

**PORTFOLIO:**

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Report of  
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**COUNCILLOR  
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.

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.

In January the CDRP's Leadership Group met to discuss working arrangements for the coming year and how the partnership can be retained with fewer resources and no dedicated management or administrative support. We are pleased to say that the Leadership Group has identified an option that will see the CDRP continue to function across Carlisle and Eden. Carlisle City Council remains committed to the CDRP and are taking a central role in supporting the Leadership Group and the Carlisle based Problem Solving Groups in 2012-13. The Chair of the CDRP will be giving a presentation on the CDRP's plans for the coming year to the Carlisle Partnership Executive at their meeting on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

In recent weeks the Carlisle Partnership's Rural Support group has worked with a working group of Carlisle City Council's Executive Members and Parish Councillors to develop a new Parish Charter for the District. This work is progressing well and a draft Charter is due for consideration by the City Council's Executive in March.

Finally the City Council, Carlisle Economic Partnership and Carlisle College are developing plans for a 'Superfast City' digital inclusion and broadband conference on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

The day will include a keynote speech from Dominic Campbell from FutureGov (a global expert in creative use of digital technology in the public sector) and plenary comments from John Stevenson MP.

Workshops throughout the day will explore a number of digital themes including:

- The Connecting Cumbria project in Carlisle
- Digital inclusion and information technology in public services
- Improving connectivity for businesses and employment sites
- Engaging young people through social media

It will also provide a 'market place' for broadband providers and IT / digital solutions businesses to showcase their services and products and an opportunity for networking across the public and private and community sectors.

The event will take place at Carlisle College and is envisaged to last from 09.30 to 14.30 (approx). Could I please ask that you mark the day in your diaries at this stage?

A formal invitation, including registration details and full itinerary will follow in the coming weeks.

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

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

This report outlines Carlisle's summer 2012 events programme in particular the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations, the inaugural Carlisle Music Festival on 4-10 June and the Olympic Torch Relay celebrations on 20 and 21 June.

### **Diamond Jubilee**

To celebrate the Diamond Jubilee, an additional bank holiday has been scheduled on Tuesday June 5<sup>th</sup> following on from the Spring Bank holiday on June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Council are working with local partners to hold a Diamond Jubilee celebration on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Further information will be circulated when finalised.

To celebrate the Jubilee, Upperby Gala scheduled for 4 June from 1-4pm will be Jubilee themed, providing fun and entertainment for all the family. Arena acts will be confirmed shortly.

A number of the city's community centres are organising Jubilee celebrations. Botcherby for example are doing a tea dance and, later in the year, they will be doing the Jubilee Wood tree planting. Harraby are organising the Big Jubilee Lunch.

The Border Steam Fair in Rickerby Park and the family day at the Racecourse will also take place over the Jubilee bank holiday.

### **Music City- June 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> Festivals**

Planning for the Music City is well underway. Carlisle Music City will use 30 local venues to showcase a mix of local and national music in Carlisle, catering for all ages and tastes.

On 8<sup>th</sup> June, we are aiming for a world record tea dance in the Sands Centre by attracting between 350 to 400 couples to dance to a live band. The event will build on the success of the popular TV show, have a jubilee theme and be supported by a training and outreach programme.

### **Olympic Torch Relay**

Carlisle is the host for a once in a lifetime Olympic Torch Relay and overnight celebration stop at Bitts Park on 20 June.

On 21 June the torch will briefly return through Carlisle, travelling en route to communities in West Cumbria and South Lakes.

The proposed approach is to use the power of the torch to inspire lasting change by building sporting, economic and social legacy frameworks in support of healthy City and corporate plan objectives. Further information on these events will be circulated in due course.

### **Events Diary for 2012 is as follows:**

- 5-9 April – Easter International Market – Carlisle city centre
- 13 May – Talkin Tarn Triathlon – visit [www.sportinaction.co.uk](http://www.sportinaction.co.uk)
- 19 May – Chance's Park Horticultural & Craft Fayre
- 4-10 June – Carlisle Music City – visit [www.carlislemusiccity.co.uk](http://www.carlislemusiccity.co.uk)
- 4 June Diamond Jubilee Celebration in the City Centre
- 4 June – Upperby Gala
- 20-21 June – Olympic Torch visit and Evening Celebration event
- 30 June – Talkin Tarn Regatta
- 7 July – Chance's Park Time Garden Party
- 21-29 July – Love Parks Week
- 23-27 August – Food Fair
- 3 November – Fireshow
- 18 November – Christmas Lights Switch On
- 5-9 December – Christmas International Market

More details of these events will follow in future reports.

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