



Dear Member

## **South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the above Board to be held as follows:-

**Date:** Thursday, 24 June 2021  
**Time:** 13:00  
**Venue:** By Microsoft Teams,

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

### **Members**

Councillor Maureen Chalmers  
Cleland Sneddon, Chief Executive  
Paul Manning, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Resources  
Rhonda Leith, Community Engagement Manager, Finance and Corporate Resources  
David Booth, General Manager, **South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture**  
Heather Knox, Chief Executive, **NHS Lanarkshire**  
Neena Mahal, Chair, **NHS Lanarkshire Board**  
Gabe Docherty, Director of Public Health, **NHS Lanarkshire**  
John Binning, Principal Policy Officer, **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**  
Stephen Wright, Area Manager, **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**  
Alan Waddell, Chief Superintendent, **Police Scotland**  
Marianne Hayward, Interim Chief Officer, **Health and Social Care Partnership**  
Philip Campbell, Non Executive Board Member, **Health and Social Care Partnership**  
Steven Sweeney, Chief Executive, **VASLan**  
Theresa Correia, Senior Manager, West Region, **Scottish Enterprise**  
Clare Hicks, Local Director for South Lanarkshire, **Scottish Government**  
Hazel Mathieson, Head of Region, South West, **Skills Development Scotland**  
Elizabeth O'Reilly, Head of Campus Services, **University of the West of Scotland**

## BUSINESS

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**12 Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 15 September 2021.

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**Any Other Competent Business**

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**13 Any Other Competent Business**

Any other items of business which the Chair decides is competent.

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# SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Note of meeting held by Microsoft Teams on 3 March 2021

## Chair:

Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Depute Leader, South Lanarkshire Council

## Partners Present:

D Booth, General Manager, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture  
 B Cameron, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland  
 G Cay, Head of Partnerships, Scottish Enterprise  
 A Comrie, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport  
 C Duffin, VASLan  
 A Fairbairn, Area Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
 S Frew, Partnerships (West), Place Directorate, Scottish Enterprise  
 C Hicks, Local Director for South Lanarkshire, Scottish Government  
 H Knox, Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire  
 R Leith, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council  
 P Manning, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council  
 G McCreadie, Superintendent, Police Scotland  
 A Murray, Community Planning and Governance Adviser, South Lanarkshire Council  
 E O'Reilly, Head of Campus, University of the West of Scotland  
 E Paterson, Community Planning and Governance Officer, South Lanarkshire Council  
 S Sweeney, Chief Executive, VASLan  
 C Sneddon, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council  
 H Tennant, Administration Officer, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
 A Waddell, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland

## Also attending:

K Colvan, Youth Employability and Partnership Planning Manager, South Lanarkshire Council  
 J Hutton, Mental Health Improvement Manager, NHS Lanarkshire  
 A McCrea, Service Manager, Children and Justice, South Lanarkshire Council  
 L Purdie, Chief Social Worker, South Lanarkshire Council  
 E Russell, NHS Lanarkshire

## Apologies:

P Campbell, Non-Executive Board Member, NHS Lanarkshire  
 V de Souza, Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership  
 G Docherty, Interim Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire  
 H Mathieson, Head of Region, South West, Skills Development Scotland  
 N Mahal, Chair, NHS Lanarkshire Board  
 M Newlands, Head of Partnerships, Scottish Enterprise

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## Chair's Opening Remarks

The Chair welcomed Stephen Sweeney, to his first meeting of the Board as Chief Executive, VASLan.

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## 1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

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## 2 Note of Previous Meeting

The note of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 2 December 2020 was submitted for approval as a correct record.

**Outcome(s):** Note of meeting approved as a correct record.

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## 3 Community Planning Budget and Expenditure Report (to 1 January 2021 – Period 10)

A report dated 3 February 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) budget and expenditure at 1 January 2021 (period 10).

The CPP budget for 2020/2021 was £67,883 and total expenditure as at 1 January 2021 (period 10) was £23,918.48, with a further £35,670 committed for 2020/2021, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

An update on the CCP budget 2020/2021 would be provided at the next Board meeting.

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

*Clare Hicks left the meeting after consideration of this item*

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## 4 Community Planning Partnership Risk Register Update

A report dated 3 February 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership Risk Register.

A summary of Community Planning Partnership risks, and progress to deliver a Risk Control Plan, was provided and detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

A review of target completion dates for some actions had taken place, which led to the extension of target dates for the following three actions:-

- ◆ review of CPP structures
- ◆ review of Governance and Accountability arrangements
- ◆ review of the Community Planning Website

The ongoing impact of Brexit would continue to be monitored and action taken as and when required. Likely areas of risk related to procurement and trade, finance and funding, local communities and economies and workforce.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) Summary of Community Planning Partnership risks noted.
- (2) Progress in the delivery of the action plan noted.
- (3) Revised target completion dates due to the impact of COVID-19 agreed.

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## 5 Local Community Plans

A report dated 3 February 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the local community plans.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed a statutory duty on Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) to identify smaller areas within the local authority area which experience the poorest outcomes and to prepare and publish locality plans to improve outcomes on agreed priorities for these communities.

Annual reports for the three neighbourhood plans published in January 2019 had been completed, with details of progress made in year 1.

Details of the areas where neighbourhood plans would be developed was provided in the report and it was proposed that work to develop those plans continue throughout 2021/2022.

Appendix 1 to the report provided a complete list of existing Local Community Plans and the areas where plans were in development, as at January 2021.

The Board discussed the success indicators required to ensure progress in developing neighbourhood plans and the Community Engagement Manager agreed to provide a report on measures for success to a future Board.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Progress in development of new Neighbourhood Plans noted.
  - (2) Forward work plan for developing new Neighbourhood Plans approved.
  - (3) List of communities with developed or currently developing plans noted.

*Clare Hicks re-joined the meeting after consideration of this item*

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## **6 Corporate Parenting Partnership Board**

A joint report dated 3 February 2021 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) and the Director, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership was submitted providing an update on:-

- ◆ the review of the Corporate Parenting governance structure
- ◆ the proposal to establish a Corporate Parenting Partnership Board

Part 9 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 provided an outline and range of legislative duties on corporate parents across Scotland. In November 2019, the Corporate Parenting Strategy Group began a review of future priorities, utilising a joint strategic needs assessment. The outcome of this review would directly inform the 2020 to 2022 Corporate Parenting Strategy and plan.

Details were provided on the proposal to establish a Corporate Parenting Champions Board and also a proposed Board membership. The proposed Terms of Reference of the Board, frequency of meetings and remit of the Board were outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

The Board agreed that each partner would identify the appropriate representative to sit on the Corporate Parenting Partnership Board.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Establishment of a Corporate Parenting Partnership Board approved.
  - (2) Proposed membership and Terms of Reference for the Corporate Parenting Partnership Board agreed.
  - (3) Meeting schedule for the Corporate Parenting Partnership Board agreed.

*Kathleen Colvan, Aine McCrea, Gillian Cay, Clare Hicks and Elizabeth O'Reilly left the meeting following consideration of this item.*

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## **7 Community Planning Review Progress Update**

A report dated 3 February 2020 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing a progress update in relation to the Community Planning Structure and governance review.

A short life working group had been established in December 2019 to report on the required thematic/locality structure of the Community Planning Partnership and its membership. An update on the work of the group had been provided to the Board on 1 July 2020.

The report provided details of feedback received from the thematic groups and the two areas identified for locality planning structures.

The Community Planning Outcome Leads Group draft Terms of Reference and remit were outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

A full review of the Community Plan would begin in March 2021 and a timetable for review was provided in the report.

At its meeting on 12 February 2020, the Board agreed to extend the Partnership Improvement Plans for the 4 Thematic Boards until March 2021 or the completion of the Board review. It was proposed that the additional layer of Partnership Improvement Plans be removed to reduce duplication in Partnership planning and reporting process, however, it was highlighted that:-

- ◆ all Thematic Boards contributed to the delivery of the Community Plan
- ◆ in addition to the Community Plan, 3 of the 4 Thematic Boards had 2 Partnership Plans
- ◆ until the new Community Planning priorities had been agreed, the Community Safety Partnership should develop a 1-year Thematic Partnership Plan for the period 1 April to 31 March 2022
- ◆ reporting processes would be reviewed as part of the development of the new Community Plan

The draft Terms of Reference and remit for the Partnership Community Participation and Engagement Group were provided in Appendix 2 to the report and draft Terms of Reference for the Community Planning Communications Group were outlined in Appendix 3 to the report.

A high-level communications plan had been developed, together with a more detailed delivery plan to be progressed, as detailed in Appendix 4 to the report.

Information on progress in other governance arrangements was provided in the report along with a forward action plan.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Progress update noted.
  - (2) Feedback from the Thematic Groups as detailed in paragraph 4.1 of the report noted.
  - (3) Terms of Reference and Remit for the Outcome Leads Group as detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report approved.
  - (4) Timetable for review of the Community Plan as detailed in paragraph 4.4 of the report approved.
  - (5) Proposal to remove the additional layer of Partnership Improvement Plans as detailed in paragraph 4.5 of the report approved.
  - (6) Terms of Reference and Remit of the Partnership Community Participation and Engagement Group as detailed in paragraph 4.6 of the report approved.
  - (7) Draft Communications Plan 2021 approved.

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## **8 Challenging Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination**

A joint report dated 3 February 2021 by the Mental Health Improvement Development Manager and the Head of Health Improvement, NHS Lanarkshire was submitted on proposals to support the Lanarkshire Mental Health and Wellbeing strategy.

In October 2020, the Scottish Government launched Scotland's Mental Health Transition and Recovery Plan which set out its response to the impact of COVID-19 on mental health. The Stigma Free Lanarkshire Programme Board which comprised of senior leaders in the NHS, Health and Social Care Partnerships and Local Authorities proposed to link into the CPP communications delivery plan to assist with the delivery of the campaign.

The Board discussed how senior staff could include information on the mental health support that was available in their own communications to staff.

**Outcome(s):** Support for the communications campaign to address mental health stigma and discrimination endorsed.

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## **9 Lived Experience Fund Application**

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A report dated 3 February 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted on the:-

- ◆ approved Lived Experience Fund applications for 2020/2021
- ◆ allocation of funding from the 2020/2021 Lived Experience Budget

The Lived Experience funding application process opened on 9 November 2020 and closed on 15 January 2021. To ensure that timely decisions for all applications were made, applications received were submitted to the Chair of the Board for approval. A list of approved applications was provided in Appendix 1 to the report.

Further details of the financial position of the Lived Experience fund 2020/2021 was provided in the report.

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

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## **10 Community Planning Board Development Session – Planning for Place Update**

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A report dated 3 February 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the 'Planning for Place' Board development session to be held on 11 May 2021.

A series of meetings had been held with key stakeholders and a draft outline for the session had been developed. Further information on a draft outline for the session was provided in Appendix 1 to the report.

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

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## **11 Children's Services Plan Update on Planning and Governance**

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A joint report dated 3 February 2021 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) and the Director, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership was submitted providing an update on progress in relation to the creation of a new Children's Services Plan.

The Children and Young People's (Scotland) Act 2014 introduced a requirement for each Local Authority and linked Health Board to prepare and publish:-

- ◆ a Children's Services Plan (CSP) for the period April 2017 to March 2020 (and then in a continuing three-year cycle)
- ◆ a Children's Rights Report by March 2020

As a result of COVID-19 the Scottish Government had amended some key timeframes for delivery of a new CSP and the Children's Services Partnership had agreed to continue the current plan for a further year to allow participation and engagement in the creation of the new Plan for 2020 to 2023.

The report provided details on progress made towards a new CSP and the proposed areas for inclusion in the Plan. The latest draft plan was provided in Appendix 1 to the report. A timeline of further work to be undertaken was detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

The final approved Plan would be submitted to the Council and NHS for signature, and then published and submitted to the Scottish Government by 31 March 2021.

**Outcome(s):** (1) Draft Children's Services Plan 202 to 2023 noted.  
(2) Planned activity towards publication of the Children's Services Plan 2021-2023 noted.

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## 12 COVID-19 Supporting Households

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A report dated 3 February 2021 by the Executive Director, (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing:-

- ◆ an update on the impact on household income from the effects of the coronavirus pandemic
- ◆ details of the advice and support services provided by Council services, Citizen's Advice Bureaux, Scottish Social Security Agency and the NHS.

The significant and long-lasting effects would require continued need for the following services:-

- ◆ close working across services and organisations
- ◆ additional financial support to low-income client groups
- ◆ signposting to available support services
- ◆ support for staff in dealing with sensitive and distressing cases
- ◆ development of service delivery models to ensure effective support was provided
- ◆ support for those considered most vulnerable

The Scottish Government had provided additional funding to Councils to support the provision of those services.

**Outcome(s):** (1) Significant need for direct and indirect financial support to households as a direct result of the pandemic noted.  
(2) Extensive support provided by a wide range of services and organisations in helping households manage their finances noted.

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## 13 South Lanarkshire Register of Information Report

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A report dated 3 February 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing a summary of information which had been circulated to Community Planning Partners between 4 November 2020 and 3 February 2021, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

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## 14 Any Other Competent Business

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There were no other items of competent business.

# Report

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Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>24 June 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Planning Budget and Expenditure Report</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 31 March 2021 (Period 14, 2020-21 budget) and as at 14 May 2021 (Period 2, 2021-22 budget);
- ◆ provide details on the proposed 2021-22 Community Planning Partnership budget; and
- ◆ provide an update on the Community Planning Development Officer post.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report is noted;
- (2) that the proposed budget outlined at Appendix 2 is approved;
- (3) that the intention to raise invoices from South Lanarkshire Council for partnership contributions to the budget is noted;
- (4) that the update on the Community Planning Development Officer post at Appendix 3 is noted; and
- (5) that the contract for the Community Planning Development Officer is extended for one year.

## 3. Background

3.1. Details of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure are reported to every Partnership Board meeting. This provides 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 expenditure at the end of Period 14 (2020-21) is £62,859.31. £28,189.31 has been spent with a further £34,670 of expenditure previously agreed by the Board to be carried forward. The anticipated closing balance which has been carried forward to the 2021-22 budget is £39,694. Appendix 1 provides a breakdown of the expenditure. Costs since those last reported at Period 10 relate to the Lived Experience Fund and the BSL film.

4.2. There is no expenditure as at the end of Period 2 (2021-22). Appendix 2 provides a projected breakdown of the proposed expenditure for 2021-22.

4.3. The total available budget for 2021-22 is £88,044. This total includes £34,670 of expenditure which was committed during 2020-21 for the development of the new Community Plan and the second salary payment for the Community Development Officer post; additional costs for printing, communications, etc. in relation to the new Community Plan.

**5. Income and Expenditure during 2021-22**

5.1. There has been no specific spend up to the end of period 2 although totals have been adjusted to reflect the committed expenditure.

5.2. Anticipated spend includes: the continuation of the Lived Experience Fund; a Community Planning Conference; the second salary payment for the Community Development Officer Post and participation and engagement costs for the delivery of the new Community Plan.

5.3. The Board is asked to note that arrangements will be made for partners to be invoiced for their annual contribution to the Community Planning budget.

5.4. A further update will be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership Board on 15 September 2021.

**6. Community Development Officer Post**

6.1. During 2019-20, the Board agreed to a temporary post for a period of 1 year. This contract will end in September 2021.

6.2. In terms of funding this post, £19,670 for the second salary payment was carried over from the 2020-21 budget which will cover the remaining contract period. The Board is asked to note that the available funding from the current budget (Community Plan Delivery line) in which to continue funding this post is £41,330. When the post was approved in December 2019 the estimated annual cost (excluding any pay awards) was £41,731. Whilst monies have been carried over from previous budgets which have helped to fund this post, the actual annual budget through contributions at the Board’s disposal is £48,350.

6.3. To assist the Board in considering future funding of this post, the following scenario sets out the costs related to continuing with the post for another year. This projection focuses on the Community Planning Delivery line, excludes the 2<sup>nd</sup> salary payment for the current contract and uses current salary costs:-

<b>Actual Budget for Community Plan Delivery</b>	<b>Anticipated Salary Costs (does not include pay awards)</b>	<b>Budget Remaining for Community Plan delivery</b>
2021-22 - £41,330	23,321 (payment 1)	£18,009
2022-23 - £36,306	19,670 (payment 2)	£16,636

6.4. As agreed at the CPP Board meeting on 3 March 2021 an update on the Community Development Officer Post has been provided and is detailed at Appendix 3.

6.5. The Board are asked to approve a further extension to this contract for a period of one year.

## **7. Employee Implications**

- 7.1. The contract for the partnership's Community Development Officer will end in September 2021. The cost of renewing this contract for a further year is estimated at £41,731 (excluding any pay awards). The Board is asked to note that there are no additional liabilities in terms of employment contract law as a result of extending this contract by 1 year.

## **8. Financial Implications**

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

## **9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

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

**Paul Manning**

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

3 June 2021

### **Contact for Further Information:**

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<b>Community Planning Budget 2020-21</b>			
<b><u>Opening Balance April 2020</u></b>		<b>£19,533</b>	
<b><u>Income</u></b>			
<b>Partner Contribution</b>		<b>£</b>	<b>£</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>67,883</b>	<b>67,883</b>
<b><u>Expenditure at Period 14 (31 March 2021)</u></b>		<b>Proposed Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Community Plan Delivery		*58,000	57,991
Printing/Stationery/Advertising/General		1,800	623.19
Reports, Strategies and Plans		1,500	327.12
Lived Experience Fund		5,000	3,918
Travel		283	0.00
Community Planning Events		1,300	0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£67,883</b>	<b>£62,859.31</b>
<b><u>Anticipated Closing Balance Carried Forward March 2021</u></b>		<b>£39,693.69</b>	

\*Community Plan Delivery expenditure total has been adjusted to include committed expenditure previously agreed by the Board.

