

BOROUGH OF BARROW-IN-FURNESS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting: Wednesday, 25th May, 2022
at 2.00 pm (Committee Room No. 4)

A G E N D A

PART ONE

1. Apologies for Absence/Attendance of Substitute Members.

2. Urgent Items

To deal with any items which the Chair considers to be of an urgent nature.

3. Delegations

To receive notice from Members who may wish to move any delegated matter non-delegated and which will be decided by a majority of Members present and voting at the meeting.

4. Admission of Public and Press

To consider whether the public and press should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any of the items on the agenda.

5. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by Members and/or co-optees of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the revised Code of Conduct, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests or other registrable interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Members may however, also decide, in the interests of clarity and transparency, to declare at this point in the meeting, any such disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, as well as any other registrable or other interests.

6. Minutes

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To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March and the Extraordinary meeting held on 22nd March, 2022.

7. Public Participation

Any member of the public who wishes to ask a question, make representations or present a deputation or petition at this meeting should apply to do so by no later than 5pm two working days before the meeting. Information on how to make the application can be obtained by viewing the Council's website www.barrowbc.gov.uk or by contacting the Democratic Services Team at (jwhuck@barrowbc.gov.uk) or by telephone on (07825206525).

- (1) Questions and Representations
To receive any questions or representations which have been received from members of the public
- (2) Deputations and Petitions
To receive any deputations or petitions which have been received from members of the public.

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Membership of Committee

To be determined at Annual Council on 18th May, 2022.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting: Wednesday 9th March, 2022
at 2.00 pm. (Banqueting Hall)

PRESENT:- Councillors Brook (Chairman), Barlow, H. Edwards, Hamilton, McClure, Maddox, Morgan, Pemberton and Roberts.

Officers Present:- Sam Plum (Chief Executive), Steph Cordon (Director of People and Place, Susan Roberts (Director of Resources), Janice Sharp (Deputy Director of People and Place), Debbie Storr (Head of Legal and Governance & Monitoring Officer), Caroline Wagstaff (Head of People and Communities) (Minute Nos.121, 123 to 124, 128 and 132), Graham Barker (Head of Public Protection) (Minute Nos.121, 123 to 125), Helen Houston (Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy) (Minute Nos.121, 123 to 126), Les Davies (Head of Asset Management) (Minute Nos.121 to 126 and 129) and Jon Huck (Democratic Services Manager).

121 – Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Biggins.

122 – Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hamilton declared an Other Registrable Interest in Agenda Item 10 – Update on Town Centre Regeneration and Levelling Up Fund. He was a member of Cumbria County Council.

123 – Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February, 2022 were agreed as a correct record.

124 – Public Participation

RESOLVED: - To note that no questions, representations, deputations or petitions had been received in respect of the meeting.

125 – Food Safety and Service Plan 2022-2023

The Public Protection Manager reminded the Committee that the Council was required to prepare a documented Food Safety Service Plan for the areas of food law that it had a duty to enforce and set out how the authority intended to deliver Official Controls within the Borough.

The Committee considered a copy of the Food Safety Service Plan 2022-2023.

He reported that the Food Safety Service Plan had been reviewed following the publication of the Foods Standards Agencies (FSA) Recovery Plan in June 2021 and had incorporated the FSA's recovery Plan for the period 31 March 2023.

The food hygiene inspection programme had recommenced in July 2021 as part of the FSA's recovery plan. The plan also recognised the continued need to rely on temporary staff and qualified agency contractors to assist the service in delivering Official Controls.

It was moved by Councillor Roberts and seconded by Councillor Barlow, and

RESOLVED:- To agree the Food Safety Service Plan for 2022-2023 as attached to the report.

126 – Update on Town Centre Regeneration & Levelling Up Fund

The Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy's report provided an update on the delivery programme of regeneration for Barrow Town Centre, following the Council being notified of its successful award from the Levelling Up Fund on 27 October 2021 and strategic alignment of Towns Deal Projects to ensure economies of scale, consistency of design and effective delivery.

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor Barlow, and

RESOLVED:-

1. To note that the Levelling Up Fund Memorandum of Understanding had been signed and an update on the programme delivery and reporting arrangements had been agreed with DLUHC;
2. To agree that delegated authority be given to the Director of People and Place in consultation with the Director of Resources to enter into a Co-operation Agreement with Cumbria County Council; and
3. To agree the procurement and award of a contractor for Design and Build works for the Levelling Up Fund, Town Centre Community Hub Project and Place Development Project be delegated to the Director of People and Place.

127 – Council Finances Quarter 3 2021-2022

The Committee considered a summary of the General Fund financial monitoring as at 31 December, 2021 and other related matters including Treasury Management, Reserves and Capital Programme. The monitoring report was the last prior to the outturn for 2021-2022.

It was moved by Councillor Barlow and seconded by Councillor Roberts, and

RESOLVED:-

1. To note the General Fund financial monitoring at 31 December 2021;
2. To approved the revised Capital Programme; and
3. To note the proposed transfers and projection of Reserves at 31 March 2022.

REFERRED ITEM**THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION****128 – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy**

The Head of People and Communities report provided the Committee with an updated Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2022-2024 (Appendix 1) with an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Framework (Appendix 2) and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Pledge (Appendix 3) for the Borough of Barrow-in-Furness.

The Strategy had been developed with reference to the Local Government Association Equalities Framework, which sets out best practice. It sets out what the Council needed to do to ensure all customers had a positive experience when engaging with the Council ensuring engagement with communities via appropriate channels which were available and promoted.

As an employer the Council would embed equality, diversity and inclusion into all respects of the Council developing a sustainable culture promoting personal responsibility for equality, diversity and inclusion rooted in respect and dignity.

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor Barlow and,

RESOLVED:- To recommend the Council:-

1. To agree the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy 2022-2024 as part of the Council's Policy framework;
2. To agree the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Framework; and
3. To agree the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Pledge.

129 – Review of Corporate Health and Safety Policy, Framework and Risk Assessment Procedure

The Head of Asset Management reported that the Council through its health and safety governance structures had reviewed the existing Health and Safety policies and procedures to ensure that they remained compliant.

In October 2021, Bob Pedley Safety Services (BPSS) had been appointed to provide interim health and safety support to ensure continuity of health and safety management within the Council.

The proposal for health and safety support from BPSS had included:

- Securing information on the council departmental structure and understanding how the internal processes are intended to operate;
- Carrying out a desktop review of procedures currently in use and preparing updates and/or edited versions as required;

- Evaluating the current use and understanding of the procedures and their application amongst the teams; and
- Providing advice and support to the team on health and safety.

As part of the health and safety review process, BPSS had identified a number of areas of good practice as well as some areas for improvement.

The good practice identified by BPSS had included:-

- willingness by the management group to engage and share their local needs for support;
- As part of the transfer of the Leisure Centre into the new Barrow Forward organisation a due diligence review of the arrangements for the management of health and safety was undertaken. The results of the review had shown the team to be competent, well organised with good processes in place to continue to manage the operation of the facility;
- The team at Forum had engaged with BPSS over the Christmas period for support in reviewing the arrangements and risk assessments for three events, the Barrow Christmas lights switch on, fireworks at Askam and the Barra Culture events over the weekend of 4th and 5th December at the town square and Dock Museum. Good processes were in place for people to approach the council for support in organising and running events of this type. The team at the Forum were experienced and professional in their approach with the ability to guide organisers and interface with support groups when considering the safety arrangements for such public events.

The areas for improvement generally related to risk management and the need to ensure safety management systems define roles and responsibilities within the Council.

As a result of this review, BPSS had prepared a number of key policies and procedure for consideration and implementation, including:-

- Health and Safety Policy (Appendix 1);
- Managerial Arrangement for Health and Safety (Appendix 2); and
- Risk Assessment Procedure (Appendix 3)

The revised health and safety policy formed an overarching strategic document which was underpinned by a Health and Safety Management Framework document based on BS ISO 45001:2018. Both documents reflected the Council's recent restructure and looked to ensure Heads of Service take the lead responsibility for health and safety management within their respective teams.

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor Maddox; and

RESOLVED:- To recommend the Council:-

1. To approve the Health and Safety Policy at Appendix 1;
2. To approve the Health and Safety Framework at Appendix 2; and

3. To approve the Risk Assessment Procedure at Appendix 3.

130 – Financial Policy and Strategy Updates

The Director of Resources report contained the financial plans and strategies for 2022-2023 based upon the approved revenue budgets. The plans and strategies contained were the Medium Term Financial Plan, the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, the Capital Strategy, the Reserves and Balances Policy and the Pay Policy.

The key messages were; it was likely that 2021-2022 budget pressures would be met from in-year underspends and additional grant funding; the 2022-2023 budget balanced from additional grant funding and once that was removed there was a core deficit which increased each subsequent year due to inflationary pressures outpacing the increases in the funding that could be generated; the Capital Programme was reliant on expected usable capital receipts and was thereafter fully funded; reserves may be sufficient to fund the Medium Term Financial Plan.

The materialisation of financial plans came from effective monitoring, management and reacting to address/mitigate budgetary pressures. There was more pressure on the budget to perform as there was a core deficit stemming from 2021-2022. The Council's financial plans and strategies would be used in building the budgets for the Westmorland and Furness Council.

It was moved by Councillor Barlow and seconded by Councillor Roberts; and,

To recommend the Council: -

1. To approve the Medium Term Financial Plan for 2022-2025;
2. To approve the Reserves and Balances Policy;
3. To approve the Capital Strategy and the Capital Programme for 2022-2025;
4. To approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2022-2023;
5. To set the Authorised Limit for borrowing at £54.9m for 2022-2023; and
6. To approve the Pay Policy for 2022-2023.

131 – Annual Review of the Constitution

The Monitoring Officer's report considered suggested changes to the Constitution as part of the annual review process.

It was moved by Councillor H Edwards and seconded by Councillor McClure and,

RESOLVED:- To recommend the Council:-

1. To note the annual review of the Constitution;

2. To agree that membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should not include the Leader of the Council;
3. To approve the revisions to the Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Order as attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and
4. To agree the additional revisions to the Constitution and Officer Delegation Scheme and update to the Planning Panel references as details in Paragraphs 3.6-3.8 of the report and Appendix 2.

132 – Extension of Public Space Protection Order

The Head of People and Communities reported that the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) had been introduced in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. A PSPO had been designed to deal with a particular nuisance or problem in an area. The behaviour must be having a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the community; it must be persistent or continuing and it must be unreasonable.

The Council's current PSPO was due to expire on 1 April 2022. At any point before the expiry of the Order, the Council could extend it by up to three years if they considered it is necessary to prevent the original behaviour from occurring or recurring. They should consult with local police and any other community representatives they think appropriate before doing so.

The report revisited the terms of the Order (attached at Appendix 1), reviewed its potential impact, considered the results of the consultation carried out with the police, and interested community groups and considered the case for extending the Order for a further three years.

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor Morgan, and

RESOLVED:-

1. To note the consultation exercise undertaken on the proposed three year extension of the Public Spaces Protection Order, which supported the extension of the Proposed Order; and

To recommend the Council:

2. To approve the extension of the Order, as set out in Appendix 1, with the minor additional wording as set out in Paragraph 3.9 of the report for a further three years to 1 April 2025.

The meeting closed at 2.55 pm.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Extraordinary Meeting: Tuesday 22nd March
2022 at 9.30 am. (Banqueting Hall)

PRESENT:- Councillors Brook (Chairman), Assouad, Biggins, Hamilton, McEwan and Morgan.

Officers Present:- Sam Plum (Chief Executive), Steph Cordon (Director of People and Place, Susan Roberts (Director of Resources), Debbie Storr (Head of Legal and Governance – Monitoring Officer), Les Davies (Head of Asset Management) (Minute Nos.133 to 140), and Jon Huck (Democratic Services Manager).

133 – Apologies for Absence/Attendance of Substitute Members

Apologies for absence had been received from Councillors H Edwards, Maddox and Roberts.

Councillors Assouad and McEwan had substituted for Councillors Roberts and Maddox for this meeting only.

134 – The Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 and Access to Information (Variation) Order 2006 – Urgent Item

RESOLVED:- That by reason of the special circumstances outlined below the Chairman is of the opinion that the following item of business not specified on the agenda should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100(B)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Housing Maintenance Contract Extension (Minute No. 138)	To enable the contract to be extended prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Committee.

135 – The Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 and Access to Information (Variation) Order 2006

RESOLVED:- That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 5 (Minute Nos. 139 and 141) and Paragraph 3 (Minute No. 140) of Part One of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

136 – Declarations of Interest

Councillor Hamilton declare an Other Registrable Interest in agenda item 9 (Service Delivery). He was a member of Cumbria County Council and GMB.

Councillor McEwan declared an Other Registrable Interest in agenda item 9 (Service Delivery). He was a member of Cumbria County Council.

137 – Public Participation

RESOLVED:- To note that no questions, representations, deputations or petitions had been received in respect of the meeting.

138 – Housing Maintenance Contract - Extension

The Head of Asset Management reported that on 11th June 2015, Members had agreed to the appointment of Hughes Brothers and Sure Group to provide a range of responsive and gas maintenance services for Council tenants. In the six-year period since the appointment both contractors continued to deliver their respective services in line with the contract requirements and tenants in general appeared satisfied with the quality of the services provided. The actual target cost of the contracted services provided by Sure Group and Hughes Brothers had increased by a small amount of 2.4% over the duration of the 6-year contract period and as such continued to offer the Council “Best value”.

It was moved by Councillor McEwan and seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and

RESOLVED:- To agree to the continuing appointment of Hughes Brothers and Sure Group for a further period of two years in line with the contract documentation.

Local Government Act 1972 - Excluded Items

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor McEwan that the meeting moved into Part Two, and

RESOLVED:- That the items to be taken in Part Two of the Agenda be dealt with following the exclusion of the press and the public.

139 – Neighbourhood Shop Upgrade

The Head of Asset Management reported that the Housing Department had recently invited tenders to carry out refurbishment works to its shop parades on Walney, Newbarns and Ormsgill Housing Estates.

It was moved by Councillor Hamilton and seconded by Councillor McEwan, and

RESOLVED:-

1. To note the progress made to date with regard to the proposed contract for refurbishment works to the Housing shop parades; and

2. To agree the Director of People and Place be authorised to confirm the appointment of the successful tenderer to undertake the work following the expiry of the statutory 30-day standstill period and complete the award.

140 – Town Centre Community Hub – Private Sector Contribution

Executive Committee had endorsed a report on 9th March 2022 which provided an update on the regeneration of Barrow Town Centre.

Agreement had been given for Officers to undertake a joint procurement exercise for aligned elements of Levelling Up Fund and Town Deal projects to ensure economies of scale, consistency of design and effective delivery.

Subsequently a private sector funder had indicated they wished to contribute capital funding to the Town Centre Community Hub. That funding would be used for upgrading the specification and delivery of the Hub and would result in additional outcomes being achieved for the programme.

It was moved by Councillor McEwan and seconded by Councillor Hamilton, and

RESOLVED:- To agree to enter into an agreement as detailed within the report to accept additional capital funding for supplementary activity on the Town Centre Community Hub.

REFERRED ITEM

THE FOLLOWING MATTERS ARE REFERRED TO COUNCIL FOR DECISION

141 – Service Delivery

The Director of People and Place gave the Committee a Service Delivery update.

RESOLVED:- That the resolutions as set out in the exempt minute be agreed.

The meeting closed at 9.52 am.

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Terms of Reference

<u>Executive Committee</u>		
Membership	Terms of Reference	Delegation of Functions
12 members of the authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To formulate, co-ordinate and implement corporate policies and strategies and make decisions relating to such matters to the extent that they are not reserved to full Council. • To recommend to Council amendments to the Policy Framework and policies and strategies therein. • To oversee policy implementation and consider reports relating to performance of services under the remit of the Committee. • To consult on, recommend and monitor the Annual budgets. • To consider and approve the Discretionary Income Policy. • To take any necessary decisions regarding the delivery of Council services and the discharge of Council functions, within the agreed policy and budgetary framework set by the Council, including:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The formation of partnerships and agencies; ○ Award of contracts in excess of £100,000 (which includes any extension periods); ○ To authorise the acquisition or disposal of any land, property and other assets held by the Council (other than those under a Right to Buy) with a value in excess of £20K providing that any proposal for the transfer of housing land which requires the consent of the Secretary of State shall be referred to full Council with recommendations; ○ Agreement of leases in excess of 25 years. 	See Delegations to Officers as set out in Part 3(2) of the Constitution.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To take into account any relevant findings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and to refer relevant matters to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.• To approve recommendations regarding Clearance Areas/ Compulsory Purchase Orders and renewal areas provided within budget provision.• To establish a Housing Management Forum to advise on all matters pertaining to the management of Council housing and to operate under the following protocol:-<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The Executive Committee shall agree any such recommendations or refer back for further consideration;○ On any resubmission the decisions of the Executive Committee will be final.• To establish standing and ad-hoc forums to consider and make recommendations on significant policy issues. Such forums which shall operate as working parties to be politically proportionate and to involve lay members where considered appropriate.• To make interim and Final Management Orders under Part 4 of Chapter 1 of the Housing Act 2004.• To make Closing Orders and Demolition Orders under Part 1 Chapter 4 of the Housing Act 2004.• To agree to act as Accountable Body where the project is between £50,000 and £500,000 and satisfies the requirements of the Financial Regulations. Where the project exceeds £500,000 to make recommendations to full Council on any accountable body proposal.• To appoint representatives to outside bodies for those appointments delegated through the AGM. | |
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To deal with any matters relating to the Local Authority Trading Company for the delivery of Leisure Services (Barrow Forward Limited) which are not delegated to Officers where council decision is needed. • To approve recommendations regarding changes to the establishment and fundamental changes to Conditions of Service of employees of the Council which are outside policy/budget where not delegated to Officers and where within 1% of net revenue budget. Any changes over the limit to be recommended to full Council. • To consider appeals in accordance with approved HR policies and procedures. • To deal with the discharge of duties under the Officer Employment Procedure Rules. 	<p>Delegated to Appeals Panel of 4 Members drawn from the Committee.</p> <p>Officer Employment Procedure Rules – Panel of 4 Members drawn from the Committee.</p> <p>Where dealing with disciplinary action relating to a relevant officer that panel to include 2 independent Members as prescribed.</p>
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PART ONE**Barrow Borough Council****Executive Committee****25 May 2022****Anti-Social Behaviour Policy & Procedures**

Report from: Jan Sharp, Deputy Director of People & Place
Report Author: Caroline Wagstaff, Head of People & Communities
Wards: (All Wards);

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

- 1.1 The draft Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Policy and Procedures (**Appendix 1**) provides a framework for our approach to reports of ASB from all our residents across the borough. The policy will replace the current ASB Policy for tackling ASB in the Council's housing stock which was reviewed in January 2020.
- 1.2 Tackling ASB is a key priority for the Council and our residents. We recognise the impact on our residents and communities if left unchallenged. The newly formed Safe and Strong Communities Team will adopt a victim-centred approach to tackling ASB across the borough. We will assess the harm and risk to those suffering from such behaviour.
- 1.3 The policy statement meets the aims of our Vision and Values within the Council Plan 2020 – 2024 ***“To focus on our community and provide excellent service for all our customers and colleagues”***.
- 1.4 The draft Policy is a specific policy for dealing with ASB enforcement across tenure. The Council have an over-arching Corporate Enforcement Policy; the legislation for ASB Enforcement will take precedent over the overall approach in Corporate Enforcement Policy.

2.0 Recommendation**2.1 It is recommended that Executive Committee:**

- (1) Note the contents of the report.**
- (2) Agree to adopt the draft Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedures.**

3.0 Background and Proposals

- 3.1 Tackling ASB is a key propriety for the Council and our residents; we recognise the impact on our residents and communities if left unchallenged. It is widely accepted that failing to tackle ASB and nuisance promptly can undermine not just the physical regeneration of areas but also community cohesion. Residents do not want to live in an area of crime, graffiti, environmental damage (fly-tipping).
- 3.2 Our newly formed Safe and Strong Communities Team will be working across the borough to ensure complaints are dealt with speedily and a seamless service is presented to residents who have historically complained about their case being referred to a variety of agencies with no real ownership of the case.
- 3.3 The Council has adopted a victim-centred approach to tackling ASB and will assess the harm and risk to those suffering from such behaviour in partnership with Cumbria Police and other key agencies for example: Mental Health Services, Adult, Social Care and Barrow Women's Community Matters.
- 3.4 The policy statement incorporates a number of legislative requirements, which include but are not limited to :
- Human Rights Act 1988
 - Housing Act 1996 (as amended)
 - Children Act 1989 and 2004
 - Crime and Disorder Act 1998
 - Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003
 - Data Protection Act 2018
 - Equality Act 2010
 - Anti-social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014
- 3.5 The Council is committed to creating better lives for the residents of our borough. With our 'Vision and Values' to focus on our community and provide excellent customer service for all our residents. These policy and procedures put residents at the heart of all we do - being transparent about where it stands on anti-social behaviour and what the Council will do to tackle such behaviour.
- 3.6 Members are asked to consider the Anti Social Behaviour Policy and procedures as attached to this report.

4.0 Consultation

- 4.1 In order to inform these policy and procedures, consultation with Cumbria Police and our partners was undertaken to ensure we are working in a collaborative way to deliver our services. Feedback from our Customer Service review supported the approach on tackling ASB across the borough, with a co-ordinated approach adopting a victim-centred service to tackle ASB and assess the harm and risk to those suffering from such behaviour.

4.2 Legal advice was also sought from our specialist ASB Consultants – ASB Action Ltd - and has been incorporated to ensure the policy is compliant with our duties as a landlord and as a Council in the delivery of ASB Services.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 Status Quo –This is not recommended as it would leave the Council at risk with outdated policy and procedures in place to tackle ASB across tenure.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

6.1 The draft policy and procedures link to the Council Plan 2020–2024 and contributes to the Council’s Vision and Values: *“For our Borough to be a great place to live, work and visit. We will achieve this by being a compassionate council, putting residents at the heart of all we do.”*

7.0 Implications

7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1 There is no budget provision for any external costs in dealing with ASB matters outside the Housing Revenue Account. Where costs are incurred in relation to matters outside the General Fund existing budgets will need to be diverted from other services/headings as and when required. The 2022-2023 General Fund budget is limited; financial reserves may need to be used temporarily and subsequently replenished from reductions and savings in the revenue budget.

7.2 Legal

7.2.1 The Council is required to have policies and procedures in place for dealing with anti-social behaviour. Approval of the update policy will ensure that the Council meets its obligations.

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

7.3.1 The draft Anti-Social Behaviour Policy & Procedures has no impact on Local Government Reorganisation and will be reviewed in line with ASB policies within the new structure.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4.1 The Council’s approach to equalities is fundamental to meet our public sector equalities duty, ensuring we actively seek out an understanding of our customers’ needs, shaping our services to meet the needs of people with protected characteristics and incorporating this into our overall service design.

Risk

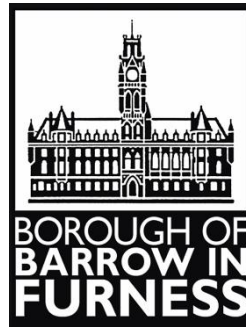
Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Whilst there is a policy and procedure in place for tackling ASB across the Council's Housing Stock, there are no policy and procedures for tackling ASB in private sector	<p>The existing ASB Policy 2020 relates solely to our approach as a landlord, but the aim of the new policy and procedures is to address the issue across the borough, cross tenure.</p> <p>The Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003 places a legal requirement on all local authorities to publish an Anti-social Behaviour Policy and Procedures. This document fulfils this legal requirement.</p>	This policy and procedures will be reviewed periodically or in line with changes in relevant legislation by the Head of People and Communities.

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Appendices Attached to this Report

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1	Anti-Social Behaviour Policy & Procedures



BARROW BOROUGH COUNCIL
Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedures

Date: May 2022

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ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Summary

This document provides staff and customers with a summary of our approach and the actions that will be taken when a report of anti-social behaviour (ASB) is received.

1.0 REPORT OF ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

1.1 When does the council investigate a report of anti-social behaviour?

The Council may take the lead in investigating reports of ASB in the following circumstances:

- When the person experiencing and/or perpetrating anti-social behaviour is a Council tenant, or if the ASB is perpetrated by another person when visiting a Council tenant,
- When both the person experiencing and the person perpetrating anti-social behaviour are owner occupiers or reside in privately rented accommodation,
- When the ASB is taking place in any public place or place to which the public have access.

When either the person experiencing ASB or the perpetrator of ASB is a tenant of another social landlord the report of ASB should be made to the relevant social landlord.

Serious ASB involving criminal conduct should be reported to Cumbria Constabulary by telephoning 101 or 999 in an emergency.

1.2 Making a report of ASB to the Council

Reports of anti-social behaviour to the Council can be made in any of the following ways:

- Complete online reporting form: <https://www.barrowbc.gov.uk/residents/council-housing/housing-forms/tenants-reporting-form/>
- Telephone: (01229) 876423 or 876520
- Email: housingstates@barrowbc.gov.uk
- Complete ASB Diary Sheets (pick up from Town Hall reception or contact Safe & Strong Communities Team)
- In writing to: Safe & Strong Communities Team, Town Hall, Duke Street, Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria LA14 2LD

Reports of ASB can be made by a third party, for example by a Local Councillor, Member of Parliament, or social worker. If a report is made via a third party we will seek the consent of the reporter to communicate and share information with the third party.

We do not accept reports of ASB by social media, e.g. Facebook

1.3 What types of reports will be investigated?

Anti-social behaviour can mean different things to different people and may or may not include criminal activity.

Types of behaviour that the Council considers to be anti-social include:

- Hate crimes / Hate Incidents
- Use or threatened use of violence
- Repeated abusive language or behaviour
- Harassment
- Damage to property
- Domestic Abuse

With reference to this ASB policy, the following matters **will not** be investigated:

- Actions that are considered to be normal everyday activities or household noise.
- Children playing ball games, unless the children are also engaged in associated ASB.
- Reports related to people staring with no other associated ASB.
- Actions which amount to people being unpleasant to each other but are not sufficiently serious considering the likely harm caused to justify our involvement.
- Cases of illegal drug use, production or supply when there is no associated ASB. Residents will be advised to report such issues to Cumbria Police.
- Environmental or other housing issues such as noise nuisance, fly-tipping, overcrowding and disrepair. These matters are not classed as ASB and will be investigated by our Public Protection Team and Safe & Strong Communities Team. Noise nuisance reports can be reported to Public Protection at environment@barrowbc.gov.uk
- Fly-tipping and dog fouling can be reported to: housingstates@barrowbc.gov.uk

The lists above are not exhaustive. Officers of the Council will exercise judgement in order to establish an appropriate response.

1.4 Anonymous Reports

The Council always prefers to have direct contact with the person experiencing the ASB (“the reporter”) to understand the problems they are experiencing, offer appropriate support and provide updates regarding the investigation. Officers will investigate an anonymous report if the report can be substantiated and will make reasonable attempts to substantiate the report.

1.5 How are anti-social behaviour reports prioritised?

Reports of ASB are prioritised at point of contact. This involves confirming the allegation and asking a series of short questions to assess the potential risk of harm caused by the ASB. Reports of ASB are then allocated to a named Investigating Officer.

If the ASB involves the use or threat of violence or there is a significant risk of harm i.e. a hate crime/incident, an officer will aim to contact the reporter within one working day. For all other reports of ASB an officer will aim to contact the reporter within five working days.

2.0 REFERRALS TO OTHER AGENCIES

Investigating Officers will make referrals to other Council departments or agencies as appropriate in the course of their investigation. Any referrals made will involve the Investigating Officer seeking consent from the individual concerned, unless there is an overriding safeguarding concern in relation to a vulnerable adult or child.

3.0 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR INVESTIGATION

3.1 Interviewing the reporter

When a report of ASB is made, the Investigating Officer will interview the reporter to confirm all relevant facts and an action plan will be discussed. As part of the action plan, the reporter will be expected to keep an accurate record of any further incidents of anti-social behaviour and report any further incidents to the Investigating Officer. The officer will attempt to complete an ASB Vulnerability Risk Assessment with all reporters (not acting within their professional capacity e.g. police officer) to assess the reporter's vulnerability to the ASB they are experiencing.

3.2 Wider Investigations

Investigating Officers will usually conduct a wider investigation which may involve contacting other potential reporters or witnesses, in addition to making enquiries with any relevant Council departments or partner agencies such as Cumbria Police.

3.3 Interviewing the alleged perpetrator

During most investigations (except where a without notice injunction is being considered), contact will be made with the alleged perpetrator. The alleged perpetrator will be given a fair opportunity to respond to the ASB allegations. The Investigating Officer will explain the consequences of perpetrating ASB and summarise the next steps in the investigation.

3.4 Counter Allegations

Investigating Officers will conduct a proportionate investigation into any counter allegation that is considered to be ASB. Feedback will be provided to the person making the counter allegation.

4.0 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACTIONS

4.1 Levels of Evidence

Most ASB investigations take place within a civil law framework which means a civil standard of proof is applicable. The Investigating Officer needs only to be able to demonstrate that the incident(s) is more likely than not to have happened.

When civil legal action has been taken and a Court Order has been disobeyed i.e. breach of an Injunction order, Closure Order or prosecution for breach of a Community Protection Notice, the criminal standard of proof applies. This means that the Investigating Officer will need to demonstrate that the incident(s) happened "beyond reasonable doubt".

4.2 Insufficient Evidence

During the course of an investigation there may be a number of reasons why an Investigating Officer cannot take action. These reasons may include:

- Establishing that the incident did not happen
- Not having enough evidence to prove the matter to the relevant standard of proof
- Finding the issues reported to be not what the Council considers as antisocial
- Not being able to investigate fully due to non-cooperation of the reporter / witness
- The ASB has stopped and the likelihood of further ASB is low

The Investigating Officer will inform the reporter at the earliest opportunity if they determine that they cannot take action or further action and will close the case.

4.3 Determining Appropriate Anti-Social Behaviour Actions

The Investigating Officer will assess each case on the information available and the actions taken will be proportionate and bespoke to the circumstances of each case. Typically Investigating Officers will use informal methods to try to resolve a report of ASB in the first instance. However, in priority cases, such as when there has been a use or threat of violence, legal action may be the first course of action.

