



Dear Member

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

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

**Date:** **Wednesday, 09 March 2022**

**Time:** **13:00**

**Venue:** **By Microsoft Teams,**

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

### **Members**

Councillor Maureen Chalmers

Cleland Sneddon, Chief Executive

Paul Manning, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Resources

Rhonda Leith, Community Engagement Manager, Finance and Corporate Resources

David Booth, General Manager, **South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture**

Heather Knox, Chief Executive, **NHS Lanarkshire**

Martin Hill, Chair, **NHS Lanarkshire Board**

Josephine Pravinkumar, Director of Public Health, **NHS Lanarkshire**

John Binning, Principal Policy Officer, **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

Stephen Wright, Area Manager, **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

Alan Waddell, Chief Superintendent, **Police Scotland**

Soumen Sengupta, Director, **Health and Social Care Partnership**

Vacant, Non Executive Board Member, **Health and Social Care Partnership**

Steven Sweeney, Chief Executive, **VASLan**

Theresa Correia, Senior Manager, West Region, **Scottish Enterprise**

Clare Hicks, Local Director for South Lanarkshire, **Scottish Government**

Shona Mitchell, Head of Operations South West, **Skills Development Scotland**

Elizabeth O'Reilly, Head of Campus Services, **University of the West of Scotland**

Andy Aird, Regional Chair Scotland, **Federation of Small Businesses**

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### 8 South Lanarkshire Strategic Commissioning Plan 2022 to 2025 Update Presentation

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- 17 Any Other Competent Business**  
Any other items of business which the Chair decides are competent.

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# **SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP 2 BOARD**

Note of meeting held by Microsoft Teams on 2 December 2021

## **Chair:**

Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Depute Leader, South Lanarkshire Council

## **Partners Present:**

A Aird, Regional Chair Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses  
J Binning, Principal Policy Officer, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport  
D Booth, General Manager, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture  
H Knox, Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire  
R Leith, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council  
P Manning, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council  
S Mitchell, Head of Operations, South West, Skills Development Scotland  
C Sneddon, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council  
S Sweeney, Chief Executive, VASLan  
A Waddell, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland  
S Wright, Area Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

## **Also Attending:**

H Calley, Administration Officer, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
A Comrie, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport  
J Lannigan, Lanarkshire Credit Union  
M Lennon, Locality Manager East Kilbride, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
A Norris, Administration Assistant, South Lanarkshire Council  
A Murray, Community Planning and Governance Adviser, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
J Richmond, Carbon Management Development Officer, Community and Enterprise Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
E Russell, Health Promotion, NHS Lanarkshire  
A Singh, Service Manager (Children and Justice), Social Work Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
A Thomson, Superintendent, Police Scotland  
F Thomson, Locality Manager Clydesdale, South Lanarkshire Council

## **Apologies:**

T Correia, Senior Manager, West Region, Scottish Enterprise  
G Docherty, Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire  
C Hicks, Local Director for South Lanarkshire, Scottish Government  
N Mahal, Chair, NHS Lanarkshire Board  
E O'Reilly, Head of Campus Services, University of the West of Scotland  
J Pravinkumar, Director of Public Health (Designate), NHS Lanarkshire  
S Sengupta, Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership

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## **Chair's Opening Remarks**

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The Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

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## **1 Declaration of Interests**

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No interests were declared.

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## **2 Note of Previous Meeting**

The note of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 15 September 2021 was submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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## **3 Community Planning Budget and Expenditure Report**

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) budget and expenditure as at 1 October 2021 (Period 7).

As outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, the CPP budget for 2021/2022 was £88,044, with total expenditure as at 1 October 2021 (Period 7) of £35,130.52.

The final salary payment of £15,193.34 for the Community Development Officer had been processed and would be included in the next update to the Board. Recruitment to fill this post was underway and an update would be provided at the next Board Meeting.

A further update on the CPP budget would also be provided at the next Board meeting.

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

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## **4 Lived Experience Fund Feedback**

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the feedback from the Lanarkshire Credit Union on funding provided to undertake engagement work with communities to capture the lived experience of people who experienced poverty, inequalities and/or deprivation.

Lanarkshire Credit Union was a financial co-operative and a not-for-profit organisation that offered a savings and low-cost loan service to its members. The Credit Union carried out a survey through a mobile App and received 709 responses. The survey gathered feedback on people's finances and also provided an opportunity for the Credit Union to contact service users concerning their finances. The feedback was set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

At its meeting on 26 October 2021, the Community Planning Progress Group was provided with Lanarkshire Credit Union's Lived Experience feedback for review. The Group's partners reviewed the feedback and provided details of the current interventions and support provided. This information was detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

As feedback was received from other organisations, this would be submitted to the Board for review and the Council's Community Engagement Team would continue to work with the funded organisations to support them in gathering this information. Feedback would be used as part of the evidence to help inform the priorities of the new Community Plan and to identify policy issues and gaps in service provision.

Further discussions would be held with Lanarkshire Credit Union to ensure that individuals and families were aware of the current supports available and to discuss any remaining gaps. A letter would be sent, on behalf of the Board, acknowledging the work collating the feedback and thanking them for their contribution.

J Lannigan, Lanarkshire Credit Union, was in attendance and it was agreed that Board members would promote the Credit Union using the information provided. The challenge of shopping local,

which was more expensive, against the cost of travel to cheaper shops was noted as well as the challenges of staffing the Credit Union. Volunteers had reduced since the pandemic, however, 2 bids for staff funding had been submitted to the Council under the Kick Start and Youth Guarantee schemes.

The Chair expressed thanks to J Lannigan and the Board commended all the work undertaken.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Feedback from Lanarkshire Credit Union noted.
  - (2) Current interventions and supports provided across the Partnership noted.
  - (3) Feedback from organisations to be used as evidence to help inform the priorities of the new Community Plan.

