

Memorandum of Understanding between Kirkby Stephen Town Council and Cumbria County Council, ahead of vesting day for the new Westmorland and Furness Council

The following items have been agreed as commitments shared by KSTC and EDC. Where possible these will be enacted ahead of vesting day, and where this is not possible, the two councils will put these as a joint proposal to the new Westmorland and Furness Council.

1. Local Links and Library

EITHER

KSTC and CCC are committed to retaining the current local links and library provision in the town and expect that this arrangement will continue under the new council.

OR

The town council is seeking the full devolution of the building currently housing the local links and library and commits to ensuring these services are located in the building unless agreed otherwise with the new W&F Council.

2. Christian Head Car Park

Currently the car park is leased by CCC to KSTC. The terms of this are not favourable in that KSTC pay rates on the car park and has the responsibility for maintaining it, while CCC could give short notice to KSTC that the car park would revert to them. In turn this does not favour investment in the car park which will need resurfacing before long.

EITHER

KSTC no longer wishes to lease this car park from CCC

OR

KSTC wishes to see the car park fully devolved to them, along with a commitment from either CCC or W&F to resurface the car park.