

Executive 26/01/21

Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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WHY HAS THIS REPORT COME TO THE EXECUTIVE?

This report has the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) on the reports presented to the Committee on 17th December 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that the Executive note its report.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report has the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) on the reports presented to the Committee on 17th December 2020. Those reports were:

- Update on Town Centre Funding
- Update from the Single Table Trade Union Group (STTUG)
- Housing
- Social Prescribing Presentation

2.0 DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The Chief Executive gave an update to the Committee on the progress of the Whitehaven Future High Street Fund and the Cleator Moor and Millom Town Deals. The Area Manager for Copeland from Cumbria County Council attended to give an update to the Committee regarding Egremont and their inclusion in the Borderland Project.
- 2.2 Councillor Pollen, who had put forward the recommendation from the previous meeting asking the officers to present their updates to the Committee at this meeting, thanked them for their detailed reports. Councillor Pollen asked questions on the involvement of Egremont Town Council in the proposed Borderlands Project. The Area Manager for Copeland confirmed that either Cumbria County Council or the consultancy firm, Thinking Places Consultancy, would contact the Council in the New Year to engage with them on the project.
- 2.3 The Strategic Housing & Social Inclusion Manager gave a brief update on the Housing to the Committee. It was stated that there was a large increase in Copeland in homelessness during the first lockdown, 500%, but due to the effective action taken by the Council this was did not become an issue and was resolved. Member passed on their gratitude to the Housing Team for all of their hard work, especially through the pandemic and the two lockdowns.
- 2.4 The Strategic Housing & Social Inclusion manager, Social prescribing Officer and the Community Resilience & Social Inclusion Team Leader gave a presentation on Social Prescribing in Copeland. The presentation introduced Social Prescribing and its importance to Copeland and the role of the team in the Community.
- 2.5 Community Resilience & Social Inclusion Team Leader sated that the aim of Social Prescribing was to work together, with multiple partners and the wider community, to find a solution for all of the community. The Committee thanked the team for their vital work.

The Strategic Housing & Social Inclusion Manager assured OSC that they would be regularly updated on Social Prescribing throughout the year.

3. STATUTORY OFFICER COMMENTS

- 3.1 Joint Monitoring Officer/Legal comments: 'No legal issues arise from the report itself. Any legal issues arising from the specific projects referred to in the report will be dealt with as they arise.'
- 3.2 The Section 151 Officer's comments: 'There are no financial implications arising from this recommendation.'