

## Outside Bodies Reports – Cllr Suzie Pye

### **Appleby Fair Multi-Agency Strategic Co-ordinating Group**

Appleby Fair MASCG comprises representatives of Eden District Council, Cumbria County Council, South Lakeland District Council, Appleby Town Council, Cumbria Constabulary, North West Ambulance Service, RSPCA, two Gypsy and Traveller representatives, three councillors, Environment Agency and Highways England.

The underlining principles of the group is to deliver a safe and enjoyable Appleby Horse Fair for local residents, Gypsies and Travellers and visitors. The unique nature of this traditional event means the needs of residents, Gypsies and Travellers and visitors to the Fair must all be respected if the Fair is to be successful.

SLDC's involvement is focused on phases one and three of the fair – the time when people are travelling to and from Appleby, through South Lakeland.

There have been several meetings of MASCG recently in the build up to this years Fair which is to take place from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022. This date has been chosen to avoid the clash with the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. There will also be several drop-in sessions in place for the public to communicate with Police, Highways, and SLDC Locality workers.

### **Citizen's Advice Bureau Trustee Board**

As the cost of living crisis begins to affect more and more people, demand for CAB's service is growing. .

Key issues and Trends over the last year were:

- Benefits & Tax Credits
- Benefits and Universal Credit
- Employment
- Debt
- Utilities and Communications

I sit as an observer on the Trustee Board, which meets quarterly. I am pleased that SLDC have been able to confirm funding for South Lakes Citizens Advice of 80k. This was welcomed by the SLCA trustees at the recent AGM.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June a fundraising event will take place on board the Ullswater Steamer to raise funds for SLCA. This will be the first of its kind for SLCA, and I do hope it is well supported, and sets a precedent for future similar fundraising events.

### **South Cumbria Community Safety Partnership**

The CSP is a statutory multi-agency partnership which includes South Lakeland District Council; Barrow Borough Council; Cumbria County Council; South Cumbria Police; Office of the Police Crime Commissioner; Clinical Commissioning Group; Cumbria Fire and Rescue; and Cumbria Probation. It works to prevent and reduce crime, protect the most vulnerable from harm, and make our county even safer for residents.

I was elected Chair of the South Cumbria CSP in 2020. The current CSP Plan identifies the following priorities:

- Protecting vulnerable people, and Domestic Abuse

Aims: To help safeguard people against being exploited and abused and support those with mental health problems.

- Anti-social behaviour

Aims: To work with the local focus hubs to reduce anti-social behaviour where it occurs.

- Emerging Community Safety issues

Aims: To work with our community to ensure the CSP has the flexibility to be responsive.

• Ensure the needs of rural communities are mainstreamed within our partnership working.

Aims: To work with all of our communities.

- Alcohol and Drug abuse/ supply and violent crime

Aims: Raise awareness amongst young people and reduce the number of bad decisions made by improving their decision making.

The three chairs of the Cumbria CSPs (including myself) have recently written to leaders and senior management of the County and District Councils to recommend that the future CSPs align with the two new Unitaries going forward, becoming two CSPs. This, we believe would work well due in part to recent efforts to strengthen the relationship between Safer Cumbria, the CSPs, and the Local Focus Hubs.

One important element of the CSP is as an overseer of Domestic Homicide Reviews. A DHR is

*a multi-agency review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by a person to whom they were related or with whom they were, or had been, in an intimate personal relationship, or a member of the same household as themselves.*

The DHR criteria has recently been amended to include death by suicide. I feel passionately that the lessons learnt from such a process may be the single most important reason for the existence of the CSPs. Currently there are 3 live DHRs for South Lakeland. It has been my privilege as part of my CSP duties, to chair DHR meetings, and to present findings to the Home Office.

## **Public Health Alliance**

I attend the Cumbria PHA meetings, representing SLDC. The three priorities of the PHA are:

Tackling inequalities

- Ensuring that health is genuinely built into economic development and regen
- Developing anti-poverty work

Mental and social wellbeing recovery

- Building resources for mental health
- Building community support networks

Tackling obesity

- Weight management

- Building a healthy food system
- Promoting physical activity

Other areas of focus include Health Protection; Children and Early Years; Healthcare public health; and Ecological public health. Meetings over the last year have, understandably been dominated by the Covid response. It has been invaluable to have had the covid statistics presented regularly in a detailed and clear way, which has the informed other elements of my portfolio.

### **Safer Cumbria**

The Safer Cumbria structure includes regular meetings between CSP chairs, the chairs of other Safer Cumbria crime theme task groups (domestic violence, alcohol, reoffending and sexual violence) and an officer from the PCC's staff. This has proved beneficial to CSP chairs and coordinators allowing for an exchange of ideas, and providing opportunities for cross CSP and thematic working.

The Safer Cumbria Partnership has determined the following key priority areas:

- Domestic & Sexual Abuse
- Serious Violence / Violent Crime
- Reducing Re-offending
- Covid 19 Recovery & Stabilisation

Other areas of work include Modern Slavery, Hate Crime, Anti -Social Behaviour, Road Safety, the Criminal Justice System and provisions for Victims and Witnesses.

### **South Lakes Health & Wellbeing Partnership**

After a prolonged hiatus in recent years, the SL H&W Partnership continues to grow in strength. It links closely to the Public Health Alliance priorities, focussing on strengthening health & wellbeing locally.

The partnership held a workshop on the 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2022 where those attending had an opportunity to discuss the 5 domains addressed in the Cumbria Joint Public Health Strategy, namely:

- Planet: Growing our Natural Assets
- People: Nurturing our Human Assets
- Participation: Building Social Connections
- Place: Improving physical assets
- Prosperity: Fair and Inclusive Growth of our Financial Assets

We filled in a survey and were asked to rank themes and topics in order of importance, and separately, in order of our ability to influence and affect. We were also able to record our thoughts and opinions on each one. The results of this process have now been collated and analysed, and has resulted in a number of proposed actions – for example: strengthening links to the Local Economic Partnership; establishing a sub-group to support activity around biodiversity, air quality etc; working with the SLDC Building Financial Resilience group to ensure local residents have access to sufficient and healthy food. To view the full findings do please request a copy and I will happily make it available.

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