

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	2 December 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Enabling Youth Voice
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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 steps being taken to further engage with young people, across South Lanarkshire, to empower and enable them to better use their voice and to help inform and influence the democratic process.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the steps being taken to further engage with young people to empower and enable them to have their 'voice' and to use this to help inform and influence the democratic process, be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. South Lanarkshire has a long, positive and proven history of engagement and youth voice representation which has continually changed and evolved to meet the needs and aspirations of young people, directing a Youth Strategy and a yearly action plan. This includes the development of the long standing, Youth Partnership (Corporate Connections Board) chaired by an elected member with a responsibility for representing young people and a membership that includes most importantly young people, Council and partners organisations and representatives of different political parties. The Youth Strategy being used as the framework of governance and the Board being empowered to engage with and empower 'youth voice'.
- 3.2. Appendix 1 provides examples of provision resulting from dialogue with young people and actions taken, and national recognition received.
- 3.3. This report provides an overview of the opportunity to increase and widen engagement and strengthen the voice of all young people, further strengthening and promoting youth voice and the involvement of young people in the democratic process across South Lanarkshire, using digital engagement.

- 3.4. On 1 July 2021, a report was presented to the Corporate Connections Board (Youth Partnership) where the recommendations were agreed and approval was given to progress the proposals to further enhance and enable the voice of young people in South Lanarkshire.
- 3.5. A report was then presented to the Education Resources Committee, South Lanarkshire Council on 31 August 2021, where full support was given to progress to appoint 6 Modern Apprentices (see point 5 below) to support engagement developments.

4. Digital Democracy Proposal

4.1. A range of focus groups to consult with young people on youth voice have been held and an outcome arising is the adoption of a Participation Tool that would be visually appealing, sleek, accessible and easy to navigate. This will provide a platform to engage and to consult digitally with young people on a range of issues such as activities on offer, safety in areas, spending of funding, service satisfaction, youth rights, Council projects and developments, etc. This participation tool will support large scale participation from young people and expand the opportunity to encourage and enable more young people to take part in the democratic process and influence change.

4.2. In this ever-changing world, the youth work sector continues to adapt to the times and remains progressive and forward thinking. However, it is important to note that digital democracy is not the only solution to participatory practice and will require continued face-to-face youth work to strengthen engagement and impact on decisions made. It is acknowledged that additional supports will also be required by harder to reach groups or young people who may face additional barriers to participation.

4.3. Rationale

4.3.1. During the initial pandemic lockdown, the Youth, Family and Community Learning Service (YFCL) increased engagement through the use of digital technologies, to stay in contact with young people and ensure continuity of dialogue and service provision. This resulted in a realisation that the immediacy and flexibility of digital technology (TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, etc) could be used more effectively to inform and elicit responses in real time.

4.3.2. In the early stages of national lockdown, many individuals who had never accessed YFCL services before initiated contact with us through digital media, whether it was seeking support or to engage with the activities we had available online. This also supplemented the ongoing engagement YFCL services had with young people already and the opportunity to reach out and engage with others.

4.3.3. By expanding the delivery model of the youth participation network to the digital sphere, more diverse range of participants can be engaged and have the opportunity to influence decisions which impact upon them and their communities, in line with YFCL's vision of "supporting a more engaged and equal society", giving communities 'choices and voices', the agreed vision for Community Planning in South Lanarkshire to 'improve the quality of life for all in South Lanarkshire by ensuring equal access to opportunities and services that meet people's needs' and assisting the Council in preparations toward duties expected under the UN Convention in the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill such as Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Risk Assessments, currently laid before the Scottish Parliament.

4.3.4. The new digital tool will allow for the collation of information from one source rather than from across up to 60 current social media sources such as 9 different Universal Connections social media accounts, as well as accounts for various other projects (DofE, Holiday Club, Grass Routes, Flourish, KEAR, Youth Council) within the service on Instagram, Facebook, TikTok and Twitter. This is just within YFCL and does not include partner agencies, voluntary sector or other council resources.

4.4. A new development within Young Scot presents a viable solution to the development of digital tool ('app') for use at local level. The potential for linkage to South Lanarkshire's own Digital Service developments continues to be explored.

5. Modern Apprentices

5.1. Through discussions with the focus groups, the consensus was overwhelming that this should be 'young people led' and as a result, the proposal to the Education Resources Committee was to train and employ up to 6 people, to take this process forward, under the umbrella of Youth, Family and Community Learning Services and to enable a Modern Apprenticeship (MA) in Youth Work.

5.2. 6 people were successful and will be mentored through YFLC to develop the skills and attributes they require to enable them to communicate effectively with young people in a full range of settings. As mentors they will be in a position to engage positively with other young people and elicit response from them on the things that truly matter in their lives, thus enabling more young people to really make a difference.

5.3. Most young people live in a 24-hour, digital world and it is imperative that information sharing and consultation with them happens at the optimum times when they are most engaged with technology. As mentors, the Modern Apprentices will engage with young people through digital technology as well as a range of other engagement mediums.

5.4. Modern Apprentices will work in a locality area as well as working together as a whole team as appropriate. The team will be hosted by YFCL.

5.5. The Modern Apprentices will be supported through YFCL to become skilled in all aspects of Youth Work including group work, safeguarding, detached and outreach, and reflective practice, as well as developing skills in areas such as sport, arts, drama, music and IT. This will assist in widening the scope of their communication and engagement with young people of differing backgrounds, interest and communication levels. Detached youth work will be used to increase their visibility and availability in communities, to create dialogue through youth work approaches, and to embed them within the life of the community. Modern Apprentices will be able to move from community to community, to work with other young people in those communities to develop their skills and confidence.

5.6. The Modern Apprentices will be in a position to take a lead in supporting Community Planning consultation processes, facilitating conversation, in whatever medium meets the need including street work, digital and group work. In some cases, a young person may not have strong communication skills but in terms of digital communication, they may be second to none.

The Modern Apprentices will be supported to become adaptable, flexible, resilient, creative and peripatetic. They will be in a prime position to engage young people wherever they are and advocate for young people on their unique view of world and hold services to account.

Effective links will be further developed with wider partnership engagement groups to ensure joined up practice is embedded.

- 5.7. The apprenticeship is set at Level 2 (SCQF level 5), which YFCL previously delivered through a vocational traineeship programme that helped unemployed, vulnerable young people aged 16-24 into employment. The Modern Apprentices will become associate members of the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Standards Council for Scotland and the long-term goal will be that they can move on to achieve and sustain a career in local government.

6. Informing Policy and Service Development

- 6.1. As the existing Youth Partnership (Corporate Connections Board) is recognised as a robust platform for young people to raise issues and to hold service providers to account, this partnership is ideally placed to present the views, ideas and aspirations of young people gathered through the use of the app and face-to-face contact. This will serve to direct and influence the development of policy and practice across the Council and partner agencies but will take account of the outcome of the current structural review being undertaken of Community Planning within South Lanarkshire.

- 6.2. A critical component of the participation engagement tool will be the ability give timely feedback alerts such as:-

- Number of respondents, number for and against, etc;
- What people have said;
- What happens next;
- Decisions made;
- Next steps; and
- Infographics.

7. Expected Outcomes

- 7.1. This new model of engagement presents a range of outcomes that complement the CLD Strategic Guidance (2012), CLD Regulations 2013 and the implementation of the National Community Engagement Standards in the context of the Community Empowerment Act 2015. This model will create the lasting legacy that was envisaged after the Year of Young People 2018 had concluded. These outcomes include:-

- Robust participation leading to an increased influence in community, council and partners' decisions;
- Up to 6 people achieving Modern Apprenticeship Level 2 and employment;
- Larger, more diverse audience gained more effectively and efficiently;
- A deeper understanding of local patterns of need and interaction;
- More robust rationale for tough decisions made if individuals consulted on them;
- Improved quality of decision making with faster access to real data;
- Involve individuals in agenda setting stage of decision making;
- Consultation and engagement at more appropriate times more suited to the needs of the young person;

- Better quality of participation experience;
- Active engagement of young people taking pride in their local communities;
- Understanding responsibility and ownership of the impact of decisions made;
- Increased understanding of rights and how to apply them; and
- Increased citizenship and community understanding.

8. Employee Implications

- 8.1. The additional modern apprentices have been recruited in line with South Lanarkshire Council's recruitment procedures.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1. The costs associate with Modern Apprenticeship programme will be met within the Youth, Family and Community Learning Service budget.

10. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

11. Other Implications

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

12. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 12.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or consultation arrangement implications associated with this report.
- 12.2. Consultation and engagement have taken place with young people on the new participation tool and the benefits that are expected to accrue from it and on the proposal to establish up to 6 modern apprenticeships as well as liaison with personnel services.

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Appendix 1

South Lanarkshire has a long established and nationally recognised process of engagement within South Lanarkshire through the South Lanarkshire Youth Council and the Scottish Youth Parliament. Success and recognition has resulted in:

- Universal Connections facilities.
- Skatepark provision.
- Increased provision for young carers - provision in Universal Connections doubled as a result of direct engagement and influence of questions by young carers themselves.
- Rural Youth Summit (Biggar) - 24 service providers engaging with Biggar HS pupils - organised and funded by young people (South Lanarkshire Youth Council (SLYC)).
- Larkhall Youth Housing Forum (Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) members, Housing and Technical, Larkhall Housing Forum and Larkhall Academy).
- Participatory Budgeting and Changing Places monies - Springhall, Whitlawburn and Larkhall youth provision/youth led bids.
- SPT Transport - rebadging and framing of Dial-a-bus service - young person identified issue, took direct action supported by staff.
- SYP Mosquito device at Hamilton Train Station - young person identified issue, took direct action supported by staff.
- SYP elections – paper ballot process with 11% (7,700) of all votes cast in Scotland, cast in South Lanarkshire in the 2019 elections.
- Year of Young People (YOYP) 2018 - events and numbers.
- Money for Life - VIPs (Very Important Penny Savers).
- Care Inspectorate Services for Children and Young People Inspection good practice example recognising outstanding commitment to participation and consultation, stating that South Lanarkshire Youth Council provides a strong and genuine democratic structure – “A well developed and highly effective youth council is a model of its type. Staff are hugely committed to skilling up and supporting members to carry out their roles and responsibilities. The Youth Council has a high profile in civic life. The voices of children and young people meeting at a local level and those coming together around a common cause shape the work of the Youth Council. It is at the heart of developing and delivering the Youth Strategy. The Youth Council is positively influencing a growing number of policy, planning and service developments which impact on the lives of children and young people.” (Services for children and young people in South Lanarkshire, Care Inspectorate, 23 February 2015).
- Education Scotland Community Learning and Development Inspection good practice examples – “South Lanarkshire Youth Council is influential and is regularly consulted on issues affecting communities. Young people are active and enthusiastic contributors to strategic decision making. Their views are valued by senior officers and elected members. Their actions are leading to positive change, for example, through recent work with Scotrail. The work of YOYP Ambassadors is leading to good levels of involvement in YOYP events with over 900 attending the recent launch.” (Inspection of Community Learning and Development in South Lanarkshire, Education Scotland, 23 July 2018). These models offer young people a route in to formalised engagement beyond the expectations of this new process and reflects the differing levels of engagement open to young people.

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Subject:	Community Learning and Development Strategic 3-Year Plan 2021–2024 (draft)
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update of progress made in the review and drafting of the Community Learning and Development (CLD) 3-year plan for 2021–2024 and to seek continued support to achieve the vision of “Improve the quality of life for people in South Lanarkshire by offering vibrant learning and development opportunities that lead to personal development and community empowerment”.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) To support and endorse the overarching ambitions of the CLD 3-year Strategic Plan 2021–2024;
- (2) Note the actions and measures set out to secure improvement in the quality of life for the people of South Lanarkshire;
- (3) Note the revised governance arrangements for annual planning and reporting; and
- (4) Note the continued commitment to communities by South Lanarkshire and its partners through the work of the South Lanarkshire Community Learning and Development Partnership.

3. Background

3.1. All local authorities have a statutory obligation to produce a 3 year CLD plan as set out in The Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013: Guidance for Local Authorities (<https://education.gov.scot/Documents/cld-regulations-la-guidance.pdf>) hereafter referred to as the ‘CLD Regulations’.

3.2. This plan must specify the following:-

- How the education authority will co-ordinate provision with statutory and other providers;
- What action the education authority will take to provide CLD over the 3 years;
- What action other persons will take to provide CLD over this period; and
- Any unmet need.

- 3.3. In taking forward the 3-year CLD plan, the CLD Regulations state that the plan must articulate:-
- Identified target groups and individuals;
 - Have regard for their needs;
 - Identify barriers; and
 - Consultation with people who are representative of the target individuals and groups.
- 3.4. Key to the successful implementation of the 3-year CLD plan (2021–2024) will be aligning identified need with current good practice and the areas for improvement identified through ongoing review and Her Majesty’s Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) inspection processes.
- 3.5. This plan fully puts in place the CLD Partnership’s commitment to the shared vision to “Improve the quality of life for people in South Lanarkshire by offering vibrant learning and development opportunities that lead to personal development and community empowerment” and to meet the challenges ahead.

4. **Stakeholder Consultation Findings and Literature Review of South Lanarkshire and other Local Authority Plans**

- 4.1. The CLD Partnership invited stakeholders (staff, partners, volunteers, and learners) to complete a short survey or participate in a focus group to gauge the key functions of CLD in South Lanarkshire as well as the priorities that were of importance to them and to communities. In total, 158 responses from staff, partners and volunteers and 256 responses from learners were received.
- 4.2. National discussion and debate on the development of the CLD strategic 3-year plan assisted in helping focus on emerging themes experienced across authorities and those specific to South Lanarkshire.

Taking account of this, the themes that were identified for South Lanarkshire through local consultation were:-

- **Progression** – this has now been listed as a priority in the plan.
 - **Mental health** – the feedback was not that it was missing in the list of priorities but that this should be a key priority, particularly in the context of COVID recovery. The plan outlines this but also recognises that although a great deal of resource is put into health and wellbeing, there is a gap in terms of access to professional healthcare and therefore may be an unmet need.
 - **Environmentalism** – Some of the feedback has raised concerns about involving local people, particularly young people, in climate change awareness and action. There is currently ongoing work around the creation of steering groups of young people to support that work, which is led by the Climate Change Committee. The CLD Plan will be adapted to reflect this work.
 - **Access to learning for learners with disabilities** – the list of outcomes was not specific to particular groups but we have ensured that the plan is clear that inclusion is a key principle that all partners will continue to work towards.
- 4.3. A workshop was held with CLD Partnership members to discuss the findings from the survey and focus groups as well as the format, reporting cycle and communication with stakeholders.

