

South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership

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

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 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.

Priority Outcome 1: Reducing child poverty in South Lanarkshire					
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>Reduce the proportion of children who live in families with limited resources (after housing costs)</p> <p>Source: Scottish Government (experimental data) 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>Reduce the proportion of children who live in families that are unable to afford the basic necessities</p> <p>Source: Scottish Government (experimental data) 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>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</p> <p>Source: The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)</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>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</p> <p>Source: The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)</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>Reduce the levels of income deprivation and the Gap between the South Lanarkshire rate and the Scottish average</p> <p>Source: The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)</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>Reduce the levels of income deprivation and the Gap between the 20% most deprived communities and South Lanarkshire</p> <p>Source: The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)</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.

Inclusive Growth	
Change Required	Actions to achieve change
Increased commitment and efforts to promote fair work and tackle in-work poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivery of South Lanarkshire Living Wage/Fair Work campaign • Increase numbers of Living Wage Accredited local employers • 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
Increase number of business start ups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers of new enterprises/businesses established • Numbers of new enterprises/businesses sustained
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"> • Number of residents progressing into sustainable employment • Number of employees supported to upskill and progress within the workplace addressing in work poverty
Support a youth guarantee to young people aged 16-24 into work, training, or education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of young people supported • Number of young people supported into work (including Employer Recruitment Incentives) • Number of young people supported into education or training • Number of residents aged 16-24 progressing into Kickstart jobs
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"> • Number of residents with multiple complex barriers supported into work, education or training • Ensure alignment and integration with key services such as health, financial inclusion, justice, etc.
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"> • Deliver 300 Kickstart places supporting young people aged 16-24 into new and additional jobs supporting economic recovery by December 2021 • Deliver a youth guarantee for 450 young people aged 16-24 progressing them into employment, training, volunteering or education by 31 March 2022 • Progress 500 unemployed residents into Fair Work opportunities • Align and integrate employability services with Health, Money Advice, Social Work (Scottish Government led group)

Supporting unemployment (continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Support Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE) developments for those facing redundancy as a result of COVID-19• Support 120 people aged 25 plus into employment training or education• Support the No-One Left Behind partnership to target funding and support key employment sectors and client groups who are most disadvantaged
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Financial Inclusion	
Change Required	Actions to achieve change
Maximise uptake of benefits and entitlements for low income households	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners to promote the uptake of benefits including those new benefits introduced by Social Security Scotland • 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 • 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 • 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 • Numbers and proportions of families engaged with the Money Matters/NHS Telephone Advice Line
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"> • Continue to monitor the number of new carers and amount of increase in weekly benefits generated by dedicated carer welfare rights officers
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"> • 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
An increasing number of people are involved in food growing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and support sustainable food growing initiatives to increase the provision of high quality food growing schemes
Promote and encourage savings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase community awareness of local Credit Union activities, with the aim of securing an increase in adult membership and shares/savings balance • Sustain the number of local schools where Credit Unions are active • Sustain the number of young people who are members of the Credit Union
Improved financial wellbeing of low income families and vulnerable service users	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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

Supporting Parental Employment and Childcare

Change Required	Actions to achieve change
Ensure the delivery of 1140 hours Early Learning Childcare for all eligible children by August 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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 • 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
Increase take up of places for eligible 2 year olds by 5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Support low income parents (in particular women) to progress to and sustain employment in well paid jobs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support 105 low income employed residents to up-skill and maximise earning potential in line with national priority groups • Support 120 unemployed parents into Fair Work opportunities in line with national priority groups • Increase the income of 50 employed parents within their workplace • Increase employment terms and conditions for all parents, tackle under-employment, increase in hourly pay, increase in hours worked

