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MITCHELSON**

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.

Carlisle's new Sustainable Community Strategy (Carlisle Community Plan 2011-16) was approved at the last meeting of the City Council and adopted onto the policy framework. The Carlisle Partnership is now working to develop specific action plans to ensure the aims of this community strategy are delivered.

These draft plans are being prepared by the Priority Working Groups and steered by the Partnership's Executive. They are being drawn up by a broad range of partners and the Partnership is grateful for the continued support and input of these organisations. The initial drafts of the action plans (covering the financial year 2011-12) were tabled at the Partnership's Executive on the 15th February and revisions and improvements were recommended. The Priority Working Groups will continue to develop their proposals with a view to finalising them ahead of the new financial year.

The Carlisle Partnership is also keen that the City Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees have the opportunity to shape and comment on these plans and the Carlisle Partnership Manager will be seeking to table them at Overview and Scrutiny in the coming months. .

The Carlisle Partnership has also now started implementing the recommendations made by a Local Improvement Advisor (funded through the North West Improvement and Efficiency Partnership) on improving its efficiency and effectiveness. Amongst other improvements this has seen revisions to the constitution and terms of reference for the partnership's various groups. These will be proposed at the Carlisle Partnership AGM in June. The Executive and the Priority Working Groups will now be meeting more frequently to maintain better momentum and a clear performance framework for the action plans outlined earlier will be established before they are finalised.

CARLISLE'S ROYAL GARDEN PARTY IN THE CITY

Carlisle's Royal Garden Park in the City will take place on Friday 29th and Saturday 30th April between 10 am and 4pm in English St from outside Boots down to The Old Town Hall.

Carlisle's Royal Garden Party will be an event unlike any other in the City. Appealing to residents and visitors, it will be British through and through with street entertainment, bunting, and a live broadcast of the Royal wedding from Westminster Abbey (Friday) on the big screen. It is hoped that floral art exhibitions, demonstrations and talks will take place in two marquees and the garden party theme will continue with the sale of plans, shrubs and all things gardening from specialist retailers and Cumbrian food products and gifts will be on sale through Made in Cumbria. City centre retailers will be invited to be part of the experience offering Royal discounts and promotions.

The event is in partnership with the Cumberland News.

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