



**Community Planning Partnership Board Development Session**

**Wednesday 23 October 2019 at 10.30am  
in Committee Room 1, Almada Street, Hamilton  
(lunch will be provided)**

**Followed by the  
meeting of the Partnership Board at 1.00pm**

**AGENDA**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Item</b>
1	Apologies and Minute of Previous Meeting Minutes of the meeting of the Partnership Board held on 11 September 2019 submitted for approval as a correct record
<b>Items for Discussion/Decision</b>	
2	Town Centres Update
3	Spatial and Community Planning
4	Children's Services Inspection 2019-2020 Presentation
5	Improving Breastfeeding Rates in South Lanarkshire Presentation
6	Update of the Community Plan 2017-2027
<b>Items for Noting</b>	
7	Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme (SRRP) Annual Report
8	Community Planning Partnership Community Participation and Empowerment Strategy
9	Community Participation and Empowerment Event
10	Community Planning Budget and Expenditure Report
11	South Lanarkshire Register of Information Report
<b>Other item(s)</b>	
12	A.O.C.B.
13	Date and location of next meeting – Thursday, 5 December 2019, Committee Room 1, Almada Street, Hamilton

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**SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Minutes of the meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 11 September 2019.

**Chair:** Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Depute Leader, South Lanarkshire Council

**Representatives Present:**

G Bennie, Chief Executive, VASLan

B Cameron, Area Manager South Lanarkshire, Skills Development Scotland

A Comrie, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

V de Souza, Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership

R Leith, Community Participation and Empowerment Manager, South Lanarkshire Council

N Mahal, Chair, Lanarkshire NHS Board

P Manning, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

A Murray, Community Planning and Governance Adviser, South Lanarkshire Council

E Paterson, Community Planning and Governance Officer, South Lanarkshire Council

**Attending:**

A Armstrong, Nurse Director, Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire (Strategy Executive Lead), NHS Lanarkshire

K Bell, Head of Service Change and Transformation (Programme Director), NHS Lanarkshire

D Booth, Operations Manager, South Lanarkshire Council

A Burns, Development Officer, Gender-Based Violence Partnership, South Lanarkshire Council

C Cunningham, Head of Commissioning and Performance, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership

C Fergusson, Head of Finance (Transactions), South Lanarkshire Council

H Gourichon, Policy Officer for Food Development, South Lanarkshire Council

R Hay, Superintendent, Police Scotland

S Kennedy, Group Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

T McDaid, Executive Director, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

K Mullarkey, Partnership Planning Manager, South Lanarkshire Council

K O'Neill, National Distress Brief Intervention Programme Manager, NHS Lanarkshire

L Sutherland, Associate Nurse Director, NHS Lanarkshire

J Truesdale, Lanarkshire Distress Brief Intervention Co-ordinator, NHS Lanarkshire

**Representatives' Apologies:**

C Campbell, Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire

G Docherty, Interim Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire

A Fairbairn, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy, South Lanarkshire Council

H Mathieson, Head of Operations, South West Region, Skills Development Scotland

M Newlands, Head of Partnerships, Scottish Enterprise

Dr G Thomson, Project Manager, University of the West of Scotland

A Waddell, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland

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**1 Apologies and Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Councillor Chalmers introduced herself as the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Board.

Introductions followed by all attending members of the Partnership Board.

The minutes of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 19 June 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

**Outcome(s):**

(1) Apologies noted and previous minute approved.

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**2 Distress Brief Intervention Presentation**

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The National Distress Brief Intervention (DBI) Programme Manager, NHS Lanarkshire and the Lanarkshire DBI Coordinator, NHS Lanarkshire gave a presentation on DBI.

The presentation illustrated:

- The Scottish Government established DBI Programme which is hosted and led by South and North Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnerships;
- The focus on key-front line services and settings within the pilot areas of Lanarkshire, Aberdeen, Inverness and the Scottish Borders;
- The governance structure of the DBI Programme Board;
- Landmarks achieved since 2018 include the publishing of referral booklets; training tools provided by the University of Glasgow and training provided to Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service within the four pilot areas;
- DBI outcomes and experiences include:-
  - 3,700 referrals received;
  - 100% of people were contacted within 24 hours of referral;
  - 57% of referrals were from females;
  - 84% engaged in further DBI level 2 support;
  - 74% of referrals were from the five most deprived deciles;
  - Key problems presented included stress/distress, low mood, thoughts of suicide and self harm; and
  - Key contributory factors included relationship difficulties, alcohol/substance use, bereavement, life coping issues, housing and money worries.
- DBI Expansion: Building on Strong Foundations has three parts which will include:-
  - Part 1 - to extend the programme to 16 and 17 year olds;
  - Part 2 – the University of Glasgow will lead on scoping DBI for people who are 15 years and younger; and
  - Part 3 – the DBI Associate Programme which went live in June 2019.

A discussion took place on the pace of the DBI Programme on a national basis, working in schools and with young people, and the positive impact of the DBI training.

The Chair thanked the National Distress Brief Intervention Programme Manager and the Lanarkshire DBI Coordinator, NHS Lanarkshire for their presentation.

**Outcome(s):**

(1) Presentation content noted.

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**3 Getting it Right for South Lanarkshire's Children Partnership Board Presentation**

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The Executive Director, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council and the Associate Nurse Director, NHS Lanarkshire gave a presentation on the Getting it Right for South Lanarkshire's Children Partnership Board.

The presentation illustrated:

- The structure and governance of the Getting it Right for South Lanarkshire's Children (GIRFSLC) Partnership Board with Who Cares Scotland providing a pivotal role to the Partnership;
- The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 duty on Community Planning Partnerships;
- The vision of the Children's Services Plan (CSP);
- The priority outcomes for the three year CSP 2017-2020 are prevention and early support; health and wellbeing; and supporting vulnerable groups and keeping children safe;

- The CSP 2018-19 annual report detailed 127 indicators highlights included:-
  - 256 tobacco brief interventions;
  - The best post school destination results have been achieved by Youth Employability Aspire;
  - 281 staff and 105 parents engaged in attachment training;
  - Increased focus on sport, physical activity and mental health;
  - The Young People's Mental Health Support Pathway Guidance was launched;
  - The best ever positive rate for care experienced school leaver destinations; and
  - 579 staff benefited from gender based violence training and every Police Office in South Lanarkshire received training in the new Domestic Abuse Act.
- The partnership next steps include:-
  - Workforce development and capacity;
  - Consideration of the complex planning arrangements which include the Community Plan, Neighbourhood Plans, Partnership Improvement Plans and the Child Poverty Action Report;
  - Responding to the mental health needs of young people; and
  - The Children's Services Inspection which is taking place in October/December 2019 with a focus on Corporate Parenting and Child Protection.

A discussion took place on future challenges including aligning resources and partnership working, engaging with young people and the good work which has already taken place with partners.

The Chair thanked the Executive Director, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council and the Associate Nurse Director, NHS Lanarkshire for their presentation.

**Outcome(s):**

(1) Presentation content noted.

**4 South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership - Presentation**

The Head of Commissioning and Performance, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership gave a presentation on the 'South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership.

The presentation illustrated:

- The challenges for Health and Social Care and the growing pressure on the Health and Care System;
- Demographic change;
- The increasing complexity of care;
- Wrapping services around high resource use individuals;
- The challenges of the Health and Social Care Delivery Plan which include:-
  - Reducing A&E attendances;
  - Reducing unplanned emergency admissions;
  - Reducing unscheduled bed days;
  - Reducing delayed discharge bed days;
  - Increasing the number of people spending the last 6 months of life in the community; and
  - Shifting the balance of care.
- The three overarching priorities which underpin the 9 Health and Wellbeing National Outcomes; and
- How the CPP Board can support the work of the Health and Social Care Partnership.

A discussion took place on Health and Wellbeing in the work place and how to support employees; the use of Health and Social Care and re-educating the public which would commence with the workforce.

There was also a discussion on pooling resources including those from the business community.

The topic of Fair Work Practices was also raised and it was agreed that sharing practices would be a future agenda item for the Board.

The Chair thanked the Head of Commissioning and Performance, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership for his presentation.

**Outcome(s):**

(1) Presentation content noted.

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**5 Gender Based Violence Partnership**

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The Development Officer, Gender-Based Violence Partnership (GBVP), South Lanarkshire Council provided an update on the national and local position in relation to gender based violence and the implications for South Lanarkshire.

South Lanarkshire's GBVP is a multi-agency implementing the Equally Safe Scotland Strategy for preventing and eradicating violence against women and girls.

The Equally Safe Quality Standards respond to the expectations set out in Equally Safe in relation to effective performance management and aims to capture data on the extent to which services, policies and processes that are most effective in tackling Gender Based Violence which are currently being delivered across Scotland. The South Lanarkshire GBVP completes the quality standards tool on an annual basis in order to measure and report on the progress that is being made to prevent and eradicate gender based violence at a local level.

The Equally Safe Performance Framework was developed in conjunction with the quality standards. This allows local partnerships to capture key performance data. The South Lanarkshire GBVP also completes the performance framework tool on an annual basis to be able to analyse data on an ongoing basis and evidence progress being made.

South Lanarkshire's Gender Based Violence Strategy and Action Plan 2019-2024 is currently being developed in consultation with GBVP members, the multi-agency workforce and survivors of gender based violence and will outline the vision, priorities and proposed direction for the next 5 years.

The Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARAC) is the process which South Lanarkshire has in place locally to respond to high risk cases of domestic abuse and allows agencies to share information.

The Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) is a peer education programme that supports young people to safely challenge unwanted behaviours and encourage healthy relationships. Staff in 11 secondary schools in South Lanarkshire have been trained to embed MVP within their schools.

As a result of a successful funding bid, South Lanarkshire's GBVP in partnership with South Lanarkshire's Child Protection Committee, delivered a four day 'Safe and Together' training event attended by 39 key professionals. The Safe and Together model is designed to improve practice and improve how to work together with families where there is domestic abuse and concerns about children.

A discussion took place regarding the roll-out of the MVP programme, dealing with social media anti-social behaviour issues and supporting the work of the GBVP through community development work.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) The content of the report was noted; and
- (2) The continued support of the work of the South Lanarkshire Gender Based Violence Partnership was approved.

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## **6 Community Plan Quarter 4 Progress Report 2018-19 and Annual Outcome Improvement Report**

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The Community Participation and Empowerment Manager, South Lanarkshire Council advised the Board of progress made against the outcomes within the Community Plan as at the end of March 2019.

The South Lanarkshire Community Plan was approved in October 2017 and sets out the priorities and outcomes for the Partnership from 2017-2027.

The Community Plan is underpinned by Partnership Improvement Plans (PIPs) which contain detailed action plans and performance measures for each Partnership's key thematic areas.

The report provided a breakdown of the 183 measures within the Community Plan which highlighted the progress of statistical measures and interventions within the overarching objective of Tackling Poverty, Deprivation and Inequality together with a summary of progress of statistical measures by each Thematic Group. Of the 183 measures, 136 were judged to be on course to achieve the targets set, 9 considerably off target and 15 slightly off target. There were 23 measures which will be reported later or no data is available other than the baseline set in the Community Plan.

The draft Annual Outcome Improvement Report provides a summary of the progress of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership during 2018-19 and gives examples of work that is being done to deliver the priorities set out in the Community Plan.

A discussion took place on the content of the draft Annual Outcome Improvement Report regarding the work of the voluntary sector and the possibility of widening the scope of this section within a later report.

### **Outcome(s):**

- (1) The progress made to date against the outcomes within the Community Plan was noted; and
- (2) The content of the draft Annual Outcome Improvement Report was noted.

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## **7 Children's Rights Reporting – Part 1 The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014**

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The Partnership Planning Manager, South Lanarkshire Council provided an update on the progress to produce a Children's Rights Report (CRR) by March 2020.

The Children and Young People's (Scotland) Act 2014 introduced a new requirement for each Community Planning Partnership to prepare and publish a Children's Services Plan covering the period April 2017 to March 2020 and a CRR by March 2020. The CRR will be informed by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).

Preparing the groundwork for the first CRR has included focus group discussions with children, young people and parents. An extensive workforce survey was also carried out across the partnership and helped build a current workforce perspective in relation to the collective understanding of Children's Rights.

The findings from the survey together with feedback from children, young people and parents and available data will enable a position statement to be established on the shared understanding of how effective Children's Rights are being recognised and ensured in the context of the UNCRC.

The Partnership Planning Manager responded to questions from the Board Members and was thanked for his presentation.

### **Outcome(s):**

- (1) The content of the report was noted.

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## **8 Neighbourhood Planning Update**

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The Community Participation and Empowerment Manager, South Lanarkshire Council provided an update on the progress being made around the rollout of Neighbourhood Planning.

In October 2017, the Partnership Board agreed to test a new collective approach to tackling local inequalities and improving the lives of local people. This work is being undertaken through the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 for all Community Planning Partnerships to develop Local Outcome Improvement Plans (known as the South Lanarkshire Community Plan) as well as Locality Plans for areas where outcomes are poorest (known as Neighbourhood Plans).

Three pilot areas were identified which were Springhall and Whitlawburn; Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank; and Strutherhill and Birkenshaw. Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Groups are now established in each of the pilot areas together with Working Groups who are taking forward the specified priority themes and delivery of early actions within the Our Place, Our Plan Neighbourhood Plans.

In June 2018, South Lanarkshire Council's Executive Committee approved the creation of a new team, the Community Participation and Empowerment Team, who would among other duties, lead on the rollout of the community led Neighbourhood Planning initiatives in the area.

The Board previously identified 9 wards which were of priority, due to facing the greatest levels of inequalities within South Lanarkshire. The pilot work around Neighbourhood Planning included areas within 5 of those wards and plans now need to be produced within the 4 remaining priority wards. The further rollout of the Neighbourhood Planning process will include the proposed communities of Burnhill; Halfway; Auchinraith, Blantyre, High Blantyre and Springwells; and Fairhill.

A discussion took place on the work and various events which have taken place and the rollout of Neighbourhood Planning within the proposed communities and the impact on resources.

