

PORTFOLIO:

PROMOTING CARLISLE

Report of
Portfolio Holder:

**COUNCILLOR
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PORTFOLIO HOLDERS REPORT FOR 12 SEPTEMBER 2006

CARLISLE RENAISSANCE

An update report on Late Night Shopping was presented to Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee at its meeting of 31 August 2006. The City Council in partnership with City Centre businesses has played a pivotal role in helping to establish Late Night Shopping. It is now considered to be self-sustaining without direct additional funding support from the City Council but we will continue to assess how our pattern of service delivery can support Late Night Shopping.

The Accommodation Project Board, established to take forward our review of City Council operational accommodation, has agreed a detailed scope of work and programme and this is available in the City Council's public folders. This work is linked closely to the City Council's Asset Review (the subject of Corporate Resources Overview & Scrutiny Committee workshop on 5 October) and the Shared Services Property Review, initiated through the Cumbria Local Authority Strategic Partnership.

The 2nd phase public consultation on the Development Framework & Movement Strategy commences on 11 September 2006 for a two-week period. Details of the consultation programme are attached.

As part of the Consultation a special supplement will appear in the Cumberland News on Friday 08 September 2006. Arrangements are being made to make an advance copy available for all Members which will be sent out separately.

LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERHSIP

Structural Progress:

The structure of the LSP has been established (see attached chart, key players in each group are identified for ease of reference)

Membership of the Executive is as follows:

Cllr M Mitchelson	Leader of the Council and Chair Carlisle LSP Forum	Carlisle City Council
Cllr H Bradley	Vice Chair Carlisle LSP Forum and Labour group member	Carlisle City Council
Maggie Mooney	Town Clerk and Chief Executive	Carlisle City Council
Lynne Hutchinson	Voluntary & Community Sector Rep	Carlisle CVS
Jocelyn Holland	Rural Issues	Carlisle Parish Councils Association
Mrs Jane Muller	Public Health Specialist	Carlisle & District PCT
Cllr Cyril Weber	Cumbria County Council Rep	Cumbria County Council
Cllr R Bloxham	Executive Portfolio Holder & Conservative Group Member	Carlisle City Council
Cllr T Allison	Liberal Democrat Group Member	Carlisle City Council
Rev Richard Pratt	Chair Children & Young People	St Cuthberts Vicerage
Ch Sup Andy Davidson	Chair Safer, Stronger Communities	Cumbria Constabulary
Brian Lightowler	Chair Economic Group	Business Link
Patrick Leonard	Chair Healthy Communities & Older People	Carlisle Housing Association

All the constituent priority groups have now met at least twice and each has authorised Roles and Responsibilities or Terms of Reference.

Ned Kemp has been appointed LSP Manager and is the main Officer contact at the City Council.

Cross-cutting issues:

The Convenors Group has the responsibility for identification and monitoring of progress on the cross-cutting issues of Rural proofing, the Environment, Carlisle Renaissance, Learning City and Cleaner, Greener, Safer Carlisle and incorporating targets for each of these themes into the Community Plan. A methodology for checking all LSP activity against Rural, Equality & Diversity, Environmental sustainability, relevance and impact will be adopted building on the experience of the CSP process of “Rural Proofing” and Environmental sustainability.

A refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy for Carlisle (Community Plan).

A timetable has been established which will result in an initial draft at the end of September for consideration by the LSP Executive before going out to consultation. The Council’s Overview and Scrutiny committees will be involved in this process. The intention is to achieve final approval in December and publication in early 2007.

CUMBRIA IN BLOOM

Cumbria in Bloom judges visited Carlisle on Thursday 27 July to assess Carlisle’s floral flair. They inspected city centre streets including Warwick Road, The Crescent, Shaddongate, Dalston Road, Richardson Street and Wigton Road.

They also visited the Citadel Railway Station, Tullie House Museum Gardens, Carlisle Cemetery and Chances Park.

Stanwix in Bloom was also judged on the same day.

The Cumbria on Bloom winners will be announced on Monday 04 September 2006.

GREEN FLAG AWARD

Bitts Park was awarded a Green Flag Award. The Park was one of 423 green spaces across England and Wales to achieve this national standard.

POP2THEPARK

Nearly 4,000 people attended this year's pop2thepark event, despite damp conditions on the day.

The Bitts Park open air concert included a packed programme of top-class acts including the Sugababes, G4, Son of Dork and Frank, from Channel 4's Totally Frank fame. Local soap superstar, Roxanne Pallett also made her live pop debut.

The main bands were supported by seven up and coming bands as well as Carlisle based band, Giant Loop of Sound.

Funded and organised by Carlisle City Council, the event was in partnership with the News & Star, CFM, Carlisle Leisure Limited and sponsored by Cumbria County Council, Stobarts and Kingmoor Park.

SHEEPMOUNT STADIUM OFFICIAL OPENING

HRH Prince Edward, The Earl of Wessex, will officially open The Sheepmount Stadium on Friday 29 September. The opening will include VIP guests and representatives from Sport England, UK Athletics and the Football Foundation. Local children will be taking part in football and athletic activities.

CARLISLE GREAT FOOD FAIR

Carlisle hosted the region's largest Food Fair over the August Bank Holiday weekend.

There was the return of the popular Continental Market and also Made in Cumbria sellers. More than 30 stalls were set up in the city centre, ranging from charcuterie specialist meats from Corsica to French patisseries.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The City Council has taken ten pledges to improve the council's eco-performance. We have signed an Environment Policy Statement which pledges the Council to take responsibility for managing the environmental impact of the Council's activities and will aim to continually improve 'in-house' performance.

CARLISLE FOCUS

The Autumn edition is available and this edition carries the annual readers' survey.

