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

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## **BORDERLANDS**

### Longtown Place Plan

- The Place Plan for Longtown is being finalised and will be ready in January 2023
- £20,000 has been allocated from the Shared Prosperity Fund to support the prioritisation and development of projects for funding from the Borderlands Growth Deal. This process will begin in January 2023
- The Town now has a constituted community group that are working with Council Officers to finalise the Plan and develop the pipeline of projects

### Central Plaza

- The options report setting out the recommended scheme of works required to prepare the site for redevelopment is being finalised and will be ready by the end of December 2022
- Officers are working with colleague from Cumbria County Council to look at the site in conjunction with West Walls highway to ensure a comprehensive approach to the wider area
- The marketing exercise for the site is underway to identify a potential developer for the prepared site and will conclude in February 2023

## **CARLISLE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE**

Carlisle Partnership Executive met in December at the Sands Centre; this quarter meeting was chaired by our Small Business / Housing Co-chair, with 23 of our Strategic Partners coming together for our final meeting of 2022.

The key items focused on:

- The New Sands Centre Overview and tour for Partners
- Cost of Living
- Longtown Stakeholder Summit

- Collaborative Funding Pilot
- An update on some partnership activity around Key Performance Indicators, feedback and case studies
- System Infrastructure and Business updates (including Hellos and Goodbyes, Governance, WHO abstract acceptance and other partnership work in the last quarter)
- Current Situation updates (Local Government Reorganisation, Shared Prosperity Fund)
- Round table take away and actions
- Any Other Business and Partner information exchange

The Carlisle Partnership continues to send a bi-weekly communication email and the funding newsletter to Full Forum Partners - over 700 emails across the District. Partners continue to contribute to these updates and the communications have been well received, with excellent feedback.

We are grateful to all partners for the continued roles they play across the District and contributions to place based working.

### **STAKEHOLDER SUMMIT**

As part of the Borderlands Growth Deal and Place Programme a Stakeholder Summit was organised to support the development of a Longtown Place Plan. The event attracted a large group of 65 delegates from a range of organisations across the region; and Longtown Development Team members.

Organised by Carlisle City Council and Carlisle Partnership, with support from Cumbria County Council and community members, the event was held at the Memorial Hall in Longtown and resulted in excellent place based discussions, the completion of six place wheels and a huge amount of data that will be fed into the development of the Place Plan.

Feedback highlighted

*“Firstly, congratulations on a brilliant event yesterday in Longtown! You had a great turn out and the positive energy in the room was palpable....bodes well for the development of a truly community-led place plan” and “I had a brilliant day today, thank you so much for the opportunity to get involved in something this important! It’s amazing to feel like I’m playing a role in making decisions and plans for the community.”*

We are grateful for partners and the communities input.

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION TRANSITION**

The LGR Programme Board continues to meet fortnightly, whilst the Cumberland Programme Board meets each week.

Proposed staff allocations to the new Councils and Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service have been submitted for 70% of employees. The remainder are expected to be submitted soon.

The Chief Officer recruitment process is now live. Those who are shortlisted will be invited to a Member Panel interview w/c 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022. Members will be kept informed as this progresses.

The most recent staff Q&A sessions took place on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 p.m. These sessions are attended by the two Unitary Authority Leaders and relevant Senior Officers. These sessions have all been exceptionally well attended by staff so far. Future Chief Executive staff briefings will be arranged in order to ensure City Council staff are kept fully informed as to TUPE arrangements; staff allocation etc.

### **EMERGENCY PLANNING**

The multi-agency response to the Freight Rail Derailment at Petteril Bridge junction, off London Road, was stood down at the end of October. The work to remove the derailed carriages continued up until mid-November. It's hoped that the repair work will be complete early in December so train services can resume on the Tyne Valley and Settle to Carlisle lines.