### **Outcome(s):**

- (1) The progress made on Neighbourhood Planning within South Lanarkshire was noted;
- (2) The further rollout of Neighbourhood Planning was approved; and
- (3) The continued support of Neighbourhood Planning in priority areas by working alongside local residents and service users to review what is currently working, what needs to be changed, what these changes could be and who should lead upon the delivery of them was approved.

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## **9 Update on the development of the South Lanarkshire Food Strategy**

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The Policy Officer for Food Development, South Lanarkshire Council and the Operations Manager, South Lanarkshire Council informed the Board of the progress made by South Lanarkshire Council on the development of the Good Food Strategy.

The purpose of the Food Strategy is to ensure the adoption of a coordinated and comprehensive approach to tackle food related issues and will encompass social, health, economic and environmental concerns. In particular, it will represent a commitment to address food poverty and food related issues and ensure the sustainability of the food system.

The purpose of the first phase of the strategy (December 2018-April 2019) was to prepare an initial proposal of the vision and objectives for the Food Strategy. The second phase concluded on 28 June 2019 and included the consultation of a large number and range of communities and groups across South Lanarkshire.

The strategy document will be produced by assembling supporting narrative, proposing the governance and implementation mechanisms and continuing to develop the action plan. It is anticipated that the proposed strategy will be submitted for approval to South Lanarkshire Council on 12 November 2019 and a further report to the Partnership Board thereafter.

A discussion took place on the good food strategies which are in place across the partnership, food poverty and the impact of Brexit.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) The vision and objectives of the upcoming Good Food Strategy 2019-2024 was noted;
- (2) That consultations with partners is being organised to support the formulation of the Food Strategy and the establishment of a Food Partnership was noted; and
- (3) A further report on the Good Food Strategy be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

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## **10 Review of Thematic Partnership Board Improvement Plans**

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The Community Participation and Empowerment Manager, South Lanarkshire Council provided an overview of how Partnership Improvement Plans (PIPs) have developed through time and provided options for future plans.

Since the establishment of the PIPs, changes to legislation have introduced additional partnership plans for two Partnership Boards. The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 placed a duty on the Health and Social Care Partnership to have a Joint Strategic Commissioning Plan. Part 3 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 introduced the requirement for the Getting it Right for South Lanarkshire's Children Partnership Board to have a Children's Services Plan in Place by 1 April 2017 and produce an annual report.

In addition, the Economic Growth Partnership's Strategy 'Promote' is currently being reviewed and will be reported to the council's Community and Enterprise Resources Committee in November 2019.

Taking into consideration the background to the current PIPs, the legislative changes and the development of the new plans for three of the four Thematic Partnerships the following options were proposed:-

- Maintain the status quo and renew the four PIPs 2020-2023; and
- Replace the PIPs with the statutory and non-statutory plans which would leave one work plan to be delivered.

A discussion took place on the current plans, working together to align documents and avoiding duplication.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the development of plans for 2020 onwards should be put on hold until the Board reconsidered the proposals following the outcomes from the Thematic Board Development Session being held on 3 October 2019.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) The key stages in the development of the Partnership Improvements Plans was noted; and
- (2) That the Partnership Board would reconsider the options presented following the Thematic Board Development Session.

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## **11 Welfare Reform**

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The Head of Finance (Transactions), South Lanarkshire Council provided the Partnership Board with an update relating to Welfare Reform and the welfare data held by organisations.

The process of moving remaining legacy benefit and tax credit claimants onto UC has been delayed until 2020 with the planned move scheduled to be completed by the end of 2023. A pilot scheme involving 10,000 people commenced in July 2019 in Harrogate to ensure that the move to UC can be delivered successfully.

Data received from Advice and Support Services included:-

- Waiting times for appointments across the Money Matters Advice Service are a maximum of 23 days, with the average waiting time of 13 days;
- There has been a 16% increase in those seeking benefit advice from CAB;
- There has been a 29% increase in the number of food parcels distributed by food banks from March 2018 to March 2019; and
- There has been an 11% increase in applications to the Scottish Welfare Fund (SWF).

As at the end of June 2019, 4,907 council tenants were in receipt of UC of which 81% were in arrears. This is in comparison to 37% of all tenants who are in rent arrears.

The membership of the Corporate Welfare Reform Group was reviewed and now includes representation from the new Social Security Agency for Scotland, NHS Lanarkshire, local DWP departments, CAB and Libraries.

Data received by NHS was also provided which included updates on employment; routine enquiry of Financial Inclusion by Health Visitors and Midwives; health and welfare advice hubs; Living Wage and DWP Job Centre Coaches.

There was a further discussion regarding areas highlighted within the report.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) The progress on key issues relating to the Welfare Reform agenda was noted.

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## **12 Community Planning Budget and Expenditure**

The Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council submitted a report providing an overview of the current Partnership Budget spend as at Period 4 to 19 July 2019 for noting.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) Budget noted.

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## **13 Community Planning Partnership Risk Register – Annual Update**

The Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council submitted a report providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership Risk Register and outlining the process for the 2019 review for noting.

Views will be sought from the Board Members on the current Risk Register to highlight any changes or new identified risks. This will be followed by a further Risk Workshop which will take place at the Board meeting on 5 December 2019 to facilitate further discussion.

A review of the final risk-score cards will be undertaken and new cards created and reported to the Board for approval.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) The content of the report was noted;
- (2) The CPP Board will inform the review of the Risk Register;
- (3) A Risk Workshop will take place at the Board on 5 December 2019; and
- (4) Final risk-score cards to be reported to the Board for approval.

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## **14 Lanarkshire Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy**

The Nurse Director, Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire (Strategy Executive Lead), NHS Lanarkshire provided an update on the process to develop the Lanarkshire Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2019-2024.

The formal launch of the strategy would take place on 24 October 2019 and it was proposed that the Partnership Board pledge their support to work together to lift the stigma and discrimination often surrounding mental health, putting it on an equal par with physical health.

A discussion took place on the successful impacts of partnership working and how to take the strategy forward.

It was agreed that, following the launch, that an implementation plan be developed and submitted to the Board for consideration.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) The content of the report was noted; and
- (2) A further report on the Lanarkshire Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

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**15 Children's Services Inspection**

The Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership and the Executive Director, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council, submitted a report on the Care Inspectorate's intention to inspect South Lanarkshire Children's Services in Autumn 2019 for noting.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) The content of the report was noted.

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**16 Third Sector Interface Funding Arrangements: From October 2019**

The Chief Executive Officer, Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire submitted a report on the Third Sector Interface (TSI) Funding Arrangements for noting. This provided an update on the current financial situation within the TSI and an indication of the Scottish Government's plans for the funding arrangements beyond the current grant period which ends on 30 September 2019.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) The content of the report was noted.

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**17 Partnership Board – 2020 Meeting Dates**

The Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council, submitted a report on the dates for the 2020 Board for noting.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) The content of the report was noted.

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**18 South Lanarkshire Register for Information**

The Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council, submitted a report on the South Lanarkshire Register for Information which provided an update on the information circulated to Community Planning Partners from 16 May to 15 August 2019.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) The content of the report was noted.

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**19 AOCB**

There were no other items of competent business.

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**20 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 23 October 2019 in Committee Room 1, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA.

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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>23 October 2019</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Town Centres Update</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on town centre activity across South Lanarkshire.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation:-

- (1) that the content of the report is noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The nature of town centres across the UK is in a transitional stage. The range of issues involved in the challenges town centres are facing are broad and complex. Factors such as the economic downturn, internet shopping, the growth of out of town shopping malls, changes in retailer's business models and consumer expectations have resulted in a decline in town centre footfall.
- 3.2. Some of the issues are local and specific to individual towns, however, many are issues seen across the country influenced by wider economic patterns, consumer behaviour and corporate decisions.
- 3.3. Supporting our town centres remains a South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) priority and we continue to work closely with the appropriate groups and organisations in each town through a partnership approach to achieve our common goals.
- 3.4. South Lanarkshire's town centres support a diverse range of economic, social and civic functions. In common with the rest of the UK, however, our town centres have felt the effects of both the economic downturn and changes in shopping patterns.
- 3.5. The future of all town centres is dependent on reacting to changing behaviours by both consumers and retailers and recognising that town centres can no longer place such heavy reliance on their retail offer. Town centres need to diversify to give users the broadest range of reasons to visit and stay in the town centre. Retail remains a fundamental part of a healthy town centre, however, residential development, leisure activity, café culture, evening economy and local services for local communities have an increasing role and importance within the town centre mix.

- 3.6. Local communities remain supportive of their town centres and have a desire to see them thrive. The way in which they use their town centres is, however, very different to that of a generation ago. It is broadly accepted that the traditional function of a retail town centre needs to change to meet the needs and expectations of modern communities. There is, therefore, a collective need to establish a new role and function for our town centres to ensure that they can continue to thrive, and remain relevant in the years ahead.
- 3.7. To meet the challenges faced by town centres, the Scottish Government prepared their Town Centre Action Plan, the response to the National Review of Town Centres, which notes that town centre activity should be based around the following themes:-
- Town Centre Living;
  - Vibrant Local Authorities;
  - Enterprising Communities;
  - Accessible Public Services;
  - Digital Towns; and
  - Proactive Planning.
- 3.8. The review and action plan also developed the “Town Centre First” Principle which requests that:-
- “Government, local authorities, the wider public sector, businesses and communities put the health of town centres at the heart of proportionate and best value decision making, seeking to deliver the best local outcomes regarding investment and de-investment decisions, alignment of policies, targeting of available resources to priority town centre sites and encouraging vibrancy, equality and diversity”.
- 3.9. Both these policies lie at the heart of SLC’s approach to Town Centre activity.

#### **4. Current Position**

- 4.1. SLC defines our town centres through the Local Development Plan (LDP) which sets out a hierarchy of towns identifying 3 strategic centres – East Kilbride, Hamilton and Lanark and 7 town centres - Biggar, Blantyre, Cambuslang, Carluke, Larkhall, Rutherglen and Strathaven. Other settlements outwith these centres are considered local centres (also known as neighbourhood or village centres) and often sit within the catchment of a larger town. These local centres which include small towns, villages and neighbourhood centres total 29 additional centres across South Lanarkshire and are set out in the LDP. Therefore, in total the LDP identifies 39 centres.
- 4.2. Detailed below are the principal projects and initiatives undertaken by SLC and partners to ensure the sustainability of these centres.

#### 4.3. **Town Centre Strategies and Action Plans**

The increased focus on placing the health of Scotland's town centres at the heart of local decision making has led to the development of a programme of Town Centre Strategies and Action Plans in our town centres. The aim of the strategies is to support change that can promote additional vibrancy and vitality within each unique town centre and support its sustainable future. The strategy documents set out a range of initiatives which the council and its partners believe will contribute both in the short and long term to town centre activity that supports footfall and generates additional spend in town centres.

Partnership working is integral to the success of the strategy. To date the strategy process has been undertaken in both Hamilton and Cambuslang.

#### 4.4. **Your Town Audit**

The "Your Town Audit" process (YTA) is the standard benchmark for measuring the health of a Scottish town. Developed by Scotland's Towns Partnership and Socio-Economic development professionals from EKOS, the audit provides a consistent approach for understanding towns across Scotland. YTA's use a combination of data gathered through local place audits, business surveys, stakeholder consultations and official government sources to create a comprehensive benchmark and baseline for town centres. The audit can then be used to support regeneration frameworks, local development plans, community charrettes and funding applications.

Four of South Lanarkshire's ten town centres have been through the YTA process to date. These are Hamilton, Cambuslang, Blantyre and Larkhall. The findings have been used to inform Town Centre Strategies.

#### 4.5. **Town Centre Regeneration Fund 2019-2020**

In March 2019 the Scottish Government announced a £50m Town Centre Fund aimed at boosting Scotland's town centres. South Lanarkshire was granted £2.5m and welcomed applications from eligible organisations to apply for grants to help improve their town centres. Following the conditions set by the Scottish Government, the fund was open to towns with a population equal to or greater than 1,000. In South Lanarkshire this meant that the following town centres were eligible:-

**East Kilbride; Hamilton; Rutherglen; Cambuslang; Blantyre; Larkhall; Lanark; Carluke; Strathaven; Bothwell; Uddingston; Stonehouse; Kirkmuirhill and Blackwood; Lesmahagow; Law; Biggar; Forth; Douglas; Ashgill; Carnwath; Coalburn; and Kirkfieldbank.**

The aim of the fund is to stimulate and support place-based economic investments which encourage town centres to diversify and flourish, creating footfall through local improvements and partnerships. Specifically, this fund is intended to contribute to transformative investments which drive local economic activities and re-purpose town centres to become more diverse, successful and sustainable.

Ten projects were successful in the application process which will see a range of projects carried out in a number of our town centres. Work will commence on these projects shortly.

## **5. Next Steps**

- 5.1. The council will continue to work with partners such as Business Improvement Districts to promote Town Centres, implement the action plans and bring new investment into our town centres. SLC and all town centre stakeholders must continue to take a dynamic approach to town centres in order to meet the changing needs of the customers of the present and future.

## **6. Employee Implications**

- 6.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **8. Other Implications**

- 8.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with this report.

## **9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 9.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or consultation arrangement implications associated with this report.

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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>23 October 2019</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Spatial and Community Planning</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an overview of the planning system in Scotland including themes emerging from the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 and its relationship to Community Planning;
- ◆ inform the Partnership Board of progress in the preparation of the South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2; and
- ◆ Highlight the approaches to strengthening links between Spatial and Community Planning.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation:-

- (1) that the content of the report is noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The purpose of the planning system is to make decisions about future development and the use of land in urban areas and the countryside. It has a vital role in delivering high quality places and balances competing demands to make sure that land is used and developed in the public's long-term interest. The Scottish Government expects decision making to focus on its central purpose of creating a more successful country with opportunities for all of Scotland to flourish through increasing sustainable economic growth. Planning should take a positive approach to enabling high quality development and help build a stronger economy while protecting and enhancing the natural environment.
- 3.2. South Lanarkshire Council is the Planning Authority for its area. It has a statutory duty to prepare a Local Development Plan (LDP) which shapes and guides future land use. In particular it sets out locations for new housing and businesses as well as how the natural and built environment will be protected. The council is also responsible for determining planning applications for new development. Decisions on applications are made in line with the LDP unless other material considerations apply.

