

Outside Bodies Report 2016/17

As leader I have represented the council on two active outside bodies: the Cumbria Leaders Board and the LGA general assembly. The other bodies to which I have been appointed (Partnership Forum and Pensions Forum) have not met.

The Cumbria Leaders Board meets approximately once a quarter. We have had detailed discussions on skills development, industrial strategy, housing strategy and the structure of local government in Cumbria. Matters of substance are reported in my reports to Council. Recently, our Chief Executive and CCC jointly presented to the leadership board on the subject of the refugees and I am very pleased that through the board a united and collegiate approach to the settlement of Syrian refugees has been agreed in the County. My thanks to the County officers and District officers for the very professional way this issue has been addressed.

On July 5th 6th and 7th, 2016 I have attended, along with Lawrence Conway and Stan Collins, the annual LGA assembly. Detailed notes on our experiences at this assembly are available for any interested member. I attended several sessions including those on devolution, business rates, housing and on how to address issues relating to youth activities.

Councillor Giles Archibald
May 2017

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Cumbria Housing Group

This group represents the interests of local authorities across Cumbria. It meets quarterly. The group has been Chaired for several years by Cllr Leslie Grizedale from Eden DC. However, at the April 2017 meeting the chairmanship passed to me.

The Group is made up of members and officers and receives input from interested groups and organisations relating to housing and planning strategy.

The structure and focus of the group has been rationalised, so it can better represent the views of the Cumbrian Authorities.

North West Housing Group

This group represents the interests of local authorities across the North West of England. The group is made up of members and officers and received input and arranges events regarding housing strategy and policy cross the North West. The group meets quarterly and has had several high profile speakers during the year.

Councillor Jonathan Brook

May 2017

Sedbergh School Local Young People's Fund – Outside Bodies Report 2016/17

The fund exists to help support young people from the parishes of Sedbergh, Dent and Garsdale. Grants can be awarded in one of more of the following ways:

- Scholarships, Bursaries or Maintenance Allowances tenable at any School, University or other place of learning approved by the Committee
- Money towards the provision of essential clothing, tools, instruments or books etc to enable beneficiaries on leaving School, University or other educational establishments to assist their entry into a profession or trade.
- Travel abroad in the pursuit of further education
- Costs that would not be covered by the Local Education Authority for social and physical training, including sports coaching, whilst in primary, secondary or tertiary education
- Support of study in Music or the Arts

The Committee meets twice a year, in July and November. It ties in with the 2014 – 2019 Council Plan's objective "We will continue to protect the vulnerable, mitigate the effects of poverty and work with others in our community to address the pressures on people experiencing poverty in South Lakeland" (Economy)

No financial or other contribution from SLDC

Councillor Nick Cotton
May 2017

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority – Outside Bodies Report 2016-17

This has been a busy year with the focus very much on the smooth inclusion of the communities in the extension area of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. A welcoming celebration was held on 1st August 2016. A series of informative discussion meetings were held with the Cumbrian and Lancaster City communities. These were well attended, well delivered and well received. Of course there were some who did not want to be part of the national parks; their issues were discussed and addressed openly.

The Management Plan for The Authority has been updated to ensure it is fit for purpose for the period 2017-23; ensuring the inclusion of the extension areas. The Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan sets out a long term vision for the National Park to 2040 with a series of specific objectives for the next five years.

A Westmorland Hidden Dales Landscape Partnership, set up by the Friends of the Lake District in 2015 with local organisations has applied successfully for first stage HLF funding. The plan is to conserve and enhance the unique historic, cultural and natural heritage of the area. A further submission for second stage funding will be prepared for this autumn. This is a large project costing in the region of £3.5m for which the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority will be the accountable body.

Budgeting for 2017-18 has been considered carefully together with a review of priorities, land and property holdings and development of income-raising themes/schemes.

Looking forward it promises to be another productive year.

