

### **POLITICAL MAKE-UP OF THE COUNCIL**

The Cumbria Structural Changes Order 2022 provided that there would be no District Council elections in 2022. South Lakeland District Council will no longer exist from 31 March 2023. Instead, the Council is being replaced by the new Westmorland and Furness Unitary Council. At this time, all Councillors listed below will no longer be Councillors of South Lakeland District Council and their terms of office will end.

#### **Conservatives – 14 Members**

Caroline Airey	Pat Bell	Ben Berry
Roger Bingham	Ben Cooper	Brian Cooper
Michael Cornah	Tom Harvey	John Holmes
Kevin Holmes	Helen Irving	Janette Jenkinson
Kevin Lancaster	Brian Rendell	

#### **Green – 1 Member**

Judy Filmore

#### **Independent – 1 Member**

Fiona Hanlon

#### **Labour – 3 Members**

David Webster	Mark Wilson	Shirley-Anne Wilson
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#### **Liberal Democrat – 32 Members**

Giles Archibald	Robin Ashcroft	Rupert Audland
Johnathan Brook	Helen Chaffey	Stephen Coleman
Jonathan Cornthwaite	Tracy Coward	Phil Dixon
Peter Endsor	Alvin Finch	Gill Gardner
Eamonn Hennessy	Hazel Hodgson	Chris Hogg
Rachel Hogg	Vicky Hughes	Ali Jama
Andrew Jarvis	Dyan Jones	Helen Ladhams
Malcolm Lamb	Susanne Long	Pete McSweeney
Ian Mitchell	Suzie Pye	Doug Rathbone
Matt Severn	Peter Thornton	Heather Troughton
Ian Wharton	Janet Willis	

**Overall Total – 51 Members**

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**SIZE OF AND SEATS TO BE ALLOCATED TO POLITICAL GROUPS ON COMMITTEES**

**Political Group Makeup :-** Liberal Democrat (32) Conservative (14) Labour (3) Green Party Member (1) Independent Member (1)  
**Committees subject to political balance**

	Liberal Democrat		Conservative		Labour		Green Party Member		Independent Member	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A <sup>2</sup>	B	A <sup>2</sup>	B
<b>Committees (64 places)</b>	<b>40.16</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17.57</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.76</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1</b>
Audit (6)	3.76	4	1.65	2	0.35	0	0.00	0	0.00	0
Human Resources (9)	5.65	6	2.47	2	0.53	1	0.00	0	0.00	0
Licensing Regulatory (15)	9.41	10	4.12	4	0.88	1	0.00	0	0.00	0
Overview and Scrutiny (13)	8.16	8	3.57	4	0.76	1	0.00	0	0.00	0
Planning (14)	8.78	8	3.84	4	0.82	1	0.00	1	0.00	0
Standards (7)	4.39	4	1.92	2	0.41	0	0.00	0	0.00	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.16</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>17.57</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3.76</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.25</b>	<b>1</b>

**Committees not subject to political balance<sup>1</sup>**

	Liberal Democrat		Conservative		Labour		Green		Independent Member	
	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B	A	B
<b>Committees (31 places)</b>										
Lake Administration (24 – 16 District Council members)	10.04	10	4.39	5	0.94	1	0.00	0	0.00	0
Licensing (15)	9.41	9	4.12	4	0.88	1	0.00	0	0.00	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>19.45</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>8.51</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.82</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>

**A=** Exact proportion of seats for each political group. **B=** Number of seats for each group proposed.

<sup>1</sup> Lake Administration Committee and Licensing Committee are not subject to political balance rules. However, the Council, by custom and practice, appoint members in accordance with the political balance of the Council.