- 3.3. The planning system is regulated by primary legislation together with a range of secondary legislation and regulations. The new Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 received Royal Assent in July this year. This introduces a number of changes intended to strengthen the ability of local communities to get involved in shaping the future of their area which are described in more detail below. National Planning Policy is set out in the National Planning Framework and Scottish Planning Policy. The council is also one of the eight member authorities of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Authority. Its primary role has been to produce a Strategic Development Plan (the current version known as Clydeplan was approved in 2018) for the Glasgow City Region.

#### **4. Planning (Scotland) Act 2019**

- 4.1. The Scottish Government set up an independent panel in September 2015 to carry out a review of Scotland's planning system. The reforms were seen as important in strengthening the planning system's contribution to inclusive growth, housing and infrastructure delivery and empowering communities and maintaining the Government's commitment to a strong, high-performing system that enables housing and infrastructure delivery and supports quality of life of all communities by promoting quality of place. The Act that received Royal Assent in July includes the following measures to deliver these aims.

#### 4.2. Purpose of Planning

- 4.2.1. The definition of a 'purpose for planning' is a new introduction not found in other Planning Acts and is "to manage the development and use of land in the long-term public interest". The long term public interest includes among other matters, anything contributing to sustainable development or achieving the national outcomes set out in the Community Empowerment Act. The latter point reflects one of the overarching aims of the Government to strengthen links between Spatial and Community Planning.

#### 4.3. Development Planning

- 4.3.1. The council's Development Plan currently comprises the adopted South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan and the approved Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan (Clydeplan). The Act now defines the Development Plan as comprising the Local Development Plan together with the National Planning Framework (NPF). The need to prepare a Strategic Development Plan (SDP) has been removed and in their place there is a statutory duty to prepare Regional Spatial Strategies (RSS). However the RSS will not form part of the Development Plan.
- 4.3.2. The RSS will identify the need for objectives for which strategic development will contribute and the priorities for delivering, strategic development as well as proposed locations. While the RSS will not form part of the Development Plan the National Planning Framework (NPF) and relevant Local Development Plan (LDP) will have to have regard to the RSS. The Strategic Development Plan process has been an important factor in terms of the promotion and delivery of sustainable economic growth and development across the Clydeplan area. Currently both the Glasgow City Region and the Strategic Development Authority work closely together in relation to the delivery of the Regional Economic Strategy. An ongoing refresh of this document includes a commitment to develop a Regional Land Use Spatial Strategy which was included in anticipation of the demise of the SDP. As a result, the new provisions are broadly in alignment with the approach already being taken by the Glasgow City Region.

4.3.3. The timescales for preparing a new LDP has been increased from 5 to 10 years although an authority may seek to amend the plan at any time. A range of additional issues that the LDP must consider have been introduced including the consideration of the needs of students and older and disabled people; the health and education needs of the population and the likely effects of development on those needs; maintaining a number and range of cultural venues and facilities; and the assessment of play opportunities. At the moment a Main Issues Report has to be prepared before work starts on the LDP. This is subject to public consultation but not to external scrutiny. The Act introduces the requirement to prepare an evidence report which will set out the council's views on a range of matters including the additional issues described above. The views of key agencies and local communities are to be sought. The report must be submitted to Scottish Ministers who will appoint a Reporter to assess whether it contains sufficient information to enable the LDP to be prepared. If it does not, the Reporter will prepare an assessment report that contains recommendations to improve the evidence report following which the council should revise the report and resubmit it. This layer is intended to front load the LDP preparation process and highlight any issues that need to be addressed at an early stage (for example housing land supply).

#### 4.4. Local Place Plans

4.4.1. The Act introduces the ability of a community body to prepare a Local Place Plan (LPP) for their area. It is described as a proposal for the development and use of land and buildings in the area. The rationale behind this is to give local communities more say on how they wish to see their local area develop and provide a means of integrating spatial and community planning. An LPP is seen as being a separate entity to Neighbourhood Plans that may be prepared through the Community Empowerment Act. Before a planning authority starts work on preparing a LDP, local communities are to be invited to prepare LPPs. LPPs can be produced at any point in the LDP cycle but it must accord with the Development Plan in place at the time. It is not clear how a local authority should respond to competing requests to prepare a local place plan, and the nature and extent of the consultation community bodies would be expected or required to undertake. Further it is likely that support will be needed by community bodies wishing to develop local place plans which could have a significant impact due to requests for guidance, assistance and support.

#### 4.5. Open Space Strategies

4.5.1. The Act introduces a statutory duty to prepare and publish an Open Space Strategy which is to establish policies and proposals on the development, management and use of green infrastructure. This will include open spaces and green networks as well as civic areas such as squares, market places and other paved or hard landscaped areas with a civic function. Initial work has already started on this in association with Countryside and Greenspace Service and the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership. Community engagement during the preparation of the pilot Neighbourhood Plans has highlighted that access to good quality open space is a key issue for local communities; this is also important in relation to improving physical and mental well-being.

## **5. South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan**

- 5.1. The current SLLDP was adopted in 2015 and has been a key instrument in guiding new development to the right locations. In that period over 5,000 new houses have been completed including 1,100 affordable units developed by the council and Registered Social Landlords (RSLs). At the same time there has been significant investment by commercial developers including a new hotel development in Hamilton, retailing in East Kilbride and Cambuslang and the completion of the Schools Modernisation Programme and the provision of new nurseries across the council area.
- 5.2. Work on preparing the replacement Local Development Plan (LDP2) started in 2016 and following consultation in the summer of 2018 a Proposed Plan was submitted to the Scottish Government in April 2019. An examination of unresolved representations will be carried out during the remainder of 2019 and a report from the Reporter appointed to carry this out is expected in early 2020. It is anticipated the LDP2 will be adopted in spring next year.
- 5.3. LDP2 has as its strategic vision the continued growth and regeneration of South Lanarkshire by seeking sustainable economic and social development within a low carbon economy while protecting and enhancing the environment. It defines Spatial Strategy Development Priorities which include:-
- Community Growth Areas in East Kilbride, Hamilton, Larkhall, Newton and Carluke which will deliver 9,000 new houses over 20 years;
  - Strategic Economic Investment Locations at Clyde Gateway/Shawfield, Hamilton Technology Park, Peel Park and the Scottish Enterprise Technology Park in East Kilbride, and Poniel;
  - City Deal projects to support the delivery of the Community Growth Areas;
  - Development Framework Sites including the former University of West of Scotland site and its relocation to a new campus at Hamilton Technology Park; Langlands West in East Kilbride; Law Hospital; and Duchess Road in Rutherglen;
  - Residential Masterplan Sites at Bothwellbank Farm, Overton Farm in Strathaven and East Whitlawburn in Cambuslang;
  - Protecting and enhancing the strategic town centres of Hamilton, East Kilbride and Lanark;
  - The council's New Housebuilding Programme; and
  - The Community Plan and associated Neighbourhood Plans.
- 5.4. The LDP2 sets out the requirements for each of these sites that developers should deliver through the planning process. Housing developers will be required to provide affordable housing on new developments and/or make contributions for provision off site in line with the council's Local Housing Strategy and the delivery of our housebuilding programme. New landscape measures to consolidate existing settlement edge boundaries and provide a setting for the development will be needed along with green networks throughout the development. The impact of proposals on community and education facilities is addressed through a Community Infrastructure Assessment which determines the level of financial contributions to be sought to address issues. The implementation of the council's housing development proposals identified in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) are also supported by the LDP2.

- 5.5. Major investment in employment opportunities is proposed at a number of sites. A mixed use development at Langlands West in East Kilbride would include business and industrial uses. The delivery of Clyde Gateway includes over 40 hectares of office and industrial space at Shawfield together with employment units at Rutherglen Links and Cambuslang Road. Development of distribution and logistics at Poniel at Junction 13 of the M74 is promoted to provide employment in the Douglas Valley area. At the same time the role and function of town centres is being examined to address their changing role with an emphasis on introducing new residential opportunities in particular affordable housing in order to increase vitality. On 3 September 2019, the council agreed a funding package using Scottish Government grants to deliver a number of town centre improvements.

## **6. Linking Spatial and Community Planning**

- 6.1. One of the main outcomes of the new Act is the expectation that Spatial Planning becomes more closely integrated with the council's Community Planning role established in the Community Empowerment Act (CEA). This approach is intended to deliver successful and inclusive communities. Alignment of the two areas of planning should also ensure a more joined up and effective community engagement approach and consistent prioritisation of the objectives and its partners is achieved. Local issues can be determined at one stage of engagement so that the needs and aspirations of local communities are gathered. Community engagement in the development plan process and empowering communities to play a more active role in shaping the future of their place is a key objective. As noted above however preparation of LDP2 is progressing towards adoption next year and therefore there was not an opportunity to fully align with Community Planning objectives during this process. It is expected that work on preparing the next version of the LDP will not start until 2021 however this is dependent on regulations being brought forward by the Government. Neighbourhood Plans produced under the CEA during this period would however be taken into account during the LDP process.
- 6.2. In the meantime the Government has emphasised that placemaking (whereby there is a greater focus on the delivery of high quality places that meet local needs) is a central part of planning policy. This can result in bringing forward spatial priorities that address local needs and creating high quality environments. Use of the Place Standard tool is an important element in developing proposals and officers in Spatial Planning will have a key role in engaging communities using these methods particularly if the LDP is to incorporate neighbourhood plans. This will also inform the action programmes that will set out how the LDP will be implemented and help direct budgets and services to achieve this.
- 6.3. The Act has introduced the ability of community bodies to prepare Local Place Plans for their area. The detail of how this will be carried out and the implications of competing agendas has yet to be determined. It is also unclear how any conflict with the LDP will be reconciled and what the resource implications for the council will be. There is also uncertainty about how Local Place Plans will sit alongside the existing Neighbourhood Planning processes. The Planning Service and the Community Participation and Empowerment Team are already in dialogue about developing closer collaboration and this will be explored in more detail once further guidance is available.

6.4. Spatial Planners will be key participants in any multi-disciplinary team in terms of the contribution they can make due to their knowledge of land use and infrastructure issues and experience of project delivery. Including landowners, developers and key agencies in this process can also be facilitated by planners. In anticipation of these changes, officers are likely to need to develop new skills including community engagement, use of the Place Standard tool and facilitation. In addition, the council's Supplementary Guidance on Design and Placemaking is being reviewed and the new version will be updated to take account of these emerging themes in order to provide greater certainty and guidance.

## **7. Employee Implications**

7.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

## **8. Financial Implications**

8.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **9. Other Implications**

9.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with this report.

## **10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

10.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or consultation arrangement implications associated with this report.

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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>23 October 2019</b>
Report by:	<b>Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership and Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Children's Services Inspection 2019-2020</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Partnership Board of the Care Inspectorate's intention to inspect South Lanarkshire Children's Services in Autumn 2019.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation:-

- (1) that the content of the report is noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. Under Section 115 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) has received notification of a Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People in need of care and protection in the South Lanarkshire CPP area. The inspection will include 10 days on site in South Lanarkshire in the weeks beginning 28 October 2019 and 2 December 2019.
- 3.2. In 2017 the Scottish Government's Child Protection Improvement Programme (CPIP) set out a vision for a child protection system in Scotland that places the wellbeing of children at the heart of everything it does. As part of this review, Scottish Ministers asked the Care Inspectorate to work with scrutiny partners to develop a revised model of inspection that takes a more focused look at children and young people in need of care and protection.
- 3.3. The inspection will take account of the experiences and outcomes of children and young people in need of protection and those who are subject to corporate parenting responsibilities, including those in continuing care.

- 3.4. The Inspection Team will be made up of approximately 12 Inspectors with Gill Pritchard, Lead Inspector, and Andrew Gillies, Depute Lead Inspector (Care Inspectorate), as well as inspectors from Her Majesty's Inspector of Constabulary Scotland (HMICS), Health Improvement Scotland (HIS), Education Scotland, as well as Associate Inspectors, a Participation Lead and Lived Experience Young Inspectors who are Care Experienced.
- 3.5. The last inspection in 2015 focussed on 7 Quality Indicators (QI's) and the grades for those are listed in Appendix 1.
- 3.6. With the introduction of the Children and Young Peoples (Scotland) Act 2014, the Scottish Government has furthered its ambition for "Scotland to be the best place to grow up in by putting children and young people at the heart of the planning and services and ensuring their rights are respected across the public sector".
- 3.7. The provisions of the Act are designed to place children and young people at the heart of the way services are planned and delivered. These in turn compliment a number of the Scottish Government's wider policy intentions such as the implementation of Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) and a preventative approach and more effective collaboration between services.
- 3.8. It is within this context of significant legislative change and the subsequent CPIP and national care review that the Care Inspectorate has reviewed and updated its methodology to enable self-evaluation and inspection actively to focus on children in need of care and protection.
- 3.9. This report sets out the current position following notification to the Partnership Board of the inspection on 6 August 2019.

#### **4. Current Position**

- 4.1. In the revised model for the joint inspection of services for children and young people in need of care and protection, the Care Inspectorate pose 5 inspection specific questions:-
  1. How good is the Partnership at recognising and responding when children and young people need protection?
  2. How good is the Partnership at helping children and young people who have experienced abuse and neglect stay safe, healthy and well, and recover from their experiences?
  3. How good is the Partnership at maximising the wellbeing of children and young people who are looked after?
  4. How good is the Partnership at enabling care experienced young people to succeed in their transition to adulthood?
  5. How good is collaborative leadership?
- 4.2. The Partnership has been formally notified by the Care Inspectorate of their plans for inspection and this will include 10 days on site in the area in the weeks beginning 28 October 2019 and 2 December 2019.
- 4.3. An Inspection Preparation Group has been established from all relevant partners and the leads in each agency will keep you informed of developments.
- 4.4. A series of staff briefings have been delivered to appraise the Children's Services workforce of the forthcoming inspection, with sessions available in all four localities.