4.4 Informal methods

Investigating Officers may consider using informal methods such as:

- Mediation
- Restorative Meetings
- Providing information and advice
- Investigatory interviews
- Warning Interviews
- Acceptable Behaviour Agreements / Contracts
- Referrals to partners / support agencies

4.5 Legal actions

Investigating Officers may consider applying for legal action such as:

- Injunction (including powers of arrest)
- Criminal Behaviour Order
- Community Protection Notices
- Closure Order
- Breach Proceedings
- ASB Possession Proceedings (within our landlord capacity only)

There may be other informal methods and legal actions that the Investigating Officer considers are appropriate dependent upon the circumstances of the case.

4.6 Justification

Officers will justify the use of informal methods and/or legal actions with reasons.

4.7 Manager Review

If the Investigating Officer considers it appropriate to proceed with legal action the case will be reviewed by the ASB Team Manager or the Community Safety Lead prior to making a referral to legal services for legal advice. The Investigating Officer will always consider the legal advice received prior to instructing a solicitor to proceed with a legal application. Such advice is legally privileged and therefore will not be disclosed.

5.0 ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR CASE CLOSURE

5.1 Reasons for Case Closure

Investigating Officers will close cases in a timely manner so that cases are not open longer than necessary. The Investigating Officer will communicate with reporters and partners when resolutions have been reached, or a case is closed and ensure accurate recording of cases.

6.0 REPORTER SATISFACTION SURVEYS

The Service will endeavour to complete a short survey with every reporter or witness (not acting in a professional capacity e.g. police officer) to check they are satisfied with the service they have received. The manager will be made aware of any circumstances when the feedback received is not satisfactory.

7.0 COMMENTS AND COMPLAINTS

If anyone is dissatisfied with the anti-social behaviour service they have received they may make a complaint to the Council, which will be fully investigated – email: housingstates@barrowbc.gov.uk

8.0 REVIEW PERIOD

This Policy and Procedures Statement will be reviewed periodically or in line with changes in relevant legislation.

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ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR POLICY AND PROCEDURES

STATEMENT

1.0 Strategic Overview

The Council Plan sets the vision for the Borough over the next three years. One of our key aims is to be a place where residents from all backgrounds feel safe, can aspire and live well. Barrow Borough Council's approach is to become more proactive, pre-emptive and creative focusing on a person's or community's strengths and opportunities.

The first thematic priority of our Safe & Strong Communities Team is to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB) through a triple track approach of early intervention and prevention, non-negotiable support and strong enforcement action when necessary. We aim to strengthen community capacity to resolve issues, protect and support victims and use informal and formal tools and powers to tackle anti-social behaviour. By working together we are building more resilience in communities to challenge the corrosive effect of anti-social behaviour, intimidation and harassment caused by a minority of people.

The Council, along with our community safety partners, is committed to tackle and prevent ASB. This includes helping people become less dependent on services. Reducing the demand that reoffending, anti-social behaviour, domestic violence and abuse perpetrators place on services allows the Council and partners to focus resources on other priorities.

The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 places a legal requirement on all social landlords to publish an Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedures Statement. This document fulfils this legal requirement specifically relevant to non-secure tenants living in the Council's temporary accommodation dispersed properties across the borough.

This statement is also applicable to ASB investigations in the private sector where there is no link to the housing management function of the Council or another social landlord. This policy is written having regard to the Council's overarching corporate enforcement policy. The Council will enforce anti-social behaviour legislation in a fair, equitable and consistent manner. Firm action will be taken against those who flout the law or act irresponsibly.

The Council applies a harm centred approach to tackling anti-social behaviour. The Council will consider the harm caused to individuals and communities along with the type of anti-social behaviour reported and the available evidence to determine a course of action that the Council deems appropriate.

Through applying solid effective ASB case management principles, starting at the point of contact and continuing throughout the management of a case, officers will take action that is appropriate and proportionate to the harm caused to the victim or witness, the nature of the complaint and the quality of evidence available.

The focus of our casework will be as much about supporting the complainant or witness of ASB as work around the alleged perpetrator.

The key issues that officers will consider throughout ASB casework processes will include resolving issues at the earliest opportunity, protecting individuals and communities, stopping and changing the offending behaviour where possible and keeping an emphasis on the complainant or witness.

This statement specifically focuses on anti-social behaviour and does not include issues that should be investigated in relation to other legislative frameworks.

2.0 Definitions of Anti-Social Behaviour

The Council adopts the definitions of anti-social behaviour as outlined in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014:

a) Non-Housing Related Anti-Social Behaviour

For anti-social behaviour in a non-housing related context anti-social behaviour is considered to be conduct that caused, or is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to any person. This will apply, for example, where the anti-social behaviour has occurred in a public place, such as a town or city centre or local park, and where the behaviour does not necessarily affect the housing management functions of a social landlord.

b) Housing Related Anti-Social Behaviour

For anti-social behaviour in a housing context; anti-social behaviour is considered to be conduct that is capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that person's occupation of residential premises or the conduct is capable of causing housing related nuisance or annoyance to any person.

The Council will also consider any anti-social behaviour definitions as stated in an individual's tenancy agreement or lease with the Council when taking actions to manage anti-social behaviour.

2.1 Types of Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-social behaviour can mean different things to different people and may or may not include criminal activity. We will take action to investigate reports made by our residents, visitors to the borough, our employees and contractors. We will also accept referrals from third parties such as a Local Councillor, Member of Parliament, Cumbria Police and other departments within the Council.

Types of behaviour that the Council may consider to be anti-social include:

- Hate crimes / Hate Incidents
- Use or threatened use of violence
- Repeated abusive language or behaviour
- Harassment
- Damage to property

- Domestic abuse

When domestic abuse is reported to us we will complete a Domestic Abuse Stalking and Harassment (DASH) Risk Assessment and if appropriate, with the consent of the victim, will make a referral into the Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC) and subsequently attend the MARAC to present the case. If the victim does not consent to the MARAC form being completed, but the ASB Investigating Officer is concerned that there is a serious risk of harm to the victim, the form will be completed by the Investigating Officer and referred into the next MARAC meeting. It will be noted on the referral form that the victim's consent was sought but not obtained. MARACs are held on a monthly basis with the aim of reducing the risk of death or serious injury to high-risk victims of domestic abuse. This is done by identifying those most at risk and trying to keep them safe by sharing information and putting action plans in place to reduce and manage the identified risks.

When the threshold for a referral to the MARAC is not met Investigating Officers will encourage domestic abuse victims to speak to specialist domestic abuse services and will safely provide information on how to access these services. Investigating Officers will determine if there are potentially any child safeguarding risks to children and make appropriate referrals.

Investigating Officers will be mindful of the need to ensure that domestic abuse victims are supported in accessing remedies specifically designed to deal with domestic abuse (for example non-molestation orders, Domestic Violence Protection Notices / Orders).

The use of measures designed to tackle ASB will normally be used only when Cumbria Police have been consulted and there is no other option available in order to provide protection and prevent the impact on the wider community.

This list of types of anti-social behaviour the Council will investigate is not exhaustive and this policy is not an undertaking to act in every such circumstance. Officers of the Council will, in all reported cases, exercise their judgment in order to establish an appropriate response to the report of anti- social behaviour including what has happened, the harm caused or risk of harm, the frequency of incidents, the evidence available and any known vulnerabilities of the people involved.

2.2 What the Council will not investigate

The Council is committed to developing and supporting cohesive communities across the borough and expects a reasonable level of tolerance between neighbours and others within our communities. Residents are encouraged, where possible, to try to resolve their disputes themselves without the need for the Council to be involved. Officers will seek to make a fair evaluation on whether complaints made are reasonable and are determined to constitute alleged anti-social behaviour. Examples of the types of reports that the Anti-Social Behaviour Action Team will not investigate as anti-social behaviour allegations include;

- Actions that are considered to be normal everyday activities or household noise, for example children playing inside or outside their property
- Children playing ball games, unless the children are also engaged in associated anti-social behaviour e.g. verbal abuse, criminal damage
- Complaints related to people staring with no other associated anti-social behaviour

- Actions which amount to people being unpleasant to each other but are not sufficiently serious, considering the likely harm caused, to justify our involvement
- Cases of illegal drug use, production or supply when there is no associated anti-social behaviour. Residents will be advised to report such issues to Cumbria Police.
- Environmental issues such as noise nuisance, fly tipping, overcrowding and disrepair. Officers within our Public Protection and Safe & Strong Communities Team are responsible for investigating these types of issues.
- Parking with no other associated anti social behaviour.

When determining if a report is considered to be anti-social behaviour or not, officers will exercise professional judgement. If an officer determines that the complaint does not constitute anti-social behaviour they will inform the complainant at the earliest opportunity, advising them that no ASB action will be taken. The officer will provide advice and sign posting information if appropriate.

3.0 How cases are prioritised

The Council will prioritise reports of anti-social behaviour involving the use or threatened use of violence to person or property and / or reports involving significant harm or risk of harm to individuals, families or neighbourhoods e.g. hate incidents. These types of cases will involve making urgent contact with the complainant and consideration of applying for an Injunction without giving prior notice to the perpetrator.

All other reports of anti-social behaviour will involve a standard response time and these cases will usually involve informal actions, such as an interview with the alleged perpetrator, to try to resolve the report of anti-social behaviour without the need for legal action. When individuals fail to change their behaviour despite being given the opportunity to do so and their behaviour continues to have a negative impact upon the quality of life of another person the officer may decide that it is appropriate to take legal action.

Officers will review the approach to a case dependent upon what is reported to them and any other new information presented to them. A standard response case may become a priority case and vice versa.

4.0 Cross Tenure Issues

This policy applies to reports of anti-social behaviour affecting the Council's landlord housing management function and to reports of anti-social behaviour in the private sector i.e. involving home owners, private tenants and anti-social behaviour that takes place in an area where there is no link to the housing management function of the Council or a social housing provider.

There will be times when reports of anti-social behaviour will need to involve other social housing providers because either the complainant or the alleged perpetrator are tenants of that organisation. When these types of reports are made to the Council the ASB Investigating Officer will discuss with the relevant organisation who will take a lead role in coordinating specific actions and this information will be shared with everyone involved in the anti- social behaviour report.

Cumbria Police may also investigate reports of anti-social behaviour across all tenures, particularly when there is an allegation that a crime has been committed. The Council will work in partnership with Cumbria Police to investigate and tackle anti-social behaviour in our communities.

5.0 Expectation of our tenants

The Council expects our tenants to act responsibly, respect others and not to engage in anti-social or criminal behaviour. We consider that our tenants are responsible for their own behaviour, the behaviour of those people who live with them and the behaviour of people who visit their property. Informal and/or formal action may be taken against a tenant to address the behaviour of others who live with them or visit their property.

6.0 Victim / witness support

Victims and witnesses (Reporters) are at the centre of the action we take to investigate and resolve reports of anti-social behaviour. All Reporters will be provided with a named officer who will be responsible for investigating their report. Support to Reporters will be assessed individually with each Reporter that engages with us to ensure that the support offered is tailored specifically to individual needs.

A harm centred approach is taken, which means that in addition to considering the type of anti-social behaviour we will consider the impact that anti-social behaviour is having on individuals, families and neighbourhoods to understand the harm that is being caused. We will do this by completing an ASB Vulnerability Risk Assessment with complainants (not acting in their professional capacity i.e. police officer). In some cases when a neighbourhood is experiencing anti-social behaviour we may conduct a Community Impact Statement involving information from residents and partners.

Dependent upon the outcome of the ASB vulnerability risk assessment it may be agreed that further actions to help manage or reduce the risk of harm is appropriate. Type of actions may include a referral to a victim support service, additional contact from the ASB Officer, asking if the police could carry out additional patrols or conduct reassurance visits, making a referral to another service or agency e.g. Adult Safeguarding, Drug and Alcohol Services, Mental Health Services.

Sometimes anti-social behaviour reports are made to the Council anonymously, usually because that person genuinely fears reprisals if they were identified as having made a complaint.

We always prefer to communicate directly with people who are experiencing anti-social behaviour. This helps us to gain an understanding of the problems they are experiencing, allows us to assess the risk of harm and means that we can provide updates regarding the progress of their report and actions taken. A complainant's identity will not be disclosed to the alleged perpetrator without seeking consent from the complainant to do so. In some cases we do not need to provide the alleged perpetrator with the complainant's identity at any stage within the case. In other cases, specifically if the complainant has had direct contact with the alleged perpetrator, it may be obvious to the alleged perpetrator who has complained.

If an anonymous report of anti-social behaviour is received we will attempt to investigate the report. This may involve checking our internal records for any previous reports, contacting residents who live in the immediate area to ask if they have experienced any problems and asking our partners, such as Cumbria Police, if they are aware of any relevant information. We are unlikely to make any contact with the alleged perpetrator if we cannot substantiate the anonymous report of anti-social behaviour.

7.0 Support for vulnerable perpetrators

We recognise that some perpetrators may have support needs. When we are made aware by the perpetrator or by any information made available to us that a person has or may have a support need we will explain our concerns and invite the perpetrator to discuss their needs with us and seek their consent to make a referral(s) to an appropriate Council department or external organisation on their behalf if appropriate. If the perpetrator is already engaged with a support service we will discuss with the perpetrator sharing relevant information with the support service.

We reserve the right to make a referral to Adult Social Care, Children's Services or the police, including a safeguarding referral, without the permission of the individual (s) concerned where the situation and provision of the Data Protection Act and any other legislation justifies it.

If a perpetrator of anti-social behaviour refuses to or stops engaging with an appropriate support service without a reasonable excuse or if they accept support but the anti-social behaviour continues, the Council will consider taking legal action. If the Council decides to apply for an Injunction or a Criminal Behaviour Order we will consider applying for a positive requirement for the perpetrator to attend an assessment and/or engage with a specific Council department or external organisation.

In some priority cases, when a decision is made to apply for urgent legal action, an invitation to the perpetrator to discuss any support needs may take place after the legal application has been made.

If during the time the ASB report is open to our service we are made aware that the perpetrators needs have changed we will consider this new information and offer to make any further appropriate referrals.

We will carefully consider and justify our actions, with a focus so as not to disadvantage those protected by the Equality Act 2010.

8.0 Preventive Action

Whenever possible the Council will take action to prevent anti-social behaviour from happening in the first place. Examples of how we may do this include, but are not limited to:

- Completing pre-tenancy checks, housing people appropriately and having a robust sign-up process with clear expectations of behaviour.
- Working with partners to identify areas of concern and planning coordinated targeted actions.
- Supporting the delivery of targeted youth provision.

- Considering any environmental improvements that may reduce the likelihood of anti-social behaviour taking place.
- Delivering training to partners and community groups regarding anti-social behaviour and community safety issues i.e. hate crime third party reporting centre training.

9.0 Informal Action

The Council's aim is to intervene early to stop and prevent cases of anti-social behaviour escalating. The informal interventions that may be considered are;

- Mediation - an early intervention tool to support parties to resolve a conflict or dispute
- Restorative Meetings – a way to acknowledge and repair harm following an incident of anti- social behaviour or crime
- Providing information and advice.
- Investigatory interviews – where an Investigating Officer assesses whether an incident of anti-social behaviour has taken place.
- Warning Interviews – where an Investigating Officer, on the balance of probabilities, is satisfied that an anti-social behaviour incident has taken place and will therefore explain the consequences of continuing to act in an anti-social manner.
- Acceptable Behaviour Agreements / Contracts – an agreement with an individual which sets out what they will or will not do in the future. The Investigating Officer may also include any actions they may take i.e. referral to a support service. This type of agreement or contract will usually be used with a young person aged 10 – 17 years or a vulnerable adult.
- Referrals to colleagues/ partners / support agencies.

10.0 Legal Action

The Council may consider taking legal action when anti-social behaviour continues following an attempt to resolve the ASB informally. In priority cases involving the use or threat of violence towards person or property and or where there is serious risk of harm, we may not take any informal actions and instead take legal action in the first instance. Examples of legal actions that we may consider include;

- Injunction (including powers of arrest) – An order that can be granted against an individual aged 10 or over. An Injunction is designed to stop or prevent individuals from acting anti socially, quickly nipping anti-social behaviour in the bud before it escalates.
- Criminal Behaviour Order – An order that can be granted against an individual aged 10 or over upon conviction of a criminal offence. These orders are to tackle those who persistently engage in criminal anti-social behaviour.
- Community Protection Notices – A Notice that aims to stop a person aged 16 or over, business or organisation committing anti-social behaviour which spoils the community's quality of life.
- Closure Order – An order that can be granted to quickly close premises, restricting who can access a premises, which is being used, or likely to be used, to commit nuisance or disorder.
- Breach Proceedings – Action to enforce the above powers. Cumbria Police and the Crown Prosecution Service take the lead in enforcing a breach of a Criminal Behaviour Order.
- Any other legal action which could be taken with the support of Cumbria Police/Crown Prosecution Service i.e. Restraining Order

We will also consider Public Space Protection Orders when it is considered the most appropriate tool to address a place based anti-social behaviour issue and work with Cumbria Police to consider other potential solutions such as use of the Dispersal Power or Restraining Orders.

In our capacity as a landlord the Council may also take ASB possession proceedings. Prior to deciding to proceed with a claim for possession we will give our tenants a right to reply to the anti- social behaviour allegations.

The Council has no basis to seek possession of a property where we are not the landlord.

The use of informal and legal action will be decided by the Council having considered the circumstances of each individual case and will be proportionate to the type of anti-social behaviour and risk of harm.

Generally, we would wish to obtain agreement with complainants about the particular actions to be followed. There may be occasions where the complainant would wish that the Council takes no specific action on their report. The situation may however be serious enough that we feel we have little option to pursue against their wishes. In such circumstances we will take appropriate measures to protect all those affected.

In some circumstances and if the situation is appropriate the Council may be unable to progress an anti-social behaviour case if a complainant refuses early intervention actions. The Council will decide and take whatever action we consider to be most appropriate.

11.0 Publicity

Publicity is an essential part of tackling anti-social behaviour in terms of:

- Reassuring the community that the Council and partners work together and take reports of anti-social behaviour seriously
- Reassuring complainants, witnesses and the wider community that successful action has been taken to tackle anti-social behaviour
- Publishing individual cases so that breaches of orders obtained can be reported to the relevant organisation
- Making it clear to perpetrators that the Council will not tolerate anti-social behaviour and will take action to protect others.

In circumstances when a Court has not imposed reporting restrictions, and the Council considers it to be necessary and proportionate, a press release or other publicity material, such as an information leaflet, may be issued when the following orders have been granted or a Notice has been served. The Council may also issue a press release if the Court finds that any of these orders/ Notice has been breached;

- Final Injunction Order
- Final Criminal Behaviour Order
- Closure Order
- Anti-Social Behaviour Possession Order
- Community Protection Notice

The press release will be factual and may give the name, age and address of the individual against whom the order has been made or the breach occurred, the anti-social behaviour they have been involved in and the terms of any order or sentence.

The decision to publicise will be considered carefully based on the facts of each case. The Council will consult with relevant partners such as Cumbria Police if an individual is engaged with services, including Youth Justice in respect of young people, to consider the following;

- Whether or not the court imposed any reporting restrictions
- The circumstances of the case
- The need for the public to be made aware of the order
- The need to publicise personal information
- The vulnerability of the individual
- Any likely consequences of publicising the order
- Where and how the order will be publicised

The final decision to publicise an order will be made by the Head of People & Communities.

From time to time the Council may include anonymised case examples in reports to the Community Safety Partnership Board, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in other internal and public documents and on the Council's website.

The Council may also engage in other media coverage as deemed to be appropriate.

12.0 Multi Agency Working

Often anti-social behaviour cases require involvement from other Council departments and other agencies. We work closely with other enforcement agencies such as the police, registered providers and other local authorities. It may be that these agencies have access to a more appropriate enforcement action.

We also work with support services including services within the Council including safeguarding and early help teams, youth justice, education, health (including mental health) and youth services. We recognise that both complainants and perpetrators may have support needs and we want to offer referrals to support services when appropriate. We may work with other partners such as Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service, offender management services, and voluntary organisations when a specific issue arises e.g. an allegation of young people setting fires would involve us liaising with Cumbria Fire Service.

We may discuss reports of anti-social behaviour at a multi-agency forum to ensure that a coordinated response is taken involving the relevant partners to resolve the anti-social behaviour problem. Types of forums in the borough include:

- ASB Hub meetings
- Community safety partnership meetings
- Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference (MARAC)
- MAPPA (Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements)
- Child protection conferences
- Ad-hoc meetings to discuss individual cases

13.0 Information Sharing and Confidentiality

We will treat all information received with the strictest of confidence. In the first instance the best interest and wishes of the complainant will drive the actions we take. It is important to understand that in certain circumstances we may have a legal obligation to share relevant information with other statutory agencies e.g. if there is a serious safeguarding concern.

If we consider it important to access specific information from independent professionals in order to assess how we deal with a case we will ask the reporter for their written consent to do so, unless there is an urgent overriding safeguarding concern involving a risk of harm to either the reporter another person.

Anti-Social Behaviour information is recorded on a secure case management system and case files are stored securely. Data is held in accordance with the Council's data retention and destruction schedule.

We have a duty to share information with relevant agencies as defined in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. We will share information with accordance to the Data Protection Act 1998 and data sharing principles.

14.0 Training and Service Development

The Council is committed to continually reviewing the service we provide so that we can identify and share practice and identify any service improvements. Ways in which we continue to develop include facilitating internal and external staff training, conducting regular case reviews between Investigating Officers and managers, along with group case supervision and consulting with the public when significant changes are made to the service. Our performance is monitored through a range of indicators including number and types of cases, customer response times and the types of informal and formal ASB actions. We have recently introduced a customer survey which we will undertake with ASB complainants and consult with residents before making any significant changes to Council services.

15.0 Availability of the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy and Procedures Statement

A copy of this Anti-Social Behaviour Policy can be found on the Council's website <https://www.barrowbc.gov.uk/the-council/corporate-documents/>

Please contact the Safe & Strong Communities Team if you require a translated copy of the Statement and Summary or a copy in an alternative format (i.e. Braille and large print).

16.0 Review of Policy and Procedures Statement

This Policy and Procedures Statement will be reviewed periodically or in line with changes in relevant legislation.

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PART ONE**Barrow Borough Council****Executive Committee****25 May 2022****Climate Change – Citizens’ Jury Response**

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Wards: (All Wards);

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

- 1.1 The aim of the Climate Change Policy 2020-2025 for the Borough of Barrow in Furness is to reach net zero no later than 2037. To achieve this we said, in Objective 6, we will increase public awareness around climate change.
- 1.2 To enable us to achieve this objective we ran a Citizens Jury to engage with a cross section of our residents. This was delivered in partnership with Shared Future and was part funded through the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership.
- 1.3 The jury considered the question ‘What should happen in the Furness area to address the emergency of climate change’ and the jury created a report containing their recommendations.

2.0 Recommendation**1.1.1. It is recommended that:-**

- 1. Members acknowledge the recommendations of the citizens’ jury;**
- 2. The Council agrees with the proposed response to the recommendations and the development of an action plan; and**
- 3. The Council commits to create an independent advisory group to encourage the jury, the oversight panel and any other relevant stakeholders to work together to meet the objectives of the actions plan.**

3.0 Background and Proposals

- 3.1 Council declared a Climate Emergency on 16th July 2019 and since then a climate change working group has been established with cross party councillors and

officers from across the council working together to lower carbon emissions across the Borough. The Climate Change Policy and Action Plan sets out the council's ambition to be a net zero carbon Borough by 2037; Objective 6 from the Policy is to 'Increase public awareness around climate change'.

- 3.2 As a result of a successful bid to the National Lottery, the Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership (ZCCP) were able to part fund a district wide Climate Change Citizens' Jury with a £20K contribution, with the remaining £12K coming from Barrow Borough Council.
- 3.3 Shared Future were commissioned to run the jury process, they are one of the UK's leading experts in organising citizens' assemblies and juries. As well as organizing the Kendal Citizens' Jury, they have also organized citizens' assemblies/juries on climate change for Leeds Climate Commission, Lancaster City Council, Kendal Town Council and Warwick District Council.
- 3.4 Jury members were randomly selected to reflect the wider population in terms of age, gender, geography, disability, ethnicity, indices of multiple deprivation and attitude to climate change.
- 3.5 In order to ensure that the citizens' jury was fair and unbiased, an Oversight Panel was set up with representatives from: Barrow Borough Council, Cumbria County Council, BAE Systems, Cando FM, Spirit Energy, Holker Group, Furness College, Extinction Rebellion Furness, Cumbria Action for Sustainability and Lancaster University. Key organisations and people within the community who have the power to be able to influence a local response to the climate emergency were invited to be on the panel, though not all were able to attend, including Simon Fell, MP for Barrow & Furness.
- 3.6 The question for the jury to consider and the commentators providing evidence were selected by the Oversight Panel. The topics to consider in more detail were selected by the jury. The jury met for 10 sessions as shown below.

Session	Dates	Content
1	Tuesday November 16	Cllr. Ann Thomson welcomed the jurors and set the scene. Facilitators introduced the process.
2	Tuesday November 23	What is climate change and what are its impacts at a local/regional/global level? <i>Dr Paul Young, Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster University</i>
3	Tuesday November 30	Emissions in Barrow. Where are they coming from? <i>Lorraine Ritchen-Stones (Small World Consulting), Alison Coward (Barrow BC)</i>
4	Tuesday December 7	How do we effect change? Which themes should we look at in depth in the next sessions? <i>Simon Kaye, Senior Researcher, New Local</i>

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5	Tuesday January 4	Renewable / Low carbon energy generation in the Furness area <i>John Aldersey-Williams (Progressive Energy), Lauren Newby (Hatch) and Paul Allen (CAT)</i>
6	Tuesday January 11	Sustainable transport <i>Prof Jillian Anable (University of Leeds), Alistair Kirkbride (Sustainable transport adviser), Lorraine Smyth (ACT), Michael Barry (CCC)</i>
7	Tuesday January 18	Consensus building and writing of draft recommendations.
8	Tuesday January 25	Encouraging action in community, council and business <i>Chris Jones (Barrow BC), Natalie Naisbitt (ZCCP), Tim Gale (ZCCP), Maddi Nicholson (Art Gene), John Heffernan (BAE), Jack Richards (Spirit Energy), Graham Ellis (Kimberly-Clark), Tim Maiden (Green Small Business)</i>
9	Tuesday February 1	Discussing concerns in groups to improve recommendations.
10	Tuesday February 8	Finalising recommendations for voting after session

3.7 Communications support helped promote and publicise the jury through press releases and social media throughout the process. A webpage was set up showing all the presentations from the commentators, along with a video of the recommendations launch event.

3.8 The outcomes from the jury are presented in a report listing the recommendations. These recommendations can demonstrate the extent to which various actions are supported by the wider population which is extremely valuable in formulating meaningful well targeted local policy and strategy. It is proposed that the Council publicly acknowledges the recommendations and implements an action plan The report of the jury recommendations and an initial response is presented in Appendix 1.

4.0 Consultation –

4.1 The purpose of this report is to update on the progress of a major consultation event and to take appropriate steps to move forward on the issues raised through consultation.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 We could opt not to respond to the recommendations of the jury. However, this would seriously diminish the value of the exercise.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

6.1 Priority 2: Place, Action: Deliver our Climate Emergency Action Plan, Outcome: Our environment is enhanced, protected and celebrated.

7.0 Implications**7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement**

7.1.1 In due course there may be costs associated with the implementation of the Jury's recommendations which will come back to Members if outside existing budgets.

7.1.2 Other officers and members as identified by the Climate Change working group may also be needed to contribute to the Independent Advisory Group.

7.2 Legal

7.2.1 None

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

7.3.1 This action plan will carry forward into the policy framework for the new Westmorland and Furness Council

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No, however the Jury members were recruited with the aim of finding a balanced panel with respect to the protected characteristics in the Equality Act

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Appendices Attached to this Report – If none, please state none or delete section

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1.	Furness Climate Change Citizens' Jury Recommendations Report with Initial response or existing relevant networks and actions (to follow)

Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
Shared Future	https://sharedfuturecic.org.uk/category/climate-change/
Zero Carbon Cumbria Programme	https://cafs.org.uk/our-projects/zero-carbon-cumbria-programme/
Climate Change Policy 2020-2025	https://www.barrowbc.gov.uk/_resources/assets/attachment/full/0/8373.pdf
Citizens Jury webpage	https://www.barrowbc.gov.uk/climate-emergency/citizens-jury/

Appendix 1 - Response to the Recommendations of the Citizens' Jury

Barrow Borough Council declared a climate emergency in July 2019, recognising the need for swift and decisive action to reduce carbon emissions. Following this, a working group was established comprising cross party councillors and cross-departmental council officers to look at all areas of policy and delivery. The working group created our Climate Change Policy which sets out the ambition for the Borough of Barrow in Furness to be net zero carbon no later than 2037. To achieve this we need to:

1. Reduce emissions from Barrow Borough Councils estate and operations;
2. Reduce energy consumption and emissions from homes and businesses in the Borough;
3. Reduce emissions from transport;
4. Reduce consumption of resources, increasing recycling and reducing waste;
5. Increase carbon capture to offset emissions;
6. Increase public awareness around climate change.

The Citizens' Jury was a way to start a meaningful conversation with residents about the future of our Borough and how best to limit the effects of climate change in a way that's right for our area. 20 residents joined together to form the jury as a small, but representative, sample of our population to provide crucial insights into how we should respond to the climate emergency.

Barrow Borough Council wants to thank everyone who volunteered to participate in the Furness Climate Change Citizens' Jury and all those businesses and organisations who came together to form the Oversight Panel, which oversaw and guided the Jury's work.

Over the course of ten weeks, around 30 hours of deliberation, the jury created a set of recommendations for the council to consider. The recommendations that have been created by the jury will be considered formally by the council, and where we can, we will act. We are well placed to drive and influence emissions reductions in wider areas through the services we deliver, through our role as a social landlord, anchor institution and major employer, as well as through regulatory and strategic functions.