Councillor Brenda Gray
May 2017

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3rd Sector Report (Gateway Group)

There has been a great deal of change in this sector following the floods and much has been achieved in terms of 3rd Sector Partnership working post floods. I think it would be fair to say that the flooding event throughout the district has brought the 3rd Sector together and as a result of this closer working relationship the Gateway Group was formed. In order to support closer partnership working and to maintain momentum in this area I decided to review SLDC's grants policy. This has resulted in significant changes. Much of the funding that had previously been given to a variety of charities will now go directly to the Gateway Group. They will decide (as the experts in their field) where this funding is best distributed throughout the district. SDLC will have representation on the decision making board (both member and officer). This will have many positive effects one of which is most of the relationships SLDC has with this sector will now be with the Gateway. I have therefore not submitted any reports relating to other 3rd Sector groups as it has been made clear throughout the year that this was the direction of travel. Through this process the various charities were consulted with particular attention being paid to the CAB which are key to this area. For further information about the Gateway Group go to www.gatewayhub.org.uk

CSP – Community Safety Partnership

The community safety partnership combines the expertise of a number of partners such as Councils, Police, Fire, Health and Charities. It seeks to address key policing and safety concerns though this partnership working together on these issues. The focus for the CSP continues to be alcohol consumption and how that relates to crime and health in particular the adverse effect on young people and acquisitive crime. The CSP have developed a number of ideas on these topics and others such as the issues regarding fraud and the elderly where a directory and advice guide is being produced that can help in this area. Personally I have been very involved in the Loudmouth project. This is a theatre group that tours schools with a production 'one too many' which show the dangers of drug and alcohol use. The performance was followed up with a Q&A session in character and that is then followed up again with lesson plans. Evaluation is carried out to check to see if the young people have remembered key messages such as where to get help and what the dangers are. The results of this are very positive. Schools throughout the district engaged in this and through the process we developed the idea of Applied Theatre in Cumbria ATIC. This would use theatre to address JSNA and Policing concerns relating to young people and has attracted £100k of match funding. I'd like to thank Simon Blyth who is the CSP officer for his excellent support in this and other projects throughout the year.

Cumbria Community Foundation

Cumbria Community Foundation continues to be a key funder in a great variety of work that takes place in the region. However, it has really come to the fore with the flooding events that devastated large parts of the county. CCF have since then been responsible for distributing large sums of funding and have had to deal with many more cases than they are used to and they deserve much credit for doing so. The variety of funding distributed is great but perhaps the most significant has been dealing with the aftermath of the floods and distributing grants to individuals and families who have found themselves in the most need. I am happy to have been part of this decision making process. They also deal with grants from student bursaries to parks, care, arts, sports etc. for more information go to www.cumbriafoundation.org

Historic England

HE operate a members system called Heritage Champions which is separate from SLDC's now defunct Champions system. As Heritage Champion I have worked together with our Conservation Officer and other officers to build a close relationship with HE and attended the launch of the organisation in Manchester. Since then we have had a visit from Catherine Dewar (CEO of HE NW) to discuss our heritage plans and from officers from HE to discuss Heritage at risk in our area. From this visit some of Cllr Hurst-Jones locality budget went towards work on Burneside Hall which HE are very pleased with. We continue to keep in touch with HE regarding Lido and we are discussing the possibility of the NW Heritage Champions day being held in Grange. We also continue to explore with partners other potential funding stream with HE and continue to follow best practice suggested by them such as local lists.

Brewery Arts Centre

The Brewery Arts centre continues to be one of the most exciting and innovative combined arts centres. SLDC's significant funding brings in even more significant funding through Arts Council England but BAC is still largely reliant on their own income generation. Key to this is the food and cinema offer and it is important that these can be developed in order to maintain the resilience of this organisation which is why SLDC have invested in studies to look at the potential of the site for expansion and rationalisation of the space available. The offer from the Brewery is vast from classes for both young and old from Baby Groups to Dementia Cinema, from youth groups to Adult education. The same can be said in terms of the variety of art forms – dance, music, comedy, theatre, visual arts, cinema, and festivals can all be found here. In terms of a rural combined arts centre it would be hard to find one to match the BAC in the UK and the contribution it plays to our culture, economic and wellbeing offer is greatly significant.

