

**Date:** 25 September 2007

**Report:** MEMBER FEEDBACK

Attached, as an **Appendix** to this report is feedback from the C Lis, following his attendance at the South Lakeland Local Strategic Partnership meeting on 2 August 2007.

**Richard Parkin**  
**Secretariat Officer**

Background documents: None

10 September 2007



**Name of Event: South Lakeland LSP**

**Date of Event: 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2007**

**Name of Member: Carl Lis**

**I attended the South Lakeland LSP Meeting at the Parish Centre Ambleside.**

**The following items were discussed:**

**1. SOUTH LAKELAND COMMUNITY STRATEGY REFRESH**

The draft of the South Lakeland Community Strategy for 2007-2027. Responses regarding the document received within the six-week consultation period had been fed into the revised draft. The Group was informed that the Strategy had been subject to a sustainability appraisal. The social, economic and environmental aspects were addressed, and the study raised some issues that needed to be resolved, particularly around biodiversity and climate change. Overall, the Strategy was seen to provide a good long-term mechanism for delivery, however there were some weaker areas identified needed to be addressed.

It was agreed after discussion that the Strategy would be developed further and presented to the LSP on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2007 for final agreement.

**2. LSP REVIEW**

The Group discussed the proposed format for a review of the LSP. With the recent publication of the Communities & Local Government White Papers and the Local Area Agreement the Partnership felt that it was timely to carry out a review of the LSP to make sure it was 'fit for purpose'. It was suggested that the LSP should seek to engage with colleagues from the IdeA to assist them with the review process and that SLDC could offer some resources to progress this work further.

**3. SECOND HOMES FUND**

The Group were asked to consider changes to the Second Homes Fund, and to agree the re-allocation of an under-spend of £58k, £25k to the Impact Shared Equity Scheme and £33k to be left unallocated. This was accepted by Members.

**4. UNITARY GOVERNMENT**

The Group were provided with an update on SLDC and CCCs positions following the rejection of the County's bid for Unitary status.

## **5. PRESENTATION – KENDAL ECONOMIC REGENERATION ACTION PLAN**

The Vice-Chair gave a presentation to the Group, titled '*Kendal Economic Regeneration Action Plan: Integrating Public and Private Sector Investment in Kendal*'.

The 10 year Action Plan had been based on an extensive process of consultation and involvement led by a Steering Group and a wide range of public sector partners, voluntary organisations and in particular residents and businesses in Kendal. The Action Plan focused on an evidence-based economic development agenda for Kendal that had emerged from research, analysis, consultation and workshops.

Implementing the Action Plan will improve the economic performance of the town and the particular focus on 'improving value added' for businesses will have a positive impact on the contribution that individual businesses make to the Kendal, East Cumbria and Cumbrian economies.

Members agreed to endorse the Action Plan