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## 5 Sustainable Development and Climate Change

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted providing an update on the online workshop with Community Planning Partners exploring the climate emergency and sustainable development as a primary issue in policymaking across the Community Planning Partnership (CPP).

At its meeting on 24 June 2021, the Board was presented with a report on tackling climate and ecological emergencies and using sustainable development goals to address climate change and other environmental, social and economic priorities.

The Board was also updated on climate change and sustainable development through a presentation to the CPP Progress Group at a meeting in March 2021. At that meeting, it was agreed to hold an online workshop with Community Planning Partners on 30 June 2021 to explore the climate emergency and sustainable development as a primary issue in policy-making across the Partnership. Feedback was provided from the workshop which explored and discussed the following:-

- ◆ the links between climate change and sustainable development and their relevance to community planning
- ◆ the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framework for policy and decision-making across the Community Planning Partnership and the interconnectedness of the goals
- ◆ policy coherence for sustainable development and climate change
- ◆ a green recovery and a just transition to a net-zero economy

The workshop also split into breakout groups and discussed the following:-

- ◆ the value of embedding climate change into community planning policy making
- ◆ how we could further embed climate change into community planning
- ◆ how we could engage our communities on climate change

The final workshop session gathered feedback from participants on the barriers to mainstreaming climate change and engaging communities using the online Menti tool, where comments could be submitted anonymously. The feedback, findings and recommendations from the discussions in the breakout sessions were outlined in the report.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the session had been extremely valuable and the recommendations appropriate, however, consideration should be given to widening them. The importance of engagement and involvement of young people was noted and opportunities to link with, for example, the Youth Strategy.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Findings from workshop noted.

- (2) Based on the findings from the workshop, the recommendations to further mainstream the sustainable development principle and climate action be considered as part of the review of the CPP structure and Community Plan.
- (3) Recommendations and agreed actions from the climate change event on 30 November 2021 approved.

[Reference: *Minutes of 24 June 2021 (Paragraph 10)*]

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## **6 Outcomes from the Joint Community Planning Partnership Board Development Sessions – 23 June 2021**

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an overview of the Joint Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board Development Session held on 23 June 2021 and the initial outcomes discussed.

Following discussions by members of North and South Lanarkshire CPPs, it had been agreed to hold a joint CPP event on 23 June 2021 to:-

- ◆ share progress on tackling inequalities across both CPPs
- ◆ identify learning from COVID-19 across the wider system to inform a whole-system approach
- ◆ share successful examples of whole-system working to tackle inequalities
- ◆ identify opportunities for improving collaboration on inequalities
- ◆ agree next steps for both CPPs to jointly maximise their impact

Prior to the event, 'Data Digest' information packs were circulated to members which included current information about the impact of COVID-19 in worsening inequalities, particularly around poverty and employment and highlighted the Lanarkshire context. The workshop included various presentations, copies of which were sent to attendees. The agenda was included as Appendix 1 to the report with a summary of the feedback provided in Appendix 2 and main topics discussed by the breakout groups in Section 4.6.

The Partnership was already progressing many areas of work, particularly in finding new ways to work with communities and to encourage greater dialogue and involvement to address inequalities, including work on neighbourhood planning activity and the development of locality-based Community Partnerships.

The Development Session and its findings provided an opportunity for further discussion and consideration and would remain a key reference point in developing the new Community Plan.

At the Board Meeting of 15 September 2021, verbal feedback was provided on a subsequent Pan-Lanarkshire Leaders' meeting at which key priority areas for cross-system working were suggested. Following agreement from both CPP Boards, key officers with responsibility for the areas would meet to discuss how each piece of work could be progressed. Further updates would be provided to the Board at a later date.

The Chair noted it would be beneficial to maintain the links built with Ayrshire in recent years and it was agreed the Community Engagement Manager would share a presentation on Ayrshire's current work.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Content of the development session noted.
  - (2) Key priority areas for progress, outlined within Section 5.3 of the report, approved.

[Reference: *Minutes of 15 September 2021 (Paragraph 8)*]

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## **7 Outcomes from the Community Planning Partnership Board Development Session (Communities of Interest) – 20 October 2021**

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an overview of the ‘Communities of Interest’ presentations delivered at the Development Session held on 20 October 2021 and the initial outcomes that were discussed.

The Communities of Interest Development Session considered national and local context and received presentations from the following communities:-

- ◆ Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Communities
- ◆ the Senior Community
- ◆ Deaf Community and Speakers of British Sign Language (BSL)

After consideration of the presentations and further discussion, as outlined in the report, the following actions had been proposed:-

- ◆ consideration to be given to include the senior community within the CPP Board membership
- ◆ consideration to be given to the offer of support by the British Deaf Association to local authorities and NHS Boards regarding BSL training and advice

**Outcome(s):** (1) Presentations noted.

(2) Proposed actions from the development session, as outlined in the report, to be considered.

*[Reference: Note of 15 September 2021 (Paragraph 8)]*

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## **8 Community Planning Review and New Community Plan Progress Update**

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on progress of the Community Planning Structure, the Governance Review and development of the new Community Plan.

The report summarised the background to the ongoing review and development and included the consideration of structures required at a thematic/locality level. Two areas in South Lanarkshire (Clydesdale, and Cambuslang and Rutherglen) had been identified for the development of new local planning structures.

The Cambuslang and Rutherglen Group had identified shared priorities and produced an initial report and draft terms of reference which would be reviewed annually. Those were included as Appendix 1 to the report and the CPP Board was asked to note the report which included the request for assistance on a solution to help maximise community access to outdoor recreational facilities and approve the terms of reference.