<b>Community Planning Budget 2021-22 (based on projected outturn)</b>			
<b>Opening Balance April 2021</b>			<b>£39,694</b>
<b>Income (invoices to be raised July 2021)</b>			
<b>Partner Contributions</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>£88,044</b>	<b>£88,044</b>
		£	£
<b>Proposed Expenditure 2021-22</b>		<b>Proposed Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Community Plan Delivery		76,000	*34,670
Printing/Stationery/Advertising/General		1,300	0.00
Reports, Strategies and Plans		2,000	0.00
Lived Experience Fund		5,000	0.00
Travel		244	0.00
Community Planning Events		3,500	0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£88,044</b>	<b>£34,670</b>

\*Community Plan Delivery expenditure total has been adjusted to include committed expenditure carried over from the 2020-21 budget.

## Update on the Community Development Officer Post

### Theme: Community Planning Partnership Communications

#### Work objective:- Promote the work of the Community Planning Partnership

#### Outputs

- Established a Partnership Communications Group which meets monthly.
- Co-ordinates the work of this group which has included:-
  - A revised Communications Plan;
  - A Communications Delivery Plan for 2021-22; and
  - Currently working on news items, case studies, etc. to promote the work of the CPP.
- As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the officer has been unable to promote the CPP and encourage engagement through face to face contact with communities and groups as was intended however he has delivered some online presentations to promote the work of the CPP. As restrictions ease, he will be able to re-focus on this.
- The officer is also supporting the development of the Community Planning website. This work has included:-
  - Researching other CPP websites and organising demonstrations for new software;
  - Developing a page on the CPP website for the Whitehill Community;
  - Testing CONSUL (engagement software) with the Whitehill Community. Providing an online option for people to give feedback on what should be in their new plan; and
  - Holding a focus group with members of the public to review the CPP website.

#### Neighbourhood Planning, Hamilton Area:-

#### Work objective:- Work with communities and partners to build local capacity and develop Neighbourhood Plans for the areas of Whitehill, Eddlewood and Low Waters

#### Outputs

- The Board is asked to note that the development of Neighbourhood Plans is an intensive area of work.
- The officer is working with the Whitehill community; local organisations; and partners to develop a Neighbourhood Plan and has established a stakeholder group. He has also completed Participatory Budgeting Activity and supported the community to get funding and with delivery of local projects. Other supports provided includes:-
  - Identified £30,000 of funding opportunities for local community groups and offered support to apply for funding;
  - Provision of support and information to community groups helping them to access over £7,000 of funding for community-led projects;

- Supporting two constituted community groups to help them to develop their governance structures;
  - Capacity building support is being provided to a newly established group, Adopt A Street Whitehill, which supports older people and carries out activities to improve their mental health and wellbeing; and
  - Supported the development of opportunities for partnership working between community planning partners and community organisations around community safety, health improvements (COVID vaccines), and community clean ups.
- The officer is working with the Low Waters and Eddlewood Communities, local organisations and partners to develop two plans. A joint stakeholder group has been established. Other supports provided include:-
    - Identified £25,000 of funding opportunities for local groups and offered support to apply for funding;
    - Provision of support and information to community groups helping them to access over £2,000 of funding for community-led projects; and
    - Supported the development of a community gardening project in partnership with a local church.

**Other duties:-**

- In relation to the pandemic response, the officer has provided support to the wider Community Engagement Team with the Community Wellbeing Helpline covering periods of absence.
- The officer also attends a national group which has a focus on the new Planning legislation and considers Spatial/Community Planning.



# Report

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Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>24 June 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Lived Experience Fund Feedback</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 feedback provided by PAMIS and Healthy Valleys.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the feedback provided by these organisations is noted; and
- (2) that the current interventions and supports provided across the Partnership are noted; and
- (3) that feedback from these organisations is used as evidence to help inform the priorities of the new Community Plan.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. As agreed by the Board at their meeting of 17 April 2019, £5,000 from the Community Planning budget was aligned to spend relating to capturing the lived experience of people who experience poverty, inequalities and/or deprivation.
- 3.2. Applications to the fund are restricted to local organisations operating in South Lanarkshire and to those whose work links with the Community Plan objective of Tackling Poverty, Deprivation and Inequality. Those organisations who were funded during 2020-21, specifically to capture local experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3.3. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, most of the organisations have been unable to carry out the engagement work that they had planned. Those organisations have provided an update on how they plan to use the funding as restrictions ease. Organisations have been allocated a link officer from the council's Community Engagement Team to assist them with the process and to ensure that they can be linked into wider work within their community (where relevant). As feedback is received, further updates will be provided to the Board.
- 3.4. This report provides an update on the feedback provided by PAMIS and Healthy Valleys who have engaged with people who use their services.

#### **4. Lived Experience Feedback**

- 4.1. All organisations are provided with a 'Poverty Framing Toolkit' to help them have conversations with the communities that they work with and support. This focuses on three main questions as set out below:-
  1. What issues do you and others in your community face around poverty?
  2. What solutions could help make a difference?
  3. Any other comments/experience that you would like to share?
- 4.2. PAMIS (Promoting a more inclusive society) is an organisation that supports people with profound and multiple learning disabilities (PMLD), their families, carers and professionals. Contribution to this consultation was supplied by carers of a child or adult with profound and multiple learning disabilities and complex healthcare needs. This feedback is set out at Appendix 1.
- 4.3. Healthy Valleys had conversations with individuals living in the rural area of South Lanarkshire. Their focus was on the impact that welfare reform has on families within the Healthy Valleys Resilient Families project. Information was gathered through phone conversations and a survey. 38 individuals responded and a summary of these and a list of the individual responses that were received can be found at Appendix 2.
- 4.4. At their meeting on 12 May 2021, the Community Planning Progress Group were provided with the Lived Experience feedback provided by PAMIS and Healthy Valleys for review. It was agreed that partners would review the feedback and provide details of the current interventions and support that they provide. This information is detailed for PAMIS at Appendix 3 and for Healthy Valleys at Appendix 4.

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

- 5.1. As the Community Planning Team receive feedback from organisations, this will be submitted to the Board for review.
- 5.2. South Lanarkshire Council's Community Engagement Team will continue to work with funded organisations to support them in gathering this information.
- 5.3. Feedback from these organisations will be used as part of the evidence to help inform the priorities of the new Community Plan and to identify any policy issues and gaps in service provision.
- 5.4. Further discussions will be held with PAMIS and Healthy Valleys to ensure that individuals and families are aware of the current supports that are available and to discuss any remaining gaps.

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

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

#### **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. The current yearly Lived Experience allocation is £5,000.

#### **8. Other Implications**

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

**9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

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

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

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## PAMIS Feedback

### 1. What issues do you and others in your community face around poverty?

Many unpaid carers, caring for a person with Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities (PMLD) face issues around poverty daily. Many unpaid carers only receive carers allowance as they are unable to work due to the intense nature of their caring role. Carers allowance does not cover the cost of living for these carers and restricts decisions and purchases. Often difficult decisions have to be made. Carers can feel isolated, undervalued and frustrated at the lack of opportunities to “make a better life” for them and their families. They often think people view them as a burden to society which makes living in poverty more difficult. Many carers rely on the benefits system to help support them and their family. The vast majority of carers asked in this session agreed that they worry constantly about their finances and often go without in order to provide for their child.

People with PMLD after school age receive benefits, usually Universal Credit. This group is also unable to gain any paid employment due to their level of disabilities and complex health care needs.

The cost of living for a person with a disability is much higher than that of a person with no disabilities. Transport, accommodation, equipment, hospital stays/ appointments and visits are all very expensive. People with PMLD have little expendable income that would allow them to participate in activities that would offer them a range of experiences. People with PMLD need 24hr care, specialist equipment, trained staff and adapted transport in order to participate fully in our society. These are barriers when finances are very low. Opportunities are restricted due to costs.

At present, day centres and schools are closed and people with PMLD are even more isolated. There are many activities this group can access online however the cost of purchasing a device is something many families cannot afford; they are digitally excluded. Carers advised that this type of exclusion is another example of what poverty today looks like.

Housing was also discussed. Many carers and their families alongside their loved one with PMLD are living in private rented accommodation or local authority accommodation, in areas that they feel add to the level of poverty they are experiencing. Houses are at times sub-standard, do not meet the physical needs of the person they support and can lead to a feeling of vulnerability. Families described feeling frustrated at the lack of housing options for people with disabilities.

## **2. What solutions could help make a difference?**

Unpaid carers agreed that if proper care arrangements were put in place to accommodate their child/adult's needs then they would be able to take paid employment. However, at present, most unpaid carers felt that the SDS (Self Directed Support) budget allocated from Social Work does not cover the amount of paid caring hours needed to provide appropriate care for their loved ones; meaning that paid employment was not an option for them now or in the near future. They believe the lack of employment opportunities has a direct impact on how their family lives and their overall wellbeing.

It was also suggested that the carers allowance should be increased to reflect the amount of care our carers provide. Carers allowance is currently £67.25 per week with unpaid carers working in excess of 20 hours per day providing care to their loved one. Carers would like to be paid an hourly rate of pay in line with the amount care agencies or personal assistants are paid.

Carers also discussed the need for affordable appropriate housing in areas where they felt less vulnerable. At present some carers are living with their profoundly disabled child in housing that is inappropriate and in areas where they feel unsafe and targeted by some individuals. They are unable to work to earn more money to buy or rent property in other areas and therefore feel trapped in a cycle they find frustrating.

## **3. Any other comments/experience that you would like to share?**

Contribution to this consultation was supplied by carers caring for a child or adult with profound and multiple learning disabilities and complex healthcare needs. This group is often isolated because of their intense caring role and struggle to find opportunities that could help and support them develop independent of their caring role. In parallel, people with PMLD are also extremely isolated within their community and are given limited access to opportunities that helps others thrive.

## Healthy Valleys Feedback

### 1. What issues do you and others in your community face around poverty?

From the responses I have highlighted some of the common threads.

Individuals in rural South Lanarkshire now have less money available to them each month. This was the main common thread which almost all beneficiaries mentioned, both via one-to-one phone calls and via Survey Monkey. Families report that they are really struggling to make ends meet and feel angry about being left in a situation where they cannot afford to live.

Food poverty was very apparent with many families reporting that they are not able to buy enough food with the money they have. The reliance on local foodbanks has increased and families feel like this emergency food supply is essential and has become part of their day to day lives.

A few families spoke of their difficulties budgeting their money and that they found the time between payments too long. Previously families had received money weekly and now that it is monthly, they struggle to budget for that long. Another aspect of Universal Credit that was highlighted is the time it takes to set up the payments and then paying back the advanced payment if they are given it which means they have even less money to live on.

One thing that all staff noted while completing the surveys over the phone was that people were angry about Universal Credit, the way it is managed and the situation they find themselves in because of it. Four individuals reported that their mental health had deteriorated as a direct impact of Universal Credit and that they felt really stuck. One beneficiary reported that they were 'bored of life' 'I can't even get enough food now'.

### 2. What solutions could help make a difference?

Many of the responses suggest individuals would like the benefits system to go back to the old legacy benefits where they were entitled to more money.

Transport is also mentioned several times as it is inaccessible and expensive in rural communities. Individuals would like to see changes to make transport free/more affordable.

Activities – 7 individuals mentioned that the availability of free activities for children/adults would be helpful with one person inputting that they would like to see outdoor spaces improved to increased wellbeing and another mentioning a community garden.

Please see individual responses below

### 3. Any other comments/experience that you would like to share?

Many people have added an additional comment, but they are very varied.

Please see individual responses below

## Healthy Valleys Feedback (continued) – Individual Responses

### What impact has the welfare reform (introduction of Universal Credit) had on your family?

- It's been a very big strain on my household, trying to budget and make money last.
- It's not exactly ideal at all. I managed easier and better while I was on income support etc.
- We have had a cut in money and basically lost our tax credits.
- It has affected my mental health massively, every day is a struggle and I am so bored of life.
- I had 2 payments, one when I was on maternity and couldn't afford to pay my bills and the other at the end of maternity pay before I was furloughed at work. It is not enough money to live on not even close!
- A lot.
- I feel low all the time now. Since they cut my money, I can't even afford to buy food, it makes me feel sad, depressed and useless.
- Need to get help from foodbank and baby bank a lot.
- People have less money and you can see now how that is affecting everyone especially the kids.
- Need to use foodbank a lot now.
- I used to think that money was tight but I had no idea what was round the corner. I can't even afford the basics now.
- Universal Credit is a joke, I really wish I hadn't brought children into this life as there is no real future for them.
- There's no life now.
- I'm embarrassed as I can't survive on this money but I don't want to ask for help, I'm totally stuck.
- It is rubbish, we don't have enough money now. It used to be better.
- We don't have enough money for any extras now in fact not even the basics. We have had 3 foodbanks in the last few months. It's really embarrassing when they come to the door, everyone knows what it is as we all need to use it. There is just no choice in the matter.
- It's just not possible to live on the money we get now.
- We get less financial support than we would have on the old tax credits system.
- Struggle with the wait for money due to how long it takes to set up.
- It's not enough money to feed and clothe two children. Every month is a struggle for us and I know that everyone is the same - it's really hard.
- I can't afford to buy enough food - I feel like a horrible mum.
- We can't survive on this money – bring back the old way.
- I feel so low all the time. I don't have enough money to do anything and sometimes we can't even eat waiting for a payment.
- We get way less money now and it's not enough to live on. I don't smoke or drink and I still can't get new clothes for the kids when they need them. I am sure you don't get money now for any more than 2 kids.

### What issues do you and others in your community face around poverty?

#### Money

- I don't have enough money to last the month. My family have had to buy me shopping etc. on more than one occasion.
- The local shop is very expensive and a lot of products overpriced.
- I can't afford to live now.
- I wouldn't say I am in poverty. I do have an income, it is very basic and only covers my living costs. I live in a very well off area. Although I rent in this area I could be paying less but have nowhere cheaper to go.
- I still can't believe people are expected to live like this. No wonder suicide is so common.

- Struggling to get food, unable to access appointments and struggling to deal with mental health.
- Food.
- Having to travel for cheaper shopping, isolation and mental health issues.
- Lack of resources from local authorities. Isolation.
- Personally, single mother struggling with continued financial abuse from an ex. Immediate local area is well off, but surrounding towns such as Lanark seem quite poor.
- Only earning a basic amount of money and having to pay a lot more outgoings with all this going on, shops have limited stock.
- No food.
- Kids need to go about with clothes that don't even fit anymore because I can't afford to buy new ones. I can barely keep enough food on the table and have used the foodbank more than once. It never used to be this bad.
- Energy companies can be really bad especially when they draw you in with really good energy deals but then because they only have to review your charge price during a certain time it ends up leaving the customer in mass debt with them. Eon did this to me, even after I did everything they asked.
- Have to travel for nearest supermarket which is not the cheapest.
- We face struggling to feed the kids.
- It doesn't run fortnightly so some months I wait 16/20 days for money which is hard on people who are budgeting for the extra days.

### **Employability**

- Lack of jobs in rural area.

### **Public Transport**

- Lack of public transport.
- Not being able to always access the shopping required because of transport in such rural areas, so it costs more to shop locally.

### **Mental Health**

- Everyone seems so sad all the time. It's horrible as there is no happiness anymore.
- Bad mental health.

### **Activities**

- Not much for the kids to do.

### **What solutions could help make a difference?**

#### **Income**

- Either increase rates or go back to the way benefits were before Universal Credit.
- Change in UC and benefit system.
- Bringing back the old benefits so that people are able to live off the money.
- Up the money or reinforce tax credits. Don't get enough money for living with 2 kids.
- More affordable housing and living costs. I have only noticed the lack of support for people unable to make ends meet due to being on maternity.
- Don't know x5.
- Need to look at the whole benefits system again.
- To have a fairer system to get to a foodbank. I'm unable to get anymore as I don't have children but we still need to eat - need foodbank more.
- Be equal and lower the cost down.
- Bring back the old system.
- Free driving lessons for people with no money who live in the middle of nowhere.
- Actually be able to call and speak to someone instead of leaving a message in the journal. Stop taking back the first advance payment as it's a six week wait until you are next paid.
- Bringing back tax credits.

## **Food**

- Free school meals for all of the kids. Just because we work doesn't mean we have a lot of money. We struggle every month and have no help.
- Give discounts for food, maybe some kind of food vouchers.

## **Fuel Poverty**

- Make energy companies give more honest quotes and/or they must review a customers' account more.

## **Communities**

- Building community spirit during lockdown, we have all spoken to our neighbours more and helped out. Maybe we can do something to keep the community connected, the kids would love a community garden I think that's a good idea to keep kids occupied and out of trouble.
- Make nice outdoor spaces – our towns are a mess and they are so depressing.
- Get the people involved in changing things. You can't just make decisions based on what you think is right – you need to ask.
- Local authorities working with local organisations to create a better support network, and ensure no-one "slips through the cracks".
- Better shops here rather than having to go to Lanark.

## **Activities**

- More clubs that don't cost a fortune to attend and putting on cooking classes to make the best out of the food we have.
- More free classes in the village.
- I found the free baby massage class brilliant! I would have attended more of the free playgroup but had personal issues which prevented me. From a mum and baby perspective it is great to have access to classes and groups which are often expensive. Generally, I think motivating people to find or try ways of setting up their own businesses to make money would help. Or maybe helping them discover what their skills are. I think being unemployed is a vicious cycle, easier broken by taking some control rather than just going to the job centre and finding something because you are told to.
- More free activities for kids and adults.
- It would be good to have a bigger selection of free activities here but I know that it is sometimes hard to get people to go to them. I also think some kind of food allowance would be good as it is so expensive in the shop here and it's too much for the bus.

## **Transport**

- Better access to online shopping, better transport, available taxis.
- Transport is a nightmare from here. If we could get a bus card or something that would make a massive difference and the kids could do more and get to more places. It's important that they have things to keep them busy and help them grow but we can't afford lots of classes and groups or the transport to get there. Kids growing up in rural villages miss out on so much.
- Easier access, help with access to things in shops.
- Need better transport links - maybe free taxis or at least a lot cheaper.
- Free buses in rural areas so we can get into Lanark and buy cheaper food.
- Helping to provide transport to people that can't afford to travel on several buses or trains etc. to get to one single appointment, foodbanks, food vouchers etc. Just being made to go out of the house and speak to a volunteer or forget about your struggles for an hour or whatever can do a world of good.
- The bus needs to be cheaper. It's so expensive like a tenner for 2 people to get from Rigside to Lanark and that's where Lidl is which is cheaper for food.
- We need better transport - no-one can afford food never mind getting to different towns.