Grizedale Arts

Grizedale Arts continues to be one of the most innovative arts organisations in the country and contributes greatly to our area's reputation as the England's leading rural cultural destination. Most significantly Grizedale Arts not only play a significant role in Coniston, but they also have an excellent reputation internationally too. This year Grizedale Arts 'Fairland' has not only been exhibited in Coniston but also in Ireland, Japan and South Korea. Perhaps most significantly for our district and residents is Grizedale's involvement in the local community. Grizedale work in an innovative partnership with the Ruskin Museum and also Coniston Institute. This includes the library and the honesty shop. Grizedale are a ACE National Portfolio Organisation and were one of the very few NPOs to get a rise in their grant last time around showing how highly they are regarded. Lawson Park continues to host resident artists from around the world and some of these have of course won the Turner Prize. They also use the produce from Lawson Park for meals which are served in the institute on a regular basis which I certainly recommend.

Councillor Chris Hogg
May 2017

Report of SLDC Nominated Directors to South Lakes Housing to SLDC for the year April 5th 2016 to April 4th 2017 – Outside Bodies Report 2016/17

Board & Committee Attendances

SLDC nominees John Holmes and Philip Dixon have been joined this year by Peter Thornton. Giles Archibald and Jonathan Brook stood down during the year following their appointments as Leader and portfolio holder respectively. Attendance is as follows;

<i>John Holmes</i>	Board (Chairman)	6 of 7
	AGM	1 of 1
	Development Cttee	3 of 3
	Development Days	2 of 2

<i>Philip Dixon</i>	Board	4 of 8
	AGM	0 of 1
	Development Days	0 of 2

<i>Jonathan Brook</i>	Board	6 of 7
(Guest)	Development Cttee	1 of 1
	AGM	0 of 1
(Resigned Dec 16)	Development Days	1 of 1

<i>Giles Archibald</i>	Board	1 of 1
(Resigned Sept 16)	Development Day	1 of 1

<i>Peter Thornton</i>	Board	1 of 3
	AGM	1 of 1
(Joined Sept 16)	Development Day	1 of 2
(Guest)	Development Cttee	1 of 1

In addition John Holmes as Chairman attended on a regular basis through the year meeting with CEO, staff and SLDC officers. Jonathan Brook has held additional meetings with CEO and other staff and Peter Thornton has met with officers as part of his induction.

Annual SLDC Report,

SLH continues to be the largest provider of affordable housing in South Lakeland with 3088 homes including 431 sheltered housing units across 12 schemes, but has over the past year continued to lose stock through the RTB (112 sales in the last 5 years). The SLH Board has delivered 48 new affordable homes, which given the initial financial plan capacity for 20 homes, is a notable achievement. The Board is committed to doing more and has the financial and organisational capacity in place to deliver a significant increase in the provision of new homes. The Dowkers Lane development of 14 affordable homes is a good example of things to come through the joint working between SLH & SLDC.

Delivering the promises

South Lakes Housing (SLH) was formed in 2012 following a large scale voluntary transfer (LSVT) of homes from SLDC and in March 2017 successfully completed a £54M improvement programme. A Members' Seminar in March 2017 was held to showcase the achievements. The highlights include; installing 768 new kitchens and 532 new bathrooms, £1.3M invested in disabled aids and adaptations, creating 16 new apprenticeships, upgrading boilers and central heating systems to 1,621 homes and investing in community initiatives such as healthy eating projects, school holiday activities and DIY projects.

Key highlights from 2016/17

SLH has an effective Board and executive management team in place, with vast experience. The 2016 Annual Report & Financial Statements shows a £16M turnover with a strong financial position and healthy balance sheet, which has been strengthened once again during 2016/17.

Other notable highlights include;

- By the end of March 2017 all properties met the decent homes standard – for the first time since 2009.
- Staff sickness levels now match the UK average of 5.7 days (down from 7.2 days last year)
- Rent collection has improved from 99.7% to 100.2%, brought about with less evictions and a reduction in legal notices issued.
- All properties continue to have an up-to-date gas safety certificate.
- Retaining the top ratings from the Social Housing Regulator on 'financial viability' and 'governance'.
- Investment in ICT to support more efficiency ways of working and access to online services.
- SLH was awarded the winner of the 'Building Healthier Communities' category at an event organised by the Northern Housing Consortium in 2016 for its dementia friendly improvements at Birthwaite Sheltered Housing Scheme in Windermere.
- Completion of the £2.3M flood recovery works – all tenants back in their homes within 9 months.