From the workshop, the following was agreed:-

- Needs analysis – the Partnership continues to be data rich (Improve, Youth Survey, data hub, local level consultations, SIMD, etc). To assist practitioners, it was agreed to provide a link within the plan to online information sources on South Lanarkshire such as SIMD data, etc. This would ensure that information was always up to date and available when needed.
- The current overarching outcomes (1-6) of the 3-year CLD plan 2018–2021 are still relevant but actions require to be regularly revised at a local level to remain fit for purpose. Partners stressed the importance of linking with emerging priorities and other key overarching ambitions from the South Lanarkshire Partnership.
- Work to improve data gathering and revised governance arrangements was welcomed as a clear route to strengthen co-ordination between strategic, locality and local planning.
- A single page representation of the plan will be created to assist with promoting the plan and informing learners and communities of the CLD Partnerships commitments to them.

5. The Plan – What we are going to do

5.1. The principles that underpin Community Learning and Development practice in South Lanarkshire are:-

- **Self-determination** – the rights of communities and individuals to make their own choices;
- **Empowerment** – recognise and strengthen community voice real, facilitating engagement and change in communities;
- **Inclusion** – all members of the community are equal;
- **Working collaboratively** – effective partnerships at a strategic and local level; and
- **Promotion of lifelong learning** – meeting needs of learners.

5.2. The table below sets out how collectively as a partnership, the needs of learners in communities will be met through strong and effective CLD practice across South Lanarkshire and how impact will be measured.

Priorities	What we will do
Priority 1 Access to learning	Through CLD activity learners will be offered opportunities to learn skills that meet their needs across a range of settings. We will work with learners to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve their life skills • Reduce risk related behaviour • Enhance their parenting skills • Help them to support their child’s learning • Improve their literacy skills • Improve their numeracy skills • Improve their English language skills (ESOL) • Achieve a relevant nationally recognised award or qualification • Receive an award to recognise achievements • Improve their digital skills
Priority 2 Health and wellbeing	We will continue to deliver health and wellbeing programmes, ensuring that vulnerable groups and areas of deprivation are prioritised, particularly in the context of recovery.

Priorities	What we will do
	<p>We will work with learners to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve their confidence and self-esteem • Improve their mental health and wellbeing • Improve their physical health and wellbeing
Priority 3 Progression	<p>We will continue to support learners to progress to other appropriate learning opportunities, ensuring that we meet ongoing needs.</p> <p>We will work with learners to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help them re-engage with education / learning • Improve their employability skills • Help them access volunteering opportunities • Help them access any other appropriate learning programmes or opportunities
Priority 4 Employability	<p>We will continue to deliver programmes to enhance the employability skills of learners.</p> <p>We will work with learners to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve their employability skills • Help them access volunteering opportunities • Support positive destinations when they leave school
Priority 5 Community Influence	<p>We will continue to support groups to be more influential in their community and engaged in participation and democratic processes.</p> <p>We will work with learners and groups to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in consultation activity • Confidently contribute to local or national decision making • Develop skills to identify local needs and priorities • Stimulate ideas to improve services through sharing of learning and experiences (co-production)

5.3. A range of outcomes have been agreed by the CLD partnership that helps CLD staff, volunteers and partners know the difference made to learners' lives, families and communities. The 'what we will do' column above lists the Impact Measures (see Appendix 1) that are appropriate for that priority, and this forms the basis of the data collection system. The number of learners achieving these impacts will be collated on a six-monthly basis across the CLD Partnership, as well as age ranges and demographics etc. The first six months will provide baseline data, in the context of recovery, from which projections and measures that are SMART for the following year of the plan can be developed and agreed.

5.4. As well as the CLD Partnership outcomes, the revised HMIE document '[How good is our community learning and development?](#)' (4th edition) will be used as a primary method of self-evaluation to drive improvement across the partnership.

6. Governance Arrangements

6.1. Governance arrangements for 2021–2024 have been reviewed and agreed by the South Lanarkshire Community Learning and Development Partnership.

The governance of the CLD Partnership will include:-

- At least 4 meetings per year of the strategic CLD Partnership;

- Local Action Planning Groups (LAPGs) to continue across East Kilbride, Clydesdale, Hamilton and Cambuslang / Rutherglen. The membership will include a range of partners from across the CLD sector and local level decision makers, meeting at least 4 times year;
- At least 2 practitioners' groups per year to enable front line staff to network with partners;
- A local plan that takes account of local needs and priorities, identifies gaps in provision and is reviewed and reported on regularly, including interim and end of year reporting, within the South Lanarkshire Partnership reporting process, taking account of the outcome of the current structural review being undertaken of Community Planning within South Lanarkshire.
- A consistent method of measuring the difference that CLD activity makes through reporting on the 'Impact Measures' across the partnership at both strategic and local level; and
- A publication of annual achievements will be produced to celebrate work across the CLD Partnership.

7. Mapping Unmet Need

- 7.1. Despite the scale of CLD activity throughout South Lanarkshire and the resource invested into it, there are some needs within communities that are challenging to meet. A common thread throughout the plan is addressing mental health and wellbeing issues within communities, which has certainly been exacerbated by the COVID pandemic and a great deal of work gets put into this across South Lanarkshire. However, remaining realistic about professional boundaries, there is an acknowledgment that signposting learners to mental health and wellbeing professionals is an ongoing issue due to the level of demand.

ESOL – there is likely to be an emerging need due to the situation in Afghanistan, where it is highly likely that South Lanarkshire will be welcoming new ESOL learners. Consideration will be given to ensure that these learners can access ESOL programmes and get the support the need to adapt to life in Scotland.

Digital access – being connected has been a challenge for some time and only made more challenging recently during the COVID pandemic which added a new dimension to the delivery model of Community Learning and Development in South Lanarkshire. The Connecting Scotland programme sought to address this by providing devices and data to identified households across Scotland, however, there continues to be an unmet need in tackling this digital exclusion and equitable access. The CLD Partnership will continue to explore all ways to reduce the impact and sustain connectivity between communities and learners and explore the development of online shared platforms to ensure access to resources for remote and blended learning, taking account of good practice from across Scotland.

- 7.2. As part of the CLD planning process in South Lanarkshire, CLD partners will regularly monitor and review progress towards meeting unmet CLD need.

8. Workforce Development

- 8.1. The CLD Partnership is committed to promoting a learning culture for CLD staff and volunteers in accordance with the CLD Standards Council's Professional Learning Strategy - '[Growing the Learning Culture](#)'.

The Partnership will:-

- Maintain high quality, relevant access to professional learning and development in response to staff and volunteer needs through membership on CLD West Alliance, West Partnership and CLD Standards Council.
- Promote the sharing of skills and practice through membership of regional and national networks and locality networking groups (LAPG), practitioner events and collaborative training.
- Address identified CLD priority workforce development need in areas including:-
 - UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC);
 - Digital skills to enable delivery of learning to communities;
 - Mental health and wellbeing; and
 - Attachment Theory.
- Upskill CLD staff and volunteers and provide career pathways through delivery of SVQ and Modern Apprenticeship qualifications, supporting further study and maintaining quality control through the CLD Standards Council standards mark.
- Commit to offering practice placements to CLD university students.
- Promote and encourage Standards Council membership to all CLD workforce and volunteers within South Lanarkshire.

9 Employee Implications

9.1 There are no employee implications associated with this report.

10 Financial Implications

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

11. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

12. Other Implications

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

13. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

13.1. This report recommends a change to an existing strategy and, therefore, an impact assessment has been carried out with no negative impacts recorded.

13.2. Consultation continues to be carried out with appropriate stakeholders including learners, communities and partners.

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South Lanarkshire's Community Learning and Development 3-Year Strategic Plan 2021-2024 (Draft)



Section 1. Foreword

As Chair of the Community Learning and Development Partnership, it gives me great pleasure to introduce this third action plan for South Lanarkshire.

Drawing on the recognised good practice in South Lanarkshire, this 3-year plan seeks to work in partnership to deliver on shared priorities and to improve and develop local opportunities that meet the needs of your communities.

We saw, over the life of the last action plan, the impact Community Learning and Development has had in South Lanarkshire. This was acutely evident during the COVID-19 pandemic and the actions practitioners and partners took to keep communities connected, engaged in learning, and in reducing isolation. From the move to online sessions providing ongoing support and learning to the delivery of activity bags to help families support each other in the home, to the partnership delivery of summer activities, the strength of the South Lanarkshire CLD Partnership has shown resilience to rise to meet the most challenging of circumstances that faced South Lanarkshire.

To ensure that the CLD workforce is equipped to impact across the range of priorities, the plan also commits the Partnership to maintaining access to high quality, relevant professional learning and development for volunteers and staff.

This plan fully puts in place the Partnership's commitment to the shared vision to "Improve the quality of life for people in South Lanarkshire by offering vibrant learning and development opportunities that lead to personal development and community empowerment" and to meet the challenges ahead.

We look forward to reporting our progress and sharing the successes as we work together for South Lanarkshire's communities.



Councillor Katy Loudon
Chair of Community Learning and Development Partnership
Chair of Education Committee

Section 2. CLD in South Lanarkshire

South Lanarkshire is home to more than 316,000 people and is one of the largest and most diverse areas in Scotland. The area has a mix of urban, rural, and former mining villages and covers land from close to the centre of Glasgow to near the Scottish Borders. Almost 80% is classified as agricultural but 70% of the population live in major settlements in the northern part of the authority. SIMD statistics in South Lanarkshire (SL) highlight persistent inequalities within a number of communities and tackling disadvantage is an overarching theme throughout our CLD Plan.

Community Learning and Development (CLD) is an educational practice that supports individuals and groups to improve their skills and reach their full potential. CLD in South Lanarkshire is rooted in a commitment to the principles of social justice, empowerment, inclusion, and access to services and opportunities irrespective of life circumstances.

In South Lanarkshire it is delivered by a range of organisations who work together with communities to deliver positive outcomes including statutory, third sector organisations, and further and higher education organisations. Collectively we offer a variety of learning opportunities across a range of settings and focus our work on areas of disadvantage and need. Underpinning this work is a spirit of collective action, partnership, and collaborative practice.

The vision for CLD in South Lanarkshire is to:

‘Improve the quality of life for people in South Lanarkshire by offering vibrant learning and development opportunities that lead to personal development and community empowerment’

CLD in South Lanarkshire is overseen by the strategic CLD Partnership Group that directly links into the Local Action Planning Groups at a local level. Collectively we deliver outcomes through:

- Community development
- Youth work, family learning and other early intervention work with children, young people and families
- Community-based adult learning, including adult literacies and English for speakers of other languages (ESOL)
- Volunteer development
- Learning for vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in the community
- Learning support and guidance in the community

In July 2018, HMIE Inspectors published a report of CLD in South Lanarkshire, which included a strategic and place-based inspection based around the Rutherglen, Springhall, and Whitlawburn areas. Across the four Quality Indicators evaluated (Improvement in performance, Impact on local community, Delivering the learning offer with learners, and Leadership and direction) the partnership achieved ‘Very Goods’ across the board. Key strengths were:

- Work with young people that is improving the learning offer
- Effective targeting and inclusion of people facing additional barriers
- Learners accessing clear progression pathways
- Stakeholders with a positive approach to learning
- Creative and ambitious community and third sector organisations

Areas of improvement identified by HMIE were:

- Strengthen the coordination between strategic, locality and local planning
- Improved use of target setting and shared evaluation to capture wider impacts

Since 2018 we have worked to build on these strengths and address the areas of improvement. Specifically, work has been done around data gathering, and the governance arrangements at both local and strategic level and this plan will bring clarity to these arrangements.

This plan will set out our CLD priorities for the next three years, and how we will analyse our impact. Given the above, the thread underpinning all our priorities is tackling disadvantage and deprivation, particularly given the additional stresses communities have been under in the context of the Covid pandemic. It will be regarded as a 'live' document and will be adapted as emerging needs arise.

Read the full details of the [Inspection of Community Learning and Development in South Lanarkshire Council 2018](#)

Facts and figures

Robust and current data is consistently used at an authority and locality level. This provides a comprehensive overview of the specific needs and challenges faced by individuals and communities.

This intelligence drives decision making in relation to priorities for action, supports engagement with local **communities**, and informs service planning and partnership agreements.



Population income deprived

South Lanarkshire 13.1% Scotland 12.57%

Alcohol related hospital admissions per 100,000

South Lanarkshire 747.15 Scotland 673.27

Working age adults with low or no educational qualifications

South Lanarkshire 13.1% Scotland 12.57%

Despite improvement in positive school leaver destination, the employment rate in the 16-24 age bracket is approximately 30% less when compared to older ranges (for example, in the 35-49 bracket, the employment rate is approximately 85%, ages 16-24 is approximately 55%)

Explore [South Lanarkshire's data and statistics about population, health, crime and the labour market as a whole or for your local area](#)

Section 3. How we consulted on the plan and what it told us

A consultation document was developed through the CLD partnership to get the views of staff, volunteers, and learners engaged in CLD activity. This was primarily done through google forms, but word documents were also produced and 'focus group' templates to enable staff to get the views of a range of groups in learners.

12 priority outcomes agreed by the CLD Partnership were listed on this document and participants were invited to agree / disagree, give comments, and identify if they thought any were missing. In total we had 158 returns from staff and 256 from learners. The results were the following:

Priority outcome	% of staff and volunteers who agree	% of learners who agree
People feel better about themselves and have improved confidence	100%	98.2%
People take less risks and make better choices	92.9%	96.5%
People get involved in physical activity and improve their health and well-being	99.4%	100%
Parents / guardians are involved in programmes to help them support their children	98.7%	98.2%
People get better at reading, writing, and numbers	98.1%	96.7%
People get nationally recognised awards or qualifications for learning they have undertaken	94.2%	98.2%
People who don't speak English as a first language are supported to improve their language skills	98%	92.9%
People improve their employability skills	98.1%	100%
People develop skills to become volunteers in their community	95.5%	96.5%
People improve their digital skills	98.1%	98.2%
Individuals and groups have influence over decision making	98.7%	94.6%
Community groups get effective support to help them flourish	97.4%	96.4%

As the table shows, there was overwhelming agreement with the 12 priority outcomes. There was slight disparity on a couple of the outcomes from staff and volunteer feedback to learner feedback. In the second outcome in relation to 'better choices' some staff were concerned that risk aversion was not always a positive, and calculated risk was a good thing. Interestingly, learners did not share these concerns.