## **Employability**

- Targeted employment support for rural areas. Better transport links.

## **Any other comments/experience that you would like to share?**

### **Income**

- Universal Credit has been the worst system possible.
- Universal Credit was very difficult for me to get. It took me 3 months as each time something was missing and it wasn't processed properly.
- I don't know who made up Universal Credit but they obviously never had a clue about what's needed to live.
- £200 a month isn't enough to feed and clothe a child.
- Don't know how anyone with a house is meant to live on £400 per month. I found out that I was in receipt of SDP and shouldn't have been moved over to UC. Total fight which I can't handle.

### **Support Networks**

- Thank god for Healthy Valleys and other places like the foodbank.
- Healthy Valleys saved my life, almost 7 years ago if it wasn't for the staff and volunteers I wouldn't be here. And during all my struggles since, I don't know where my daughter and I would be without the help and everything else Healthy Valleys have done for us both over this last 7 years.
- If it wasn't for Healthy Valleys we wouldn't have the help and skills to cope.
- Healthy Valleys have been very supportive to me in the past, but recently I have not wanted to ask for help from anyone. Maybe calling to see how people are doing although you are really busy just now.
- Help and support is really important to vulnerable people and single parents or guardians. Due to all this going on, things are very stressful without baby groups etc. that have been provided before so other support is vital.
- Great staff but I can't get any more as I don't fit the guidelines.
- Healthy Valleys is amazing and helps so many people in so many ways. The staff and volunteers are amazing.
- If it wasn't for Healthy Valleys I would be in the house myself with no one to talk to and nowhere to go. They have helped so much with bringing the food boxes to my house which has given my children a treat.

### **Public Sector**

- The council have failed the community.

### **General**

- Its crap.
- Some people are genuinely struggling to get by through no fault of their own. Others are there because they choose a specific lifestyle – they're a burden on society.
- The whole thing is a mess.

## Lived Experience Fund 2019-20 – PAMIS Consultation Feedback

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
Cost of living	<p>Community Engagement Team, SLC: Access to free sanitary provision “Period Positive” – new online form for members of the public to request items to be sent to their home. The form allows you to add up to four people from the one household. The form was launched on 8 March 2021 and further work is being done around adding links onto other forms within the council, for example, benefits advice, Council Tax, Care Leavers, etc).</p> <p>Since the form went live, 1,993 requests have been made, benefiting 2,817 individual people. Totalling 3,780 packs (2,573 Single Use, 1,207 Reusable) (as at 12 May 2021).</p> <p>Promoting Free Sanitary Provision to our priority communities by delivering promotional material.</p> <p>Living Wage Campaign Sub Group. Regular meetings take place of this pan Lanarkshire group. In 2021-22 the group will be supporting the Poverty Alliance giving £1,000 to help promote the Living Wage Accreditation Discount Scheme together with other activities.</p>	<p>At the moment with public buildings not being open as normal, people have to make contact to get access to products. Usually these products could be accessed discreetly in toilets in these buildings.</p>	<p>Applications can be made whenever someone requires products to be sent to them.</p> <p>More work is to be undertaken to add locations throughout South Lanarkshire and a digital map to will be added to the website to show all locations.</p>

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
	<p>Funeral Poverty Sub Group Regular group meetings are taking place. In recent months the group have helped promote the new Funeral Support Payment (administered by Social Scotland Scotland), the Respectful Funeral Service programme, and a new South Lanarkshire Council initiative to help provide cheaper funeral services in partnership with local funeral directors. This group will continue to raise awareness of this issue.</p>		
	<p>Health and Social Care Partnership (SLHSCP): NHS Lanarkshire fund the Clydesdale Community Initiative (CCI) to provide supported growing and outdoor activity.</p> <p>SLHSCP fund Healthy n Happy and Healthy Valleys on range of health and wellbeing activities for the communities they serve, including Cam Glen Radio who provides skills development for adults with learning disabilities. New Integrated Care Funding will be allocated in the next few months and may include applicants who provide support to this target group.</p> <p>General activities funded also via Healthy n Happy and Healthy Valleys which include access to cost of living supports.</p>	Funding is non-recurring and the impact of the pandemic.	
	<p>Money Matters Team, SLC: Comprehensive income maximisation and debt/money advice service to all in South Lanarkshire via five locality teams.</p>		Contributions to Scottish and U.K. Governments regarding social and welfare policies.
Participating in community life	<p>Community Engagement Team, SLC: Supporting the delivery of community activities/events.</p> <p>Participatory Budgeting Activity gives people the opportunity to be involved in decision making in their community and also provides local groups with funding opportunities to deliver projects for local people to attend.</p>	All planned events are outdoors at the moment and this might be an issue for some people getting involved.	

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
	Money Matters Team, SLC: Increased ability via greater incomes or reduced debt.		
	Social Work Resources, SLC: Special needs adventure playgrounds		
Access to opportunities	Community Engagement Team, SLC: Using a variety of methods of publicising events and ensuring events the Community Engagement Team are involved in are as accessible as possible.	Engaging with new people at the moment is difficult and the Community Engagement Team are trying to work face to face only when necessary.	
	Health and Social Care Partnership: NHS Lanarkshire fund the Clydesdale Community Initiative (CCI) to provide supported growing and outdoor activity.  SL HSCP fund Healthy n Happy and Healthy Valleys on range of health and wellbeing activities for the communities they serve, including Cam Glen Radio who provides skills development for adults with learning disabilities. New Integrated Care Funding will be allocated in the next few months and may include applicants who provide support to this target group.	Funding is non-recurring and the impact of the pandemic.	
	Money Matters Team, SLC: Comprehensive income maximisation and debt/money advice service to all in South Lanarkshire via five locality teams.		Contributions to Scottish and U.K. Governments regarding social and welfare policies.
	Social Work Resources, SLC: Specialist Services	Profound disability in itself can be the challenge, as access to opportunity is a specialism.	
Digital Exclusion (affordability)	Community Engagement Team, SLC: The Community Engagement Team offer a wide variety of ways to get involved as not everyone can engage in the same way.	Engaging with new people at the moment is difficult and the Community Engagement Team are trying to work face to face only when necessary.	

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
	Fuel Poverty Sub Group and Digital Inclusion Sub Group: Both these groups continue to meet on a regular basis and both are working on their action plans for the year. They both continue to share information and raise awareness of issues. Both will be involved with initiatives involving staff training, money saving ideas, etc.		
	Health and Social Care Partnership: Welfare Advice pathways into Money Matters Advice Service and Citizens Advice Bureau from general practice and from Health Visitors/Midwives.	Funding is non-recurring for the welfare advice pathways.	
	Money Matters Team, SLC: Comprehensive income maximisation and debt/money advice service to all in South Lanarkshire via five locality teams.		Contributions to Scottish and U.K. Governments regarding social and welfare policies.
	Social Work Resources, SLC: Grants have been made available to parent carers, and some have accessed I.T. kit and Broadband. Lanarkshire Carers has also accessed Scottish Government funding, matched by SLC, to support carers, with many parent carers applying to this fund.		
Affordable housing options for people with a disability	Housing and Technical Resources, SLC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Landlord Services;</li> <li>• Delivery of affordable housing supply programme - provision of new accommodation to meet varying needs over time;</li> <li>• Services to prevent and alleviate homelessness;</li> <li>• Strategic Planning to meet housing needs;</li> <li>• Working closely with HSCP - alignment between key housing, homelessness and health and care plans; and</li> <li>• The Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing requirements needs to be considered with care needs assessment and alongside availability of appropriate care resources.</li> <li>• HSCP agreeing needs and approach to service is primary requirement.</li> <li>• Shortages of available housing in identified areas of pressure.</li> </ul>	

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
	Money Matters Team, SLC: Comprehensive income maximisation and debt/money advice service to all in South Lanarkshire via five locality teams.		Contributions to Scottish and U.K. Governments regarding social and welfare policies.
Employability (links to carer support)	Health and Social Care Partnership: NHSL provide Project Search – supported employability placement programme for young adults.	The pandemic has halted the Project Search programme.	
	Money Matters Team, SLC: Via South Lanarkshire Council’s Employability Teams.		
	Rural Employability Projects, SLC: Connect2 Renewables Windfarm Funding is available to all residents who are unemployed/underemployed within the community.  The aim of the fund is to address individual barriers to employment providing a tailored approach. Support training, travel, wage subsidy, college/university bursary, help with childcare, signposting to relevant partner agencies within the council and external to the council.	Reaching the correct people within the community. Lack of local employers. Transport links.	Link in and working with all partners to ensure positive outcomes. Active presence in the community. Attendance at local groups to get to know the community and operating a drop-in service within the local hall every Monday (pre COVID but looking to resume shortly). Leaflet drop in area and posters in local shop/school/ community hall.
	Skills Development Scotland (SDS): Careers Service run by Skills Development Scotland is available to all individuals and can be accessed at a local SDS Centre – Hamilton, Cambuslang, East Kilbride and Lanark. In addition, support can be accessed via a national helpline (0800 917 8000) and via their web-service <a href="http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk">www.myworldofwork.co.uk</a> . Young carers are a priority group for SDS and they pro-actively “target” such individuals to offer support both at school and post school settings.	Identification of young carers can be an issue as SDS can only be pro-active if they know either via the school data system (SEEMIS) or direct contact with one of their Careers Advisers.	
	Social Work Resources, SLC: There are some employment opportunities with carer organisations that have very supportive and flexible policy in recognition of caring roles.	Carers benefits are limited, with hard decisions to be made.	

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
	<p>Caring and employment.</p> <p>Supported Employment Team, SLC: Supported Employment programmes on offer for young adults with learning disabilities/difficulties and or autism, 16-24 years old.</p> <p>DFN Project Search (1 year hospital-based project, with further education partner, students immersed into placements provided by NHS Lanarkshire and ISS Facilities our host employers to gain skills with the target of paid employment as the end result).</p> <p>Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) (1 year project with upfront employability training with progression to paid employment on the basis of an initial wage incentive for first 6 month of employment leading to full employment status).</p> <p>Vocational Development Project (2-year project for gaining employability, vocational skills and qualifications, working with further education partner and a goal of progressing on to paid employment).</p> <p>All of the above have 1 year aftercare support.</p> <p>Clients are supported to apply for a National Entitlement Card to travel independently, the team can rubber stamp this form as a certified centre to allow free bus travel for the duration of the programmes noted above. Also including travel training.</p>	<p>This is a fine balancing act.</p> <p>The more complex our client could be and their family support, the more of a need for social work input and medical support which can become a barrier and challenge itself as outwith the team's remit. There is a greater need for sign posting.</p>	
Benefits/Carers Allowance	<p>Community Engagement Team, SLC: Signposting to CAB/Money Matters when people call through the wellbeing line or if engagement is made through other routes.</p>	<p>Whilst working outside there isn't any privacy for people to talk about sensitive issues and this might stop</p>	

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
		them from opening up about various issues to enable these issues to be signposted.	
	Health and Social Care Partnership: Welfare Advice pathways into Money Matters Advice Service and Citizens Advice Bureau from general practice and from Health Visitors/Midwives.	Funding is non-recurring for the welfare advice pathways.	
	Money Matters Team, SLC: Comprehensive income maximisation and debt/money advice service to all in South Lanarkshire via five locality teams.  A dedicated team of officers to maximise incomes for carer households.		Contributions to Scottish and U.K. Governments regarding social and welfare policies.
	Revenues and Benefits, SLC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SLC residents with rent liabilities and in receipt of Housing Benefit (HB) and/or Council Tax Reduction (CTR) have been contacted to make an application for Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) when affected by the Benefit Cap.</li> <li>• Those in receipt of HB and are affected by the Benefit Cap will see their HB capped and DHP will cover the shortfall in rent.</li> <li>• Those in receipt of Universal Credit (UC) and affected by the Benefit Cap will see their monthly UC payment reduced by the value of the Benefit Cap. The Housing Costs are therefore met in full when a Managed Payment to Landlord is in place and the customer will have less money in their hand even though their rental costs are being made in full. We are paying DHP directly to the customer in this instance to mitigate the impact of the Benefit Cap which is reducing their monthly household income.</li> </ul>	The migration of HB to UC has reduced the level of information available to LA's. When a LA is responsible for administering HB then all information is readily available and we are able to act on it, however with UC if the data share is disallowed (due to not being agreed by the customer) then we do not get the information and the correct benefits are not automatically assessed. The claimant is therefore required to apply as we are unaware of their situation and entitlement.	At the point UC is claimed the customer is asked if they wish to claim CTR if they answer "yes" then DWP will share the information with us. This allows us to assess their entitlement to CTR including discounts and exemptions. This data share is important to allow us to identify customers affected by Benefit Cap, families entitled to Clothing Grants and Free School Meals, DHP and SWF including the mitigation of Size Criteria related charges. If a customer claims UC and confirms "no" they do not wish to claim CTR then we are unaware of entitlement and the crucial data

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have an online calculator tool published on the website which will assess entitlement to many benefits and provides useful links to claim benefits not administered by the Local Authority (LA) i.e. DWP and Scottish Social Security.</li> <li>Automation of Clothing Grant and Free School Meal entitlement for HB and/or CTR recipients. Cash alternative is paid during school holidays.</li> </ul>		<p>share is not available and the reliance is on the customer to apply for all benefits available.</p> <p>We are working closely with other departments and stakeholders e.g. Housing Services and Registered Social Landlords (RSL's) to obtain CTR applications which allows us to activate an interest with DWP on the claimant's account which enables them to share the information with us.</p>
	<p>Social Work Resources, SLC:  Scottish Carers Assistance benefits are in development, as part of the Scottish Social Security delegated benefits.  There is some complexity as not all benefits are delegated.</p>		
Carer Support – Self-Directed Support Budgets	<p>Social Work Resources, SLC:  Lanarkshire Carers, PAMIS, Haven, Rutherglen Community Carers, Take Control, Action for Children are a number of organisations funded to support carers. Self Directed Service budgets and carers access if they have identified support needs still under development. Support packages can vary.</p>		<p>Implications from the independent review of Adult Social Care going forward.</p>
Transport (adapted)	<p>Social Work Resources, SLC:  Mobility schemes and benefits are interconnected and are dependent on how individuals choose to utilise their benefits. Community schemes in place - Larkhall, Blantyre and EK transport schemes.</p>		

## Lived Experience Fund 2019-20 – Healthy Valleys Consultation Feedback

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
Money worries - Income through benefits	Community Engagement Team, SLC: Referrals made to Money Matters and CAB.	Individuals and families being left with no financial support whilst waiting on Universal Credit application turn around – offer of Crisis Grants but has to be paid back once benefits in place, leaving individuals and families in poverty.	
	Health and Social Care Partnership: HSCP provide a financial contribution to Healthy Valleys to fund a number of activities including this and the themes below.  HSCP have a health improvement team working in the area also on these themes.  GPs, Community Link Workers and Health Visitors have access to the welfare advice pathways we fund into Money Matters Advice Service and Citizens Advice Bureau.  General activities funded also via Healthy n Happy and Healthy Valleys which include access to cost of living supports.	Funding is short term.	
	Money Matters Team, SLC: Money Matters presence in the Clydesdale locality via a team of Welfare Rights Officers and Money Advisors who offer comprehensive casework/advice and assistance to maximise incomes from all	There are no particular challenges in delivering the service in a rural setting at present as this is being done remotely.	

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	<p>appropriate sources and/or achieve relief from or forgiveness of debt.</p> <p>Revenues and Benefits, SLC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SLC residents with rent liabilities and in receipt of Housing Benefit (HB) and/or Council Tax Reduction (CTR) have been contacted to make an application for Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) when affected by the Benefit Cap.</li> <li>• Those in receipt of HB and affected by the Benefit Cap will see their HB capped and DHP will cover the shortfall in rent.</li> <li>• Those in receipt of Universal Credit (UC) and affected by the Benefit Cap will see their monthly UC payment reduced by the value of the Benefit Cap. The Housing Costs are therefore met in full when a Managed Payment to Landlord is in place and the customer will have less money in their hand even though their rental costs are being made in full. We are paying DHP directly to the customer in this instance to mitigate the impact of the Benefit Cap which is reducing their monthly household income.</li> <li>• We have an online calculator tool published on the website which will assess entitlement to many benefits and provides useful links to claim benefits not administered by the Local Authorities (LA) i.e. DWP and Scottish Social Security.</li> </ul>	<p>The migration of HB to UC has reduced the level of information available to LA's. When a LA is responsible for administering HB then all information is readily available and we are able to act on it. However, if the customer does not agree to share their data with the LA when applying for UC, then we do not receive the necessary information to automatically assess entitlement to other low income benefits/reductions e.g. Council Tax Reduction. The claimant is therefore required to apply as we are unaware of their situation and entitlement.</p>	<p>At the point UC is claimed, the customer is asked by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) if they wish to claim CTR. If they answer "yes" then DWP will share the information with us. This allows us to assess their entitlement to CTR including discounts and exemptions. This data share is important to allow us to identify customers affected by Benefit Cap, families entitled to Clothing Grants and Free School Meals, Discretionary Housing Payment and Scottish Welfare Fund including the mitigation of Size Criteria related charges. If a customer claims UC and confirms "no" they do not wish to claim CTR then we are unaware of entitlement and the crucial data share is not available and the reliance is on the customer to apply for all benefits available.</p>
	<p>Social Work Resources, SLC: Dedicated Carer Welfare Rights Officers</p>	<p>Issues in rural areas.</p>	
Food concerns	<p>Community Engagement Team, SLC: Referrals made to the Clydesdale Foodbank, also internally if urgent and directing individuals to the Food Larders in operation across Clydesdale.</p>	<p>Rising issue of individuals and families who are having to continually access the Foodbank.</p>	

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
	Supported with food provision deliveries on a weekly basis throughout COVID-19 pandemic – both perishable and non-perishable supplies.	Mobile larder being accessed as a social connection rather than solely focus on a poverty need.  Access to vehicle and funds for this to continue.	
	Food Development Policy Officer, SLC: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community meals service (Social Work) for older people (including one in Lanark to providing service to the Clydesdale area).</li> <li>Local organisations involved in the Local Food network (e.g. Healthy Valleys, Clydesdale food bank).</li> <li>Free school meals for eligible children in schools (free school payments when schools were closed during the pandemic).</li> </ul>		
	Money Matters Team, SLC: Money Matters presence in the Clydesdale locality via a team of Welfare Rights Officers and Money Advisors who offer comprehensive casework/advice and assistance to maximise incomes from all appropriate sources and/or achieve relief from or forgiveness of debt.  Money worries (Income through benefits), income maximisation and debt reduction with associated financial planning are key parts to mitigate loss of or low income.	Reducing pressure on foodbanks by continuing to identify alternative options e.g. via Healthy Valleys.	
	Revenues and Benefits, SLC: Automation of Clothing Grant and Free School Meal entitlement for HB and CTR recipients. Cash alternative is paid during school holidays.	The migration of HB to UC has reduced the level of information available to LA's. When an LA is responsible for	We are working closely with other departments and stakeholders e.g. Housing Services and Registered Social Landlords to obtain CTR

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		administering HB then all information is readily available and we are able to act on it. However, if the customer does not agree to share their data with the LA when applying for UC, then we do not receive the necessary information to automatically assess entitlement to other low income benefits/reductions e.g. Council Tax Reduction. The claimant is therefore required to apply as we are unaware of their situation and entitlement.	applications which allows us to activate an interest with DWP on the claimant's account which enables them to share the information with us.
	Social Work Resources, SLC: Growing initiatives and allotments (Clydesdale Community Initiative)		
Fuel Costs	Community Engagement Team, SLC: Referrals can be made to Home Energy Scotland and also Clydesdale Foodbank.  Access to small grant funding to support fuel costs for operation of mobile larder.	Issues if the person does not have a fuel connection that is able to be topped up and paid through direct debit – also feedback that some energy companies are not supporting the individual to ensure fuel is not disconnected.  Funding to support the continuation of mobile larder.	