Governance was subject to an external review in 2016 and in recognition of the more challenging environment and business risks the Board is in the process of implementing the recommendations, including a new committee structure and a move towards a skills based Board (increasing the number of independent directors). As a result of the Government's de-regulatory measures the number of SLDC nominations to the board will be reduced to 2.

SLH now operates with two committees; 'Remuneration & Governance' and 'Audit & Risk Committee'. Changes to SLH Rules will be considered at a Special General Meeting to be held in June.

SLH has a track record in developing and managing services for vulnerable people with 42% of its tenants being over 60 and 34% disabled. But demand for 'traditional' sheltered housing is falling and there is an ongoing threat of viability as the government intends to cap rents and service charges to Local Housing Allowance levels (where the shortfall per tenant could be up to £38 per week). The Board therefore has a strategy to reduce costs, reconfigure services and diversify some provision into extra care. SLH is exploring the potential to expand its 'independent living' offer to private residents and also to remodel schemes in partnership with Cumbria County Council and health partners around the provision of 'extra care' in line with the current Extra Care strategy. Some schemes however may more effectively be converted back into 'general needs' homes.

The next 5 years

The Board agreed a Business Strategy in June 2016. The Business Strategy 2016-20 responds to the challenges in the external operating environment whilst pursuing the following objectives;

1. **Providing good and cost effective management of our properties**
2. **Increasing our portfolio**
3. **Developing commercial and partnership opportunities**
4. **Improving the running of our business**

The new mission for the organisation is ***'to be a well-respected housing provider, increasing the supply of new homes and contributing to economic and social well-being'***.

The Board is in the final process of arranging new funding in April 2017 (£40M mix of bond and bank finance) to support the delivery of the new business strategy, including £29M for new development to support c250+ new homes. SLH is actively pursuing further partnership opportunities with SLDC to increase the supply of new homes.

SLH is also working in partnership with other local Housing Associations as part of a Cost Sharing Group which will see our own internal repairs workforce undertaking repairs for other Housing Association stock.

Councillor John Holmes
May 2017

Ulverston Business Improvement District – Outside Bodies Report 2016/17

We are now in the second year of Ulverston BID, members meet on a regular basis and meetings are well attended.

During the past 12 months the BID has supported

- Ulverston in Bloom 2017 for Planting
- Grant to Printfest
- Grant to Retro Rendezvous
- Grant to Another Fine Fest
- Paid for New Christmas Lights 2016
- Paid for LED Colour Lighting Sir John Barrow Monument
- Walkie Talkies for Local Events/Festivals
- New Planters for Ulverston Town Centre
- Part Funding for Marketing Manager (Emma Fawcus) UCE
- Placed adverts in Walkers Leaflet and Lancashire Life Magazines
- Production of Web Site for the BID www.chooseulverston.com

Parking in Ulverston still remains an issue for some members of the BID, suggested small group meet with SLDC to discuss options.

Other issues lack of collection performance by SLDC and concern about the difficulties for Charities such as MIND in meeting their commitment to the BID, it has been suggested we may want to hold meetings in their premises to help with levy payment.

We are looking into ways in which to support/involve the Children and Youth of the Town.

We have agreed Hornby's Accountants are our Auditor.

Councillor Janette Jenkinson
May 2017

Lakes Line User Group - Outside Bodies Report 2016/17

Meets regularly to discuss and monitor activities/issues on local rail network.

Updates on stations/rolling stock, including staff/user issues.

Exchange feedback on fundraising and further ideas.

Rail network representatives on hand to provide opportunities for Q&A time and responses to earlier questions at previous meetings.

Any items for further investigation or otherwise are noted during the meetings.