Progress with the Clydesdale Group continued with work on drafting the terms of reference. A verbal update was given on the initial meeting with the Hamilton Group, held on 30 November 2021 and it was noted that conversations had started with groups within East Kilbride. The groups had chosen to name themselves Community Partnerships for their localities and it was recommended the Chairs of those groups join the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board in June 2022.

The Community Planning Outcomes Leads Group had agreed a terms of reference and 2 phases of work with the first formal meeting held on 22 November 2021.

A survey of Partnership Community Participation and Engagement Group members was planned to identify how best to develop plans to feed into the group’s action plan for 2022/2023.

As agreed at the CPP Board on 15 September 2021, this and future meetings would be livestreamed.

Feedback from the Community Conversation Focus Groups was being analysed and would be reviewed by the newly established Community Plan Writing Group during November/December 2021. This feedback, along with the existing knowledge of community priorities, would form the basis of the new priorities for the Partnership. The work of the Writing Group would be completed by the end of 2021 with a draft plan available for consultation in early 2022.

A strategic session was held on 17 November 2021, where lead officers discussed and agreed the vision and direction for the new Community Plan and for the Council Plan which would partner it. Further updates on the Community Plan review would be provided to the Board at each meeting and the final draft of the new Plan presented for approval at the Board's meeting in June 2022.

The Scottish Government had published its COVID-19 Recovery Strategy which set out its vision for recovery and detailed action to address systemic inequalities worsened by the pandemic, make progress towards a wellbeing economy and accelerate inclusive person-centred public services by supporting public sector bodies and CPPs to develop and implement local plans.

A letter was circulated by the Chair of the Community Planning Improvement Board (CPIB) to all CPP Chairs regarding the CPIB's 'Research on Community Planning: Progress and Potential' which shared recent research into the critical role Community Planning played during COVID-19 and the significant contribution Community Planning could make to Recovery Plans in Scotland. The CPIB was keen to actively engage with partnerships to ensure its work programme was informed by local priorities and experiences.

Those developments, alongside other key national strategies and plans, would be considered by the Community Plan Writing Group when the draft plan was prepared.

The Community Engagement Manager explained the creation and composition of Community Partnerships and confirmed their terms of reference would be reviewed annually. Those Partnerships would utilise digital technology as much as possible, while still engaging with those not confident or familiar with technology.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Progress on the development of the new Community Plan noted.
  - (2) Proposed Terms of Reference for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership, contained in Appendix 1 of the report, approved.
  - (3) Request for assistance from the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership on a solution to help maximise community access to outdoor recreational facilities, outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, noted.
  - (4) Agreed that Community Partnership Chairs join the membership of the CPP Board from 22 June 2022.
  - (5) Progress made to date with the review noted.

[Reference: Note of 15 September 2021 (Paragraph 7)]

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## 9 Youth Strategy 2022 to 2025

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted providing an update on the development of the South Lanarkshire Youth Strategy 2022 to 2025.

The Strategy was developed through extensive consultation with young people and positioned the key issues, identified by young people to support partners, to better develop and deliver services.

It provided direction and priorities for the Corporate Connections Board Youth Partnership (CCBYP), underpinned by the Council's objectives and the Community Plan's strategic priorities.

Ongoing engagement ensured that annual targets continued to address the changing needs of young people and members of South Lanarkshire Youth Council had ensured that peer support and examination of the data had been from young people's perspectives, maintaining the integrity of both the process and the Strategy itself.

The Strategy was the conclusion of engagement with over 1,000 young people since 2019 and ensured the established bottom-up approach to identifying and articulating the needs of young people continued in South Lanarkshire.

The key achievements since the previous Strategy were noted in Section 4.2 of the report.

In 2020, Youth Council members held sessions on the information gained through engagement and the emerging priorities that were gaining importance through campaigns. Discussion led to the following revised priorities which were agreed by the Corporate Connections Board Youth Partnership:-

- ◆ health and wellbeing
- ◆ youth friendly services
- ◆ learning and working
- ◆ rights
- ◆ environment

Under each priority were a number of key issues detailed in Section 5.3 of the report.

The Strategy was successful as it monitored and evaluated progress through robust measures agreed by the Community Learning and Development Partnership. It also had measures in place to record success.

The recruitment of 6 Modern Apprentices would assist the launch and embedding of the Strategy as they would take a lead in various aspects of Community Planning consultation.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Overarching ambitions of the Youth Strategy 2022 to 2025 endorsed.
  - (2) Priorities and key issues set out to secure improvement in the quality of life for the people of South Lanarkshire noted.
  - (3) Governance arrangements for annual planning and reporting noted.
  - (4) Alignment of the Strategy with the planned developments to increase and widen engagement and strengthen the voice of all young people noted.
  - (5) Continued commitment to communities by South Lanarkshire and its partners through the work of the Corporate Connections Board Youth Partnership noted.

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## 10 Enabling Youth Voice

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted providing 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.

South Lanarkshire had a long, positive and proven history of engagement with young people including the Corporate Connections Board Youth Partnership (CCBYP) and the Youth Strategy. Appendix 1 to the report provided examples of provision that resulted from dialogue with young people, actions taken and the national recognition received.

The report provided details of opportunities to increase and widen engagement, strengthen the voice of young people and their involvement in the democratic process across South Lanarkshire, using digital engagement. At its meeting on 1 July 2021, the CCBYP agreed to progress proposals to further enhance and enable the voice of young people in South Lanarkshire. Subsequently, at its meeting on 31 August 2021, the Education Resources Committee, South Lanarkshire Council, approved the appointment of 6 Modern Apprentices so the work was 'young people led'.