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	Revenues and Benefits, SLC: Scottish Welfare Fund (SWF) assist with fuel costs. This is a cash payment as opposed to an energy voucher.		
Transport – Availability/Affordability	Community Engagement Team, SLC: Access to small grant funding to deliver mobile larder in Rigside.	Transport has always been an issue in the Clydesdale area due to remote communities, if in poverty affordability is an issue along with availability.  Continued funding and running costs associated with taking on a vehicle.	
	Money Matters Team, SLC: Money Matters presence in the Clydesdale locality via a team of Welfare Rights Officers and Money Advisors who offer comprehensive casework/advice and assistance to maximise incomes from all appropriate sources and/or achieve relief from or forgiveness of debt.		
	Roads and Transportation Services, SLC: Local Transport Strategy and Clydesdale STAG (Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance) Transport Appraisal.	Public Transport improvements subject to funding from external operators/groups/companies/partners.	
	Social Work Resources, SLC: Train and bus links	Still remote, finance and running a car is not cheap.	
	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT): Supported bus services where demand and need require; and Concession fares on buses (Scottish Govt.) and Rail/Ferry (SCTS)	Ongoing affordability to maintain services and fares schemes.	

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
Employability – lack of local opportunities	<p>Money Matters Team, SLC: Improved links and formal referral process with Employability Services in South Lanarkshire. Provision of in-work checks to ensure sustainability of employment and housing status.</p>		
	<p>Rural Employability Projects, SLC: Connect2 Renewables Windfarm Funding is available to all residents who are unemployed/underemployed within the community.</p> <p>The aim of the fund is to address individual barriers to employment providing a tailored approach. Support training, travel, wage subsidy, college/university bursary, help with childcare, signposting to relevant partner agencies within the council and external to the council.</p>	<p>Reaching the correct people within the community. Lack of local employers. Transport links.</p>	<p>Link in and working with all partners to ensure positive outcomes. Active presence in the community. Attendance at local groups to get to know the community and operating a drop in service within the local hall every Monday (pre COVID but looking to resume shortly). Leaflet drop in area and posters in local shop/school/ community hall.</p>
	<p>Skills Development Scotland (SDS): Careers Service run by Skills Development Scotland is available to all individuals and can be accessed at a local SDS Centre – Hamilton, Cambuslang, East Kilbride and Lanark. In addition, support can be accessed via a national helpline (0800 917 8000) and via the web-service <a href="http://www.myworldofwork.co.uk">www.myworldofwork.co.uk</a>. Young carers are a priority group for SDS and they pro-actively “target” such individuals to offer support both at school and post school settings.</p> <p>SDS procures employability programmes and Modern Apprenticeships and encourage providers to deliver in rural areas.</p>	<p>There can be infrastructure issues for training providers – it may not be cost effective to have premises in small rural areas so there can be an expectation of participants travelling to the provision.</p> <p>The availability of Modern Apprenticeship (MA) opportunities is demand led i.e. you need to have an employer in the area that is prepared to invest in an MA as they are all employed status.</p>	<p>During the COVID lockdown, many providers continued to deliver a programme and many will be going through a “lessons learned” process. Continuation of remote delivery would benefit those living in rural areas.</p>
	Supported Employment Team, SLC:		

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
	<p>Supported Employment programmes on offer for young adults with learning disabilities/difficulties and or autism, 16-24 years old.</p> <p>DFN Project Search (1 year hospital-based project, with further education partner, students immersed into placements provided by NHS Lanarkshire and ISS Facilities our host employers to gain skills with the target of paid employment as the end result).</p> <p>Young Person's Guarantee (YPG) (1 year project with upfront employability training with progression to paid employment on the basis of an initial wage incentive for first 6 month of employment leading to full employment status).</p> <p>Vocational Development Project (2-year project for gaining employability, vocational skills and qualifications, working with further education partner and a goal of progressing on to paid employment).</p> <p>All of the above have 1 year aftercare support.</p> <p>Clients are supported to apply for a National Entitlement Card to travel independently, the team can rubber stamp this form as a certified centre to allow free bus travel for the duration of the programmes noted above. Also including travel training.</p>	<p>Traveling the distance to Hairmyres Hospital.</p> <p>Employer opportunities, signing up to take clients on placement or on employment basis.</p> <p>Transport links.</p>	
Access to opportunities – activities	<p>Community Engagement Team, SLC: Referrals were made to local response groups and local organisations to support activity.</p> <p>Created network of contacts throughout Clydesdale and linked in with other groups and individuals in</p>	<p>With most local response groups being led and managed by local people who have now had to return to work along with a large number of people not being</p>	

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
	<p>communities providing direct support with requests received via the wellbeing line.</p> <p>Attendance at the Clydesdale Coordination Group meetings by the link worker for the Community Wellbeing Helpline.</p>	<p>able to afford or have the skills/knowledge to connect digitally.</p> <p>Reduced contact with staff and volunteers in local communities for accessing direct support as staff returned to normal duties.</p>	
	<p>Social Work Resources, SLC: Lanarkshire Carers offer a range of activities (online) for carers to access</p>	<p>Need to have the I.T. kit and broadband/WIFI and the costs in order to connect. Issues with rural connectivity.</p>	
Mental Health Impacts	<p>Community Engagement Team, SLC: Referrals made to NHS, Lanarkshire Action for Mental Health (LAMH) and local response groups or national helplines. Strong partnership working formed with positive outcomes.</p>	<p>Issues with lengthy waiting times and limited services.</p>	
	<p>Social Work Resources, SLC:</p>	<p>Carers stress, needing to take care of their own health and wellbeing.</p>	

# Report

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Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>24 June 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Wealth Building</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Seek nominations from Community Planning Partners to join a Community Wealth Building (CWB) Commission for South Lanarkshire.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the establishment of a CWB Commission by the council be noted;
- (2) that the membership and terms of reference of the Commission, set out in 4.5 and 4.6 below, be noted;
- (3) that Partners consider the request for nominations to occupy four places on the Commission; and
- (4) a report on the final CPP membership of the Commission be submitted to the Board in September for noting.

## 3. Background

3.1. Over the last decade or so, the concept of Community Wealth Building (CWB) has been generating considerable interest, as a people-centred approach to local economic development. With widespread recognition that the COVID-19 pandemic has exposed weaknesses in traditional economic models, the ideas within CWB have gained renewed impetus.

3.2. At a national level, CWB has been endorsed as an approach by the Scottish Government, with a range of community-led measures for economic development set out in the Programme for Government published on 1 September 2020.

3.3. In terms of Local Government, COSLA has recently signalled its support for the principle of CWB as a means of delivery of place based, inclusive growth and has stated that it will work to support local authorities interested in taking forward CWB as a model for economic development.

## 4. The council's commitment to Community Wealth Building

4.1. Community Wealth Building is an alternative approach to traditional economic development, which seeks to develop resilient, inclusive local economies, with more local employment and a larger and more diverse business base.

- 4.2. In the aftermath of the initial response to the coronavirus pandemic, South Lanarkshire Council resolved to set out a statement of intent about how it wished to move forward into the period of recovery and renewal. Building on work undertaken at the end of 2020, subject experts from across the council prepared a CWB strategy which looks at how the council can support this approach across the “5 pillars” of Community Wealth Building.
- 4.3. The strategy was developed via an evaluation of the council’s current practice in terms of how it aligns with the principles of CWB; a desktop review of approaches that have been adopted in other council areas; liaison with the Centre for Local Economic Strategies to benefit from best practice and experience gained elsewhere; and subject experts within the council looking at specific CWB objectives in the South Lanarkshire context.
- 4.4. At the CPP Planning for Place Development Session on 11 May 2021, Partners were introduced to the CWB strategy and discussions at that stage indicated interest in the wellbeing approach and aspirations expressed by the council.
- 4.5. As a key step in driving forward the Strategy, the council is in the process of forming a CWB Commission with the following terms of reference:-
- Progress and promote the development of a strategic approach to Community Wealth Building in South Lanarkshire;
  - Support the implementation of the Community Wealth Building Strategy. This will include work to facilitate upskilling and awareness raising, right across the partnership involved in developing this approach. Partners, staff, and communities will all be involved as part of this programme of work;
  - Take a partnership approach, securing the involvement of partners including businesses, Government agencies and local organisations in Community Wealth Building initiatives and promote best practice among stakeholders;
  - Review policy and practice to deliver a more inclusive economy; and
  - Consider a communication and stakeholder engagement plan to develop and include the wider partnerships that will contribute to and support the transformation process.
- 4.6. The Commission will be chaired by the Leader of the Council and will have cross-party political representation. Membership will include the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership, the Chair of the Integration Joint Board, the Chief Executive of South Lanarkshire Council, the Executive Director of Finance and Corporate Resources, and the Director of Health and Social Care.
- 4.7. The Commission is seeking four nominations from Community Planning Partners to join the group. In addition, it is anticipated that there will be community representation through the locality groups currently being developed.
- 4.8. The Commission will meet on a quarterly basis. Decision making will be by consensus similar to this Board and the Safer South Lanarkshire Board.

## **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. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

**8. Other Implications**

8.1. There are no issues in terms of risk 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

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Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>24 June 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Planning Partnership Risk Management – Annual Review of Risk Cards and Risk Register</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ present an update on the Community Planning Risk Register following the annual review.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the Board approve the draft Community Planning Partnership Risks as set out at Section 5 of this report and the draft Control Plan for 2021-22; and
- (2) that progress in the delivery of the 2020-21 Control Plan be noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. A Community Planning Partnership risk register and risk control plan is maintained to formally record, assess and aid management of strategic risks faced by the Partnership.
- 3.2. On 11 September 2019, the Partnership Board approved the process to review the risk register and noted progress with the implementation of actions to mitigate risks. A risk workshop was subsequently held on 5 December 2019 to discuss and review the feedback received and to consider proposed amendments to the risk register.
- 3.3. Earlier in 2019, a separate risk workshop had been held to identify the risks posed by Brexit which could potentially affect the delivery of the Community Plan. The outcome of this workshop was reported to the Partnership Board on 28 February 2019.
- 3.4. At the Partnership Board on 12 February 2020, it was agreed that a report on the monitoring of the risk register and risk control plan be a standard agenda item at the Partnership Board meetings.
- 3.5. The annual review of the Risk Cards and Control Plan was completed by the Community Planning Progress Group with support from South Lanarkshire Council's Risk Management Team on 14 April 2021. This report sets out the draft Risks and Control Plan.

#### 4. Results of the review of the Community Planning Partnership's Risks

4.1. In summary, the risks from last year's review were still deemed to be valid, with the majority of these risks having been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The Board is asked to note that work is still ongoing with the council's Risk Management Team to update the COVID-19 Pandemic Risk card. The updated card will be reported to the Board in September 2021.

4.2. The main changes to the risks are summarised below:-

- Risk descriptions, controls and actions have been updated, as required;
- CPP/2018/003, Failure to meet sustainable development principles and respond collectively to the climate emergency. This card has been further expanded to include a reference to a 'collective response to the climate emergency'. Actions have been developed and are set out in the Risk Control Plan at Appendix 1.
- CPP/2018/006, failure to share data/information between partners to deliver the priority outcomes of the Community Planning Partnership was further expanded to include the sharing of data/information with "Community Organisations". Actions have also been developed to help the partnership get a better understanding of current issues. These are set out in the Risk Control Plan; and
- Actions relating to the structural changes which were delayed as a result of the pandemic and an action that is pending completion of the Community Planning review have been carried forward to the 2021-22 Risk Cards and Risk Control Plan.

#### 5. Risk Register and Risk Control Plan 2021-22

5.1. The revised Community Planning Partnership risks are summarised in the table below:-

Risk Category	Key risk	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Risk Score
<b>1 Very High (15-25)</b>	Partners are required to redirect their resources to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. This may result in less support being available to those who are experiencing disadvantage or poverty. This could also lead to the partnership not being able to deliver outcomes within the Community Plan. Risk Number: CPP/2020/002	25	20
	The UK leaving the EU could adversely impact on partner organisations delivery of the Community Plan and those who depend on the services provided. Risk Number: CPP/2020/001	20	16
<b>2 High (8-12)</b>	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2017-2027. Risk Number: CPP/2018/001	20	9
	Failure to have the appropriate structures in place to deliver the outcomes of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans efficiently and effectively. Risk Number: CPP/2018/008	16	9
	Failure to meet sustainable development principles and respond collectively to the climate emergency.	20	9

Risk Category	Key risk	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Risk Score
	Risk Number: CPP/2018/003		
	Failure to share data/information between partners to deliver the priority outcomes of the Community Planning Partnership. Risk Number: CPP/2018/006	16	8
3 Low/ Medium (1-7)	Ineffective engagement with communities. Risk Number: CPP/2018/002	20	4
	Differing partner priorities. Risk Number: CPP/2018/004	20	4

- 5.2. Following feedback from the Risk Workshop, an updated Risk Control Plan showing the new actions is provided at Appendix 1.
- 5.3. Appendix 2 provides an update on the progress with the delivery of the actions for the 2020-21 Risk Control Plan. The following table provides a summary of their status. Of the 6 actions still to be completed in the plan:-

Status	Summary
<b>Complete</b>	<b>One action</b> that was delayed as a result of COVID-19 is now complete.
<b>On target</b>	<b>Four actions</b> that were delayed as a result of COVID-19 are currently deemed to be on target to deliver within the timescale set. It should be noted that target dates were revised and all four actions have been carried forward into the 2021-22 Risk Control Plan.
<b>Not started</b>	<b>One action</b> relating to the Board having a clearer understanding of resourcing community planning initiatives has not been started and is on hold as a result of the Board's planned work on structures over the next few months. It should be noted that this action has been carried forward into the 2021-22 Risk Control Plan.
<b>Minor slippage</b>	There has been minor slippage for <b>no actions</b> .
<b>Major slippage</b>	There has been major slippage for <b>no actions</b> .

## 6. Monitoring and reporting arrangements

- 6.1. The Community Planning Progress Group will continue to progress actions and monitor and review the Risk Register and Risk Control Plan. The COVID-19 Pandemic and BREXIT Risk cards will be reviewed every six months and all cards will be reviewed annually. It should also be noted that risk scores and rankings may be amended if new information comes to light that allows the position to be re-assessed.
- 6.2. Any changes to the Risk cards will be presented to the Board for approval. Following the annual review of the Risk cards, the Board will also receive an Annual Risk Update Report.
- 6.3. The next planned review of the full CPP Risk Register and Control Plan will take place during April 2022.

## 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. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

## **10. Other Implications**

10.1. Failure to demonstrate that risk is actively considered and managed could adversely affect the delivery of the Community Plan and could affect the reputation of the Community Planning Partnership. The work undertaken to identify and review the Community Planning Partnership's strategic risks and to determine the risk controls and actions necessary enabled the Community Planning Partnership to manage the impact.