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<sup>2</sup> Please note that while the figures have been inserted for the political proportionality for the Green Party and Independent Member the allocation of seats calculation is only carried out for Political Parties ( Groups of 2 or more members)

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**SOUTH LAKELAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**2022/23 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS as at 18 May 2022**  
**AUDIT COMMITTEE (6)** (non-Exec Members)

Stephen Coleman ( <i>Chair</i> )	Tracy Coward ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )	Pete Endsor
Kevin Holmes	Kevin Lancaster	Matt Severn

**CABINET (7)**

Robin Ashcroft	Jonathan Brook ( <i>Leader</i> )	Helen Chaffey
Eamonn Hennessy	Andrew Jarvis ( <i>Deputy Leader</i> )	Dyan Jones
Suzie Pye		

**HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE (9)** (min 1 Exec Member)

Pat Bell	Eamonn Hennessy	Rachael Hogg ( <i>Chair</i> )
Ali Jama ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )	Brian Rendell	Matt Severn
Heather Troughton	Janet Willis	Shirley-Anne Wilson

**LAKE ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (16)**

Robin Ashcroft	Pat Bell	Roger Bingham
Jonathan Brook	Jonathan Cornthwaite	Tracy Coward
Gill Gardner	Eamonn Hennessy	John Holmes
Kevin Holmes	Vicky Hughes	Dyan Jones
Malcolm Lamb	Brian Rendell	Heather Troughton
Mark Wilson		

**Lakes Parish Council (3)**

<i>Juliet Cunningham</i>	<i>Philip Thompson</i>	<i>Paul Wileman</i>
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**Windermere and Bowness Town Council (5)**

<i>Jennifer Borer</i>	<i>Peter Cook</i>	<i>Leith Hallatsch</i>
<i>John Saunders</i>	<i>Kate Tripp</i>	

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE/ LICENSING REGULATORY COMMITTEE (15)**

Rupert Audland	Brian Cooper	Peter Endsor
Alvin Finch	Tom Harvey	Hazel Hodgson
Kevin Holmes	Helen Irving	Andrew Jarvis
Helen Ladhams ( <i>Chair</i> )	Ian Mitchell	Doug Rathbone
Heather Troughton	David Webster	Ian Wharton ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (13)**

Giles Archibald	Pat Bell	Brian Cooper
Hazel Hodgson	John Holmes	Vicky Hughes ( <i>Chair</i> )
Ali Jama	Janette Jenkinson	Malcolm Lamb
Susanne Long	Doug Rathbone ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )	Ian Wharton
Mark Wilson		

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE (14)**

Rupert Audland	Brian Cooper	Michael Cornah
Philip Dixon	Judy Filmore	Gill Gardner
Chris Hogg	John Holmes	Vicky Hughes
Janette Jenkinson	Malcolm Lamb ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )	Susanne Long
Pete McSweeney ( <i>Chair</i> )	David Webster	

## **SUBSTITUTES (3)**

Giles Archibald	Kevin Lancaster	Mark Wilson
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## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE (7)**

Fiona Hanlon	Tom Harvey	Chris Hogg ( <i>Chair</i> )
John Holmes	Pete McSweeney	Matt Severn ( <i>Vice-Chair</i> )
Peter Thornton		

## **Co-opted Members (2)**

<i>David Peters</i>	<i>Peter Smillie</i>
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**SOUTH LAKELAND DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2021/22 COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Nomination by Political Group</b>	<b>Nominations for Chairman</b>	<b>Nominations for Vice Chairman</b>
<b>Audit</b>	<b>Conservatives</b>		
	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Stephen Coleman</b>	<b>Tracy Coward</b>

<b>Human Resources</b>	<b>Conservatives</b>		
	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Rachel Hogg</b>	<b>Ali Jama</b>

<b>Licensing/ Licensing Regulatory</b>	<b>Conservatives</b>		
	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Helen Ladhams</b>	<b>Ian Wharton</b>

<b>Overview and Scrutiny</b>	<b>Conservatives</b>		
	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Vicky Hughes</b>	<b>Doug Rathbone</b>

<b>Planning</b>	<b>Conservatives</b>		
	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Pete McSweeney</b>	<b>Malcolm Lamb</b>