Focus groups were held with young people, resulting in the adoption of an easy to use and attractive Participation Tool which provided a platform to engage and consult digitally on a range of issues. It was noted that digital democracy was not the only solution to participatory practice and face-to-face youth work would continue.

Due to the pandemic, the Youth, Family and Community Learning Service (YFCL) realised digital technologies could be used to ensure continued dialogue, increase engagement with a more diverse range of participants and enable more opportunities to influence decisions in line with YFCL's and the Board's visions.

The new digital Tool allowed data collection from a single source but was just within YFCL, not partner agencies, the voluntary sector or other Council Resources.

The 6 Modern Apprentices had been recruited and would be supported through YFCL to become mentors in locality areas, however, they would also work together as a team. The Modern Apprentices would become highly skilled and thoroughly trained in all aspects of youth work so they had a wide scope of knowledge to communicate and engage with others.

The established CCBYP was well placed to represent young people and evidence gathered would be reflected in the development of policy and practice. In addition, the Tool would mean information was fed back timeously.

The new model of engagement presented a range of outcomes which were noted in Section 7 of the report.

**Outcome(s):** Steps being taken to further engage with young people to empower and enable them to have their 'voice' and use this to help inform and influence the democratic process noted.

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## **11 Community Learning and Development Strategic 3-Year Plan 2021 to 2024 (Draft)**

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted:-

- ◆ providing an update on progress made in the review and drafting of the Community Learning and Development (CLD) 3-year plan for 2021 to 2024
- ◆ seeking 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"

There was a statutory obligation for all local authorities to produce a 3-year CLD plan specifying:-

- ◆ how the education authority would co-ordinate provision with statutory and other providers
- ◆ what action the education authority would take to provide CLD over the 3 years
- ◆ what action other persons would take to provide CLD over this period
- ◆ any unmet need

The Plan must also:-

- ◆ identify target groups and individuals
- ◆ have regard for their needs

- ◆ identify barriers
- ◆ outline consultation proposals with people who were representative of the target individuals and groups

Key to successful implementation of the Plan would be aligning identified need with good practice and identified improvement areas. The Plan supported the CLD Partnership's commitment to the shared vision and to meet the challenges ahead.

The CLD Partnership undertook research to establish the key functions of CLD and the priorities to individuals and communities. National discussion and debate on the Plan helped focus on emerging themes which were identified as:-

- ◆ progression
- ◆ mental health
- ◆ environmentalism
- ◆ access to learning for learners with disabilities

A workshop was held with CLD Partnership members to discuss the findings from research as well as the format, reporting cycle and communication with stakeholders. The agreed actions were noted in Section 4.3 of the report.

The principles that underpinned CLD practice were:-

- ◆ **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 were equal
- ◆ **working collaboratively** – effective partnerships at a strategic and local level
- ◆ **promotion of lifelong learning** – meeting needs of learners

The actions of how the needs of learners would be met through strong and effective CLD practice were detailed in the report as well as how impact would be measured.

The governance of the CLD Partnership had been established and measures to map unmet need recognised. The CLD Partnership would also ensure a learning culture for CLD staff and volunteers was established and promoted.

The Council's Chief Executive requested the plan be brought to the next meeting to allow the Board to review the SMART projections and measures before implementation. The Locality Manager for East Kilbride explained the initial stage of gathering and understanding benchmark data would be done in March/April 2022 and SMART targets set thereafter and brought to a future CPP Board meeting.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Overarching ambitions of the CLD 3-year Strategic Plan 2021 to 2024 endorsed.
  - (2) Actions and measures set out to secure improvement in the quality of life for the people of South Lanarkshire noted.
  - (3) Revised governance arrangements for annual planning and reporting noted.
  - (4) Continued commitment to communities by South Lanarkshire and its partners, through the work of the South Lanarkshire Community Learning and Development Partnership, noted.

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Director, Health and Social Care was submitted providing 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.

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, had been used worldwide to call for the elimination of Gender-Based Violence (GBV). It ran annually from 25 November (International Day Against Violence Against Women) to 10 December (International Human Rights Day).

South Lanarkshire plans to support the campaign included:-

- ◆ pan-Lanarkshire GBV and Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Online Event
- ◆ Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Online Event
- ◆ illumination of Council buildings on 25 November and 10 December 2021 to mark the beginning and end of the 16 days
- ◆ daily social media campaign in line with the National Violence Against Women (VAW) Network Theme '#WhatWillYouDo?'
- ◆ daily social media campaign focused on themes as identified from the GBV Partnership's 2021 Attitudinal Survey
- ◆ support from the GBV Partnership for all partner organisation campaigns through promotion and information sharing

Following discussion, concerns about GBV statistics were highlighted and it was agreed there should be continued focus on ways to reduce incidences.

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

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### **13 South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee Annual Report (2020/2021) and Business Plan (2021/2022); South Lanarkshire Adult Support and Protection Committee Business Plan for 2020 to 2022; Self-Evaluation Strategy 2021 to 2023; Bi-Annual Report (2020 to 2022); and Business Plan Update**

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Director, Health and Social Care was submitted providing an update on the South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee's (SLCPC) Annual Report and Business Plan, South Lanarkshire Adult Support and Protection Committee's (SLASPC) Business Plan and Self-Evaluation Strategy and highlighting the work of both Committees over the last 2 years and future developments.

The SLCPC performed a number of functions under the Scottish Government's Child Protection Improvement Programme (CPIP). On 1 August 2021, the SLCPC published its Annual Report and Business Plan which demonstrated its on target achievements and highlighted work still to be done in the current period. On 3 September 2021, the Scottish Government published the new National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland and the new National Guidance for CPCs Undertaking Learning Reviews in Scotland.

