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# Barrow Area Plan 2012-14 Summary



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# Barrow Area Plan

## Serving the people of Barrow

This area plan summary provides a quick insight into Cumbria County Council's plans and priorities for the Barrow area.

A full and detailed Area Plan for Barrow is available at [cumbria.gov.uk](http://cumbria.gov.uk)



Top: Vickerstown School.

Bottom: Children at the Cumbria School Games.

### Achievements: what we have done in Barrow in 2011/12

- Funded advice to help people get out and stay out of debt – dealing with 236 debts totaling over £3.1 million between October 2010 and September 2011.
- Helped over 30 new businesses start up, creating over 40 new jobs.
- Given more than £10,000 to Barrow Association Football Club to fund local community projects to promote healthy lifestyles and tackle racism.
- Invested £14.6million to refurbish Vickerstown and St George's Primary Schools.
- Funded over £50,000 to support activities for young people aged 0-19 to help increase their confidence and develop communication and team working skills.
- Invested £10,000 to establish a youth council to help give local young people

### Our priorities: we will focus on

- **Economic growth:** Attracting businesses to the area.
- **Accessibility:** Getting local people appropriately skilled and into employment.
- **Health and wellbeing:** Improving the health outcomes for local people through a strong partnership approach; understanding the specific health inequalities of the area and targeting the level and type of care accordingly; supporting young people in the area to reach their full potential.

a voice and the opportunity to improve their area.

- Provided £14,000 to help support young people making the move from primary to secondary school to make sure they settle in well.
- Worked with Barrow Borough Council and partners to prevent young people from becoming homeless and effectively support those who find themselves without a home.

Better services

### Looking towards 2012/13: what we will do in Barrow in the future

- Providing more support for new businesses and the growth of Barrow's economy; and working with major employers in the area to secure investment and jobs.
- Improving transport to support access to employment including working with communities to develop new and alternative local travel schemes.
- Continuing to improve the area's road network.
- Working with schools to ensure young people are given the right skills to match our employment opportunities.
- Transforming learning through improvements to schools, including the upgrading of two primary schools and the rebuilding of another.
- Supporting the delivery of a new academy building in 2013/14.
- Supporting the roll out of superfast broadband through the Connecting Cumbria programme.
- Building a new 60 bed care home which meets 21st century needs and provides a safe, caring environment.
- Supporting more people to live independently in their own homes.
- Modernising our library service.
- Working with partners to tackle the issue of homelessness amongst young people in the area to ensure they are supported.