

CLEATOR MOOR AND AREA REGENERATION DELIVERY GROUP

In the course of his briefing to the Committee, County Councillor Tim Knowles made the following points:

- That following the wind up earlier this year of Cleator Moor Regeneration Ltd, set up to deliver the Single Regeneration Budget, it was decided to set up a body to ensure that momentum was not lost.
- This was an unincorporated body. It sought representation from all sectors of the community, including Local Authorities, Town and Parish Councils, the Business Support Centre, and interest groups such as retailers, clubs etc.
- The Group would cover, Cleator Moor and Cleator; Arlecdon and Frizington; Ennerdale and Kinniside; Lamplugh and Weddicar.
- The aim of the group was to facilitate and ensure delivery of the regeneration parts of the Parish Plans, concentrating on improvements to the built environment, in contrast to the Single Regeneration Budget programme, which had concentrated in the main on social aspects of regeneration.
- The group were additionally aware of the mini-masterplanning exercise carried out by Copeland Borough Council and were looking forward to the active involvement of the Council in their group when the regeneration posts had been filled.
- They saw an immediate need for improvements to the Leconfield Industrial Estate; Gateway projects and significant demand for office space.
- They were additionally aware that there was £3m of regeneration money earmarked for this area through the regeneration companies. The group was seeking to add value by supplying a local project management arm, multiplying available funds.
- They were applying for funding (£180,000 over three years) for a project manager who would be based in and supported by administration from the Business Centre by means of service level agreement. They hoped to advertise before the end of the year.
- The group was concerned that, just having achieved the refurbishment of the former Cleator Moor Business Centre, that the Council should have chosen to stop funding from the Cleator Moor Civic Hall (to take effect it is believed, from the end of January). While there have been recent positive moves as to its future use, they felt the decision was not helpful.