

Cllr Andrew Jarvis: Representation on Outside Bodies 2021/2

As Deputy Leader, I have been appointed to a number of outside bodies:

Westmorland and Furness Joint Committee

The Joint Committee (JC) was created in legislation to prepare for the election of the Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority in May. The committee's first meeting was held on 29th March. At this first meeting focus was upon the formation of the implementation team for the new Council, the implementation plan to vesting day, the recruitment of interim statutory officers, and work towards preparing a scheme of allowances for the new council.

It is expected that the JC will meet several times in the next financial year, being wound up after the first meeting of the Westmorland & Furness Shadow Authority.

Cumbria County Council – Local Committee for South Lakeland

I have attended a number of meetings of the Cumbria County Council Local Committee for South Lakeland. This enabled me both to observe wider activity in the district, and provide the Committee with input from a South Lakeland District Council perspective. These meetings are a matter of Public record. The attendance of SLDC representatives at this meeting helps to promote close working with other tiers of Government that is crucial to enable the delivery of efficient and effective services for our residents.

Lake District National Park Partnerships (LDNPP)

During the year I attended a number of meetings of the LDNPP. This embraces around 25 organisations from the public, private, community and voluntary sectors. It representing a collective commitment to work together in the best interest of the National Park, its environment, communities, economy and visitors. Given the significant part of the SLDC area that falls within the National Park area, it is useful for SLDC, the National Park and other stakeholders that SLDC are active within this group. This will be even more true in the future as more than 65% of the population of the Lake District live within the future Westmorland and Furness area.

The Lake District is a large part of SLDCs land area and as such, land management in the Park is significant in achieving environmental objectives such as carbon sequestration and flood management. Furthermore the visitor economy and land based industries of the Lake District are a major component of our local economy. As such, we have an important role both as custodians of the park but also in championing the interests of communities and businesses - people who live and make their living in the park.

Work during the current financial year focused primarily upon adopting the revised LDNPP management plan (which was agreed in September) and seeking to further improve partnership working around the National Park. Focus is now on delivering the LDNPP management plan, where SLDC are major delivery partners in areas such as economic development and promotion, affordable

housing enabling, parking management, and responsible for key assets such as Windermere and Ferry Nab.

Cumbria Pensions Forum

Although I have been nominated to the Cumbria Pensions Forum, I did not attend this year's meeting. Due to Covid, representation was limited to two persons per organisation, and therefore declined a place as I believed it was best if these were taken by officers who were professionally skilled in the area and more directly impacted by the work of the Forum.