

**COPELAND LOCALITY WORKING - Progress and Discussion Paper  
BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**

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**SUMMARY:**

This report sets out progress and discussion areas for the locality working initiative within Copeland.

**1 Locality Working Group**

Purpose: To debate and advise the delivery of locality working in Copeland.

The group composition has been refreshed and includes key partners from Copeland Borough Council, Cumbria County Council, West Cumbria Strategy Partnership. Cumbria Association of Local Council (CALC) is being invited to send a representative.

The working group will have a couple of key roles over the coming 6 months:

- a. To contribute to the delivery team undertaking the consultation with parishes;
- b. Maintain strong input from all key partners;
- c. Assist with appropriate links and integrated work with the local incl LSP infrastructure for the ongoing locality working;
- d. Enable information, analysis and co-ordination to underpin the governance pilots, locality plan development and ongoing locality activity.

**2 Utilising Local Infrastructure**

The following offer opportunities and a strategic fit in support of the Copeland localities:

- The LSP Localities and Neighbourhood Meetings
- Public Service Delivery Board
- Neighbourhood Forum planning
- Existing partnerships

### **3 Locality Team**

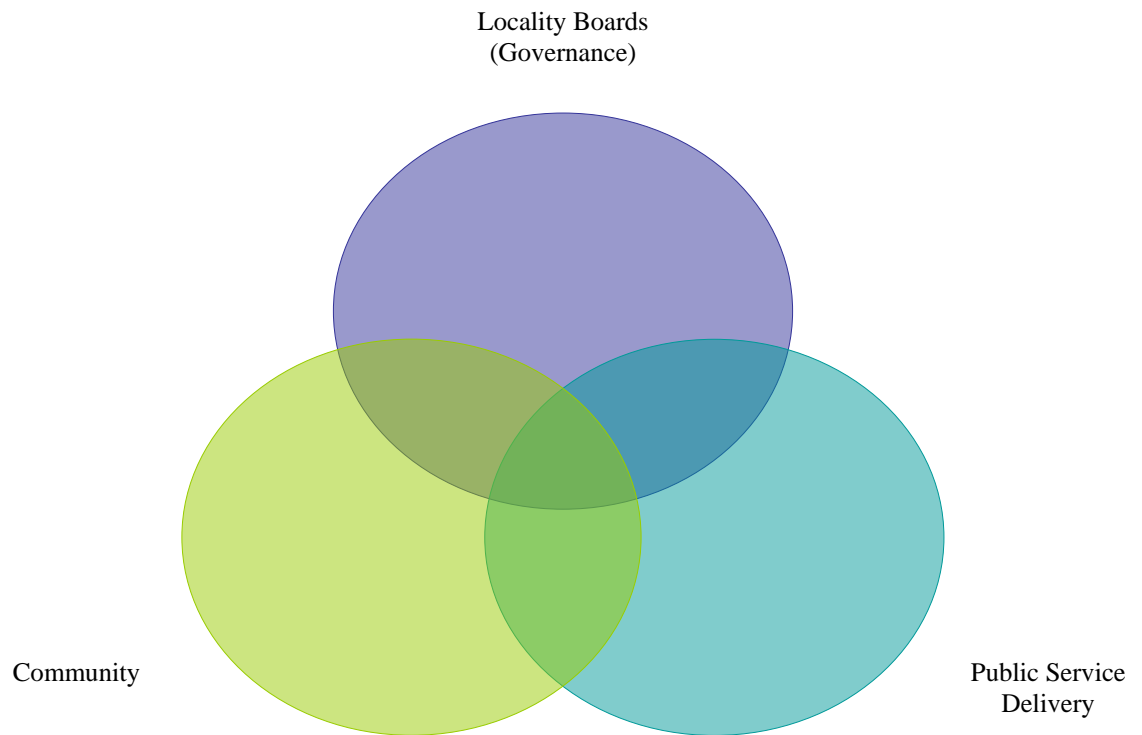
The team will consist of 4 staff on a grade scale 9/10/11 (SO2 – PO3). It has yet to go to Job Evaluation where the salary level will be determined.

