Appendix 2 - Notes of 1 April 2023

CALC Business Planning

1st April 2023 Executive Members and CALC staff

Structure for the day

- Introduction purpose of the day
- Check on Equality and Diversity
- What is and potentially could be CALC's role?
- How do we structure to deliver?
- Progressing governance arrangements
- Each will have breakouts and feedbacks
- Agree way forward

Purpose of the Day

To begin the development of a robust business plan with KPIs for 2023/24

This will enable us to:

- Ensure the current strategic plan is up to date
- Enable discussions with Unitary Authorities/Cumbria/funders
- Confirm and progress the governance arrangements
- Focus staff to support the delivery going forward
- * Agree how members/ directors or Trustees are appointed post May
- To promote the Equality and Diversity Policy

Equality and Diversity

- Previously circulated policy any questions?
- Putting this into practice today
- Record the working practice for this meeting as an example
- (Flip chart the 'rules')

What is CALC's current role

- Co –ordinate Parish and Town councils into CALC membership structure/networks/media
- Provide support, information and advice to Parish and Town Councils
- Provide support to 'locality' functions of CALC
- Provide appropriate training and personal development at various levels and in different styles
- First point of call for requests for representatives on principle authorities, health , NALC for various working and strategy groups
- Key link with NALC and related networks
- Ensure lobbying, representation and discussions on variety of topics with Local authorities and others

What do we aim to achieve?



Advancement and development of professionalism of Parish and Town councils (clerks and members).



Promotion and confidence to deliver services to a high standard e.g. play parks, allotments, community furniture, gardens etc. Well trained and able clerks, some of whom will need to practice at a higher level going forward.



Locality meetings to increase local knowledge, mutual support, influence Professional and valued opinions to support meaningful engagement at all levels How might this change in the future? Locality structures ? Their remit?

Expectation of more formal representation?

SLA's that are more prescriptive?

Funding to do what we want to do? E.g.??????

Devolvement of services ? What might be CALC's role?

More imaginative projects e.g. resilience ?

Other ideas?

Breakout session 1

- 20 mins
- Do you agree with CALC role?
- How might this change in the future?
- Feedback 3 key points for each

Key points from CALC current role

Key points from CALC potential future role

Structuring to deliver – CALC staffing

- Chief Officer -Sonia Hutchinson
- T and PC development Officer Rachael Kelly
- Westmorland and Furness Parish Liaison
 Officer Lindsay Nicholson
- Cumberland Parish Liaison Officer Kate McGibbon
- Resilience Officer (waiting for confirmed funding) - Kate McGibbon
- CALC Administration Karen Wood

What do staff need to deliver effectively?

- Job profiles that reflect the business needs
- KPIs that show progress against objectives
- Support from the locality CALC 'exec' members
- Team approaches and working
- Respect for their roles
- What else??



How do we see the future for parish and town councils?

- Ideas?
- Impact on CALC support?
- Large Town Councils having different ambitions?
- Smaller councils needing to cluster?

How do we find the Locality reps for CALC?

- As structures change, does the ability to elect from locality meetings might change?
- We may have more locality meetings than seats?
- Does Sonia lead on this , seeking reps from the relevant PC and Town Councils?
- Do parish liaison officers seek nominations?
- How do we elect a chair?
- How do we elect a president?

Breakout session 2

- 20 mins
- How do we structure CALC to deliver in the future?
- How do we find Trustees/Directors?
- Do you have views on the Chair and presidents appointment/roles?
- Feedback main points

Feedback on structure

Feedback on recruitment of trustees/directors

Feedback on Chair/president

Governance arrangements

- CIO current progress and submission
- Company without shares new application
- Or shall we do both?

Breakout session 3

• 15 mins

Feedback from session 3

- CIO
- Company
- Both

What's next

- Take information from today
- Check strategic plan
- Write up the initial draft business plan
- Ensure staff profiles are clear
- Develop KPIs
- Governance progressed
- Elections/nomination for CALC 'exec' clear for post May and governance
- AOB?
- DONM