This is a large group of committed, enthusiastic and knowledgeable volunteers who have a great understanding and experience of railway user needs, whether locals or tourists.

Although my attendance has not been high, I have found the emails from the secretary very informative with ample opportunity to comment, where appropriate.

There are concerns within the group regarding the electrification of the Lakes Line, which has been delayed due to Westminster decisions, and this is ongoing.

Councillor Dyan Jones
May 2017

Arnside & Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) - Outside Bodies Report 2016/17

I have represented South Lakeland District Council on the Executive Committee of the Arnside & Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) since June 2016. There have been two meetings of the Executive Committee during that time, both of which I have attended. The meetings were held at the RSPB Nature Reserve at Leighton Moss, Silverdale, Lancashire, on 19th October 2016 and 15th March 2017. The minutes of these meetings can be found on the AONB web site <http://www.arnsidesilverdaleaonb.org.uk/about-us/the-executive-comittee/>

SLDC awarded the Arnside & Silverdale AONB a grant of £11,500 for the financial year 2016/17. Details of the AONB's income and expenditure can also be found on their web site. No expenses are incurred by me in attending these meetings.

In July 2016 the manager of the Arnside & Silverdale AONB team, Lucy Barron, attended a meeting with me, Cllrs Giles Archibald and Chris Hogg to discuss how the AONB team and their work fit in with the SLDC strategy.

Below is a summary of the AONB's role, the work that they have undertaken this year and their plan for 2017/18.

The Arnside & Silverdale AONB

The Arnside & Silverdale AONB is a nationally designated landscape, recognised for its distinctive limestone landscape, stunning views and extraordinary biodiversity. The primary purpose of AONB designation is to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the area. Recreation and sustainable social and economic development are also encouraged in a way that supports the primary purpose.

The four responsible local authorities – Cumbria County Council, Lancashire County Council, Lancaster City Council and South Lakeland District Council – deliver their duties and obligations arising from Part IV of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 in relation to the AONB through the operation and management of the AONB Partnership and the publishing, reviewing, monitoring and implementation of the statutory AONB Management Plan.

The statutory AONB Management Plan describes four key outcomes for the area:

- An outstanding landscape rich in wildlife and cultural heritage
- A thriving sustainable economy and vibrant communities
- A strong connection between people and the landscape
- A dynamic and successful AONB Partnership

The AONB Team is employed on behalf of the AONB Partnership to prepare and drive the implementation of the AONB Management Plan.

All financial matters of the Arnside & Silverdale AONB team are managed by Lancaster City Council.

Key areas of work 2016/17

- Statutory AONB Partnership activities and engagements involve representatives from four local authorities, six parish councils, businesses, landowners, user groups, statutory agencies, and conservation bodies, providing collaboration and coordinated management and action.

- Core funding for AONB Partnership confirmed for 2017/18 (funding partners include Defra, four local authorities, six parish councils); added value secured by charging for services, donations and grant income
- Direct active involvement in managing over 20 sites to enhance them for public access and biodiversity and further bespoke advice and practical support provided to landowners and managers
- Over 2,200 hours volunteer time contributed to looking after the area through AONB's Volunteer Programme
- Comprehensive landscape related planning advice and responses to policy consultations provided to local authorities and other relevant bodies
- Annual events programme including 'A Taste of the Landscape' 2016 festival (25 events promoting the area, local products and businesses)
- Close collaboration with South Lakeland District Council and Lancaster City Council to support and advise on the AONB Development Plan Document, consultation on Draft DPD undertaken Nov 2016 – Jan 2017
- Annual programme of rural skills events and training courses provided to support local contractors and volunteers
- Promotion of the area, what is special about it and what to do here, via information centre at Arnside station, high quality website, downloadable routes, publications, social media and working with media and tourism providers
- Research projects carried out: 'Mapping Your Valued Places' to pilot national research methodology, working with Natural England, and survey and mapping of the area's priority habitats
- Active support provided for community-led groups involved in caring for the AONB, organisations such as the Landscape Trust with over 1000 members
- Project development, support and delivery including Arnside viaduct path, Morecambe Bay Cycle Way, England Coast Path, Local Nature Reserve management, programme of access signage improvements, Headlands to Headspace, etc.

