



Introduction

Welcome to the first edition of 'On Track with LAPs', the newsletter about Local Area Partnerships (LAPs) in South Lakeland. Its aims are to let you know:

- how we're getting on with this new approach to locality working
- where each of the LAPs is now; and
- sharing ideas to help LAPs.

It's your newsletter, so please feel free to submit articles or to let us know what you would like to see included in future editions by phoning 01539 797596 or by email via policy@southlakeland.gov.uk. The main focus for content is what the LAPs are interested in.

More information on LAPs can also be found at

<http://www.southlakelandsp.org.uk/local%20area%20partnerships.aspx>

LAP by LAP

What is happening in each LAP:-

LAP	Main priorities	Chair/Vice-Chair
Central Lakes	Improving public spaces Planning for community emergencies such as recent flooding Responding to the 'Talk Toilets' consultation	To be elected at next meeting
Grange and Cartmel	Highway maintenance Young people's facilities and access to them	Ted Walsh
High Furness	Highway maintenance Affordable housing e.g. via development of a Community Land Trust	To be elected at next meeting
Kendal	Involving the community in Kendal's development of a Community Plan Activities for young people and training for youth leaders	Brendan Jameson/ Geoff Cook
Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale	Highway maintenance Activities for children and young people Affordable housing	To be elected at next meeting
South Westmorland	Highway maintenance Speeding traffic and enforcement Activities for young people	Cath Davenport
Ulverston and Low Furness	Highway maintenance Flood prevention Speeding traffic	To be elected at next meeting
Upper Kent	Highway maintenance, including initiating a best practice survey Community solutions to improved broadband access	To be elected at next meeting

And we're off!

Each LAP has now held at least two constructive meetings and has determined some initial areas for action as part of a prioritised action plan. Some have already started to deliver some of their main priorities. Getting information about current arrangements is proving to be a useful starting point for a number of issues. As you can imagine, highway maintenance is a popular priority for the LAPs. Other common issues include activities for young people and affordable housing.

Each partnership has either agreed, or is fine-tuning, a terms of reference and several are working on the best way to involve young people. Most have agreed to hold meetings in public and are beginning to think about how to work best with their Neighbourhood Forum. Most also want to review whether the LAP is making a difference in a year's time.

LAP Funds

The county and district councils have worked together to create a £15,000 budget for each LAP for tackling local priorities in 2010/11. This comes from both SLDC and CCC allowing £5,000 per LAP to be carried forward from last year and SLDC allocating another £5,000 for this year.

The County Council's Local Committee has also agreed a £20k project fund for LAPs for 2010/11 but no decision has yet been made on how that will be allocated. South Lakeland District Council has earmarked a capital sum for community projects and details on how this will operate will be shared with LAPs.

In addition, SLDC has a budget to pay for meeting costs and an administrator for each LAP. LAPs will soon have the opportunity to recruit this part-time administrator. This person will be a casual employee of South Lakeland District Council and the posts will be advertised through community networks in each LAP area.

LAP Times

Unfortunately, the next round of meetings has been delayed until May or June because of the six week pre-election period, during which councils are required to take particular care over publicity to ensure that there is no appearance of support for any particular party or individual seeking election.

None of us want to let this get in the way of LAP progress, so LAP co-ordinators will be moving things along as much as possible in the meantime.

In the Lead!

Sedbergh and Kirkby Lonsdale LAP is to be congratulated for the way it's started to tackle its priority of highways maintenance. When area engineer Keith Masser openly shared the county council's plans for the area, LAP members used their local knowledge to tweak them to better meet local need.

Meanwhile Kendal LAP has already secured funding to employ Action with Communities in Cumbria to develop a community engagement plan to support community-led planning for the town.

Grange and Cartmel is funding free transport for 11- 16 year olds in the board area for the easter and summer holidays



LAP Co-ordination

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