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

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## **BORDERLANDS INCLUSIVE GROWTH DEAL Programme**

Following the signing of the Final Deal Agreement the 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021, the Borderlands Partnership governance structure has moved from the initial shadow arrangements to formal meetings in line with the governance arrangements set out in the Collaboration Agreement.

This places the Partnership on the formal basis to deliver the Deal with responsibility for oversight on progress with the projects and programmes within the Deal.

On Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July, the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Scotland Iain Stewart MP visited Carlisle and was met by partners of the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal. The visit involved a short tour of the Station works followed by a meeting which also included local stakeholders. The purpose of the visit was to introduce the wider scheme and current activity across Borderlands including supporting Border Rail, Destination Theme and HS2.

### **Carlisle Projects**

Good progress continues to be made on Carlisle projects - Carlisle Station and Citadels:

#### *Carlisle Station*

- The Carlisle Station Gateway scheme is now in the full design phase with contractors appointed for Stage 1 of the design and build contract following procurement
- Further consultation on the final design elements is planned for the Autumn
- With investment of £20m this is a significant scheme in the first phase of the Deal

#### *Citadels*

- £50m of Borderlands funding has been approved in principle for the project

- The production of Full Business Case (FBC) for a new campus for the University of Cumbria on the Citadels site continues to progress and is nearing completion
- Submission of the FBC to the MHCLG is planned for the summer
- A scheme has been developed that fit within the identified budget and also includes 888 sq. m of business interaction space that will be funded through the Town Deal

#### *Caldew Riverside*

- Plans for the development of the Caldew Riverside site continue to be progressed
- £850,000 has been secured from the Towns Fund Accelerated Capital Grants to remove contamination and make the site developable. £22,000 was also secured from Homes England to support this work
- A detailed remediation appraisal study, an ecological survey and the first phase of detailed site investigation works were completed over the course of last year
- The second stage of detailed site investigations works has just concluded, which will inform the production of the design and approach for the remediation of the site

#### *Central Plaza*

- Plans for the redevelopment of the former Central Plaza site continue to be progressed
- The City Council has been successful in securing £4.7m of funding through the Future High Streets Fund (FHSF) programme to support the redevelopment of the site
- Through the FHSF the Council can use its £2million expenditure on the site as co-funding
- The Council are current undertaking the first stage of works – which involves detailed site investigation and archaeological survey, which will allow us to better understand the ground conditions and any potential constraints to redevelopment
- Further due diligence and feasibility work is currently being undertaken on the redevelopment options, with the site investigation works feeding into this process

### **CARLISLE PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE**

Carlisle Partnership Executive met in June; this quarter being chaired by our Police Superintendent Co-chair.

The key items focused on:

- The latest Covid Resilience updates (Including the Local Resilience Forum, Cumbria and Carlisle Community Resilience Group and Vaccinations)
- The Executive were joined by the CEO of the London Funders Network who highlighted the partnership and funding work in that had taken place in London
- Collaborative Funding Pilot – we were additionally joined by the Nationally Lottery and the Cumbria Community Foundation to explore the development and possibilities within a Collaborative Funding Pilot bid
- Transformative Partnerships Research update – working with the University of Cumbria, Innovation and Technology for Development Centre (ItDUPM), Universidad

Politecnica de Madrid, Lancaster City Council and the Lake District National Park, to explore best practice, local level collaboration, scalability and sustainability

- The development of a short-term Partnership Place Plan which supports recovery
- System Infrastructure and Business updates (including Roles And Responsibilities, Audit, Risk and Collaborative Funding)

The Carlisle Partnership continues to send a weekly communication email and the funding newsletter to Full Forum Partners - over 900 emails across the District. Partners continue to contribute to these updates and the communications have been well received.

We are grateful to all partners for the continued roles they play across the District and especially during ongoing pandemic resilience and recovery work.

### **CARLISLE PLAN**

A new draft of the Carlisle Plan has been prepared and will be available for scrutiny and public consultation in mid-July. Public consultation is now a possibility, with the increased likelihood of the lifting of the Covid-19 Restrictions on 19<sup>th</sup> July, as set out in the national roadmap.

### **EMERGENCY PLANNING: COVID-19**

The Council continues to respond to the Covid-19 emergency through the Cumbria Local Resilience Forum, Health Protection Board and Strategic Recovery Coordination Group. A new group has been formed below the Strategic Recovery Coordination Group, the Place Tactical Coordination Group, this will now meet on a fortnightly basis. A 'People' Tactical Coordination Group is already operating below the Health Protection Board.

### **EMERGENCY PLANNING: CARLISLE GAS LEAK**

Emergency services responded to a gas leak in the Cumwhinton Road area of the City on the late evening of the 27<sup>th</sup> May. 25 houses were evacuated, and Harraby Community Centre was stood up as the Evacuee Reception Centre. City Council staff were offered and available to support. The gas leak was quickly located and fixed and residents were able to return to their homes shortly before midnight.

### **EMERGENCY PLANNING: LINTON STREET FIRE**

Cumbria Fire & Rescue and other emergency services responded to a large fire in the roof of a property in Linton Street on Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> June. In total 5 fire engines and 1 aerial ladder appliance responded in a densely populated area. Greystone Community Centre was opened as an Evacuee Reception Centre and Officers were put on standby to support with temporary accommodation. All residents were evacuated safely, and immediate support was not required.

The recovery work has been led by Building Control with Homelessness Team providing support directly to residents in need of temporary accommodation.

We have informed Cumbria Community Foundation of the incident and they have confirmed that their hardship fund is available:

<https://www.cumbriafoundation.org/fund/cumbria-disaster-fund/>