Key areas of work for 2017/18

- Review of statutory AONB Management Plan due to start late 2017
- AONB DPD final consultation autumn 2017
- Apple Day, Arnside community event, September 2017
- Wild! project – a series of opportunities to encourage families and children to enjoy the outdoors and connect with nature, 2017 and 2018

Councillor Pete McSweeney
May 2017

Cumbria Health Scrutiny Committee – Outside Bodies Report 2016/17

My report last year was dominated by reports on failures in both north and south Cumbria Hospital Trusts which were placed in special measures for a time. Subsequent to this, in May 2016, two of the 13 services provided by the Partnership Trust, which deals with Mental Health in the whole of Cumbria, were described by the Care Quality Commission as “inadequate”: those for children, young people and families, and for those with learning problems or autism. Since that time improvements have been made and all the trusts have come out of special measures but there are still serious problems. Staff recruitment and transport difficulties remain real issues. West, North and East Cumbria (WNE) has particular problems. I do not propose to deal with these in this report to SLDC apart from reporting that at a special meeting in March 2017 the committee decided to refer the Cumbria Clinical Commissioning Group’s decision on maternity services in WNE to the Secretary of State, although proposals to refer the CCG’s decisions on Community Hospitals and Paediatrics were not followed.

The division between North (WNE) and South Cumbria had been becoming increasingly apparent. In 2016 I reported on the success of the Better Care Together programme in South Cumbria and North Lancashire which led to its being chosen as one of the new national Vanguards. A joint South Cumbria and North Lancashire Scrutiny committee had been working well together scrutinising the plans to get local health and care services to work together to keep people healthy closer to their homes. There were problems over the boundaries between the Clinical Commissioning Groups, as the Cumbria CCG did not fit in North Lancashire and on April 1st 2017, the reality of the situation was recognised by NHS England agreeing to make changes in the boundaries so that there is now a large Morecambe Bay and North Lancashire CCG and a separate CCG for WNE Cumbria.

NHS England contracts and responsibilities in South Cumbria will transfer from the Cumbria and North East team to the Lancashire and South Cumbria team. These include: GPs; dentist, pharmacist and optometrist services; the commissioning of public health programmes including cancer screening and vaccination and immunisation.

All this should help to make the provision of Public Health more efficient, but there are still problems. Communication is one and the committee had to press for regular reports on progress. At first these were purely written reports but by February 2017 we were able to establish the need for representatives of the various bodies to be present at meetings so that they could be questioned.

Progress is being made but is still patchy and we have pointed out that rural areas are still tending to lag behind. The intention was that there would be an emphasis on prevention; fewer people would stay in hospitals which would mainly deal with serious cases and have first class facilities and be staffed by specialist consultants and nurses. From the beginning we emphasised that the programme’s success would depend on keeping the two sides of the proposals in step. At the same time as hospitals become more specialised, local provision for care should be increased and specialist consultants would go out to well-equipped local clinics to encourage preventative measures. In the meantime the day to day provision of health care must not be compromised. Throughout the period of change all the problems of rurality such as transport over large distances must be fully taken into account.

Since then progress has been patchy. In some areas such as Millom, the proposed Integrated Care Communities are well underway; other areas hardly seem to have heard of them. Consultation with communities has also been variable, with rural areas often missing out. Clinical care is generally good but administration can be faulty.

Councillor Vivienne Rees
May 2017

Lake District National Park Authority – Outside Bodies Report 2016/17

GENERAL

Information on developments during 2016/7 can be gained from the website and published minutes so this is a brief résumé of my perspective of those particularly relevant to SLDC:

Park Strategy and Vision committee

I am a member of this committee, which plays a vital part in developing and monitoring progress on policies for the LDNPA. This year has been a difficult one due to storm Desmond and flooding, as well as national problems such as financial constraints and Brexit. Progress has inevitably been affected by the need to deal with immediate problems and resources have often been stretched, especially as it has been necessary to reduce staffing. On 27th April the committee is meeting to receive progress reports on Housing and the breakthrough actions of Lake District National Park's Partnership Plan as well as updates on the draft transport strategy, and tourism options.