Improving Housing	
Change Required	Action to achieve change (including outcome measures and targets)
Improve housing conditions and local housing affordability	<p>Delivery of Local Housing Strategy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Strategic Housing Investment Plan approved and submitted to the Scottish Government in October each year • Build 5,290 new homes by 2022:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1,000 new council houses by 2021 ○ A further 500 affordable homes by 2021 ○ 3,790 new private sector homes by 2022 • Monitor Local Development Plan objectives, and ensure a minimum five year supply of housing land is maintained • Require private house builders to contribute to meeting affordable housing needs across the council area
Reduce levels of fuel poverty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver housing investment programmes to increase the number of council and RSL properties that meet the Energy Efficiency Standards for Social Housing 2 (ESSH2) • The percentage of all South Lanarkshire households estimated to be in fuel poverty (Scottish Household Condition Survey) • Work with local partners to promote access to energy saving advice, including grants and loans, and information regarding switching energy suppliers across South Lanarkshire
Improvements to affordable local housing supply in sustainable locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
Prevent and reduce impact of homelessness (linking to Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expand Housing First across South Lanarkshire • Continue to develop and deliver programme of housing support to prevent homelessness • Develop and implement Housing Options framework for young people • Develop and implement Housing Options framework for people experiencing domestic abuse and young care leavers • Further develop the partnership approach to preventing homelessness for individuals leaving prison • Achieve the annual target of homes directed to homeless households as set out within Local Letting Plans and agreed with HomeFinder partners • 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 • 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

Education, Skills and Development	
Change Required	Actions to achieve change
Life chances of young people in the most deprived communities are improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the percentage of school leavers, from the most deprived data zones, entering a positive destination • 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
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"> • 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 • Provide annual reports on the progress and needs of care experienced young people and employment outcomes
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"> • Monitor and deliver the Developing Young Workforce key performance indicators (KPI) for South Lanarkshire • Introduce and implement the Delivering Young Workforce guidance on employer/school partnerships • Increase the number of vocational development opportunities for school pupils through the GradU8 and Foundation Apprenticeship programmes • Maximise the number of Modern Apprenticeships

Health Inequalities	
Change Required	Actions to achieve change
Improve health during pregnancy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • 40% of eligible women (BMI of 30 or more) are referred to the Healthy Lifestyle in Pregnancy Service by March 2022 • 30% of eligible women referred to the Healthy Lifestyle in Pregnancy Service (opt-in) and who engage with the service by March 2022
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"> • The percentage of children who have reached their developmental milestones at the time of the 27-30 month Health Review • Reduce the breastfeeding drop off rate between initiation at birth and 6-8 weeks by 10% by 2025 • Breastfeeding attrition (drop off) rate between initiation at birth and 6-8 weeks to be less than 39.1% by March 2021
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"> • The Link Project will work to improve access to services for young people with substance misuse problems and report on progress by March 2021 • Partners will provide alcohol/drugs education to young people and the staff who work with them and report on progress by March 2021 • 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 • 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
Promote good mental health through empowering communities and individuals to improve their own health and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish partnership work programmes on Training and Capacity Building and Challenging Stigma and Discrimination
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"> • 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

Change Required	Actions to achieve change
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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
Implement duties contained in the Carers Act (2016) in South Lanarkshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a Carers Partnership Group with regular meetings scheduled and appropriate partner representation Further develop mechanisms to support carer led involvement in the design, development and growth of meaningful carer involvement in shaping services Increase the number and range of personal opportunities for Young Carers including learning and development and education opportunities
Empowering communities to improve their own health and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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 By July 2021 identify and engage with key community anchor organisations in all four localities Form a baseline level of community engagement with the Building and Celebrating Communities Model From Quarter 3, 2021 detail the extent of actual Building and Celebrating Communities improvement activities planned or undertaken across South Lanarkshire
Shifting the focus from reactive interventions to early intervention and prevention programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Safeguarding from Risk or Harm	
Change Required	Actions to achieve change
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"> • 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
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"> • 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
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"> • 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