4.5. As part of the focus on engagement there will be a series of surveys put in place to scope stakeholder's experiences. It is expected that all surveys will be completed by 18 November 2019. These are as follows:-

- ◆ A staff survey which will be distributed to staff working with children and young people in need of care and protection;
- ◆ A children and young people's survey; and
- ◆ A parent survey.

#### 4.6. **Participation and Engagement**

4.6.1. During this inspection there will be a greater focus on listening to the experiences of children, young people and their parents/carers. The Inspection Team has a dedicated inspector with a lead responsibility for participation. This is a new role. The CPP has been asked to identify a Lead Officer for participation and this has been identified as Janet Neill (Social Work Resources). The Education link will be Frank Thomson.

4.6.2. Surveys will be issued to staff, parents/carers and children and young people. Completion of surveys is voluntary but the Partnership will actively promote that these are completed. There will also be a competition for children and young people to design the cover of the Inspection Report.

#### 4.7. **Inspection Activity**

Date	Activity
12 August	Introductory Meeting
27 August	MEETING 1 Care Inspectorate Briefing To share information re: methodology and process of inspection
27 August 28 August 30 August 3 September 6 September	Inspection Briefings To share information re: Children's Services Partnership and inspection process
28 August – 27 September	Staff Survey
29 August	Participation meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To go into further detail about the participation and engagement elements of the inspection and identify the best ways for inspection team to engage with children/young people and parents/carers</li> </ul>
29 August	Joint self-evaluation session two hour session to support the Partnership in its preparation of the joint self-evaluation statement
2 September – 18 November	Parent/carer survey
20 September	Pre-inspection Return (PIR) due <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Personnel</li> <li>• Partnership structures</li> <li>• Case sample</li> </ul>
27 September	Joint self-evaluation statement due
7 October	Name, role and contact details of Local File Readers (six) plus two reserve names to Care Inspectorate

Date	Activity
14 October	MEETING 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To discuss initial high level reflections on the joint self-evaluation (i.e. where the CI saw strong evidence in the JSE, any gaps in evidence, key points)</li> </ul> On-site – week 1
17 October	File reading training
28 – 30 October	File reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lead Professional files (mainly)</li> </ul> For children on child protection register (or deregistered in previous 12 months) they will read core files from Health, Education (e.g. Pastoral and CP notes), Police and SCRA
31 October – 1 November	Engagement with children/young people and parents/carers
13 November	MEETING 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Findings from case file reading</li> <li>Findings from staff survey</li> <li>Emerging findings from initial engagement with children/young people and parents/carers (not survey)</li> <li>Discuss best sources of evidence to answer any uncertainties</li> </ul>
2 December (on site Week 2)	Focus groups and interviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Themes will depend on emergent findings</li> </ul>
15 January 2020	MEETING 4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High level findings (areas of strength, for improvement, good practice)</li> </ul> No evaluations given at this stage
25 February 2020	Draft report issued to partnership
2 March 2020	MEETING 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussion of draft report, key messages and evaluations</li> <li>Discussion of opportunity to put forward any challenges</li> </ul>
28 April 2020	FINAL REPORT ISSUED (embargoed report one week before)

From the cases detailed in the pre-inspection return, a random, representative sample of cases will be generated (110–120 cases).

#### 4.8. Reporting Timeframe

As detailed above, a discussion of the draft report, key messages and evaluations will take place at a meeting with key, senior members of the CPP on Monday 2 March 2020. These are senior individuals with responsibility for child protection and looked after children and young people. This is the opportunity for the Partnership to present any challenges to the findings at that stage.

4.9. The final report will be issued on Tuesday 28 April 2020.

### 5 Employee Implications

5.1. A number of employees will be aligned to duties associated with the Inspection across the Partnership, with administration support being provided by Social Work Resources.

### 6 Financial Implications

6.1. The financial implications for this inspection will be covered from within existing budgets.

## **7 Other Implications**

- 7.1. There are risks associated with any external scrutiny process, particularly one of this scale across Council Resources and including other partner agencies of NHS Lanarkshire, Police Scotland and SCRA (Scottish Children's Reporters Administration).
- 7.2. The coordination and planning of this inspection will create other issues. Staff will be required to participate in briefing sessions and focus groups, as well as children and young people and their families/carers to engage with the process.

## **8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 8.1. There is no requirement to undertake an equality impact assessment regarding the content of this report.
- 8.2. As identified at 4.6. there will be a requirement to engage and involve staff, children and young people their families and carers as part of this inspection process.

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## Children's Services Inspection Grades 2015-16

What key outcomes have we achieved?		Inspection Grades 2015-16
1	Key performance outcomes	
1.1	Improving the well-being of children and young people	<b>Good</b>
<b>How well do we meet the needs of our stakeholders?</b>		
<b>2</b>	<b>Impact on children young people and families</b>	
2.1	Impact on children and young people	<b>Good</b>
2.2	Impact on families	<b>Good</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Impact on Staff</b>	
3.1	Impact on Staff	
<b>4</b>	<b>Impact on the community</b>	
4.1	Impact on the community	
<b>How good is our delivery of service for children young people and families</b>		
<b>5</b>	<b>Delivery of Key Processes</b>	
5.1	Providing help and support at an early age	<b>Adequate</b>
5.2	Assisting and responding to risk and need	<b>Adequate</b>
5.3	Planning for individual children	<b>Adequate</b>
5.4	Involving individual children, young people and families	
<b>How good is our operational Management</b>		
<b>6</b>	<b>Policy, service and development and Planning</b>	
6.1	Policies, procedures and legal measures	
6.2	Planning and Improving Services	<b>Adequate</b>
6.3	Participation of children, young people, families and other stakeholders	<b>Very Good</b>
6.4	Performance Management and Quality Assurance	
<b>7</b>	<b>Management and Support of Staff</b>	
7.1	Recruitment, Deployment and joint working	
7.2	Staff training development and support	
<b>8</b>	<b>Partnership and resources</b>	
8.1	Management of resources	
8.2	Commissioning arrangements	
8.3	Securing improvement through self- evaluation	
<b>How good is our leadership</b>		
<b>9</b>	<b>Leadership and Direction</b>	
9.1	Visions, values and aims	
9.2	Leadership of strategy and direction	
9.3	Leadership of People	
9.4	Leadership of improvement and change	<b>Good</b>

# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>23 October 2019</b>
Report by:	<b>Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership</b>

Subject:	<b>Improving Breastfeeding Rates in South Lanarkshire</b>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update regarding the current breastfeeding position in South Lanarkshire.

## **2. Recommendation(s)**

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that the call to action and strategic vision in Lanarkshire be supported;
- (3) that support be given in the application for “UNICEF Gold Award” which will achieve sustainability by championing breastfeeding including considering how all managers can support breastfeeding by supporting their own staff and training employees, ensuring all premises are “Breastfeeding Friendly” and display the award sticker and certificate of commitment; and
- (4) that there is an assurance regarding the commitment to promote, support and protect breastfeeding by all partners as it is a key factor in addressing early life adversity and inequalities.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1. The Scottish Government have identified increasing breastfeeding as a priority and as such have implemented a “Breastfeeding Programme for Government”.
- 3.2. Maternal and Infant Nutrition (MIN) funding received by each NHS Board on an annual basis aims to address the Government’s commitment through its diet and healthy weight delivery plan to reduce attrition (or drop of) in breastfeeding rates at six to eight weeks after birth by 10% by 2025.
- 3.3. Breastfeeding rates in Scotland are monitored and published annually with a critical indicator of performance which is the percentage of babies still being breastfed at the six to eight week review undertaken by the GP.

#### **4. Breastfeeding in South Lanarkshire**

- 4.1. The baby friendly initiative enables mothers to receive this help within healthcare services, delivering a holistic, child-rights based pathway for improving care. Through their staged accreditation programme services are enabled to support families with feeding and to help parents build a close and loving relationship with their baby.
- 4.2. NHS Lanarkshire has had full UNICEF accreditation for many years and are planning to progress to become accredited as a Gold Baby Friendly Service which focuses on achieving sustainability of standards and as such a reduction in the variability of practice and the effect this has on rates.
- 4.3. Scottish Government statistics show that the Scottish average of babies exclusively breastfed at the six to eight week review in 2017-18 was 30.7% with South Lanarkshire showing 22%. Latest figures demonstrate a gradual increase in breastfeeding rates in South Lanarkshire.

	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19
Exclusive Breastfeeding %	19.5	19.7	23.1	22.1	24.7
Any Breastfeeding %	26.5	27.1	30.2	30.4	32.2
Ever Breastfeeding			51.9	53.8	53.3
Attrition			-37.5	-42.5	-39.6

- 4.4. In making a positive shift towards improving breastfeeding rates in Lanarkshire it is essential that the profile of breastfeeding is increased and sustained at a high level. In addition a co-ordinated strategic approach is required which engages key stakeholders such as the NHS, local authority, local population, education and community leaders to start a different conversation about breastfeeding, enabling this to become the first choice of feeding Lanarkshire's babies.
- 4.5. Organisations have an obligation under law to ensure premises and staff are aware of this act and breastfeeding women feel confident and supported to breastfeed anywhere in Lanarkshire.
- 4.6. Key to supporting broader culture change associated with increased breastfeeding, South Lanarkshire Council in partnership with NHS Lanarkshire will further develop opportunities to incorporate breastfeeding awareness into the education curriculum from nursery through to secondary school with a view to bringing about increased change in culture and attitudes to breastfeeding.
- 4.7. In addition to this a cross resource/partner short life working group to support the council's broader approach in South Lanarkshire has been commissioned.

#### **5. Employee Implications**

- 5.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

#### **7. Other Implications**

- 7.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with this report.

## **8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy, or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. There is also no requirement to undertake any consultation in terms of the information contained in this report.

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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>23 October 2019</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Update of the Community Plan 2017-2027</b>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Seek approval from the Partnership Board to re-open the Community Plan for the purposes of aligning it with the Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) and the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP).

## **2. Recommendation(s)**

2.1. The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) agree to re-opening the Community Plan for the purposes of aligning it with the LCPAR and the RRTP.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1. Through the 2015 Community Empowerment Act the Scottish Parliament gave a statutory purpose for the first time to community planning – to focus on improving outcomes and tackling inequalities in outcomes – including in those communities (covering areas and/or groups of individuals) experiencing the poorest outcomes. It also introduced the requirement for Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to develop a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and any appropriate Locality Plans.
- 3.2. The requirement is for a LOIP that demonstrates a clear, evidence-based and robust strong understanding of local needs, circumstances and aspirations and how these can vary for different places and population groups in South Lanarkshire or between South Lanarkshire and Scotland as a whole.
- 3.3. At its meeting on the 14 June 2017, the Board agreed to the LOIP becoming the new Community Plan for South Lanarkshire (replacing the Single Outcome Agreement) and for Locality Planning to be known as Neighbourhood Planning.
- 3.4. Since the approval of the Community Plan, a statutory requirement for an annual Local Child Poverty Action Report and the requirement to develop a Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan have been introduced.
- 3.5. This report provides an overview and the shows where there are existing links between the current Community Plan, the LCPAR and the RRTP.

#### 4. Overview of the Plans and linkages

- 4.1. In relation to the **Community Plan**, the Board adopted a single overarching objective which is to “tackle poverty, deprivation and inequalities”.
- 4.2. The framework for the delivery of this objective is informed by national research carried out by the [Joseph Rowntree Foundation](#). Partners work together on a range of actions under the following eight key themes where the focus of the activity is to prevent and mitigate the impact of poverty and deprivation. The themes are as follows:-
- Inclusive Growth;
  - Financial Inclusion;
  - Supporting Parental Employment and Childcare;
  - Improving Housing;
  - Education, Skills and Development;
  - Health Inequalities;
  - Safeguarding from Risk or Harm; and
  - Improving the Local Environment and Communities.
- 4.3. The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 introduced a new requirement for local authorities and the relevant Health Board to prepare a **Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR)**, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting year. This is an annual process and the first report was published by the statutory deadline (30 June 2019).
- 4.4. Whilst the duty to produce this report is placed on South Lanarkshire Council and NHS Lanarkshire, on the 6 June 2018, the Board agreed to produce a partnership LCPAR in recognition that a collective partnership effort would be more effective.
- 4.5. Reducing child poverty was already a priority for the CPP, so the work of the LCPAR complements this. The table below shows the linkages between the two plans:-

Community Plan Priority Outcomes	LCPAR Child Poverty Drivers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing child poverty in South Lanarkshire</li> <li>• Reduction in employment deprivation</li> <li>• Reduction in income deprivation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing income from benefits</li> <li>• Reducing living costs</li> <li>• Increasing income from employment</li> </ul>

- 4.6. In October 2017, the Scottish Government set up the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group (HARSAG) to produce short and long-term solutions to end homelessness and rough sleeping. The HARSAG produced a final report in June 2018 putting forward recommendations which included an action for local authorities to develop **Rapid Rehousing Transition Plans (RRTPs)**. The purpose of these plans is to set out how local authorities and community planning partners intend to transform the use of temporary accommodation with the aim of promoting rapid rehousing. The South Lanarkshire RRTP was approved in January 2019. The first annual review of the RRTP will take place at the end of 2019-20 and the report will be published by June 2020.
- 4.7. The table below shows the links between the Community Plan Priority Themes and the RRTP:-

Community Plan Priority Themes	RRTP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Inclusion (income maximisation)</li> <li>• Improving Housing (prevent and reduce impact of homelessness)</li> <li>• Health Inequalities (mental and physical health)</li> <li>• Safeguarding from Risk or Harm (child and adult protection)</li> <li>• Improving the Local Environment and Communities (digital inclusion)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Significantly reduce the overall level of homelessness</li> <li>• Significantly reduce time spent by households in temporary accommodation and minimise moves before moving to settled homes</li> <li>• Improve and increase the provision of housing support for households to live independently within communities</li> <li>• Expand the scope and capacity of our Housing First approach to be the first response for households with multiple complex needs</li> <li>• Enhance integration and partnership working to embed RRTP through a whole systems approach</li> </ul>

## 5. Next Steps

- 5.1. Subject to the approval of the Board, the Community Plan will be re-opened to align the LCPAR and the RRTP. The intention of this work is to clearly articulate the actions required by the CPP to deliver the LCPAR and the RRTP. Consideration will be given to consistency of reporting across the plans and removing any duplication. This work will also incorporate any changes as agreed by the Board when final consideration is given to the future of the Partnership Improvement Plans.
- 5.2. The Board is also asked to note that the Performance Report for 2019-20 will show progress against the medium term targets set in the Community Plan (i.e. Year 3). With this in mind, it is intended that the updated plan be effective from 1 April 2020.