In terms of awards the feedback from staff and volunteers indicates that there is some concern that awards would be a sole focus rather than an outcome relevant to the need of participants. Again, learners did not share those concerns.

In terms of ESOL, the percentage of ESOL learners completing the learner survey was proportionally small, so the fact that 92.9% of learners agree with this outcome shows an understanding of community needs between groups of learners and that is a real positive.

The following themes emerged through the consultation and focus group discussions for our consideration:

Progression – this has now been listed as a priority in the plan.

Mental Health – the feedback was not that it was missing in the list of priorities, but that this should be a key priority, particularly in the context of covid recovery. The plan outlines this, but also recognises that

although a great deal of resource is put into health and well-being there is a gap in terms of access to professional healthcare, and therefore may be an unmet need.

Environmentalism – Some of the feedback has raised concerns about involving local people, particularly young people, in climate change awareness and action. There is currently ongoing work around the creation of steering groups of young people to support that work, which is led by the Climate Change Committee. The CLD Plan will be adapted to reflect this work.

Access to learning for learners with disabilities – the list of outcomes was not specific to particular groups, but we have ensured that the plan is clear that inclusion is a key principle that all partners will continue to work towards.

As well as the consultation specific the CLD Plan, there is also currently an ongoing consultation in relation to the new Community Plan for 2022 that has been led by the Community Planning Partnership which includes members of the CLD Partnership. This process asked open ended questions and was done through paper method, online, focus groups, and ‘community conversations. Feedback was received from over 3000 residents, and agreement was made to share anything gathered through the CLD Partnership to help inform the plan. The resident feedback has been themed and the following priorities identified:

- Education and learning
- Communities and environment
- Health inequalities
- Housing and land
- Children and young people

Section 4. The plan – what we are going to do

The principles that underpin Community Learning and Development practice in South Lanarkshire are:

- **Self-determination** – the rights of communities and individuals to make their own choices
- **Empowerment** – recognise and strengthen community voice real, facilitating engagement and change in communities
- **Inclusion** – all members of the community are equal
- **Working collaboratively** – effective partnerships at a strategic and local level
- **Promotion of lifelong learning** – meeting needs of learners

The table below sets out how we collectively as a partnership will meet the needs of learners in communities through strong and effective CLD practice across South Lanarkshire, and how we will measure impact.

We will count the total:

- Number of children and young people engaged in CLD activity
- Number of adults engaged in CLD activity
- Number of children and adults involved in family learning activity

Priorities	What we will do
Priority 1 Access to learning	Through CLD activity learners will be offered opportunities to learn skills that meet their needs across a range of settings. We will work with learners to: Improve their life skills Reduce risk related behaviour Enhance their parenting skills Help them to support their child’s learning Improve their literacy skills Improve their numeracy skills

Priorities	What we will do
	Improve their English language skills (ESOL) Achieve a relevant nationally recognised award or qualification Receive an award to recognise achievements Improve their digital skills
Priority 2 Health and well-being	We will continue to deliver health and well-being programmes, ensuring that vulnerable groups and areas of deprivation are prioritised, particularly in the context of recovery. We will work with learners to: Improve their confidence and self-esteem Improve their mental health and well-being Improve their physical health and well-being
Priority 3 Progression	We will continue to support learners to progress to other appropriate learning opportunities, ensuring that we meet ongoing needs. We will work with learners to: Help them re-engage with education / learning Improve their employability skills Help them access volunteering opportunities Help them access any other appropriate learning programmes or opportunities
Priority 4 Employability	We will continue to deliver programmes to enhance the employability skills of learners. We will work with learners to: Improve their employability skills Help them access volunteering opportunities Support positive destinations when they leave school
Priority 5 Community Influence	We will continue to support groups to be more influential in their community and engaged in participation and democratic processes. We will work with learners and groups to: Participate in consultation activity Confidently contribute to local or national decision making Develop skills to identify local needs and priorities Stimulate ideas to improve services through sharing of learning and experiences (co-production)

How we will measure success

A range of outcomes have been agreed by the CLD partnership that helps CLD staff, volunteers and partners know the difference made to learners' lives, families and communities. The 'what we will do' column above lists our Impact Measure's (below) that are appropriate for that priority, and this forms the basis of our data collection system. The number of learners achieving these impacts will be collated on a six-monthly basis across the CLD Partnership, as well as age ranges and demographics etc. The first six months will provide baseline data, in the context of recovery, from which we can make projections and measures that are SMART for the following year of the plan.

As well as the outcomes below, the revised HMIE document ‘How good is the learning and development in our community?’ will be used as a primary method of self-evaluation to drive improvement across the partnership.

CLD Impact Measures

Outcome	Improved life chances for people of all ages through learning, personal development and active citizenship
A. Learning	
1	Learners have improved confidence and self-esteem
2	Learners have improved their social skills
3	Learners have reduced risk related behaviour
4	Learners have improved their mental health and wellbeing
5	Learners have improved their physical health and wellbeing
6	Learners have improved/enhanced their parenting skills
7	Learners have gained a positive experience through regular attendance
8	Learners with ASN have engaged positively in a learning programme
9	Learners have developed Social Enterprise skills
B. Literacy	
1	Learners have improved their literacy skills
2	Learners have improved their numeracy skills
3	Learners have improved their IT skills
4	Learners have improved their budgeting skills
C. ESOL	
1	Learners have improved their English Language Skills
2	Learners are more able to support their child’s learning
3	Learners are participating in other learning and/or community activity
D. Family learning	
1	Learners are better able to support their child’s / family member’s learning in literacy and numeracy
2	Learners are better able to support their child’s / family member’s health and wellbeing
3	Learners are better able to support their child’s curricular learning
4	Learners are better able to support their child at key transitions
E. Awards/Qualifications	
1	Learners have achieved a nationally recognised award or qualification
F. Progression	
1	Learners have improved their aspirations and ambitions
2	Learners have re-engaged with education / lifelong learning
3	Learners have improved their employability skills
4	Learners have started to do voluntary work regularly within service
5	Learners have started to do voluntary work regularly outwith service
6	Learners have progressed to other appropriate learning programmes or opportunities
7	Learners understand their own progress and development

Outcome	Stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities
G. Capacity building	
1	Learners have improved their understanding of community and world issues
2	Learners have been involved in consultation activity
3	Learners contribute effectively to local or national decision making
4	Learner’s support and influence their own community, including participating in formal decision making
5	Learners continue to do voluntary work regularly within service
6	Learners continue to do voluntary work regularly outwith service
7	Groups receive effective support to enable them to build community capacity

In relation to this, South Lanarkshire recently provided local authority data to the national Community Learning and Development Managers group, in response to a set of national Key Performance Indicators agreed across the sector. This was the first phase of a process that will capture the impact of Community Learning and Development work with learners and communities across Scotland, and longer term, will include partnership data. The work that the Community Learning and Development Partnership has around the Impact Measures will make reporting into this process much easier.

Section 5. Governance

The governance of the CLD Partnership will include:

- At least 4 meetings per year of the strategic CLD Partnership
- Local Action Planning Groups (LAPGs) to continue across East Kilbride, Clydesdale, Hamilton, and Cambuslang / Rutherglen. The membership will include a range of partners from across the CLD sector and local level decision makers, meeting at least 4 times year
- At least 2 practitioner's groups per year to enable front line staff to network with partners
- A local plan that takes account of local needs and priorities, identifies gaps in provision, and is reviewed and reported on regularly, including interim and end of year reporting,
- A consistent method of measuring the difference that CLD activity makes through reporting on the 'Impact Measures' across the partnership at both strategic and local level
- A publication of annual achievements will be produced to celebrate work across the CLD Partnership

Section 6. Workforce Development

We are committed to promoting a learning culture for CLD staff and volunteers in accordance with the CLD Standards Council's Professional Learning Strategy - 'Growing the Learning Culture'.

We will:

- Maintain high quality, relevant access to professional learning and development in response to staff and volunteer needs through membership on CLD West Alliance, West partnership and CLD Standards Council.
- Promote the sharing of skills and practice through membership of regional and national networks and locality networking groups (LAPG), practitioner events, collaborative training.
- Address identified CLD priority workforce development need in areas including:
 - UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)
 - Digital skills to enable delivery of learning to communities
 - Mental health and well being
 - Attachment Theory
- Upskill CLD staff and volunteers and provide career pathways through delivery of SVQ and Modern Apprenticeship qualifications, supporting further study and maintaining quality control through the CLD Standards Council standards mark.
- Commit to offering practice placements to CLD university students
- Promote and encourage Standards Council membership to all CLD workforce and volunteers within South Lanarkshire.

Section 7. Mapping unmet need

Despite the scale of CLD activity throughout South Lanarkshire, and the resource invested into it, there are some needs within communities that are challenging to meet. A common thread throughout this plan is addressing mental health and well-being issues within communities, which has certainly been exacerbated by the Covid pandemic, and a great deal of work gets put into this across South Lanarkshire. However, we must be realistic about our professional boundaries and acknowledge that signposting learners to mental health and well-being professionals is an ongoing issue due to the level of demand.

ESOL – there is likely to be an emerging need due to the situation in Afghanistan, where it is highly likely that we will be welcoming new ESOL learners. Consideration will be given to ensure that these learners can access ESOL programmes and get the support they need to adapt to life in Scotland.

Digital access – being connected has been a challenge for some time and only made more challenging recently during the COVID pandemic which added a new dimension to the delivery model of Community Learning and Development in South Lanarkshire. The Connecting Scotland programme sought to address this by providing devices and data to identified households across Scotland, however, there continues to be an unmet need in tackling this digital exclusion and equitable access. We will continue to explore all ways to reduce the impact and sustain connectivity between communities and learners and explore the development of online shared platforms to ensure access to resources for remote and blended learning, taking account of good practice from across Scotland.

As part of the CLD planning process in South Lanarkshire, CLD partners will regularly monitor and review progress towards meeting unmet CLD need.

Section 8. Strategic Connections

South Lanarkshire's CLD Partnership has a key role in helping the Community Planning Partnership to achieve its priorities.

The agreed vision for Community Planning in South Lanarkshire 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".

Key areas of focus include:

- Improving health and tackling inequalities
- Reducing crime and improving community safety
- Promoting sustainable and inclusive communities and opportunities for all through life
- Ensuring sustainable economic recovery and development
- Tackling poverty

The South Lanarkshire CPP has developed its [Community Plan 2017-2027](#) to create a shared vision to come together and deliver improved opportunities for everyone in our communities. As outlined in section 3 the Community Plan, including its reporting structures, is currently being reviewed and extensive ongoing consultation has identified the following themes:

- Education and learning
- Communities and environment
- Health inequalities
- Housing and land
- Children and young people

The Community Plan will inform Neighbourhood Plans (LOIPS) which will tackle inequalities where they exist the most and the development of the Community Learning and Development 3 Year Plan 2021-24 has been informed by the Community Planning Partnership and neighbourhood plans. The CLD 3 Year Plan 2021-24 will contribute to the achievement of all priorities within South Lanarkshire's Community Plan, with a specific focus on the delivery of actions and initiatives to tackle disadvantage and inequality.

Work also continues with the West Partnership CLD Leads Specialist Network to secure continuous improvement across the region in CLD Planning. This will include:

- further development of closer collaborative partnerships between CLD partners and Schools
- undertake collaborative enquiry with YouthLink Scotland to further strengthen CLD and Schools collaboration
- support young people's participation in the West Partnership planning and evaluation

National stakeholders are working with The Scottish Government and Education Scotland to draft the following:

- Youth Work Strategy 2021 – 2026
- Adult Learning Strategy 2021 – 2026
- Lifelong Learning Framework 2022 - 2027

South Lanarkshire's Community Learning and Development partners will take account of these and review how they will impact on the priorities outlined in South Lanarkshire's CLD Plan 2021 – 2024.

National Plans and Strategies

[The Adult Learning Strategy which aims to create the conditions to empower adult learning and improve life chances for adult learners across Scotland \(currently in draft form and being consulted on](#)

[The CLD Plans Guidance Note \(2021-2024\) to support local authorities create their plans.](#)
[The Community Empowerment Act \(2015\) which sets out the requirements placed on local authorities to engage with communities](#)

[Scotland's Curriculum for Excellence which sets out the fundamental capacities to support learners achieve](#)

[The Family Learning Framework which provides advice for practitioners planning and evaluating family learning](#)

[The Getting it Right for Every Child Wellbeing Indicators supporting children and young people to grow](#)

[The National Improvement Framework that sets out the vision and priorities for Scottish Education](#)

[The National Performance Framework which sets out measures to help identify progress against the Scottish Government's National Outcomes](#)

[The National Standards for Engagement which present good-practice principles designed to improve and guide the process of community engagement](#)

[The New Scots Integration Strategy which sets out an approach to support the vision of a welcoming Scotland](#)

[The No One Left Behind delivery plan which outlines the collective approach to delivering an employability system which is flexible, joined up and responsive](#)

[The Scottish Government Mental Health Strategy \(2017-2027\) which sets out a strategy to create a Scotland where people can get the right help at the right time, expect recovery, and fully enjoy their rights, free from discrimination and stigma](#)

[The United Nations Conventions of the Rights of the Child which sets out 54 articles that cover all aspects of a child's life and set out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights that all children everywhere are entitled to](#)

[National Youth Work Strategy \(2021 - 2026\) which seeks to improve the life chances of young people in Scotland. \(This is currently being reviewed and re-written\). This link is to the previous strategy \(2014 - 2019\)](#)

[The Community Learning and Development Standards Council Scotland's Professional Development Strategy providing a focus for supporting practitioners, their employers, learning providers and national partners to work together to promote a 'learning culture'](#)

[The Scottish Government's Digital Policy which seeks to enable a shared vision of a modern, digital and collaborative government, around people](#)

['Forward' Scotland's Public Library Strategy 2021 - 2025 which seeks to progress the development and growth of libraries in Scotland](#)

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Report

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Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	2 December 2021
Report by:	Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership

Subject:	16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence
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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 work being undertaken by the Gender-Based Violence Partnership in relation to 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence 2021.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

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

3. Background

3.1. The Global 16 Days Campaign, launched by the Centre for Women's Global Leadership (CWGL) at its first Women's Global Leadership Institute in 1991, has been used worldwide to call for the elimination of Gender-Based Violence (GBV). It is run annually from 25 November (International Day Against Violence Against Women) to 10 December (International Human Rights Day).

