Community Led Planning in Eden
Local Authority & other support

This sheet sets out what groups working on Community Led Plans can expect from local authorities in Eden and how they can work with them to try and influence strategic plans in the area.

ACTion with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) provides support and guidance on producing Community Led Plans. Please contact us for more information.

What is a Community Led Plan?
It’s an action plan developed by the local community and based on widespread consultation. It sets out a vision for the future and how it can be achieved.

Some of the actions in your action plan will need to be delivered in partnership with other organisations and we recommend building a relationship with your Local Authorities from the start of the process to make this easier.

Starting out
When you start your Plan please contact ACT, Eden District Council, Cumbria County Council, and if relevant, the Lake District National Park Authority to let them know. Also contact your local district and county councillors.

Each of the authorities has chosen one key contact to liaise with all Community Led Plan groups so that you don’t have to try and work out which department to contact. Contact details can be found on the back of this leaflet.

All the authorities would expect to attend an introductory meeting with the Plan’s Steering Group to find out more about your project and to let you know about their own responsibilities and priorities.

Funding to produce your plan
ACT administers Eden District Council grants which can be used to fund CLPs. Please contact ACT for further information.

While the plan is being produced
While your plan is being produced ACT will be able to provide you with guidance, and the key contacts in all the authorities can provide groups with any information they may need about their work. Both Eden District Council and Cumbria County Council may be able to provide you with local maps.

Information about Community Led Planning is available on the ACT website here: www.cumbriaaction.org.uk/WhatWeDo/CommunityLedPlanning

The key contacts at the Local Authorities and ACT will all want to see, and comment on, your draft action plan as they may need to help deliver some of the projects in it. By seeing the draft, before it is made public, they can let you know if any of the actions will be difficult to achieve, or could be achieved in a different way.

All the authorities will provide an initial response to your enquiry within 15 working days. Please send your draft plan by email, if possible, as this allows it to be circulated.
When the plan is finished

When you have finished your plan please send an electronic copy to your key contacts at the Local Authorities, CALC, your local councillors and ACT.

ACT will put a copy of your plan on their website and will add the actions from your plan to a county-wide database of Community Led Plan actions. This database allows ACT and other organisations to easily identify local priorities.

All the local authorities and ACT will be interested in helping you in any way they can to implement the action plan.

We recommend that your Community Led Plan is revised every five years.

Funding projects in the action plan

Producing a Community Led Plan is an ongoing process. When the actual plan has been printed, work starts on implementing the action plan.

Funding may be available through local authorities, depending on current priorities. Involving the key contact from each authority as early as possible in the process will help to get your community’s needs recognised by them.

Cumbria CVS can also help you to identify suitable funders for your projects:
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