

CUMBRIA LEADERSHIP FORUM

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Recommendation:	Full Council to note the attached Terms of reference of the Cumbria Leadership Forum
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1. INTRODUCTION:

Members will recall that the Cumbria Local Authorities Strategic Board (CLASB) and Cumbria Strategic Partnership Executive were recently disbanded and a proposal by the late Councillor Jim Buchanan (CCC Leader) was made to form a Cumbria Leadership Forum.

This Forum would comprise of the Leaders of all Cumbrian Local Authorities and the Chairs of NHS Cumbria, Cumbria Association of Local Councils and the Lake District National Park. The Forum has met on a couple of occasions where terms of reference were discussed. It was felt to ensure support for this Forum the terms of reference should be endorsed by all members.

Further details of the Forum are attached.

2. ARGUMENT

It is imperative that Copeland Borough Council is a Member of this Forum to ensure that our views and priorities are heard and taken on board. As Members will read in the Terms of Reference the Forum will be responsible for signing off the Cumbria Sustainable Strategy therefore our influence is needed.

3. CONCLUSIONS

In conclusion to ensure Copeland borough Council has a role on the strategic direction of Cumbria Members are requested to note the Terms of Reference.

List of Consultees:

Background Papers:

Terms of Reference

INFLUENCE

- Provide leadership to promote the interests of Cumbria regionally, nationally and internationally.
- Operate effectively within the regional context of NW England, and secure Cumbria's effective engagement in regional structures and arrangements.
- Provide a means for the formulation and expression of joint views on issues of strategic significance, to the LGA, central government, and other bodies in respect of legislation, proposed legislation, policy and resource allocation.

VISION FOR CUMBRIA

- Provide leadership in the development of shared outcomes for Cumbria; review priorities in light of performance information, and endorse the Single Community Strategy for Cumbria.
- Provide strategic input into and endorse key strategies and plans which support the joint delivery of priority outcomes in the Single Community Strategy and which are critical to Cumbria's future success.

INNOVATION AND JOINT DELIVERY

- Drive innovation in addressing key issues for the county.
- Provide a means of co-ordination in respect of joint action and joint working, and ensure that opportunities for collaboration on service delivery and efficiency are given sufficient focus and drive.
- Commission activity from the Chief Executive's Group in support of the CLF's agenda and priorities.

PARTNERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT

- Consult and liaise through the Cumbria Strategic Partnership Forum, with other organisations across the public, private and third sectors on issues of common interest.
- Provide leadership to achieve change across Cumbria, facilitating improved partnership working across all sectors to improve outcomes, and maximise efficiencies.

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

- Identify opportunities and increase collective capacity for shared learning and development across all partner organisations.

MEMBERSHIP

Leaders/ Chairs of the following organisations:

- Allerdale Borough Council
- Barrow Borough Council
- Carlisle City Council
- Copeland Borough Council
- Cumbria Association of Local Councils (CALC)
- Cumbria County Council
- Cumbria Police Authority
- Eden District Council
- Lake District National Park Authority
- NHS Cumbria
- South Lakeland District Council

Named substitutes to attend as appropriate.

CHAIR/VICE CHAIR

The Chair and Vice Chair to be selected at the Annual Meeting, held in July of each year.

RELATIONSHIPS

The CLF:

1. Commissions activity from the Chief Executives' Group in line with its priorities
2. Seeks advice from the Chief Executives' Group on opportunities and risks in relation to potential future developments and the joint delivery of services
3. Receives recommendations from the Joint Chairs Group
4. Engages with organisations across the public, private, voluntary and community sectors on strategic issues of significance for Cumbria, and ensures all sectors are actively engaged throughout the Cumbria Strategic Partnership structures.
5. Provides an annual report on its achievements to the Cumbria Strategic Partnership Forum.

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The CLF meets bi-monthly.

The forward programme of meetings is agreed at the Annual Meeting, held in July of each year.

SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS

Secretariat and facilitation support is provided by Cumbria County Council.