A national 2-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 were protected by existing local and national arrangements and identify areas for improvement. Due to the pandemic, inspections would be conducted remotely and the duration reduced from a 20-week timeline to 13 weeks.

Inspections were led by the Care Inspectorate in collaboration with Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary Scotland (HMICS) and Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS). The Inspection Team would scrutinise 2 key areas of adult support and protection activity; Key Processes and Leadership. Ten joint inspections had been completed to date and it was understood the next tranche of inspections would take place in November 2021 and June 2022. South Lanarkshire continued to await notification.

The SLCPC's purpose was linked to continuous improvement in line with quality indicators, based around 5 inspection questions set by the Care Inspectorate and provided a framework for evaluation across the partnership. SLCPC had identified key themes for improvement and were supported by task groups. The CPC Business Plan was managed by SLCPC through routine reporting and monitoring. Details of how the SLCPC operated and subsequently developed its annual report and business plan were noted along with its bi-annual report for 2020 to 2022.

The Committees and partners were committed to timescales and outcomes in relation to child protection and adult support and protection, ensuring the individual was at the centre of the work and targets were met in implementing change.

The Council's Chief Executive referred to the formalising of relationships between the Board and the Public Protection Chief Officers Group (PPCOG) and widening the agenda.

**Outcome(s):** 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, supported.

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## 14 Neighbourhood Planning Annual Report

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing:-

- ◆ an update on progress around neighbourhood planning and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
- ◆ copies of the annual reports to communities on progress made against Neighbourhood Plans

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 placed a statutory duty on Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to identify smaller areas within the local authority that experienced the poorest outcomes and prepare and publish plans to improve outcomes on agreed priorities through participation and engagement with communities.

At its meeting on 14 July 2017, the Board considered the results of a statistical exercise which identified 9 of the Council's 20 wards as being potential neighbourhood planning areas and on 11 October 2017, the Board agreed to pilot the use of neighbourhood planning activity and recognised this approach required a longer investment of time. The first 3 Neighbourhood Plans, which covered 5 of the 9 wards, were published in January 2019 and a further 4 plans for the remaining wards, produced in March 2020.

The legislation required reports to be produced on an annual basis and to identify progress made so the communities involved could see and understand progress. Annual reports had to be accessible and easy to understand. The Annual Progress Reports for Burnhill; Cambuslang East; Fairhill; Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank; Springhall and Whitlawburn; and Strutherhill and Birkenshaw were attached as appendices 1 to 6 to the report.

Progress was made on delivering actions against the top priorities in all areas despite the impact of the pandemic on engagement activities. Highlights of the work in each area were detailed in Section 4.3 of the report.

The Community Engagement Team continued to work with individual communities in blended ways to identify the best ways to progress its stakeholder meetings and continue to move ahead with delivery on priorities and review the priorities. Work also continued with partners delivering services to continue to identify their contribution to the communities' priorities and how this would impact upon the improvement of outcomes for those living in the neighbourhood planning areas. As community engagement and participation strengthened within neighbourhoods, there was evidence of communities becoming more aware and more confident to address issues and this presented both a challenge and an opportunity to partners to work alongside people to develop new and innovative approaches.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Neighbourhood Plan Annual Progress Reports 2020/2021 approved.
  - (2) Impact of COVID-19 on the implementation of the Plans and the next steps noted.

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## **15 Community Planning Partnership Risk Register Update**

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Risk Register.

A CPP Risk Register and Risk Control Plan were maintained to formally record, assess and aid management of strategic risks faced by the Partnership. A process to review the Risk Register and note progress with the implementation of actions to mitigate risks was in place and was monitored as a standing item on the agenda of Board meetings.

The risk cards were approved by the Board on 24 June 2021 and summarised in Section 4 of the report. The summary of progress delivered in the Risk Control Plan was noted in Section 4.2 and detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. The COVID-19 Pandemic Risk card was approved at the Board on 15 September 2021.

The Community Planning Progress Group continued to progress actions and monitor and review the Risk Register and Risk Control Plan. The COVID-19 pandemic and BREXIT risk cards would be reviewed every 6 months and all cards reviewed annually. It was noted that risk scores and rankings could be amended if new information arose that resulted in re-assessment.

Any changes to the risk cards would be presented to the Board for approval and following the annual review, the Board would also receive an Annual Risk Update Report. The next planned review of the full CPP Risk Register and Control Plan would take place in April 2022.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Summary of Community Planning Partnership risks noted.
  - (2) Progress in the delivery of the action plan noted.

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## **16 Community Planning Partnership Board – 2022 Meeting/Development Session Dates**

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing proposed dates for Board Meetings and Development Sessions for 2022.

It was agreed, at the meeting on 9 September 2020, that annual Board meetings would reduce from 6 to 4 and Development Sessions would be scheduled in advance. It was recognised that, due to the Scottish Local Government Elections in May 2022, the following proposed dates would be subject to change after finalisation of South Lanarkshire Council's committee programme:-

- ◆ 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)
- ◆ Wednesday, 7 December 2022 (Board Meeting)

The Proposed themes for the 2 Development Sessions were Gender-Based Violence and the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership.

- Outcome(s):** Proposed meeting and development session dates for 2022 noted.

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**17 South Lanarkshire Register of Information Report**

A report dated 4 November 2021 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing a summary of information which had been circulated to Community Planning Partners between 18 August and 3 November 2021, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

**Outcome(s):**      Noted.

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**18 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 1.00pm by Microsoft Teams.

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**19 Any Other Competent Business**

There were no other items of competent business.



# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>9 March 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Planning Budget and Expenditure Report (to 28 January 2022 – Period 11)</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure as at 28 January 2022 (Period 11).