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

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

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### Community Planning Partnership – Risk Control Plan (New for 2021-22)

**Status update key:**  Not started  Complete  On target  Minor slippage  Major slippage/Failed to meet target

Key Risk	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2017-2027	A new Community Plan reflecting current community priorities to be developed and approved by June 2022	Community Participation and Engagement Group	30/06/22		
	Develop new Neighbourhood Plans for Fernhill, Whitehill, Eddlewood/Low Waters	Community Engagement Team/Partners	31/03/22		
	Review of CPP Structures	Community Planning Outcomes Leads	31/03/22		Carried forward from the 2020-21 Risk Control Plan
	Review of governance and accountability arrangements	Community Planning Outcomes Leads/Community Planning Team	31/03/22		Carried forward from the 2020-21 Risk Control Plan
Ineffective engagement with communities	Promote the development of Community Led Plans to communities across South Lanarkshire	Community Participation and Engagement Group	31/12/21		
	Review the Community Planning website	Community Planning and Governance Adviser	31/03/22		Carried forward from the 2020-21 Risk Control Plan
Failure to meet sustainable development principles and respond collectively to the climate emergency	Deliver a partnership workshop which considers an integrated approach to the climate emergency and sustainable development. Provide the CPP Board with recommendations for implementing an integrated approach using feedback from the workshop.	Sustainable Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Council	30/09/21		
	Support community-led action on climate change	Community Engagement Team/Sustainable	31/03/22		

Key Risk	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
		Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Council			
Failure to share data/information between partners to deliver the priority outcomes of the Community Planning Partnership	Identify barriers to better understand issues related to sharing data between Partners and Community Organisations and develop and implement improvement actions	VASlan	31/03/22		
	Carry out work to identify the data that Community Organisations have and can share which could be used to inform partnership planning	VASlan	31/12/21		
	Raise awareness with Community Organisations regarding data collection and sharing	VASlan	31/12/21		
Failure to have the appropriate structures in place to deliver the outcomes of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans efficiently and effectively	Establish the new Outcomes Leads model	Community Planning Team/Community Planning Outcomes Leads	30/09/21		
	Implement locality level Community Partnerships in Rutherglen/Cambuslang and the Clydesdale areas by December 2021	Community Engagement Team/Partners	31/12/21		Carried forward from the 2020-21 Risk control Plan and wording revised. The original action was "Establish a structure to align the Board with Neighbourhood Planning activity in priority areas".
Differing partner priorities	Develop a process to ensure that the Board has clearer oversight of the resourcing of community planning initiatives (resource pooling is a requirement of the Community Empowerment Act – extract from SLC BVAR report April 2019)	Community Planning Outcomes Leads	31/03/22		Carried forward from the 2020-21 Risk Control Plan. This action is on hold and pending completion of the review of structures and has therefore been revised to 31/03/22.
The UK leaving the EU could adversely impact on partner	Continue to monitor developments, reviewing information and guidance from the Scottish and UK Governments with the support from the council's	Community Planning Team/council's Risk Management Team	31/03/22		

Key Risk	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
organisations delivery of the Community Plan and those who depend on the services provided	Risk Management Team, taking action as and when required				
Partners are required to redirect their resources to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. This may result in less support being available to those who are experiencing disadvantage or poverty. This could also lead to the partnership not being able to deliver outcomes within the Community Plan.	Economic recovery and renewal plans to be developed and presented to the Community Planning Partnership Board	Pan-Lanarkshire Economic Forum	31/12/21		
	Work with Public Health Scotland to develop a proposal for the Board on actions for recovery and renewal that they will support	Community Planning Team	31/07/21		
	Community led planning work should be further developed to encompass community resilience planning including plans for food security and climate change	Community Participation and Engagement Group/ Sustainable Development Officer/ Policy Development Officer (Food Development), South Lanarkshire Council	31/03/22		
	Consider the digital inequalities highlighted as a result of the pandemic, review their current action plan and identify partnership priorities for implementation	Digital Inclusion Group	31/09/21		
	Develop a partnership volunteering strategy and invest in volunteer training to ensure a good experience for those volunteering with partners	All partners, VASlan lead	31/03/22		
	Increase the number of accredited volunteer organisations and recognise and	All partners, VASlan lead	31/03/22		

Key Risk	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
	support these across the partnership				

Community Planning Partnership – Risk Control Plan (Previous Plan for 2020-21)

Status update key:  Not started  Complete  On target  Minor slippage  Major slippage/Failed to meet target

Key Risk	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2017-2027	Review of CPP Structures	Community Engagement Manager	31/03/22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A revised target date for this action was agreed by the Board in March 2021. All Thematic Groups have responded positively to the structure proposals. A draft Terms of Reference has been developed for consideration by the Board. Phase 1 of the structure review (the interim structure) is currently being implemented. Phase 2 of the structure proposal will follow when the priorities for the new Community Plan have been developed to ensure that the structure is aligned with delivery of the Plan. Development sessions have taken place with local groups in the Cambuslang/Rutherglen and Clydesdale areas in preparation for the development of the Locality Planning structures in these areas. Work to develop the new plan has started and an initial three month consultation period is planned.
	Review of governance and accountability arrangements	Community Engagement Manager	31/03/22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A revised target date for this action was agreed by the Board in March 2021. This work is aligned to the development of the new structures and is progressing with some actions already implemented. The Community Engagement and Participation Group has now been established and nominations have been sought for the Outcomes Leads.
	Establish a structure to align the Board with Neighbourhood Planning activity in priority areas	Community Engagement Manager	31/03/22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	To establish the new locality structures development sessions with Community Organisations in the areas of Clydesdale and Cambuslang and Rutherglen have taken place. There is no proposed change to the implementation date for the first two locality structures however it should be noted that the completion date will be determined by the communities themselves.
	Review Community Planning website	Community Planning and	31/03/22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A revised target date for this action was agreed by the Board in March 2021. A specification and engagement

Key Risk	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
		Governance Adviser			plan has been developed for the website. The final structure for the website aligns to Phase 2 of the structure review however planned changes to the website will continue as directed through the Community Engagement and Participation Group. A Web Testers Focus Group has taken place. The Whitehill Community have tested CONSUL which is a platform for community participation as part of the development of their plan. They also have a dedicated page on the Community Planning Website. Pages have also been added on food growing which links to the council's worried about food page and fuel poverty.
Differing partner priorities	Develop a process to ensure that the Board has clearer oversight of the resourcing of community planning initiatives (resource pooling is a requirement of the Community Empowerment Act – extract from SLC BVAR report April 2019)	Community Engagement Manager	31/03/22		This action is on hold and pending completion of the review of structures and has therefore been revised to 31/03/22.
Failure to have the appropriate structures in place to deliver the outcomes of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans efficiently and effectively	Review membership of CPP Board to ensure that it is inclusive and representative of all partners	Community Engagement Manager	31/03/20		An interim review of the membership of the Board concluded that there would be no changes however this will be kept under review and reconsidered when the new Community Plan is developed.

# Report

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Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>24 June 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Interim Review of the Community Plan 2017-2027 and Update on the New Community Plan</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide the Partnership Board with a draft of the interim Community Plan 2017-2027 and a progress update on the new Community Plan.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the revised interim Community Plan 2017-2027 is approved; and
- (2) that the progress with developing the new Community Plan is noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 introduced a number of requirements in relation to statutory plans for Community Planning. This included the requirement for Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to prepare and publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (known as the Community Plan) which sets out the local outcomes which the CPP will prioritise for improvement.
- 3.2. The first South Lanarkshire Community Plan was developed and approved by the Board in 2017 and performance is reported annually.
- 3.3. Following recommendations from South Lanarkshire Council's Best Value Assurance Review in 2019, the Board agreed to re-open the plan for an update on neighbourhood planning activity, the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan and to review the language used.
- 3.4. At the Board meeting on 1 July 2021, it was also agreed to carry out a wider review of the Community Plan to ensure it meets current needs and reflects the aspirations of South Lanarkshire communities.
- 3.5. This report provides the draft interim Community Plan 2017-2027 and an update on the development of the new Community Plan.

#### **4. Community Plan – Interim Review**

- 4.1. The work scheduled by the Progress Group to complete a 'light touch' review of the current Community Plan during 2020 was delayed as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.
- 4.2. During November 2020, a survey was issued to the Progress Group. The survey covered a number of areas of the plan such as language, SMART indicators, presentation style, etc. Of those who responded, 88% said that the correct priority outcomes were in the Plan however 60% stated that the measures and targets in the plan could be better. Improving the measures became the focus of the review. The results from this survey will also be used to inform the writing of the new Community Plan.
- 4.3. The review was carried out with support from South Lanarkshire Council's Improvement Unit who produced guidance on developing SMART measures. Working with the Community Planning Team, they reviewed all actions in the plan using the SMART guidance criteria.
- 4.4. In January 2021, the Improvement Unit team held a Peer Review Session with the Community Planning Progress Group. The group considered the feedback from the review of actions and were asked to consider this and update their sections of the plan accordingly.
- 4.5. As the focus has moved to developing a new Community Plan, no changes were made to the structure (other than the removal of the Thematic Group statistics as set out at 4.6. below) and the priorities and themes have remained the same. Changes have included updating current actions to make them clearer; the deletion of actions that were longer reportable/duplicated/completed. New actions that were added included Neighbourhood Planning, the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan and recovery actions agreed by the Board in September 2020 following reflection of the first wave of the pandemic.
- 4.6. In March 2021, the Board agreed to remove the additional layer of Thematic Partnership Improvement Plans given that three out of the four Thematic Groups already had a second partnership plan. The Board is asked to note that the statistical measures from the four Thematic Plans were included in the Community Plan. These statistics have now been removed from the Interim Community Plan however the Board will receive a final update on performance against these in the 2020-21 Community Plan Progress Group.
- 4.7. The revised draft Interim Community Plan is attached at Appendix 1.

#### **5. Development of the new plan**

- 5.1. Work to begin the full review of the Community Plan commenced in March 2021. This will be aligned to the review of the Council's Plan, Connect and other similar partner activity.
- 5.2. The first stage of this process is engaging with communities and having conversations re what matters to them. This stage is scheduled to be completed by August 2021.
- 5.3. The Participation and Engagement Group and Community Planning Communications Group have been promoting the survey to increase uptake.
- 5.4. A further update will be presented to the Board in September 2021.

## **6. Next steps**

- 6.1. Reports which sets out progress against the Community Plan during 2020-21 and an update on the development of the new Community Plan will be presented to the Board in September 2021.
- 6.2. Once approved the interim Community Plan will be republished on the Community Planning website and will be replaced by the new plan during 2022.

## **7. Employee Implications**

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

## **8. Financial Implications**

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

## **9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

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

**Paul Manning**

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3 June 2021

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# South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership

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## Interim Community Plan 2017-2027

### Vision

*“To improve the quality of life for all in South Lanarkshire by ensuring equal access to opportunities and to services that meet people's needs”.*



## Introduction

All of our Community Planning Partners are working together to make South Lanarkshire a better place to live and work. We work with each other and with communities to provide the best possible services that local people want and need. Further information can be found on the Community Planning Partnership website

[www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org](http://www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org)

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 introduces the requirement for Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to develop a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and any appropriate Locality Plans. These plans provide a means to drive discussions on real change, focusing on targeting services where the need is greatest and moving resources, for example money and employees to where they are needed most.

This plan sets out a common vision for all partners of the Community Planning Partnership and shows how they can work together to achieve that vision which is:-

**“To improve the quality of life for all in South Lanarkshire by ensuring equal access to opportunities and to services that meet people's needs”**

The partners who make up the Community Planning Partnership Board include:-

- NHS Lanarkshire;
- Police Scotland;
- Scottish Enterprise;
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;
- Skills Development Scotland;
- South Lanarkshire Council;
- South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture;
- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport;
- University of the West of Scotland;
- The Health and Social Care Partnership; and
- VASLan (Community and Voluntary Sectors).

Under the CPP Board, there are four Boards which focus making improvements in the areas of community safety, the economy, health and care, and children and young people.

### **Safer South Lanarkshire Board**

The aim of this Board is to protect communities and to help people to live without fear and to go about their lives safe from crime and disorder and free from injury or harm.

### **Economic Growth Strategic Board**

The vision of this Board is for South Lanarkshire to have one of the strongest and inclusive economies in Scotland, where businesses, communities and individuals achieve their full potential and thrive.

### **Health and Social Care Strategic Partnership**

This Board focuses on progressing the integration of health and social care services through an agreed vision - We will work together to improve health and wellbeing in the community, with the community.

### **Getting it Right for South Lanarkshire's Children Board**

The vision for this Board is to ensure that children and young people and their families live in communities where they are safe, nurtured, healthy, achieving, active, responsible and included. They should have access to good quality health, education and leisure services.

### **How We Work**

This plan sets out the work of the Partnership across South Lanarkshire however the partnership also works locally with communities to meet the challenges that they face.

Under the 2015 Community Empowerment Act the Partnership will aim to build on its existing work with communities and develop **Locality Plans** (referred to as Neighbourhood Plans) for the areas of greatest need. Further information on can be found on the Community Planning website – see [Neighbourhood Planning](#).

The Partnership has developed its own **Community Engagement Strategy**, which is based on feedback from our local community and is based on the principles and standards contained in the National Standards for Community Engagement.

The Partnership has developed a **Risk Register** based around the challenges it faces in delivering its vision of improving the quality of life for everyone in South Lanarkshire. This sets out to find the potential issues which can affect how services are delivered, key projects and the priorities shown in this Plan.

We will continue to **monitor delivery** of our action plans and our performance, focusing on outcomes, and our performance against set targets, and in ensuring that our communities and employees can see the difference being made.

### **Tackling Deprivation, Poverty and Inequality**

The Partnership has agreed a single aim to tackle poverty, deprivation and inequalities and sees sustainable inclusive economic growth as being the key to helping reduce deprivation, poverty and inequality in South Lanarkshire.

Research has been undertaken looking at existing Scottish and UK Government approaches to tackling poverty and deprivation as well as relevant reports from campaigning groups, research institutes, other Scottish councils and available statistics on social and economic circumstances in South Lanarkshire.

Based on this, it was agreed that the approaches to reducing poverty and deprivation identified by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation see [www.jrf.org.uk](http://www.jrf.org.uk) for more information provided a framework around which work could be progressed in South Lanarkshire. These are:-

- 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.

Tackling deprivation, inequality and poverty is not a new area of work for the partners in South Lanarkshire. From the start, the Community Planning Partnership in South Lanarkshire has recognised the challenges for people experiencing disadvantage, in particular closing the opportunity gap for those communities that are the most deprived.

The table at Appendix 1 sets out why it is important that the partnership focuses on the actions contained within its plan.

The table at Appendix 2 shows how the partnership's priorities link with the Government's National Outcomes.

## Action Plan - Tackling Poverty, Deprivation and Inequality

This Plan sets out three broad Priority Outcomes to measure progress in terms of Tackling Poverty, Deprivation and Inequality, as follows:

- Reducing child poverty
- Reducing employment deprivation
- Reducing income deprivation

The table below sets out how progress will be measured.

<b>Priority Outcome 1: Reducing child poverty in South Lanarkshire</b>					
<b>We will measure progress towards this priority outcome with reference to the following indicators and targets</b>					
<b>Indicator(s) and Source</b>	<b>Baseline</b>	<b>Latest figures reported</b>	<b>Short Term Target (1 year)</b>	<b>Medium Term Target (3yr)</b>	<b>Long Term Target (10yr)</b>
<p><b>Reduce</b> the proportion of children who live in families with limited resources (after housing costs)</p> <p><b>Source: Scottish Government (experimental data)</b> Note: Children in households experiencing both low income and material deprivation after housing costs.</p>	<p>2014-2016</p> <p>South Lanarkshire – 18.1%</p> <p>Scotland – 20.4%</p> <p>Gap - +2.3%</p>	<p>2014-2016</p> <p>South Lanarkshire – 18.1%</p> <p>Scotland – 20.4%</p>	Maintain below the Scottish Average	Maintain below the Scottish Average	Maintain below the Scottish Average
<p><b>Reduce</b> the proportion of children who live in families that are unable to afford the basic necessities</p> <p><b>Source: Scottish Government (experimental data)</b> Note: A family lives in material deprivation when they cannot afford three or more items from a list of 22 necessities. Experimental data but it will be updated annually.</p>	<p>2014-2017</p> <p>South Lanarkshire – 32.8%</p> <p>Scotland – 33.6%</p> <p>Gap + 0.8%</p>	<p>2014-2017</p> <p>South Lanarkshire – 32.8%</p> <p>Scotland – 33.6%</p>	Reduce the Gap between South Lanarkshire levels and the Scottish average	Maintain below the Scottish Average	Maintain below the Scottish Average

Priority Outcome 2: Reduction in employment deprivation					
We will measure progress towards this priority outcome with reference to the following indicators and targets					
Indicator(s) and Source	Baseline	Latest figures reported	Short Term Target (1 year)	Medium Term Target (3yr)	Long Term Target (10yr)
<p><b>Reduce</b> the proportion of working age residents who are employment deprived across South Lanarkshire and reduce the Gap between the South Lanarkshire rate and the Scottish average</p> <p><b>Source: The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)</b></p>	<p>SIMD 2016</p> <p>South Lanarkshire – 11.9% (23,935)</p> <p>Scotland – 10.8%</p>	<p>SIMD 2016</p> <p>South Lanarkshire – 11.9% (23,935)</p> <p>Scotland – 10.8%</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>SIMD not refreshed until 2019/2020</p>	<p>Seek to deliver 3% fall in numbers of employment deprived</p>	<p>Seek to deliver 9% fall in numbers of employment deprived</p>
<p><b>Reduce</b> the proportion of working age residents who are employment deprived across South Lanarkshire and reduce the Gap between the 20% most deprived communities and South Lanarkshire</p> <p><b>Source: The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)</b></p>	<p>(SIMD 2016)</p> <p>South Lanarkshire – 11.9% (23,935)</p> <p>Scotland – 10.8%</p> <p>20% data zones - 23.6% (9,480)</p> <p>Gap – 11.7%</p>	<p>(SIMD 2016)</p> <p>South Lanarkshire – 11.9% (23,935)</p> <p>Scotland – 10.8%</p> <p>20% data zones - 23.6% (9,480)</p> <p>Gap – 11.7%</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>SIMD not refreshed until 2019/20</p>	<p>Reduce the Gap between South Lanarkshire levels and those levels living in the worst 20% data zones</p>	<p>Reduce the Gap between South Lanarkshire levels and those levels living in the worst 20% data zones</p>

**Priority Outcome 3: Reduction in income deprivation**

**We will measure progress towards this priority outcome with reference to the following indicators and targets**

Indicator(s) and Source	Baseline	Latest figures reported	Short Term Target (1 year)	Medium Term Target (3yr)	Long Term Target (10yr)
<p><b>Reduce</b> the levels of income deprivation and the Gap between the South Lanarkshire rate and the Scottish average</p> <p><b>Source: The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)</b></p>	<p>SIMD 2016</p> <p>South Lanarkshire – 13.2% (41,670)</p> <p>Scotland – 12.3%</p> <p>Gap - 0.9%</p>	<p>SIMD 2016</p> <p>South Lanarkshire – 13.2% (41,670)</p> <p>Scotland – 12.3%</p> <p>Gap - 0.9%</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>SIMD not refreshed until 2019/20</p>	<p>Reduce the Gap between South Lanarkshire levels and the Scottish average to less than 0.5 of a percentage point</p>	<p>Reduce the rate of deprivation in South Lanarkshire to at least the Scottish average</p>
<p><b>Reduce</b> the levels of income deprivation and the Gap between the 20% most deprived communities and South Lanarkshire</p> <p><b>Source: The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)</b></p>	<p>SIMD 2016</p> <p>South Lanarkshire – 13.2% (41,670)</p> <p>20% worst data zones – 27% (16,965)</p> <p>Gap – 13.8%</p>	<p>SIMD 2016</p> <p>South Lanarkshire – 13.2% (41,670)</p> <p>20% worst data zones – 27% (16,965)</p> <p>Gap – 13.8%</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>SIMD not refreshed until 2019/20</p>	<p>Reduce the Gap between South Lanarkshire levels and those living in the worst 20% data zones</p>	<p>Reduce the Gap between South Lanarkshire levels and those living in the worst 20% data zones</p>

The following tables set out the actions for each of the themes that the Partnership plan to deliver.

