the Panel regarding whether the Rural Strategy would continue to be a joint document with Eden District.

PLP.42/22 OVERVIEW REPORT

The Policy and Scrutiny Officer submitted the Overview Report (OS.25/22) which gave an overview of the Place Panel.

The Chair noted that, due to the large number of items contained in the Work Programme for the January 2023 meeting, an additional, special meeting had been convened where a number of matters scheduled for scrutiny in January would be considered.

With reference to the Work Programme, a Member noted that previous Panels had received updates on the implementation of Section 106 contributions from developers. The Panel agreed that it would be useful to receive a report that provided an update on Section 106 activity.

RESOLVED – 1) That report OS.25/22 be noted.

2) That an update report on Section 106 activity be submitted to a future meeting of the Panel.

PLP.43/22 TALKIN TARN MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

The Deputy Chief Executive provided an update on potential management arrangements at Talkin Tarn Country Park following the Panel's visit to the site to explore the options to maximise the potential in delivering the Council's priorities. (CS.38/22).

The Deputy Chief Executive gave an overview of the background for the management of Talkin Tarn and detailed the current internal and external management arrangements. A key issue discussed by the Panel had been the future financial stability of the site. Options were discussed and it was proposed that an extension be added to the front of the building in place of the balcony, all catering would be downstairs and would allow a full offer with extra seating. This would also enable the upstairs space to be rented out for additional income. The proposed floor plan had been included in the report and the budget costings were set out in agenda item B.1.

In considering the report Members raised the following comments and questions:

RESOLVED -

PLP.44/22 PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED – That in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the Public and Press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph numbers (as indicated in brackets against the minutes) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Local Government Act.

PLP.45/22 TALKIN TARN MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted the budget costings to be considered alongside report CS.38/22 which had been considered as agenda item A.5 (CS.38/22).

RESOLVED - That the budget costings for the Talkin Tarn Management Arrangements report (public report CS.38/22) be noted.

PLP.46/22 TULLIE HOUSE BUSINESS PLAN 2021 - 2030 (22/23 REVISIONS)

(Public and Press excluded by virtue of Paragraph 3)

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted the update of the Tullie House Museum and Art Gallery Trust 2022/23 - 2031/22 Business Plan for the 2023/24 financial year (CS.33/22).

The Deputy Chief Executive reported that purpose of the report was to allow consideration of the Business Plan in order that the Council may in due course agree core funding for the Trust. This was in line with Section 5 of the Partnership Agreement between the Council and Tullie House Trust (THT). The Agreement stated that the Business Plan submitted by the Trust to the City Council should be used as the basis to agree future years funding. Members were asked to note that although the Business Plan was to be considered by Scrutiny, Executive and Council the requirement to agree core funding within the annual budget would fall to Cumberland Council. Carlisle City Council would make a recommendation to Cumberland on the level of core funds

The Chair welcomed ??, Tullie House to the meeting.

?? gave a presentation to the Panel which set out Tullie House's manifesto, the community and educational activities being undertaken, an update on Project Tullie and Tullie House's overall financial position.

The Meeting ended at: 17:41