## 6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. There are no employee implications directly associated with the report.

## 7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. There are no financial implications directly associated with this report.

## 8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with the content of this report.

## 9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.

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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>23 October 2019</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme (SRRP) Report – May 2018 to June 2019</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide an overview of the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme (SRRP) as outlined through the report attached at Appendix 1; and
- ◆ provide an update on the new Global Refugee Programme due to be introduced from April 2020.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to note the following recommendations:-

- (1) the content of the second report to the CPP Board on the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme – May 2018 to June 2019;
- (2) that a final report on the current programme will be provided to the Board by autumn 2020; and
- (3) the overview of the new Global Refugee Resettlement Programme being introduced by the Home Office from April 2020.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme (SRRP), formally called the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme (SVPRS) is designed to assist Syrians who have fled to countries neighbouring Syria as a result of the ongoing conflict in their home country. In order to qualify for the programme individuals/families have to be particularly vulnerable as survivors of violence and torture, women and children at risk, and those requiring medical care.
- 3.2. The UK Government initiated the new SRRP during 2015 with the intention to resettle 20,000 Syrian refugees in the UK within a five year period to 2020.
- 3.3. Scottish Local Authorities agreed to participate in the programme which commenced in December 2015. As at the end of June 2019, there were approximately 15,000 Syrians settled in the UK. By the end of March 2020 there will be approximately 3,000 individuals settled in Scotland.

3.4. As part of the planning arrangements and following discussions with partners directly involved in the Syrian Resettlement Programme it was agreed that up to 240 individuals would be resettled in South Lanarkshire during the period December 2015 to March 2020.

3.5. As at the end of August 2019, 46 Syrian families are settled in South Lanarkshire (170 individuals).

**4. Reporting Arrangements**

4.1. Regular financial and resettlement reporting is provided to the Home Office on a wide range of areas concerning families who have settled in the area including health, English for Speakers of Other Languages and employment to ascertain progress and to highlight areas of good practice or issues surrounding the programme.

4.2. Information provided to the Home Office is classed as officially sensitive and cannot be reported directly. However, progress and achievements can be reported to the Community Planning Partnership Board. The report at Appendix 1 is the second South Lanarkshire report on the Refugee Resettlement Programme covering the period May 2018 to June 2019.

**5. Summary of Progress**

5.1. The report at Appendix 1 aims to provide an overview of how the Resettlement Programme is working in South Lanarkshire.

5.2. A summary of the key areas of the work being progressed against the Community Plan Objectives is detailed below:-

**Community Plan (2017-2027)**

**Overarching Objective-Tackling Poverty, Deprivation and Inequality**

<p><b>Financial Inclusion</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing with support to families to access appropriate advice and assistance from:-             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Named contacts with Council Benefits &amp; Revenue Team and the Department of Work and Pensions</li> <li>○ Money Matters Advice Services</li> <li>○ The Scottish Welfare Fund</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Assist all adults to establish bank accounts</li> <li>• Provide continuing support to families on issues such as use of bank cards, direct debits etc.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Supporting employment and childcare</b></p>	<p>Continuing to support families to access:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) services – basic and employability focussed</li> <li>• Child care support for adults attending ESOL provision</li> <li>• Support for adults moving into employment – e.g. health and safety training</li> <li>• Places for two year olds in pre-school childcare</li> </ul>

<b>Improved Housing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision of housing - Scottish Secure Tenancies by Council and Registered Social Landlord partners.</li> <li>• Tackling fuel poverty – through referrals to energy advice services and smart meters</li> <li>• Provision of advice and support to sustain tenancies</li> <li>• Adapting properties where required to suit needs</li> </ul>
<b>Education, Skills and Development</b>	<p>Wider range of support to link families to key services, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enrolment in school and nursery provision</li> <li>• Working with specialist services for teenagers arriving with no language skills.</li> <li>• Supporting families to access appropriate training and, employment, including:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Apprenticeships obtained (leading to employment)</li> <li>○ Language and Vocational College places obtained and sustained</li> <li>○ Volunteering opportunities</li> <li>○ Full and Part-time employment opportunities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Health Inequalities</b>	<p>Supporting families to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• access health provision including dental services</li> <li>• use sports and leisure services in local area</li> <li>• engage with community provision/projects</li> </ul>
<b>Safeguarding from Risk or Harm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tailoring Police and Fire Services to the needs of the families</li> <li>• Provision of Living in Scotland Legal Booklet</li> <li>• Access to support and education on direct/indirect Domestic Abuse/Child and Adult Protection Services</li> <li>• Integration plan for each family on arrival (in Arabic) including community and emergency service availability and access</li> </ul>
<b>Improving local environment and communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing support and assistance:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Public transport options</li> <li>○ Digital infrastructure through use of community hubs and libraries</li> <li>○ Pedestrian and road user responsibilities</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## 6. Next Steps for the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme

- 6.1. The South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partners directly involved in providing support and assistance to families will continue to have regular dialogue and updates regarding new arrivals and the situation of resettled families up to the end of the current programme in March 2020.

6.2. It is proposed that the final report on the current programme is submitted to the Community Planning Partnership Board by autumn 2020.

## **7. Update on new Global Refugee Resettlement Programme**

7.1. The Home Office reaffirmed the UK Government's commitment to the resettlement of refugees following the success of the UK Government's Syrian Resettlement Programme, due to the significant contribution of statutory agencies. The new Global Resettlement Programme will be introduced from April 2020. It will consolidate a number of programmes including:-

- Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme (SRRP);
- Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme (VCRS); and
- Gateway Protection Programme (GPP- resettles refugees from across the globe).

7.2. The UK Government confirmed that they would retain the current funding rates and that they would be looking to settle 5,000 refugees, UK wide, through the new programme within the first year 2020-2021. This figure equates to the current level of resettlement UK wide within the Syrian Programme. Decisions on the number of refugees to be resettled in the UK in subsequent years will be determined through future spending rounds.

7.3. The Home Office will continue to identify and resettle the most vulnerable refugees, identified and referred by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and are currently refining the process to respond quickly in areas where emergency resettlement is required in instances where there are heightened protection needs and where lives are at risk.

7.4. The Home Office anticipate that resettlement will "continue to look broadly similar to those under existing schemes" therefore Syrian Refugees will still be the majority of individuals/families involved in the new Global Programme.

7.5. Participation in the new Global Programme is voluntary and Community Planning Partners can make arrangements to participate to suit local needs and requirements.

7.6. It is anticipated that future participation for South Lanarkshire would be based on the original calculation of 6% of the Scottish population and Scotland's proportionate share (10%) of the proposed 5,000 refugees arriving during the first year of the new programme. This would equate to approximately 30 individuals per year.

## **8. Employee Implications**

8.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

## **9. Financial Implications**

9.1. The cost of the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme is fully funded by the Home Office and funding for the new programme will mirror the current funding package.

## **10. Other Implications**

10.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with this report.

## **11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

11.1. No Equalities Impact Assessment was undertaken for the information contained within this report as the SRRP arrangements are outwith the control of South Lanarkshire Council and the Partnership.

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## Foreword

Welcome to the second South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership report on progress of the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme, for the period May 2018 – June 2019.

This provides a brief overview of how Syrian families continue to settle positively within our area with the ongoing goodwill and support from everyone involved.

The positive outcomes and experiences of our new Scots families is down to the hard work and commitment of all Community Planning Partners, the Syrian families already settled in the area and communities who assist families to integrate into the Scottish way of life.

Learning, health and community integration are key themes in this year's report. I was therefore pleased to see that the increase in ESOL Tutors is making a difference with so many learners showing real improvement in English language skills.

Language skills and being able to participate in community activities and volunteering are so important to help with integration. It was fantastic to read the Volunteering and Apprenticeship case studies which illustrate this perfectly.

Many people arriving in Scotland have serious and complex health conditions and this demands lengthy and detailed planning with the Home Office, health, housing and other community planning partners. I cannot begin to appreciate how individuals feel when they arrive in Scotland – a mix of anxiety, trepidation and relief perhaps but if a member of your family has a life threatening health condition it must be even more challenging and as described in the case studies emotionally overwhelming.

The care and attention given to planning and preparing for the families and the intensive support provided is critical to reducing anxiety and improving wellbeing. Again, I am overwhelmed by the commitment, compassion and kindness shown by community planning partners and in particular the Resettlement Team who work intensively to ensure successful integration of all the families into our communities.

Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Depute Leader, South Lanarkshire Council and Chairperson, South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership.





*Figure 1 South Lanarkshire children in Edinburgh*

## **(1) Background – UK**

The Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme has now been running within the South Lanarkshire area since December 2015. The Programme was introduced by the UK Government in response to the growing number of refugees who had left Syria due to the civil war and were facing increasingly dangerous journeys in fleeing from persecution. The UK Government agreed to accept 20,000 individuals, registered with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) who were refugees in countries surrounding Syria, over a five year period from 2015 until March 2020.

All refugees registered through this route meet certain criteria including being victims of violence, torture, having young families, or requiring medical treatment. Before a family arrives in the UK there are a series of checks which the UNHCR and the Home Office carry out. The process from initial registration to arrival in a host country is very complex and detailed and can take years before a family arrives in South Lanarkshire.

Currently there are approximately 15,000 Syrians resettled in the UK through the Resettlement Programme which is due to end March 2020.

The UK Government have announced a new Programme which is due to commence From April 2020. This programme will consolidate the wide range of schemes that are available into one new Global Resettlement Scheme. The aim is to “continue to identify and resettle them most vulnerable refugees, identified and referred by the UNHCR.” The UK Government “aims to resettle in the region of 5,000 of the worlds most vulnerable refugees” in the first year of operation. This would equate to similar numbers of refugees who have arrived year on year through the Syrian Resettlement Programme. As with the current programme participation by Community Planning Partnerships will continue to be voluntary. Further information on the new program is still in development however the Scottish Government have advised of their intention to engage with local authorities developing the expanded program.

## **(2) Scottish and South Lanarkshire Context**

All 32 Scottish Local Authority areas have participated in the Syrian Resettlement Programme and over 3,000 Syrian individuals have been resettled in Scotland since 2015.

As at end August 2019 there are 46 Syrian families (170 individuals) settled across the South Lanarkshire area with approximately half being children under 16.

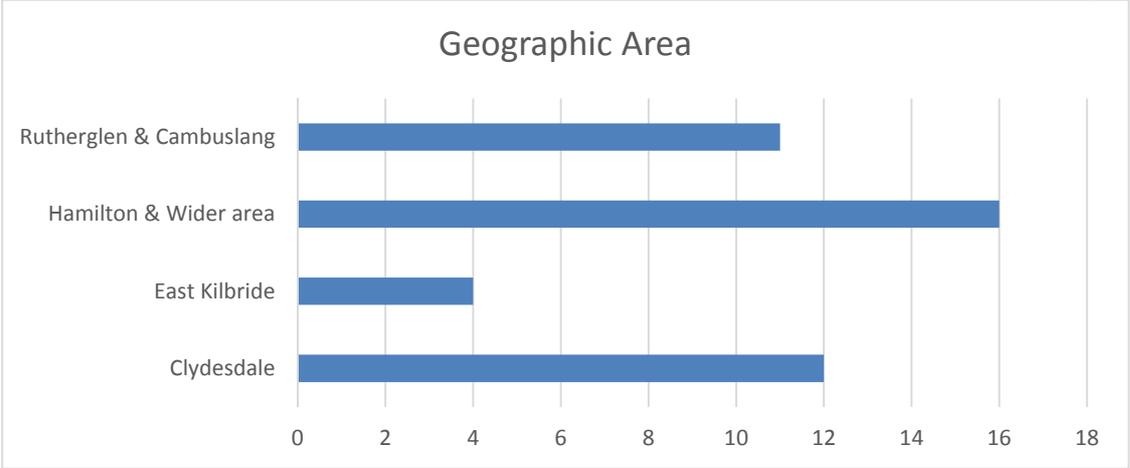
The South Lanarkshire Council Refugee Resettlement Team, within Housing & Technical Resources work intensely with new arrivals to ensure that they receive the support required when settling into a new country. The team consists of three Support Officers and one Advisor. All of the team are registered with the Scottish

Social Services Council and regulated by the Care Inspectorate. The team have enhanced their expertise working with this vulnerable client group and undertake regular training to ensure that all concerns which may arise with new arrivals will be supported appropriately. The team have made valuable links across the partnership and communities and are the first point of contact for both families and partners agencies. They work intensively with households until they are confident in their environment and have access to the services they require.

**(3) Geographical settlement**

Families have been resettled throughout the South Lanarkshire area. Chart 1 over the page provides an overview of numbers of families within each area.