The Lake District National Park's Partnership Plan

This is the Management Plan for the Park and is agreed and delivered by the various organisations involved in the Park. Some partners, e.g. the National Trust, take a more active role than others and act as lead partner for agreed breakthrough actions. Improved Broadband, Brexit/Farming and World Heritage site related actions took up a considerable amount of time at the March 2017 meeting of the Partnership.

Inevitably the cut in funding to the National Parks, as well as to the LEP (Local Economic Partnership) has affected some proposed plans. For instance the amount available for work on damaged rights of way and bridges is far less than is needed.

A £3 million flood recovery Routes to Resilience project has begun to focus on priority sites but it was calculated that £6 million would be needed to cover all. Time also has to be spent on obtaining project consents.

Community Involvement

This continues to be an important aspect of LDNPA's work. Providing accurate factual information is essential if the Park is to counter false views on its work.

In my own area, the Central and South East (CSE) Distinctive area of the Park, I have been appointed Lead DA member working with Graham Standring, the lead staff member.

Good news is that extra resources for the backlog in Rights of way work and work in the National Park extension has been approved. This means an extra Ranger and Field Ranger based in CSE for 2 years. Phase 1 of improvements at Orrest Head has begun and £77,000 application has been made to the British Mountaineering Council for work to improve the summit and purchase/maintain/store Trampers but first the agricultural tenant will be given time to assess the impact of Phase 1.

On 27th April I have arranged for Graham to organise a display of National Park work at a community Open Evening in Grasmere and to ensure that there is someone present to answer any questions and note comments and suggestions. There will also be other displays including ones on a new housing development which has just been approved by LDNPA and the two schemes which are being part funded by LIPs; one to provide outdoor activity equipment for adults in Broadgate Meadow and the other to improve the heating in Grasmere Hall, particularly to ensure the local community, which increasing in age, can use it for activities in the winter.

**Councillor Vivienne Rees
May 2017**

Cumbria Strategic Waste Partnership – Outside Bodies Report 2016/17

I have attended and Chaired the two meetings of Cumbria Strategic Waste partnership. The partnership consists of officers and elected members from the six Districts and the County. The focus of the last meetings has been the WRAP consistency project. Funding was obtained for Stage 1 which meant initial work being undertaken by WRAP and a company called Eunomia. (these are the two organisations who helped us and others to expand the recycling service). At Stage 1 they have investigated possibilities around the Districts and County working together on particular aspects of their waste services to improve efficiency, reduce costs and increase income examples could be the introduction of collecting food waste, selling recycling together etc. The officers concerned were of the view the project had potential but required more work in the initial stages because of the challenges Cumbria presented. This is a long term project as each authority have their own waste arrangements some in house, some outsourced, different ways of collecting waste and so on. It will require a lot more support from WRAP and Eunomia and additional funding. Everyone is hopeful we will receive the Stage 2 funding and the meetings have been broadly positive.

Councillor Sue Sanderson
May 2017

Lancaster Canal Restoration Partnership Executive – Outside Bodies Report 2016/17

I have attended meetings of the Executive of the Lancaster Canal Restoration Partnership and also met with the Project Officer Helen Moriarty and the Leader of the Council. A great deal of work has been undertaken and the appointment of a Project officer has been especially helpful in accelerating progress. The current focus is to develop a Towpath Trail from Kendal to Natland. The group work closely with Kendal Town Council, Lancaster City Council and Lancashire County Council, both of whom wish to see the canal and its towpath developed to support tourism and the Arts and to extend its route. Close links have also been made with Morecambe Bay Partnership as there are natural links with routes they have developed and are developing.

South Lakeland and the County Council through the work of the Rights of Way officer are supporting the development of the Towpath trail both financially and with professional advice. The Restoration Group have also accessed additional funding including an Arts Council grant of £15,000 to commission Oliver East to create a Lancaster Canal Comic. The meetings are held in Lancashire and in Cumbria and officers from the different authorities are supportive. Representatives from the Inland Waterways Association, the Canal and Rivers Trust also have supported financially and with professional advice. There has been significant community engagement about the proposed developments to the tow path, and a company has been employed by the group to ensure information is shared and circulated.