However, the council can't do this on its own. It is going to require the efforts of the whole community, including businesses and community organisations, which together will make a significant contribution to tackling climate change. For recommendations outside of the control of the council, we will work with our partners and the Oversight Panel to influence and progress actions which will not only address the climate emergency but will also make the Borough of Barrow-in-Furness a better place to live, work and visit, now and into the foreseeable future.

As a starting point, the recommendations have been cross-referenced with a number of different policy documents, including the Council Plan and our *Growing Forwards Covid-19 Recovery Strategy*, to see what is ongoing and what needs more consideration, this should be seen as an initial response to the jury but with a more detailed response to follow. Barrow Borough Council have agreed to meet with the citizens' jury every six months to ensure actions are being delivered in order to progress the recommendations. The first meeting will be arranged for September 2022 with a detailed response being provided prior to this.

Theme	Sub-theme	Jury Recommendation	Source	Policy Links	Funding (where existing funding is in place)	Proposed Action Plan Milestone
Accountability	Citizens' Juries	The council should report back to this jury every 6 months. The jury requires transparent explanations about the extent of progress with the final recommendations. SMART objectives should be identified by The Council (e.g. Climate Change Lead in collaboration with relevant people or departments and/or outside agencies) in relation to each of the recommendations. The council should give consideration to how they can continue to support jury members who wish to continue their involvement in the work of the jury	Furness CJ 04	Council Plan 1.3.2; Barrow Way; Climate Change Policy, Objective 6		Set meeting for September 2022, join up the Oversight Panel with interested members of citizens jury going forward to ensure jury can directly influence council and partner actions.
Education, Behaviour Change & Awareness raising	Businesses	Businesses should encourage behaviour change: a. Schemes like the BAE pledge schemes can be used to encourage people to change their behaviours around climate change, for example by turning pledges in exchange for vouchers. These pledges could include walking or cycling to work. Other businesses in Furness could adopt the same approach. b. Companies or employers such as the council / Sellafield / BAE should provide a shuttle bus service for employees between car parks or from parts of Furness. This will discourage	Furness CJ 17	Anchor Collaborative 4.1		Continue working with businesses to create plans to gold standard and persuade more businesses to join Anchor Collaborative. Report to jury on progress.

		employees from driving their cars, reducing car use and the carbon footprint from employees travelling to work Businesses in Furness should enable more people to work from home, or adopt hybrid working patterns, to reduce the need to travel to work				
Education, Behaviour Change & Awareness raising	Businesses	A system should be created to share or coordinate shopping deliveries from large supermarkets/businesses to reduce the need for individual vehicles to go out shopping and promoting local produce with reduced food miles.	Furness CJ 32	Anchor Collaborative 2.2		Opportunity to continue work with Covid Recovery Group. Will explore and report back.
Education, Behaviour Change & Awareness raising	General	There needs to be a comprehensive plan on how best to inspire action through informing the public on a) everything that relates to climate change and b) what action can be taken. The council needs to be proactive about using all possible methods to inform the public (and businesses) (including social media, and informal and community networks). The communications and engagement strategy needs a thorough review, as current methods are outdated and boring. This can be done by getting advice from a wide range of people, including young people and considering what can be used as a 'hook' (e.g. linking things to the rubbish / recycling collection calendar) a) There should be a well-designed, concise community leaflet distributed to residents monthly, highlighting positive actions being taken and key steps people can take now, including from local businesses (who might contribute to the cost as a way of drip-feeding encouragement and engagement without being overwhelming). b) A festival should be initiated for fun, inspiration, and environmental action that harnesses the arts, participation and	Furness CJ 09	Growing Forward 1.3.1; Barrow Way	Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership (National Lottery funding)	Communications Plan should be created for climate action. Low Carbon Barrow engagement officer to start working on this with the events group and Barrowfull. Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership are already working on a Cumbria wide plan, will link in with this.

		<p>learning. c) A network of local community champions should be created and supported to act as a hub for environmental action. d) Climate change should be a regular topic in school assemblies. 'People's Assemblies' should be held on climate change for adults that are led by childrens' perspectives. In putting this plan together, we need to shift from telling people about the doom-laden crisis to telling stories and sharing optimistic examples about the positive benefits of taking action to tackle climate change, such as wellbeing and biodiverse green spaces. This engagement needs to meet people where they are - from Tesco, to the gym, or the rugby ground. Instead of inviting people to events, we should take events / festivals to them, including using the arts, such as street performances, and harnessing the enthusiasm and perspectives of young people. See the Dumfries and Galloway Active Travel Strategy as an example of engagement methods</p>				
Education, Behaviour Change & Awareness raising	General	The Council need to build an engaging community vision emphasising the positive aspects and benefits of addressing climate change together, including everyone from businesses to citizens.	Furness CJ 23	Growing Forward 1.3.1; Barrow Way		Report back to jury with comms plan.
Education, Behaviour Change & Awareness raising	Residents	Increase access to expert impartial advice on energy saving measures available to households such as the Cumbria Action for Sustainability Cold to Cosy scheme which could be much more widely promoted. Promotion should be targeted at local residents including via social media as well as on the ground e.g. multiple supermarket noticeboards, Leisure Centre, Libraries, health centres etc. These schemes should incorporate	Furness CJ 08	Climate Change Policy, Objective 2		Frontline council officers are trained to be aware of residents who could benefit. Will be brought to the Community Local Resilience Forum to promote. Work with CAFS and

		learning from initiatives that have been implemented in the past, e.g. the Green Homes Grant.				report back to jury with plan for wider promotion.
Education, Behaviour Change & Awareness raising	Residents	The council should provide funding for community hubs. Support should be given for all local areas to have an active community hub (physical or virtual) for residents to connect with each other with information, activities and climate action. Such hubs could for example encourage, through rewards, vouchers or prizes for picking up litter or recycling.	Furness CJ 23	Growing Forward 1.3.1; Barrow Way	Town Deal	Ormsgill Community Centre, Bram Longstaffe and Earnse Bay community hubs all included in Towns Deal funding. Mapping exercise needed for community hubs to explore what more is needed for each ward area.
Energy	Green jobs/skills	The North Morecambe gas field / terminal is becoming obsolete in the next few years - there should be an investigation on how the site might be repurposed to generate green energy and retain / redeploy staff in green jobs	Furness CJ 24	Council Plan 3.2.6; Council Plan 3.2.7		Barrow Clean Growth Prospectus identifies opportunities. Work with partners needed to ensure momentum.
Energy	Hydrogen	Green hydrogen needs to be pushed forward by supporting companies in Barrow that are connected to the energy generation industry, while encouraging other industries in Barrow to take up hydrogen, creating many jobs, preferably on the Spirit Energy plant which is currently winding down. Companies should be encouraged to build an electrolysis plant to split water to produce hydrogen, with oxygen as a byproduct, as a zero carbon method of hydrogen production.	Furness CJ 27	Council Plan 3.2.6; Council Plan 3.2.7		Barrow Clean Growth Prospectus identifies opportunities. Work with partners needed to ensure momentum.

Energy	Local/community energy	The council needs to have a future vision of how Furness can produce its own low carbon energy, a comprehensive plan with a mission statement, objectives, and pledges. They need to be showing council commitments towards low carbon energy. The council should also appoint a head figure that is identifiable as the person responsible for moving things forward.	Furness CJ 28	Council Plan 3.2.6; Council Plan 3.2.7		Barrow Clean Growth Prospectus identifies opportunities. Work with partners needed to ensure momentum.
Energy	Nuclear	The council should continue to support the Moorside nuclear plant bid for a prototype fusion energy plant by the end of the year. Cumbria is an established nuclear area and is more likely to get support. It also presents huge potential for employment opportunities in Barrow. Barrow could become a global leader in nuclear fusion energy.	Furness CJ 30			Barrow Clean Growth Prospectus identifies opportunities. Work with partners needed to ensure momentum.
Energy	Properties	Local government should lobby national government to accelerate the changes to 2025 Future Homes Standard to ensure that planning and building control should only permit new builds (domestic and commercial) if they meet the highest energy efficiency (EPC) standard. This should include solar panels and heat pumps or other technologies as appropriate. Also, old / ruined buildings in Barrow should be repurposed or rebuilt on before building on green spaces.	Furness CJ 06	Council Plan 2.1.3		Local Government Reorganisation will provide opportunity to consider local changes to planning policy.

Energy	Properties	The jury recommends a fully funded scheme to retrofit all housing stock in Furness for better insulation and improved quality of housing provision, to reduce energy wastage and increase energy saving and generation. There should be a review of older housing stock in the area to decide the most efficient way of implementing modifications in a phased way. This should be undertaken jointly by the housing and climate change departments of the Council. Financial support for those least able to afford insulation, energy saving and energy generation measures must be prioritised. This would reduce carbon emissions from homes and reduce energy and heating bills which is essential due to high energy prices	Furness CJ 11	Council Plan 2.1.3; Climate Change Policy, Objective 2	LAD2 and Sustainable Warmth scheme	Some information on standard of homes already available. Review / mapping exercise to be carried out and report back to jury. LAD2 and Sustainable Warmth scheme currently fund energy saving measures for low income households, funded until 2023.
Energy	Properties	Solar panels should be installed on as many buildings in Furness as appropriate, alongside better insulation. The council needs to make it easy for solar panels to be installed on buildings, for e.g., by addressing planning permissions to allow solar panels to be installed.	Furness CJ 20	Council Plan 2.1.3; Climate Change Policy, Objective 2	Low Carbon Barrow (ESIF and CLEP funding)	Work has started on this through the Low Carbon Barrow Scheme. Mapping exercise of appropriate sites and identifying funding streams required. Opportunity for planning policy changes after Local Government Reorganisation.

Energy	Properties	Homeowners should be encouraged and incentivised to make their properties energy efficient, and landlords should be encouraged and incentivised to make their properties better insulated and energy efficient for their tenants. Energy saving, insulation and energy generating solutions should be made affordable for all. For example, the council could lobby for a link between council tax rates and home energy efficiency / EPC (Energy Performance Certificate) ratings. The council should also explore / influence the potential to lift / reconsider restrictions on buildings that prevent energy saving measures e.g. listed buildings.	Furness CJ 21	Council Plan 2.1.3; Council Plan 2.1.5; Climate Change Policy, Objective 2	Some information on standard of homes already available. Review / mapping exercise to be carried out and report back to jury. LAD2 and Sustainable Warmth scheme currently fund energy saving measures for low income households, funded until 2023.
Energy	Renewable Energy	We are excited about the potential of wind power in Barrow. However, we recommend that the materials and wind turbines for wind farms in the UK should be produced locally instead of being imported. We are also concerned about emissions during the production process of wind turbines. These materials too should be more sustainable and recyclable. (Wind turbines could be mounted on lampposts on major routes for example, on the A590, in order to use energy generated by passing traffic).	Furness CJ 29	Council Plan 3.2.6; Council Plan 3.2.7	Wind farms to be included in future meetings.
Energy	Renewable Energy	There should be a review to explore alternative ideas for low carbon energy generation including: a. Hydroelectric power: the possibility and feasibility of hydropower generation on the Leven and Duddon. b. Tidal energy: i.e. whether a bridge across the Duddon Estuary to Millom could generate tidal energy while reducing journey distances. This could be run as a toll bridge, and	Furness CJ 31	Council Plan 3.2.6; Council Plan 3.2.7	Barrow Clean Growth Prospectus identifies opportunities. Work with partners needed to ensure momentum.

		electricity generated from tidal could be sold to assist with economic viability.				
Funding	Government	Funding for addressing climate change is vital. We are concerned that the current 'green levy' on energy bills could be lost given the pressure on bills. There should be a windfall tax on high carbon energy generators, which the Council should support and lobby for as well as fair taxation and an end to fossil fuel subsidies for the long term, to enhance, or if necessary replace, the current green levy and ensure that funding for climate change measures is not compromised and that everybody can affordably live in warm and well insulated homes	Furness CJ 14			Work with local MP to lobby government, continue to invite him to Climate Change meeting. LAD2 and Sustainable Warmth scheme currently fund energy saving measures for low income households, funded until 2023. Identify and apply for funding for relevant work to address fuel poverty.
Funding	Local authority	Funding: The council needs to consider where the burden of paying for all the necessary measures falls. All possible sources of funding should be explored to avoid putting the financial burden onto local residents, especially those who are least able to pay. The contribution of the area to national energy requirements (e.g. electricity generation from offshore wind farms) should be used as leverage for central government funding for local measures to address climate change.	Furness CJ 12	Council Plan 3.2.4		Each action taken through council has to identify how it is funded and any potential implications for residents.

Land use	Farming	Food and farming. The council and others need to support our farmers to farm in a way that means that our farms can act as carbon sinks and encourage biodiversity both through re-wilding and other approaches.	Furness CJ 18	Council Plan 2.3.2	Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership (National Lottery funding)	Home Grown Here has been created by Eden business VistaVeg and funded by Zero Carbon Cumbria Partnership to encourage more farmers to grow sustainably and sell directly to local people. This is funded for five growing seasons and should continue to be built on and promoted across Cumbria.
Land use	Green spaces	The council should prioritise the creation of more green spaces within the town centre and surrounding areas, both through planning and via other means, e.g. repurposing large or small areas of wasteland not in use.	Furness CJ 02	Council Plan 2.3.2	Cumbria Coastal Community Forest (DEFRA funded); Treescapes	Green Spaces Group currently reviewing green spaces across borough, will report back to jury. Community Forest secured funding for a tree per person in Barrow, Copeland and Allerdale. Project manager recently in post at Cumbria County Council, will ask to report back to jury. Treescapes funding covers replacing trees along roadside, to be planted in 2022.

Land use	Green spaces	Locally produced food has very low food miles and can sequester carbon – a. the council should bring overgrown allotment plots back into a manageable condition so that they can be effectively taken on by people on the allotment waiting list. Regular inspections should be undertaken to ensure that plots are kept in working order, and can be reclaimed if not in use. Access to allotments, including shared community allotments, should be prioritised. b. It must be made easier to link local people up with local food producers, to buy local food.	Furness CJ 05	Council Plan 2.3.2	
Land use	Sequestration	Trees and carbon sinks in the local area should be protected. A baseline study should be undertaken to establish the current situation and an implementation plan for improvements. Trees should also be included and considered in Barrow council's planning guidelines.	Furness CJ 03	Council Plan 2.3.2	Green Spaces Group currently reviewing green spaces across borough, will report back to jury. Community Forest secured funding for a tree per person in Barrow, Copeland and Allerdale. Project manager recently in post at Cumbria County Council, will ask to report back to jury. Treescapes funding covers replacing trees along roadside, to be planted in 2022. Draft Green Infrastructure Strategy not yet adopted, will report to jury.

Land use	Sequestration	There should be a thorough investigation into the potential for sea grass as a carbon sink in the Furness area	Furness CJ 25			Potential for this to be included within Draft Green Infrastructure Strategy, to consider and report back.
Transport	Businesses	The local Business Improvement District should be encouraged to focus their membership and wider business community to actively promote low carbon travel options for their employees. This could include an electric vehicle fleet funded by larger businesses to offer coordinated transport options for people getting to and from work. The use of electric bikes could be more widely promoted and financially supported for employees by businesses	Furness CJ 10	Growing Forward 3.2.2; Council Plan 3.3.7; Climate Change Policy, Objective 2 & 3		Continue working with businesses to create plans to gold standard and persuade more businesses to join Anchor Collaborative.

Transport	Cycling	<p>We need investment in cycling infrastructure and cycle paths to encourage more people to cycle. This should be done by: a) cycle lanes and road surfaces being clearly marked and well maintained (road surfaces and cycle lanes require different surfacing materials). We should lobby for extra funding for this. b) better mapping and showcasing of existing and future footpath and cycle routes and links to encourage use. This should be made as simple as a tube map on a board, or like the routes around Grizedale. c) the council converting more footpaths to bridleways to be used for cycling. d) secure places for bike storage to encourage cycling. e) raising awareness in Furness of cyclists' rights to be on paths and roads. f) enabling cycling between Barrow, Dalton, Ulverston and beyond with minimal interaction with traffic, using segregated routes. g) the council making sure that encouraging electric bike use for medium journeys should be included in transport plans.</p>	Furness CJ 07	Growing Forward 3.2.2; Council Plan 3.3.7; Climate Change Policy, Objective 3; Barrow Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan	Town Deal	<p>Barrow Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan has recently been adopted. Funding for some sections has been agreed and more funded is needed to continue that work. Ongoing. Active Travel Social Prescribing Pilot focuses on how to get people with long term conditions and in low socio-economic groups cycling and walking through events, mapping and guided rides / walks. Bid submitted to Department for Transport, due an answer May 2022. If funding not secured for this, work will continue to explore how to make projects work.</p>
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Transport	Public Transport	Bus services should be made more appealing to encourage the use of public transport. This should be done by: a. increasing the frequency on routes that are busy b. implementing bus routes in areas that get insufficient service. c. The allocation of more bus passes for local residents. d. advertising and educating residents about bus pass availability, bus times, and ticket types to increase awareness of available options for public transport in Furness. e. investing to replace large and double decker buses with more frequent smaller, efficient or electric people carriers. Routes could then also be expanded to include rural communities currently not accessible by large buses. f. ensuring that local timetables connect/link with other forms of transport	Furness CJ 13	Council Plan 3.3.7; Climate Change Policy, Objective 3		Local Government Reorganisation will provide opportunity to consider local changes to public transport provision.
Transport	Public Transport	Businesses and transport providers should work together to encourage the use of public transport by offering an incentive and increasing services at certain times. If people buy a multi-trip bus ticket (e.g. a day rider or monthly pass), they could also receive a discount card for local participating businesses. This could include discounts at shops, or perhaps a free meal in a restaurant. Bus services should also increase in line with offers within the discount card (e.g. later evening services to improve night-time economy etc). Staff of participating businesses could be offered free bus travel in return.	Furness CJ 15	Council Plan 3.3.7; Climate Change Policy, Objective 3		Local Government Reorganisation will provide opportunity to consider local changes to public transport provision.

Transport	Public Transport	We should have a bus service that is either free or heavily subsidised. Before local government is reorganised, the council should investigate how this can be paid for without causing low-income households to bear the cost through taxation - some options could include a tourist tax or a contract workers tax. Other options could include: free bus services for locals who meet the criteria of local occupancy in Furness, or at least 1 free return bus journey per day.	Furness CJ 26	Council Plan 3.3.7; Climate Change Policy, Objective 3		Local Government Reorganisation will provide opportunity to consider local changes to public transport provision.
Transport	Transport Policy	This jury urges the Council to commission a report setting out a vision of what a low-carbon transport system for Furness (including links with surrounding areas) could look like based on best practice elsewhere (with citizen input). Achieving such a vision would reduce climate change impacts, enhance local prosperity by creating business opportunities and increase choices in work and leisure for a wider range of people through improved transport options. To achieve this vision our recommendation is that council should directly employ an officer/s with knowledge and experience about low carbon transport who can lead the transition to low carbon travel and inspire the public and businesses as a key part of the process. The cross-party support of Council members is vital to ensure action. This vision should include non-car connectivity with the Lake District and local coastal areas (taking into account desirable end points, target markets, which organisations might lead on development and delivery etc. with a view to trialing different initiatives ahead of new local government reorganisation in 2023).	Furness CJ 19	Council Plan 3.3.7; Climate Change Policy, Objective 3		Local Government Reorganisation will provide opportunity to consider local changes to public transport provision.

Transport	Walking	<p>We should encourage more people to walk by: a) implementing schemes to incentivise walking to school such as through discounts, subsidies for trainers, good shoes and protective clothing. We can also organise a local walking / running competition to schools or workplaces for a term or more, with gym / PE equipment / similar as prizes. b) Providing facilities for runners, walkers and cyclists (including at workplaces) for changing and showering, with storage space (such as lockers or hanger space) or a dry room to dry clothes. c) Incentivising children to walk to school, for e.g. through stamps on a card. This might also encourage parents to help them to walk to school. d) Overhauling of traffic light signal priorities to benefit pedestrians and road users alike by making them smarter and more time efficient.</p>	Furness CJ 22	Growing Forward 3.2.7; Council Plan 3.7.7; Climate Change Policy, Objective 3; Barrow Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan	Town Deal	<p>Barrow Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan has recently been adopted. Funding for some sections has been agreed and more funded is needed to continue that work. Ongoing. Active Travel Social Prescribing Pilot focuses on how to get people with long term conditions and in low socio-economic groups cycling and walking through events, mapping and guided rides / walks. Bid submitted to Department for Transport, due an answer May 2022. If funding not secured for this, work will continue to explore how to make projects work.</p>
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Waste	Waste minimisation	<p>There should be a thorough review of recycling - the council should give clear information about what can and cannot be recycled by households (using a variety of mediums for information to be accessible to all), especially as regards plastics, to ensure effectiveness and avoid damaging scepticism about the value of recycling. This scepticism can unhelpfully feed wider sentiment against other policies to address climate change. The council should take the following actions on recycling:</p> <p>a) introduce an awareness programme within schools to engage young people and their families on recycling, e.g. by demos in school showing types of plastics that can and cannot be recycled, school trips to see conveyor belt sorting taking place etc.</p> <p>b) provide better facilities and support for recycling for residents in blocks of flats.</p> <p>c) enforce the contract for waste collection in relation to correctly dealing with misplaced recycling. A full load should not be rejected if misplaced items can be removed.</p> <p>d) introduce kerbside conversations with residents and a wider education campaign (including the use of incentives) that could encourage correct recycling.</p>	Furness CJ 01	Council Plan 2.3.2		<p>Review of recycling recently conducted and awareness campaign started.</p> <p>Local Government Reorganisation will provide the opportunity to consider how best to improve services.</p>
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PART ONE**Barrow Borough Council****Executive Committee****25 May 2022****Disabled Facilities Grants Policy Review**

Report from: Director of People and Place

Report Author: Chris Jones

Wards: (All Wards);

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

- 1.1 This report proposes increasing the non means-tested amount of Disabled Facilities Grant from £7,500 to £10,000

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 **It is recommended that Executive Committee :**

Increases the non means-tested grant from £7,500 to £10,000 and makes the necessary minor amendments to the Private Sector Housing Assistance Policy.

3.0 Background and Proposals

- 3.1 Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) are provided through a statutory scheme under the Housing Grants, Construction and Regeneration Act 1996. These grants allow adaptations to be made to the homes of people with disabilities to make their homes more accessible. By far the most common forms of assistance provided are installation of stairlifts and wet rooms. At present approximately 150 adaptations a year are provided in the Borough.
- 3.2 Prior to 2017, all DFGs were subject to a means test. Although few applicants were required to make a contribution to the cost of adaptations, the presence of a means test produced additional bureaucracy, and was seen as off-putting and a disincentive for people to apply.
- 3.3 In 2017, the policy was changed such that if an adaptation was expected to cost £5,000 or less, no means test would be necessary (Minute 27 28/06/17 refers). In 2018 this amount was increased to £7,500 to reflect realistic costs of a combination of standard stairlift and wet room (Minute 77 28/11/18 refers).

- 3.4 After the policy was introduced, the number of DFGs delivered increased substantially. In 2018/19, the number of DFGs approved was 150, compared with 67 in 2015/16 and 70 in 2016/17.
- 3.5 Since the policy was last reviewed, costs have continued to increase. Inflation in the construction sector has been especially marked over the last two years. It is therefore considered appropriate to increase the non means-tested element of grant to £10,000. We have consulted with South Lakeland District Council and Eden District Council. They have confirmed that they are intending to introduce the same £10,000 threshold for the non-meanstested element. This change will therefore facilitate a consistent policy across the area of the new Westmorland and Furness Council.
- 3.6 In the last full year pre-covid, we delivered 150 DFGs. We have since recruited an additional Grants Officer, and in 2021/22 once again achieved close to 150 DFGs. The introduction of a non-means tested element reduced barriers to application and made the process much smoother for the vast majority of applicants. Increasing the non-means tested element further will prevent applicants being pulled back into means testing and will help us to further increase delivery and help more people to stay in their own homes for longer.

4.0 Consultation

- 4.1 We have consulted with South Lakeland District Council and Eden District Council to ensure that the policy is consistent across the footprint of the new Westmorland and Furness Council.

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 A “no change” option would be workable, but would risk reversing the gains in the number of people assisted with DFGs since the element of non means tested grant was introduced.
- 5.2 Increasing the non means-tested element of grant further would also be possible, but this would risk excluding relatively major, non-standard adaptations from the means test, which is not considered appropriate.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

- 6.1 Priority 1: People: Deliver Disabled Facilities Grants. Outcome: People will feel safe where they live.

7.0 Implications

7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement

- 7.1.1 DFGs are funded through a direct ring-fenced grant from DLUHC. There is currently sufficient resource available to meet demand.

7.2 Legal

7.2.1 There are no legal issues to raise.

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

7.3.1 As stated in paragraph 3.5, the proposal will allow the policies of Barrow, Eden and SLDC to be consistent in this respect.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4.1 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? Yes. The proposed policy will have positive effect for people with disabilities. There will be no adverse effects for any other groups with protected characteristics.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
The level of applications becomes unmanageable	Grant applicants have to wait for an unreasonable time for works to be completed	.Additional Housing Grants Officer appointed. Better joint working with Occupational Therapists adopted including specialist DFG clinics
Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Insufficient budget	It becomes impossible to meet demand	Currently sufficient budget in reserve to meet any demand that is deliverable in practice (see para 7.1.1)

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Background Documents Available

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PART ONE

Barrow Borough Council
Executive Committee
Wednesday, 25 May 2022
Barrow Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
(LCWIP)

Report from: Director of People and Place

Report Author: Helen Houston, Head of Regeneration & Planning Policy

Wards: (All Wards);

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

- 1.0 The purpose of this report is to seek endorsement of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Barrow. The LCWIP provides a prioritised investment plan for cycling and walking in Barrow Borough over the next 15 years.
- 1.2 The LCWIP considers the overlaps and synergies with other plans, schemes and strategies. This means the network priorities will be reviewed and updated periodically, particularly if there are any significant changes in local circumstances, such as the publication of new policies or strategies, new development sites, if funding bids are successful and as walking and cycling networks mature and expand.
- 1.3 The LCWIP for Barrow is a live document that will be regularly reviewed to ensure the most appropriate routes for cycling and walking are identified and prioritised for future delivery.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 **It is recommended that Executive Committee:-**

Endorse the Barrow Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan.

3.0 Background and Proposals

- 3.1 The Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan (2022-2037) sets out the strategy for Active Travel in Cumbria and the development of LCWIPs are a key part of this. Cumbria County Council has committed to the development of a series of LCWIPs across the County. The methodology for LCWIPs has been developed by the Department for Transport (DfT) as part of the national Cycling and Walking

Investment Plan. DfT funding for local cycling and walking schemes will be dependent upon their inclusion in an LCWIP, with infrastructure to be designed in line with the DfT Cycle Infrastructure Design guide issued in July 2020.

- 3.2 The LCWIP for Barrow outlines the network of key cycling and walking routes in the Borough, and has been prepared by Cumbria County Council in consultation with residents, officers and Members. The focus of the Barrow LCWIP is the improvement of routes used for everyday shorter journeys, such as to work, school or the shops. It aims to identify good quality infrastructure that connects the places people need to get to, in a coherent, direct, safe and attractive way.
- 3.3 Recognising that it is not always possible to connect everywhere and that funding for delivery needs to be secured, the Barrow LCWIP focuses on the routes where the most benefits can be realised. Support for walking and cycling infrastructure usually increases further once it is built and people are using it. Over time these priorities can be built on to deliver a more extensive network to encourage and support a step change in the number of people cycling and walking.
- 3.4 The Barrow LCWIP is a not a funded plan. Nevertheless, having an LCWIP in place will put the Council in the best possible position to secure future funding for the delivery of improvements.
- 3.5 The LCWIP aligns with the Levelling-Up Fund, Town Deal and High Street Heritage Action Zone programmes. Although not a funded plan, there are several schemes in Barrow that have secured funding for development, as follows:
 - £900k Active Travel Fund 2 for cycling and walking infrastructure on Michaelson Road and Bridge Road.
 - £4m Town Deal funding for cycling and walking infrastructure at Abbey Road, Roose Road and Walney Road.
 - £3.3m Active Travel Fund 3 for cycling and walking infrastructure at Abbey Road (between Hibbert Road and Park Drive), plus improvements to the junctions at Ainslie Street / Abbey Road and Park Drive / Abbey Road.
 - £1.2m Active Travel Fund 3 for cycling and walking infrastructure on Walney, between Jubilee Bridge and Earnse Bay.
- 3.6 In addition, cycle schemes are currently being designed for Greengate Street and Bridgegate Avenue, with designs to be completed by July 2022. Cumbria County Council have completed feasibility work for an Active Travel Social Prescribing Pilot, with the potential award of £500k per annum from the Department for Transport and Active Travel England for promoting cycling and walking.
- 3.7 The Barrow LCWIP (2022-2037) and supporting plans are included in the appendices.

4.0 Consultation

- 4.1 Public consultation on the draft LCWIP proposals was undertaken in May 2021. During this consultation the draft priority network for cycling was presented. Feedback was sought on the existing barriers to cycling and walking and what improvements could be made to encourage more everyday short journeys to be undertaken by active travel. The consultation received a total of 200 questionnaire responses. Through the consultation it was established that 84% of respondents welcomed more money being spent on cycling and walking in Barrow and 72% answered that they felt the proposals in the Barrow LCWIP would encourage them to cycle and/or walk more often.
- 4.2 A second round of public consultation took place in November 2021, presenting the updated priority cycling and walking networks reflecting the feedback received in the first consultation. 56 responses were received, showing the same strong desire for future investment in cycling and walking infrastructure.

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 That Members do not endorse the Barrow Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, which would leave the Borough without a Plan to support funding bids for the delivery of future walking and cycling schemes in Barrow.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

- 6.1 The LCWIP will support the Council's People Priority by promoting healthy lifestyle choices. It will also support the Prosperity Priority by promoting more sustainable form of travel, including walking and cycling to promote and improve active travel.