Improving local environment and communities	
Change Required	Action to achieve change (including outcome measures and targets)
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"> • 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 • Engage with partners to develop the next Sustainable and Climate Change Strategy by March 2022 • Development of South Lanarkshire’s Open Space Strategy by March 2023 to support the Planning for Place agenda • Monitor the impact of environmental volunteering • Support community groups to manage local environmental projects • Continued development of health walking opportunities through the Get Walking Lanarkshire Partnership Initiative
Progress/deliver prioritised access improvements to bus and rail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) • 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 • Consider support for innovative and sustainable methods of improving the accessibility of rural public transport services and look to support community-centred approaches
Increase Digital Inclusion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide and promote free digital access and support to enable job search, benefits and other money related services • Improve internet broadband and mobile phone coverage by reviewing current digital infrastructure barriers and opportunities for improvements • Establishment and use of digital community hubs • Increased public Wi-Fi access across community facilities, including libraries • The number of people in South Lanarkshire with access to the internet • Review the current digital inclusion action plan in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and identify partnership priorities for implementation
Ensure communities are more actively involved in local decision making	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Community priorities identified through planning processes in non–priority areas are included in Community Planning Partnership planning by April 2021 • Training including toolkits are made available to support communities in non-priority areas to undertake the planning process • New community partnerships to engage with neighbourhood representative groups will be co-designed in each locality area by December 2020
Outcomes in our most deprived areas are improved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearly reports created for neighbourhood planning priority areas which show progress on achievements, priorities and actions by June 2021

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

Evidence of Need

Theme	Focus of Activity	Evidence of Need
<p>Promoting inclusive growth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Creating more new businesses ➤ Improving the survival and growth of existing businesses in ways that generate better pay, job security and opportunities to progress ➤ Improving connectivity – both physical and digital – to learning, jobs and business opportunities ➤ Equipping residents with the skills and self-confidence to enter and progress through the world of work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business start-ups are rising but the start-up rate has consistently been lower than the Scottish rate – recently around a tenth lower. • Around 3,000 businesses are in growth sectors and the numbers have been growing but over two-fifths of them have no employees. • Just under a fifth of employees – but over three-fifths of those aged 18-24 – were being paid less than the Living Wage. • Business survival rates are generally lower than the Scottish average and have remained rather constant. • 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. • 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. • Around 16,000 people are workless – 8% of the adult population – and of them over half are economically inactive but want to work. • A tenth of the adult population have no qualifications and over a quarter have school level qualifications only. • Generally only a quarter of adults have undertaken any learning and only a fifth of those in work have received any work related training. • 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.

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Developing a family focused financial inclusion strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Including maximising benefits ➤ Credit unions ➤ Money management ➤ Living Wage, etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • 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. • 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. • 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.
Supporting parental employment and childcare initiatives – especially around	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pre-school childcare ➤ 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 ➤ Occupations ➤ Aspirations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • 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. • More registered children in South Lanarkshire have learning disabilities, issues with communicating and emotional, behavioural, etc. issues than in Scotland as a whole. • 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. • 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.

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Supporting parental employment and childcare initiatives – especially around (continued)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • Just under 3% of those with a long term health problem want to work - less than three-fifths of the Scottish average.
Improving quality of housing – suitable, affordable and sustainable homes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Improving fabric of buildings ➤ Tackling fuel poverty ➤ Tackling housing related debt ➤ Reducing numbers of children in temporary accommodation ➤ Meeting housing needs, including homelessness ➤ Increasing affordable housing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • 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. • There are approximately 14,650 people on the waiting list for a council house. • 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. • 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. • 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. • 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. • 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.
Supporting education, skills and development for children and young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Raising attainment of children ➤ Raising attainment of children in care ➤ Modern Apprenticeships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.

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Supporting education, skills and development for children and young people (continued)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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). • 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%. • 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.
Tackling health inequalities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ During pregnancy ➤ In the early years of life ➤ Substance misuse ➤ Mental health ➤ Social isolation ➤ Carers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • 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. • 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. • 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. • 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. • 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

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Tackling health inequalities (continued)		<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"> 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.
Supporting safeguarding measures	➤ Ability to report risks or harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. 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. 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. 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. 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. 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.

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Improving the local environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Quality spaces ➤ Affordable public transport ➤ Digital infrastructure ➤ Safer communities:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drug misuse; ▪ Road safety; ▪ Antisocial behaviour; ▪ Domestic abuse; and ▪ Personal safety at home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. • In 2015 there were 460.8 hectares of recorded Vacant and Derelict Land on 248 sites in South Lanarkshire. • 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. • Recorded crime has fallen for 9 consecutive years and the crime rate is the lowest ever recorded. • Drug crimes have been accounting for an increasing proportion of recorded crimes. • The proportions feeling safe walking in their neighbourhood or at home are at their highest ever levels. • Vandalism and drug misuse were significantly greater problems in the most deprived areas than elsewhere.

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
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