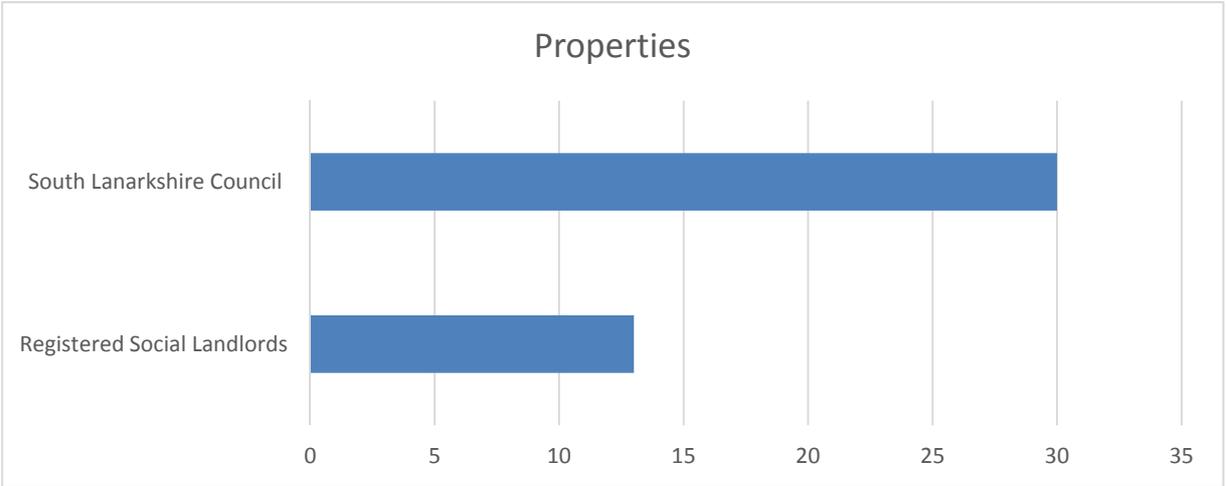
Chart 1 (Number)



**(4) Accommodation**

Families have been accommodated by South Lanarkshire Council and Registered Social Landlord partners. Chart 2 provides an overview of numbers accommodated by landlord type.

Chart 2 (Number)



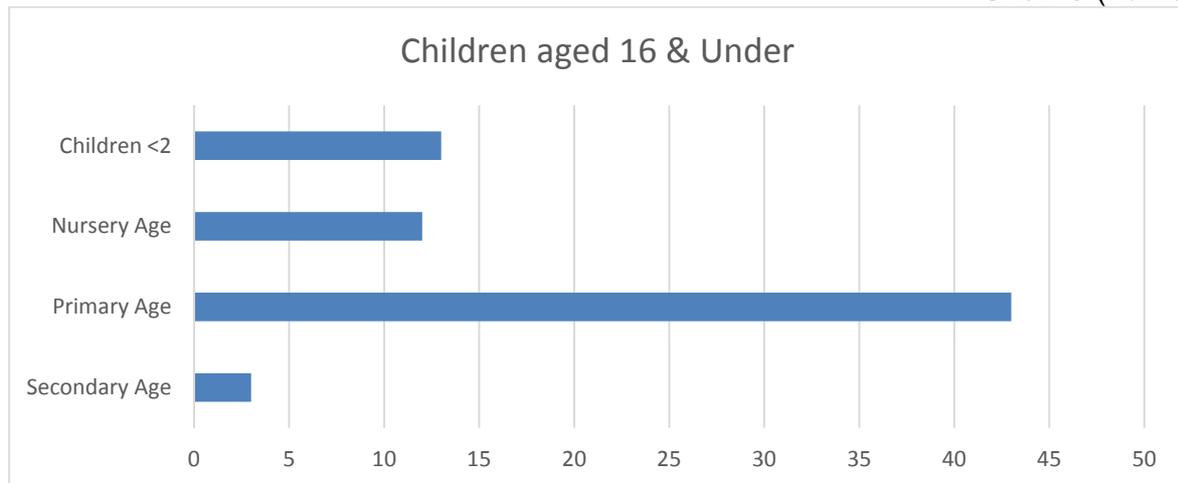
## (5) Education



Figure 2 local South Lanarkshire School

Chart 3 shows the age profile of the younger refugees and highlights that the majority of children are of primary school age and under. All children attending school are integrating very well and developing excellent English language skills.

Chart 3 (number)



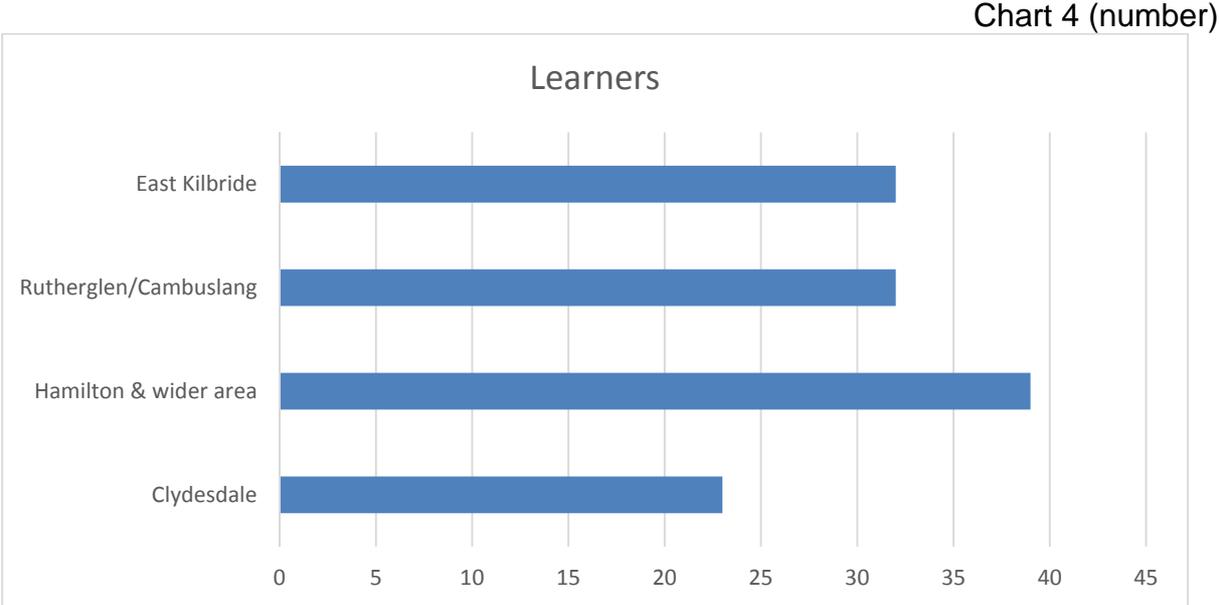
## (6) English for Speakers of other Languages (ESOL) Provision

ESOL provision is available for families when they arrive and their level of written and spoken English is assessed to ensure that they receive the correct support. ESOL delivery in each area has steadily increased since the start of 2019 which is due to an increase in the number of ESOL tutors – with four ESOL tutors now working closely with re-settled Syrian families. There are 126 ESOL learners across South Lanarkshire of which 118 are Syrian Learners.



Figure 3 South Lanarkshire ESOL students

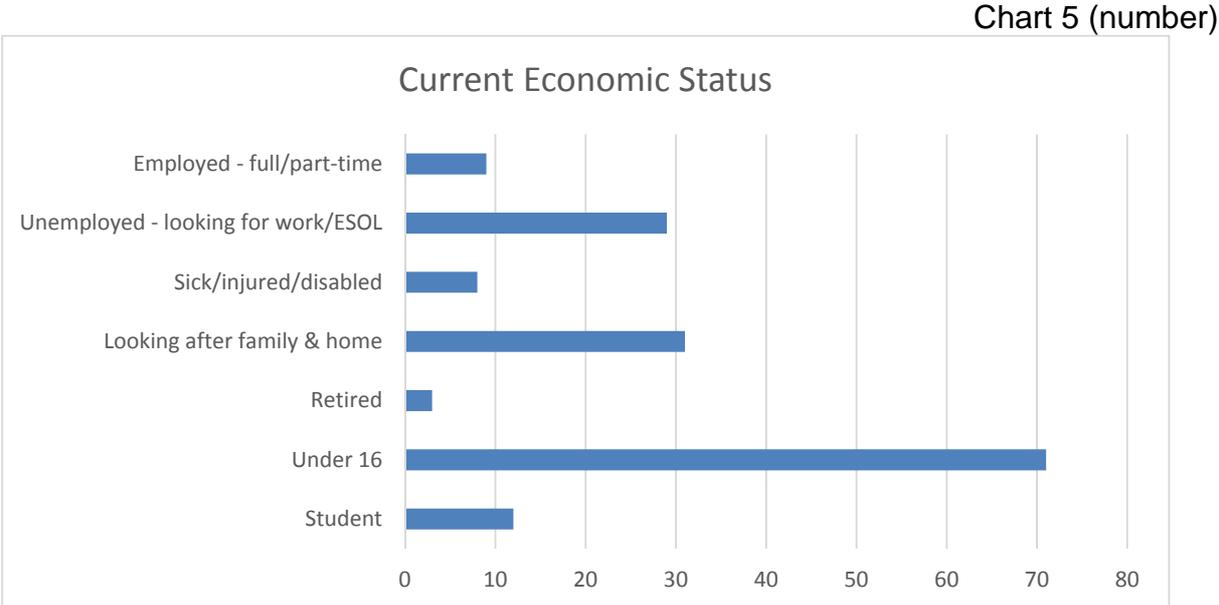
Chart 4 shows the number of ESOL learners in each geographic area.



There are currently 70 female ESOL learners and 56 male learners attending the ESOL classes from March to June 2019. Out of the 126 ESOL learners, 88 are showing that they have improved their English language skills. Fifty-three ESOL learners are participating in other learning activities including working or volunteering in their community. Paid employment and volunteering, e.g. within charity shops, is an essential element of learning to speak and understand English as they have to engage and communicate with their colleagues and members of the public.

**(7) Current Economic Status**

The initial focus for adults is to learn to speak and write English to increase their employment opportunities. All adults who are unemployed and looking for work are also attending English for Speakers of other languages (ESOL) classes/courses. Chart 5 provides a breakdown of current economic status.



### (8) Health

All individuals are registered with medical and dental practices. Chart 6 shows the frequency an individual has visited their GP or hospital within the first six months following arrival. During the period of this report a number of households with very complex needs arrived in South Lanarkshire following lengthy planning periods between Housing Services and the Home Office and involving all relevant community planning partners, in particular Health.

Chart 6 (number)

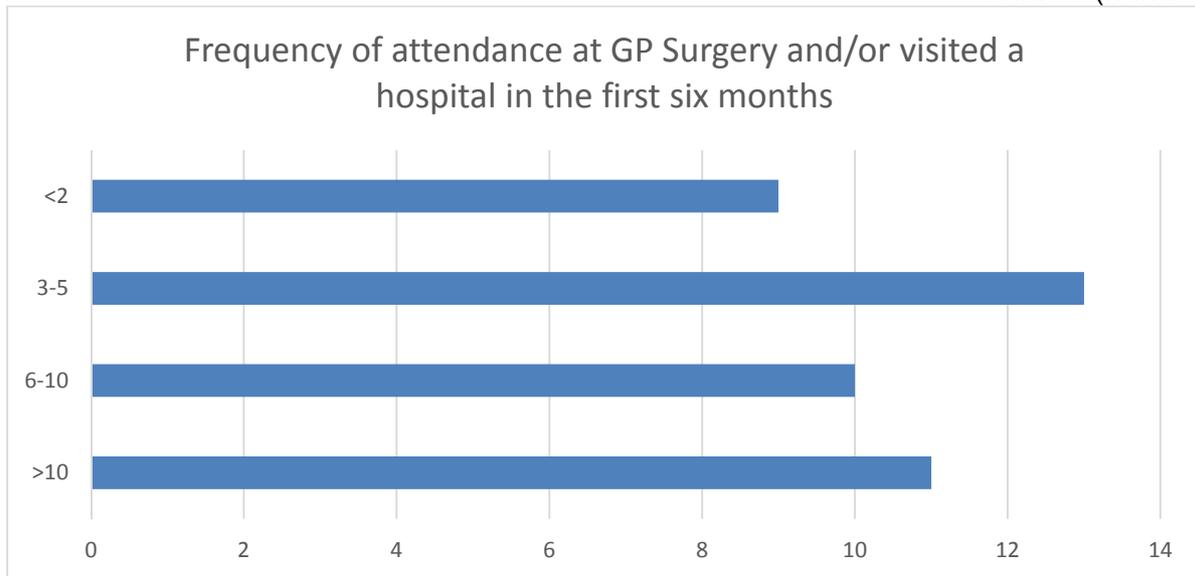


Chart 7 highlights health improvement within the first six months following arrival.