7.0 Implications

7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement

- 7.1.1 No financial implications are associated with the proposals set out in this report.

7.2 Legal

- 7.2.1 There are no legal implications to raise.

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

- 7.3.1 The LCWIP will have no impact on Local Government Reorganisation however the LCWIP period will continue beyond the establishment of Westmorland & Furness Council.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

- 7.4.1 The report has no direct Equality and Diversity implications.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Not to endorse the Barrow LCWIP.	Will delay the adoption of the LCWIP by Cumbria County Council and may impact upon potential funding opportunities for cycling and walking infrastructure schemes.	The LCWIP is a live document that will be regularly reviewed to ensure the most appropriate routes for cycling and walking are identified and prioritised for future delivery.

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Appendices Attached to this Report

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1	Barrow Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
2	Barrow LCWIP Cycling Network Plan
3	Barrow LCWIP Walking Network Plan
4	Barrow LCWIP Prioritised Cycling Network



Barrow-in-Furness Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

2022 - 2037



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Foreword

I am pleased to introduce Cumbria County Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Barrow-in-Furness, which outlines the proposed network of key cycling and walking routes in the borough. The plan will work in conjunction with our wider infrastructure plans, including the Cumbria Travel Infrastructure Plan to support transport and connectivity, which will help Cumbria to become one of the best-connected rural geographies in the UK, whilst also incorporating the growth of Cumbria and responding to climate change.

The LCWIP identifies cycling and walking improvements at a local community level and is designed to facilitate a long-term approach to developing cycling and walking networks. Encouraging people to adopt a more active lifestyle will benefit their health, but collectively this will have a positive impact on net zero carbon emissions.

This document gives a summary of the county council's goals and objectives, while sharing more specific information about the communities that we have consulted with in Barrow-in-Furness.

I'd like to thank all the residents, businesses, and visitors for their support and feedback on engagement and consultations to date.



Cllr Keith Little
Cumbria County Council Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport

It is a privilege to live in a part of the country with such a rich industrial heritage, strong sense of community and stunning scenery right on our doorstep. Our aim is to encourage more people to take up walking and cycling within the Borough, to improve connectivity between communities, boost health and wellbeing, and tackle climate change

Cycling and walking used to dominate travel in the town, notably to several major employers. Overtime these short trips by bike or on foot have been replaced by journeys in the car. Through delivery of the LCWIP we want cycling and walking to become the preferred way to travel again. The LCWIP has significant potential to encourage more cycling and walking to occur if the right conditions are put in place - good quality infrastructure is critical to the achievement of this, while preserving the Borough's identity, culture, and heritage.

Additionally, we should not underestimate the role active travel will play in supporting the recovery of the economy. Through better connections and travel options, people will have access to education, training, and employment opportunities, which will contribute to a healthy, more reliable workforce.

I'm more than delighted with the progress that has been made through both Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP and Barrow Local Committee and I would also like to acknowledge partners and the efforts of all who have taken the time to share their views and opinions.



Cllr Kevin Hamilton
Cumbria County Council Chair of Barrow Local Committee

Vision and Aim

What is a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan?

A **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)** is a document that identifies and prioritises cycling and walking improvements at a local level. It sets out an approach for developing prioritised routes over the period of the Plan (2022-2037), with the aim of **encouraging more people to make journeys on foot or by bike**.

The focus of the LCWIP is the improvement of routes used for **everyday shorter journeys**, such as to work, school or the shops. It aims to identify good quality infrastructure that connects the places people need to get to, in a coherent, direct, safe and attractive way. Recognising that it is not always possible to connect everywhere and that funding for delivery needs to be secured, the LCWIP aims to prioritise future investment where the most benefits can be realised. The LCWIP is not a funded plan. However, having an LCWIP in place will put the Council in the best possible position to secure future funding for the delivery of improvements.

The LCWIP has been developed using principles set out in the Government's first Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy, 2017. This Strategy sets out the ambition "**to make walking and cycling the natural choices for shorter journeys or as part of a longer journey**". Government guidance outlining a recommended approach for developing LCWIPs has also been followed.

The LCWIP is based on data and evidence of existing and future potential demand but has also been guided throughout by effective engagement with partners, stakeholders and the public.

The LCWIP covers the borough of Barrow-in-Furness, focussing on the urban area of Barrow but including links to surrounding communities such as Askam-in-Furness and Dalton-in-Furness.

The LCWIP provides:


- Plans showing the most important routes for development
- Priorities and timescales for development
- A detailed evidence base to support future delivery funding bids
- A basis for securing government funding or developer contributions

Why is an LCWIP important for Barrow-in-Furness?

Creating Attractive Places to Live and Work

The borough of Barrow-in-Furness employs approximately 33,000 people which accounts for 12% of all employment in Cumbria. While there are many small businesses, the economy is somewhat reliant on a limited number of large employers. This has resulted in a significant proportion of the workforce being concentrated within a small area of the town. BAE Systems and Furness General Hospital, the two largest employers, cumulatively employ around 10,500 people (35% of total employment in Barrow-in-Furness). The high proportion of labour in a few key locations creates ideal conditions for linking employers and employees with targeted infrastructure for active travel. Investment could also enable the streets where people work and live to be more attractive whilst, reducing traffic and emissions and increasing health and wellbeing.

Responding to the Climate Crisis



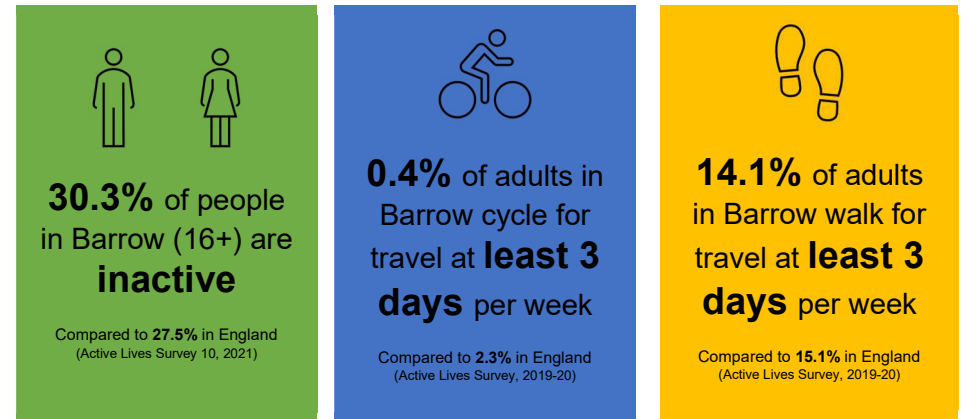
Transport accounts for **27%** of the UK's greenhouse gas emissions – **61%** of this is from cars and taxis

(DfT Transport Statistics for Great Britain 2021)

Cumbria has set itself an ambitious challenge to be the first carbon-neutral county in the UK by 2037 (Cumbria Zero Carbon Partnership, 2021). De-carbonising transport is key to achieving this goal. Cycling and walking has a much lower carbon footprint compared to other forms of transport and undertaking more journeys on foot or by bike could help to tackle climate change. The LCWIP for Barrow-in-Furness focusses on everyday short journeys such as those to work, school and the shops, where there is the greatest potential for change.

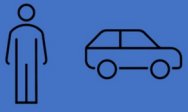
Supporting Health, Wellbeing and Access for All

Active travel can play a crucial role in supporting public health and wellbeing. It is one of the simplest and most effective ways of enabling adults and children to meet the recommended levels of physical activity. The LCWIP for Barrow-in-Furness has an important role to play in promoting behavioural change. By setting out well planned networks that connect people to the places they want to go and focussing on inclusive design that ensures access for all, the LCWIP presents a real opportunity for behavioural change that will last for generations to come.



The health cost of inactivity to Barrow is **£1,300,000** every year
(Sport England Local Sport Profiles)

Improving Accessibility and Social Inclusion



30% of households
in Barrow are
**without access
to a car**

Compared to **26%** in England and
Wales
(Census 2011)

Households who struggle to access employment and education opportunities, key services and facilities due to transport poverty can suffer from social exclusion. Cycling and walking are generally affordable modes of transport, accessible to most people. Enabling people to walk or cycle to the places they want to travel to can facilitate social inclusion. The LCWIP for Barrow-in-Furness aims to connect people to jobs, education and each other, which is especially important when other modes of transport are not available.

Improving the Tourism Offer

Cumbria is well known for the fantastic leisure cycling and walking opportunities that the landscape offers. It isn't just about hills and lakes however, Cumbria is a coastal county and the borough of Barrow-in-Furness has miles of sandy beaches and numerous top rated nature reserves. The Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP integrates with existing longer distance leisure routes, providing access from the town centre to the coast and across Walney Island. It also provides connections from the transport hubs to several key tourist destinations within the town such as the Dock Museum and Furness Abbey.



Existing Context

National policy context

Gear Change: A bold vision for cycling and walking (DfT, 2020) ^[1]

Sets out the governments vision for the delivery of far higher quality cycling infrastructure. Accompanied by Local Transport Note 1/20 with new ambitious cycle design standards.

Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (DfT, 2017) ^[2]

Aims to make active modes of transport the natural choice by 2040. Sets out the need for LCWIP to inform locally targeted investments.

Future of Mobility: Urban Strategy (DfT, 2019) ^[3]

Includes the principle that ‘walking, cycling and active travel must remain the best option for short urban journeys’.

Clean Air Strategy (DEFRA, 2019) ^[4]

A change to more sustainable modes of transport is key to delivering a reduction in emissions.

Decarbonising Transport: A Better, Greener Britain (DfT, 2021) ^[5]

Sets out the government’s commitments and actions needed to decarbonise the UK’s transport system.

Key Local Policy documents include:

- Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan, 2022-2037 ^[8]
- Cumbria Local Industrial Strategy, 2019 ^[10]
- Cumbria Cycling Strategy, 2017-2022 ^[11]
- Barrow Borough Local Plan, 2016-2031 ^[9]
- Economic Recovery Plan, 2020 ^[12]
- Destination Borderlands and the Borderlands Growth Deal, 2021-2031 ^[13]
- Cumbria Rural and Visitor Economy Growth Plan, 2017 ^[14]

National and local policy has guided and shaped the development of the Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP. The Plan supports key environmental, health, social, economic and sustainable mobility goals to better connect **people and places**.

UK Net Zero Target (2020) ^[6]

National target to bring all greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2050

Inclusive Transport Strategy (DfT, 2019) ^[7]

A need for inclusive infrastructure with streetscapes designed to meet the needs of all travellers.

Local policy context

There are strong levels of support for cycling and walking in existing local policy.

The **Cumbria Transport Infrastructure Plan (CTIP), 2022-2037**^[8]

recognises the role that active travel schemes can play in improving health, access to education, employment and services and supporting the local economy. The CTIP places active travel centrally in the aim to develop a ‘Clean and Healthy Cumbria’.

The **Barrow Borough Local Plan, 2016-2031**^[9] provides support for cycling and walking through Policy I4: Sustainable Travel Choices. This policy seeks to ensure that new developments are accessible by a range of sustainable transport options, including cycling and walking, and that they should link to existing networks.

The Local Plan also sets out a number of housing and employment growth areas in Barrow-in-Furness which need to be considered when developing the active travel network. These include; the Waterfront business park, Marina Village and the new University of Cumbria campus on Buccleuch Dock Road.

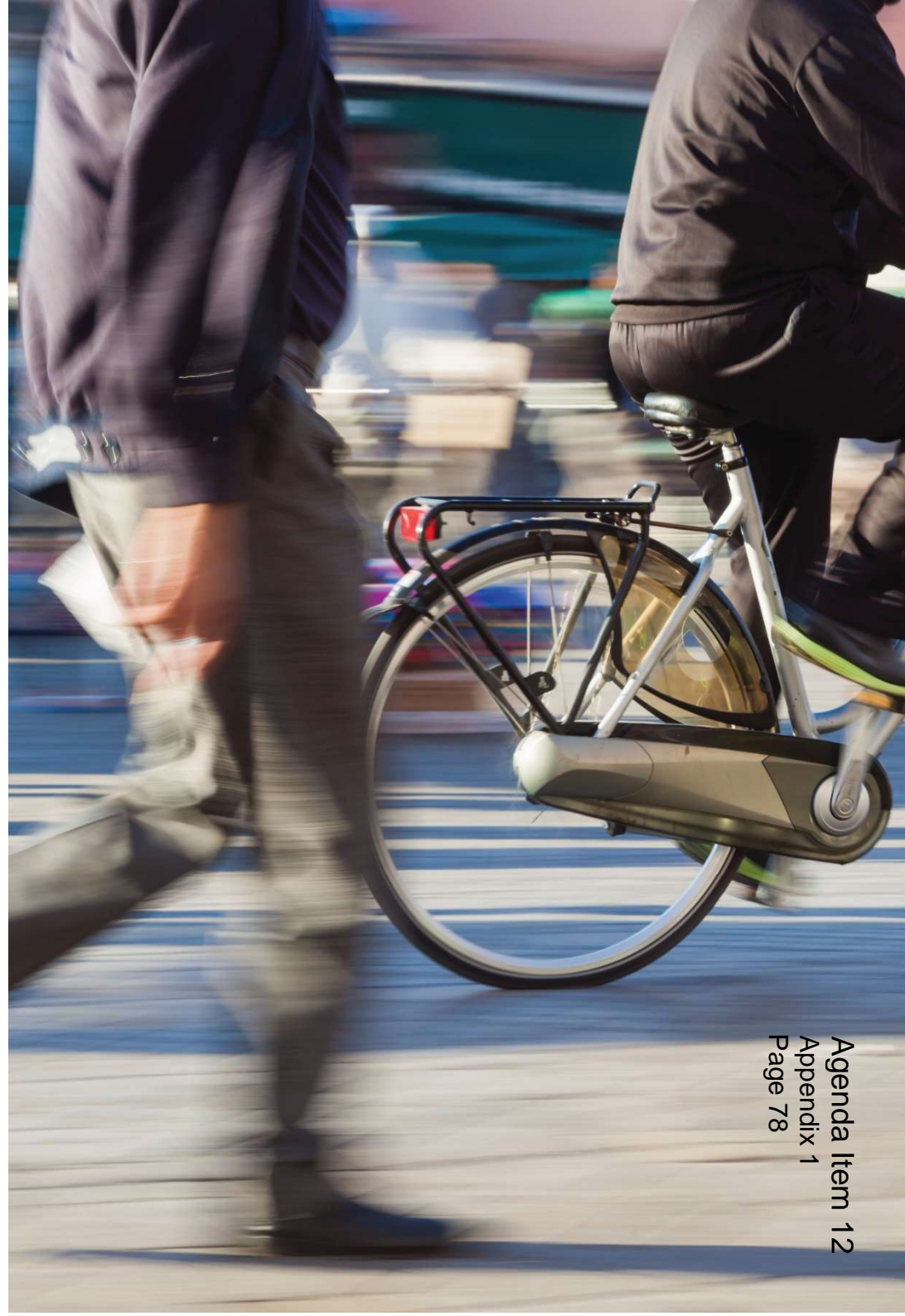
Barrow-in-Furness is benefiting from significant investment across a number of transport and placemaking schemes. These schemes aim to improve the district's offer as an attractive place to live, work, study, visit and invest. They also feature improvements to connectivity by sustainable and active modes of travel.

#BrilliantBarrow Town Investment Plan

- Barrow has been awarded £25m from the Towns Fund – part of government's plan for levelling up the UK economy.
- The Town Investment Plan details seven projects that will be supported by the Towns Fund; one of which is a 'Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Project' to improve connectivity throughout the town and enhance access.
- The project seeks to bring forward priorities from the LCWIP network to provide a levelling up of infrastructure, facilitate active travel and improve connectivity between employment, education and residential hubs.
- Improvements to Abbey Road, Walney Road and Roose Road will form the foundation for a new comprehensive cycling network across Barrow-in-Furness.

Active Travel Fund

- £886k of funding from the government's Active Travel Fund to implement permanent active travel infrastructure.
- Improvements to Bridge Road and Michaelson Road in Barrow to include segregated cycleways, enhanced pedestrian crossings and junction improvements for both cyclists and pedestrians.



How do people currently make local journeys?

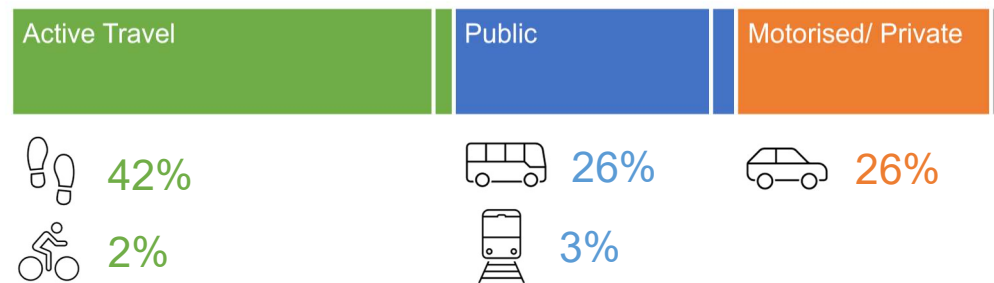
National **travel to work** data from 2011^[15] shows high levels of containment in Barrow-in-Furness with almost 83% of residents also working within the borough. The town centre is a key zone for employment, attracting the greatest volume of trips.

Despite short commuting distances there is a high level of car dependency with around **62%** of trips using this mode of travel. Only **7%** of journeys to work were found to be made by cycling and **22%** by walking.

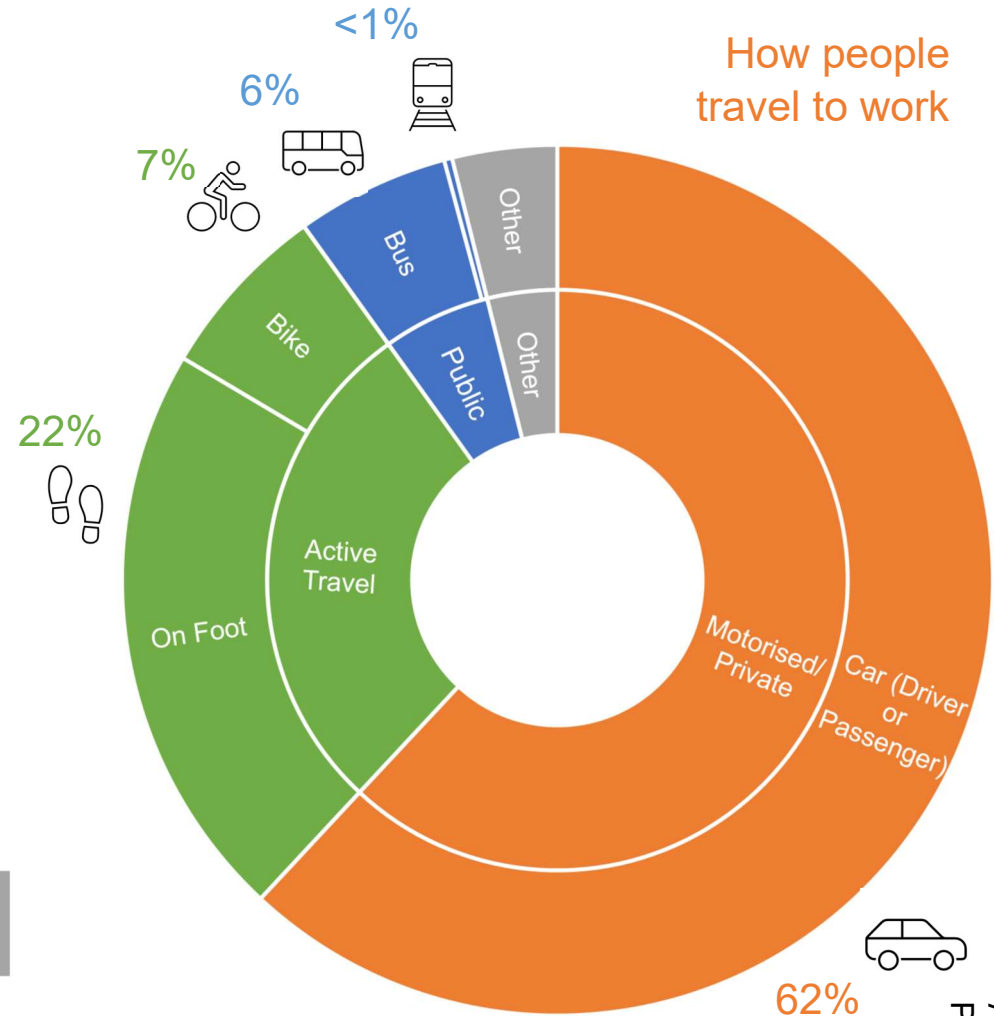
Travel to school ^[16] data indicates **42%** of children in Barrow-in-Furness district walk to school, whilst **2%** cycle. Private motorised transport as a means of getting to school accounted for almost **26%** of journeys.

The most popular cycle routes ^[17] for both school and travel to work journeys within the district are all located within the **urban area of Barrow-in-Furness**. These include Abbey Road, Walney Road, Roose Road and Jubilee Bridge which converge on the town centre and major employers BAE Systems. Routes around the Newbarns area of Barrow were important for access to several schools including Victoria Academy and Furness Academy.

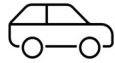
How children travel to school



How people travel to work



Potential for more walking and cycling



62%
of **journeys to work** are made by private motorised transport in the borough of Barrow-in-Furness

however..

64%
of **journeys to work** are **<5km^[18]**



36%
of **journeys to work** are **<2km^[18]**

But did you know...

Distances of **5km** can be covered in **20 minutes** by **bike**



Distances of **2km** can be covered in **25 minutes** on **foot**



92% of respondents said **improvements to cycling and walking routes** would encourage them to walk and/or cycle **more often** than they do currently.

Levels of cycling and walking in Barrow-in-Furness increased during the COVID-19 lockdown in Spring/Summer 2020. This was in part because roads were less busy and quieter, offering more desirable conditions for cycling and walking. The reduction in traffic emissions also led to improvements in air quality. As people returned back to places of work and to school, levels of cycling and walking reduced. This demonstrates that the potential for cycling and walking exists if the right conditions are put in place. Improvements to active travel infrastructure will form part of this.

Despite high levels of car dependency across the borough of Barrow-in-Furness, a high proportion of everyday journeys to work, school or the shops are within a distance which is easily achievable either on bike or on foot.

An initial round of public consultation on the Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP undertaken in May 2021, asked for feedback on what would encourage people to change to cycling and walking for short journeys. Findings were consistent with national data whereby, a large proportion (60%) of respondents identified they currently make journeys by car to places that were within cycling and walking distance. Journeys to the shops and commuting to work were the main reasons given.

Cycling and Walking Infrastructure

Developing the LCWIP

The LCWIP for Barrow-in-Furness has been developed in accordance with government guidance and has followed a six stage process.

- **Stage 1: Determine the scope** – establish the geographical context and arrangements for governing and preparing the plan.
- **Stage 2: Gathering information** – identify existing walking and cycling patterns and potential new journeys. Review existing conditions and identify barriers to walking and cycling. Review related transport and land use policies and programme.
- **Stage 3: Network planning for cycling** – identify origin and destination points and cycle flows. Convert flows into a network of routes and determine the improvements required.
- **Stage 4: Network planning for walking** – identify key trip generators, core walking zones and routes, audit existing provision and determine the improvements required.
- **Stage 5: Prioritising improvements** – prioritise improvements to develop a phased programme for future investment.
- **Stage 6: Integration and application** – integrate outputs into local planning and transport policies, strategies and delivery plans.



Engagement and Public Consultation

Public consultation and stakeholder engagement have played a key part in the development of the Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP with an initial public consultation undertaken in May 2021 and a follow up in November 2021. In addition, regular workshops have been undertaken with key stakeholders throughout.

The initial public consultation focused on gaining an understanding of:

- Current travel behaviour – cycling and walking journeys and why these are undertaken;
- Public opinion on the current active travel provision in Barrow-in-Furness;
- Any barriers on active travel routes that may prevent cycling and walking;
- What would encourage modal shift to cycling or walking for short journeys; and,
- Feedback on the emerging priority cycling network.

A total of **200 responses** were received for this consultation.

The follow up consultation offered a second opportunity to comment on proposals prior to finalising the Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP. This consultation focused on:

- Gauging the level of support for the draft prioritised cycling and walking network plans;
- Whether the network and interventions proposed would encourage the respondent to use active modes more often; and,
- Whether there was support for reduced space for cars to prioritise active modes.

A total of **56 responses** were received for this consultation.

The results of the consultation exercise demonstrate a **strong desire for future investment** in cycling and walking infrastructure. Responses emphasised the importance of providing **safe, segregated routes** that provide **direct connections** to the places people want to get to. The need to provide routes that were **separate from other modes of travel** was a common theme in the responses and was identified as a key measure for encouraging more cycling and walking. The creation of more **traffic free neighbourhoods** and a **greater priority for walkers and cyclists at junctions and crossings** were also supported.

The main perceived barriers to cycling and walking were:

- Busy roads
- Quality of routes
- Feeling unsafe
- Junctions that are difficult to cross
- Cars parked on pavements

The draft priority cycling and walking networks presented received a **high level of support** and the majority of respondents felt that the proposals would encourage them to cycle or walk more often.

“If you make it safer for children to cycle and walk from a young age, so that it becomes the natural choice, then hopefully these will be their preferred modes of travel throughout their lives.”

- A local resident, open ended question response,
May 2021

Existing cycling and walking routes

40% felt the existing cycling routes **do not** connect to the places they want to go

13% felt the existing walking routes **do not** connect to the places they want to go

Cycling and walking barriers and opportunities

65% identified “**busy roads**” as top 3 reason for why it is difficult to cycle

39% identified “**quality of route**” as top 3 reason for why it is difficult to walk

74% identified “**cycle routes separated from other modes of travel**” as a top 3 reason for encouraging them to cycle more

71% identified “**better maintained pavements/footways**” as a top 3 reason for encouraging them to walk more

“I enjoyed cycling at the beginning of lockdown as there was low traffic. My confidence waned as traffic increased.”

- A local resident, open ended question response, May 2021

“My family would cycle and walk more if there were better, safer routes with less vehicles and/ or lower speed limits and better junctions. Currently, we don't cycle far because the routes are not easily accessible, with dangerous junctions to contend with and too much traffic.”

- A local resident, open ended question response, May 2021

Support for proposals

90% said they would support cycling and walking improvements even when this could mean less space for other road traffic

84% welcomed more money being spent on cycling and walking in Barrow-in-Furness

53% strongly agreed or agreed with the routes prioritised in the draft Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP cycling network

48% strongly agreed or agreed with the routes prioritised in the draft Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP walking network

72% felt the proposals in the Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP would encourage them to cycle and/or walk more often



See Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP Consultation Summary Reports for further details

Cycling Infrastructure Improvements

The Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP broadly identifies the types of improvements that could be implemented. All improvements are subject to funding and further development.

On-Highway Fully Segregated Cycleways



Segregated cycleways offering separation from pedestrians and motor vehicles.

Photo shows a stepped cycle track.

On-Highway Lightly Segregated Cycleways



Light segregation providing a protected space.

Photo shows light segregation using 'wands'.

Off-Road Cycleways



Greenways providing rural connections. Shared use paths where pedestrian number are low.

Photo shows a greenway with segregated facilities

Upgrades to Existing Facilities



Removal of through-traffic to create Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. Slowing traffic i.e. 20mph zones.

Photo shows a Low Traffic Neighbourhood

Road Crossings and Junctions



Strong visual priority for cyclists and walkers on side junctions. Crossings and junctions offering separation and improved safety.

Photo shows a 'CYCLOPS' junction.

Secure Cycle Parking



Short stay and long stay solutions that are secure and positioned at strategic locations.

Photo shows a secure cycle hub.

Walking Infrastructure Improvements

Public Realm



Enhancing the look and feel of an area through, planting, paving, seating, and street art.

Photo shows public realm improvements.

Road Crossings



Widening refuges, improving timings, signals and markings.

Photo shows an improved signalised junction .

Blended Footways



Continuing footways across junctions to enforce pedestrian priority.

Photo shows a blended footway

Wayfinding



Providing simple directional signage, larger maps or interactive screens

Photo shows information and wayfinding signage.

Maintenance

Short term maintenance to bring a route up to standard or planning for longer term maintenance.

Increased Surveillance

Improving sightlines, additional access points or installing CCTV.

Footway Widening

Proving adequate footway widths.

Speed Reduction

Through physical traffic calming measures, enforcement cameras or public realm.

Dropped Kerbs and Tactile Paving

Improving access for pedestrians with limited mobility or sight impairments.

Reduced Kerb Radii

Limiting the speed of motor vehicles at junctions to allow pedestrians to cross more safely

Cycling Network

The Priority Cycling Network reflects the importance of connectivity across Barrow-in-Furness to increase active travel and reduce car journeys. Key aspects of the network include:

- Connections from residential areas to major employment sites such as BAE Systems, Furness General Hospital and the town centre;
- Links to education facilities including Furness College, Furness Academy, Walney School and numerous schools;
- Improved access to greenspaces and the coast, with leisure-based route options around the edge of town and on Walney Island; and,
- Longer distance connections to Askam-in-Furness and Dalton-in-Furness.

