



AGENDA

Resources Panel

**Thursday, 05 January 2023 AT 16:00
In the Flensburg Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle, CA3 8QG**

The Press and Public are welcome to attend for the consideration of any items which are public.

Members of the Resources Panel

Councillor Mrs Finlayson (Chair), Councillors Bainbridge, Ms Ellis-Williams, Pickstone, Mitchelson, Sunter (Vice-Chair), Dr Tickner and Wills.

Substitutes:

Councillors Alcroft, Allison, Atkinson, Birks, Bomford, Brown, Collier, Mrs Glendinning, Glover, Lishman, Mrs McKerrell, Mrs Mitchell, Morton, Patrick, Robson, Shepherd, Miss Sherriff, Southward, and Miss Whalen.

PART A

To be considered when the Public and Press are present

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitutions

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and any interests, relating to any items on the agenda at this stage.

PUBLIC AND PRESS

To agree that the items of business within Part A of the agenda should be dealt with in public and that the items of business within Part B of the agenda should be dealt with in private.

A.1 CALL-IN OF DECISIONS

To consider any matter which has been the subject of call-in.

A.2 OVERVIEW OF PANEL REMITS AND LINKS TO LGR PROGRAMME

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Portfolio: Cross Cutting
Directorate: Community Services
Officer: Steven O’Keeffe, Head of Policy and Communications
Report: OS.02/23 herewith

Background:

The Head of Policy and Communications to submit a report on the Resources panel’s remit and the links to the LGR Programme.

Why is this item on the agenda?

To provide an overview of items within the Resources Panel remit in order to offer the Panel assurance on these matters.

What is the Panel being asked to do?

Consider and comment on the report.

A.3 OVERVIEW REPORT

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Portfolio: Cross Cutting
Directorate: Cross Cutting
Officer: Rowan Jones, Policy and Scrutiny Officer
Report: OS.03/23 herewith

Background:

To consider a report providing an overview of matters related to the work of the Resources Panel.

Why is this item on the agenda?

For the consideration of the Panel.

What is the Panel being asked to do?

Consider and note the report.

PART B

To be considered when the Public and Press are excluded from the meeting

- NIL -

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Report to Resources Panel

Item
A.2

Meeting Date: 5 January 2023
 Portfolio: Cross-cutting
 Key Decision: No
 Within Policy and Budget Framework: Yes
 Public / Private: Public

Title: Overview of Panel Remits and links to LGR Programme
 Report of: Head of Policy & Communications
 Report Number: OS 02/23

Purpose / Summary:

The purpose of the report is to update the Panel on their remits and the links to the LGR Programme.

Recommendations:

That the Panel are asked to note and comment on the report.

Tracking

Executive:	N/A
Scrutiny:	Resource Panel
Council:	N/A

1. Overview

1.1. This is the first report requested for the Resource Panel for the Civic Year. The Panel has not needed to meet due to the changes to the Council's budget planning processes, because of Local Government Reorganisation (LGR).

1.2. The LGR Programme has developed a set of Service blueprints which provide the current picture of how each service is delivered and how it could be dis-aggregated, aggregated or shared between the new councils to be ready for vesting day. There are over 80 blueprints covering all the services provided by all seven councils. These blueprints were considered by the two Shadow Executives when they meet formally on 20 July for Cumberland and 22 July for Westmorland and Furness. The Service Blueprints for Cumberland can be accessed at:

<https://cumberland.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s349/Appendix%20%20-%20Service%20Baseline%20Blueprints%20Shadow%20Executive%20Report%20v%200.1%20006.pdf>

1.3. The LGR Programme reports updates and progress to the Cumberland Council Shadow Executive and Shadow Scrutiny, the majority of these reports are in the public domain (Part A) and these reports have formed the basis for the links to the Resource Panel remits. A regular agenda item for the Cumberland Council Shadow Executive is the update report.

1.4. The purpose of the update report is to comply with The Cumbria (Structural Changes) Order 2022 to deliver a sustainable Unitary Council, and a sustainable Fire and Rescue Service, in an economic, efficient, effective, safe, legal and seamless fashion, delivering both benefits from Vesting Day and the foundation for further transformation in the future.

1.5. Since July 2022, a number of service areas have been reviewed by the LGR Programme Member Implementation Board (MIB). Following the review of each service the MIB has made informed decisions based on officer recommendations, on the need to host the service, the intended period of hosting and which unitary council will be the host authority.

Panel Remits

1.6. The following areas are listed as the Panel's remits in the Constitution:

- Asset Management Plan
- Budget development and framework
- Capital Investment Strategy
- Corporate Charging Policy
- Medium Term Financial Plan
- Strategic Finance

- Strategic Financial Planning Group
- Treasury Management Strategy Statement

Panel Remits and LGR Programme

1.7. The Panel's remit make-up the entirety of the Budgetary Framework of the Council's Policy and Budgetary Framework (Constitution Article 4). These key documents are interlinked and can be viewed as the core information for strategic financial planning.

1.8. In terms of the LGR Programme, these remits are covered by the following Service Blueprints:

- Accountancy and Financial Planning
- Cumbria Local Government Pension Scheme
- Treasury Management, Banking & Insurance
- Corporate Estate and Capital Programme

1.9. The defining design principle has been for separate services for the two new unitary councils. Within all the Service Blueprints there are sections that highlight whether there is a need to host the service, the intended period of hosting and which unitary council will be the host authority. Subsequently, the Member Implementation reached their decisions based on officer recommendations.

Panel Remits and Cumberland Shadow Executive

1.10. The Cumberland Shadow Executive have then considered these recommendations to reach their decision on the service arrangements. One of the most significant decisions, relating to the Panel remits, is that Cumberland Shadow Executive agreed that Westmorland & Furness Council would be the Administering Authority for Cumbria Local Government Pension Scheme from 1 April 2023.