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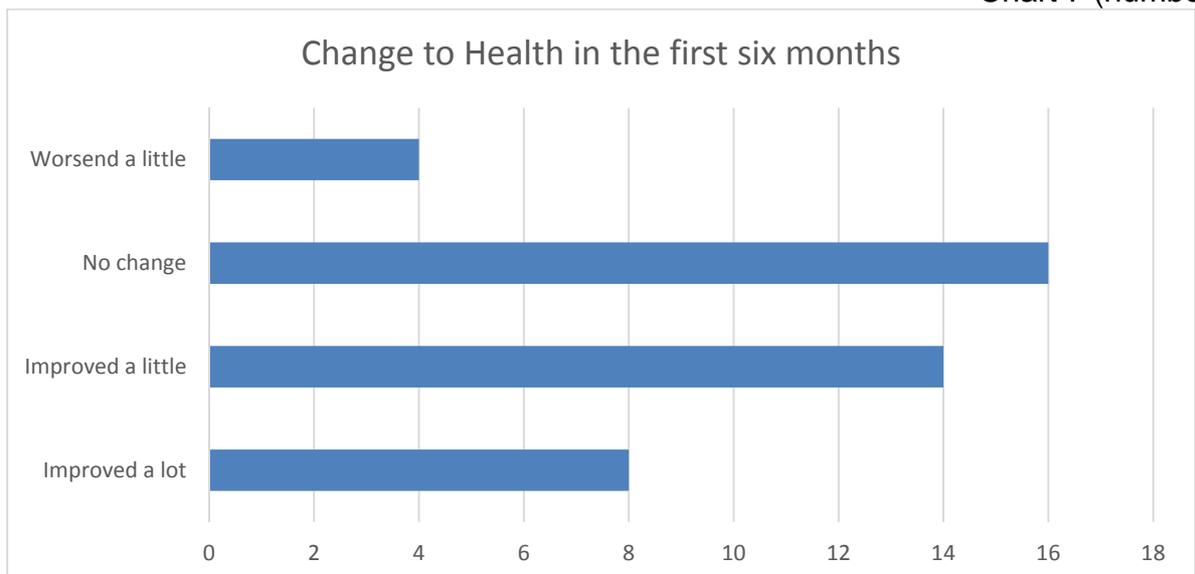
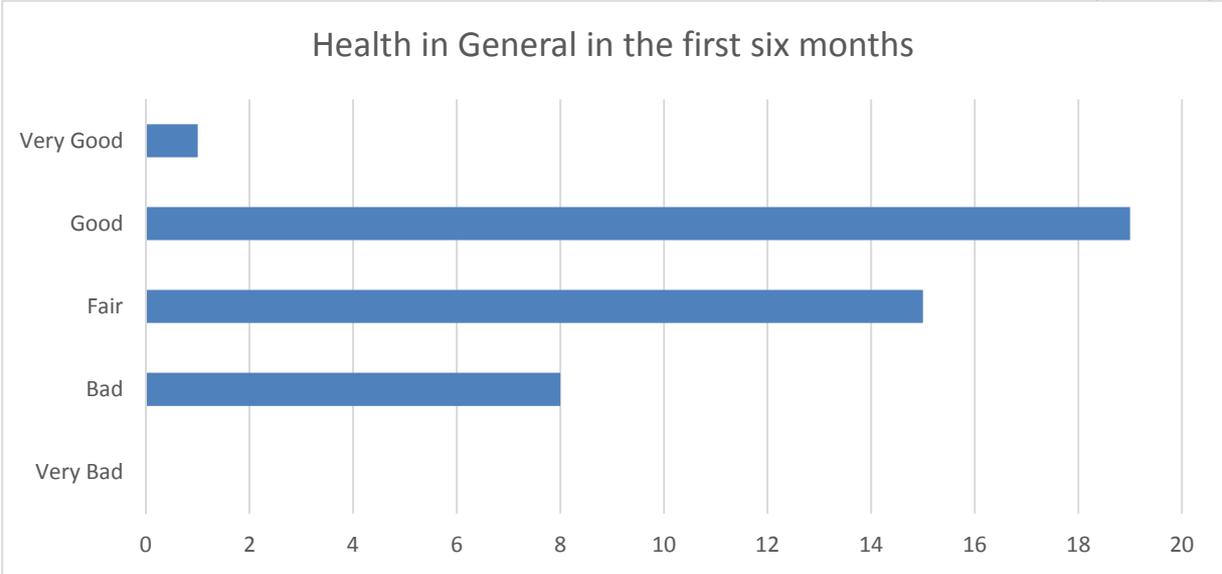


Chart 8 highlights individual views on health improvement within the first six months following arrival.

Chart 8 (number)



**(9) Integration and Community Involvement**

Families continue to be warmly welcomed into their local communities by neighbours, community groups, faith groups, local services and a whole range of individuals who have shown kindness and assistance to individuals and families. In our experience over the last couple of years children have always integrated very well, limited English has not been a barrier to having fun and playing together. Current families are very good at assisting with the integration and ensure that new families are included and welcoming both parents and children.

Chart 9 shows the extent to which individuals (18+) agree or disagree that their local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together.

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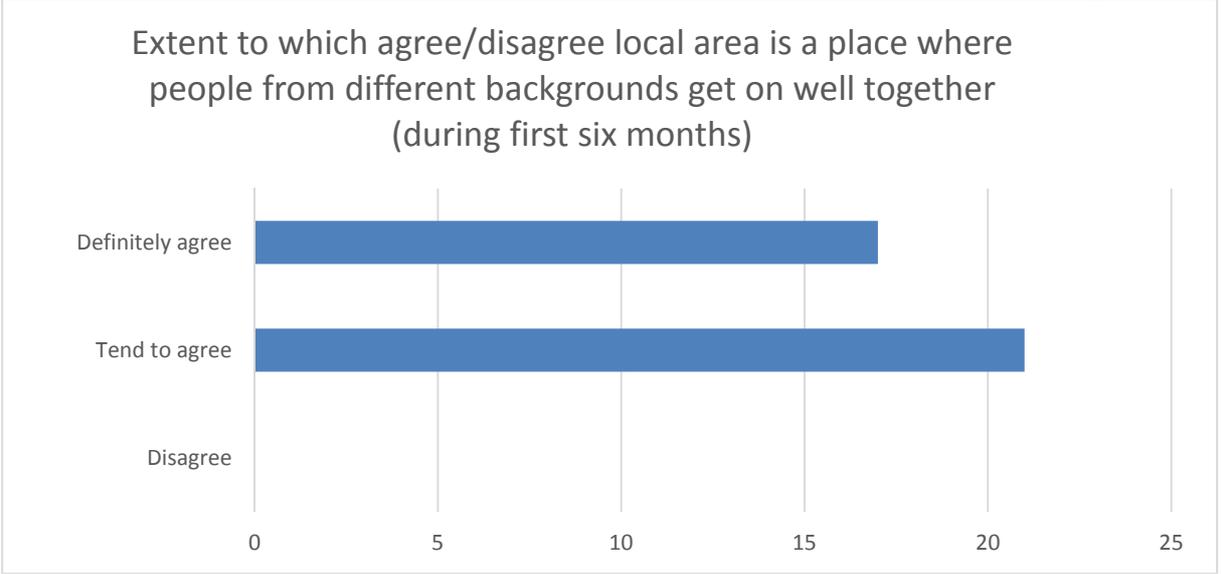
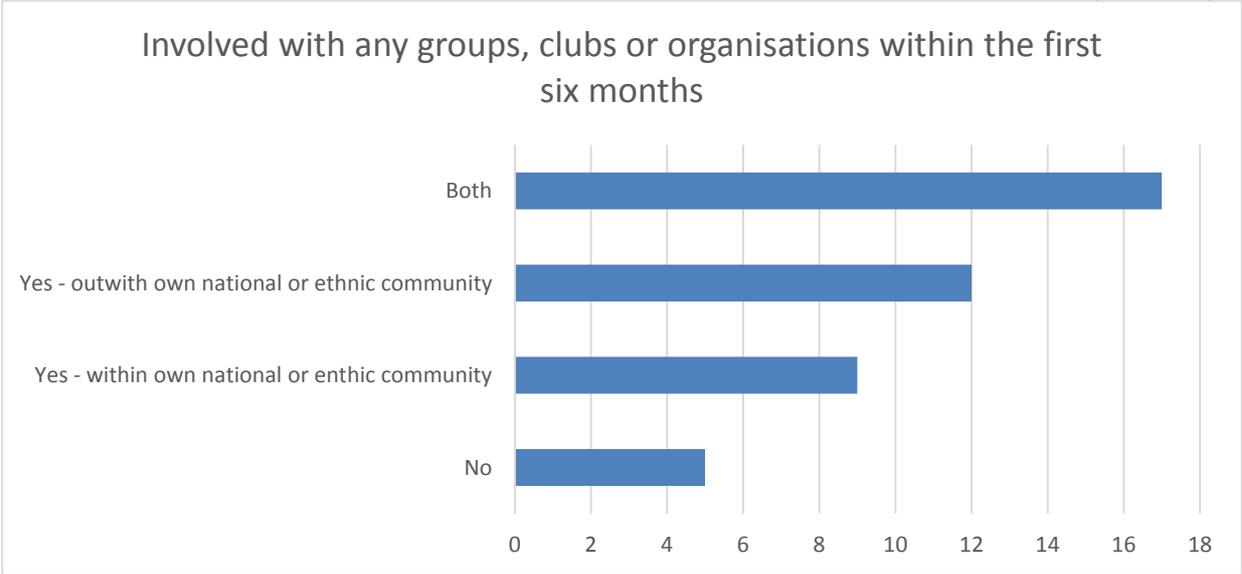


Chart 10 highlights if individuals (all ages) are involved with any groups, clubs or organisations within the first six months from arrival.

Chart 10 (number)



**(10) Case Studies**

The following case studies highlight examples of positive changes in the lives of individuals and families who have arrived through the Refugee Resettlement Programme.

**Health Case Study (1)**

A young family with very complex health needs arrived in South Lanarkshire during September 2018. The South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partners – specifically Health and the Housing Syrian Refugee Resettlement Team put in place an arrival and support plan which would see the adult female taken directly to hospital from the airport. The hospital welcomed the family and medical treatment was initiated immediately. An Arabic speaking Refugee Support Officer also stayed overnight with the lady to support her and her husband and young child were taken to their new home.

It was a very stressful and emotional time for the family who did not previously have direct access to lifesaving treatment due to lack of funds and having sold all of their possessions to pay for the little treatment they had. It was emotionally overwhelming for them when shown the welcome and compassion they received from all staff involved in resettlement plans, in particular health professionals.

Both adults arrived with life changing conditions which impacted on the whole family and complex and long term support plans were put in place. Health professionals ensured that the family had access to all appropriate health provisions upon arrival and these have developed on an ongoing basis as the health needs of both adults have changed. The Housing Syrian Refugee Resettlement Team provided 24 hour one to one support in the first six months from arrival as well ensuring that they family could access other non-medical supports including benefits and education provisions.

The adults will continue to have ongoing medical issues resulting from their past experiences however they have a positive outlook on their future due to the work and commitment shown by everyone who worked with and continues to work with them. The family can now enjoy simple things without constant pain and enjoy the exuberance of their young daughter.

The family want to thank everyone who has assisted them especially Health, the Housing Syrian Refugee Resettlement Team and everyone who volunteers to drive the family to and from every hospital in the Lanarkshire and beyond!

### **Health Case Study (2)**

A family of four arrived during November 2018. One of the young girls has very complex physical and educational needs. She has never had access to medical services to suit her needs, as her condition was not seen as treatable in her country of origin or refugee host country and no provisions had ever been put in place to make her young life comfortable resulting in exclusion from any form of schooling.

A support and health plan was developed based on the information that was available on the family and their needs and plans were put in place for arrival. From the first day everyone involved with the family worked towards making her comfortable and pain free.

The family were overwhelmed with the support and compassion they received and commented that their daughter had never been shown the respect and tenderness which was given by people working with her and the family. It was the norm for the girl to be ignored by people due to her condition and nobody would engage directly with her or touch her to alleviate her pain.

Over the months there has been a marked change in the young girl, she now smiles and the periods of upset and pain have reduced dramatically. She is receiving physiotherapy, occupational therapy, input from a dietician and educational psychologist and will soon be attending school when a specially adapted wheelchair is available.

The family are now more relaxed, although they still worry about their eldest daughter, but can see the positive changes to her life which in turn has made a positive change for them and their youngest daughter.

The following case studies highlights how the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership work together to make positive impacts on two families who have very complex medical needs.

### **Volunteering Case Study (3)**



Figure 4 Young Volunteer of the Year – British Heart Foundation 2019

A young Syrian man (18 years old) arrived in South Lanarkshire in April 2018. He arrived with his mother and has had to work from a very early age to support them – both in Syria and the host refugee country.

On arrive, as well as learning English, he was very keen to be involved and got to know his local area very well by walking everywhere, getting to know his neighbours and attending the local leisure centre. He wanted to pay back into his community and worked with the Housing Syrian Refugee Resettlement Team to find volunteering opportunities. The ideal opportunity arose at the British Heart Foundation in Hamilton – this charity is very important as his father had died from a heart attack three years ago. With his Support Officer he attended interviews and obtained a position on a voluntary basis over two days a week. He was so enthusiastic and willing to help he obtained secure paid work two days a week as a furniture restorer in the store.

Despite his limited English he is an extremely popular member of the team and is well-known for his hard work. He found it a challenge settling into a new country at first, but volunteering has helped him make new friends and feel part of his local community.

He was nominated, by his store, for the British Heart Foundation's Young Volunteer of the Year, Scotland, award in June 2019 and went through to the UK awards where he won the title of the UK Young Volunteer of the Year award.

He has been to London twice with his mother and a Refugee Support Worker – all funded by the BHF and although he enjoyed his time there he is glad to live and work in South Lanarkshire – this is where he feels supported, has his friends and is more than happy to payback into his community and continue to work towards his ambition of becoming a doctor.

### **Apprenticeship Case Study (4)**

A young Syrian man arrived in South Lanarkshire during October 2016 as a 16 year old with limited language skills. He had been working to support his family in the host refugee country and had limited education opportunities. On arrival he attended secondary school which provided him with a range of classes and options which allowed him time to develop his language skills as well as integrate and build connections with his peers. His interests were focussed on carrying out practical

tasks and he started to attend college to improve his English language skills and to give him options for choosing a career path.

This work led towards a local firm taking him on as an apprentice painter and decorator, where he is learning a trade as well as going to college to enhance his skills. He is really enjoying the apprenticeship and the opportunities that it has brought both him and his employer.