<b>Standards</b>	<b>Conservatives</b>		
	<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Chris Hogg</b>	<b>Matt Severn</b>

*Note - Lake Administration Committee will appoint its Chairman and Vice-Chairman at its first meeting as normal, as the Committee's co-optees are entitled to vote on these appointments.*

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2021/22 CUMBRIA COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

<b>Nomination by Political Group</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Substitute</b>
<b>Conservatives</b>		
<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Vicky Hughes</b>	<b>Ali Jama</b>

**NOMINATIONS FOR 2021/22 Joint Consultative Panel**

<b>Nomination by Political Group</b>	<b>Representative</b>
<b>Conservatives</b>	
<b>Liberal Democrats</b>	<b>Ali Jama</b>

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**Cllr Robin Ashcroft**

## **Outside Bodies 2021-22**

**Bowness and Windermere Forward** Public-private sector partnership – currently in suspended animation.

**Council of Grizedale Arts** Ex Officio Trustee and attend on a quarterly basis (or as required). Successful community arts trust, pioneering innovative solutions around sustainable rural economy. Recently acquired and opened The Farmer's Arms (Crake Valley) as a Rural Art and Creative Hub. A Strategic Cultural Partner.

**Cumbria Better Connected.** MP lead transport panel. Attend on an ad-hoc basis.

**Cumbria Community Foundation.** Excellent and pro-active trust distributing funds on behalf of a number of charities throughout Cumbria. As it falls outside remit of my portfolio it was thought – for better of time – it by handled by another member (Cllr Phillip Dixon).

**Cumbria Tourism.** Major driver for SL economy. Attend board in an observer capacity on a monthly basis with additional meetings required.

**Furness Economic Development Forum.** Now wound up.

**George Moore Education Trust.** Appointed as trustee with single function to enable transfer of funds.

**Kendal BID.** Business Improvement District – tactical public-private sectors partnership. Either officers or myself attend meetings on a monthly basis (I mostly attend quarterly or when invited to address specific issues). Some recent changes to personnel, but am happy with progress. SLDC is a levy payer and collects levy on behalf of BID.

**Kendal Brewery Arts Centre.** Important cultural and creative asset for the whole of South Lakeland. Attend monthly board meetings of trust in an ex-officio capacity. A Strategic Cultural Partner.

**Kendal Futures Board.** Strategic public-private sector partnership. Joint working on the their Vision and SLDC's Kendal Town Centre Strategy. Attend board meetings on a monthly basis with sign off responsibility on Vision funding.

**Lake District National Park Business Task Force.** LDNPA led group – attend on an ad-hoc basis.

**Local Enterprise Partnership Management Board.** One of two district council members of board. Typically attend up to two meetings a month.

**Lancaster and South Cumbria Joint Committee.** Body managing Morecambe Pay Functioning Economic Region project. Currently in suspended animation due to LGR.

**Morecambe Bay Partnership.** Not on board, but liaise with CEO on a regular basis.

**Sedbergh Economic Partnership.** Private-public sector partnership. Recent engagement for SLDC either officers or myself attend on a monthly basis.

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## Outside Bodies Reports – Cllr Suzie Pye

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Key issues and Trends over the last year were:

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Protecting vulnerable people, and Domestic Abuse

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

- Anti-social behaviour

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

- Emerging Community Safety issues

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

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

Aims: To work with all of our communities.

- Alcohol and Drug abuse/ supply and violent crime

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

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

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

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

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

### **Public Health Alliance**

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

Tackling inequalities

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

Mental and social wellbeing recovery

- Building resources for mental health
- Building community support networks

Tackling obesity

- Weight management

- Building a healthy food system
- Promoting physical activity

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

### **Safer Cumbria**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cllr Suzie Pye

May 2022

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## **LAKES LINE RAIL USER GROUP**

### **Representation on Outside Body: Cllr Doug Rathbone** **2021/22 Annual Report to Council**

The year divided into two sets of activities, celebrations and publicity for the 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lakes Line and continued work on campaigning and attempting to improve the service on the line.