1.11. An update on the Strategic Financial Planning for Cumberland Shadow Executive was discussed on 20 July 2022. The report sets out the proposed financial disaggregation and aggregation process from a funding, revenue cost and balance sheet perspective to give initial potential funding envelopes for the Unitary Councils and Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service.

1.12. This report also provides clarity on the decisions required by each Unitary Council and Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service to deliver the strategic planning process to enable the development of their 2023/24 revenue and capital budgets and Medium Term Financial Plans. The report can be accessed at:

<https://cumberland.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s360/Item%2010%20Cumberland%20Strategic%20Financial%20Planning%20Report.pdf>

1.13. The Cumberland Shadow Executive considered a report on the Fees & Charges Harmonisation at the meeting on 5 October 2022. The purpose of the report is to agree the principles to be applied to the harmonisation of fees and charges to enable the preparation of 2023-24 Fees & Charges Schedules, for the Council, in line with the timeline for approval as part of the budget setting process.

1.14. On 20 October 2022 the Cumberland Shadow Executive considered a report which provided an update on progress on producing a draft 2023/24 revenue budget and medium term financial plan for the new Cumberland Council. The report sets out the latest estimated funding position, budget pressures, key financial risks and challenges influencing the development of the financial plans for 2023/24 and the ongoing financial impact of those plans. The report can be accessed at:

<https://cumberland.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s656/Cumberland%20Shadow%20Executive%2027%20October%202022%20CN.pdf>

Panel Remits and Cumberland Shadow Scrutiny

1.15. The Cumberland Shadow Scrutiny Committee Work Plan is attached as Appendix A, the budget scrutiny is planned for 1 February 2023. Shadow Scrutiny are due to receive a verbal financial update from the Interim Section 151 Officer and the Shadow Portfolio Holder at their meeting on 21 December 2022.

1.16. Shadow Scrutiny also instigated a budget training session for all non-Executive Cumberland Members on 25th November 2022.

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Appendices attached to report: Appendix A: Cumberland Shadow Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2022/23

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- None

Appendix A: Cumberland Shadow Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2022/23

Meeting Date	Item	Lead Officer
25/05/2022	Induction Session for Scrutiny Members – Introduction to Scrutiny at the Shadow Authority	Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS)
20/06/2022	Scrutiny Terms of Reference and Induction Update	Scrutiny Officer/ Interim Monitoring Officer
	Local Government Re-organisation Programme Status Report	Programme Director
	Scrutiny Overview and Work Plan Report	Scrutiny Officer
22/06/2022	Induction Session for Scrutiny Members – Work Programming	CfGS
10/08/2022	Draft Cumberland Council Plan	Interim Head of Paid Service
	Local Government Re-organisation Programme Status Report	Programme Director
	Scrutiny Overview and Work Plan Report	Scrutiny Officer
26/08/2022	Draft Cumberland Plan – virtual workshop - plan development	
23/09/2022	Cumberland Plan – feedback from Scrutiny workshop and consultation findings.	Interim Head of Paid Service
	Local Government Re-organisation Programme Status Report Including risk register (if possible – Panel requested)	Programme Director
	Scrutiny Overview and Work Plan Report	Scrutiny Officers
23/09/2022	Scrutiny Committee “away day” afternoon	Scrutiny Officers
Sept-Oct '22	T&F Group – Future Scrutiny Arrangements	Scrutiny Officers
02/11/2022	Task and Finish Group Report - Future Scrutiny Arrangements for Cumberland Council	Scrutiny Officer
	Local Government Re-organisation Programme Status Report	Programme Director
	Scrutiny Overview and Work Plan Report	Scrutiny Officer
25/11/2022	Budget workshop	S.151 Officer
21/12/2022	Finance Update	S.151 Officer
	Local Government Re-organisation Programme Status Report	Programme Director
	Scrutiny Overview and Work Plan Report	Scrutiny Officer
01/02/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Draft Cumberland Council Constitution</i> • <i>Budget 2023/24 consultation (subject to timings)</i> 	<i>Possible – dependent upon timings</i>
	Local Government Re-organisation Programme Status Report	Programme Director
	Scrutiny Overview and Work Plan Report	Scrutiny Officer
	Update on Scrutiny Activity on Cost of Living Crisis in Sovereign Councils	Scrutiny Officers
22/03/2023	Local Government Re-organisation Programme Status Report	Programme Director
	Shadow Scrutiny Annual Report	Scrutiny Officer
	Scrutiny Overview and Work Plan Report	Scrutiny Officer

Meeting Date: 05/01/2023
 Portfolio: Cross-cutting
 Key Decision:
 Policy and Budget Framework: No
 Public / Private: Public
 Title: Overview Report
 Report of: Policy and Scrutiny Officer
 Report Number: OS.03/23

Purpose / Summary:

This report provides an overview of matters related to the Scrutiny Panel’s work.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to note the report.

Tracking

Executive:	Not applicable
Scrutiny:	Resources 05/01/23
Council:	Not applicable

1. Notice of Key Decisions

1.1. The most recent Notice of Key Executive Decisions was published on 18 November 2022. This was circulated to all Members and is available on the CMIS section of the Council's webpages. It contains no items that fall within the remit of this Panel.

2. References from the Executive

2.1. None

3. Contribution to the Carlisle Plan Priorities

3.1. The scrutiny of Carlisle Plan items that fall within the remit of this Panel contribute to ongoing policy development.

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Appendices **None**
attached to report:

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- **None**

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

LEGAL –

PROPERTY SERVICES -

FINANCE –

EQUALITY – This report raises no explicit issues relating to the public sector Equality Duty

INFORMATION GOVERNANCE –