



Report to

Council

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

BORDERLANDS

Citadels Project

- The development of this project continues to progress according to the timetable
- Following the granting of planning permission for the scheme in August, the City Council has continued to support the University of Cumbria with their plans for a campus and HQ on the site
- On 3rd October, the Executive gave approval to make a Compulsory Purchase Order, using the Council's powers, to support the University of Cumbria in assembling the land required to deliver the scheme

Longtown Place Plan

- The City Council are continuing to support the Longtown Community in the development of a Place Plan to draw down funding from the Borderlands Growth Deal
- A stakeholder summit was held on 18th October in Longtown to showcase the work done so far and was attended by over 60 delegates from across a variety of partner and stakeholder organisations
- The Place Plan will be ready in early 2023

Central Plaza

- The current round of site investigation work has been completed, which has focussed on the exposed retaining wall of the site
- An options report, setting out the recommended scheme of works required to prepare the site for redevelopment is now being finalised
- In tandem with this, the City Council has commissioned a marketing exercise, to identify a potential developer for the prepared site

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION TRANSITION

Both Barrow Borough Council and Allerdale Borough Council have recruited to Interim Chief Executive roles, in order to allow Andrew Seekings and Sam Plum to take up their Chief Executive designate roles for the two new Councils. Both interims attend the LGR Programme Board meetings. The Cumberland Programme Board continues to meet each week.

The process of allocating staff to the two new Councils has formally begun. The expectation is that the majority of staff will know which Council they will be working for on 1st April 2023 by the end of November.

Formal consultation is now underway on senior leadership structures with the leadership appointment process commencing week of 21st November 2022.

On 3rd October an all staff LGR Q&A session was held online and was attended by almost 800 members of staff. The next session is scheduled to take place on Monday, 7th November.

EMERGENCY PLANNING

As part of the preparations for winter weather the Local Resilience Forum held a Multi-agency Flood Training Day at the Civic Centre on Friday, 21st October. This will be a full day of training for responding agencies, elected members, voluntary agencies and community groups. The focus will be on the tactical and operation response to a flood, during the acute phase of a major incident.

LGR: CUMBERLAND COUNCIL PLAN

The Cumberland Council Plan is on the agenda for the Cumberland Shadow Council meeting on 18th October, with a recommendation for adoption.

LGR: PROGRAMME UPDATES

Shadow Scrutiny are meeting regularly, next meetings are on 2nd November and 21st December. Shadow Scrutiny have also been leading on a Member Task and Finish Group on future scrutiny arrangements for Cumberland. This work will be reported to Shadow Scrutiny and will shape work that is being undertaken for Day 1 readiness by the Governance and Decision-making work package. City Council staff have been involved in supporting Shadow Scrutiny and the Day 1 readiness work.