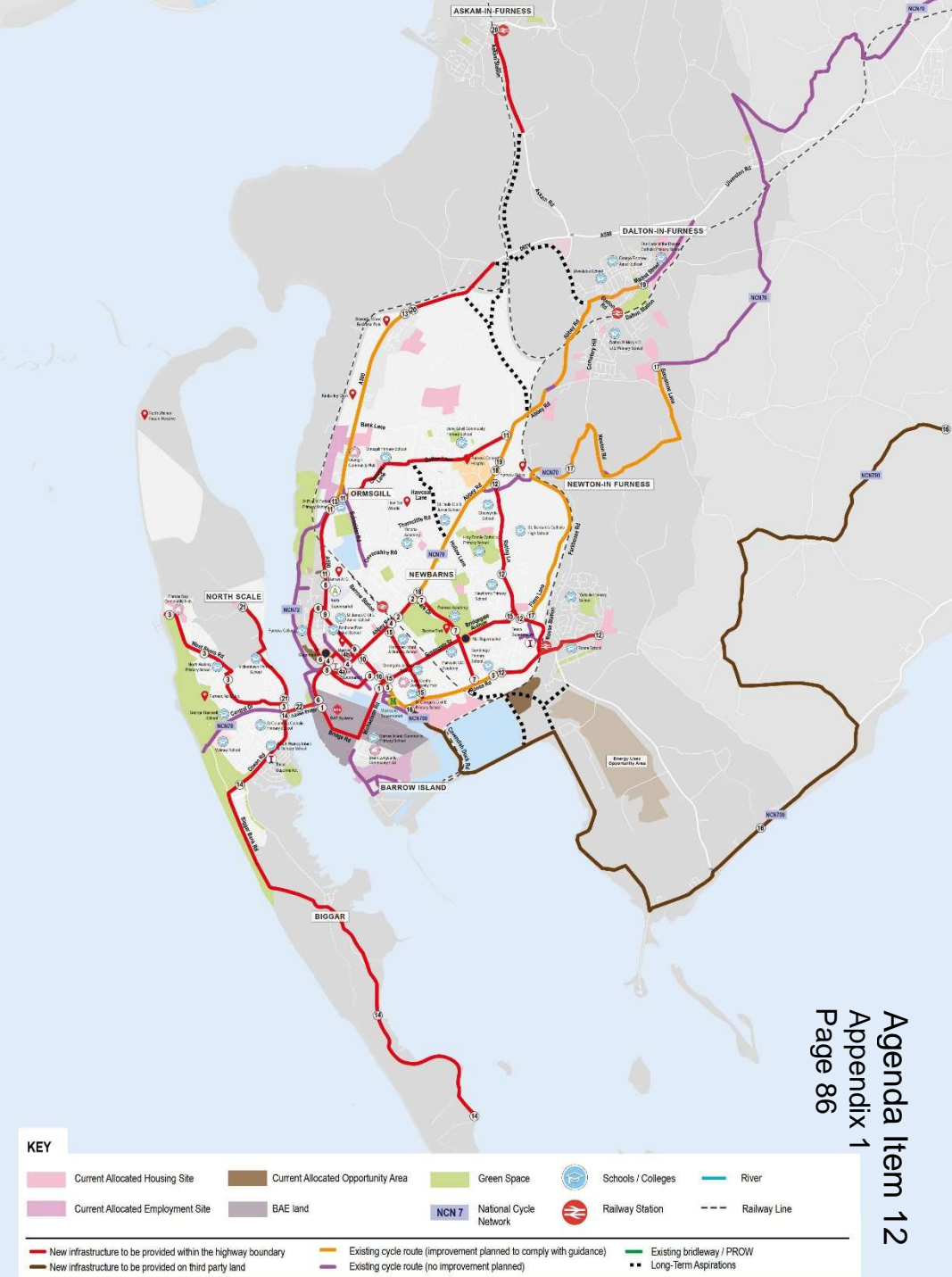
Recognising that it is not possible to connect everywhere, the LCWIP focuses on the most important routes to secure funding for. Support for walking and cycling infrastructure usually increases further once it is built and people are using it. Over time these priorities can be built on to deliver a more extensive network to encourage and support a step change in the numbers of people cycling and walking.



See Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP Technical Report Appendix A for a copy of the Cycling Network Map

The network incorporates new cycling routes and improvements to existing routes, alongside existing provision to provide a coherent, direct, safe, comfortable and attractive cycle network for Barrow-in-Furness.

Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP Cycling Network



Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP Walking Network

The walking network map shows Primary routes to Barrow Town Centre Core Walking Zone. Throughout the lifespan of the LCWIP a more comprehensive walking network will be established by identifying routes and improvements for other Core Walking Zones.

Walking Network

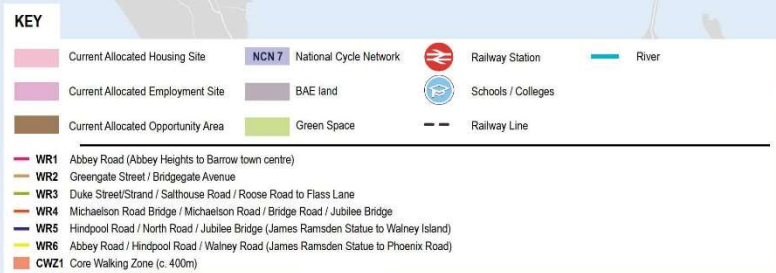
As part of the LCWIP, we have identified Core Walking Zones across the study area, along with primary routes linking into those Core Walking Zones.

- **Core Walking Zones** are areas with the highest potential for footfall such as town centres and employment sites.
- **Primary routes** are those routes that are generally the most direct and have the highest usage.

The LCWIP identifies potential improvements within the Core Walking Zones and along the primary routes which, could include: new or enhanced road crossings; better quality public spaces and paths; and the provision of dedicated and separated space for walkers.

Improvements have been identified for the Barrow Town Centre Walking Zone (CWZ1) and connecting primary routes. These are shown on the plan adjacent and further detail is provided in the full LCWIP.

Throughout the lifespan of the LCWIP, improvements will be identified for the remaining Core Walking Zones and connecting primary routes across the LCWIP area.



See Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP Technical Report Appendix A for a copy of the Walking Network Map

Prioritisation

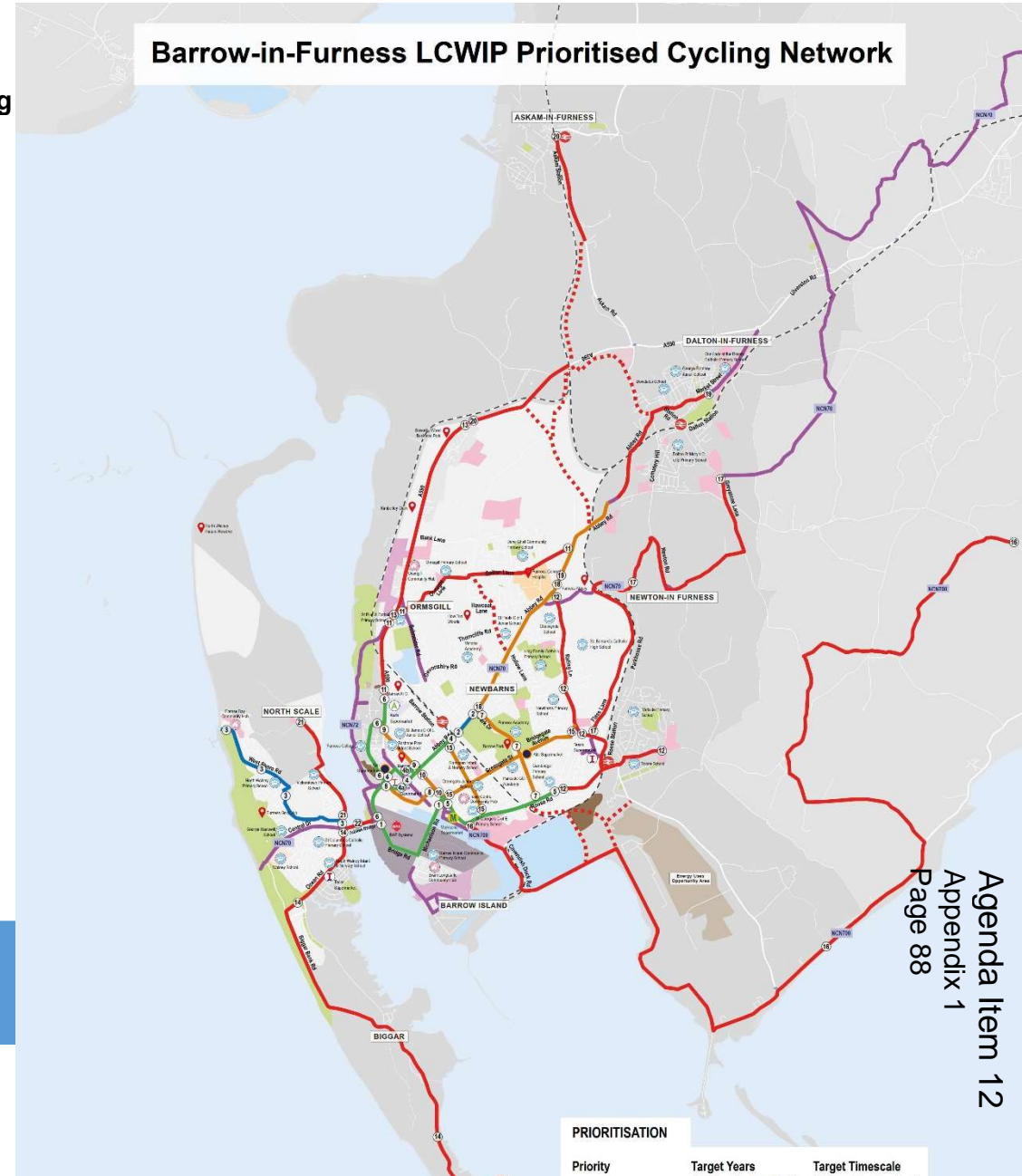
In developing the LCWIP, government guidance setting out a recommended approach to prioritising networks of walking and cycling routes, has been followed. The guidance recommends that priority should be given to areas which have the **greatest potential for growing cycling and walking trips** and offer the **greatest value for money**.

The delivery of all improvements identified in the Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP is subject to securing funding. Routes for delivery have been prioritised using a framework that assesses:

- Effectiveness – the potential to generate cycling trips
- Alignment with policy objectives – such as those in the CTIP
- Economic factors – scheme cost, value for money and likelihood of attracting funding
- Deliverability – engineering constraints, land ownership and stakeholder support

The cycling routes have been prioritised as shown on the adjacent plan. The routes have then been categorised according to the targeted timescale for delivery:

- **Funded:** These will be delivered in line with the timescales of the funding source
- **Priority 1:** Delivery within 5 years (2026/27), subject to funding
- **Priority 2:** Delivery within 8 years (by 2029/30), subject to funding
- **Priority 3:** Delivery 8 years plus (post 2029/30), subject to funding.



See Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP Technical Report Appendix B for a copy of the Prioritised Cycling Network Plan

Conclusion and Next Steps

The Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP provides a prioritised investment plan for cycling and walking in Barrow-in-Furness District over the next 15 years.

The LCWIP takes into account the overlaps and synergies with other plans, schemes and strategies. This means the network priorities will be reviewed and updated periodically, particularly if there are any significant changes in local circumstances, such as the publication of new policies or strategies, new development sites, if funding bids are successful and as walking and cycling networks mature and expand.

The LCWIP for Barrow-in-Furness is a live document that will be regularly reviewed to ensure the most appropriate routes for cycling and walking are identified and prioritised for future delivery.

The document will be used to assist in securing funding for the delivery of the identified improvements.

Further Information

For further information please refer to our webpage for accompanying reports:

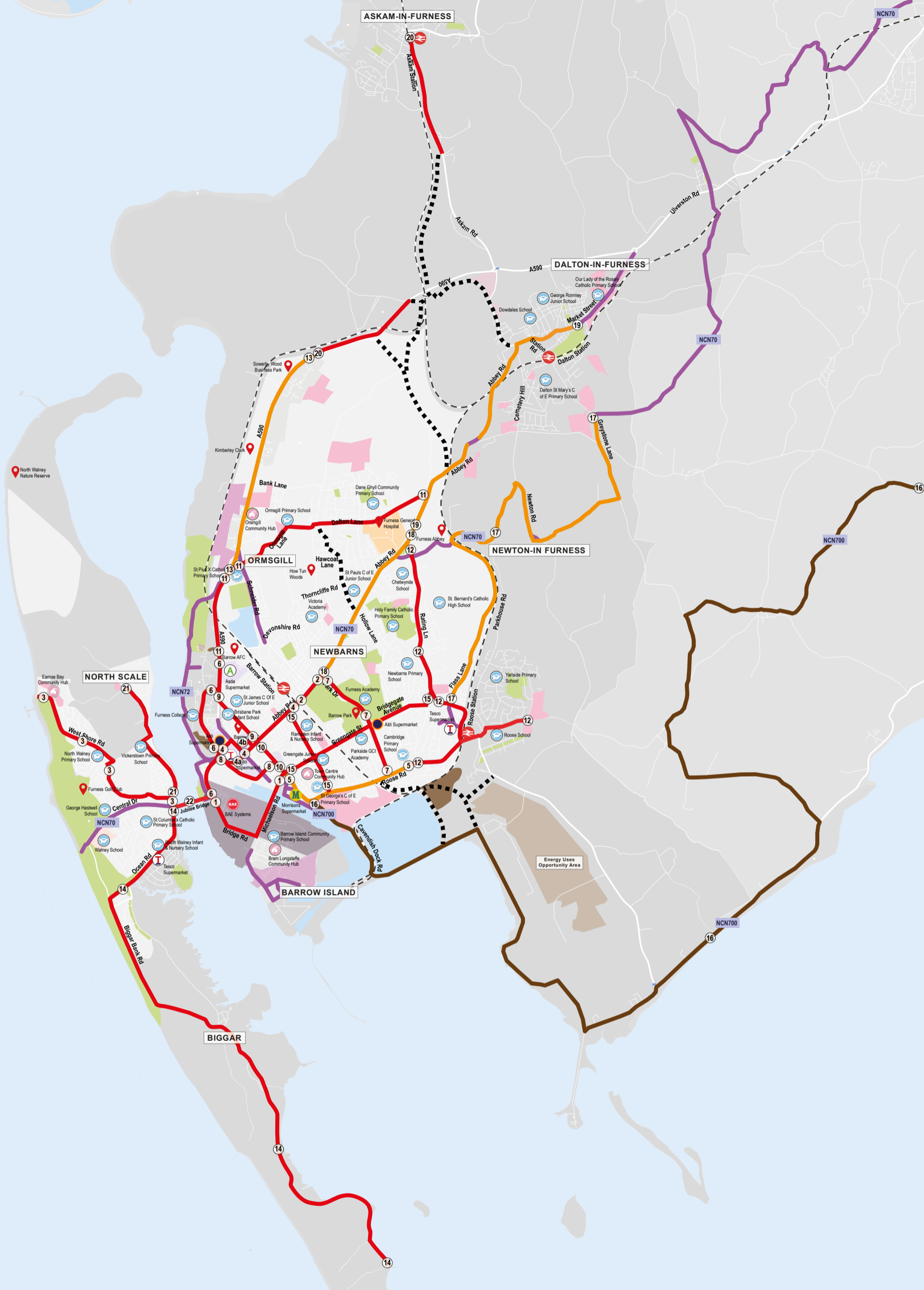
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- Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP Technical Report and Appendices:
 - Appendix A – Cycling Network Plan and Walking Network Plan
 - Appendix B – Cycling Prioritised Network Plan
 - Appendix C – Supporting Information
- Consultation Reports

















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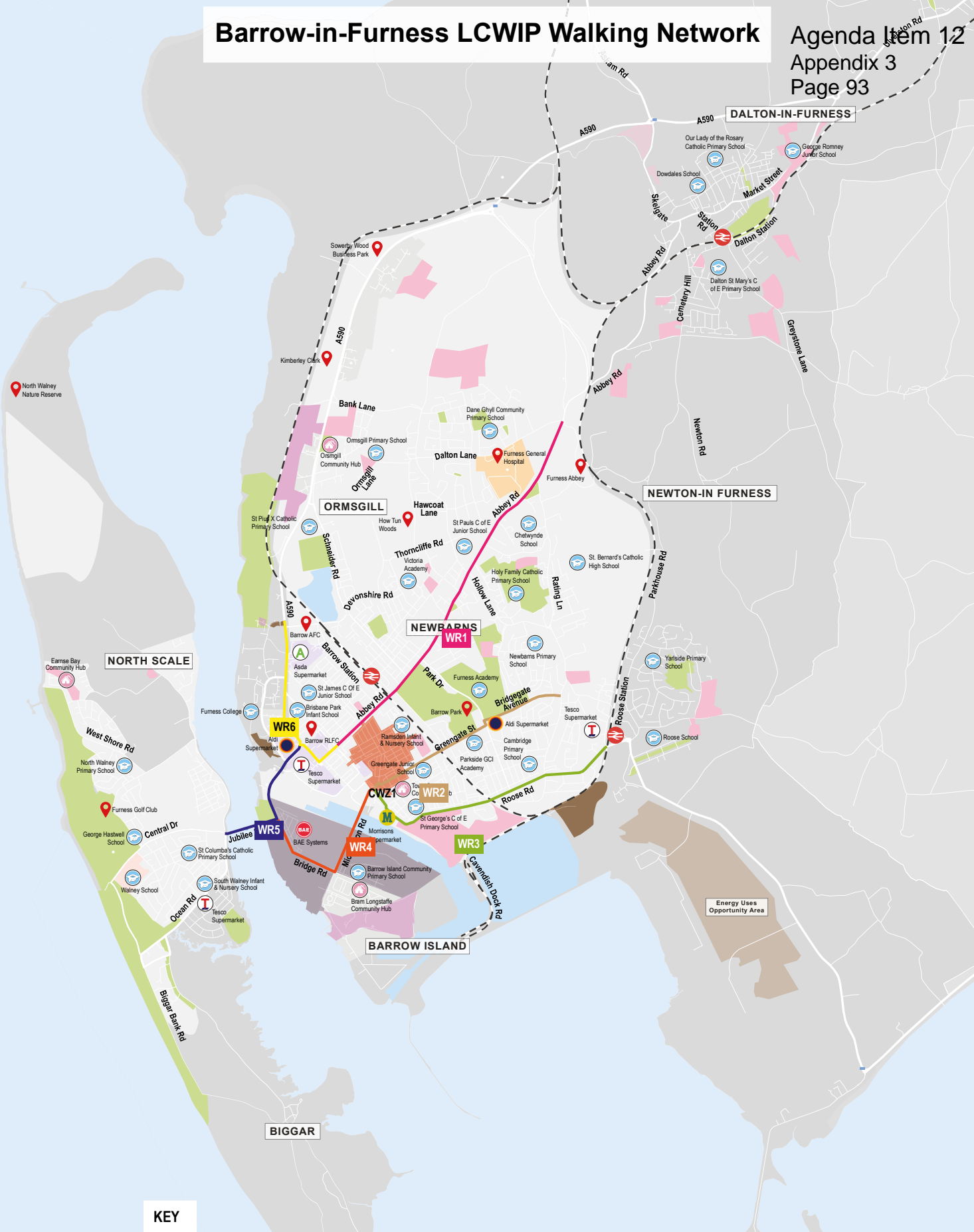
Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP Cycling Network



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|  | Current Allocated Housing Site |  | Current Allocated Opportunity Area |  | Green Space |  | Schools / Colleges |  | River |
|  | Current Allocated Employment Site |  | BAE land |  | NCN 7 National Cycle Network |  | Railway Station |  | Railway Line |
|  | New infrastructure to be provided within the highway boundary |  | Existing cycle route (improvement planned to comply with guidance) |  | Existing cycle route (no improvement planned) |  | Existing bridleway / PROW |  | Long-Term Aspirations |
|  | New infrastructure to be provided on third party land | | | | | | | | |

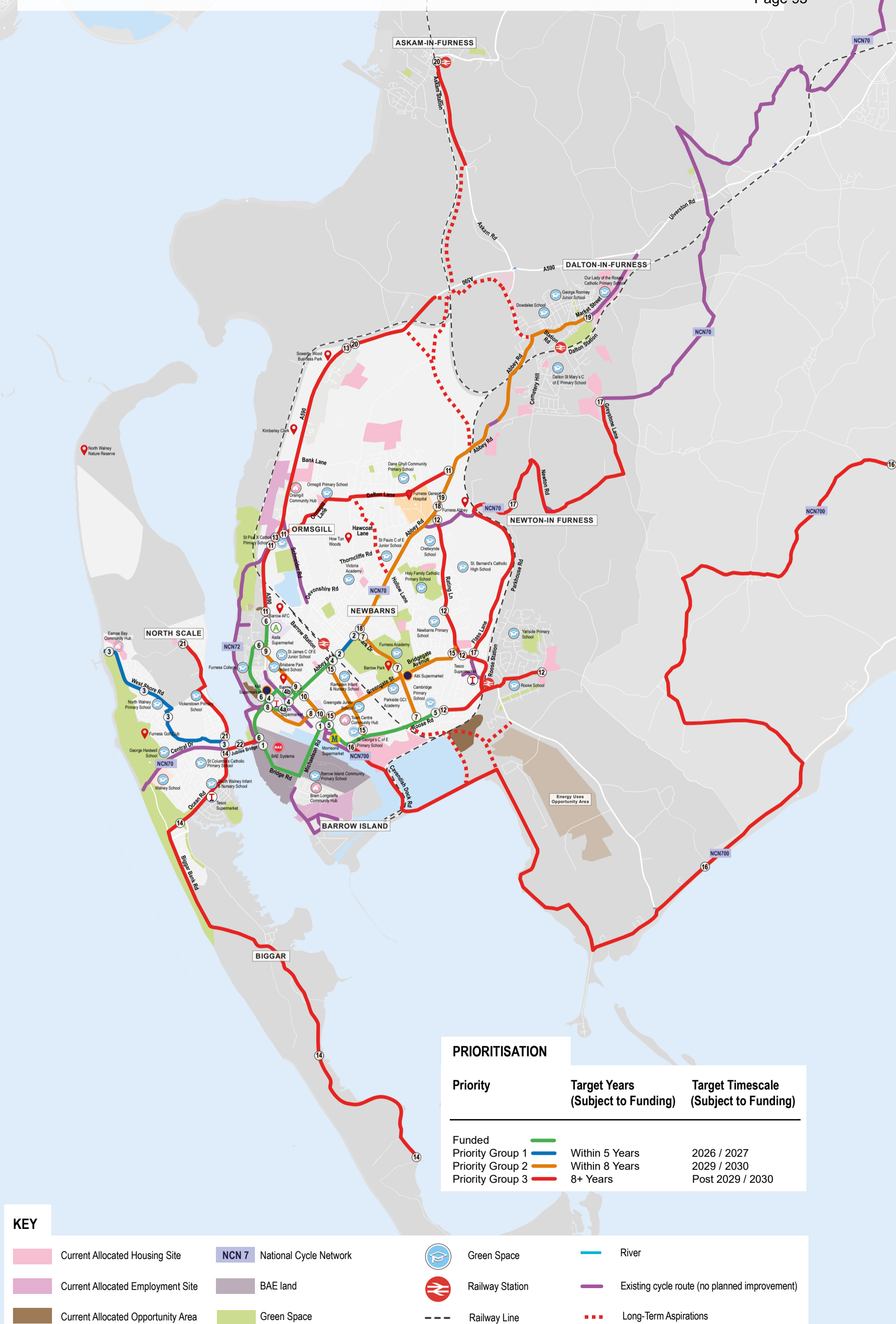
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 Current Allocated Housing Site	 NCN 7 National Cycle Network	Railway Station	River
 Current Allocated Employment Site	 BAE land	Schools / Colleges	
 Current Allocated Opportunity Area	 Green Space	Railway Line	
 WR1 Abbey Road (Abbey Heights to Barrow town centre)			
 WR2 Greengate Street / Bridgegate Avenue			
 WR3 Duke Street/Strand / Salthouse Road / Roose Road to Flass Lane			
 WR4 Michaelson Road Bridge / Michaelson Road / Bridge Road / Jubilee Bridge			
 WR5 Hindpool Road / North Road / Jubilee Bridge (James Ramsden Statue to Walney Island)			
 WR6 Abbey Road / Hindpool Road / Walney Road (James Ramsden Statue to Phoenix Road)			
 CWZ1 Core Walking Zone (c. 400m)			

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Barrow-in-Furness LCWIP Prioritised Cycling Network



PRIORITISATION

Priority	Target Years (Subject to Funding)	Target Timescale (Subject to Funding)
Funded		
Priority Group 1	Within 5 Years	2026 / 2027
Priority Group 2	Within 8 Years	2029 / 2030
Priority Group 3	8+ Years	Post 2029 / 2030

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	Current Allocated Housing Site		National Cycle Network		Green Space		River
	Current Allocated Employment Site		BAE land		Railway Station		Existing cycle route (no planned improvement)
	Current Allocated Opportunity Area		Green Space		Railway Line		Long-Term Aspirations

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PART ONE**Barrow Borough Council****Executive Committee****Wednesday, 25 May 2022****Cumbria Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment**

Report from: Director of People and Place

Report Author: Helen Houston, Head of Regeneration & Planning Policy

Wards: (All Wards);

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

- 1.1 The Cumbria Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) outlines the accommodation needs for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople over the next 20 year period. The report covers the whole of Cumbria and has separate sections for each Local Authority area. The findings for Barrow are the focus of this paper.
- 1.2 The report sets out the pitch requirements for Barrow Borough. The Cumbria Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment will be used to further inform housing requirement and planning policy.

2.0 Recommendation**2.1 It is recommended that Executive Committee:**

- **Note the findings of the Cumbria Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment, and that the GTAA will be used to further inform housing requirements and planning policy.**

3.0 Background and Proposals

- 3.1 The GTAA report provides a robust evidence base to enable the Council to assess the housing needs of the Travelling Community as well as complying with requirements under the Housing Act 1985, Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) 2015, the Housing and Planning Act 2016, the revised National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2021, and Planning Practice Guidance (PPG) 2021. It also provides the evidence base which can be used to support Local Plan Policies.

- 3.2 The Cumbria GTAA was procured jointly by all Cumbrian authorities and scheduled to be delivered in 2020-21. The report was delayed due to travel restrictions and social distancing during the Covid 19 pandemic which prohibited in person visits and the final report was completed in January 2022.
- 3.3 The report covers the whole of Cumbria however is split into sections for each local authority area, enabling a pitch requirement to be set out for each local authority.

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- 3.4 The GTAA has sought to understand the accommodation needs of the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople population in the study area through a combination of desk-based research, stakeholder interviews and engagement with members of the Travelling Community living on all identified sites and yards. Needs are set out for those households that met the planning definition of a Gypsy or Traveller. There were 6 Gypsy or Traveller households identified in Barrow that met the planning definition, no undetermined households that may meet the planning definition, and 8 households that did not meet the planning definition.
- 3.5 The GTAA identifies a need for 5 pitches for households that met the planning definition. This is made up of 3 pitches for teenagers who will need a pitch of their own in the next 5 years, and 2 pitches from new household formation, derived from the demographics of the residents.

Years	0-5 2021-25	6-10 2026-30	11-15 2030-35	16-20 2036-40	Total
Pitches	3	1	1	0	5

- 3.3 Over the next 4 years 3 additional pitches will need to be secured.
- 3.4 It was noted during the household interviews that the residents on a private site are living there on a week-to-week basis with the permission of the site owner and therefore have no security of tenancy. Should the site owner seek to sell the land need could increase by a further 5 pitches. It is understood that the current residents are in the process of identifying suitable land to develop a new site in Barrow should their tenancies be terminated.
- 3.5 There were no Travelling Showpeople identified so there is no current or future need for plots.

Transit Provision / Encampments

- 3.6 It is important to note that the main consideration of this Accommodation Assessment is to provide evidence to support the provision of pitches and plots to meet the current and future accommodation needs of Gypsies, Travellers and

Travelling Showpeople. This study does not assess Unauthorised Encampments which typically occur on publicly owned land but can also occur on privately owned land and which are usually of a temporary nature.

- 3.7 Whilst it is recognised that transit issues and unauthorised encampments occur in Barrow and throughout Cumbria, including those associated with the annual Appleby Horse Fair, historically the number of encampments is low and a multi-agency protocol is in place in Cumbria to address transit issues. Please see link below to the Cumbria Joint Agency Protocol for Responding to Unauthorised Encampments.
- 3.8 The Council will continue to monitor the situation relating to levels of unauthorised encampments to establish whether there is a need for investment in any new transit provision or emergency stopping places, or whether a managed approach is preferable for Cumbria.
- 3.9 In the short-term the Council will continue to use its current approach in dealing with unauthorised encampments as set out in the Cumbria Joint Agency Protocol.

4.0 Consultation

- 4.1 One of the major components of the study was a detailed survey of the Gypsy, Traveller and Travelling Showpeople population living on sites and yards in Barrow Borough. This aimed to identify current households with housing needs and to assess likely future housing need from within existing households, to help judge the need for any future pitch provision.
- 4.2 Nine interviews were conducted covering the population identified in Barrow.

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 N/A, the report is to note

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

- 6.1 The GTAA supports the Council's Place Priority by setting out the housing requirement for the gypsy and traveller community, creating a safe, welcoming place where people want to live.
- 6.2 It will also help deliver the People Priority by enabling all residents of the Borough to live happy, healthy lives.

7.0 Implications

7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement

- 7.1.1 There are no financial implications associated with the proposal set out in this report.

7.2 Legal

7.2.1 There are no legal implications associated with the proposals set out in this report.

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

7.3.1 The GTAA will have no impact on Local Government Reorganisation, however the assessment covers a 20 year period and will continue to guide decisions following the establishment of Westmorland and Furness Council. For completeness a section was added to the Study (Section 6) to illustrate the cumulative accommodation need of Cumberland and Westmorland and Furness Councils.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4.1 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No

7.4.2 The GTAA identifies Gypsy and Traveller needs across Cumbria and considers equality and diversity. The document provides the basis for the Council to understand this need and how best to meet it, whilst eliminating unlawful discrimination, providing equality of opportunity and developing robust policy involving stakeholders in the decision making process.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
GTAA underestimates the housing need requirement.	Not enough pitches for the gypsy and traveller community.	Requirement to be reviewed every 5 years

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Appendices Attached to this Report - None

Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
Cumbria GTAA 2022	https://www.barrowbc.gov.uk/residents/planning/planning-policy/cumbria-gypsy-traveller-accommodation-assessment/
Cumbria Joint Agency Protocol for Responding to Unauthorised Encampments	Cumbria Joint Agency Protocol for Responding to Unauthorised Encampments.