4. South Lanarkshire Plans 2021

- 4.1. Pan-Lanarkshire Gender-Based Violence and Alcohol and Drug Partnership Online Event. This event will look at the links between Gender-Based Violence and substance use, with the aim of assisting learning in this area with an additional focus on action planning.
- 4.2. Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Online Event. This event will look at attitudes towards and prevalence of CSE across South Lanarkshire, raising awareness of national campaigns which are in line with the GBV Partnership Position Statement on Prostitution and looking at services and programmes available to those who wish to exit prostitution.
- 4.3. Illumination of Council buildings on 25 November and 10 December 2021 to mark the beginning and end of 16 days. This is in line with National Violence Against Women Network agreed theme '#LightUp' to put a spotlight on the prevalence and impact of VAWG (Violence Against Women and Girls) in Scotland, the range of great work taking place in local communities to improve outcomes for women and children and raise awareness of actions that people can take in their professional or personal lives to support this agenda.

- 4.4. Daily social media campaign in line with National Violence Against Women (VAW) Network Theme '#WhatWillYouDo?' – a call for action to encourage people to put commitments into practice.
- 4.5. Daily social media campaign focused on themes as identified from the GBV Partnership's 2021 Attitudinal Survey.
- 4.6. The GBV Partnership will fully support all partner organisation campaigns through promotion and information sharing.
- 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 risk issues associated with this report.
- 9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
 - 9.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or Consultation implications associated with this report.

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Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	2 December 2021
Report by:	Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership

Subject:	South Lanarkshire CPC Annual Report (2020-2021) and Business Plan (2021-2022); South Lanarkshire ASPC Business Plan for 2020-2022; a Self-Evaluation Strategy 2021-2023 Bi-Annual Report (2020-2022); and Business Plan Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Provide an update on the recently published South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee's (SLCPC) Annual Report (2020-2021) and Business Plan ([2021-2022](#));
- ◆ Provide an update on South Lanarkshire Adult Support and Protection Committee's (SLASPC) Business Plan for 2020-2022 and a [Self-evaluation Strategy 2021 - 2023](#); and
- ◆ Highlight the work of both the Committees over the last two years and the developments it will be embarking on in the future.

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 continued work of the SLCPC and SLASPC in carrying out local and national tasks associated with the care and protection of children and young people and adults in South Lanarkshire is supported.

3. Background

- 3.1. **Child Protection:** In 2016-17 the Scottish Government announced the Child Protection Improvement Programme (CPIP) led by Catherine Dyer, aimed at building on and strengthening the work of CPC's and the Chief Officers Group (Public Protection) with planned national improvements for local implementation across Scotland. It made a number of key recommendations as part of its review.
- 3.2. The SLCPC now performs a number of functions in South Lanarkshire as described in the Scottish Government publication: [Protecting Children & Young People- Child Protection Committee & Chief Officer Responsibilities Guidance \(2019\)](#).
- 3.3. On 1 August 2021 the SLCPC published its Annual Report (2020-2021) and Business Plan (2021-2022) demonstrating its on target achievements and highlighting work to still to be done in the current period.

- 3.4. On 3 September 2021 the Scottish Government published the new National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland ([2021](#)); as anticipated, this also features in the SLCPA Annual Report and Business Plan.
 - 3.5. On 3 September 2021 the Scottish Government also published the new National Guidance for CPCs Undertaking Learning Reviews in Scotland ([2021](#)); as anticipated, this also features in the SLCPA Annual Report and Business Plan.
 - 3.6. **Adult Protection:** A national two-year programme of Joint Inspection of Adult Support and Protection was announced by the Scottish Government in 2019 to seek assurance that adults at risk of harm are protected by existing local and national arrangements and to identify areas for further improvement if necessary.
 - 3.7. The inspection timetable has been augmented as a result of COVID-19. Inspections will now be conducted remotely and the duration of each inspection has reduced from a 20-week timeline to 13 weeks.
 - 3.8. Inspections are led by the Care Inspectorate in collaboration with Her Majesties' Inspectorate of Constabulary Scotland (HMICS) and Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS).
 - 3.9. The Inspection Team will scrutinise two key areas of adult support and protection activity, Key Processes and Leadership. Areas of activity will include the remote audit of Social Work, Police and NHS case records, a staff survey and focus groups involving senior managers and frontline staff.
 - 3.10. Joint inspections completed to date include Inverclyde; East Ayrshire; West Dunbartonshire; Argyll and Bute; South Ayrshire; Dumfries and Galloway; Stirling; Falkirk; Clackmannanshire and Fife. We understand the next tranche of inspections will take place in November 2021 and June 2022; South Lanarkshire continues to await notification.
- 4. The SLCPA Annual Report (2020-2021) Business Plan (2021-2022)**
- 4.1. The core business function of the SLCPA is linked to continuous improvement in the context of a set of quality indicators, based around [Five Inspection Questions](#) set by the Care Inspectorate in 2019 and provides a framework for evaluation across the partnership. South Lanarkshire CPC has identified key themes for improvement including the Initial Referral Discussion (IRD) Process, the Risk Resilience Matrix, Advocacy for Children Subject to CP Registration, Chronologies, Contingency Plans, Neglect and the Child's Plan.
 - 4.2. Supported by a number of associated task groups, the CPC Business Plan is managed by South Lanarkshire CPC through routine reporting and monitoring. Continuous improvement activity is varied and includes the audit of multi-agency case files that take the views of children, young people and families into account.
 - 4.3. The SLCPA continues to meet regularly to build upon the positive feedback from the Inspection in 2019 about child protection processes and takes forward a number of presenting agendas. The Committee aims to ensure improvement plans are SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely).
 - 4.4. The SLCPA agrees a number of quality assurance and self-evaluation tasks throughout the year as part of an annual programme and delivers the quantitative and qualitative findings in meeting intended outcomes.

- 4.5. The SLPCPC publishes findings and creates action plans as required. The Committee celebrates success and seeks out good practice examples that can be shared.
 - 4.6. The Committee's self-evaluation processes make a significant contribution to the development and monitoring of improvement plans across child protection and children's services.
 - 4.7. The SLPCPC reports quarterly to the Chief Officers Group (Public Protection) who offers leadership, guidance and support in meeting intended outcomes. The Committee works together to encourage a learning culture.
 - 4.8. The Strategic SCR Sub-Group considers the findings of Significant Case Reviews (now referred to as Learning Reviews) as an evaluative review of systems and how they interact. The partners work together to make any improvements and strive to get it right.
- 5. The SLASPC Bi- Annual Report (2020-2022) Business Plan (2021-2022)**
- 5.1. The SLAPC has a Business Plan for 2020-2022 and a [Self-evaluation Strategy 2021 - 2023](#) aimed at frontline service provision with a clear focus on providing improved outcomes for adults at risk of harm and their families.
 - 5.2. The strategy contributes to the development and monitoring of improvement plans in ensuring adults at risk of harm in South Lanarkshire are supported to achieve improved outcomes. The strategy is continually reviewed throughout the year and modified in light of emerging risks and trends that are collated from both qualitative and quantitative data. This flexibility enables us to respond to findings as they occur and assists us to develop and monitor our improvement plans.
 - 5.3. The SLASPC reports quarterly to the Chief Officers Group (Public Protection) who offers leadership, guidance and support in meeting intended outcomes.
 - 5.4. The Strategic SCR Sub-Group considers the findings of Significant Case Reviews and findings are shared with all partners for learning.
 - 5.5. The SLASPC is currently engaged in the preparation for the forthcoming inspection of Adult Support and Protection. The inspection will include North and South Lanarkshire in line with Police Hub.
- 6. Conclusion**
- 6.1. The Committees and partners are committed to remain on target to achieve the key performance outcomes that apply specifically to child protection and adult support and protection in this period as described, to support self-evaluation of services for children and young people and adults in need of care and protection and to lead improvement in services. In doing so, we place the child/individual at the centre of self-evaluation and measure the impact the work of the committees can have on individuals' families and communities.
 - 6.2. We continue to meet our targets in implementing change through developing supporting individuals and communities, and in creating policies, procedures, guidance, support and training for our leaders, elected members, senior officers, strategic managers, stakeholders and the operational workforce.
- 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 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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4 November 2021

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Report

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Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	2 December 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Neighbourhood Planning Annual Reports
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Update the Board on progress around neighbourhood planning and the impact of the COVID-19 situation on this;
- ◆ Provide copies of the annual reports to communities on progress made against Neighbourhood Plans.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) To approve the Neighbourhood Plan Annual Progress Reports 2020- 2021; and
- (2) To note the impact of COVID-19 on the implementation of the plans and the next steps which will be taken.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places 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. These plans are required to set out clear priorities for improving local outcomes and tackling inequalities which are agreed by the CPP and community.
- 3.2. The guidance makes it clear that participation with communities must lie at the heart of community planning and that the partners must engage with the communities identified as requiring specific attention and be more than just consultation but involve active engagement and empowerment.
- 3.3. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act stated that each CPP should have its mandatory locality plan(s) in place and signed off for 1 October 2017. At the 14 July 2017 meeting of the Board, it considered the results of a statistical exercise undertaken, at a datazone level, to identify the areas experiencing the poorest outcomes in South Lanarkshire relative to the South Lanarkshire average position which resulted in areas within 9 of the Council's 20 wards as being potential neighbourhood planning areas.
- 3.4. At its meeting of 11 October 2017, the Community Planning Board agreed to pilot the use of neighbourhood planning activity in South Lanarkshire and recognised that this approach required a longer investment of time within communities to engage and involve people and produce plans. The first three neighbourhood plans, for the pilot

areas of Hillhouse/Udston/Burnbank, Whitlawburn and Springhall, and Strutherhill and Birkenshaw, were published in January 2019. Further reports for Burnhill, Cambuslang East and Fairhill were produced in March 2020. Blantyre also produced a plan with the support of the Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

- 3.5. The legislation further requires that reports are produced on a yearly basis which identify the progress made in relation to the plans. The purpose of these reports is for the communities involved to see and understand what has happened in their areas. The guidance accompanying the legislation states that annual reports should be published in an accessible and easy to understand way which enables communities to understand the direction and scale of progress. As a result, the manner in which reports are produced for communities will vary from the way in which partners may usually report. This paper presents the yearly reports for 2020-21 as Appendices 1 -6.

4. Progress to Date

- 4.1. In October 2017, the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board agreed to test a new collective approach to tackling local inequalities and improving the lives of local people through the use of neighbourhood planning. Three plans were produced for publication in January 2019. These covered communities within 5 out of the 9 wards which had been identified as experiencing the greatest inequality of outcomes within South Lanarkshire, detailed in the table below:

Neighbourhood Planning Wards	Communities Involved
Ward 11 – Rutherglen South Ward 13 – Cambuslang West	Springhall and Whitlawburn
Ward 17 – Hamilton North and East Ward 18 – Hamilton West and Earnock	Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank
Ward 20 - Larkhall	Strutherhill and Whitlawburn

- 4.2. In September 2019, the CPP Board approved the further roll-out of neighbourhood planning to include the other 4 wards originally identified as facing poor outcomes, as per the table below. Plans have been developed for Fairhill, Cambuslang East and Burnhill during 2019-20, as well as the completion of the Blantyre Plan which was created by Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

Neighbourhood Planning Wards	Communities involved
Ward 12 – Rutherglen Central and North	Burnhill
Ward 14 – Cambuslang East	Whole ward
Ward 15 – Blantyre	Auchinraith, Blantyre, High Blantyre, Springwells
Ward 19 – Hamilton South	Fairhill

- 4.3. Progress has been made on delivering actions against the top priorities of all areas, despite the impact of the pandemic on engagement activities. Key progress in all areas has been the increase in the number of local people participating in neighbourhood planning processes, in particular participatory budgeting approaches and this again is outlined in the annual reports. Highlights of the work which are detailed within the reports for each area are:

Springhall and Whitlawburn	Progress has continued to be made against 8 of the identified priorities. The Let's Talk About Our Place online sessions have been a huge success and learning from this will help extend our reach and
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involve those less inclined to attend meeting but who want to be involved in the future.

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank	The stakeholders have continued to make progress against 9 of their local priorities; in addition, 868 residents took part in the participatory budgeting vote, participation levels far exceeded any expectations.
Strutherhill and Birkenshaw	The Community Group is working closely with a range of partners and have progressed 8 local priorities, including delivering physical environmental improvements, including play development and early discussions around the use of vacant land.
Fairhill	The Fairhill community has progressed 5 of their priorities and pulled together to support one another through the pandemic, despite individually facing their own challenges; they ensured no one in the community was left behind.
Burnhill	The community has made considerable progress on 6 of their priorities during a tough year, particularly the Stronger and Better communities' priority where they ensured over 200 neighbours had essential items throughout the pandemic.
Cambuslang East	Progress has been made on every priority within the plan even during a very tough year; the groups in the area have shown flexibility delivering projects online and outdoors where possible.

- 4.4. In Blantyre, work has progressed in a different way due to the pandemic and subsequent reallocation of resources from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust. Work is under way there to produce an action plan for the current year which creates identified and deliverable steps for the community and partners to take in order to progress the themes from the original plan. Reporting on this will begin in the 2021-22 year.

5. Next Steps

- 5.1. The Community Engagement Team continues to work with individual communities to identify the best ways to progress its stakeholder meetings and continue to move ahead with delivery on priorities. In addition, this work includes ensuring that the priorities are current and if any changes are required to reflect the impact of the pandemic. Work is now currently taking place in blended ways, using safe systems of working to engage directly with communities face to face while still maintaining the use of digital engagement methods.
- 5.2. Work is also being carried out with the partners delivering services locally to continue to identify their contribution to the communities' priorities and how this will impact upon the improvement of outcomes for those living in the neighbourhood planning areas. As community engagement and participation strengthens within neighbourhoods, there is evidence of communities becoming more aware and more confident to address issues such as health and employment, and this presents both a challenge and an opportunity to partners to work alongside people to develop new and innovative approaches to these.