**(11) Priority Action Plan 2018/2019 (to end March 2019)**

Noted below is progress on areas of work prioritised during 2018/2019:-

Refugee Support Team			Status - Red/Amber /Green
Events with families:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal Session with Refugee Council</li> <li>• Visits to Lanarkshire Mosques</li> <li>• Cultural visits to National Museum, Peoples Palace, Glasgow Green, European Championships, Blair Drummond and Culzean Castle – all ESOL focused</li> </ul>	Refugee Resettlement Team & ESOL Team	2018/2019	Green
Increased ESOL provision – two new ESOL tutors attached to the Refugee Resettlement Team  New ESOL Buddying System set up where individuals matched with a volunteer in their community to assist with developing English language skills	Refugee Resettlement Team & ESOL Team	2018/2019	Green
Donations/Charities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New East Kilbride venue set up for charitable donation of toys, prams clothes etc. for young children – access through the Resettlement Team.</li> <li>• Working with Refuweege and Baby Bank Scotland to access support for new arrivals and new babies.</li> </ul>	Refugee Resettlement Team	2018/2019	Green

### **(12) Plan for going forward into 2019 and 2020**

The following provides an overview of the work plan for 2019/2020. This will evolve and develop as needs and guidance require:-

- Continued work towards settling families within the programme until March 2020;
- Continue with the expansion of ESOL provision of the new Buddy System with Education ESOL colleagues;
- Continuing to work with partners to ensure all resettled individuals have opportunities to work and learn;
- Continue to support individuals to participate further within their communities – through communities councils, tenant participation etc.;
- Develop end of Programme Report up to 31 March 2020;
- Implement reviewed financial guidance commitments;
- Continued evaluation and submission of data to Home Office as per timescales;
- Work with CoSLA, Scottish Government and Home Office on future guidance post 2020; A new programme is being introduced by the Home Office which will replicate the support provided for Syrians through the Syrian Resettlement Programme. The programme will commence April 2020 and will include Syrians and other refugees (determined by the UNHCR and the Home Office); and
- Engaging with the Scottish Government and CoSLA on the development of the expanded programme, new reporting structures; and ongoing debate and participation in the evolution of the programme.

### **(13) With Thanks**

Gratitude is extended to Partners who have provided assistance and support to the Programme and includes but not limited to:-

Local communities and individuals;  
South Lanarkshire Council – all Resources;  
NHS – Lanarkshire;  
Housing Associations and Housing Co-operatives  
CoSLA;  
Department of Work & Pensions and local job centres;  
Police Scotland;  
Scottish Fire & Rescue Services;  
South Lanarkshire Leisure & Culture;  
Refugee Council;  
Baby Bank Scotland;  
Faith Groups - Lanarkshire Mosques and South Lanarkshire Area Christian Churches;  
University of the West of Scotland;  
Project Linus UK;  
The Refugee Council;  
VASLAN;  
Everyone who has donated items and/or funds; and  
Everyone who has volunteered their time.

# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>23 October 2019</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Planning Partnership Community Participation and Empowerment Strategy</b>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide the Partnership Board with an update on the draft Community Planning Partnership Community Participation and Empowerment Strategy.

## **2. Recommendation(s)**

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the progress on the development of the Community Participation and Empowerment Strategy is noted.

## **3. Background**

- 3.1. In relation to community participation and empowerment, the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) developed a Community Engagement Framework which was last updated in December 2015. Since then, there has been a number of factors that have influenced the need to develop a Partnership Participation and Empowerment Strategy and review the Framework and these are outlined in paragraphs 3.2. to 3.5.
- 3.2. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 (CEA) requires CPPs and community planning partners both to engage with those community bodies which are likely to be able to contribute to community planning, and to participate with these bodies in community planning to the extent that those bodies wish to do so (section 4(3) and (6) of the CEA 2015).
- 3.3. The Act also introduced the requirement for CPPs to take such steps as are reasonable to enable community bodies who wish to participate in community planning to do so (Section 4(6)(c)). In line with section 14(3)(b), community planning partners should provide such resources (funds, staff and other resources) as the CPP considers appropriate to secure the participation of community bodies in community planning. This should include support where needed to support community bodies to engage in co-production (reflecting the duty in section 4(6)(c)). A summary of expectations as defined in the associated guidance can be found at Appendix 1.

- 3.4. The National Standards for Community Engagement are good-practice principles designed to support and inform the process of community engagement, and improve what happens as a result. Originally launched in 2005, the first review of these principles took place during 2015-16. The revised standards have been developed with a focus on strengthening participation and community engagement, particularly in the context of the Community Empowerment Act.
- 3.5. The Board identified the need to develop a Participation and Empowerment Strategy when reviewing the Partnership Risk Register and a short-life writing group has been formed to progress this work. Partners represented on this group include the council, NHS Lanarkshire, SLLC and the third sector.

#### **4. Community Participation and Empowerment Strategy Development Update**

- 4.1. In relation to the requirement to develop a CPP Participation and Empowerment Strategy and the associated structure and processes, work has begun on developing the strategy and some of the content in preparation for the consultation process. In line with the CEA, it is proposed that the development of the Strategy should be community-led with local organisations supporting groups and individuals to get involved and have their say.

- 4.2. A draft vision, aims and principles have been developed for consultation. The aims and principles are set out at Appendix 2 and the vision is outlined below:-

“Through the involvement of everyone living and working in South Lanarkshire in the design and delivery of local plans and services, communities will flourish and make the best use of the resources available to improve the quality of life for all.”

- 4.3. Consultation on the key components of the plan has started. This will be carried out with local groups and the wider community over a 13 week period. It is anticipated that the final results will be available at the end of January 2020.
- 4.4. A draft structure for the strategy has been developed and is attached at Appendix 3.
- 4.5. A graphic design for the strategy document has also been developed for consultation.

#### **5. Next Steps**

- 5.1. The writing group will review the feedback from the consultation which will be used to shape the content of the strategy.
- 5.2. The Equality Impact Assessment, Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment and the Strategic Environmental Assessment will be undertaken.
- 5.3. Work will begin to update the CPPs Community Engagement Framework which will outline the various tools and techniques to support employees when working with communities. The Framework will be aligned with the Community Engagement and Empowerment Strategy.
- 5.4. The draft strategy will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

#### **6. Employee Implications**

- 6.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

## **7 Financial Implications**

7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **8. Other Implications**

8.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with the content of this report.

## **9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

9.1. As this is a new strategy an Equality Impact Assessment and a Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment is required. The strategy will also be subject to a Strategic Environmental Assessment and this process will be facilitated by South Lanarkshire Council.

9.2. The consultation arrangements for the refresh of the strategy are contained in section 4.

**Paul Manning**

**Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**  
**South Lanarkshire Council**

2 October 2019

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## Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

### Extract from the Guidance on Community participation and co-production

- The CPP and community planning partners work with community bodies to ensure that all bodies which can contribute to community planning are able to do so in an effective way and to the extent that they wish to do so.
- The CPP and community planning partners have a clear understanding of distinctive needs and aspirations of communities of place and interest within its area, as a result of effective participation with community bodies.
- Effective community participation informs decisions about the CPP's priorities, how services are shaped and resources deployed; this includes working with community bodies on co-production where these bodies wish to do so.
- Effective community participation informs how the CPP managers and scrutinises performance and progress, and how it revises its actions to meet its ambitions as a result of its performance management.
- The CPP embraces the principles of effective co-production which is aimed at combining the mutual strengths and capacities of all partners (including community bodies) to achieve positive change.

**Participation and Empowerment Strategy**  
**Draft Aims and Principles for Consultation**

The proposed draft **Aims** are:-

1. The voices of the people in our communities will be at the heart of the community planning process.
2. The Community Planning Partnership will listen to and learn from local people.
3. We will have a better understanding of what's important to each other. This will lead to better plans and services.
4. Our communities are able to make the best use of their strengths to deal with local priorities.
5. People will be able to see what has changed as a result of their involvement.

The proposed draft **Principles** of engagement are:-

1. When people are asked to be involved and have their say, the National Standards for Community Empowerment will always be used.
2. Communities will be able to take part in a meaningful way.
3. There will be regular two-way communication which will be open and easy.
4. Communities will be supported to get involved and have their say.

## Participation and Empowerment Strategy

### Proposed Content

1	Foreword - Joint statement from Older People and Young People through Seniors Together and Corporate Connections Board
2	Infographic
3	Introduction
4	Our Aims and Principles
5	Where we are just now
6	Examples of past/current participation from a community/partner perspective
7	Our Vision for the Future
8	How will we know things are working?
9	How you can get involved
10	Contact for more information
11	Appendix - Glossary of terms used
12	Appendix – Background Information (Policy and Legislative Context)
13	Appendix - Participation Request Process

# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>23 October 2019</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Participation and Empowerment Event</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide the Partnership Board with an outline of the proposed arrangements for the 2019 Community Planning Conference.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-

- (1) that the conference takes place on 9 December 2019;
- (2) that the proposed aims and themes outlined at paragraph 4.3. form the basis of the conference;
- (3) that the content of the draft agenda is noted; and
- (4) that the Community Participation and Empowerment Team progress the arrangements.

## 3. Background

3.1. Since November 2008, the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership has held conferences and events every 2-3 years and has covered a wide range of topics.

## 4. Proposed Conference Arrangements

4.1. The conference will be held on Monday 9 December 2019 at 9.15am-2pm within the Banqueting Hall, Council Offices, Almada Street Hamilton.

4.2. This event will provide an opportunity to increase the understanding and awareness of 'Community Participation and Empowerment'. It is proposed that the members of the Partnership Board and community organisations be invited to attend the event to discuss how to connect communities and empower people and places.

4.3. The proposed aims and themes for the conference are as follows:-

- ◆ Fostering connections between local organisations;
- ◆ Share learning and resources between local organisations;
- ◆ Increasing Community Planning Partnership Board Members' awareness of local activity; and
- ◆ Thinking together about what we can do next.

4.4. A copy of the draft agenda for the conference is attached at Appendix 1.

**5. Employee Implications**

5.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

**6. Financial Implications**

6.1. Conference costs will be met from the 2019-20 Community Planning Budget and outlined in future Budget Reports.

**7. Other Implications**

7.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with this report.

**9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

8.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or consultation arrangement implications associated with this report.

**Paul Manning**

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## South Lanarkshire Community Planning Conference

Monday, 9 December 2019

9.15am – 2.00pm, Banqueting Hall, Almada Street, Hamilton

### (Draft) Programme

9.15am – 9.45am	Registration – Tea and Coffee
9.45am - 10.00am	Welcome and introduction – Community Planning Partnership Board Chair, Councillor Maureen Chalmers
10.00am – 10.15am	The Street: Issue Based Urban Simulation – REGENfx (TBC)
10.15am - 10.45am	Presentation: <b>Title to be confirmed</b> – Dr Claire Bynner, Research Associate, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Glasgow
10.45am to 11.15am	Workshop Session 1 (2x15 mins):
11.15am – 11.30am	Tea/Coffee
11.30am to 12.30pm	Workshop Session 2 (4x15 mins):
12.30pm to 1pm	Reflection and looking ahead .....
1pm to 1.15pm	Questions
1.15pm to 1.30pm	Conference Close and Summary – Community Planning Partnership Board Chair, Councillor Maureen Chalmers
1.30pm to 2pm	Lunch and Networking

\*Please note timings may be slightly adjusted when the final programme for the day is agreed

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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>23 October 2019</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Planning Budget and Expenditure (to 13 September 2019 – Period 6)</b>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure as at 13 September 2019 (Period 6).

## **2. Recommendation(s)**

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation:-

- (1) that the content of the report is noted.

## **3. Background**

3.1. Details of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure are reported to every Partnership Board meeting. This provides the Partners with an opportunity to seek clarification on the budget and sums spent during the relevant period.

## **4. Budget and Expenditure**

4.1. The total available budget for 2019-20 is £93,724.

4.2. The total expenditure at the end of Period 6 is £32,622.91. Appendix 1 provides a breakdown of the expenditure.

## **5. Income and Expenditure during 2019-20**

5.1. Specific spend within this period relates to the payment of £30,000 to Healthy n Happy to support the delivery of Neighbourhood Planning and the transfer of £1,000 to the Children's Services Budget as previously agreed by the Board.

5.2. A further update will be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership Board on 5 December 2019.

## **6. Employee Implications**

6.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

## **7. Financial Implications**

7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

**8. Other Implications**

8.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with this report.

**9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

9.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or Consultation implications associated with this report.

**Paul Manning**

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<b>Community Planning Budget 2019-20</b>			
<b><u>Opening Balance April 2019</u></b>			<b>£45,374</b>
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
<b>Partner Contribution</b>			
		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual to Date</b>
NHS Lanarkshire		18,350	18,350
South Lanarkshire Council		22,000	22,000
Police Scotland		5,000	5,000
Fire Scotland		3,000	3,000
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£48,350</b>	<b>£48,350</b>
<b>Total available funding</b>		<b>£93,724</b>	<b>£93,724</b>
<b>Proposed Expenditure</b>		<b>Proposed Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Neighbourhood Planning		30,000	30,000.00
Community Plan Delivery		45,500	0.00
Printing/Stationery/Advertising/General		1,800	779.29
Reports, Strategies and Plans		1,500	843.62
Training and Development		5,000	0.00
Lived Experience Fund		5,000	0.00
Travel		424	0.00
Community Planning Events		4,500	1,000.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£93,724</b>	<b>£32,622.91</b>

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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>23 October 2019</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>South Lanarkshire Register of Information</b>
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## **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the information circulated to Community Planning Partners from 16 August to 30 September 2019.

## **2. Recommendation(s)**

2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation:-

- (1)** that the content of the report is noted.

## **3. Background**

3.1. This report provides details of information circulated to Community Planning Partners for information between Partnership Board meetings. This report provides Partners with an opportunity to seek clarification or an update on information circulated during the relevant period.

## **4. Period covered – 16 August to 30 September 2019**

4.1. Appendix 1 provides a summary of the information circulated from 16 August to 30 September 2019.

## **5. Employee Implications**

5.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

## **7. Other Implications**

7.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with this report.

## **8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

8.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or Consultation implications associated with this report.

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**Register of Information circulated to the Partnership**  
**From 16 August to 30 September 2019**

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
20/08/19	The Principles for Community Empowerment	Accounts Commission	The document aims to raise awareness of community empowerment and promote a shared understanding across scrutiny bodies to support high quality scrutiny of community empowerment.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
20/08/19	Violence against women and girls: Primary prevention guidance for Community Planning Partners	Improvement Service	Guidance published by the Improvement Service and Zero Tolerance, in partnership with the National Violence Against Women Network, have published guidance to support local Community Planning Partners to develop local strategies and activities to promote and embed gender equality and prevent violence against women and girls (VAWG) from ever occurring.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.