Events to celebrate the opening of the line centred on each end of the Windermere to Oxenholme route with events at both stations. These involved representatives from all of the relevant train operating companies, music, publicity for the public and each event was opened by the respective Mayor, of Kendal and of Windermere.

In addition there were exhibitions at Kendal Museum, for some months, and the Ladyholme Centre in Windermere for 2 days to show the continuing history of the line from its origins in context. Two celebratory days were also organised by the Group at Burneside and Staveley stations.

Alongside this was campaigning and liaison work on the line. This is continuing and these matters will be at the forefront of the group's activities in the future. They are campaigning for a passing loop to increase the possible number of trains per hour and so enable, in addition, more through trains to/from Manchester Airport. This is crucial to the economic viability of the line and to the great benefit of the local hospitality industry. They have also worked to mitigate the problems of cancelled trains and of industrial action on various train operating routes which all affect the Lakes Line. These also cause problems with rail replacement busses, which are sometimes not adequately laid on. However dialogue with Northern has increased and improved in the last 2 years. The last main item of campaigning to take forward is to achieve funding for disabled access for Staveley station where the platform is currently only accessed by long, steep steps.

In all the Group's work over the year I worked closely with them as the Council's representative, to the mutual benefit of both sides. All of these activities were made possible by the large amount of volunteer time and experience given by members of the group. Given the continuing aims of the Group and the line's importance to the economy and to lives of residents it is a relationship that is valuable and should be continued both by SLDC and the new unitary council.

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**LANCASTER CANAL REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP (LCRP) - Executive  
Representation on Outside Body: Cllrs Doug Rathbone & Chris Hogg  
2021/22 Annual Report to Council**

The Partnership has had a year of activity in which the 2 SLDC raps have actively participated in enabling a new Chair to be appointed, towpath trail progressed and strategy updated.

The Sport England funded section of the Towpath Trail has been completed and brought 2km of the path between Stainton and Crooklands up to a multiuser standard. The NLHF funded programme has attracted some 40 new volunteers, many now committed to continue volunteering on the canal.

People from local communities have taken part in organised activities including creating an oral history archive, helping design & produce content for a series of stone and steel constructed interpretation panels, features and waymarkers to be installed shortly, numerous walks delivered by expert volunteers, regular work parties maintaining the canal environment.

The consultants appointed to undertake a route feasibility study for the entire Lancaster Canal Towpath Trail have reported & this will be considered in detail. The report considers partner's ambitions and strategic connectivity of walking and cycling routes between the towpath trail and the wider network of routes in the area.

A new chairperson has been recruited - Prof. Christopher May - to drive forward LCRP's ambitions.

An Executive Development Day was held to review the strategic direction for the partnership, resulting in priorities to be actioned following a review of governance arrangements. This was attended by the 2 SLDC reps and a Cabinet member, Cllr Jones. Morecambe Bay Partnership was re-contracted to provide project management support to the Partnership.

**Work to do and positioning questions for SLDC's legacy with LCRP**

Review of governance arrangements underway, to include options for a new structure. Priorities to develop a strong identity and vision.

Business engagement work has begun – initially engaging with Lancaster BID team and Lancaster District Chamber of Commerce on an event targeting businesses along the canal corridor. Kendal/South Lakes and Preston areas to follow if successful. Also creating a hospitality business sub-group with Board representation.

Proposals being drawn up for actioning the existing SLDC grant – including an extension of the current interpretation and waymarking project, new seating, a new Lancaster Canal Towpath Trail website, route guides and marketing materials.

Working closely with CCC Cycling and Walking Team to plan joint initiatives for infrastructure improvements, specifically towpath surfacing and interlinking route options, maximizing grant efficiency and attracting new funding.

Attempting re-engagement of landowners in the Kendal south area to attempt to find solutions to current towpath surface problems.

Cllr Doug Rathbone  
May 2022

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