<b>Inclusive Growth</b>	
<b>Change Required</b>	<b>Actions to achieve change</b>
Increased commitment and efforts to promote fair work and tackle in-work poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Delivery of South Lanarkshire Living Wage/Fair Work campaign</li> <li>• Increase numbers of Living Wage Accredited local employers</li> <li>• Support the Lanarkshire Economic Forum in implementing coordinated partnership actions framed around the themes of People; Place; and Business to aid economic recovery to aid economic recovery</li> </ul>
Increase number of business start ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Numbers of new enterprises/businesses established</li> <li>• Numbers of new enterprises/businesses sustained</li> </ul>
Increase the engagement of low income/unemployed residents in activity to support progress to and within work supporting economic recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of residents progressing into sustainable employment</li> <li>• Number of employees supported to upskill and progress within the workplace addressing in work poverty</li> </ul>
Support a youth guarantee to young people aged 16-24 into work, training, or education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of young people supported</li> <li>• Number of young people supported into work (including Employer Recruitment Incentives)</li> <li>• Number of young people supported into education or training</li> <li>• Number of residents aged 16-24 progressing into Kickstart jobs</li> </ul>
Targeted at communities with high levels of employment and income deprivation and those with significant barriers to work such as substance misuse; disability; poor mental health and criminal convictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of residents with multiple complex barriers supported into work, education or training</li> <li>• Ensure alignment and integration with key services such as health, financial inclusion, justice, etc.</li> </ul>
Improved physical connectivity to learning, jobs and business opportunities	Following the conclusion of capital project tendering activity, prepare and submit Full Business Case documentation to the City Deal Programme Management Office seeking funding approval for education and transport projects at Community Growth Area locations in South Lanarkshire
Supporting unemployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver 300 Kickstart places supporting young people aged 16-24 into new and additional jobs supporting economic recovery by December 2021</li> <li>• Deliver a youth guarantee for 450 young people aged 16-24 progressing them into employment, training, volunteering or education by 31 March 2022</li> <li>• Progress 500 unemployed residents into Fair Work opportunities</li> <li>• Align and integrate employability services with Health, Money Advice, Social Work (Scottish Government led group)</li> </ul>

Supporting unemployment (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) developments for those facing redundancy as a result of COVID-19</li><li>• Support 120 people aged 25 plus into employment training or education</li><li>• Support the No-One Left Behind partnership to target funding and support key employment sectors and client groups who are most disadvantaged</li></ul>
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<b>Financial Inclusion</b>	
<b>Change Required</b>	<b>Actions to achieve change</b>
Maximise uptake of benefits and entitlements for low income households	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with partners to promote the uptake of benefits including those new benefits introduced by Social Security Scotland</li> <li>• Monitor the spend in crisis and community care grants to ensure clients continue to receive financial support when meeting the relevant eligibility criteria and identify actions that could increase the award rate</li> <li>• Monitor the level of benefit awards achieved for clients through the provision of support by Money Matters Advice Service and Citizens Advice to ensure clients continue to receive appropriate financial gain from their engagement with the services</li> <li>• Review and promote the Money Matters/NHS Lanarkshire Telephone Advice Line referral process and service for pregnant women and families with young children, increasing referrals by 5% of the 2020/21 rate by March 2022</li> <li>• Numbers and proportions of families engaged with the Money Matters/NHS Telephone Advice Line</li> </ul>
Improve support for carers with regards to financial wellbeing and ensure systems are in place to identify those carers who require financial support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to monitor the number of new carers and amount of increase in weekly benefits generated by dedicated carer welfare rights officers</li> </ul>
Improve access to food and crisis aid and ensure those accessing aid receive the advice and support required (money/debt; benefits; housing etc) to find more sustainable solutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage a partnership approach with the creation and facilitation of the local food network (third and voluntary sectors and partners) to achieve the change required and facilitate knowledge sharing and peer learning</li> </ul>
An increasing number of people are involved in food growing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote and support sustainable food growing initiatives to increase the provision of high quality food growing schemes</li> </ul>
Promote and encourage savings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase community awareness of local Credit Union activities, with the aim of securing an increase in adult membership and shares/savings balance</li> <li>• Sustain the number of local schools where Credit Unions are active</li> <li>• Sustain the number of young people who are members of the Credit Union</li> </ul>
Improved financial wellbeing of low income families and vulnerable service users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a financial and welfare advice referral pathway by April 2021 from General Medical Practice into Money Matters Advice Service and CABS for use by GPs and Community Link Workers</li> </ul>

<b>Supporting Parental Employment and Childcare</b>	
<b>Change Required</b>	<b>Actions to achieve change</b>
Ensure the delivery of 1140 hours Early Learning Childcare for all eligible children by August 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Learning and Childcare (Education Resources) will implement the delivery of 1140 hours early learning and childcare in line with the revised Scottish Government timetable for 2020-21</li> <li>• Early Learning and Childcare (Education Resources) will deliver 40 Modern Apprenticeships and 10 Foundation Apprenticeships to meet the needs of future service demand in line with the Scottish Government's guidelines for delivering 1140 hours early learning and childcare</li> <li>• Early Learning and Childcare (Education Resources) will engage with partner providers to increase the number of providers to 110 to further support the roll-out of 1140 hours of early learning and childcare and to meet the needs of communities by March 2021</li> </ul>
Increase take up of places for eligible 2 year olds by 5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Learning and Childcare (Education Resources) will continue to work with a range of professionals and services who will have contact with eligible families and will promote free Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) for two year olds</li> </ul>
Support low income parents (in particular women) to progress to and sustain employment in well paid jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support 105 low income employed residents to up-skill and maximise earning potential in line with national priority groups</li> <li>• Support 120 unemployed parents into Fair Work opportunities in line with national priority groups</li> <li>• Increase the income of 50 employed parents within their workplace</li> <li>• Increase employment terms and conditions for all parents, tackle under-employment, increase in hourly pay, increase in hours worked</li> </ul>

<b>Improving Housing</b>	
<b>Change Required</b>	<b>Action to achieve change (including outcome measures and targets)</b>
Improve housing conditions and local housing affordability	<p>Delivery of Local Housing Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Strategic Housing Investment Plan approved and submitted to the Scottish Government in October each year</li> <li>• Build 5,290 new homes by 2022:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 1,000 new council houses by 2021</li> <li>○ A further 500 affordable homes by 2021</li> <li>○ 3,790 new private sector homes by 2022</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Monitor Local Development Plan objectives, and ensure a minimum five year supply of housing land is maintained</li> <li>• Require private house builders to contribute to meeting affordable housing needs across the council area</li> </ul>
Reduce levels of fuel poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver housing investment programmes to increase the number of council and RSL properties that meet the Energy Efficiency Standards for Social Housing 2 (EESSH2)</li> <li>• The percentage of all South Lanarkshire households estimated to be in fuel poverty (Scottish Household Condition Survey)</li> <li>• Work with local partners to promote access to energy saving advice, including grants and loans, and information regarding switching energy suppliers across South Lanarkshire</li> </ul>
Improvements to affordable local housing supply in sustainable locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following the conclusion of capital project tendering activity, prepare and submit Full Business Case documentation to the City Deal Programme Management Office seeking funding approval for education and transport projects at Community Growth Area locations in South Lanarkshire</li> </ul>
Prevent and reduce impact of homelessness (linking to Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expand Housing First across South Lanarkshire</li> <li>• Continue to develop and deliver programme of housing support to prevent homelessness</li> <li>• Develop and implement Housing Options framework for young people</li> <li>• Develop and implement Housing Options framework for people experiencing domestic abuse and young care leavers</li> <li>• Further develop the partnership approach to preventing homelessness for individuals leaving prison</li> <li>• Achieve the annual target of homes directed to homeless households as set out within Local Letting Plans and agreed with HomeFinder partners</li> <li>• Improve tenancy sustainment for homeless households, by ensuring that support and assistance is provided prior to tenancy commencement and throughout the course of the tenancy as required</li> <li>• Increase access and tenancy sustainment within the private rented sector through the commissioned Access and Sustainment Project, monitoring input and outcomes throughout the year to inform future service priorities</li> </ul>

<b>Education, Skills and Development</b>	
<b>Change Required</b>	<b>Actions to achieve change</b>
Life chances of young people in the most deprived communities are improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the percentage of school leavers, from the most deprived data zones, entering a positive destination</li> <li>• Continue to work to close the gap in outcomes for the young people in the most deprived 20% data zones and their peers in the least deprived 20% data zones.</li> <li>• Percentage reduction in the gap of positive destination outcomes for young people in the 20% most deprived data zones and their peers in the least deprived 20% data zones</li> </ul>
Reduce the gap in positive destinations of care experienced people	<p>Work with partners to reduce the gap in positive destinations of care experienced and young people in the most deprived data zones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Multi-Agency Tracking Group will meet on a bi-monthly basis to track the progress of care experienced young people and support transition to positive destinations</li> <li>• Provide annual reports on the progress and needs of care experienced young people and employment outcomes</li> </ul>
Step change in the creation of vocational pathways into STEM and other careers ultimately increasing youth employment opportunities and providing in-work progression routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor and deliver the Developing Young Workforce key performance indicators (KPI) for South Lanarkshire</li> <li>• Introduce and implement the Delivering Young Workforce guidance on employer/school partnerships</li> <li>• Increase the number of vocational development opportunities for school pupils through the GradU8 and Foundation Apprenticeship programmes</li> <li>• Maximise the number of Modern Apprenticeships</li> </ul>

<b>Health Inequalities</b>	
<b>Change Required</b>	<b>Actions to achieve change</b>
Improve health during pregnancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the proportion of pregnant women who smoke referred to the Specialist Stop Smoking Service and Pharmacy from the most deprived areas who uptake cessation support (set a quit date) and stop smoking (at 12 weeks)</li> <li>• 40% of eligible women (BMI of 30 or more) are referred to the Healthy Lifestyle in Pregnancy Service by March 2022</li> <li>• 30% of eligible women referred to the Healthy Lifestyle in Pregnancy Service (opt-in) and who engage with the service by March 2022</li> </ul>
Improve health in early years of life through efforts to increase breast feeding and Child Development	<p>Extension of Family Nurse Partnership and Health Visitor programmes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The percentage of children who have reached their developmental milestones at the time of the 27-30 month Health Review</li> <li>• Reduce the breastfeeding drop off rate between initiation at birth and 6-8 weeks by 10% by 2025</li> <li>• Breastfeeding attrition (drop off) rate between initiation at birth and 6-8 weeks to be less than 39.1% by March 2021</li> </ul>
Reduce the impact of substance misuse on children and young people	<p>Implement fully integrated model of substance misuse services including reducing the impact of parental substance misuse on children and young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Link Project will work to improve access to services for young people with substance misuse problems and report on progress by March 2021</li> <li>• Partners will provide alcohol/drugs education to young people and the staff who work with them and report on progress by March 2021</li> <li>• Partners will develop activity to raise awareness of the “no alcohol no risk” guidance and of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) and report on progress by March 2021</li> <li>• Early Years Multi Agency Support Forums (EYMAF) will put in place a ‘Parents Plan’ tool to improve assessment, planning and support to parents who are using substances and alcohol in pregnancy by June 2021 and audit use by September 2021 to establish a baseline</li> </ul>
Promote good mental health through empowering communities and individuals to improve their own health and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish partnership work programmes on Training and Capacity Building and Challenging Stigma and Discrimination</li> </ul>
Reducing social isolation by empowering communities and individuals to improve their own health and wellbeing	<p>Development of sustainable community based arrangements to reduce social isolation and re-engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By March 2022 increase the available delivery capacity within the Third Sector to expand levels of social contact and activities that re-engage people within their communities</li> </ul>

Change Required	Actions to achieve change
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Over the period of the funded projects 2021-2023, evaluate Integrated Care Funded (ICF) projects to analyse the impact/contribution ICF projects have within their delivery communities</li> </ul>
Implement duties contained in the Carers Act (2016) in South Lanarkshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establish a Carers Partnership Group with regular meetings scheduled and appropriate partner representation</li> <li>Further develop mechanisms to support carer led involvement in the design, development and growth of meaningful carer involvement in shaping services</li> <li>Increase the number and range of personal opportunities for Young Carers including learning and development and education opportunities</li> </ul>
Empowering communities to improve their own health and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relaunch the Building and Celebrating Communities model in the second quarter (April – June) of 2021 through the introduction of an identifiable coordinator to lead on engaging with communities to support and build more proactive, inclusive, and collaborative engagement within local communities, providing support to enable the identification of improvements to localised health and wellbeing</li> <li>Establish 10 newly funded service initiatives to support communities to take responsibility for their own health, care and wellbeing needs in each of the HSCP localities by April 2022</li> <li>By July 2021 identify and engage with key community anchor organisations in all four localities</li> <li>Form a baseline level of community engagement with the Building and Celebrating Communities Model</li> <li>From Quarter 3, 2021 detail the extent of actual Building and Celebrating Communities improvement activities planned or undertaken across South Lanarkshire</li> </ul>
Shifting the focus from reactive interventions to early intervention and prevention programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase the number of referrals from GP's and health care staff from the previous year on all physical activity health interventions by March 2022</li> </ul>

<b>Safeguarding from Risk or Harm</b>	
<b>Change Required</b>	<b>Actions to achieve change</b>
Reduce numbers of direct and indirect victims of domestic abuse. Prevalence in deprived areas nearly double the average. Focus on promoting health and positive relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain a minimum of 10 schools participating in the Mentors in Violence Prevention Programme in order to achieve longer term prevention and reduction of domestic abuse</li> </ul>
Ensure the South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee Business Plan reflects the improvements identified by the National Child Protection Improvement Programme and Systems Review 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee (SLCPC) will continue to implement the recommendations and themes from the National Child Protection Improvement Programme and Systems Review (2017) through alignment with the national delivery of the programme and report progress annually</li> </ul>
Engage with young people of secondary school age, to increase awareness of issues surrounding drug misuse	<p>Education focus using age appropriate messaging targeted at identified school age groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Scotland to engage South Lanarkshire Council's Education Resources with a view to delivering drug awareness inputs in secondary schools across the Neighbourhood Planning areas 2021/2022</li> </ul>

<b>Improving local environment and communities</b>	
<b>Change Required</b>	<b>Action to achieve change (including outcome measures and targets)</b>
Continuous improvement to environmental quality and communities living more sustainably	<p>Review and delivery of relevant strategies and action plans – including the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy, Open Space Strategy and South Lanarkshire’s Biodiversity Strategy - ensuring a strong focus on poverty and inequalities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The next State of the Environment Report outlining the status of the 55 indicators will be produced and reported to the CPP Board in December 2022</li> <li>• Engage with partners to develop the next Sustainable and Climate Change Strategy by March 2022</li> <li>• Development of South Lanarkshire’s Open Space Strategy by March 2023 to support the Planning for Place agenda</li> <li>• Monitor the impact of environmental volunteering</li> <li>• Support community groups to manage local environmental projects</li> <li>• Continued development of health walking opportunities through the Get Walking Lanarkshire Partnership Initiative</li> </ul>
Progress/deliver prioritised access improvements to bus and rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Produce Active Travel Studies for all the major settlements in South Lanarkshire to identify potential new active travel connections/infrastructure (ie number of completed studies)</li> <li>• Complete the Clydesdale STAG (Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance) process to identify potential new travel projects for this rural part of South Lanarkshire (ie completion of STAG) by March 2022</li> <li>• Consider support for innovative and sustainable methods of improving the accessibility of rural public transport services and look to support community-centred approaches</li> </ul>
Increase Digital Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide and promote free digital access and support to enable job search, benefits and other money related services</li> <li>• Improve internet broadband and mobile phone coverage by reviewing current digital infrastructure barriers and opportunities for improvements</li> <li>• Establishment and use of digital community hubs</li> <li>• Increased public Wi-Fi access across community facilities, including libraries</li> <li>• The number of people in South Lanarkshire with access to the internet</li> <li>• Review the current digital inclusion action plan in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and identify partnership priorities for implementation</li> </ul>
Ensure communities are more actively involved in local decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 2 priority communities have developed neighbourhood plans meeting agreed criteria regarding participation levels by April 2021 as identified in the Community Planning Partnership work plan</li> <li>• Community priorities identified through planning processes in non–priority areas are included in Community Planning Partnership planning by April 2021</li> <li>• Training including toolkits are made available to support communities in non-priority areas to undertake the planning process</li> <li>• New community partnerships to engage with neighbourhood representative groups will be co-designed in each locality area by December 2020</li> </ul>
Outcomes in our most deprived areas are improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yearly reports created for neighbourhood planning priority areas which show progress on achievements, priorities and actions by June 2021</li> </ul>

Change Required	Action to achieve change (including outcome measures and targets)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build capacity within communities and support the delivery of priority themes identified through the Neighbourhood Planning process</li> <li>• Undertake a review of the Community Plan to reflect current community priorities</li> </ul>
Continued support and recognition of volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a partnership volunteering strategy and invest in volunteer training to ensure a good experience for those volunteering with partners</li> <li>• Increase the number of accredited volunteer organisations and recognise and support these across the partnership</li> </ul>