Councillor Sue Sanderson
May 2017

North West Employers - Outside Bodies Report 2016/17

I have been unable to attend meetings however a good working relationship exists between the two organisations. The Customer Connect project has meant advice is sought from North West Employers on specific HR matters and the professional development of members. As portfolio holder for Member Services close working relationships have developed. Members of the Member Services cross party support group have attended networks organised and run by North West Employers. As an authority we are working with a Senior officer on the renewal of our Level One Charter mark which involves providing evidence e.g. an officer attended our recent MSSG meeting as part of the assessment. There will be a further visit when she will be accompanied by councillors from other North West Authorities. We intend to work towards the Level 2 Charter mark once we have renewed level 1 probably with a focus on the Customer Connect project as the project provides a good structure to support Level 2 and provides an external validation of the work we are undertaking

Councillor Sue Sanderson
May 2017

Public Health Alliance – Outside Bodies Report 2016/17

This group has people from all the Districts, the County Council and the third sector represented on it. I have attended meetings and the focus for the District Councils has been to provide evidence of what and how they contribute to the public health agenda through their frontline services. At one meeting Carlisle City Council gave a presentation which clearly demonstrated the additionality District Councils provide. I provided a detailed paper which officers kindly supported on our behalf to support the strategy being developed. The focus is very firmly on prevention and links to work being undertaken by the Public Health Locality Manager and the County Council Area Team.

At the latest meeting a presentation was given by Caroline Holtom about why prevention matters. She provided some key statistics: £30bn could be saved from the health budget if the public were fully engaged in prevention activities; changes in behaviour could contribute to a 40% reduction in premature deaths; compared to EU averages 61% of males 72% of females are inactive and the average consumption of alcohol is 10% higher. Caroline showed the top three risk factors are diet, tobacco and high body-mass index, all of which can be improved by lifestyle management.

There was a further presentation from Nicky Dennison from Blackpool Council showing the wide range of work they had undertaken to tackle obesity especially in children. Those presentations were followed by the formal meeting where reports were presented at the meetings from Dr Colin Cox, Director of Public Health and from the Health and Wellbeing forums.

An update was provided about the success and vanguard programmes in the two health trusts.

The Alliance asked for the Board's support in efforts to get a Joint Healthy Weight Declaration across all 7 authorities in Cumbria; this is being facilitated by the Public Protection Manager.

The Alliance asked that the Health and Wellbeing Board considered, with their Hospital Trust colleagues, the role of the Trusts in alcohol harm reduction and how this can be strengthened through existing resources.

Councillor Sue Sanderson
May 2017

Windermere Management Strategy Joint Working Group – Outside Bodies Report 2016/17

Owing to resources issues at the National Park and the Council work on the revision of the Strategy had been delayed. In July a workshop was held led by Mr Dan Hunt from Bowfell consulting. There were members of Lake Administration Committee, Members from the Lake District National Park, Officers from the National Park and South Lakeland and the Chair of the Windermere Lake User Forum. A timetable was produced for the revised strategy and action plan. A further meeting was held in March 2017 where the remit of the Windermere Management Strategy Working Group was discussed. The draft Action Plan was presented at the meeting which included a series of actions which should be delivered jointly across organisations, businesses and communities. These actions were regarded as priority actions needed for the next six years and were identified as not being addressed through the work of others. The rationale for this revised strategy was to tackle issues within the control of the two organisations (and South Cumbria Rivers Trust), this made it more meaningful and easier to monitor the impact of those actions. The Action Plan will be further developed through consultation and formal reporting will be provided to LDNPA and SLDC.

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May 2017

**GlaxoSmithKline Ulverston Environment Liaison Committee – Outside Bodies Report
2016/17**

The body to which I am appointed has not met.

A local Resident group to which I am invited has met and been involved in planning issues as the Glaxo plant moves through phases of development.

**Councillor Mark Wilson
May 2017**