

Lancaster City Council | Report Cover Sheet

Meeting	Lancaster and South Cumbria Joint Committee	Date	21 October 2020
Title	The Bay Prosperity and Resilience Strategy		
Report of	Chief Executives – Kieran Keane (Lancaster CC), Sam Plum (Barrow BC) and Lawrence Conway (SLDC)		
Purpose of the Report			
To present the final version of The Bay Prosperity and Resilience Strategy to the Lancaster and South Cumbria Joint Committee for endorsement.			
Key Decision (Y/N)	N	Date of Notice	N/A
		Exempt (Y/N)	N

Report Summary

This report presents the Joint Committee with the final version of The Bay Prosperity and Resilience Strategy to endorse, following comments from the July Joint Committee meeting.

Recommendations

Joint Committee members are asked to:

Endorse the final version of The Bay Prosperity and Resilience Strategy

Note that the strategy, including a request for £750,000 per annum for two years, has been submitted to government with a covering letter from all three Leaders

Relationship to Policy Framework

The strategy fits with the overall policy frameworks for all three of the district councils and will support delivery of shared outcomes across the wider area of The Bay.

Conclusion of Impact Assessment(s), where applicable

Climate Addressed in the proposed strategy	Wellbeing & Social Value Addressed in the proposed strategy
Digital Addressed in the proposed strategy	Health & Safety Primarily relevant at delivery stage
Equality To be considered at every stage of planning and delivery	Community Safety To be considered at every stage of planning and deliver

Details of Consultation

Involvement of strategic and economic partners has taken place at various stages in the development of this strategy and the evidence base. Major initiatives within the strategy will require specific consultation. All three councils have been actively involved in developing the strategy.

Legal Implications

There are no direct legal implications as a result of this report and/or approval of the strategy. Some developments within the strategy will have legal implications that will be considered in detail as programmes develop.

Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications of this report. However, members should note that the strategy forms the basis of a funding “ask” to government for

development of a range of initiatives. To deal with this, financial accountability and monitoring arrangements will need to be established in order to manage any government funds appropriately. These arrangements will be considered and agreed separately, in due course, linked to the strong accountable body arrangements in place in each of the three councils.

The strategy document constitutes an Expression of Interest in funding rather than a full bid. Submission of detailed proposals will require appropriate authority within the council's governance arrangements in consultation with Chief Financial Officer(s).

Other Resource or Risk Implications

No specific risks arise as a result of this report. Delivery and funding risks and opportunities would be considered and managed at later stages in the development of the programme.

Section 151 Officer's Comments

To be addressed if necessary whenever proposals are submitted through each council's governance structure.

Monitoring Officer's Comments

At this stage the Monitoring Officer has no further comments. Should the government respond positively to the approach then governance arrangements around any financial assistance and decision making will need to be addressed.

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Links to Background Papers

N/A

1.0 Report

- 1.1 At its meeting in July 2020, the Lancaster and South Cumbria Joint Committee considered an earlier draft of The Bay Prosperity and Resilience Strategy and agreed amendments. A subgroup was appointed to implement the amendments, which have now been completed. Further feedback from all three councils has been provided and incorporated and the final version of the strategy is now provided at Appendix A.
- 1.2 In line with the discussions at July's meeting, the strategy has now been sent to the government with a covering letter requesting government support for the feasibility and development work outlined in the strategy.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 Following consideration at the July meeting of the Joint Committee and feedback from all three councils, Members are now asked to endorse the final version of The Bay Prosperity and Resilience Strategy and note that the strategy has been submitted to government with a covering letter signed by all three Leaders