Evidence of Need

Theme	Focus of Activity	Evidence of Need
<p><b>Promoting inclusive growth</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Creating more new businesses</li> <li>➤ Improving the survival and growth of existing businesses in ways that generate better pay, job security and opportunities to progress</li> <li>➤ Improving connectivity – both physical and digital – to learning, jobs and business opportunities</li> <li>➤ Equipping residents with the skills and self-confidence to enter and progress through the world of work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business start-ups are rising but the start-up rate has consistently been lower than the Scottish rate – recently around a tenth lower.</li> <li>• Around 3,000 businesses are in growth sectors and the numbers have been growing but over two-fifths of them have no employees.</li> <li>• Just under a fifth of employees – but over three-fifths of those aged 18-24 – were being paid less than the Living Wage.</li> <li>• Business survival rates are generally lower than the Scottish average and have remained rather constant.</li> <li>• 27% of households do not have internet access at home – just over a fifth has superfast broadband. Internet penetration is particularly low in deprived areas.</li> <li>• Road traffic growth recently has been less than in Scotland as a whole – but motorway and trunk road traffic has increased significantly over time and accounts for just under half of all road traffic.</li> <li>• Around 16,000 people are workless – 8% of the adult population – and of them over half are economically inactive but want to work.</li> <li>• A tenth of the adult population have no qualifications and over a quarter have school level qualifications only.</li> <li>• Generally only a quarter of adults have undertaken any learning and only a fifth of those in work have received any work related training.</li> <li>• Just under a third of residents are in elementary or low skilled jobs and over the next 10 years only a net 200 jobs will be generated by job mobility compared to 52,000 through retirements.</li> </ul>

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<b>Developing a family focused financial inclusion strategy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Including maximising benefits</li> <li>➤ Credit unions</li> <li>➤ Money management</li> <li>➤ Living Wage, etc</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research by the Money Advice Service found 46,224 of the over 18 population - 18.3% were over indebted as were 28% of those benefit dependent and 11% of low income families – both above the Scottish averages.</li> <li>• Increasing proportions of households are reporting that they are not coping well - 10% overall but around 17% of benefit dependent households and 28% of social renters.</li> <li>• It is estimated that announced changes to benefits will result in a loss of £137m by 2020-21 – since these estimates were made the forecasts of inflation have increased. Around 45,000 households will be affected by the freeze in working age benefits and 14,600 by changes to Universal Credit.</li> <li>• Around 4,500 under-16s live in households where no working age adult is in work. Nearly two-thirds live in households where all the adults are in work.</li> <li>• In respect of the Living Wage, not the National Living Wage, the latest figures show around 16,000 or 18% of workers were earning less than this.</li> </ul>
<b>Supporting parental employment and childcare initiatives – especially around</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Pre-school childcare</li> <li>➤ Improving parent / carers skills and employability to help them get better paid jobs as well as to stay in work and to progress in work</li> <li>➤ Occupations</li> <li>➤ Aspirations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The uptake within the council of the 27-30 month child health review is now at 93% at 32 months and continuing to evidence improvement. This provides an ideal opportunity for engaging parents and raising awareness of Early Years Childcare entitlements.</li> <li>• Children from more deprived backgrounds are less likely to achieve key developmental literacy and numeracy milestones. For example, 24% of children from the most deprived areas of South Lanarkshire were not reaching all of their developmental milestones at 27-30 months, compared to 12% of children from the least deprived areas.</li> <li>• Currently within South Lanarkshire approximately 8,300 children aged 2-5 years attend Early Learning and Childcare provision across local authority nurseries, partner nurseries and childminders. The population of children aged 0-5 years has remained consistent and in certain years has increased against a backdrop of declining numbers elsewhere.</li> <li>• More registered children in South Lanarkshire have learning disabilities, issues with communicating and emotional, behavioural, etc. issues than in Scotland as a whole.</li> <li>• South Lanarkshire had higher registration rates than the Scottish average for children aged 2 and 3 and those aged under 2 but lower rates for 4 year olds.</li> <li>• Around a fifth of working age residents are economically inactive – 40,700 people. Of them, just under a third were long term sick, with a further fifth being students. A quarter of inactive women had caring responsibilities as did a tenth of men. Just under 13,000 working age people are underemployed - wanting to work extra hours - two-thirds of them with their current employer.</li> </ul>

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<b>Supporting parental employment and childcare initiatives – especially around (continued)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just under a third of those in work are in lower skilled occupations and the forecasts are for declines or slow growth in these occupations, with growth concentrated in management, professional and technical occupations.</li> <li>• Around half of the inactive want to work – the proportion of men wanting to work has been rising but the proportion of women wanting to work has been falling.</li> <li>• Just under 3% of those with a long term health problem want to work - less than three-fifths of the Scottish average.</li> </ul>
<b>Improving quality of housing – suitable, affordable and sustainable homes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Improving fabric of buildings</li> <li>➤ Tackling fuel poverty</li> <li>➤ Tackling housing related debt</li> <li>➤ Reducing numbers of children in temporary accommodation</li> <li>➤ Meeting housing needs, including homelessness</li> <li>➤ Increasing affordable housing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2016, 91% of council homes met the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (the remaining 9% were either exempt or granted an abeyance). Across Registered Social Landlords (such as Housing Associations) compliance is approximately 93% (based on Scottish Social Housing Charter returns).</li> <li>• South Lanarkshire Council has a commitment to build 1,500 new affordable homes over the next 5 years with the potential for all housing providers to deliver up to a further 2,600 new affordable homes.</li> <li>• There are approximately 14,650 people on the waiting list for a council house.</li> <li>• Around 25% of households (36,000) are estimated to be in fuel poverty, compared to the Scottish average of 31%. Fuel poverty is more common in older person households.</li> <li>• On average, over the period 2012-17 around 83%, 1,684 households per year were found to be homeless. Over 5,400 (43%) of council houses were allocated to homeless households.</li> <li>• Around 650 households were in temporary accommodation at any one point and approximately 42% either included children or had access to child(ren) without being the primary carer/guardian.</li> <li>• It is estimated that around 400 children and young people experience homeless temporary accommodation at any one time and each year around 1,000 children are part of households that experience homelessness.</li> <li>• The roll-out of Universal Credit (UC) has contributed to an increase in the number of tenants arrears cases and the amount owed. As at March 2018, approximately 25% of council tenants are in arrears totalling £3.3m, of which just over 3 in 10 are on UC. Arrears built up over the period of a UC claim total more than £0.5m (15% of all arrears). UC claimant cases account for 34% (£1.1m) of all current arrears.</li> </ul>
<b>Supporting education, skills and development for children and young people</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Raising attainment of children</li> <li>➤ Raising attainment of children in care</li> <li>➤ Modern Apprenticeships</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In terms of raising attainment, latest figures (2016-17) show that achievement in South Lanarkshire Council is above the national level in Primary 1, Primary 4, Primary 7 and Secondary 3.</li> </ul>

Theme	Focus of Activity	Evidence of Need
<b>Supporting education, skills and development for children and young people (continued)</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Educational attainment of Care Experienced Children has been improving and compares well against the Scottish average. 60.6% of South Lanarkshire Looked After Pupils obtaining 5 or more awards at level 5 (58.7% Scotland).</li> <li>• Care Experienced Children are less likely to achieve a positive post school destination in comparison with all school leavers in South Lanarkshire. The latest reported figures show that 64.7% of Care Experienced Children achieved a positive destination compared to the South Lanarkshire average of 95.8%.</li> <li>• The number on Modern Apprenticeships has been rising and is close to record levels. The South Lanarkshire attainment rate has been greater than the Scottish rate since 2010-2011; however the attainment of pupils within SIMD 1 compares less favourably than their peers in less deprived data zones.</li> </ul>
<b>Tackling health inequalities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ During pregnancy</li> <li>➤ In the early years of life</li> <li>➤ Substance misuse</li> <li>➤ Mental health</li> <li>➤ Social isolation</li> <li>➤ Carers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Just under a fifth of women smoked during pregnancy and the number misusing drugs whilst pregnant has been increasing. The number of teenage pregnancies has been falling, but not as fast amongst those under 16. More births are to mothers aged over 35.</li> <li>• Life expectancy at birth has been rising but remains below the Scottish average. For both men and women, those from the least deprived areas live just under 9 years longer than those from the most deprived areas.</li> <li>• The proportion exclusively breastfeeding has been falling and is below the Scottish average. Children are more likely here to have development concerns, and the proportion has been increasing over time, with particular issues around speech and communication skills. Children from the most deprived areas were the least likely to be assessed and the most likely to have concerns raised.</li> <li>• There are estimated to be 3,200 problem drug users. Drug related hospital cases have been rising and more of them are emergencies than in Scotland as a whole and half come from the most deprived areas. Overall, alcohol related admissions have been falling but are increasing amongst older people and more involve mental or behavioural disorders.</li> <li>• The number of hospital admissions for mental health issues has been falling, now under 1,000, and the admission rate has always been below the Scottish average. However, the number of prescriptions in South Lanarkshire for drugs to deal with anxiety, depression, etc has now increased for 6 consecutive years and the average daily doses are higher than in Scotland as a whole. The number of prescriptions for under 20s has been increasing – and faster than in Scotland as a whole but the rate remains below the Scottish average.</li> <li>• Over a third of households are single adult households and the numbers are expected to increase significantly, to over two-fifths by 2039. There will be a significant increase</li> </ul>

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<b>Tackling health inequalities (continued)</b>		<p>in men living alone and nearly a third of all single adult households will be accounted for by those aged 75 or over.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nearly 33,000 people provide unpaid care in South Lanarkshire, nearly a fifth were aged 65 or over, and over a quarter provide 50 hours or more of care a week. The latest figures show just under 2,500 young carers in South Lanarkshire, with a quarter of them being under 16. Overall, a tenth provide 50 hours or more of care a week.</li> </ul>
<b>Supporting safeguarding measures</b>	➤ Ability to report risks or harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The number of children on the Child Protection Register is between 150 and 178 over the course of a year. Neglect and emotional abuse are the main reasons for registration, with domestic abuse and alcohol following behind.</li> <li>There were just over 1,100 referrals to the Children’s Hearing System, the referral rate is highest for those aged under 1 but compared to Scotland, it is highest for those aged 4 to 8 and 9 to 17. Around a quarter of referrals were linked to domestic abuse. South Lanarkshire cases were relatively more likely to involve the misuse of drugs and Care Experienced Children.</li> <li>There were 658 referrals made to the Children’s Reporter (0-4yrs - 170, 5-11yrs - 204 and 12-16yrs – 343). More children were referred on the grounds of lack of parental care - 223. Offence related grounds accounted for 144 referrals and 106 were in relation to failing to attend school regularly.</li> <li>Adult Support and Protection referrals have been reducing over the past few years from 2,226 in 2015-16 to 1,974 in 2016-17. To ensure that people who may be at risk of harm are appropriately safeguarded it is essential that the communities of South Lanarkshire, together with statutory and voluntary agencies co-operate to identify people who may be in need of support and protection and share information about risk.</li> <li>Year on year referrals to Social Work Resources are increasing. Referrals to Child and Family Services make up around 10% of all Social Work referrals. In 2015-16 there were 5,171 referrals which increased to 5,556 in 2017-18.</li> <li>The number of children placed with kinship carers is increasing in line with the national trend. There has also been an increase in the demand for foster care placements, compared to a decline nationally.</li> </ul>

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<b>Improving the local environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Quality spaces</li> <li>➤ Affordable public transport</li> <li>➤ Digital infrastructure</li> <li>➤ Safer communities:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Drug misuse;</li> <li>▪ Road safety;</li> <li>▪ Antisocial behaviour;</li> <li>▪ Domestic abuse; and</li> <li>▪ Personal safety at home</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overall, just under 6% rate their local neighbourhood as a Very or Fairly Poor place to live – 12% in the most deprived areas rate their area as Very or Fairly Poor – but over a third said it had improved in recent years.</li> <li>• In 2015 there were 460.8 hectares of recorded Vacant and Derelict Land on 248 sites in South Lanarkshire.</li> <li>• Under three-quarters of households have internet access but only two-thirds had access to fixed broadband – just over a fifth had superfast broadband. Around a quarter of neighbourhoods had no access at all to superfast broadband.</li> <li>• Recorded crime has fallen for 9 consecutive years and the crime rate is the lowest ever recorded.</li> <li>• Drug crimes have been accounting for an increasing proportion of recorded crimes.</li> <li>• The proportions feeling safe walking in their neighbourhood or at home are at their highest ever levels.</li> <li>• Vandalism and drug misuse were significantly greater problems in the most deprived areas than elsewhere.</li> </ul>

### South Lanarkshire Priority Outcomes and the National Outcomes

The following table shows the linkages between the Scottish Government's National Outcomes and the Partnership's objectives/priority outcomes:-

OVERARCHING OBJECTIVE	PRIORITY OUTCOME INDICATORS	NATIONAL OUTCOME
Child poverty	Reduce the proportion of children who live in families with limited resources (after housing costs)	No.9 - We respect, protect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination
Child poverty	Reduce the proportion of children who live in families that are unable to afford the basic necessities	No.1 - We grow up loved, safe and respected so that we realise our full potential
Employment deprivation	Reduce the proportion of working age residents who are employment deprived across South Lanarkshire and reduce the Gap between the South Lanarkshire rate and the Scottish average	No.11 - We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally
Employment deprivation	Reduce the proportion of working age residents who are employment deprived across South Lanarkshire and reduce the Gap between the 20% most deprived communities and South Lanarkshire	No.11 - We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally
Income deprivation	Reduce the levels of income deprivation and the Gap between the South Lanarkshire rate and the Scottish average	No.11 - We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally
Income deprivation	Reduce the levels of income deprivation and the Gap between the 20% most deprived communities and South Lanarkshire	No.11 - We tackle poverty by sharing opportunities, wealth and power more equally

# Report

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Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>24 June 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Outcomes from the CPP Board Development Session - 11 May 2021</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 presentations that were delivered at the CPP Board Development Session held on 11 May 2021 and a note of the initial outcomes that were discussed.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the presentations are noted;
- (2) that the Board review the initial actions discussed at the Development Session which are set out at Section 5.1. of this report regarding how the Planning for Place agenda should proceed and agree actions for moving forwards; and
- (3) that the Board consider the offer of being involved in the next phase of conversations with the Improvement Service/Public Health Scotland with regards to the funded 'Shaping Places for Wellbeing' Programme.

## 3. Background

3.1. At the Partnership Board on 9 September 2020 it was agreed that there should be two pre-arranged development sessions each year and it was agreed that the development session on 11 May 2021 would focus on 'Planning for Place'.

3.2. The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with a summary of the key points from all presentations and for the Board to consider the information which was provided at the Development Session, how this can be taken forward and agree whether to be involved in the next phase of conversations with the Improvement Service/Public Health Scotland with regards to the funded Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme.

## 4. Planning for Place Development Session Presentations Overview

4.1. The Planning for Place Development Session considered recent legislation, policy and new developments around Planning for Place and how these could influence local planning. The key areas of focus for the session included:-

- Community Wealth Building and Economic Recovery;
- 20 Minute Neighbourhoods;
- Community Planning and Spatial Planning; and
- Town Centre Action Planning.

4.2. Presentations were provided by the Place and Wellbeing Partnership Lead, Improvement Service/Public Health Scotland and the Programme Manager, Inequality, Economy and Climate Change, Improvement Service on the national context of Place; Community Planning and Spatial Planning; and Community Wealth Building. Key points included:-

**Place and Wellbeing:-**

- Place is considered under the three characters of Physical (planet); Social (people/communities); and Economic (employment/ investment);
- Update on the Social Renewal Advisory Board report 'If Not Now, When?' to deliver change following the pandemic;
- The intention of the Place principle which is for a more joined-up, collaborative and participative approach to services, land and buildings, across all sectors with a place, enables better outcomes for everyone and increased opportunities for people and communities to shape their own lives;
- The Place principle was adopted approximately four years ago by the Scottish Government/COSLA and further work is required on inequalities, national outcomes and net zero emissions;
- As set out in the Programme for Government, '20 Minute Neighbourhoods' is a term used around the world to meet the daily needs of a 20 minute walk to live better and healthier lives and supporting our net zero ambitions; and
- In Scotland, organisations have come together including COSLA, Public Health Scotland (Directors), Heads of Planning and the Improvement Service to consider the outcomes and themes which sit behind the Place Standard Tool.

**Community Planning and Spatial Planning:-**

- Update on the new Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 and the purpose of Planning which is 'to manage the use of land in the long term public interest';
- The biggest difference for CPP's within the Act is that actual land use has a purpose and planners should take account of LOIPs, Local Place Plans and Evidence Reporting;
- The Act outlines a new set of outcomes including housing needs, improving health and wellbeing, increasing the population of rural areas, improving equality and eliminating discrimination, meeting targets for emission of greenhouse gases and securing the positive effects of biodiversity;
- A Planning Group has been established and are looking at the outcomes of stewardship, movement, space, resources and civic;
- Community Planning and Spatial Planning will work together as there is a wealth of data and evidence to work upon. Data is required to be able to drill down to evidence inequalities; and
- Engagement with communities will be carried out and feedback will inform outcomes.

### **Community Wealth Building:-**

- Community Wealth Building (CWB) considers the product, social and environment benefits and locking these benefits into local areas;
- There are 5 national pillars of CWB – ownership of the economy; local investment, fair employment, procurement and assets;
- Anchor institutions sit at the core of local place;
- Challenges include continued dominance of our current economic model; policy obstacles and the lack of strong drivers to encourage CWB;
- Within Scotland, councils as employers continue fair employment and just labour markets and councils as procurers continue progressive procurement;
- Further opportunities include recruitment and work experience, replacement demand and future workforce planning, better economic development, more strategic collaboration on community benefits, targeting local procurement and data improvements; and
- Asset management is helping to develop the Place agenda thus evolving asset portfolios.

4.3. Presentations which set out what is currently happening in South Lanarkshire in terms of Community Wealth Building (CWB); Economic Recovery/Town Centre Action Planning; and Community and Spatial Planning were provided by South Lanarkshire Council's Improvement Manager, Town Centre Manager and Area Planning Manager respectively.

