

PORTFOLIO:

PROMOTING CARLISLE

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CARLISLE PARTNERSHIP

All the Partnership's working groups continue to deliver their action plans and develop projects designed to advance the aims of Carlisle's Sustainable Community Strategy. Performance and action updates for all priority working groups are available on the local partnership pages of Carlisle City Council's website.

The Carlisle Partnership continues to enjoy support from all sectors (public, private, voluntary and community) time and efforts of all individuals and partners involved have been appreciated

At the Carlisle Partnership's Executive meeting in March the current Chair Trevor Hebdon, and the Vice-Chair Jane Muller, both confirmed that they would both be stepping down having served their three year terms in post. All involved in the Partnership will be thankful for their valuable contribution over the last few years. The Executive have tasked the Convener's Group with coming together to review the role and function of the Executive for the next year, and this will shape the recruitment of a new Chair for the Partnership. It is anticipated that a new Chair will take over from the 2012 AGM, the date of which has been set for the afternoon of Friday 6th July with Rory Stewart due to deliver a key-note speech on the Localism agenda.

Finally the City Council, Carlisle Economic Partnership and Carlisle College are developing plans for a 'Superfast City' digital inclusion and broadband conference in May this year. All members will be provided with further details on the events as arrangements are finalised, but members may wish to put the date (30th May) in their diaries.

Once again the Partnership would like to thank all partners for their continued efforts and support.

EVENTS

Diamond Jubilee: Upperby Gala

Event planning is progressing well - Llamas, dogs and owls will feature prominently in this year's free family friendly event at Hammond's Pond. There will be the traditional mix of stalls, music and fairground rides.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations in the City Centre

The City Council are offering a free fun filled day with fantastic children's entertainment, Royal tours, street entertainers, great music, food and souvenirs plus a Jubilee Bar. As day turns to evening, the Boom Dang Drummers will ignite the city with their unique style as they lead the way for the live big screen broadcast of the **DIAMOND JUBILEE CONCERT** from Buckingham Palace, when artists such as Gary Barlow, Sir Elton John, Jessie J and JLS will be celebrating our Sovereign's 60 years reign. The event also marks the start of 'CARLISLE – MUSIC CITY'

Music City

The IMP Community (Independent Media Production) in association with Carlisle Music City & Carlisle City Council are holding a free family music media & arts festival in Bitts Park, Carlisle on 10th June. The event is the finale of Carlisle's Music City week and will showcase local bands. Inflatables, face painting and workshop will be on offer to keep children occupied.

Border Group are offering free toilets, seating & fences and in partnership with CA Events will be hosting a VIP area, to gain potential support and sponsorship for the future (Andalusian will be providing drinks).

Music City will start by linking up with the Jubilee celebrations in town, offering live music and we will also have a presence at the Race Course. Throughout the week there will be live music and family workshops in the town centre.

The Tea Dance World record attempt will take place June 8th at The Sands Centre.

University of Cumbria are also looking to ingrain Music City as part of their events course, which will give us an excellent development programme and work experience.

Thirty local venues will be taking part in the week and over 60 bands have applied to play.

Plans are already progressing for year two of Music City.

Olympic Torch Relay

With less than three months to go to Carlisle's evening celebration event (20th June), planning for the event enters a critical phase. Officers are meeting staff

from the London Organising Committee of the Games (LOCOG) to finalise the infrastructure required for the evening event celebrations.

Stage Right and Heroes Cheerleaders will be performing on the 20th June in Bitts Park. Details of the headline acts provided by the Presenting Partners, Coca Cola, Samsung and Lloyds TSB, will be available in May.

The Council is currently working with 62 groups involving 2,500 people. Working with Churches Together has significantly increased the numbers and they will open churches along the route and serve refreshments and will also be involved in the Bitts Park event and the Church Pastors will assist with the marshalling. Multicultural Carlisle is bringing 200 people with flags/banners. There has been much more interest since it was publically announced and we are now encouraging the public to go to Bitts Park.

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