Contracts will be a maximum of 2.5 years in line with the WNF (Working Neighbourhood Fund) resource available. It is anticipated that all locality team staff will be Copeland employees but we could negotiate a secondment agreement in the case of an external local body.

The proposal is to recruit internally including within this existing named local regeneration bodies in the patch.

### **4 Delivery**

Stage a	Community Leader Consultation Locality Team	3 months (2.5 yr)
Stage b	2 Pilot Areas (Mid and NE) - Governance - Locality Plans (6 months) Community and partner consultation / engagement	
Ongoing	Existing public service delivery partnership Work in Localities Evidence and local profiling	

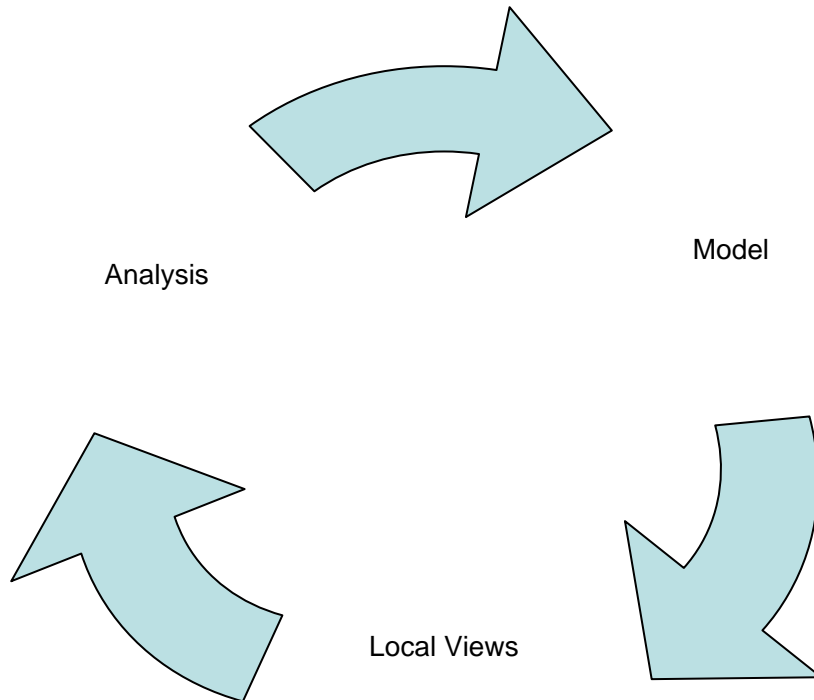


### **Stage A Delivery – Additional Consultation**

- 1 Information and preparatory meetings with Parishes, Town Council, CBC, CCC; (Jan/Feb)
- 2 1st Joint meeting within each locality, to include presentations to locally shape the model; (Feb/March)  
  
Meetings: Parishes and Town Councils - up to 12 meetings  
Borough Council - 5 locality meetings
- 3 Co-ordinated reporting and feedback; (March/April)

- 4 Second Joint meeting within each locality, to frame and agree core principles and commitments and Introduce Locality Team (April/May 09)

**Stage B Pilots - Governance and Locality Plans / Wider Consultation**



Pilots - subject to final support from Stage A to be confirmed in April/May 09.

Currently: Mid and North East

Opportunity: a) To identify a specific secondment/placement to deliver governance element; or  
b) Use member(s) of the Locality Team

Wider Consultation – Scoping to be finalised including:  
Message, Purpose, Who, Where, When, by whom?

**Stage C - Ongoing and integrated Working in the localities**

Issues:

- Work programme for locality team;
- Strategic work via Public Service Delivery Board;
- Existing plans – updating/developing – local ownership;
- Working with others

## 5 Boroughwide infrastructure

A Forum which brings together all the Localities will be set up. Views on how this should work and fit with existing infrastructure are being gathered.

Options include:

- To set up a high level meeting where each locality chair and sub meets at least six monthly with CBC and CCC Chief Executive and Leader
- Governance - via existing infrastructure and/or separate Forum for all tiers together – what should be the frequency?;
- Locality interest - for everyone - on basis of annual or 6 monthly event – the neighbourhood forums fit in here
- Public Service Delivery – West Cumbria Public Service Delivery Board and other local sub groups through formal agenda items