6. Employee Implications

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

7. Financial Implications

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

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

9. Other Implications

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

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

10.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required. Consultation on neighbourhood plans is carried out on an ongoing basis with each community involved in the process.

Paul Manning

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4 November 2021

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Appendix 1 – Burnhill Annual Progress Report 2021-2022

Appendix 2 – Cambuslang East Annual Progress Report 2021-2022

Appendix 3 – Fairhill Annual Progress Report 2021-2022

Appendix 4 – Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank Annual Progress Report 2021-2022

Appendix 5 – Springhall and Whitlawburn Annual Progress Report 2021-2022

Appendix 6 – Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Annual Progress Report 2021-2022

Our Neighbourhood Plan for

Burnhill

Annual Progress Report 2021-2022



Introduction

- ▶ Burnhill is a small community in Rutherglen that sits on the South Lanarkshire side of the border to Glasgow City Council.
- ▶ Burnhill is in Ward 12 – Rutherglen Central and North.
- ▶ The housing in the area is made up of a mixture of houses and flatted properties.
- ▶ Burnhill has a very strong Action Group who deliver a variety of activities for the community.
- ▶ Burnhill has a population of 3300.

Our Place Our Plan – Burnhill sets out priorities and highlights the positive things going on for our community of Burnhill identified by residents between November 2019 and January 2020.

A local community action group produced this plan. Most members are local residents however we are joined by representatives from key local agencies and organisations.

To ensure progress is made this plan will be reviewed on a yearly basis. This is the first phase of longer term developments in our community.

You will see we have used the data gathered through the survey to set 10 priority themes for Burnhill.

The Covid-19 pandemic delayed the launch of the neighbourhood plan and this has had a knock on effect on the progress of the priority themes however the community response throughout the pandemic was outstanding.

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History

- ▶ October 2019 – First Stakeholders meeting held.
- ▶ November 2019 to January 2020 – Consultation open, door to door conversations took place, school/group visits to encourage young people to take part.
- ▶ 230 people shared their hopes and aspirations for their area through the consultation.
- ▶ February to October 2020 – The neighbourhood plan was produced, printed and delivered/shared to residents in the Burnhill community.
- ▶ Stakeholders meeting regularly to discuss future plans. (To get involved please see details on the back page.)
- ▶ February 2021 – Participatory budgeting budget announced £4200.

Information

- ▶ Participatory budgeting money allocated to the area £4200 to be spent focusing on the priorities highlighted in the plan.
- ▶ Stakeholders decided on the model of delivery for the participatory budgeting process. The decision was made to operate the process using a proposals model.
- ▶ Stakeholders invited to submit project proposals linked to the priorities in the plan. A public vote organised for local people to have the opportunity to vote and tell us how the funds should be allocated.



“ I like how in times of need neighbours all rally round to support each other and look out for one another.

Resident

Priority

Progress that has been achieved

1

More leisure and social opportunities



- New social activities created during lockdown (Street Bingo, Elf Trail, activity packs, online activities) with 400+ residents involved throughout the year.
- New football club operating in the area.

2

Stronger and better communities



- New Children's Action Group – working on issues to improve the lives of the people living in Burnhill.
- Covid response – Supporting neighbours throughout the pandemic 209 households received food provision.

3

Physical environment and housing improvements



- Community clean up's organised.

4

Play park and sports park improvements



- Exploring the use of derelict land to use as a community space.

5

Easier to get about/moving around



- Actions being developed by stakeholders and partners.

Priority**Progress that has been achieved****6****Greater community safety**

- Extra policing in the community throughout peak times.
- Home fire safety checks undertaken.

7**More variety of shops/businesses**

- Actions being developed by stakeholders and partners.

8**Better education, training and employment opportunities**

- Actions being developed by stakeholders and partners.

9**Better financial wellbeing**

- Actions being developed by stakeholders and partners.

10**Health improvements**

- Breast Screening Awareness Campaign.

Development plans



- ▶ Participatory budgeting voting event – Encourage local people to have their say on how the budget will be allocated using a variety of methods.
- ▶ Participatory budgeting activities delivered – Activities that are funded through the participatory budgeting process will be delivered and monitored to evaluate impact.
- ▶ Strengthen Stakeholder Group – Continue to work with the stakeholders to drive the plan forward while recruiting new members.
- ▶ Continue to explore the priorities highlighted in the plan and work as a collective to work to improve the priorities.
- ▶ Work with local groups to access opportunities (funding, training, networking).
- ▶ Support the community to recover from the pandemic.

“It’s been great to be involved in the neighbourhood plan, I love how it has engaged the kids and it has been good to get them involved in discussions about the future of their community.”

Blair McAulay
Youth Worker

“The local residents are passionate about their area and this shows in the amazing amount of community led activity that goes on in the area.”

Jacqueline Queen
South Lanarkshire Council -
Community Engagement Team

Case study

Burnhill Action Group has worked tirelessly for the community throughout the pandemic delivering food parcels, organising activities, reduce isolation and continuing the momentum of the neighbourhood plan.

As a community they have come together during a hard time to ensure vulnerable neighbours received the support that they needed and entertained the community and kept the community spirit up even when restrictions made this difficult to do. These activities reduced isolation and allowed people to socialise while remaining safe throughout the pandemic.

Street bingo, children's activities, wellbeing activities and community clean ups are just some of the work the group delivered throughout the lockdowns. At Christmas time when the community were missing their usual festive activities the volunteers stepped up and organised an elf trail throughout the streets of the community where families could follow the trail to receive Christmas treats and got the chance to see some Christmas characters along the way. This brought so much happiness at a time when people were missing friends and family and feeling isolated.

Even while doing all of this the volunteers continued to promote the neighbourhood plan and encourage people to get involved in the process when talking to people and using online platforms to share information with the community when it was hard to engage with the community.

As restrictions have eased the volunteers are continuing to support the community by providing new and exciting activities to help the community recover from the pandemic and start socialising again safely.



Stakeholder Groups are meeting regularly to progress the neighbourhood plan, if you would like to get involved please contact **0303 123 1017** or email **communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk**



We are looking forward to using the Participatory Budgeting funding to develop our community garden project, this will give local people a chance to come together and socialise while learning how to grow.

Nicole Kane
Resident

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Our Neighbourhood Plan for
Cambuslang East
Annual Progress Report
2021-2022

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Introduction

- ▶ Ward 14 Cambuslang East – Halfway, Overton, Cairns, Westburn, Flemington, Lightburn, Circuit, Drumsagard, Newton, Hallside and Gilbertfield.
- ▶ 3 Community Planning Partnership priority areas within the ward – Circuit, Halfway and Westburn.
- ▶ Cambuslang East has a lot of very active groups/organisations who operate at a ward level.
- ▶ The ward has a population of 18,000+.

Our Place Our Plan – Cambuslang East sets out priorities and highlights the positive things going on for our community of Cambuslang East as a whole ward as well as Circuit, Westburn and Halfway as individual communities identified by residents between November 2019 and January 2020.

A local community action group produced this plan. Most members are local residents however we are joined by representatives from key local agencies and organisations.

To ensure progress is made this plan will be reviewed on a yearly basis. This is the first phase of longer term developments in our community.

You will see we have used the data gathered through the survey to set 10 priority themes for Cambuslang East as a whole as well as Circuit, Westburn and Halfway as individual communities.

The Covid-19 pandemic delayed the launch of the neighbourhood plan and this has had a knock on effect on the progress of the priority themes however the community response throughout the pandemic was outstanding.



History

- ▶ October 2019 – First Stakeholders meeting held.
- ▶ November 2019 to January 2020 – Consultation open, door to door conversations took place, school/group visits to encourage young people to take part.
- ▶ 1044 people shared their hopes and aspirations for their area through the consultation.
- ▶ February to October 2020 – The neighbourhood plan was produced, printed and delivered/shared to residents in the Cambuslang East community.
- ▶ Stakeholders meeting regularly to discuss future plans. (To get involved please see details on the back page.)
- ▶ February 2021 – Participatory budgeting budget announced £6,300.

Information

- ▶ Participatory budgeting money allocated to the area £6,300* (£2,100 each for Halfway, Circuit and Westburn) to be spent focusing on the priorities highlighted in the plan.
- ▶ Stakeholders decided on the model of delivery for the participatory budgeting process. The decision was made to operate the process using a small grants model.
- ▶ Groups/organisations invited to apply for a share of the money. A public vote organised for local people to have the opportunity to vote and tell us how the funds should be allocated.



Receiving this Participatory Budgeting grant will help LEAP to develop a fantastic community growing space in a derelict piece of land in the heart of the community. Providing an open space for local people to come together, learn, grow and relax in the outdoors, working together to grow food, nurture the land and learn new skills.

Wendy Russell
LEAP

Priority

Progress that has been achieved

1

Play park and sports park improvements



- Exploring opportunities to enhance parks in the area.

2

More leisure and social opportunities



- Online quizzes, social contact groups and virtual walking tours were delivered online.

3

More variety of shops/businesses



- Revolve Clothing Swap Shops operating in the area.

4

Stronger and better communities



- Cam/Glen Covid response.
- Micro Grants available for local groups through Halfway Community Council.
- Due to restrictions Halfway Community Council moved monthly meetings online to allow meetings to go ahead throughout.

5

Physical environment and housing improvements



- Keep Cambuslang Clean – Local litter picks organised.
- Halfway in Bloom – Brightening up the Halfway Main Street with planters.

Priority

Progress that has been achieved

6

Easier to get about/moving around



- Actions are being developed by stakeholders and partners.

7

Better education, training and employment opportunities



- New Lightburn ELC can offer 160 Early Learning places, 120 for ages three to five years and 40 for ages two to three years.

8

Greater community safety



- Increased police visibility and patrols over through peak times.
- Scottish Fire and Rescue offering Home Fire Safety Checks to most vulnerable in the community.

9

Health improvements



- LEAP – Befriending service to reduce loneliness.
- Covid response ensuring people still had access to essential medicine throughout lockdown.

10

Better financial wellbeing



- Clothing bank and swap shop offering essential free clothing to the community and those most in need.

Development plans

- ▶ Participatory budgeting voting event – Encourage local people to have their say on how the budget will be allocated using a variety of methods.
- ▶ Participatory budgeting activities delivered – Activities that are funded through the participatory budgeting process will be delivered and monitored to evaluate impact.
- ▶ Strengthen Stakeholder Group – Continue to work with the stakeholders to drive the plan forward while recruiting new members.
- ▶ Continue to explore the priorities highlighted in the plan and work as a collective to work to improve the priorities.
- ▶ Work with local groups to access opportunities (funding, training, networking).
- ▶ Support communities to recover from the pandemic.



“The young people from our Youth Project were included in the consultation and were encouraged and supported to have their say. It was great to hear what the young people had to say about the community they live in.”

Karen
Westburn Youth Project

“We are looking forward to seeing the projects being delivered through the Participatory Budgeting funding. Using this approach allows local people to tell us where they think the money should be spent.”

Sian Flynn
South Lanarkshire Council -
Community Engagement Team

Case study

Over the course of the Covid-19 outbreak and lockdown restrictions local groups, volunteers and organisations in Rutherglen and Cambuslang quickly came together to support the needs of local people.

The Cam Glen Covid Response Network created vital partnerships between all these groups that ensured essential things such as food packages, prescriptions, befriending services and emotional support could be offered to those who were shielding, self-isolating or vulnerable within the community.

To support the increased need for food provision within the community, food hubs were created in Rutherglen at St Columbkilles Church and Particip8 Hub in Cambuslang alongside the local food bank. Food packages and hot meals were also stored and delivered by some smaller organisations such as West Whitlawburn Housing Co-op and St Vincent de Paul Church.

Food deliveries including fresh items such as fruit, bread and milk were also delivered to groups via South Lanarkshire Council to supplement food packs. An online request form for support was created by Healthy and Happy Community Development Trust to enable local people to request the support they required.

Throughout the restrictions the Cam Glen Covid Network regularly met for development sessions and shared ideas regarding any problems or barriers being faced when delivering support.

The community spirit and partnership approach within Rutherglen and Cambuslang meant that between March and September of 2020 760 households were supported during the first lock down and 6,157 food packs were distributed.



Stakeholder Groups are meeting regularly to progress the neighbourhood plan, if you would like to get involved please contact **0303 123 1017** or email **communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk**



“The volunteers in the area are pivotal to making the area a better place to live, we also have good organisations who invest their time and resources into the area.

Circuit Resident

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Our Neighbourhood Plan for

Fairhill

Annual Progress Report 2021-2022



Introduction

Fairhill is an area in Hamilton, South Lanarkshire, with a population of around 2800. The housing is a mix of social housing, private rent and owned properties. Fairhill has a number of organisations active in the area who provide social and recreational opportunities for the community.

In November 2020 Fairhill started to develop their neighbourhood plan. This was overseen by a group of local people, organisations active in the area and public sector partners. This plan is the beginning and will be reported on each year by the stakeholders group to show what difference has been made in the area.

To continue to grow and develop, the stakeholders would like to invite any local resident to join us and help to make Fairhill an ever-better place to live.

The neighbourhood plan aims to get everyone working together to make Fairhill an even better place to live. This is done through local people identifying and setting priorities to improve the area. Once the areas for improvement are identified everyone works together including local people, charities, community groups, businesses and the public sector to look at how the identified priorities can be improved.

Fairhill's neighbourhood plan has been created solely using local people's views and respects Fairhill residents as experts as their own area. We need everyone to get involved to continue to drive this plan forward for the benefit of all the residents of Fairhill.

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History

Fairhill is a new area for neighbourhood planning. A series of open meetings were held in September 2019 to generate interest in setting up a steering group for the neighbourhood plan. The consultation around the plan started in November 2019 and concluded in February 2020, 498 people took part in this consultation to identify the priorities for the community. The consultation was carried out by the community engagement team and steering group members. The plan was due to be launched in the community in April 2020, however, due to the pandemic this launch was unable to go ahead.