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

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

## 3. Background

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

## 4. Budget and Expenditure

4.1. The total available budget for 2021/2022 is £88,044.

4.2. The actual expenditure at the end of Period 11 is £45,291. Appendix 1 provides a breakdown.

## 5. Income and Expenditure during 2021/2022

5.1. Specific spend within this period of £45,291 relates to salary costs, printing and IT equipment costs.

5.2. At the Board meeting of 24 June 2021, the Board approved the extension of the Community Development Officer post for another year. The cost of this from the 2021/2022 budget was £27,857. The holder of the post has now moved on and a final salary payment has been processed. Recruitment to fill the post has now been completed and the new Officer started on 7 February 2022. The budget has been adjusted to reflect the projected costs up to 30 September 2022 (this excludes any pay award and includes salary on costs).

- 5.3. Communities that we are working with have asked for the option to attend local meetings either in person or online. The Community Engagement Team is therefore in the process of purchasing equipment that can facilitate this. The approximate cost will be circa £3,000. This equipment will be used for partnership meetings with communities. Arrangements are also being made for the purchase of an outdoor gazebo that can be used when working out in our communities. The approximate cost of this will be circa £1,000. This equipment can also be booked by partners for community work. These costs have been allocated through the CPP Participation and Engagement Group's budget of £15,000 and the group is anticipating full expenditure of this budget.
- 5.4. The probable outturn for 2021/2022 shows an underspend of approximately £29,451 which will be carried forward to the 2022/2023 budget. The main variances which contribute to the underspend relate to salary savings from the vacant Community Development Officer post, the agreed £5,000 to be carried over for the Lived Experience Fund and there has been no events held during the financial year. The end of year position will include any final adjustments and be presented to the Board on 22 June 2022.
- 5.5. A further update will be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership Board on 22 June 2022.

## **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 issues in terms of risk associated with this report.

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

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

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9 February 2022

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<b>Community Planning Budget 2021-22</b>				
<u><b>Opening Balance April 2021</b></u>		<b>£39,694</b>		
<u><b>Income</b></u>				
<b>Partner Contributions</b>		<b>Budget</b>	<b>Actual to Date</b>	
NHS Lanarkshire		18,350	18,350	
South Lanarkshire Council		22,000	22,000	
Police Scotland		5,000	5,000	
Fire Scotland		3,000	3,000	
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£48,350</b>	<b>£48,350</b>	
<b>Total available funding</b>		<b>£88,044</b>	<b>£88,044</b>	
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	
<b>Proposed Expenditure</b>		<b>Proposed Expenditure</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure</b>	<b>Probable Outturn</b>
Community Plan Delivery		76,000	44,174	57,179
Printing/Stationery/Advertising/General		1,300	1,003	1,300
Reports, Strategies and Plans		2,000	114	114
Lived Experience Fund		5,000	0.00	0.00
Travel		244	0.00	0.00
Community Planning Events		3,500	0.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>£88,044</b>	<b>£45,291</b>	<b>£58,593</b>
<b>Total Expenditure – Actual and Committed</b>			<b>*£60,291</b>	

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

\*Includes £15,000 delegated to the CPP Participation and Engagement Group.



# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>9 March 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject: **Community Planning Partnership Risk Register Update**

## 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;
- (2) that progress in the delivery of the action plan, be noted; and
- (3) that the updated Brexit Risk Card, be approved.

## 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 <b>Very High</b> (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 <b>High</b> (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 <b>Low/ Medium</b> (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 are <b>four actions</b> completed.
On target	<b>Ten actions</b> are currently deemed to be on target to deliver within the timescale set.

<b>Not started</b>	<b>Two actions</b> 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.
<b>Minor slippage</b>	There are <b>five actions</b> with minor slippage.
<b>Major slippage</b>	There has been major slippage for <b>no actions</b> .

## 5. Monitoring and Reporting Arrangements

- 5.1. As advised at the Partnership Board on 24 June 2021, work would be carried out with the Council's Risk Management Team to review the COVID-19 Brexit Risk Card (CPP/2020/001) every six months.
- 5.2. Following review by the Community Planning Progress Group on 24 November 2021, with assistance from the Council's Risk Management Team, the Risk Description Section of the Card has been updated to reflect that the impacts of BREXIT 'could potentially be compounded by the Global Pandemic'. The target date in relation to the action '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', has been extended to 31 March 2023. The updated Card is shown at Appendix 2.
- 5.3. 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.
- 5.4. 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.
- 5.5. The next planned review of the full Risk Register and Control Plan will take place during April 2022.

## 6. Cumulative Effects

- 6.1. When the UK left the EU on 31 December 2020, a trade deal was agreed and arrangements were put in place for imports and exports. There are, however, several remaining longer-term impacts which are likely to affect the Community Planning Partnership and the wider economy. It will be difficult to fully unpick EU exit impacts from those arising from the pandemic in terms of potential job losses, investment, wage stagnation, supply of commodities and rising inflation.