PART ONE

Barrow Borough Council
Executive Committee – 25 May 2022
Council – 19 July 2022
UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Report from: Director of People & Place
Report Author: Head of Regeneration & Planning Policy
Wards: All Wards

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

- 1.1 There has been a recent announcement of funding from Central Government that provides an opportunity for the Borough, in the form of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). This replaces the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and European Social Fund (ESF). The UKSPF is a central pillar of the UK Government Levelling Up Agenda. Its primary goal is to build pride in place and increase life chances. There are three key investment priorities of: communities and place; supporting local business; and people and skills.
- 1.2 The funding is allocated through a funding formula and Barrow Borough Council has been conditionally allocated £2,477,528 UKSPF from April 2022-March 2025. This is dependent on developing an Investment Plan which sets out measurable outcomes that reflect needs and opportunities. These will inform the interventions that will be delivered.
- 1.3 The Investment Plan will require sign off from Barrow Borough Council and the new Unitary Westmorland and Furness Shadow Authority. Close collaboration with Eden, South Lakeland and Cumbria County Council is critical to developing common delivery arrangements and from 1 April 2023 a single merged district council investment plan for the new Unitary is a requirement in the government UKSPF prospectus.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that Executive Committee:**
- (i) **Agree to prepare a draft Investment Plan by end of June 2022 in conjunction with local stakeholders and in close collaboration with neighbouring local authorities**

- (ii) **Approach Brilliant Barrow Board and request that it is designated as the Local Partnership Group with broadened suggested representation as set out in paragraph 3.7**
- (iii) **To submit the Barrow UKSPF Plan for agreement by the Westmorland and Furness Unitary Shadow Executive on 22 July 2022.**
- (iv) **Agree to receive a completed Investment Plan on 27 July 2022 and submit to Government by 31 August 2022 incorporating recommendations from Westmorland and Furness Shadow Unitary Authority.**
- (v) **Subject to agreement of the Investment Plan in July 2022, recommend to Council that it will act as the accountable body for UKSPF prior to 1 April 2023 when it will transfer into the Westmorland and Furness Unitary Authority and to enter into a grant funding agreement with government.**
- (vi) **Authorise the Director of People and Place, in consultation with the Director of Resources and the Chair of the Executive Committee, to enter into grant funding agreements with delivery partners for individual project elements.**

3.0 Background and Proposals

- 3.1 The UKSPF will support the wider commitment of Government's Levelling Up agenda. Barrow has received £16m from the Levelling Up Fund to transform the market hall and deliver accessibility improvements in the town centre which is a complementary funding programme to this.
- 3.2 The three key investment priorities set out in 1.1 are particularly aligned to Levelling Up White Paper Mission 9 which is: *By 2030, pride in place, such as people's satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen to every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.*
- 3.3 Examples of type of interventions that can be included under the three investments themes are as follows:
 - (i) **Communities and Place:** Covers public realm projects, community led initiatives, cultural and heritage projects. Bespoke projects that are not clearly identified in the Government list of interventions can also be included in the Investment Plans, if a Theory of Change is included to justify its inclusion.

- (ii) **Supporting Local Businesses:** Covers creating jobs, boosting community cohesion, promoting networking, increasing private sector growth, targeted support for small and medium sized businesses. Barrow's approach to transforming the Market Hall to encourage local businesses to grow is in the UKSPF prospectus as a case study of good practice.
 - (iii) **People and Skills:** Employment support for economically inactive people and funding skills provision to provide people with the skills needed to progress in life and work. This investment theme is also profiled for later years and is linked to the Multiply Programme which has a focus on numeracy. Cumbria County Council have a separate allocation for this and collaborative work will be needed for alignment and to ensure no duplication. For those ESF funded projects managed by the community and voluntary sector, there is discretion at a local level to bring forward UKSPF people and skills funding into 2022/23 to ensure that projects that work can continue to be funded.
- 3.4 Barrow BC will be able to access its conditional allocation by developing an Investment Plan for Government approval with measurable outcomes that reflect local needs and opportunities. There is flexibility around the level and range of interventions across the three investment priorities to represent the right solutions to improve pride of place, increase life chances, to help spread and create opportunity, and a sense of community and belonging.
- 3.5 The Investment Plan will select outputs and outcomes for each UKSPF investment priority to enable progress to be measured. UKSPF is revenue and capital funding, each Local Authority area can set out its preferred mix of funding in the Investment Plan. There are minimum levels of capital nationally and each Local Authority must set out the minimum capital percentage of capital funding it will require each year.
- 3.6 Interventions supported by UKSPF will need to align with other policies and plans and also take into account current EU funded projects that are coming to an end.
- 3.7 Each local authority area is tasked with working with a range of diverse local and regional stakeholders to achieve the UKSPF outcomes for their area. They are expected to establish or designate a local partnership group to consult when developing the plan. The Brilliant Barrow Board which was originally set up for Towns Deal and has developed into the economic growth partnership for Barrow, is an established partnership with all of the key partners already represented except for geographic areas outside of the Towns Deal area. It is recommended to Executive Committee that the Brilliant Barrow Board is designated - subject to their agreement - as the Local Partnership Group for UKSPF. There will need to be additional representation for Dalton, Askam and Lindal Town and Parish Councils and they will be approached to see if there is an appetite to participate if this is the preferred option.

3.8 As Members will recall, the Borough Council led a collaborative bid for the Community Renewal Fund, in May 2021. The bid was for £1,132,874 and brought together projects across four themes: Creating the right conditions; putting young people at the centre of professional partnerships; developing skills to remove barriers to life chances for priority groups; and testing the principle of culture-led regeneration in Barrow Borough. Although it was not successful, much, if not all, of the work highlighted in the bid is still relevant and required, with some falling within the scope of the UKSPF. It is officers' intention to work with the myriad of community groups and partners who were involved in building the CRF bid to review this work.

4.0. Local Government Reorganisation

4.1 It is vital that the key regeneration priorities of Barrow Borough are captured and fed into the policy-making process for the new Westmorland & Furness unitary authority. In doing so the post-Covid recovery needs of the Borough's residents will be carried forward into the new authority.

4.2 The policy direction embedded in the funding bids and Investment Plan should be integrated into the LGR Policy Workstream, in order that the shadow authority has a clear and concise understanding of the needs of the Borough's communities.

5.0 Consultation

51 Early discussions with Barrow Community Local Resilience Forum Leads have taken place and will continue to inform the funding submission.

6.0 Alternative Options

6.1 Do not submit an Investment Plan to meet the timescale required, UKSPF funds will not be paid to the Council.

7.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

7.1 These funding streams support all priorities of the Barrow Council Plan, as they are cross-cutting investment across the borough supporting disadvantaged residents and creating a vibrant, safe and welcoming place where people want to live and supporting the economy to thrive.

8.0 Implications

8.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement

8.1.1 The funding period for UKSPF is April 2022 to March 2025 with payments expected to lead authorities by October 2022.

8.1.2 The successful delivery of the UKSPF Investment Plan would require resources; Barrow Borough Council are keen to build on the programme management arrangements in place for Towns Deal with Cumbria County Council. UKSPF includes a 4% administration fee in 2022/23, part of which would be used to support programme management.

8.2 Legal

8.2.1 Upon our UKSPF Investment Plan being accepted, the Council will be required to enter into a grant funding agreement with the Government, the content and implications of which are unknown at this stage. Advice will be required prior to entering into such an agreement.

8.3 Local Government Reorganisation

8.3.1 If successful, the Shared Prosperity Fund work would need to be incorporated into the Council Plan of the Westmorland & Furness unitary authority.

8.3.2 A prioritised list of recovery activities will need to be fed into the LGR Policy Workstream in order that the post-Covid needs of the Borough's communities are considered in the setting of Council priorities for the new Westmorland & Furness Council.

8.4 Equality and Diversity

8.4.1 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No – the report has no direct Equality and Diversity implications.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Investment Plan not submitted to timescale	Funding not released	Ensure Investment Plan submitted in collaboration with partners to deadline required

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Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
UK Shared Prosperity Fund Prospectus	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus

PART ONE**Barrow Borough Council****Executive Committee****25 May 2022****Growing Forward and Council Plan Progress Update**

Report from: Director of People and Place
Report Author: Policy and Engagement Officer
Wards: All wards

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

- 1.1 This report provides members with an update on progress on actions set out in both the *Council Plan 2020-2024* and the *Growing Forwards* Executive Committee reports of 8 July 2020 and 23 March 2021. The previous update report covered progress up to July 2021.

2.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Executive Committee:-

- 1. Note and agree the update of actions that officers working with partners have achieved in the last nine months.**
- 2. Note that the recovery activities, identified in the Recovery Tracker, attached in Appendix I, require monitoring, prioritising and, where appropriate, fed into the Local Government Reorganisation work to ensure our regeneration and Covid-recovery priorities are incorporated and embedded into the Westmoreland and Furness unitary authority; and**
- 3. Record their appreciation of all officers and partner organisations for their contributions to making the Borough a place where people want to live, work, visit and invest and puts residents at the heart of all that they do.**

3.0 Background and Proposals

- 3.1 At the Executive Committee of July 2021, an update on the Borough Council's recovery priorities detailed progress and gave assurances of further updates. Appendix 1 details a comprehensive update of the Council Plan and Growing Forward priorities that the Borough Council have agreed as part of the recovery strategy.

- 3.2 Much of this work is ongoing but it is vital that the key priorities are captured and fed into the policy making process for the new Westmorland & Furness unitary authority. In doing so the post-covid recovery needs of the Borough's residents will be carried forward into the new authority.
- 3.3 The attached Recovery Tracker (in Appendix I) sets out per theme the progress made against the actions identified in the Council Plan and the Growing Forwards Report which, when added together, form a refreshed post Covid Recovery Plan. It doesn't capture the work that is being undertaken as part of Local Government Re-organisation as this is reported separately. However, it does demonstrate the significant progress and level of commitment needed to carry on with the ambitions of the Council Plan whilst being part of a significant change programme for the Council as part of its transition into a new Unitary Authority on 1 April 2023.
- 3.4 The work that is detailed in the Recovery Tracker, should be reviewed regularly, prioritised and fed into the LGR process, particularly through the Policy Workstream, in order that the shadow authority has a clear and concise understanding of the needs of the Borough's communities.
- 3.5 The restructure is now almost complete for the Council and there have been changes to the owners of the actions in the recovery tracker to reflect the new corporate structure.

4.0 Consultation

- 4.1 Key Borough Council Officers have been consulted in the completion of the Recovery Tracker.
- 4.2 The Barrow Community Local Resilience Forum has been consulted and have agreed to the priorities detailed in the Recovery Tracker.

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 Alternative options would be to not report on priorities which would reduce the level of engagement and communication on progress.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

- 6.1 The content of this report is relevant to delivering on all *Council Plan* priorities.

7.0 Implications

7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement

- 7.1.1 Contained within existing resource.

7.2 Legal

- 7.2.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

7.3.1 The recovery activities, identified in the Recovery Tracker, attached in Appendix 1, require monitoring, prioritising and, where appropriate, fed into the Local Government Reorganisation work to ensure our regeneration and Covid-recovery priorities are incorporated and embedded into the Westmoreland and Furness unitary authority.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4.1 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No –the report has no direct Equality and Diversity implications.

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Appendices Attached to this Report – *If none, please state none or delete section*

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Growing Forward and Council Plan Recovery Tracker

Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
1 Exec report 8 th July 2020. Growing Forward report.	https://democracy.barrowbc.gov.uk/documents/q451/Public%20reports%20pack%2008th-Jul-2020%2014.00%20Executive%20Committee.pdf?T=10
2 Exec report 23 rd March 2021 Growing forward update	https://democracy.barrowbc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=136&MId=560&Ver=4

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Council Plan and Growing Forward Activity Tracker – 12 month activity from July 2021 to April 2022:

Key:

CP	Council Plan Action
GF	Growing Forward Action
	People Council Plan Outcomes
	Place Council Plan Outcomes
	Prosperity Council Plan Outcomes
	Our Council Growing Forward Outcomes

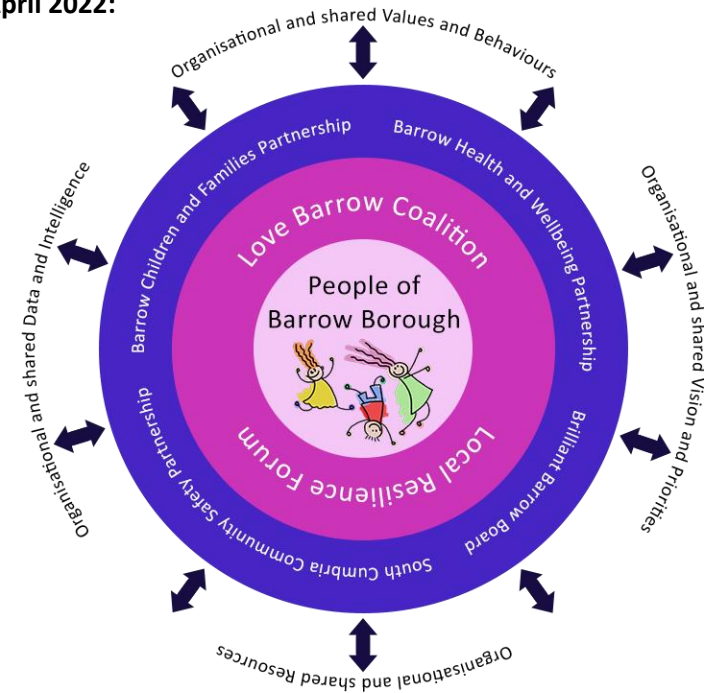


Fig 1 – *The Barrow Way* – Borough Council’s Covid-19 Recovery Model

People				
Outcome: More of our residents are living well for longer.				
Ref	Action	Owner	Planned Activity	Progress Update July 21 – April 22
CP1.1.1	Work with health and care system to develop prevention and early intervention plans to reduce health	Chief Executive	Work through the Bay Health and Care Partnership leadership team to deliver a coordinated approach to tackling health inequalities.	Morecambe Bay Population Health Programme delivered 16 objectives with a further 22 on track to complete on-time. Barrow BC’s CEO is a regular attendee on the BHCP steering group.

	inequalities.	<p>Head of Public Protection</p> <p>Policy & Engagement Officer</p>	<p>Ensure the Population Health Strategic Group is continuing to focus on inequalities within the Borough. Including focused funding and commissioning decisions</p> <p>Contribute to the Health Equities Commission (HEC) being established by the Lancashire and South Cumbria Integrated Care System and ensure that local voices are heard as part of the commission.</p> <p>Ensure local government reform leads to better system integration.</p> <p>Reset Health and Wellbeing Partnership and influence Borough action plan to ensure specific health inequality issues in our Borough are addressed in a coordinated way.</p> <p>Ensure a coordinated approach to Population Health funding in the borough to tackle inequalities</p>	<p>Morecambe Bay Population Health Programme delivered 16 objectives with a further 22 on track to complete on-time. These ranged from Developing a population health and health inequalities dashboard to training Health Care Partners in health coaching & Making Every Contact Count (MECC) and establishing the Morecambe Bay Anchor Charter.</p> <p>Policy & Engagement Officer was on the HEC steering group and ensured that the needs of the Borough's residents were fed into the commission. The PHSG also submitted evidence to the HEC.</p> <p>There has been more collaboration in utilising Population Health Funding through the H&WBP. This has allowed us to get extra value from all funding streams. Population Health Priorities for 22/23 will be: Develop Enhanced Health Checks; People with Vulnerabilities; and Community Participation and Relationship Building.</p> <p>There has been more collaboration in utilising Population Health Funding through the H&WBP. This has allowed us to get extra value from all funding streams.</p>
CP1.1.2	Use our place leadership role to drive health and well-being forums and partnerships to ensure	Policy & Engagement Officer	Reset Health and Wellbeing Partnership and influence Borough action plan to ensure specific health inequality issues in	There has been more collaboration in utilising Population Health Funding through the H&WBP. This has allowed us to get extra value from all funding streams. Population Health Priorities for 22/23 will

	they get the best results for our residents.		<p>our Borough are addressed in a coordinated way.</p> <p>Co-chair Barrow Community Local Resilience Forum to ensure that health and well being is a key strand of recovery work.</p> <p>Deliver Community Renewal Fund <i>Barrow Way</i> Project should bid be successful. Work with HWMP, Adult & Young People Mental Health Forum, Population health team to identify funding for projects should bid be unsuccessful.</p>	<p>be: Develop Enhanced Health Checks; People with Vulnerabilities; and Community Participation and Relationship Building.</p> <p>Policy & Engagement Officer continues to co-chair of the BCLRF.</p> <p>The CRF bid was unsuccessful however there is community-wide collaboration to see how the projects can be funded in a different way. This includes the potential of using SPF to deliver what is still required and necessary.</p>
CP1.1.3	<p>CHANGE FROM: Work with partners to tackle specific health issues in the Borough: Mental illness, Substance misuse, Diet and exercise</p> <p>CHANGE TO: Work with partners to tackle specific health challenges, which have been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic, in the Borough: Mental illness, Substance misuse, Diet and exercise and Domestic abuse</p>	Policy & Engagement Officer	<p>Reset Health and Wellbeing Partnership and influence Borough action plan to ensure specific health inequality issues in our Borough are addressed in a coordinated way.</p> <p>Co-chair Barrow Community Local Resilience Forum to ensure that health and well being is a key strand of recovery work.</p> <p>Deliver Community Renewal Fund <i>Barrow Way</i> Project should bid be successful. Work with HWMP, Adult & Young People Mental Health Forum, Population health team to identify funding for projects should bid be unsuccessful.</p>	<p>There has been more collaboration in utilising Population Health Funding through the H&WBP. This has allowed us to get extra value from all funding streams. Population Health Priorities for 22/23 will be: Develop Enhanced Health Checks; People with Vulnerabilities; and Community Participation and Relationship Building.</p> <p>Policy & Engagement Officer continues to co-chair the BCLRF.</p> <p>The CRF bid was unsuccessful however there is community-wide collaboration to see how the projects can be funded in a different way. This includes the potential of using SPF to deliver what is still required and necessary.</p>

GF1.1.1	Reset the Health and Wellbeing Partnership, establishing an action plan to identify ways in which health inequalities can be tackled effectively and collaboratively	Policy & Engagement Officer	Now incorporated into actions above to avoid duplication.	
GF1.1.2	Utilise the County Local Resilience Forum Health Protection Board and local outbreak control system to inform our health and wellbeing priorities whilst being reactive to any local outbreaks within the Borough, supporting residents and communities in their resilience	Head of Public Protection /Policy and Engagement Officer	Continue to support countywide structures to manage outbreaks and support our residents. Map internal H&WB resource and opportunity between Policy & Engagement and Public Protection strands to ensure that MDTs and agendas are shared, maximising resource.	Our local outbreak control and contact tracing team continued to operate until all Covid restrictions were lifted. The team consists of five dedicated roles supported by Public Protection Service staff. The team now supports the wider County wide service to assist the Education and Care Home Infection Prevention Control teams and have been supporting our local businesses with IPC advice and guidance. Most recently they will be helping to deliver the Governments £150 Energy rebate. Ongoing due to internal restructure.
GF1.1.3	Establish a process, such as a Poverty Truth Commission (PTC), to identify and remediate financial inequalities with particular reference to the existing vulnerable residents and the potential for a large	Policy & Engagement Officer	Recruit a PTC co-ordinator to deliver the PTC Plan co-ordination of PTC Identify and engage Community, Civic and Business Commissioners.	PTC Co-ordinator recruited in November 2021 PTC Co-ordinator planning and delivering PTC, with community commissioners identified and recruited, with a list of civic and business commissioners being drawn up for consideration.

	cohort of newly vulnerable residents, due to secondary impacts of the outbreak			
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People				
More of our residents are making healthy lifestyle choices.				
Ref	Action	Owner	Planned Activity	Progress Update July 21 – April 22
CP1.2.1	Encourage greater use of leisure facilities including parks, woodlands, beaches and open spaces including participation in, park run/ Junior Park run/ active Barrow mums. Especially for our least active residents.	Head of Operational Services	<p>Encourage new fitness events in borough open spaces e.g. Park Play)</p> <p>Support existing fitness events (Park run/junior park run).</p> <p>Support and encourage new users to Parks & Open spaces through bowling.</p> <p>Continue to develop and enhance wildlife areas in Parks & Open spaces to encourage a wider audience.</p> <p>Continue to maintain clean, well-managed, welcoming green spaces throughout the borough.</p> <p>Develop a Cycle for All scheme at Barrow Park.</p>	<p>Outdoor fitness equipment installed in Barrow Park and Vickerstown Park.</p> <p>Park Play started in Barrow Park and has expanded to Ormsgill Community field and Askam.</p> <p>Continue to support existing fitness events (Park run/junior park run).</p> <p>Further improvements to wildflower area in Barrow Park.</p> <p>Wildflower meadow planted in Lakeland Avenue, wildflower planting on roundabouts and Barrow Park</p> <p>Grounds maintenance contract continues to deliver an effective service.</p> <p>Wheels 4 All using Barrow Park Boathouse for base for inclusive biking.</p>

CP1.2.2	Work with our leisure provider to do more to support our communities to make healthier choices	Director People and Place	Deliver a clear, consistent service specification and monitor progress against it.	Barrow Forward a Council Owned Company has been established to deliver leisure provision. This is operational and a client function established.
CP1.2.3	Promote local walks/ activities e.g. walk for health/ cycle events through social media.	Policy & Engagement Officer / Communications Lead	Work with County Council Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan and Town Deal Cycling and Walking infrastructure to deliver communications and engagement on local routes	Officers represent BBC on the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for Barrow, which sets out the strategy for developing the walking and cycling networks within the borough. The LCWIP identifies projects for funding when it becomes available. Several schemes in Barrow have secured funding from Town Deal and Active Travel Funds 2 & 3.
CP1.2.4	Work with the Bay Health and Care Partnership to deliver Health Priorities.	Policy & Engagement Officer	Implement Anchor Institution Collaborative methodology and collect data against priorities. Map and resource health and well-being Multi-Disciplinary Teams and NHS funding opportunities	Ongoing, first draft of MBAIC scoring due for consideration by end of May 2022 Ongoing due to internal restructure
CP1.2.5	Provide a range of facilities and opportunities to encourage participation in sport.	Director of People & Place Head of Operational Services	Continue to commission Park Leisure Centre offer and manage Borough-owned sports facilities.	Playing pitches maintained to provide sports facilities. Work is ongoing with partners including Football Foundation, Sports England and local clubs to develop 3G pitches.

People				
Our communities are strong, confident and actively engaged in shaping their future.				
Ref	Action	Owner	Planned Activity	Progress Update July 21 – April 22
CP1.3.1	Celebrate the achievements and successes of our communities through	Policy & Engagement Officer /	Continue to utilise the #BrilliantBarrow social media channels, working with the town deal Engagement and Communications group, as well as the Love	Use of the social media channels has increased significantly. Both Town Deal and more generic content is being shared on a daily basis.

	publically raising awareness of the great things they do.	Communications Lead	<p>Barrow Coalition Engagement Framework, to share positive community achievements.</p> <p>Work with Love Barrow Coalition and Love Barrow Families to relaunch the Love Barrow Awards, with support from private sector and local employers.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Love Barrow awards were relaunched with the first ceremony delivered in March 2022.</p>
CP1.3.2	Provide support for Voluntary Community Services by involving, engaging and empowering them to be at the heart of our neighbourhoods.	Policy & Engagement Officer/Deputy Director People and Place	<p>Implement Anchor Institution Collaborative methodology and collect data against priorities.</p> <p>Co-chair Barrow Community Local Resilience Forum to ensure that the voluntary, community and faith sectors have a recognised partnership to engage with commissioners</p> <p>Work with Love Barrow Coalition to ensure the <i>Barrow Way</i> is progressed</p> <p>Work with third sector and public sector partners to hold a charities conference to ensure better co-production of services.</p>	<p>Ongoing, first draft of MBAIC scoring due for consideration by end of May 2022</p> <p>Policy & Engagement Officer continues to co-chair of the BCLRF.</p> <p>Policy & Engagement Officer continues to co-chair the BCLRF.</p> <p>First draft of The Barrow Way – a philosophical approach was launched in March 2022</p> <p>A community sector group has been established and there is an intention to bring all partners together to help plan collaborative funding opportunities, such as SPF, in June 2022.</p>
GF1.3.1	We will work with and through the Barrow Community Local Resilience Forum to develop and agree a set of shared values and behaviours and a shared vision and priorities. This	Policy & Engagement Officer	Implement the shared values, behaviours and principles that underpinned the Barrow Way Community Renewal Fund bid.	First draft of The Barrow Way – a philosophical approach was launched in March 2022

	will ensure community-led decision making that uses shared data and intelligence to focus collective resources on the best course of actions to enable our residents to thrive			
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People				
Our communities are strong, confident and actively engaged in shaping their future.				
People will feel safe where they live.				
Ref	Action	Owner	Planned Activity	Progress Update July 21 – April 22
CP1.4.1	Actively lead the South Cumbria Community Safety Partnership and ensure actions to improve safety in barrow are delivered.	Director of People & Place / Head of People and Communities/Policy & Engagement Officer	<p>Build further community safety resource through restructure.</p> <p>Support chair of Community Safety Partnership by administering the South Cumbria Community Safety Partnership meetings and actions.</p> <p>Lead on reshaping the Local Focus Hub, supporting the Police to ensure it is collaborative and delivers.</p>	<p>New safe and strong communities team established.</p> <p>Policy & Engagement Officer is supporting the SCCSP Chair to deliver meetings.</p> <p>Progress to date – Agreed with Superintendent – for co-location of Acting Inspector and Police Officer to be based within the Safe and Strong Communities Team. Local Focus Hub to be managed by Safe and Strong Communities Manager with support for intelligence from Police data team and Officers within Hub. Work on the LGR Hub workstream complete through to ‘blue print’.</p>

			<p>Deliver Safer Streets 3 Fund bid with partners if successful to make women feel safer in public spaces.</p> <p>Use Local Focus Hub to tackle spike in Anti Social Behaviour and Hate Crime.</p>	<p>SSF3 bid was unsuccessful, Barrow BC are planning to co-ordinate and lead a SSF Round 4 bid.</p> <p>Anti -Social Behaviour policy and procedures covering across tenure drafted to go to Exec Committee 25 May, 2022</p>
CP1.4.2	<p>Work with partners to protect our most vulnerable residents by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling homelessness, • Delivering Disabled Facilities Grants, • Being Corporate parents, • Supporting people with special educational needs and disabilities, • Contributing to the Cumbria Safeguarding Adults and Children and Young People Boards. 	<p>Head of People and Communities/ Head of Asset Management/Deputy Director of People</p>	<p>Implementation of Housing First model.</p> <p>Provision of Women’s Support and Accommodation Service for vulnerable women and single women experiencing domestic abuse.</p> <p>Delivering Disabled Facilities Grants and ensuring that the scheme is promoted to encourage take up.</p> <p>Develop a Corporate Parenting Action Plan for the Council.</p> <p>Deliver further safeguarding training to staff and members. Recruit Safeguarding Champions and</p>	<p>Meetings with ‘Home Group’ to repurpose their building at Brewery Site to accommodate Housing First Model for complex client group – 8 units with housing related support to be provided by Home Group with additional specialised support from The Well Communities commissioned by Barrow BC - Dec 2022.</p> <p>Women’s Support and Accommodation Service for vulnerable women and single women experiencing domestic abuse – Scheme now open for referrals a partnership approach between BBC, WCM and Furness Homelessness Support Group- 4 units of specialised support.</p> <p>Appointed additional Housing Grants Officer. Delivery of DFGs back to pre-pandemic levels. Established regular DFG clinics at Forum in partnership with Adult Social Care OT team</p> <p>Early discussions taken place regarding development of Corporate Parenting Action Plan for the Council – Completed Dec 2022.</p> <p>12 members of staff including Designated Safeguarding Leading (DSL) and Deputy DSL, Homelessness Team, Head of HR, Head of People and Communities and</p>

			participate in safeguarding reviews if needed.	Safe and Strong Communities Team completed Level 3 Award in Safeguarding Training in August 2021. First meeting of Safeguarding Forum took place in February 2022.
CP1.4.3	Work closely with voluntary community organisations to understand key opportunities and challenges within our communities and the interventions that may help to overcome these.	Policy and Engagement Officer	<p>Implement Love Barrow Coalition’s Engagement Framework to ensure that community voices are shared vertically and horizontally through the Barrow Way. Link up four partnership bodies to ensure that intelligence is shared and that there is collaborative working.</p> <p>Map internal Health & Well Being resource and opportunity between Policy & Engagement and Public Protection strands to ensure that Multi-Disciplinary Teams and agendas are shared, maximising resource.</p> <p>Co-chair Barrow Community Local Resilience Forum to ensure that joining up of sectors and voices.</p>	<p>First draft of The Barrow Way – a philosophical approach was launched in March 2022 The engagement framework is a standing item on policy making partnerships such as the HWBP.</p> <p>Ongoing due to internal restructure.</p> <p>Policy & Engagement Officer continues to co-chair the BCLRF.</p>
CP1.4.4	Seek to secure new investment that can support the empowerment of our communities, in particular those within the most deprived parts of the Borough.	Policy & Engagement Officer	<p>Work with third sector to fund projects within and without the Community Renewal Fund 2021-22 bid.</p> <p>Use the <i>Furness Revealed Report</i> to approach funders and support community and third sector</p>	The CRF bid was unsuccessful however there is community-wide collaboration to see how the projects can be funded in a different way. This includes the potential of using SPF to deliver what is still required and necessary.