At the point of the pandemic priorities changed within the area and resources were pulled to ensure everyone was able to eat, receive medication they needed and generally support people where they could. Fairhill community group led on this in the area. The group worked in partnership with local businesses and other voluntary groups in the area to help out with shopping, collection of prescriptions, provisions of free food for children and general support for the local community.

Naturally, none of these services were identified as priorities on the neighbourhood plan as no one knew they would become so vital over the course of 20/21. The Fairhill community showed the resilience and strength of the community through the support provided to each other in an unprecedented year of challenges no one could have anticipated would have been faced.

Neighbourhood planning is a real opportunity for everyone to work together on improving Fairhill. Fairhill over the past year and a bit has faced the COVID pandemic as a community, supporting each other and ensuring no one was left behind. Moving forward we need to use this energy to make Fairhill an even better place for people to live.

Craig Allan

Information

Due to the pandemic a participatory budgeting process was not carried out in the area over 2020/21. Micro Grant monies was given to organisations who were continuing to focus on the priorities highlighted in the neighbourhood plan.

Over the next year it will be a focus to ensure a full participatory budgeting process is ran to ensure local people have their say in how public money is spent.



Priority	Progress that has been achieved	
1 Physical environment 	<p>Everything around you, play parks, grass verges, street furniture, roads, pavements etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversations are ongoing with local groups to explore opportunities of how we can use open space in Fairhill more productively.
2 More leisure and social opportunities 	<p>Activities for you to engage in and socialise within your own community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the restrictions due to the pandemic this point could not be actioned as activities were stopped to keep people safe. Actions will be developed when possible.
3 Greater community safety 	<p>How safe you feel in your community whether this be road safety or physical safety from crime.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions will be developed as the stakeholders begin to meet again.
4 Easier to get about/moving around 	<p>The ability to move in and around your community and access to other local areas.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions will be developed as the stakeholders begin to meet again.
5 More variety of shops/businesses 	<p>The choice of business in the area and what sectors are available locally.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Actions will be developed as the stakeholders begin to meet again.

Priority

Progress that has been achieved

6

Housing improvements



The upkeep and presentation of local housing stock.

- Actions will be developed as the stakeholders begin to meet again.

7

Stronger and better communities



Feeling connected to your local community and the sense of community spirit.

- Many people were isolated throughout 2020/21 due to the nature of the pandemic. This will be a crucial priority moving into the recovery phase.

8

Better financial wellbeing



Locally available services to assist you to access financial advice and maximise income.

- CAB continues to offer support in the area throughout the pandemic through phone call appointments.
- Plans are being made to hold discussions around the affordability of services for local people.

9

Health improvements



Opportunities within the community to access activities and services to improve health.

- Health was a consistent worry in 2020/21 due to the pandemic. The community rallied to support each other be it through mental or physical health. This was done through food parcels, prescription drop-offs and regular phone calls.

10

Better education, training and employment opportunities



Locally available opportunities around employment and education for all ages.

- Actions will be developed as the stakeholders begin to meet again.

Development plans

Moving forward from the pandemic the stakeholder's group will look to set up regular meetings to look at how we can successfully drive this plan forward and ensure it is still representative of the Fairhill communities priorities.

A full participatory budgeting process will be carried out to allocate monies in the area aligned to projects that look to meet the identified priorities within the area.

Overall, the focus will likely be based on recovery from the pandemic and ensuring that everyone in the community has an effective way to communicate their priority and work towards making Fairhill an even better place to live.



I'd like to say what a pleasure its been getting to know the team, the partners and other residents who are like minded and want to make a difference to our community. I have especially appreciated how we have been able to sit round the table together, as equals, and recognise all the good things already going on here and how we can build on these to make the area even better. I can't wait to see how the project evolves going forward, and hope that many more people feel inspired to get on board.

Local Resident

Progress in Fairhill

Due to the COVID pandemic the progress on the neighbourhood plan was delayed. However the stakeholder group were able to allocate £5000 to local community groups in order to carry out local activities. These activities will be coming soon as restrictions continue to ease and local residents can start to come together again.

There were 10 grants of £500 given out, decided by the stakeholders group made up of local people and organisations. Thanks to Fairhill's vibrant third sector there was a wide variety of activities, these were;

- ▶ Three themed community events
- ▶ Holiday youth programme
- ▶ 4 social events – older people
- ▶ Intergenerational reading club with local primary school
- ▶ Free fitness taster sessions
- ▶ Free hall lets for the community

These funding applications were approved by local people in direct response to the priorities identified by local people through the survey for the neighbourhood plan. Moving forward, we will be looking for you to directly vote on what projects receive funding, this will ensure that we continue to meet the needs of our local community.

Hopefully as we move out of the restrictions of the pandemic you will be able to participate in some of these activities and continue to let us know what is important to you in the Fairhill community.



The stakeholders have not been able to meet due to the Covid pandemic. We hope that as the situation improves we will be able to hold meetings again in the near future.

If you would like to get involved please contact **0303 123 1017** or email **communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk**



“ During the pandemic we strengthened our links with locals, business and partners to support the community and address the immediate needs. We are looking forward to getting activities going again.

Fairhill Community Group

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Our Neighbourhood Plan for Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank

Annual Progress Report 2021–2022



Introduction

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank (HUB) is one of three neighbourhoods identified by the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) in 2017 to test a new collective approach to tackling inequalities, taking preventative action and improving the lives of local people.

Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank encompasses Hillhouse Central, Hillhouse East, Hillhouse South, Hillhouse South East, Udston Central, Udston North, Udston South West and Wellhall North.

The area has a population of 7,236.

51% of the population are female and 49% are male.

The total number of households is 3,527

- 985 lone adult households
- 515 households with dependent children
- 482 lone adults with dependent children
- 628 children aged under 16 in lone parent households

Community assets include schools and nurseries, churches, community buildings and libraries, sport facilities and outdoor spaces including woodland, community gardens, MUGAs and play areas.

An ever growing vibrant community/voluntary sector provides a range of opportunities including but not exclusively youth projects, a homework club, an emergency food project, dementia support, a tenants and residents association, sports HUB, child and family focused activity, an ESOL group and a number of uniformed organisations.

We continue to be inspired by group members, who continue to work together to improve their community. They have forged strong partnerships that have brought about so many positive changes and opportunities. It is a privilege to work alongside them, celebrate their numerous achievements and continue to assist them in realising their ambitions and goals. After a challenging year, we continue to grow and adapt and look forward to what the future will bring.

**Community Links
Development Team**

History

- ▶ In October 2017 the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership agreed to test a new collective approach to tackling local inequalities and improving the lives of local people.
- ▶ 3 areas were chosen to test this approach including Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank (HUB).
- ▶ In November 2017 an awareness raising event was held involving residents involved in community life and those working in the neighbourhood.
- ▶ The community engagement process is co-designed with local residents. The four big questions were devised.
- ▶ Survey opened in November 2017 and closed in February 2018, 550 households participate.
- ▶ March 2018 the Community Action Group is established. 10 priorities themes identified through the survey form the basis HUB neighbourhood plan. Thematic working groups are formed. Early actions are agreed in May 2018 – ongoing deliberative priority setting has been a key feature of neighbourhood planning activity since.
- ▶ March 2018 £60,000 Community Choices Fund is secured, match contributions secured from the NHS, CPP and TP programme. Funding is aligned to support the delivery of early actions.
- ▶ A participatory budgeting approach was used to allocate funds. 268 residents cast their votes 14 new projects were designed and delivered.
- ▶ January 2019 the Neighbourhood plan is agreed.
- ▶ Community Action Group and working groups continued to meet regularly with the community and stakeholder working collaboratively to bring the neighbourhood plan to life. Post the first lockdown the Community Action Group resumed with online information sessions and meetings.

Information

In 2020/21, £7000 was allocated to the HUB area to facilitate a participatory budgeting process.

The Community Action Group were actively involved in devising every aspect of the participatory budgeting process. Contributing towards and fine tuning, the engagement process, setting criteria, considering paperwork and promotion. Pre the public vote the group also reviewed the submitted proposals to ensure they complied with priorities.

Covid-19 restrictions were a huge consideration but the group were fully committed to the community engagement process and making sure it wasn't compromised because of the lack of direct contact and the absence of community meetings and events, key features of previous rounds of participatory budgeting.

To help achieve wide and representative involvement the group used the participatory budgeting charter to plan participatory budgeting in 2020. A small grants model was used to generate ideas and proposals and a combination of on line voting and telephone contact was undertaken to maximise participation.

- ▶ 858 HUB residents voted
- ▶ 13 proposals submitted
- ▶ 3 fully funded
- ▶ 1 partial award

All projects have set outcomes and will be monitored once activities are fully delivered.

Post the vote all proposal leads were invited to a meeting with the Lottery and VASLan to discuss alternative funding options.



Priority

Progress that has been achieved

1

More leisure and social opportunities



- The homework club provides a range of support.
- Go Football sessions were offered by SLLC in collaboration with a range of stakeholders. Asda provide medals, wristbands and hospitality.

2

Greater community safety



- The Our Place A Safe Place survey is opened seeking views and solutions concerning anti-social behaviour.
- In response to community concerns new public space CCTV is installed in Burnbank.

3

Physical environment improvements



- Participatory budgeting funding enables Hillhouse Residents and Tenants Association to deliver substantial environmental improvements at their community garden. Providing a much needed and valued focal point for community events and activities.

4

Stronger and better communities



- A local Covid Response Group was established, extensive collaboration between the community/voluntary sector and partners resulted and in delivery of a coordinated response ensuring the welfare of vulnerable individuals and families throughout the pandemic.
- The Community Action Group have developed a "Whats On" guide to better connect/reconnect residents to community life.

5

Easier to get about/moving around



- Stakeholders and partners are working together to develop actions.

Priority Progress that has been achieved

6

Housing improvements



- Replacement and upgrade of door entry system to flats in Burnbank the new systems have video entry which provide enhanced safety and security to tenants.

7

Better employment and business opportunities



- SELECT continued to engage residents seeking training or work via online digital hubs.

8

Better financial wellbeing



- Gilmour and Whitehill Parish Church in partnership with the Harvest Group and other partners are supporting an emergency food supply initiative. Over 120 packages are being distributed per month.
- Hamilton CAB continued to provide services via telephone contact during Covid-19 targeting the area.
- Back to school activities take place.
- The community sports Hub model is enabling young people to test and try new sports, offering reduced membership fees and reducing the financial outlay for kit.

9

Better education and training opportunities



- Community Links South Lanarkshire SELECT project provides digital skills training to promote digital inclusion, enabling members and the wider community to participate in online activities/opportunities.
- IT devices are made available via the Connecting Scotland Fund.

10

Health improvements



- Participatory budgeting funding is used to develop a Community Sports Hub introducing young people to new sports experiences. The project is delivered in collaboration with South Lanarkshire Leisure and the Harvest Group.

Development plans

The Community Action Group are currently identifying and setting realistic and achievable goals for the year ahead. Emerging issues include:

- ▶ The need to promote community wellbeing and connections to help reduce social isolation and other impacts of Covid-19.
- ▶ Celebrating community spirit, participation and involvement.
- ▶ Maximising collaborations and partnerships built and strengthened during the pandemic and how to sustain this as we move forward into recovery.
- ▶ Identify ways to support and resource existing groups as they prepare to resume operations post the pandemic.

To begin to achieve this group are:

- ▶ A mapping exercise is underway to create a single point of contact for community information/opportunities. To highlight existing community activity and how this can be built upon to best meet the community's need and maximise community assets and resources. The Community Action Group will coordinate key dates and identify collaborations, and mapping will be used to support community conversations to identify new areas of interest/development in line with priority themes.
- ▶ Joint events will take place to strengthen the community infrastructure and build community spirit.
- ▶ Back to school activities will be delivered to mitigate the cost of the school day.
- ▶ Participatory budgeting will be used to support community recovery.



Being involved means you find out more and learn about "why" decisions are made.

It's been a joy to be part of Our Place Our Plan, you get a sense of achievement, a feeling of improving things and creating opportunities.

Having a clear plan from the start has really helped. Working with the top ten local priorities and having a timetable for action. It's interesting so see the timetable and how it is being delivered.

David Downie
Community
Group Member



Case study

Situated in the heart of Burnbank, Gilmour and Whitehill Parish Church is providing a much needed focal point for the communities of Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank. Strong partnerships have been forged between Gilmour and Whitehill Church, the Harvest Church, Our Place Our Plan Community Action group, and the wider community. There is no doubt that community led initiatives are making positive differences to resident's quality of life.

The Burnbank café and emergency food supplies project are examples of how local people and organisations identify and quickly respond to local need. Providing a warm welcome and treating people well and with dignity is the cornerstone of everything that is going on in the church. The café runs from 10am to 2pm every Friday, providing hot drinks and a snack. Once restrictions ease further a full menu will be re-introduced.

Ensuring residents have ease of access to services or signposting is an integral part of the café, and because of this staff are on hand or on call from a whole range of organisations when needed.

The emergency food supply initiative operates every Friday from 12 noon to 2pm. Participatory budgeting funds, donations and an enormous amount of people power in the form of a dedicated band of volunteers, are enabling food packages to be provided to individuals and families.

On average 30 packages are being distributed every week.



“ We are simply doing the right thing in challenging times. People are just so grateful.

Anne Paul
Session Clerk
Gilmour and Whitehill
Parish Church

“ I was overwhelmed by the support I received and the food package was much more than I expected. I was wary of asking for help, but I was met with such a warm friendly welcome, it put me at my ease right away. My thanks to everyone involved.

A mum of two
from Burnbank

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“ The biggest
achievement has to be
community involvement.

Neighbourhood planning has given
the community the opportunity and the
confidence to make real changes and
improvements. Residents have been encouraged
to recognise and build community assets especially
our people and place. Relationships are at the
centre of all we do through Our Place Our Plan, so
building connections and strong partnerships are
helping to make our priorities become a reality.

Only by working together can we
leave a lasting legacy in Hillhouse,
Udston and Burnbank.

” **HUB focus group**

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Our Neighbourhood Plan for
**Springhall and
Whitlawburn**
Annual Progress Report
2021–2022



Introduction

Springhall and Whitlawburn is one of three neighbourhoods identified in 2017 by the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) to test a new collective approach to tackling inequalities, taking preventative action and improving the lives of local people. Neighbourhood planning has its roots in the Community Empowerment Act which requires CPP to develop neighbourhood plans with communities.

