

## Allerdale Chief Exec

Allerdale Borough Council is considering the long term options for the position of its chief executive.

Following the Council's decision in August to put in place interim arrangements to share a chief executive with Carlisle for a six month period to February 2009, the Executive Committee and Corporate Management Team are proposing to evaluate this arrangement with the help of external consultants.

SERCO Consulting, which carried out the Better Government for Cumbria work on behalf of the districts at the time of the Unitary Authority proposals, has been jointly appointed by Carlisle City Council and Allerdale Borough Council to look at the shared arrangements.

The review will consider:

- Advantages and disadvantages for both councils
- Financial implications
- Potential risks and impact on performance
- Possible options for enhanced joint arrangements.

The consultants have been asked to look at these issues and report back to both councils in early October, outlining possible options for future arrangements, so Members from the two authorities can decide how to proceed.

Councillor Joe Milburn, Leader of Allerdale Borough Council, said: "This piece of work will help both Councils decide if they want to enter longer term joint arrangements but there are no firm preconceived proposals.

"It is important that we look at all options to make efficiency savings and improve service delivery in the face of the difficult long term financial situation facing most authorities such as ours in the country."

Allerdale Borough Council's Corporate Management Team and Executive Committee are working together to manage this work. As part of the review individual staff across the Council will be contacted shortly by the consultants in order to discuss the issues and give their views.

## Leek Show Winner



Overall Champion for 2008 Jenny Atkinson with Joint Organiser Ian Caulfield

After the horrendous wet weather during the Summer months the organisers were astonished with the quality and quantity of Leeks. The fruit and vegetables on display were also outstanding. The show was topped off with fantastic smells and array of colours with the flowers on show at the 2008 Silloth and District Leek Show.

The judges had their toughest test to date, with the standards being raised year after year. Prize winners were rewarded for all their hard work with trophies and cash.

The categories were many and varied with prizes galore for most competitors young and old.

The overall champion for 2008 and winner of the Robin Smith sponsored Trophy was the multi-talented and green fingered Jenny Atkinson who left the opposition gob-smacked with her fantastic leeks. Jenny is a true and worthy champion.

A big well-done to all who took part and a great pat on the back to the organisers and committee for another unforgettable show.

## Champion of Champions



Report by: Jimmy Lettice

Silloth Bowling Club are proud to announce that Mrs Sandra Parker has become the latest Lady Champion of Champions of Cumbria Bowls.

This is a fantastic achievement for the Silloth based player. The competition was played over the weekend of September 30th and 31st at Courtfield and Edenside Bowling Clubs. Sandra was up against the cream of lady bowls in one of most prestigious competitions in the calendar.

The first day was the toughest with three

games played and duly all won, which allowed her to go into the finals day at Edenside.

Watched by a bumper crowd Sandra was up against a very experienced player, Noreen Fleet of the Workington club. This was the game of the tournament and resulted in a score of 21-20 and Sandra Parker being crowned Cumbria's Champion of Champions, a fantastic and well deserved honour. Proud hubby Harry was overjoyed and promised Sandra a well earned extra holiday, Venice was mentioned!

Well done Sandra .

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