4.4. The presentations included:-

- The five local pillars of **Community Wealth Building (CWB)** – spending, workforce, land and property, finance and building the generative economy;
  - From the summer 2020, South Lanarkshire Council have been looking at the impact of COVID, the fragility of local supply chains, the impact on communities and the strength and resilience that the communities have shown and the response to needs;
  - The development of a South Lanarkshire CWB strategy although work still needs to be done to take the aspirations of the strategy forward;
  - The council are now looking to engage with communities and partners to realise the ideas within the strategy; and
  - Areas of future demand will need to be identified.
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- **Economic Recovery** focuses on the themes of people, place and business; CWB, economic/community outcomes and a sectoral approach;
  - Update on the Town Centre Action Planning which included the town centre strategies and action plans, pro-active planning, Town Centre First, 20 minute neighbourhoods, CWB, capital projects and progress being made on recovery from the pandemic.
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- **Community Planning and Spatial Planning:-**
  - South Lanarkshire Council's Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) was adopted on 9 April 2021;
  - Preparation of the LDP3 will not commence until 2022; Planning will need significant input from NHS Lanarkshire with preparing the evidence report to set the policy direction for improving health and inequality.
  - The Scottish Government consulted on a National Planning Performance Framework in 2021 with expected approval of this due mid 2022;

- The main themes of the LDP2 are the strategic vision, climate change, housing land supply, employment, town centres and retailing, visitor economy and tourism, green network and greenspace, transport and placemaking;
- Going forward, communities have a greater influence in planning for place;
- The LDP2 has promoted 14 nature reserves, assisted with mental health and wellbeing and is also keen to promote active travel; and
- Further work is required to develop the place making principles.

## **5. Outcomes from the Development Session**

5.1. After discussion, the following actions were suggested by the Board:-

- that the Board considers all the information that was presented and reflects on communities (at this Board meeting);
- that consideration is given to progressing community led plans so that these are in place for every community in South Lanarkshire;
- that partners consider what arrangements they currently have in place with regards to the Community Wealth Building agenda. More information can be found re the next steps in the Community Wealth Building Report;
- that a cross-sector Volunteer Strategy be developed. The Board are asked to note that this action was identified through the initial COVID-19 recovery actions and as such is featured in the Risk Control Plan. VASlan are taking the lead on this work which is estimated to be complete by 31 March 2022; and
- that the Board consider the offer of being involved in the next phase of conversations with the Improvement Service/Public Health Scotland with regards to the funded 'Shaping Places for Wellbeing' Programme. Further information can be provided by Irene Beautyman, Place and Wellbeing Partnership Lead, Improvement Service/Public Health Scotland

## **6. Next Steps**

6.1. The 'Planning for Place' approach will be further developed as directed by the Board.

## **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. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

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

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# Report

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Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>24 June 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Planning Partnership Board Development Session – Proposal for October</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide the Partnership Board with proposed themes for the development session which will take place on 20 October 2021.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the proposed themes are considered and the Board agree which theme the next Development Session should focus on; and
- (2) that the Community Planning Team with assistance from the Progress Group progress the arrangements.

## 3. Background

3.1. At the Partnership Board on 9 September 2020 it was agreed that development sessions for the Board should be scheduled in advance.

3.2. The following Development Session dates for 2021 were approved:-

- Tuesday, 11 May 2021; and
- Wednesday, 20 October 2021.

3.3. The Board is also asked to note that a joint meeting with the North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board will take place on 23 June 2021. This meeting will focus on recovery and addressing harms/inequalities.

3.4. The purpose of this report is for the Board to agree the theme for the session to be held on 20 October 2021. This will allow time for advance arrangements, such as the attendance of guest speakers to be put in place.

## 4. Development Session Proposal

4.1. The development session will be held on Wednesday 20 October 2021 starting at 1pm. Accommodation that adheres to physical distancing requirements has been booked should the public health advice permit in person meetings at this point. It is likely that the model for meetings and development sessions in the future will permanently reflect a blended option to allow members to join remotely.

4.2. The proposed themes for the session are set out as follows:-

- 'Communities of Interest' which will focus on evidence gathered through engagement with targeted community groups involved in the consultation of the new Community Plan and the Lived Experience Fund process. This session would provide the Board with an opportunity to consider feedback from local 'communities of interest' and would complement the May development session which focused on communities of place.
- Sustainable Development and Climate Change. This session would provide the Board with an opportunity to discuss the outcomes from the session being held on 30 June 2021. This session will be hosted in conjunction with the Sustainable Scotland Network, the Improvement Service and North Lanarkshire Council. Further information re the focus of this session is contained in the Sustainable Development and Climate Change Report.

4.3. Further to agreement from the Board, arrangements will be put in place for the Development Session and an update will be provided at the next meeting of the Board on 15 September 2021.

#### **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. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained within 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**

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

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# Report

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Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>24 June 2021</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Sustainable Development and Climate Change</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 partnership working through a climate lens and an update on a presentation given to the Community Planning Progress Group on further embedding climate action and sustainability in community planning.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report is noted; and
- (2) that partners are represented at the workshop on 30 June 2021.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. Following a report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change that by 2030 it will be too late to limit warming to 1.5 degrees, a climate emergency was declared for Scotland in May 2019. Since then, other nations globally have also declared climate emergencies. As well as a climate emergency, we are also in the middle of an ecological emergency. Both are connected and should be tackled together. Climate change has exacerbated the impact of habitat loss and the fragmentation of biodiversity.
- 3.2. In response to the declaration of the climate emergency, the Climate Change (Emissions Reduction Targets) (Scotland) Act 2019, which amends the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, set new targets to reduce Scotland's emissions of all greenhouse gases to net-zero by 2045 at the latest, with interim targets for reductions of at least 56% by 2020, 75% by 2030, 90% by 2040.
- 3.3. While tackling the COVID-19 pandemic may be the greatest immediate threat to us – and quite rightly the priority for right now – the climate and ecological emergencies have not gone away.
- 3.4. The Scottish Government has committed to a 'green recovery' from COVID-19, capturing the opportunities of a just transition to net zero by creating green jobs, developing sustainable skills, and nurturing wellbeing. It recognises climate change as a human rights issue and the transition to net zero as an opportunity to tackle inequalities and sustain future prosperity.

- 3.5. Evidence shows that the poorest and most vulnerable in society are the most affected by the impacts of climate change, having the least resources and resilience to respond. It is recognised that these people are contributing the least to global warming, which is causing our climate to change, yet the most at risk.
- 3.6. The Community Planning structure in South Lanarkshire currently has a sustainability sub-partnership which sits under the Economic Growth Partnership. The Sustainability Partnership has a particular focus on environmental issues across South Lanarkshire including biodiversity, health and greenspace, and outdoor access.
- 3.7. Since the establishment of the Sustainability Partnership in 2007 there has been many changes to the sustainable development and climate change policy landscape nationally and globally, which has included the declaration of a climate emergency, the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (agenda 2030), the commitment that Scotland will be a net-zero economy and society by 2045, and a 'Green Recovery' from COVID. With these changes in mind, sustainable development and climate action needs to be at the heart of Community Planning to engage all sectors of society in collective action. The review of the Community Planning structure and Community Plan is a good opportunity to address this.

#### **4. Co benefits of addressing the climate and ecological emergencies.**

- 4.1. Action on climate change can deliver many local benefits, including lower energy bills, economic regeneration and creation of local jobs, reductions in fuel poverty and improved air quality. Furthermore, increasing resilience to climate change risks can result in avoided costs from flood damage to buildings, infrastructure, and services, enhanced green spaces and improved health.
- 4.2. An example of co benefits from climate action can be seen in Appendix 1. This diagram has been taken from [Ashden's toolkit](#) for cities and regions.
- 4.3. Nature plays a vital role in mitigating climate change: healthy woodlands, peatlands, soils and oceans absorb and store carbon. At the same time, nature can play an important role in helping us to adapt to many of the risks associated with climate change such as from increasing temperatures, flooding and sea-level rise.
- 4.4. Nature is a key asset underpinning the economy, quality of life, and our health and wellbeing. Investment in its care, enjoyment and sustainable use can make an important contribution to the priorities of Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) around people, place and climate change.
- 4.5. An example of the co benefits of nature-based solutions can be seen in Appendix 2. This diagram has been taken from a publication that NatureScot developed for Community Planning Partnerships which provides an overview of many ways in which nature can help us address a range of socio-economic outcomes including inclusive economic growth, addressing climate change, reducing health inequalities, building stronger communities and empowering our young people.

#### **5. The Sustainable Development Goals**

- 5.1. The COVID-19 crisis has exposed stark global inequities, fragilities, and unsustainable practices that pre-date the pandemic and have intensified its impact. In the wake of the pandemic there has been a widespread renewed commitment to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a diagram of the 17 goals can be found at Appendix 3. Further information on each of the goals can be found on the [United Nations](#) website.

- 5.2. The SDGs are a collection of 17 interlinked global goals and 169 targets, designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". There has been a call nationally by various organisations, businesses, and communities for the UK Government to use the SDGs to create a socially just and green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic as they represent an international roadmap to build back better, make trade work for everyone and tackle inequality. Climate change is one of the 17 SDGs,
- 5.3. Using the SDGs as a framework will help to address climate change and climate justice, as well as the other environmental, social, and economic issues. The goals are deeply interconnected, for example, businesses would not thrive in a world of poverty, inequality, unrest, and environmental stress, therefore we cannot look at the SDGs in isolation of each other. The goals can be translated to a local level reflecting the unique geographic, characteristics and issues faced in South Lanarkshire.
- 5.4. The issues that South Lanarkshire face are increasingly complex and exist across geographic and thematic boundaries. Plans, policies, and strategies need to reflect the complex reality of our interconnected world and be developed using a holistic and collaborative approach. Community Planning Partnerships provide the forum to work together and think systematically about how climate action interacts with other key priorities like poverty, inequalities, unemployment, affordable housing, economic growth etc.
- 5.5. There is an opportunity through the CPP structure and community plan review for better integration of climate and environmental outcomes with CPP priorities. The Improvement Service's 'Planning for Place' can also help with aligning these priorities.

## **6. Next Steps**

- 6.1. At the Community Planning Progress Group meeting in March 2021, it was agreed to hold an online workshop with Community Planning Partners to explore the climate emergency and sustainable development as a primary issue in policymaking across the CPP. It will provide an opportunity to raise awareness of sustainable development and climate change and to discuss how to further embed sustainable development and climate change in community planning policy and decision making.
- 6.2. The workshop has been arranged for 30 June 2021 and will be hosted in conjunction with Sustainable Scotland Network, The Improvement Service and North Lanarkshire Council. The workshop will explore and discuss the following:
  - The links between climate change and sustainable development and their relevance to community planning;
  - The UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framework for policy and decision-making across the community planning partnership, and the interconnectedness of the goals;
  - Policy coherence for sustainable development and climate change; and
  - A green recovery and a just transition to a net-zero economy.

6.3. The findings from the workshop will be presented to the Partnership Board with appropriate recommendations to be considered to further mainstream the sustainable development principal and climate action as part of the review of the CPP structure and Community Plan.

6.4. The workshop will also help to shape the development of the next Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy for South Lanarkshire - covering the period 2022-2027 – which is currently being developed.

## **7. Employee Implications**

7.1. Partners are asked to identify relevant officers to attend the workshop.

## **8. Financial Implications**

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

## **9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

## **10. Other Implications**

10.1. There are no issues in terms of risk associated with this report.

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

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

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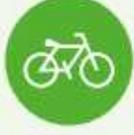
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## Multiple co-benefits from climate action – some examples

	Carbon	Health	Economy	Equity	Resilience
Action					
<b>Insulating homes</b> 	Cuts energy demand and cuts carbon emissions	Reduces fuel poverty as people stay warmer	Creates jobs for local people, and people save money on their energy bills which they may spend locally	Increased access to affordable warmth	Households are better placed to withstand future energy price rises as well as overheating during heatwaves
<b>Car sharing</b> 	Reduced fuel consumption cuts carbon emissions	Reduced NOx improves air quality. Improved wellbeing through social interaction	People save money on their fuel, which they may spend locally. People can make journeys (e.g. to work) that they may not otherwise be able to do. Reduced congestion	Brings people together; can reduce isolation and loneliness	Increased resilience to impact of future fuel price rises
<b>Cycling</b> 	Reduced fuel consumption cuts carbon emissions	Reduced NOx from combustion engines improves air quality. Increased activity increases health	Money saved on petrol. Reduced congestion	Increased connections to local community through cycling initiatives	Resilience to future increase fuel costs



 **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**





# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>24 June 2021</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 a summary of the information that has been circulated to Community Planning Partners.

## 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 a summary of the information circulated to Community Planning Partners and gives partners an opportunity to seek clarification or an update on any matters contained therein.

## 4. Period covered – 4 February 2021 to 26 May 2021

4.1. Appendix 1 provides a summary of the information circulated from 4 February to 26 May 2021.

## 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. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

## 8. Other Implications

8.1. There are no issues in terms of risk 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.

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Register of Information circulated to the Partnership

From 4 February to 26 May 2021

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
04/02/21	Virtual Visits and Hazard Awareness Sessions	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	Details of the Virtual Visits and Hazard Awareness Sessions which are being offered by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service which provides home fire safety advice and tackles loneliness and isolation with the community.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information
10/02/21	Briefing on Independent Review of Adult Social Care	South Lanarkshire Council	Briefing on the Independent Review of Adult Social Care commissioned by the Scottish Government in September 2020 with the principal aim to recommend improvements to Adult Social Care in Scotland.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information
11/02/21	Briefing on Scottish Citizens Assembly Recommendations	South Lanarkshire Council	Briefing on the Scottish Citizen's Assembly task of answering three questions regarding the kind of country we are seeking to build, challenges and further work which produced 60 recommendations across a range of topics.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
01/03/21	Briefing on New Local Shifting the Balance Report	South Lanarkshire Council	Briefing on the New Local (formerly the New Local Government Network) Shifting the Balance Report which details the development of a new community paradigm which aims to achieve a fundamental shift in how public services work through community power.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
04/03/21	Briefing on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation Report on Child Poverty in Scotland	South Lanarkshire Council	Briefing on the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) Report on Child Poverty in Scotland and the potential for the Scottish Government to meet its targets to end child poverty.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information
05/03/21	South Lanarkshire Mobile COVID-19 Testing	Health and Social Care Partnership	Details of the mobile COVID-19 testing units based within South Lanarkshire and how to book appointments.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
17/03/21	COVID Support to Businesses in South Lanarkshire	South Lanarkshire Council	Summary of the COVID support to businesses in South Lanarkshire as at 12 March 2021 including Scottish Government funding, hardship payments and discretionary funds.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
18/03/21	Briefing on A Scotland for the Future Population Programme	South Lanarkshire Council	Briefing on the Scottish Government and COSLA's joint programme on the challenges and opportunities arising from Scotland's changing population.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
18/03/21	Briefing on the Digital Strategy for Scotland 2021	South Lanarkshire Council	Briefing on the Scottish Government and COSLA's refreshed Digital Strategy for Scotland detailing a shared vision which includes a modern, digital government, change the way we work to ensure services meet the needs of the user, deliver economic recovery and ensure everyone in Scotland has the skills, connectivity and devices required to fully participate in our digital nation.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
18/03/21	Joseph Rowntree Foundation Summary on 'Seeking security in an unstable world: low-income families before and during the pandemic	South Lanarkshire Council	Findings provided from studies in the Minimum Income Standards Programme drawing on the experiences of low-income families over five years to identify what helps families to stay afloat and what threatens to pull them under, up to and during the first six months of the pandemic.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
30/03/21	Calm Distress Online Course	Health and Social Care Partnership	New online course from NHS Lanarkshire Psychological Services to assist in understanding emotions and improving wellbeing during COVID-19 and beyond. This is accessible through Lanarkshire Mind Matters – <a href="#">Calm Distress</a> page.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
12/04/21	Central Research Unit Briefings	South Lanarkshire Council	List of briefings created by the Central Research Unit during Quarters 1 and 2, 2021 for information and published on the council's	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
			website.	
13/04/21	Locked Down, Locked Out? Local Partnership Resilience during the COVID-19 Pandemic	Edinburgh Napier University	Research project <a href="#">survey</a> to examine how local partnership work in Scotland has been affected, and adapted to, by the pandemic.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
21/04/21	Tell us your views on future service delivery (South Lanarkshire CPP Survey 2021)	South Lanarkshire Council	<a href="#">Online survey</a> seeking views from South Lanarkshire residents on the future delivery of services which will help shape the Council and Community Plans.	Circulated to the Partnership Board and Community Planning Progress Group for information.
04/05/21	Mental Health Awareness week - Mindfulness and Nature	NHS Lanarkshire	Mental Health Awareness Week – Mindfulness and Nature which is taking place from 10-16 May 2021. This includes a free hour long event on Thursday 13 May 2021 which will show you how to take advantage of the nicer weather and be mindful of the benefits of the outdoors on your mental health.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
10/05/21	Green Health Week	NHS Lanarkshire	Green Health Week, which is supporting <a href="#">Nature Scot</a> , is taking place from 8-16 May 2021. Key messages will be shared as well as partner activity across the week to promote the different activities people of all ages can do to connect to nature.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
11/05/21	Police Scotland's new national division 'Partnerships, Prevention and Community Wellbeing'	Police Scotland	Launch of Police Scotland's new national division 'Partnerships, Prevention and Community Wellbeing'. The division has been created and designed to reflect and reinforce the increasing shift within Police Scotland to adopt a public health, whole system approach to tackling many of the complex issues faced by a significant proportion of people within our communities.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
17/05/21	Positive Action	Scottish Fire and	Details of the <a href="#">SFRS Positive Action Career</a>	Circulated to the Community

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
	Career Information Events	Rescue Service (SFRS)	<a href="#">Information Events</a> which are also reaching out to underrepresented groups about careers in the fire service.	Planning Progress Group for information.
17/05/21	Food Train in North and South Lanarkshire	South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Information on the Food Train organisation which provides helpful services in North and South Lanarkshire in support of older people in the community.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
24/05/21	Enhanced Summer Programme Funding and Information Sessions	Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council	Details of the Enhanced Summer Programme (ESP) Fund and Information Sessions which are taking place within the four council areas. The ESP fund is available for organisations to fund additional activities and opportunities for children, young people and families during the school holiday period. The closing date for applications is 7 June 2021.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
25/05/21	End Child Poverty – council level Child Poverty statistics in 2019-20	South Lanarkshire Council	Briefing on the End Child Poverty council level Child Poverty statistics in 2019-20 providing information on the percentage of children aged 0 to 15 estimated to be living in poverty.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.