Neighbourhood planning is being delivered using a solution focused, asset based approach to build community confidence, increase community involvement and to bring about lasting improvements through community led decision making.

Springhall and Whitlawburn has a population of 3,639.

52% of the population are female and 48% are male.

The area has 2,162 households

- 854 lone adult households
- 220 households with dependent children
- 302 lone adults with dependent children
- 403 children aged under 16 in lone parent households

Community assets include:

- 1 community resource centre
- 1 community centre with integrated library
- 1 standalone nursery and 1 in a school setting
- 3 MUGA's (Multi use games arenas)
- 2 play areas
- 1 community garden
- 1 state of the art recreational space with integrated community growing facility



My biggest ambition in this community is to improve my environment not only for me, and local people but most importantly for our children who are our future and it is upon us to provide equal opportunities for them.

Whitlawburn Resident

History

- ▶ In October 2017 the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership agreed to test a new collective approach to tackling local inequalities and improving the lives of local people.
- ▶ 3 areas were chosen to test this approach including Springhall and Whitlawburn.
- ▶ In November 2017 an awareness raising event was held involving residents involved in community life and those working in the neighbourhood.
- ▶ The community engagement process is co-designed with local residents. The four big questions were devised.
- ▶ Survey opened in November 2017 and closed in February 2018, 271 households participate.
- ▶ March 2018 the Stakeholder Group is established. 10 priorities themes identified through the survey form the basis HUB neighbourhood plan. Thematic working groups are formed.
- ▶ May 2018 early actions are agreed. Ongoing deliberative priority setting has been a key feature of neighbourhood planning activity since.
- ▶ March 2018 £20,000 is secured from the Lottery matched with TP funding. This is aligned to support the delivery of early actions.
- ▶ A participatory budgeting approach was used to allocate funds. 378 residents cast their votes 8 new projects were designed and delivered.
- ▶ A further round of participatory budgeting activity took place in 2019 when votes cast, participatory budgeting funds were allocated but not expended in 2021.
- ▶ January 2019 the Neighbourhood plan is launched.
- ▶ Stakeholder Group and working groups continued to meet regularly, working collaboratively to bring the neighbourhood plan to life. Post the first lockdown the group resumed with online meetings.
- ▶ Let's Talk About Our Place online sessions are used to engage the community in neighbourhood planning throughout the pandemic.

Information

In 2020/2021 £4,200 was made available for participatory budgeting activity.

In the past the Stakeholder group have been actively involved in devising and delivering participatory budgeting in the Springhall and Whitlawburn area and in 2020 this was no different. To help support the decision making process a discussion paper was developed exploring a variety of participatory budgeting approaches/options.

After much deliberation the Stakeholder group decided to defer spend until 2021/2022. Their decision was made in direct response to Covid-19 restrictions and the impact this could have on community engagement and involvement. Issues included:

- ▶ The inability to have face to face contact, group meetings, community conversations and public events.
- ▶ Timing, the group felt that the timing just wasn't right, as many people were adjusting to new ways of living and working due to Covid-19.
- ▶ The development and delivery of proposals could be compromised because groups weren't meeting or were in the process of having to find a new way to involve their members or service users.

The overall feeling was the participatory budgeting funds could be better utilised invested in recovery, and as restrictions ease further and when the conditions are right the wider community will be much more receptive to engage in this opportunity. Processes like participatory budgeting are more important than ever in helping to strengthen and build community connections and empower local communities through local decision making.



1

More leisure and social opportunities

- The Cage is completed and is in full use.
- Springhall Centre and Library refurbishment is complete soft launch planned late June 2021.
- Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre provide an extensive programme of activities including online ranging from online cookery classes, digital Hubs and social opportunities for children and families.
- Springhall and Whitlawburn Youth Development make a short film on their work during the pandemic and share it.

2

Stronger and better communities

- Let's Talk About Our Place online sessions are introduced to maintain community involvement during Covid-19.
- 15 sessions took place between November and March total attendance 93 and the sessions continue.
- The CamGlen Covid-19 response group was established. Extensive collaboration between the community and voluntary sector and CPP partners ensured the welfare of vulnerable individuals and families during the pandemic.
- Stakeholder group begins to identify priorities for the year ahead.

3

Housing improvements

- Whitlawburn Master planning activity continues 98 have been let to date and a further 132 properties are planned by SLC.

4

Greater community safety

- Fire Scotland promote online home safety checks.
- Police Scotland offer an online Q and A session with local residents.

Priority

Progress that has been achieved

5

Physical environment improvements



- Application is made to the unpaid work team for work at WCRC.
- Community growing initiatives continue and one community clean up takes place.
- Love food hate waste offer input regarding food waste and sustainability.

6

Easier to get about/moving around



- Stakeholders and partners are working together to develop actions

7

Better financial wellbeing



- Rutherglen and Cambuslang CAB facilitate online input for residents.
- Lanarkshire Credit Union promote "It's Your Money" a financial wellbeing course.
- HES offer inputs around fuel and subsidies.

8

Better education and training opportunities



- Stakeholders and partners are working together to develop actions

9

Health improvements



- The health improvement team promote Well Connected and mental health and emotional wellbeing services.

10

Better employment and business opportunities



- Whitlawburn Digital Hub offer their service by telephone and online.
- SLC Employability Team promote the Parental Support Programme.

Development plans

The Stakeholder Group are currently setting goals/key actions for 2021/2022. Emerging issues for action include:

- ▶ The need to support recovery, build community connections and community spirit.
- ▶ Reducing the impact of Covid-19 on young people educationally, socially and emotionally and similar impacts affecting the wider community.
- ▶ Actions to address poverty, cost of the school day and promotion of financial support services have been discussed.
- ▶ Short online inputs will take place targeting those who are less inclined to attend meetings but still interested in having a voice in issues that will be fed to the stakeholder group.
- ▶ Developing a skills exchange via asset mapping and intergenerational activity.
- ▶ A Community Partnership involving representatives from Our Place Our Plan Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Groups and the four Community Councils in the Cambuslang Rutherglen locality is in development. The group will act as an intermediary to strengthen local decision making, building links and interconnections between neighbourhood planning priorities and the wider work of the Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Boards. Discussions have taken place with staff from across the CPP to harness advice and expertise to ensure communities are adequately resourced to pursue emerging priorities.
- ▶ Develop and deliver the participatory budgeting process.



I have been active in Springhall for many years, in the Community Resource Group the OPOP Stakeholder Group, The Cage development and the Centre and Library Renovation Group. I can honestly say that the area has been transformed over the last few years. The place is welcoming, uplifted and that makes me very proud. The new nursery is simply the icing on the cake!

Alison Black
from Springhall



Case study

Zoom and Teams are now a key feature of all our lives, but that wasn't the story at the start of lockdown. Finding new ways to communicate with each other has been a challenge, but not an insurmountable one.

As with most things the best way to find a solution has been to listen to the people around us. Recognising that, for lots of people, circumstances and work arrangements had changed significantly, allowed us to understand that priorities had changed. For most this meant time was limited, with home schooling, home working and many other factors at play. Although online activity has always been part of community engagement, we have, until recently, preferred to meet face-to-face with communities. However, the pandemic meant we had to look again at how we communicate.

Coming out of the first lockdown, we were keen to keep residents involved and connected - a big part of the Our Place Our Plan neighbourhood plan, and wider community life.

It was clear, however, that the time wasn't right to host in-person meetings. So, we had to think flexibly about how best to reignite interest in the plan, in the face of our changed ways of life. And that's where the 'Let's Talk about Our Place' online weekly sessions came in. The aim was to enable residents to find out more about services and activities taking place, planned, or being adapted and delivered in response to Covid-19. Alongside this we could reconnect with people, at the same time reconnecting them to the priority themes that are the basis of the Springhall and Whitlawburn neighbourhood plan.

Using Zoom, residents have also been able to take part in a range of short meetings where there is the opportunity to put forward questions via the chat function, or verbally, during or post the presentations a range of community, voluntary and public sector representatives. So positive has the response been that we are going to continue using 'Let's Talk About' sessions as a way of giving voice to those less inclined or unavailable to attend meetings.



“ I don't like formal meetings. So, this has been good. You're anonymous, so can ask any questions you like.

Whitlawburn Resident

“ I've enjoyed the sessions. It was strange at first, but I enjoy video calls now. They're quick, but there's lots of information and you just listen in or ask a question.

Springhall Resident

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“What I like the most about Our Place Our Plan is I feel it responds to Scottish Government legislation and really is strategic, but communities are at the centre of everything and things are happening. Local people are involved and treated in a friendly way and with respect. Our opinions and views on issues are taken into account, local residents have a say and we are kept up to date with any progress.

Erika Laznova
Stakeholder Group Member
from Whitlawburn

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Our Neighbourhood Plan for Strutherhill and Birkenshaw

Annual Progress Report 2021-2022



Introduction

Strutherhill and Birkenshaw is one of the neighbourhoods identified by the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership to test a new collective approach to tackling inequalities, taking preventative action and improving the lives of local people. This work has its roots in the Community Empowerment Act which requires the CPP to develop a neighbourhood plan along with communities and to improve outcomes where this is needed the most.

Neighbourhood planning activity is being delivered using a solution focused, asset based approach to build community confidence, increase community involvement and to bring about lasting improvements through community led decision making.

The area encompasses Strutherhill North, Strutherhill North West, Strutherhill South East, Strutherhill South West and Strutherhill West.

Strutherhill and Birkenshaw has a population of 3,559. 53% of the population are female and 47% are male.

The area has 1,602 households

- 322 lone adult households
- 259 households with dependent children
- 209 lone adults with dependent children
- 209 children aged under 16 in lone parent households

Community assets include:

- 2 primary schools (1 community wing)
- 1 nursery
- 1 church with lettable space
- 2 play areas
- 2 MUGA's (Multi use games arenas)
- Playing fields
- Access to a natural woodland and a Friends of group
- 2 youth projects
- Women's Guild
- Scouts and Army Cadets
- Breakfast clubs and after-school care
- Pre five and family focused groups
- Community based café with wrap around services provided



History

- ▶ In October 2017 the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership agreed to test a new collective approach to tackling local inequalities and improving the lives of local people.
- ▶ In November 2017 an awareness raising event was held involving residents contributing to community life and those working in the neighbourhood.
- ▶ The community engagement process is co-designed with local residents. The four big questions were devised.
- ▶ Our Place Our Plan survey opened in November 2017 and closed in February 2018, 106 households participated.
- ▶ March 2018 the Community Group is established. Ten priorities themes identified through the survey form the neighbourhood plan. Thematic working groups are formed.
- ▶ May 2018 early actions are agreed. Ongoing deliberative priority setting has been a key feature of neighbourhood planning activity since.
- ▶ March 2018 £10,000 is secured from the Lottery. This is aligned to support the delivery of early actions in the Plan.
- ▶ A participatory budgeting approach was used to allocate funds. 101 residents cast their votes 21 projects were proposed and 6 new projects were designed and delivered.
- ▶ A further two rounds of participatory budgeting activity took place in 2019 (201 votes) and 2020.
- ▶ January 2019 the Neighbourhood plan is launched.
- ▶ Community Group and working groups continued to meet regularly, working collaboratively to bring the neighbourhood plan to life. Post the first lockdown the group resumed with online meetings.

Information

In 2020/21, £4,200 was allocated to the Strutherhill and Birkenshaw area to help deliver activities associated with the Neighbourhood Plan priority themes.

The Community Group were actively involved in devising every aspect of the participatory budgeting process, including engagement approaches, setting criteria, considering proposal arrangements and promotion.

Covid-19 restrictions were a huge consideration but the group were fully committed to involving the community in a meaningful way and making sure this was not compromised due to a lack of direct contact. With this in mind the group decided to undertake a devolved approach to participatory budgeting. Established local groups and organisations already contributing to community wellbeing were approached to secure their involvement. The groups and their core activity was then considered in the public vote, and funds were allocated based on the proportion of votes received. Proposals were then developed based on funds awarded and group priorities. The Participatory Budgeting Charter was used to plan participatory budgeting a combination of on line voting and telephone contact was undertaken to maximise participation.

- ▶ 192 votes were cast
- ▶ 7 groups received funding

All funded projects and proposals will be monitored against agreed outcomes when activities are fully delivered.



1

More leisure and social opportunities

- Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Youth project are providing bushcraft activities encouraging young people to embrace the outdoor develop new skill and reconnect with peers develop a youth led programme of activities supported by participatory budgeting.
- The Community group are at the early stages of developing a bike initiative.
- Birkenshaw Women's Guild received participatory budgeting funding to help reintroduce and sustain their activities, helping to reduce social isolation.

2

Physical environment improvements

- Discussions are underway with Housing and Technical Resources and Grounds service regarding the positive use of unused and derelict land.
- Participatory budgeting funding is invested in play park development, design proposals will be influenced by community consultation planned for autumn 2021.
- Friends of Morgan Glen receive participatory budgeting funds to support a wider programme of outdoor activities.

3

Easier to get about/moving around

- Larkhall and District Volunteer Group secured external funding from Pathways for All "Smarter Choices Smarter Places" to sustain and extend the shopping bus service. Participatory budgeting funding is being used for publicity to promote the service.

4

Greater community safety

- Sites synonymous with fly tipping and anti-social behaviour are being considered for development.

5

Stronger and better communities

- The Community Group decide to invest participatory budgeting money in established groups, to enable current activities to be built upon.

6

Housing improvements

- Two new house building sites are approved. This will provide 58 new social rented homes in the area. Housing and Technical resources are also commencing phase 1 of external fabric upgrades to existing houses.

7

Better employment and business opportunities

- Stakeholders and partners are all working together to develop actions.

8

Better financial wellbeing

- Weekly breakfast packs are provide to local families by the Machan Trust funded by participatory budgeting.

9

Better education and training opportunities

- Stakeholders and partners are all working together to develop actions.

10

Health improvements

- Craigbank Primary school received participatory budgeting funding to deliver parental workshops delivered by Barnardos. The workshops aim to improve children's ability to develop healthy relationships and assist parents with understanding and managing children's behaviour.

