



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Business views needed to inform Heart of Eden Community Plan**

Businesses in Eden are being invited to influence economic priorities in the Heart of Eden Community Plan by attending one of two new business focus group meetings.

The meetings will be held in Appleby Public Hall at 7pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June and Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July. They are being run by the Heart of Eden Community Planning group in conjunction with Action with Communities in Cumbria (ACT) with financial support from Eden District Council.

Dani Leslie, Heart of Eden Community Plan Co-ordinator said "We're pleased with the response to the questionnaire sent to all households in the area which documented personal views of residents. Now is the time to bring together local business people to highlight the issues facing businesses in Appleby and the surrounding parishes."

The parishes involved in the Heart of Eden Community Planning Group are Appleby-in-Westmorland, Asby, Bandleyside, Bolton, Crackenthorpe, Dufton, Kirkby Thore, Long Marton, Milburn, Murton, Newbiggin and Temple Sowerby.

ACT's Julia Wilson explained "The business focus group meetings and household questionnaire are part of a wider community consultation which will form the basis for the Heart of Eden Community Plan. The views expressed will be written into an action plan for the future setting out how to achieve the changes locals want to see."

To book a place at one of the meetings or to find out more about them, please contact Claire Hudson at ACT on Tel: 01768 869538 or Email: [clairehudson@cumbriaaction.org.uk](mailto:clairehudson@cumbriaaction.org.uk)

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**Map:**



Parishes involved in the Heart of Eden Community Plan

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**Notes to Editors:**

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