			<p>colleagues in making bids where necessary.</p> <p>Co-ordinate and collaborate funding bids through Barrow Community Local Resilience Forum.</p>	
CP1.4.5	Build community resilience through increasing participation in local activities and decision making and enable residents to influence and contribute to service delivery.	Policy & Engagement Officer	<p>Start Poverty Truth Commission in summer 2021.</p> <p>Put Love Barrow Coalition Engagement Framework on the agenda of four decision making partnerships.</p> <p>Refresh and focus Barrow Community Local Resilience Forum.</p>	<p>PTC commenced November 2022.</p> <p>The engagement framework is a standing item on policy making partnerships such as the HWBP.</p> <p>Ongoing, BCLRF meets 6 weekly and is focussing on recovery.</p>
GF1.4.1	Ensure our residents are as safe as they can be, and work with them and partners to build back trust and cohesion within and between communities and agencies.	Policy & Engagement Officer	<p>Provide channels of communication and engagement with residents.</p> <p>Actively participate in community cohesion work as part of the Community Safety Partnership</p> <p>Work with Locality Focus Hub to address local issues and ensure</p>	<p>Engagement with residents through community street safe work – Safe and Strong Communities Team – making residents feel safer within their communities and addressing issues of anti-social behaviour and enviro crime – Ongoing</p> <p>Work with elected members and partner organisations on community cohesion issues is being planned with Safer Cumbria colleagues.</p> <p>Ongoing work with Police and Partners to develop local focus hub within the Safe and Strong</p>

			<p>residents' concerns and issues are addressed.</p> <p>Support the NHS to address vaccine hesitancy and encourage take up in the Borough</p> <p>Develop and introduce a new community safety team that will focus on neighbourhood management and community reassurance.</p> <p>Continue to support outbreak management and ongoing work to minimise and mitigate the impact of covid 19.</p>	<p>Communities Team – in place by July 2022. Safe and Strong Communities Team – now in place May 2022</p> <p>Barrow BC has been an active and key partner in the Morecambe Bay Vaccine Inequalities group.</p>
GF1.4.2	We will increase our internal resource to support community safety activity	Director of People & Places	Use restructure to build community safety resource.	Completed and structure in place.
GF1.4.3	We will aim to work through the BCLRF with partners, schools and families to develop a support programme for children and families over the summer.	Policy & Engagement Officer	Delivered.	

Place				
Barrow Borough has a diverse housing offer, where everyone can expect a decent home, they can afford to live in				
Ref	Action	Owner	Planned Activity	Progress Update July 21 – April 22

CP2.1.2	Prepare a Housing Strategy to determine priorities and actions needed to improve the housing offer	Head of Programme Management and Climate Change	Work with Cumbria Housing Group and key partners locally to develop the strategy for Barrow Borough.	Housing Strategy working group established and strategy document in draft form
CP2.1.3	Tackle the number of empty homes	Head of Programme Management and Climate Change	Develop internal approach to empty homes and define the capacity to enable us this issue to be addressed.	Continuing to participate in Cumbria Empty Homes Group. Limited capacity to engage with this issue. Available staff have been committed to working on energy efficiency work (see CP2.3.1) Committed to working with SLDC and Eden to co-ordinate resources for start of W&F Council.
CP2.1.4	Improve priority housing renewal areas	Head of Programme Management and Climate Change	Develop funding proposal for Town Deal for Barrow Island and Rawlinson Street. Seek future funding opportunities for other areas.	£4.5m Town Deal bid successful. Programme will include £1.3m for Rawlinson St, and £3m for Ferry Rd Triangle. This programme will improve over 300 properties and save over 300 tonnes of CO2 per year by the end of the programme.
CP2.1.5	Encourage the development of supported specialist housing in the Borough	Deputy Director– People and Place, Head of Revenues and Benefits Head of Legal and Governance, Head of Programme Management and Climate Change	Produce supported housing policy. Develop accommodation for Housing First model Explore extra care housing site opportunities with partners and developers.	Intention is to follow best practice outlined in recently completed DHLUC supported housing pilots to improve quality of supported housing.
CP2.1.6	Ensure that all council owned housing retains the Decent Homes Standard	Head of Asset Management	Develop Asset Management Plans for delivery.	Strategic Asset Management Strategy refreshed and Action Plan for investment drafted.
CP2.1.7	Work with key partners to deliver transformative	Director People and Places	Maximise funding opportunities. Promote and market the site to developers.	£5.5m Get Building Fund secured to remediate 6ha portion of site. First stage design work completed

	development at Marina Village.	Head of Programme Management and Climate Change	<p>Complete Full Business Case for Town Deal.</p> <p>Deliver funded elements for Get Building Fund including submitting for planning permission.</p>	<p>and contractor appointed. Planning permission obtained. Work due to commence May 2022.</p> <p>Business case for Town Deal successful. £1m of funding will allow the completion of acquisition work on the Marina Village site, and complete a feasibility study for the relocation of the waste depot.</p> <p>Successful bid submitted to Brownfield Land Release Fund for £1.5m to construct improved junction at Cavendish Dock Rd and relocate electrical sub-station. Working with Homes England to secure additional funding for site remediation for Brownfield Infrastructure and Land fund.</p>
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Place				
Our neighbourhoods are clean, welcoming and attractive.				
Ref	Action	Owner	Planned Activity	Progress Update July 21 – April 22
CP2.2.1	Work with residents to foster positive attitudes to maintaining cleanliness	Head of Operational Services	Continue public awareness campaigns and activities alongside the relevant policies to increase recycling and change resident perceptions and behaviour.	Supporting residents through social media campaign on recyclable materials and correct presentation of waste. Officer engagement directly to residents to give informative advice on waste and recycling. Officer engagement to promote local pride in area cleanliness.
CP2.2.2	Work with our contractor to deliver effective street cleansing, waste, refuse and recycling and grounds maintenance services.	Director People and Place. Head of Operational Services	Effectively contract manage existing services against service specifications.	Robust contract management introduced to all contract areas. Rectifications for non- performance or non-compliance of contract specification.
CP2.2.3	Be tough on those who blight our neighbourhoods with fly tipping, litter, dog	Head of People and Communities/ Head of Programme	Develop overall corporate enforcement plan for all hotspots including waste, planning	Working closely with CSWP and LGR workstreams to ensure service delivery of Waste, refuse, recycling and GM is maintained post LGR.

	fouling through robust approach to enforcement	Management and Climate Change	enforcement, landlord licensing and fly tipping. Develop and introduce a new community safety team that will focus on neighbourhood management and community reassurance.	Working with Egerton Court partnership and Steamer/Schooner St leaseholder groups to tackle fly tipping and other anti-social
CP2.2.4	Work closely with representatives from the Borough's towns and villages to build community pride and engagement.	Head of People and Communities	Work with Parish, Town Councils, community organisations to tackle antisocial behaviour and other visible issues providing reassurance in areas where public concerns are highest using the Local Focus Hub.	Continued partnership work with Local Hub Partners to tackle ASB within our community ASB Service Level Agreement in place with ASB Action Ltd – 5 Injunctions secured to stop and prevent further anti-social behaviour during 2021/2022
GF2.2.1	Plan for future service delivery of major contracts	Director People and Place. Head of Operational Services	Contribute towards new Cumbria Waste and Resources Strategy. Undertake commissioning process to determine new service delivery for GM and waste collection, refuse and recycling taking into consideration any possible LGR outcomes.	Working closely with CSWP and LGR workstreams to ensure service delivery of Waste, refuse, recycling and GM is maintained post LGR.

Place				
Our neighbourhoods are clean, welcoming and attractive.				
Ref	Action	Owner	Planned Activity	Progress Update July 21 – April 22
CP2.3.1	CHANGE FROM: Climate emergency action plan.	Head of Programme Management and Climate Change	Work with Zero Carbon Partnership to deliver a Citizens Jury for Barrow.	Citizens' Jury has produced recommendations that will be presented to Committee and developed into an action plan.

	CHANGE TO: Deliver our Climate Change Action Plan to achieve our net zero carbon target by 2037		Deliver Low Carbon Barrow projects with capital spend in first year. To include electric vehicle charging points and lease cars, improvements to public buildings, small grants programme and public housing programme.	<p>£2m Low Carbon Barrow programme underway: Installation of 18 EV charge points underway and due for completion May 2022</p> <p>Installation of PV solar panels on Yew Tree and Roosegate estates underway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Installation of PV solar panels at Dock Museum commissioned • LED lighting at Forum (stage and non-stage areas) installed • New facilities block at Piel Island tendered • Business grants programme launched. • Green Homes Grant LAD2 programme projected to install energy saving measures to 80 homes using 2021/22 funding • £19.5m secured from LAD3/HUG (Sustainable Warmth) for Cumbria Partnership to deliver approx. 2600 measures in 2022/23 • Insulation and heating measures installed to over 130 homes working with private installers through ECO Flex scheme.
CP2.3.2	Enhanced greener spaces, public parks and beaches	Head of Programme Management and Climate Change/ Head of Operational Services	<p>Develop future management plan for long term future of Piel Island. Include measures through Low Carbon Barrow to make it an eco-destination.</p> <p>Undertake an audit of green spaces to utilise them for community usage.</p> <p>To continue to work with Love my Beach.</p>	<p>New tenant secured for Ship Inn, Piel. Feasibility of installing solar panels to be completed. New facilities block tendered.</p> <p>See also CP2.3.4 – Cumbria Coastal Community Forest.</p> <p>See also CP2.3.4 – Cumbria Coastal Community Forest.</p>

			Work with Cumbria County Council, woodland Trust, Rotary Club to provide a programme of tree planting and footpath improvements.	
CP2.3.3	Reduce our use of natural resources through reduction, recycling and reuse.	Head of Operational Services	Continue to improve and deliver recycling and waste reduction services.	Client function strengthened through restructure to improve contract performance.
CP2.3.4	Work with partners to raise awareness of natural assets and celebrate them	Head of Programme Management and Climate Change/Director People and Place/Policy and Engagement Officer	Submit funding opportunities to support natural assets or support partners with initiatives such as Cumbrian Coastal Forest. Deliver the Town Deal Earnse Bay outdoor centre in partnership with County Council, Eden Project and Natural England.	Funding secured for Cumbria Coastal Community Forest and project team in place. Barrow BC leading engagement with communities on what Earnse Bay Hub will deliver and how it will be operated.

Place				
Our Borough is seen as a destination of choice for leisure, culture and sport.				
Ref	Action	Owner	Planned Activity	Progress Update July 21 – April 22
CP2.4.1	Work with the Business Improvement District to continue promoting and improving the town	Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy	Liaise with the Barrow Investment District about the implementation of their new and existing Business Plan. Seek opportunities for collaboration for the benefit of local businesses.	The Head of Regeneration & Planning Policy now acts as Liaison Officer for the Council with Barrow BID. Following the BID securing their second term in 2021 a BID Liaison Committee has been established and meets regularly to review progress on the BIDs Business Plan and discuss pertinent issues. We have worked in partnership with the BID on various Welcome Back Funded projects to support town centre recovery post Covid and on the Town Centre Taskforce.

CP2.4.2	Deliver destination marketing and place development with Cumbria Tourism.	Head of Visitor Economy and Culture	<p>Develop place development full business case for Town Deal project.</p> <p>Work with partners to develop a programme of events for the Borough.</p> <p>Create a co-ordinated and streamlined events management process for the council.</p>	<p>The Place Development Business Case was completed in November 2021 and subsequently accepted by government.</p> <p>The Place Development project includes delivery of capital works to two events spaces in Barrow which will enable an enhanced events programme to be delivered. Recruitment for a Place Project Officer has begun to manage delivery of the project and a project group has been established which includes partners Cumbria Tourism, Barrow BID and BarrowFull.</p> <p>BBC Officers have worked with Cumbria Tourism and Barrow BID on an extremely successful marketing campaign funded through the Welcome Back Fund. A range of activity was undertaken including use of Visit Barrow website and social media, social media posts and targeted advertorials, adverts, press releases, blogs, creation of photography and film footage and a printed Visit Barrow leaflet.</p>
CP2.4.3	Work with Sport England and other partners to develop and enhance availability and access to sport	Director People and Place	<p>Develop Sports and Recreation strategy and Playing Pitches Strategy</p> <p>Explore funding opportunities for 3G and 4G pitches.</p> <p>Undertake a feasibility study for a mixed-use stadium.</p>	<p>Regeneration & Planning Policy Officers have developed a brief for a Playing Pitch Strategy and have been working with colleagues from SLDC and Eden on a joint commission ahead of Westmorland & Furness Council being established. Dialogue has been ongoing with stakeholders including Sport England.</p> <p>A consultant has been procured to produce a Feasibility Study for a Mixed Use Stadium funded by the Town Deal Place Development Project, a working</p>

				group including representatives of Barrow AFC and Barrow RLFC has been established.
CP2.4.4	Work with the Business Improvement District to continue promoting and improving the town	Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy	Liaise with the Barrow Investment District about the implementation of their new and existing Business Plan. Seek opportunities for collaboration for the benefit of local businesses.	The Head of Regeneration & Planning Policy now acts as Liaison Officer for the Council with Barrow BID. Following the BID securing their second term in 2021 a BID Liaison Committee has been established and meets regularly to review progress on the BIDs Business Plan and discuss pertinent issues. We have worked in partnership with the BID on various Welcome Back Funded projects to support town centre recovery post Covid and on the Town Centre Taskforce.
GF2.4.1	We will work with the Forum, Dock Museum and our Leisure provider to provide new experiences for our residents and visitors including a revised café offer in the Forum, exercise classes in Barrow Park and gearing up to deliver the National Lottery funded Shipyard Town project.	Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy, Head of Visitor Economy and Culture, Head of Operational Services	<p>Deliver the place project of the Town Deal.</p> <p>Work with Barra Culture (now BarrowFull) to create a range of cultural experiences for residents and visitors</p> <p>Work with authorities around the Bay to deliver the cultural compact</p> <p>Further promote Parkplay and other activity in Barrow Park</p> <p>Deliver the improvements to the Forum and Dock museum through various funding streams. This will</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Head of Regeneration & Planning Policy was part of partner steering group for the Bay Cultural Compact, which established a reference group and evidence base before being paused due to LGR in late 2021.</p> <p>Park play now introduced and working well in Barrow Park, has also extended to Ormsgill Community field. Street tag to be introduced soon. Working to deliver interesting and entertaining events on Barrow park with local entertainers and event organisers.</p> <p>Developed concept designs for enhanced event spaces at the Market Square and Dock Museum Amphitheatre. Undertook public consultation</p>

			include the development of the Forum as a town centre hub for creative and cultural activity	throughout 2021 and 2022 on these designs and on the events people would like to attend. Completed the construction of the Research Room at the Dock Museum and secured planning permission for solar panels as part of the Shipyard Town Project.
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Place				
Vibrant town centres where people want to visit.				
Ref	Action	Owner	Planned Activity	Progress Update July 21 – April 22
CP2.5.1	Deliver key improvements to the town centre for the benefit of residents, workers and visitors	Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy, Head of Visitor Economy and Culture,	Produce a Town Centre Supplementary Planning Guidance to shape the town. Implement the Welcome Back Fund public realm improvements. Partner with Cumbria Tourism through Welcome Back Funding to bring visitors into the town centre.	Work has commenced on a Town Centre SPD, which is informed by and responds to major regeneration funding for the town centre. Stakeholder Consultation has taken place. Production of Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan funded by Welcome Back Fund which includes short and medium term actions for Barrow town centre. Established a Town Centre Taskforce of public and private sector partners working with the Government High Streets Task Force
CP2.5.2	Transform the experience of Barrow as a retail and service destination for residents, visitors and businesses by facilitating a diversity of uses, enhance the public realm and increase accessibility	Director People and Place, Capital Programme Manager, Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy, Head of Visitor Economy and Culture,	If Levelling up Fund is successful, transform the market hall and Forum uses. Implement new public realm improvements and accessibility improvements in the town centre. Implement Heritage Action Zone programme to improve heritage offer in the town.	Secured £16m Levelling Up Funding for Forum/Market Hall and public realm. Established governance structure and delivery mechanism for LUF and Town Deal. HSHAZ successes in 2021/22 include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Grants and Emergency Repairs • 3 Feasibility studies • Progress on Public realm enhancements • Virtual guided Tour

			Through Towns Fund work with University of Cumbria, BAE and Furness College to develop a full business case for a new Learning quarter in the town.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memory Shop Events in Library, Forum & Market • Heritage Skills Festival on Cavendish Street • Workshops and Lectures • National Soundwalk Commission • Heritage Open Days/Town Hall Tours • Won National Music Commission for delivery summer 2022 <p>Full Business Case completed for Learning Quarter. Planning Permission submitted April 2022.</p>
CP2.5.3	Improvement to infrastructure designed to achieve the safe and convenient movement of vehicles and pedestrians to and within the town centre.	Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy		<p>Represent Barrow on LCWIP Delivery and Active Travel Groups, supporting projects for Barrow Borough and lobbying for improvements to the wider road and rail network.</p> <p>Working with partners such as Stagecoach on major funding programmes for Barrow Town Centre. Produced Affordable Housing and Developer Contributions SPD to be adopted Spring/ Summer 2022 which will encourage developer contributions for infrastructure improvements.</p> <p>Public realm improvements including widening of footways on Duke Street to be delivered through HSHAZ in 2022.</p>
GF2.5.1	Using the opportunity afforded by a “fresh start” for our town centre retail areas on reopening there will be a thorough and holistic review of the street-scene and town		This will be delivered through CP2.4.4	

	centre offer. Working with Barrow BID we will look at how we can improve the cleanliness and aesthetics of our town centres and encourage the growth of “café culture” that both satisfies relevant legislation but also provides business development opportunity and a more vibrant atmosphere within our retail areas			
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Prosperity				
Barrow Borough will have a strategic role within Cumbria and Morecambe Bay				
Ref	Action	Owner	Planned Activity	Progress Update July 21 – April 22
CP3.1.1	Engage with districts and Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership to realise opportunities surrounding our growth deal proposal as part of Morecambe Bay and Cumbria	Chief Executive and Director People and Place	<p>Actively participate in economic governance structures to get the best for Barrow such as Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership, Cumbria Leaders Board.</p> <p>Participate in Morecambe Bay Cultural Compact.</p> <p>Continue to push for the Bay Prosperity and Resilience Strategy to secure growth deal funding</p>	Barrow BC continues to actively contribute to economic growth development through CLEP groups on Place, Business Strategy, Clean Growth, etc.

CP3.1.2	Enhance the reputation of Barrow as a key sub-regional centre for the South of Cumbria.	Director People and Place	Develop an economic prospectus for the Borough which sets out the opportunities.	This is linked to the work of Brilliant Barrow Board in its role as strategic economic growth driver for Barrow. The actual prospectus needs to be developed, but the clean growth prospectus, town centre strategy and vision for Marina Village are key pieces of work that will directly contribute to its production.
CP3.1.3	Actively pursue opportunities to promote the Borough throughout the region, Northern Powerhouse and beyond	Director People and Place	Work with the Brilliant Barrow Board to develop the long-term economic strategy for Barrow with key partners such as BAE to sell the benefits of being part of the supply chain. Develop a clean energy prospectus with the Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership for Barrow which focusses on huge new opportunities to capitalise on such as hydrogen.	As above in CP3.1.2 Completed and part of the emerging Clean Growth Strategy for Cumbria.
CP3.1.4	Deliver the employment and housing sites identified through the Local Plan	Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy/ Head of Development Services	Promote these sites for investment that will deliver inclusive growth and benefit our residents. Enable new anchor institutions such as the new University of Cumbria base in Barrow and build partnerships with them to maximise opportunities in Barrow. Produce design guides for improving the built environment, especially Marina Village.	Liaised with developers and partners on the delivery of development sites within the borough through early proactive dialogue and advice. Production of Affordable Housing & Developer Contributions SPD will enable more sustainable development to be delivered. Supported development in 2021 by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Determining 488 planning applications • 403 Building Control completions • 1653 domestic land charge searches • 447 EIR land charge requests Major Development supported in 2021 included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of D59 building at BAE Systems

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refurbishment of Endoscopy & Dane Garth Units at FGH • Housing development at: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lindal - 35 dwellings 2. Askam – 52 dwellings 3. Dalton – 36 dwellings
CP3.1.5	Undertake a full review of assets, capital and resources to ensure they are used to meet strategic objectives	Head of Asset Management	<p>Produce a Strategic Asset Management Plan for all council owned assets.</p> <p>Produce a land disposal strategy which will lead and shape future investment in council owned sites.</p>	<p>Draft SAMP developed and will be brought to Executive Committee in June 2022.</p> <p>Will be part of LGR asset management workstream.</p>
CP3.1.7	Create conditions for entrepreneurs, small and medium sized enterprises to start up and grow	Head of Asset Management/Director People and Place	<p>Continue to focus on providing spaces for businesses and co-working opportunities at Waterfront Business Centre, Market Hall and Phoenix Business Centre.</p> <p>Develop and create new opportunities for people to start up through Towns Fund Business Support offer and embed within new community hub models.</p>	Supporting SME occupation in Council owned properties. Secured £16m funding, a significant part of this will transform the market hall for new and existing traders.
GF3.1.1	Support Covid 19 economic recovery measures.	Director of Resources and Head of Public Protection	Continue to administer government business recovery grants and provide advice and assistance to businesses helping with compliance, interpreting legislation and when necessary, taking enforcement action.	<p>The Covid Compliance and Contact Tracing team have continued to provide support and guidance to local businesses, following the removal of all restrictions.</p> <p>In partnership with the six districts and the county council are developing a website to provide businesses with comprehensive advice and guidance</p>

				on 'respiratory disease, including Covid-19' control in the workplace.
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Prosperity				
Barrow is a well-connected Borough with improved road, port, rail and digital infrastructure.				
Ref	Action	Owner	Planned Activity	Progress Update July 21 – April 22
CP3.2.1	Engage proactively with partners to secure investment and improved connectivity	Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy	<p>Work with Cumbria County Council to lobby for funding for highway and key gateway improvement.</p> <p>Work with rail partners for improvements to rail services to and from Barrow.</p>	<p>Officers have continued to work proactively with CCC and other partners to lobby for improvements to infrastructure to secure inward investment.</p> <p>Business Support Town Deal Project will assist new businesses and entrepreneurs through grants, support and advice.</p> <p>Officers represent BBC on Dalton Borderlands Town Team to work up Business Cases for project delivery through £3m Borderlands Place Programme.</p>
CP3.2.2	Continue to campaign to increase access to superfast broadband	Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy	Lobby central government and key partners. Participate in CLEPs digital strategy work and promote digital inclusion for Barrow residents.	Officers sit on various CLEP groups and continue to support this work particularly for areas of the borough with poorer access to broadband.
CP3.2.3	Promote more sustainable modes of transport	Head of Regeneration and Planning Policy	Influence funding for walking and cycling improvements and ensure consultation and engagement with residents and businesses is inclusive.	<p>This activity is being delivered by CCC through Town Deal and Active Travel funding with support from BBC through ensuring new developments comply with our Local Plan, SPDs and other supporting evidence to deliver sustainable development and encourage walking and cycling.</p> <p>We have promoted walking and cycling through Visit Barrow for residents and visitors and included a section within our promotional leaflet on walking and cycling in the Borough and connecting with national and regional routes and trails such as the</p>

				Morecambe Bay Cycle Route and England Coast Path.
GF3.2.1	The role of our anchor institutions in supporting and creating community wealth and contributing to a prosperous and fair Borough will be explored and development further.	Policy & Engagement Officer	Implement Anchor Institution Collaborative methodology and collect data against priorities. Work with other anchor institutions to encourage them to participate.	Ongoing, first draft of MBAIC scoring due for consideration by end of May 2022

Prosperity				
Barrow Borough residents have the skills, aspirations and opportunities to realise their full potential				
Ref	Action	Owner	Planned Activity	Progress Update July 21 – April 22
CP3.3.1	Work with partners to ensure targeted programmes address the skills gaps of young people and raise their aspirations	Deputy Director People and Place Policy and Engagement Officer	Emergence of the green economy is source of vital growth for Barrow and need to develop a suitably skilled workforce to enable this. Support the development of the Town Deal Learning Quarter project to ensure local young people fully benefit from its development and work with both the University of Cumbria and Furness College as key anchor institutions. Work with FESP to develop a community skills framework	Deputy Director to work with Policy Engagement Officer to develop community Skills Framework – Dec 2022 Support through the Comms & Engagement Group and MBAIC is being given to UoC and FC. FESP are a key partner in developing and delivering projects which were identified in the unsuccessful CRF bid, and will be helping to build the SPF bid.
CP3.3.2	Explore the opportunities for expanding an apprenticeship	Head of HR	Work with Council departments to consider how they can use apprentices to meet skill gaps and	Not progressed.

	programme within the Council		promote leadership development and progression, especially as a Corporate Parent to support care leavers.	
CP3.3.3	<p>Adopt the principles of community wellbeing to ensure all our communities benefit and will fulfil our role as an Anchor Institution by more consistently:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Widening access to work 2. Purchasing and commissioning for social benefit 3. Using buildings and spaces to support communities 4. Reducing environmental impact 5. Working closely with local partners 6. Reducing inequalities 	Deputy Director – People and Place Head of Legal and Governance, Purchasing Officer	Produce a Social Value Policy for the Council which ensures that wider benefits for the community are derived from those winning contracts from the Council.	<p>Revised Procurement Strategy 2022-23 adopted 12.1.22.</p> <p>Revised contract standing orders and training provided to procuring officers on social value. March 2022.</p> <p>Key deliverable for the MBAIC.</p>

Our Council				
Growing Forwards and Recovery				
Ref	Action	Owner	Planned Activity	Progress Update July 21 – April 22
GF4.1.1	Development of an Organisational Development Strategy and Plan	Director of Resources	<p>Complete values and behaviours roll out to staff.</p> <p>Develop and deliver training programme aligned to values and behaviours.</p> <p>Produce a flexible working policy and process.</p>	<p>Following the initial roll out to managers and staff in Spring and Summer 2020, we have continued to embed the Council values and behaviours through a series of initiatives – including the Be Proud awards (nominations focussed around the key values) and new appraisal process.</p> <p>2 cycles of the Be Proud Awards have run across Summer 2021 and Spring 2022.</p> <p>Appraisal & Coaching Skills for Managers – Delivered as 2 groups (Summer 2021 & Autumn 2021) – 28 managers attended this training programme</p> <p>Leading Change and Engaging People – Delivered as 2 groups in September 2021 – 14 managers attended this training programme (it was intended to be similar number to above, but a lot of cancellations due to workload, sickness and leave).</p> <p>Individual Coaching Sessions to assist managers with their own development – Delivered as 90 minute 1:1 sessions in early March 2022. 18 managers/team leaders signed up to attend.</p> <p>Existing Flexible Working Policy developed to accommodate applications to work from home, with options for both ad hoc and fixed homeworking arrangements. Applications approved to end March 2022 in the first instance and extended in most cases on temporary basis to end Sept 2022 to allow for a review of the effectiveness of the scheme. 27 employees currently on Homeworking Agreements.</p>

			<p>Commence restructure starting with Assistant Directors.</p> <p>Review the performance appraisal scheme and other HR policies to ensure those remain relevant.</p> <p>Consider establishing a job evaluation scheme.</p>	<p>Adjustments made to Flexitime and TOIL policy to support homeworking and allow greater flexibility over working hours.</p> <p>Implemented March 2022 Strategic Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Head of Service appointed to all service areas • Functions aligned to delivery of Council Plan priorities • Capacity built in key areas where it is lacking in the People and Place Directorate • Active recruitment campaign ongoing to fill key posts <p>New Annual 121 scheme developed collaboratively with line managers, facilitated through Brathay V&Bs appraisal and mentoring skills workshops, launched January 2022 with SMT and Heads of Service, currently being rolled out to the rest of the staff by target of end June 2022.</p> <p>Job Evaluation considered but not a feasible option due to unitisation in April 2023. Lifting of Regrading Scheme moratorium being considered with the aim to then open the scheme for a fixed period during summer 2022.</p>
GF4.1.2	Enhance internal communication channels so that staff are fully engaged and informed	Chief Executive	<p>Recruit internal communications resource.</p> <p>Develop internal communication methods.</p>	<p>Internal comms group of staff volunteers is established.</p> <p>Internal communication newsletters are produced with opportunities for staff to contribute. Staff receive LGR updates through newsletter and emails or hard copies.</p>

			Review resources, including technology, needed to make this happen.	All staff briefing sessions are held as well as Manager sessions to enable staff to be kept informed on LGR and other issues.
GF4.1.3	Implement a new Customer Services approach as one Council learning lessons from Covid 19	Head of People and Communities	Develop Action Plan and seek resources to implement measures identified. Realign customer services into a one team approach. Consider ways that technology can support delivery of the Customer Services Strategy.	In progress from March 2022. Customer Service Strategy agreed by Exec Committee July 2021. Customer Service Strategy Action Plan agreed by Exec Committee Sept 2021. New IT platforms with links to online forms ongoing.
GF4.1.4	Strong financial planning to support future resilience and financial stability. Improve collection and recovery rates.	Director of Resources	Medium Term Financial Strategy takes into account impact of Covid 19 and has a recovery plan for the future. Covid 19 resources are fully accounted for. Ensure that effective collection and recovery methods are in place and reflect the impact of Covid 19.	The Medium Term Financial Plan forecast with the 2022-2023 budget setting indicates a shortfall in future years. Close monitoring will be incorporated into the established quarterly financial monitoring reports. The impacts of COVID-19 continue to impact the Councils' income streams and the position will be monitored through the quarterly reporting.
GF4.1.5	Provide effective assurance around Towns Deal funding, other projects and accountable body arrangements.	Director of Resources	Utilise Town Deal Assurance Framework for all Full Business Cases working with Cumbria County Council as programme management support.	Government has approved the assurance of all Full Business Cases and grant funding agreements are now being drawn up.

			Review resources to support project delivery and accountable body requirements.	Grant Funding Agreements are key to the governance and assurance required to control the Town Deal programme overall and these are expected to be in place by June 2022.
GF4.1.6	Deliver Project and Programme Management and the Capital Programme	Director People and Place/ Head of Programme Management and Climate Change and Capital Programmes Manager	Ensure that the project management framework is followed and that the Major Projects Board, Member Advisory Board and Corporate Programme Board governance is followed.	Project Management Framework established, and regular monthly reports are taken to Programme Board for all major capital projects.
GF4.1.7	Ensure health and wellbeing of staff	Health and Wellbeing Group led by HR Manager	Develop and deliver a series of activities based on staff feedback to improve health and wellbeing	<p>Employee Resilience Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 2022 - Offer made to all staff to attend a half day digital session via Brathay. 28 staff attended across 12, 13 and 18 January. March 2022 - Brathay and HR adapted session content to make it available to all staff as an intranet resource Follow up comms planned to remind staff about the resource. <p>Menopause Policy drafted and Stress Policy reviewed.</p> <p>Additional day's leave (pro rata) granted Christmas 2021</p> <p>Christmas activities – quiz, pet and Christmas tree competitions; jumper day, dress down day; raffle. The possibility of resuming yoga classes at the Town Hall being pursued at present.</p>
GF4.1.8	Prepare for elections	Head of Legal and Governance Democratic Services Manager	Undertake responsibilities that rest with local elections	Undertaken and delivered successfully.