Last year, 89% of respondents said Carlisle Focus was their preferred method of receiving information from the Council, 80% found it interesting, 61% easy to read, 58% informative and 45% useful.

CARLISLE FIRESHOW

Cowboys, saloons and sheriffs will be centre stage at this year's Carlisle City Council Fireshow. More than 35,000 people attend the sparkling spectacular each year, which this year will follow a Wild West theme. The free event will be held on Saturday 4 November in Bitts Park at 7pm.

CHRISTMAS

The Christmas Lights Switch-on this year will be on Sunday 19 November. This year there will be a Christmas Market in the City Centre from 06 – 10 December. This builds on the successful Continental Markets, which are held during the year.

The Christmas Grotto will again be held in the Assembly Room of the Old Town Hall.

There will be a Carol Parade on Thursday 14 December taking advantage of a late night shopping evening.

Attached is a draft programme of Christmas in Carlisle activities

CARLISLE – THE CHRISTMAS CITY FESTIVAL 2006 :
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
NOVEMBER		
16 th	Thursday Late Night Christmas Shopping begins – every Thursday	City Centre
17 th	Nutcracker – Moscow Ballet	Sands Centre
19 th	Christmas Lights Switch On	City Centre
19 th Nov– 24 th Dec	Christmas Tree Exhibition/Grotto	Old Town Hall
19 th Nov– 24 th Dec	Christmas Tree Trail	City Centre
23 rd	Christmas Party Day – National Hunt Racing	Carlisle Racecourse
DECEMBER		
1 st	Christmas Farmers' Market	City Centre
1 st	Potfest Potters' Christmas Party	City Centre
1 st – 10 th	Sleeping Beauty – The Pantomime	West Walls Theatre
1 st	Royal Marines Band	Sands Centre
2 nd	Holly Door Wreaths – Workshop	Tullie House
2 nd	Christmas Fun Day	Market Hall
3 rd	Advent Carol Service	Carlisle Cathedral
4 th – 8 th	Tudor Christmas at the Guildhall for Schools	Guild Hall Museum
6 th	Dark History of the Citadel Tour*	Citadel
6 th – 10 th	Carlisle Christmas Market – fabulous street market and Victorian Market Hall plus street entertainment	City Centre and market Hall
7 th	Late Night Opening at Guildhall with free drop in workshop	Guild Hall Museum
9 th	Knitting – Twinkle Toes Workshop	Tullie House
9 th	Abbey Singers Christmas Concert	Carlisle Cathedral
12 th	Age Concern Carol Service	Carlisle Cathedral
13 th	The Carlisle Ghost Tour*	City Centre
13 th – 29 th	Aladdin – The Pantomime	Sands Centre
14 th	Carol Parade – Carols in the Cathedral and entertainment in the city centre followed by Hog Roast in the Tithe Barn.	City Centre
14 th	Late Night opening at Guild Hall with free drop in workshop	Guild Hall Museum
15 th	Eden Valley Hospice Service	Carlisle Cathedral
15 th	Candlelight Christmas Concert Tour	St Cuthbert's Church
	Christmas Family Fun Day – Free Entry – Glittermania, Workshops/Childrens' Theatre – the Magicians Daughter plus Christmas decoration workshop	Tullie House
17 th	Festival of Readings and Carols	Carlisle Cathedral
18 th	Trinity School Carol Service	Carlisle Cathedral
19 th	Duke of Lancaster Regimental Carol Service	Carlisle Cathedral
20 th	The Carlisle Ghost Tour*	City Centre
24 th	Festival of Readings & Carols	Carlisle Cathedral
27 th	The Carlisle Ghost Tour*	City Centre
27 th – 30 th	Victorian Lantern Tours*	Carlisle Castle

* Bookings for the above Tours can be made at the Visitor Centre at the Old Town Hall

Carlisle Renaissance
Development Framework & Movement Strategy (2nd Phase Public Consultation)
Programme

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 August	29 August	30 August	31 August	1 September	2 September
	City Council Executive Committee DF&MS Public Consultation	Media Briefing (tbc) Carlisle Renaissance '1 Year On'		Cumberland News '1 Year On' feature Consultation advert	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 September	5 September	6 September	7 September	8 September	9 September
Young People's Film Project Launch Tullie House Sponsored by Carlisle Renaissance	County Council Cabinet Committee Movement Strategy Public Consultation	City Council Management Briefing DF&MS Public Consultation		Cumberland News Supplement DF&MS Public Consultation	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 September	12 September	13 September	14 September	15 September	16 September
Public Exhibition Old Town Hall Opening Hours 11:00am to 5:00pm Official Launch 3:00pm	Public Exhibition Old Town Hall Opening Hours 11:00am to 4:00pm City Council Staff Exhibition Civic Centre Block Floor 11:00am to 3:00pm	Public Exhibition Old Town Hall Opening Hours 11:00am to 4:00pm City Council Staff Exhibition Bousteads Grassing 7.30am to 9.45am 2:30pm to 4:30pm Castle Neighbourhood Forum, Tithebarn 7:00pm to 9:00pm	Public Exhibition Old Town Hall Opening Hours 1.00pm to 8:00pm	Public Exhibition Old Town Hall Opening Hours 11:00am to 4:00pm	Public Exhibition Old Town Hall Opening Hours 11:00am to 3:00pm
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18 September	19 September	20 September	21 September	22 September	23 September
County Council Staff Exhibition Old Court Room The Courts 12:00pm to 3:00pm	Public Meeting Civic Centre 6:00pm to 8:00pm	Business Forum Brunton Park (CUFC) 6:00pm to 8:00pm	Business Forum Brunton Park (CUFC) 6:00pm to 8:00pm	Stakeholder Forum Civic Centre 11:am to 2:00pm	