

Report to Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

Meeting Date: 7th April 2022
Portfolio: Cross-cutting
Key Decision: No
Within Policy and
Budget Framework Yes
Public / Private Public

Title: Emergency Planning and evolving approach to community
engagement and climate change.
Report of: Deputy Chief Executive
Report Number: PC 05/22

Purpose / Summary:

The purpose of the report is to update the Panel on Emergency Planning, the ongoing recovery from the Covid-19 Pandemic and community resilience.

Recommendations:

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

Tracking

Executive:	N/A
Scrutiny:	Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel
Council:	N/A

1. Updates

- 1.1. This is the final report on the Covid-19 Pandemic response to the Panel, marking the change in national strategy set out in the 'Living with Covid-19 Plan'. The Cumbria Strategic Recovery Coordination Group (SRCG) held their last meeting on 9th March 2022. The work of the SRCG is now embedded in the way we work through existing partnerships and business as usual arrangements. If required, it can be reconstituted again at short notice.

National Integrated Review and Resilience Strategy

- 1.2. The public consultation on the national Resilience Strategy has been completed and the strategy is expected to be published this Spring. Alongside the strategy there will be a scheduled Civil Contingencies Act review. HM Government has a legal obligation to review this legislation every 5 years, with the last review taking place in 2017.

Cumbria Recovery Strategy and Outcomes Framework

- 1.3. Executive agreed to support the Cumbria Covid-19 Recovery Strategy in August 2021. The strategy sets out the overarching recovery principles and priorities for Cumbria's recovery from the pandemic. Importantly, the delivery of this strategy is mainly through existing partnerships supported by the lead organisations that would normally lead on their areas of expertise when operating as business as usual.
- 1.4. The main partnerships (Health and Wellbeing Board, Safer Cumbria, Children's Trust Board, Cumbria Local Economic Partnership) have political oversight from each agency through their existing governance arrangements.
- 1.5. The Outcomes Framework has been developed to sit alongside the Recovery Strategy to ensure that the effectiveness and impacts can be measured, monitored and adapted if necessary. The Outcomes Framework has been developed considering the feedback from over 350 different people, organisations, groups or partnerships who fed into the consultation.
- 1.6. The Recovery Strategy and Outcomes Framework are available on the website: [Home page \(cumbriarecovery.org\)](https://cumbriarecovery.org).

Recent Events

- 1.7. The following incidents have taken place since the last report to the Panel:
 - Health & Social Care Capacity September 2021

The pressure the social care system experienced due to increasing demand for support and people presenting with higher levels of need, was part because of delayed NHS activity due to the pandemic. Alongside this were, and still are, significant challenges with recruitment and retention of staff across the sector due to a range of factors including the pandemic, mandatory vaccination, wage increases in competing sectors and the loss of international staff.

- Flooding October 2021
- Rockcliffe Fire November 2021
- Winter Storms (Arwen, Dudley, Eunice and Franklin)

Community and Local Partnerships

- 1.8. The Carlisle Community Resilience Group (CaCRG) has now been stood down with the view to be activated again if required. The group has now been reformed as the Carlisle Community Recovery Group, comprising of co-chair's from Cumbria County Council and the Carlisle Partnership with representation from the four CaCRG subgroups: Carlisle Welfare Reform Board, Communities Group, Children and Families Partnership and World Health Organisation (WHO) Carlisle Health Forum. This development aligns with the moving from response to recovery phase and the recently launched Cumbria Recovery Strategy.
- 1.9. On Friday, 11th March 2022 it was two years since Covid-19 was declared an emergency for Cumbria. To mark this date in a positive way Cumbria CVS have produced a video to highlight our great communities and resilience, kindness and care: <https://youtu.be/aQnRUERkBnY>
- 1.10. Cumbria CVS have recently recruited a Carlisle Community Resilience Worker for the next seven months. This new role will work with the whole range of community groups, developing a local network to improve the areas readiness for any future shocks.

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Appendices
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