GF4.1.9	Ensure external communications is effective	Chief Executive/ external comms support.	Commission an external agency to deliver external comms. Reshape website to make more customer focussed.	32 West commissioned and delivering. Website being reshaped and reviewed.
GF4.1.10	Ensure that customer complaints are investigated effectively	Head of Legal and Governance Democratic Services Manager HR Manager	Ensure that staff are trained in effective complaint handling. That service standards for resolving complaints are adhered to. That service improvements are made where necessary as a consequence of complaints.	Annual Report to Audit and Governance Committee on complaints Complaints Training Session on 3 August 2021 for members of Management Group.

PART ONE**Barrow Borough Council****Executive Committee****25 May 2022****COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund**

Report from: Director of Resources

Report Author: Director of Resources

Wards: (All Wards);

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

- 1.1 On 25 March the Government announced a new COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) of £1.5 billion. Barrow Borough Council's share of this is £1,355,251. The fund is available to support those businesses affected by the pandemic but that are ineligible for existing support linked to business rates.
- 1.2 Billing authorities are responsible for designing the discretionary relief schemes that are to operate in their areas.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 **It is recommended that the Executive Committee:-**

- 1. Approve the COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund principles contained in the report, particularly those at paragraphs 3.13 to 3.15;**
- 2. Give delegated authority to the Director of Resources to finalise and publish the COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund Scheme;**
- 3. Give delegated authority to the Director of Resources to make awards within these guidelines; and**
- 4. Give delegated authority to the Director of Resources to maintain the COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund Scheme.**

3.0 Background and Proposals

- 3.1 On 25 March the government announced a new COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund (CARF) of £1.5 billion. Barrow Borough Council's share of this is £1,355,251. The fund is available to support those businesses affected by the pandemic but that are ineligible for existing support linked to business rates.

- 3.2 The government is not changing the legislation relating to the business rates reliefs available to properties. Instead, the government will, in line with the eligibility criteria set out in this guidance, reimburse local authorities where relief is granted using discretionary relief powers under section 47 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988. It is for individual billing authorities to adopt a local scheme and determine in each individual case whether, having regard to this guidance and their own local scheme, to grant relief under section 47. The relief is available to reduce chargeable amounts in respect of 2021/22.
- 3.3 Central government will fully reimburse local authorities for discretionary relief awards which comply with this guidance up to the maximum level of the allocations.
- 3.4 Billing authorities are responsible for designing the discretionary relief schemes that are to operate in their areas.
- 3.5 The government has stated that local authorities must:
1. not award relief to ratepayers who for the same period of the relief either are or would have been eligible for the Extended Retail Discount (covering Retail, Hospitality and Leisure) or the Nursery Discount,
 2. not award relief to a hereditament for a period when it is unoccupied (other than hereditaments which have become closed temporarily due to the government's advice on COVID-19, which should be treated as occupied for the purposes of this relief), and
 3. direct their support towards ratepayers who have been adversely affected by the pandemic and have been unable to adequately adapt to that impact.
- 3.6 In line with the legal restrictions in section 47(8A) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, billing authorities may not grant the discount to themselves or to certain precepting authorities (e.g. a parish or county council).
- 3.7 The relief must be applied after mandatory reliefs and other discretionary reliefs funded by section 31 grants have been applied – a hereditament receiving full small business rate relief is not eligible for further relief from CARF.
- 3.8 It is the Council's intention to award the maximum discount possible to ratepayers whom have been identified as meeting the above criteria. This policy bases decisions as to eligibility having regard to the government guidance as to sectors of business least likely to be adversely affected and the local business sector makeup. This is understood to be a generalisation, and that relief may be awarded to some businesses that have not been adversely affected; in accepting the relief ratepayers are confirming that the assumptions are correct and that they are eligible.
- 3.9 Ratepayers not wishing to accept the relief because their business does not meet the eligibility criteria must return the subsidy declaration to refuse the relief because either:

- The business has not been adversely affected by the pandemic or
- in accepting the relief it would exceed subsidy limits.

- 3.10 The relief can only be used to discount the 2021/22 rates liability will be awarded to eligible businesses.
- 3.11 If the amount of relief awarded needs to be recalculated in the event of an increase in rateable value the Council reserves the right not to increase the amount of CARF above the amount of the initial award.
- 3.12 The government's allocation method uses the gross value (GVA) reduction as a proxy for the economic impacts of COVID-19 and has produced the following average GVA impacts:

SIC Code | Definition | Average GVA Reduction

A	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	-13%
B	Mining and Quarrying	-8%
C	Manufacturing	-9%
D	Energy	-1%
E	Water and Waste Management	0%
F	Construction	-14%
G	Wholesale and Retail	-8%
I	Hospitality	-55%
J	Information and Communication	-6%
K	Financial Services	-2%
L	Real Estate Activities	-2%
M	Professional Services	-7%
N	Administrative Services	-21%
O	Public administration	1%
P	Education	-20%
Q	Health	-10%
R	Arts, Entertainment and Recreation	-34%
S	Other Services	-32%
X	J-N: Information, Communication, Financial Intermediation, Real Estate and Business Services	-6%
Y	Transport	-32%
Z	Storage and Distribution	-1%

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- 3.13 The hereditament types covered by the Extended Retail Discount and the Nursery Discount must be excluded and the Scheme shall also exclude public sector hereditaments.
- 3.14 It is proposed that a uniform percentage discount will be calculated against the total liability of the hereditaments determined to be eligible. The relief shall be

awarded and shall be limited to the net liability after other reliefs have been applied, at the time of calculation.

- 3.15 It is also proposed that the GVA reduction for the eligible SIC Codes must be 10% or higher – there are more detailed lists of business types within the government guidance. If that does not allocate the full amount available, the reduction will be changed until the full amount of relief can be awarded.

4.0 Consultation

- 4.1 Government have instructed Councils to establish local discretionary schemes, there is no requirement to consult.

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 The alternative approaches to distribution would be based on the information presented in the body of the report – it is not possible to cost options at this time. Not to agree a scheme would delay the distribution of the relief.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

- 6.1 Prosperity - Supporting our economy to thrive and benefit all our residents.

7.0 Implications

7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement

- 7.1.1 The Council has been allocated £1,355,251 for the award of relief; this is subject to reconciliation and is cash-limited.

- 7.1.2 There should be a New Burdens assessment to cover the costs of managing and administering this relief.

- 7.1.3 The existing Revenues and Benefits system can be tailored to account for this relief.

7.2 Legal

- 7.2.1 The COVID-19 Additional Relief Fund Scheme shall operate as a Council policy.

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

- 7.3.1 There should be no major impact other than the pressure on staffing resources as work on delivering the additional relief runs alongside preparations for transition.

- 7.3.2 However, the relief will be a legacy matter for all Cumbria billing authorities as the reconciliation with government will come through the NNDR3 submission that falls due in May 2023.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4.1 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No – this is the delivery of a scheme set out by government.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Funds are not distributed.	Allocation repaid to government.	Principles and Scheme agreed. Software and systems designed and fit for purpose. Staffing available and trained.

Contact Officers

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Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
1. Local Authority Guidance	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-additional-relief-fund-carf-local-authority-guidance

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PART ONE

Barrow Borough Council
Executive Committee
25 May 2022
Discretionary Energy Rebate

Report from: Director of Resources
Report Author: Director of Resources
Wards: (All Wards);

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for the Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme principles to allocate Government funds to Council Taxpayers who are not eligible for the Main Scheme.
- 1.2 The Council has been allocated £162,000 of grant funding from a £144m discretionary fund from the Government 'to provide support to other energy bill payers who are not eligible under the terms of the core band A to D Energy Rebate Scheme'.
- 1.3 This report sets out the principles of the proposed Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme and requests that the Director of Resources is delegated to finalise a Scheme based upon those principles contained to enable Officers to distribute the share to Barrow Borough Council.
- 1.4 The guidance has changed since it was first issued and delegation to maintain the Scheme is also requested.

2.0 Recommendation**2.1 It is recommended that the Executive Committee:-**

- 1. Approve the Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme principles at paragraph 3.10;**
- 2. Give delegated authority to the Director of Resources to finalise and publish the Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme;**
- 3. Give delegated authority to the Director of Resources to make awards within these guidelines;**

- 4. Agree that if there are funds remaining, the Hardship Working Group shall be convened to determine any further action to ensure full expenditure; and**
- 5. Give delegated authority to the Director of Resources to maintain the Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme.**

3.0 Background and Proposals

- 3.1 The Council has been given £162,000 to energy rebates to energy bill payers who are not eligible under the terms of the core band A to D Energy Rebate Scheme (Main Scheme).
- 3.2 The Main Scheme requires the Council to pay £150 to households living in Council Tax bands A to D. Payments will not need to be paid back unless information reveals that the Council Taxpayer was incorrect; pre-payment verification will be performed.
- 3.3 Households are eligible where, on 1 April 2022, they are liable for Council Tax on a property which is in Council Tax bands A to D and which they live in as their main home. This includes those who receive Local Council Tax Support, even if their Council Tax bill for the year is less than £150. The liable party (or would be liable were the property not exempt) cannot be a local authority, a corporate body or other body such as a housing association, the government or governmental body.
- 3.4 In rounded numbers there are 18,000 accounts where direct debit details can be used to send a payment to Taxpayer bank accounts. The software to enable this payment is currently being tested and these payments are anticipated to be transacted at the end of May.
- 3.5 There are 13,000 accounts where an application process is required; there are verification and validation requirements to ensure that payments are correct and that the liable party and bank accounts match. The application process is also being created and tested; this will be an online form for customers and in the background Council officers will perform checks against government records.
- 3.6 For the discretionary fund Councils can determine locally how best to support those suffering financial hardship because of the rising cost of living. This could include households living in property valued in bands E to H that are on income related benefits or those where the energy bills payers are not liable for Council Tax. Councils can use the discretionary fund to offer carefully targeted 'top-up' payments to the most vulnerable households in bands A to D (for example, those on means tested benefits), or to offer discretionary support exceeding £150 per household.
- 3.7 Once determined, Councils should publish the agreed guidelines setting out the eligibility criteria for their Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme.

- 3.8 Councils must undertake pre-payment checks before providing support from the discretionary fund; this work will be undertaken through a collaboration between Revenues and Benefits, and Public Protection.
- 3.9 Allocations from the discretionary fund should be spent by 30 November 2022. Any remaining funding will be required to be repaid to government.
- 3.10 It is proposed that the Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme be used to fund:
- i. £150 payments to the households in bands E to H that are in receipt of Council Tax Support; and
 - ii. For households in bands A to E that are not in receipt of Council Tax Support and where the liable party occupies the dwelling, an equal amount of the discretionary fund will be calculated.
- 3.11 The amount of the discretionary fund paid as the equal amount at 3.10.ii shall be calculated to distribute the whole grant allocated. The distribution of funding is monitored and if there are funds remaining, then the Hardship Working Group shall be convened to determine any further action to ensure full expenditure.
- 3.12 There are over 1,000 households within bands E to H and the discretionary fund is not sufficient to distribute £150.

4.0 Consultation

- 4.1 Government have instructed Councils to establish local discretionary schemes, there is no requirement to consult.

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 The alternative approaches to distribution are presented in the body of the report. Not to agree a scheme would delay the distribution of the energy rebate.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

- 6.1 Prosperity - Supporting our economy to thrive and benefit all our residents.

7.0 Implications

7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement

- 7.1.1 The Council has received £4,629,900 for the Main Scheme and £162,000 for the discretionary scheme. The Main Scheme is subject to reconciliation and if there are more payments that estimated by government, there will be a settlement; the end date for spend is 30 September 2022. The discretionary scheme is subject to reconciliation but is also cash-limited.
- 7.1.2 There has been a New Burdens assessment and £52,000 has been allocated. This will be used for software/system costs, printing, postage, banking charges, and any other associated costs including staff time.

7.1.3 The programming is being added into the existing Revenues and Benefits system; there is no system procurement.

7.2 Legal

7.2.1 The Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme shall operate as a Council policy.

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

7.3.1 There should be no impact other than the pressure on staffing resources as work on delivering the energy rebate runs alongside preparations for transition. The energy rebate will have been distributed by 30 November 2022 and it is anticipated that the reconciliation will be complete by the 31 March 2023.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4.1 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No – this is the delivery of a scheme set out by government.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
Funds are not distributed.	Allocation repaid to government.	Principles and Scheme agreed. Software and systems designed and fit for purpose. Staffing available and trained.

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Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
1. Billing Authority Guidance	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance/support-for-energy-bills-the-council-tax-rebate-2022-23-billing-authority-guidance#annexA

PART ONE

Barrow Borough Council
Executive Committee
Wednesday 25 May, 2022
Final Report of the Scrutiny Work Group – Piel Island

Report from: Scrutiny and Democratic Services Team Leader

Report Author: Paula Westwood

Wards: All Wards

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

1.1 Following the Scrutiny Review into the future management arrangements for Piel Island, the Work Group has concluded the review and Overview & Scrutiny Committee has made the following recommendations to Executive Committee for consideration.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 **Executive Committee is asked to consider the report from Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the recommendations made by the Piel Island Scrutiny Work Group detailed at 3.6 of the report and determine whether to accept them.**

3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 Members will be aware that a Scrutiny Work Group was established in 2021 to consider the future management arrangements for Piel Island. The Final Report of the Piel Island Scrutiny Work Group containing full details of the review is included at **Appendix 1** to this report.

3.2 At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16th December, 2021 a detailed report had been presented from the Director of People and Place regarding the future management arrangements of Piel Island which included a number of recommendations to the Executive Committee as follows:-

- Agree to the proposed management arrangements as set out in the report and delegate authority to the Director of People and Place, in consultation with the Chair of Executive Committee, to undertake the procurement process and award the new contract;
- Note their appreciation for the work that officers put into getting the Ship Inn

- ready to be re-opened this season at very short notice;
 - Note the lessons learnt from the partnership approach and thank the Piel Island Pub Company for their contribution; and
 - Note that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Piel Island Working Group will continue to receive progress updates.
- 3.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had welcomed the plan for the future management arrangements of Piel Island but the Work Group wished to understand what had happened in the past, in terms of the selection process for the temporary operator for the 2021 season. A number of questions in that regard had been raised at the meeting which had been taken forward to a meeting of the Work Group in January 2022.
- 3.4 Following further discussions with the Director of People and Place at the Work Group meeting in January 2022, the Work Group had concluded that they were satisfied that due process had been followed to set up the partnership arrangements for the 2021 season and that the Officers involved had done a fantastic job in the short space of time and other challenges faced, including Covid, to get the Island and the Pub up and running for the start of the season and to make Piel Island and its facilities available as often as possible for visitors during the 2021 season.
- 3.5 In respect of the long-term future management arrangements for Piel Island, it had been noted as per the recommendations to the Executive Committee (detailed at 3.2 above), that an open and transparent procurement process had been undertaken to award the new contract and the Work Group had welcomed the opportunity for them to oversee the Scoring Panel for the Tender submissions.
- 3.6 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee have agreed with the recommendations of the Working Group which are being put forward to the Executive Committee in order to conclude the review:-
- Clear, concise and agreed requirements to be set for the tenant who is selected;
 - A targeted media campaign to be established to find the most suitably qualified tenant;
 - Members of the Piel Island Scrutiny Work Group to be given the opportunity to oversee the scoring process;
 - Visibility to Members of profit/loss e.g. performance management information on a regular basis (3 times annually);
 - All Members to be kept fully updated on activities, performance and issues etc encountered by the Council and the Tenant at least twice annually or more frequently as necessary;
 - Consideration be given to a Piel Island Member Group.
- 3.7 Some of the recommendations have already been taken on board and implemented as part of the recruitment process for the new tenant. Executive

Committee is asked to consider the outstanding recommendations with regards to ongoing management of Piel Island.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 Members of the Scrutiny Work Group had met with the Director of People and Place during the review along with other Officers involved in the Piel Island 2021 season including the Head of Visitor Economy and Culture and the Head of Programme Management and Climate change.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 Executive Committee can choose to accept or reject the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

6.1 Creating a vibrant, safe and welcoming place and that our neighbourhoods are clean, welcoming and attractive, working towards the outcome of our environment is enhanced, protected and celebrated.

7.0 Implications

7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1.1 If the recommendations are accepted, then Officer resource will be required to provide performance management information to Members and to run a Piel Island Member Group.

7.2 Legal

7.2.1 There are no issues to raise in this report.

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

7.3.1 There are no issues to raise in this report.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required for this report.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
N/A	N/A	N/A

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Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Final Report of the Scrutiny Work Group – Piel Island

Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
Future Management Arrangements of Piel Island – Report from Director of People and Place	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Agenda Item No. 8 – 16th December, 2021
Future Management Arrangements of Piel Island – Report from Director of People and Place	Executive Committee Agenda Item No. 11 – 12th January, 2022

PART ONE

Barrow Borough Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Thursday 24 March, 2022
Final Report of the Scrutiny Work Group – Piel Island

Report from: Democratic Services Manager

Report Author: Paula Westwood

Wards: (All Wards);

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

1.1 The report outlines the background and scope of the review into the future management arrangements for Piel Island, along with the recommendations and conclusions from the Work Group.

2.0 Recommendation

2.1 (1) To note the outcome of the review detailed at 3.9, 3.10 and 3.11 of the report and that the Scrutiny Work Group were satisfied for the review to be concluded; and

(2) To agree that the report be submitted to Executive Committee for consideration of the recommendations as set out at 3.11 of the report.

3.0 Background and Proposals

Background

3.1 Barrow Borough Council are the custodian of Piel Island and until late May 2021, the management of Piel Island, including the running of the Ship Inn, maintaining the toilet block and the Island grounds was undertaken by the holders of a lease from the Council. The Leaseholders had decided before the end of their lease that they wished to terminate the arrangement.

3.2 Ensuring that Piel Island could be shown to its best advantage, the Council needed to fully understand its full potential for the future. To enable to the Ship Inn to re-open after a period of closure and early termination of the lease had taken considerable effort from a team of Council Officers who had volunteered to go over to Piel Island and repaint it, organise deep cleaning and deal with a range of other issues. This had been done within a couple of weeks to then enable the Council to show prospective interested partners around the premises.

- 3.3 For the last season and in the light of the impact of Covid, a pilot partnership approach had been put in place with a provider to truly understand what the longer-term management arrangements might look like to make the best of Piel Island for all. The provider was a local company that had experience in running pubs and they subsequently established the Piel Island Pub Company. The arrangement had been that it would be from June to September 2021 and be open book accounting to understand the cost and income from Piel Island.

Scope of the Review

- 3.4 The Work Group wished to ensure that any long-term future management arrangements for Piel Island would be considered thoroughly in an open and transparent manner to ensure that a suitable and experienced operator would be appointed.

Details of the Review

- 3.5 Members of the Work Group had visited Piel Island and had attended a number of meetings with the Director of People and Place during their review.

- 3.6 The Work Group had concluded the following lessons learnt from the 2021 season:-

- Piel Island was a unique place and any operator needed to appreciate the constraints offered by power, weather, access and its location within an area of Site of Special Scientific Interest;
- Visitors to Piel Island were short stay and wanted a basic meal and drink;
- Camping and paying a small fee for that was popular;
- The relationship with the ferry operator and the management arrangements for Piel Island were really important;
- Alternative access arrangements off the island besides the ferry needed to be in place;
- More outside seating was needed to facilitate visitors;
- The community ownership of Piel Island and its local appeal and natural habitat was really important;
- There were no incidents of anti-social behaviour reported, which was contrary to perception;
- Any operator needed to manage and maintain the Island and its assets to a standard that the Council expects;
- All aspects of the Island except for external urgent repairs to the buildings and jetty maintenance would be the responsibility of the operator;
- Emergency planning for incidents with agencies was an essential part of any future management arrangements;
- There was potential for events and Piel Island is an essential element of any destination marketing. Any operator would need a formal relationship with the Council to enable this;
- Communications about Piel Island and whether buildings are open and food and drink is being served would be the responsibility of the operator; and

- Any operator needed experience in operating a licenced premises and with access to staff, financial sustainability and be prepared to open for a short period of the year whilst retaining responsibility for the premises and the Island all year round.
- 3.7 At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 16th December, 2021 a detailed report had been presented from the Director of People and Place regarding the future management arrangements of Piel Island. The Committee considered the report and agreed a number of recommendations to the Executive Committee as follows:-
- Agree to the proposed management arrangements as set out in the report and delegate authority to the Director of People and Place, in consultation with the Chair of Executive Committee, to undertake the procurement process and award the new contract;
 - Note their appreciation for the work that officers put into getting the Ship Inn ready to be re-opened this season at very short notice;
 - Note the lessons learnt from the partnership approach and thank the Piel Island Pub Company for their contribution; and
 - Note that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Piel Island Working Group will continue to receive progress updates.
- 3.8 The Committee had welcomed the plan for the future management arrangements of Piel Island but the Work Group needed to understand what had happened in the past, in terms of the selection process for the temporary operator for the 2021 season. A number of questions in that regard had been raised at the meeting which had been taken forward to a meeting of the Work Group in January 2022.

Conclusion

- 3.9 Following further discussions with the Director of People and Place at the Work Group meeting in January 2022, the Work Group had concluded that they were satisfied that due process had been followed to set up the partnership arrangements for the 2021 season and that the Officers involved had done a fantastic job in the short space of time and other challenges faced, including Covid, to get the Island and the Pub up and running for the start of the season and to make Piel Island and its facilities available as often as possible for visitors during the 2021 season.
- 3.10 In respect of the long-term future management arrangements for Piel Island, it had been noted as per the recommendations to the Executive Committee (detailed at 3.7), that an open and transparent procurement process had been undertaken to award the new contract and the Work Group had welcomed the opportunity for them to oversee the Scoring Panel for the Tender submissions.
- 3.11 The Work Group wished to make the following recommendations to the Executive Committee in order to conclude the review:-

- Clear, concise and agreed requirements to be set for the tenant who is selected;
- A targeted media campaign to be established to find the most suitably qualified tenant;
- Members of the Piel Island Scrutiny Work Group to be given the opportunity to oversee the scoring process;
- Visibility to Members of profit/loss e.g. performance management information on a regular basis (3 times annually);
- All Members to be kept fully updated on activities, performance and issues etc encountered by the Council and the Tenant at least twice annually or more frequently as necessary;
- Consideration be given to a Piel Island Member Group.

4.0 Consultation

4.1 Members of the Scrutiny Work Group had met with the Director of People and Place during the review along with other Officers involved in the Piel Island 2021 season including the Head of Visitor Economy and Culture and the Head of Programme Management and Climate change.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 Members of the Work Group had been satisfied with the options for the future management arrangements of Piel Island which were considered to be the most appropriate at this time.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

6.1 Creating a vibrant, safe and welcoming place and that our neighbourhoods are clean, welcoming and attractive, working towards the outcome of our environment is enhanced, protected and celebrated.

7.0 Implications

7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1.1 There are no issues to raise in this report.

7.2 Legal

7.2.1 There are no issues to raise in this report.

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

7.3.1 There are no issues to raise in this report.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4.1 An Equality Impact Assessment is not required for this report.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
N/A	N/A	N/A

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Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
N/A	N/A

Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
N/A	N/A

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PART ONE

Barrow Borough Council

Executive Committee

25 May 2022

**Appointments on Outside Bodies, Panels and Working Groups
etc.**

Report from: Chief Executive

Report Author: Democratic Services Manager

Wards: All

1.0 Summary and Conclusions

1.1 This report seeks the appointments on Outside Bodies, Panels and Working Groups etc.

2.0 Recommendation

(1) To consider the appointments recommended by the political groups and determine the appointments to be made where nominations exceed the available places.

3.0 Background and Proposals

3.1 At the Annual Council meeting on 18th May, 2022 the allocation of seats in respect of Forums, Panels, Working Groups etc. were agreed.

3.2 Group Leaders will supply details of the recommended appointments for confirmation by the Committee and these will be forwarded as soon as they are available.

Attached at Appendix 1 are the active Outside Bodies (that have met in the past two years). (Membership for 2021/2022 is listed below each Outside Body, Panel or Working Group in italics for information).

3.3 Executive Committee is asked to determine the appointments and for those appointed to be advised of the requirement for an annual report.

4.0 Consultation

Not relevant.

5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 There is an option not to make any or all of the appointments.

6.0 Contribution to Council Plan Priorities

6.1 Representation on outside bodies enables the Council to work with partners in shaping and achieving Council Priorities.

7.0 Implications**7.1 Financial, Resources and Procurement**

7.1.1 None.

7.2 Legal

7.2.1 None.

7.3 Local Government Reorganisation

7.3.1 There are no issues to raise in this report.

7.4 Equality and Diversity

7.4.1 The report has no direct Equality and Diversity implications.

Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
N/A	N/A	N/A

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Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Outside Bodies

REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES, ETC.

- (1) AIR TRAINING CORPS (NO. 128 SQUADRON)
The Mayor.
- (2) ARMED FORCES CHAMPION
Councillor Biggins.
- (3) ASKAM AND IRELETH COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Councillors D. Edwards, Ronson and Shirley.
- (4) BARROW FORWARD MEMBER COMMITTEE (2:1:0)
Councillors
- (5) BARROW HEALTH AND WELLBEING FORUM
Councillors Hall, Mooney and Robson
- (6) BARROW-IN-FURNESS SEA CADET CORPS COMMITTEE)
The Mayor
Substitute: - Deputy Mayor
- (7) BILLINCOAT CHARITY TRUST (4 year appointment until May 2023) –
Councillors Blezard, D. Edwards, Maddox, Nott, Ronson and Shirley.
- (8) BRILLIANT BARROW BOARD (1:0:0)
Councillor M. A. Thomson
- (9) BUCCLEUCH HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Councillor D. Edwards.
- (10) CHILDREN AND FAMILIES PARTNERSHIP (CHILDREN'S TRUST)
Councillors Assouad and Morgan
- (11) CUMBRIA ALCOHOL AND DRUG ADVISORY SERVICE BOARD
The Mayor.
- (12) CUMBRIA HEALTH SCRUTINY
Councillor Cassidy.
- (13) CUMBRIA HOUSING EXECUTIVE GROUP
Councillor Hamilton.
- (14) CUMBRIA PENSIONS FORUM
Councillor Wall.
- (15) CUMBRIA STRATEGIC WASTE PARTNERSHIP
Councillor M A Thomson.

- (16) DALTON BORDERLANDS STEERING GROUP
Councillors Blezard and Ronson.
- (17) DALTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Councillor Nott.
- (18) FCC PARTNERSHIP BOARD (3:1:0)
Councillors Cassidy, Hamilton, McLeavy and Robson.
- (19) FURNESS ABBEY FELLOWSHIP
Councillor Wall.
- (20) FURNESS LINE COMMUNITY RAIL PARTNERSHIP
Councillor Nott.
- (21) FURNESS MARITIME TRUST
Council of Trustees: - Councillors Blezard, Cassidy, C. Thomson and Wall plus the Chief Executive and Director of Resources.
- (22) JOINT RURAL COMMITTEE
Councillors Blezard and Ronson.
- (23) KEEPING OUR FUTURE AFLOAT
Councillor Callister.
- (24) LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP SCRUTINY BOARD (0:1:0)
Councillors H. Edwards.
- (25) LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION: GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Councillor Roberts.
- (26) NORTH WEST OF ENGLAND AND THE ISLE OF MAN RESERVE FORCES
CADETS ASSOCIATION
The Mayor.
- (27) NORTH WESTERN LOCAL AUTHORITIES' EMPLOYERS'
ORGANISATION
Councillor Brook (Substitute: Councillor Nott).
- (28) NORTH WEST INDUSTRIAL COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE
Councillor McEwan (Representing Borough and County Councils)
- (29) PATROL (Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London) Adjudication
Committee
Councillor Callister
- (30) SOUTH CUMBRIA COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP
Councillors Roberts and Robson.
- (31) SPIRIT ENERGY LIAISON COMMITTEE – arranging a meeting in the future.

OUTSIDE BODIES AGREED BY COUNCIL

Allotments Liaison Committee (6:2:1)

Councillors Barlow, Burns, Gawne, Husband, Johnston, McLeavy, Ronson and C. Thomson plus 1 Labour representative.

Barrow Local Committee – Highways Advisory Group (1:0)

Councillor Nott.

Wildlife and Heritage Advisory Committee (6:2:1)

Councillors Assouad, Barlow, D. Edwards, Mooney, H. Edwards, Robson, M. A. Thomson, Wall and Zaccarini.

MEMBERSHIP OF FORUMS, PANELS, WORKING GROUPS ETC.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Barrow Market Liaison Committee (3:1:0)

Councillors Barlow, Brook, McEwan and Zaccarini.

Community Governance Review Working Group (3:1:1)

Councillors Brook, H. Edwards, Hall, Husband and Morgan.

Cumbria Local Nature Partnership Board (1:0:0)

Councillor Wall.

Cumbria Police and Crime Panel (1:0:0)

Councillor Hamilton.

Health and Safety Management Board (3:1:1)

Councillors Barlow, Gawne, Hall, Husband and C. Thomson

Medical Assessment/Housing Applications Appeals Panel (2:1:0)

3 Members selected by Chief Executive in accordance with proportionality rules

Member Training Working Group (3:1:0)

Councillors Blezard, Brook, Morgan and Ronson.

Planning Policy Working Group (4:1:1)

(Two Members from Executive Committee and four Members from Planning Committee)

Councillors Brook, Gawne, Hall, Roberts, C. Thomson and M. A. Thomson

Renovation Grants Panel (3:1:0)

To be appointed for 2022/23 in accordance with proportionality rules

Review Board – Housing Register/Homeless Applicants (2:1:0)

3 Members selected by Chief Executive in accordance with proportionality rules.