Development plans

The Community Group have been working together to identify realistic and achievable goals in 2021/2022 agreed actions include:

- ▶ Providing practical support to established groups as restrictions ease. As groups begin to resume activity support will be available to promote activities, build membership and capacity.
- ▶ A major priority for the group continues to be, the need to enhance outdoor play opportunities for children and young people across the neighbourhood. Consultations are planned to support this.
- ▶ Community Group will pursue the development of vacant and derelict land and establish partnerships to achieve this. Primrose Lane has been identified as a site for development, this will involve extensive community consultation and a partnership approach.
- ▶ Members are at the early stages of developing a bike initiative they are gathering information and meeting with others involved in similar projects to determine the scope of activity and plans going forward.



I like the fact that the group is run by locals with the support of Community Links and South Lanarkshire Council who have knowledge of grants, laws and contacts that we don't. Together that makes a force to be reckoned with and we will and do get things done. Hopefully it also awakens the amazing community spirit/pride these schemes once had.

Margaret Gilfillan
Community Action
Group Member

I have enjoyed being involved in the Community Group because it's run by local people who know the area and what needs done. Working in partnership with other people is really important because in return I believe this will ignite pride in the heart of our community and make the future brighter for all.

Strutherhill Resident
and Community Action
Group Member

Local priorities, partnerships and participatory budgeting.

The perfect combination



The shopping bus is a joint venture between Larkhall and District Volunteer Group (LDVG) and the Our Place Our Plan Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Community Group.

The original shopping bus was developed in response to issues highlighted in the neighbourhood plan and initial funding came from local participatory budgeting funds.

The service started in 2018 to support older people and those with mobility issues to go shopping at ASDA.

The service has grown and members are enjoying shopping trips and visits further afield.

As well as providing much needed transport members have also enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends and be part of a support network.

This initiative is valued locally, and recently received national recognition from Age Scotland due to extensive partnership working and efforts in reducing isolation.

Further funding has been secured from Pathways for All “Smarter Choices Smarter Places” programme which means the bus can continue for longer.

Sandra McRory from LDVG said “The aim of this funding is to reduce single-occupancy car journeys by encouraging people to travel together”



“

It was great. It gave me something to look forward to. These days all the days blend together, and the weeks fly in so it's given me something to do. It's been a big help. There's a wee lady who just stays up the road from me who I am now speaking to – I met her for the first time on the bus!”

A Shopping Bus Member

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“I’ve been involved with the group for a few years and although there could always be more involvement of the local community residents, It hasn’t stopped the brilliant work and great efforts of those who have contributed for the good of the area.

Seeing residents making decisions about our own area has to be the biggest achievement and I hope there is more to come.

Davy McAinsh
Community Action
Group Member

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Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	2 December 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Risk Register Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Present the updated risk register to the Community Planning Partnership Board.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the summary of Community Planning Partnership risks be noted; and
- (2) that progress in the delivery of the action 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 and approved by the Partnership Board on 24 June 2021.
- 3.6. At the Partnership Board on 15 September 2021, the Board also approved the updated COVID-19 Pandemic Risk Card.

4. Risk Register

4.1. Following approval of the Risk Cards at the Partnership Board on 24 June 2021 and the 15 September 2021, the Community Planning Partnership risks are summarised in the table below:-

Risk Category	Key Risk	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Risk Score
1 Very High (15-25)	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	16
	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
2 High (8-12)	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. Risk Number: CPP/2018/003	20	9
	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

4.2. A summary of progress in the delivery of the Risk Control Plan is noted below and additional information can be found in Appendix 1. Of the 21 actions contained in the plan:-

Status	Summary
Complete	There is one action completed.
On target	Eighteen actions are currently deemed to be on target to deliver within the timescale set.
Not started	Two actions are currently on hold. These relate to the Board having a clearer understanding of resourcing community planning initiatives and has not been started as a result of the Board's planned work on

	structures over the next few months and Community Led Planning work which will include discussions and actions around resilience.
Minor slippage	There has been minor slippage for no actions .
Major slippage	There has been major slippage for no actions .

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.

Paul Manning

Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

South Lanarkshire Council

4 November 2021

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Community Planning Partnership – Risk Control Plan 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Community Plan consultation is underway and the survey closed on 8 August 2021. Further conversations have taken place with community Focus Groups and feedback will be analysed and used to develop the new Community Plan. A Community Plan Writing Group is currently being established.
	Develop new Neighbourhood Plans for Fernhill, Whitehill, Eddlewood/Low Waters	Community Engagement Team/Partners	31/03/22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consultation work for the new plans is underway in Fernhill and Whitehill, and planned for Eddlewood/Low Waters, Hamilton.
	Review of CPP Structures	Community Planning Outcomes Leads	31/03/22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carried forward from the 2020-21 Risk Control Plan. Temporary structures agreed by the CPP Board and final structures will reflect the new Community Plan when developed.
	Review of governance and accountability arrangements	Community Planning Outcomes Leads/ Community Planning Team	31/03/22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carried forward from the 2020-21 Risk Control Plan. Temporary arrangements agreed by the CPP Board and final arrangements will reflect the new Community Plan when developed.
Ineffective engagement with communities	Promote the development of Community Led Plans to communities across South Lanarkshire	Community Participation and Engagement Group	31/12/21	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This action is being carried out through the development of Community Partnerships and raising awareness of community led plans with all representative groups.
	Review the Community Planning website	Community Planning and Governance Adviser	31/03/22	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Carried forward from the 2020-21 Risk Control Plan. Phase 1 of the review has been completed by the Website Review Group which includes a review of other websites to inform learning, a website specification being developed, planning of targeted community consultation and a review of IT software to support digital community engagement. Phase 2 to be commenced to consider the content of the site and align to the new Community Plan.

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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		A Pan-Lanarkshire Sustainable Development and Climate Change Workshop took place on 30 June 2021. A further CPP Board Development Session has been arranged to take place on 30 November 2021 to agree an implementation approach.
	Support community-led action on climate change	Community Engagement Team/ Sustainable Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Council	31/03/22		Actions from the CPP Board Development Session to be held on 30 November 2021 will be implemented.
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		Work is planned for Quarter 4 2021.
	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		Work is planned for Quarter 4 2021 and Quarter 1 2022.
	Raise awareness with Community Organisations regarding data collection and sharing	VASLan	31/12/21		Work is planned for Quarter 4 2021 and Quarter 1 2022.
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		Draft Terms of Reference agreed and nominations received. First meeting of the group took place in September 2021. Next meeting planned for 22 November 2021.
	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".

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					Work progressing in both areas to complete Terms of Reference for the groups and develop initial agendas for action. CamGlen Terms of Reference presented to the Board for approval in December 2021.
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 development of community partnerships, initially in Cambuslang/Rutherglen and Clydesdale but later in all four localities, will provide a process to resource initiatives at locality level and a direct link to Board oversight of this.
The UK leaving the EU could adversely impact on partner organisations delivery of the Community Plan and those who depend on the services provided	Continue to monitor developments, reviewing information and guidance from the Scottish and UK Governments with the support from the council's Risk Management Team, taking action as and when required	Community Planning Team/council's Risk Management Team	31/03/22		The UK leaving the EU (Brexit) will continue to be monitored by the council's Risk Management Team and will advise the Community Planning Team of any actions that are required. The results of the 6 month review of the Brexit Risk Card will be reported at the next meeting in March 2022.
Partners are required to redirect their resources to respond to and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic. This may result in	Economic recovery and renewal plans to be developed and presented to the Community Planning Partnership Board	Pan-Lanarkshire Economic Forum	31/12/21		The Economic Recovery Plan is being drafted with the intention of reporting to South Lanarkshire Council's Community and Enterprise Resources Committee in December 2021 and subsequently will be presented to the CPP Board early 2022.
	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		Mentoring offered to the partnership through the Shaping Places for Wellbeing programme.

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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.	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		Future community led plans will include discussion and actions around resilience.
	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		The Digital Inclusion Action Plan was reviewed by the Digital Inclusion Sub-Group to learn from COVID-19 pandemic and inform future priorities.
	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		Baseline Q template completed by partners in November/December 2021. Event to explore barriers and enablers, and thereafter form a Strategy Writing Group is scheduled for January 2022.
	Increase the number of accredited volunteer organisations and recognise and support these across the partnership	All partners, VASlan lead	31/03/22		Current Volunteer Friendly Award organisations to be showcased in January 2022 event.

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Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	2 December 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Board – 2022 Meeting/Development Session Dates
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with the proposed meeting and development session dates for 2022.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the Partnership Board and Development Session dates for 2022 are noted.

3. Meeting/Development Session Dates 2022

3.1. At the Partnership Board on 9 September 2020, it was agreed that the number of annual Board Meetings should be reduced from six to four and that Development Sessions should be scheduled in advance.

3.2. The proposed Partnership Board/Development Session dates for 2022 are as follows:

- Wednesday, 9 March 2022 (Board Meeting);
- Thursday, 19 May 2022 (Board Development Session);
- Wednesday, 22 June 2022 (Board Meeting);
- Wednesday, 14 September 2022 (Board Meeting);
- Wednesday, 12 October 2022 (Board Development Session); and
- Wednesday, 7 December 2022 (Board Meeting).

3.3. Due to the Scottish Local Council Elections taking place on Thursday 5 May 2022, the proposed dates may be subject to change after the finalisation of South Lanarkshire Council's committee programme to avoid any clashes.

4. Development Sessions – Proposed Themes

4.1. The proposed themes for the two Development Sessions due to be held on 19 May and 12 October 2022 are Gender Based Violence and the Alcohol and Drug Partnership and proposed agendas will be provided to the Board at a later date.

5. Venue and Timings

- 5.1. Meetings/Development Sessions will start at 1pm with the exception of the Development Session on 19 May 2022 which take place from 2-4pm. Accommodation that adheres to physical distancing requirements has been booked should the Board choose to return to face to face meetings.
- 5.2. The Board is asked to note these provisional dates and invitations will be circulated in due course.

6. Employee Implications

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

7. Financial Implications

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

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. 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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Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	2 December 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	South Lanarkshire Register of Information
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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 – 18 August to 3 November 2021

4.1. Appendix 1 provides a summary of the information circulated from 18 August to 3 November 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 18 August to 3 November 2021

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
25/08/21	Let's Do Net Zero Community Buildings	Local Energy Scotland	Launch of the new round of the Scottish Government's Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) on 30 July 2021 which focuses specifically on supporting community buildings across Scotland.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
26/08/21	Job Opportunity - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Public Involvement and Consultation Manager	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	Recruitment Information Pack for the post of Public Involvement and Consultation Manager with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
31/08/21	FASD Awareness Day - 9 September 2021	South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Details of the Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day taking place on 9 September 2021. This is an international campaign to raise awareness of FASD which is the leading cause of non-genetic learning disability worldwide and is entirely preventable if no alcohol is consumed in pregnancy.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
07/09/21	Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy 2022-2027 Survey	South Lanarkshire Council	Circulation of the Climate Change and Sustainability Strategy 2022-2027 Survey which closes end September 2021. Responses will help shape the vision and priorities for the strategy and help understand what is important to people who live and work in South Lanarkshire.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
15/09/21	CARES Conference 2021	Local Energy Scotland	Details of the Community and Renewable Energy Scheme (CARES) Conference taking place on 29 September 2021. This will focus on what communities have been doing to tackle the climate crisis through their	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.

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			involvement in renewable energy projects and how these are benefitting their local communities.	
20/09/21	IMPACT mental health and tobacco training course	South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership	IMPACT mental health and tobacco training course which is being run by NHS Lanarkshire's Tobacco Control Team on 28 October 2021. The training will provide participants with valuable knowledge about the effects of smoking on mental health.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
20/09/21	A Public Health Approach to Modern Slavery	Police Scotland	Details of the Public Health Approach to Modern Slavery webinar taking place on 14 October 2021 which will explore a public health approach to modern slavery and share practice examples.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
01/10/21	Gender-Based Violence Attitudes Survey 2021	South Lanarkshire Council	South Lanarkshire's Gender-Based Violence Partnership is looking to measure current attitudes towards Gender-Based violence across South Lanarkshire. They are seeking the views of the multi-agency workforce across a broad range of services by 30 October 2021.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
11/10/21	Anti-Social Behaviour Policy Review 2021-22	South Lanarkshire Council	South Lanarkshire Council are seeking views on the information contained within the Anti-Social Behaviour Policy by 22 October 2021. The policy sets out the approach the council will take when managing anti-social behaviour within both council housing and the wider community.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
11/10/21	Early Engagement Events: Developing a New Suicide Prevention Strategy for Scotland	South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Details of engagement events taking place from September to November 2021 on the development of a new Suicide Prevention Strategy for Scotland together with an online questionnaire which will run until 21 November 2021.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
12/10/21	Interactive Outdoor Gym Map	South Lanarkshire Health and Social	Details of NHS Lanarkshire's Interactive Outdoor Gym Map providing icons,	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
		Care Partnership	descriptions and links to outdoor gyms available across Lanarkshire. http://ow.ly/npKW50EjRge	information.
13/10/21	Place and Wellbeing: Integrating Land Use Planning and Public Health in Scotland	Improvement Service/ Public Health Scotland	Document providing guidance for both land use planning and public health practitioners and policy-makers, to help take health and wellbeing considerations into account when considering the development planning process.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
19/10/21	Ethnicity, poverty and the data in Scotland	Joseph Rowntree Foundation	Briefing on the analysis of poverty levels for people in minority ethnic communities in Scotland which highlights areas that are contributing to this worrying trend.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
19/10/21	Covid Recovery Strategy for a Fairer Future	Scottish Government	Covid Recovery Strategy which focuses on the efforts required to tackle inequality and disadvantage highlighting if our people are secure and have firm foundations then our communities, businesses, economy and society will be more resilient.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
21/10/21	How good is our Community Learning and Development?	Education Scotland	The ' How good is our community learning and development? ' draft framework (4 th edition) has been developed in consultation with the CLD sector with details of further webinars which are taking place in November/ December 2021 being offered by HM Inspectors.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
26/10/21	16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence	Improvement Service	Information provided by the Improvement Service on the 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence campaign which is taking place from 25 November to 10 December and includes a 16 Day Toolkit and calendar of events.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
29/10/21	United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) – Focus Groups	Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council	Request for participation in the Children's Rights and Participation Group's Focus Groups (November/December 2021) in preparation of the planned UNCRC into domestic law in Scotland. 201	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.