## 7. Employee Implications

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

## 8. Financial Implications

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

## 9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

## **10. Other Implications**

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

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

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

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## Community Planning Partnership – Risk Control Plan 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/Community Planning Progress Group	30/06/22		The first stage of consultation with communities and partners is completed and a short-term group has been established to write the draft plan.
	Develop new Neighbourhood Plans for Fernhill, Whitehill, Eddlewood/Low Waters	Community Engagement Team/Partners	31/03/22		<p>Consultation work for the new plans is underway in Fernhill and Whitehill, and planned for Eddlewood/Low Waters, Hamilton.</p> <p>Fernhill Neighbourhood Plan will be close to completion by the end of March 2022, with plans to complete the consultation through doorstep dialogue which was delayed due to COVID restrictions.</p> <p>Engagement will be completed throughout February and March 2022 with the data being analysed and the Neighbourhood Plan being designed shortly afterwards. A "Story So Far" document has been created to allow people who have taken part to see the priorities and to encourage more participation.</p> <p>370 Whitehill residents have completed the Neighbourhood Planning Survey advising as to what they think are the priorities within their community. A meeting will be arranged in February 2022 with the residents to discuss what they wish to do. Currently on track to be completed by end March 2022.</p>
	Review of CPP Structures	Community Planning Outcomes Leads	30/06/22		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. The target completion date has been

Key Risk	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
					updated from 31 March 2022 to reflect the revised date for the Community Plan.
	Review of governance and accountability arrangements	Community Planning Outcomes Leads/Community Planning Team	30/06/22		Carried forward from the 2020-21 Risk Control Plan. Temporary arrangements have been agreed by the CPP Board and final arrangements will reflect the new Community Plan. The target completion date has been updated from 31 March 2022 to reflect the revised date for the Community Plan.
Ineffective engagement with communities	Promote the development of Community Led Plans to communities across South Lanarkshire	Community Participation and Engagement Group	31/12/21		<b>COMPLETE</b> - 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	30/06/22		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. The target completion date has been updated from 31 March 2022 to reflect the revised date for the Community Plan.
Failure to meet sustainable development principles and respond collectively to the climate emergency	Deliver a partnership workshop which considers an integrated approach to the climate emergency and sustainable development. Provide the CPP Board with recommendations for implementing an integrated approach using feedback from the workshop.	Sustainable Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Council	30/09/21		<b>COMPLETE</b> - A Pan-Lanarkshire Sustainable Development and Climate Change Workshop took place on 30 June 2021. A further CPP Board Development Session took place on 30 November 2021 to agree an implementation approach. A further report on the outcomes from the development session and recommended implementation actions will be submitted to the CPP Board on 9 March 2022.
	Support community-led action on climate change	Community Engagement Team/ Sustainable Development Officer,	31/03/22		Actions from the CPP Board Development Session held on 30 November 2021 will be implemented.

Key Risk	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
		South Lanarkshire Council			
Failure to share data/information between partners to deliver the priority outcomes of the Community Planning Partnership	Identify barriers to better understand issues related to sharing data between Partners and Community Organisations and develop and implement improvement actions	VASLan	31/03/22		Work is planned for Quarter 1, 2022.
	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 1, 2022.
	Raise awareness with Community Organisations regarding data collection and sharing	VASLan	31/12/21		Work is planned for 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		<b>COMPLETE</b> - The interim Outcomes Leads Group has been established and are meeting regularly. The group has Senior Officer representation from across the partnership. The draft Terms of Reference will be submitted to the CPP Board on 9 March 2022 for approval and this will be reviewed again in June 2022 to align the focus of this group to the new priorities.
	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".  The Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership was approved by the Board in December 2021 and the group will submit quarterly update reports to the Board.  Initial meeting held for Clydesdale in October 2021, with a second meeting scheduled for week beginning 7 February 2022 where the Community Partnership will discuss and agree the ToR, membership, roles and

Key Risk	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
					arrangements for continued development along with quarterly reporting.
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		<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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/ Community Planning. The updated BREXIT Risk Card will be reported to the CPP Board on 9 March 2022.
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 dis	Economic recovery and renewal plans to be developed and presented to the Community Planning Partnership Board	Pan-Lanarkshire Economic Forum	31/12/21		Given the ongoing effects of the pandemic and the imminent expiry of economic strategy, Promote 2013-2023, it has been agreed to review the recovery work to date and prepare a new and ambitious Economic Strategy for South Lanarkshire 2022-2027 as part of a more comprehensive update of council and Community Partnership plans to be approved by the new administration following the election in Spring 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.

Key Risk	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
advantage 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. Meetings in place with South Lanarkshire Council's Resilience Officer to progress this further.
	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	COMPLETE	<b>COMPLETE</b> - 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	30/06/22	In Progress	Baseline survey completed November/December 2021 and a stakeholder event took place in January 2022. A time limited Writing Group is currently being formed to progress from February to May 2022.  The target completion date has been updated from 31 March 2022 to align with the Community Wealth Building Action Plan.
	Increase the number of accredited volunteer organisations and recognise and support these across the partnership	All partners, VASLan lead	30/06/22	In Progress	CPP event to be planned for June 2022 to launch the new strategy, celebrate some quick wins and recognise volunteers and organisations from across the partnership.  The target completion date has been updated from 31 March 2022 to align with the Community Wealth Building Action Plan.

