

PORTFOLIO:

LEADER'S PORTFOLIO

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CARLISLE PARTNERSHIP

The Carlisle Partnership continues to enjoy support from all sectors (public, private, voluntary and community) and we are grateful for the time and efforts of all individuals and partners involved.

Proposals for the Carlisle Partnership's revised Economic Development Group were approved on the 20th July and the new Carlisle Enterprise Partnership held its first meeting on the 25th August.

This new group has been established with the aim of re-balancing the composition of members to better meet the economic challenges in Carlisle and across the city region. We have also sought to mirror the structure and composition of the Cumbria LEP.

The new body has a balance between the public and private sector; and gives representation from a broad cross section of the key sectors in Carlisle's economy.

The public sector membership is limited to 6 and is comprised of:

- Mike Mitchelson and Marilyn Bowman(Carlisle City Council)
- John Mallinson and Tony Markley (Cumbria County Council)
- Michele Lawty-Jones (University of Cumbria)
- Moira Tattersall (Carlisle College)

Private sector membership has been recruited. It is intended to be broadly representative of the Carlisle Economy and supportive of investment in Carlisle and shaping economic growth. The current members are:

- David Jackson, The Lanes – Retail Sector
- Fred Story, Story Group – Construction Sector
- Allan Wilson, Pirelli – Manufacturing Sector
- Kate Willard, Stobart Group – Logistics Sector
- Martin Ward, Dodd and Co – Professional Services Sector
- Tony Goddard, Kingmoor Park – Land Development Sector

Further private sector members to represent Tourism and the Rural Economy are actively being sought.

The group's first meeting was a facilitated session led by Sir Howard Bernstein from Manchester City Council. The meeting was a productive and enthusiastic session with all partners keen to benefit from Sir Howard's considerable experience and plan to meet the challenges ahead.

The Carlisle Partnership's Healthy Communities and Healthy City Steering Group's are continuing preparations towards Carlisle's first Healthy City Week, scheduled for the week commencing 17th October.

During the course of the week there will be a series of events, promotions, workshops and conferences. All will be aimed at increasing awareness of Carlisle's Healthy City work and approach; advancing and developing our Healthy City Programme; and promoting projects and services aimed at improving health in Carlisle.

A full programme and specific details of individual events will follow over the coming weeks, but at this stage Councillors may wish to mark a couple of key dates in their diaries.

The first is Wednesday 19th October, during the afternoon we will be hosting a joint workshop for City Councillors and Carlisle GPs. The session will bring together both groups to look at how they can work more closely and effectively together to protect and improve health and wellbeing in Carlisle. We would like to extend this invitation to all elected members and hope that many of you are able to join us on the day.

The second key event is a Healthy Urban Planning and Design Conference to be held on Friday 21st October from the morning until the early afternoon. The event has already secured some keynote speakers who are world experts in the field of Healthy Urban Planning. The event will start with keynote speeches and then move into break-out sessions, including visits to sites across Carlisle, it is specifically aimed at exploring what we can achieve and deliver here in Carlisle. The event is aimed primarily at Members of the City Council's Development Control Committee and Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel – although again the invitation is warmly extended to all members whether they sit on these committees or not, so if it is of interest to you please mark it in your diaries.

If you would like any further information on these events or the Healthy City Week please contact Gavin Capstick or Emma Dixon Carlisle City Council.

EVENTS:

Carlisle Food Fair & Continental Market

Over the recent August Bank Holiday weekend (Thursday 25th to Monday 29th) the Carlisle Food Fair and Continental Market was held in the City Centre. This year the Continental Market featured a host of traders from Europe and beyond together with a variety of craft stalls.

The Fireshow

Planning for the 25th anniversary Fireshow is underway. This year's free event will take place on Saturday 5 November in Bitts Park. The build up will start at

6-30pm with the fire lit at 7-00pm. An Olympic theme is the centrepiece of what promises to be a spectacular event that will provide entertainment for residents and visitors. The Olympic themed Fireshow will naturally link with the torch relay celebrations that Carlisle is hosting on Wednesday 20 June 2012.

The Council is working in partnership with Carlisle Leisure Limited and the Cumberland News to deliver the Fireshow.

TOWN TWINNING:

This year's Town Twinning event took place from July 22nd to July 24th in Flensburg, Germany. This year saw the 50th anniversary of the links between Flensburg and Carlisle.

The delegation took part in a full schedule of activities which included regeneration projects and how Flensburg are addressing their current economic challenges. The business meeting covered how the future of our twinning activities could focus on specific projects which would benefit our three cities.

The Youth Exchange coincided with the delegation's visit and during one of the afternoons we spent time with the young people seeing and discussing with them what they had been doing during their exchange.