Risk Number		CPP/2020/001				Appendix 2
Key Risk:		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 description	Root cause	The UK left the EU on 31 December 2020. A trade deal has been agreed and arrangements are in place for imports and exports. However, there may be longer term impacts which could affect some of the Partnership's risk areas.				
	Trigger	There still could be significant impacts on the Community Planning Partners which would require to be managed effectively. These could potentially be compounded by the Global Pandemic. Areas could include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Procurement and Trade               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Costs of goods and services</li> <li>◦ Supply chain issues</li> <li>◦ Availability of goods and medicines</li> <li>◦ Currency/exchange rate fluctuations</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Finance and Funding               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Loss of EU funding</li> <li>◦ Difficulties accessing alternative funding streams</li> <li>◦ Inflation on goods</li> <li>◦ Trade tariffs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Local communities and economies               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Lack of planning/engagement by public sector organisations</li> <li>◦ Employment opportunities</li> <li>◦ Reduced growth investment</li> <li>◦ Financial pressures on individuals/families</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Workforce               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Loss of the available workforce</li> <li>◦ Skills shortages</li> <li>◦ Loss of experience</li> <li>◦ Settlement Scheme Application Process</li> <li>◦ Recruitment difficulties</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
Classification		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operational, continuity and performance</li> <li>• Financial</li> </ul>				
Inherent impact:		4	Inherent likelihood:	5	Inherent risk score:	20
<b>Control Measures:</b>						
1	Procurement and trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engagement with suppliers</li> <li>• Identification of alternative/replacement products</li> <li>• Contingency Plans</li> <li>• Regional Resilience Planning</li> </ul>				
2	Finance and funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Existing EU projects – funding guaranteed by HM Treasury</li> <li>• Monitoring of contract costs</li> <li>• Budget/Financial planning processes</li> </ul>				
3	Local communities and economies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partners represented at Scottish Government Resilience Room Meetings, Lanarkshire Local Resilience Partnership, Regional Resilience Partnership and Scottish Resilience Partnership</li> <li>• Contingency plans</li> <li>• Annual reviews of the Community Plan/Quarterly reviews at Thematic Board Level</li> <li>• Community Councils able to assist at a local level</li> <li>• Support and guidance to businesses located within South Lanarkshire to help them to prepare</li> </ul>				
4	Workforce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communication with staff</li> <li>• Employee support teams</li> <li>• Work undertaken to identify numbers of EU Nationals</li> <li>• Citizens Advice Bureau funding and legal helpline to assist EU Nationals</li> </ul>				

<b>Assessment:</b>	Poor/Adequate/Good			
<b>Treatment</b>	Transfer/Reject/Accept/Mitigate			
<b>Residual impact:</b>	4	<b>Residual likelihood:</b>	4	<b>Residual risk score:</b> 16
	<b>Action:</b>		<b>Who:</b>	<b>Target date:</b>
1	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	31/03/23



# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>9 March 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Lived Experience Fund Feedback Report</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the feedback provided by Woolfords, Auchengray and Tarbrax Improvement Foundation (WAT IF?) and Project 31;
- ◆ seek approval to reschedule the promotion of the 2021/2022 Lived Experience Fund to spring 2022; and
- ◆ seek approval for all future promotion of the Lived Experience Fund to be scheduled to take place in spring.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the feedback provided by WAT IF? and Project 31, is noted; and
- (2) that the current interventions and supports provided across the Partnership, are noted;
- (3) that feedback from these organisations is used as evidence to help inform the priorities of the new Community Plan, be noted; and
- (4) that the Lived Experience Fund 2021/2022 promotion and application process be rescheduled to take place during the 2022/2023 financial year, be approved.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. As agreed by the Board at its meeting of 17 April 2019, £5,000 from the Community Planning budget is aligned each year to spend in relation to capturing the lived experience of people who experience poverty, inequalities and/or deprivation.
- 3.2. Applications to the fund are restricted to local organisations operating in South Lanarkshire and to those whose work links with the Community Plan objective of Tackling Poverty, Deprivation and Inequality. Those organisations who were funded during 2020/2021 were specifically to capture local experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3.3. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, most of the organisations have been unable to carry out the engagement work that they had planned. Those organisations have provided an update on how they plan to use the funding as restrictions ease. Organisations have been allocated a link officer from the Council's Community Engagement Team to assist them with the process and to ensure that they can be linked into wider work within their community (where relevant). As feedback is received, further updates will be provided to the Board.

- 3.4. This report provides an update on the feedback provided by WAT IF? and Project 31 who have engaged with people who use their services.

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

- 4.1. All organisations are provided with a 'Poverty Framing Toolkit' to help them have conversations with the communities that they work with and support. This focuses on three main questions as set out below:-

- i. what issues do you and others in your community face around poverty?
- ii. what solutions could help make a difference?
- iii. any other comments/experience that you would like to share?

- 4.2. WAT IF? is a locally based organisation focused on improving the life of residents within the Woolfords, Auchengray and Tarbrax area, delivering community development projects that tackle the issues of greatest concern to their community. They carried out conversations with residents and gathered feedback regarding fuel and food poverty and the impact of the lack of social activities during the pandemic. This feedback is set out in Appendix 1 and the Community Planning Progress Group feedback, which also provides details of any current interventions/support that partners provide, is attached at Appendix 2.
- 4.3. Project 31 is a registered charity which aims to enrich the experiences of children and their families by engaging them in high quality, appropriate play and recreational activities and supports the strengthening of community and family connections within Rutherglen, Cambuslang and the wider South Lanarkshire. Questionnaires were completed face to face by approximately 150 families, 40 people on social media and 100 online responses were received on their experiences of poverty and inequalities during the pandemic. This feedback is set out in Appendix 3 and the Community Planning Progress Group feedback, which also provides details of any current interventions/support that partners provide, is attached at Appendix 4.

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

- 5.1. As the Community Planning Team receives feedback from organisations, this will be submitted to the Board for review.
- 5.2. South Lanarkshire Council's Community Engagement Team will continue to work with funded organisations to support them in gathering this information.
- 5.3. Feedback from these organisations will be used as part of the evidence to help inform the priorities of the new Community Plan and to identify any policy issues and gaps in service provision.
- 5.4. A letter will be sent on behalf of the Board to these groups acknowledging the efforts of their staff in collating the feedback and thanking them for their contribution.

#### **6. Lived Experience Fund 2021/2022**

- 6.1. The Lived Experience Fund 2021/2022 promotion took place from December 2021 to January 2022 and no applications were received during this time. It is proposed that the promotion of this fund be rescheduled to take place during spring 2022/2023 to enable community groups to re-apply at a more convenient time of the year and that the 2021/2022 budget of £5,000 be carried over to the new financial year. It is also proposed that the 2022/2023 budget of £5,000 is promoted at the same time. This means that £10,000 will be available to local organisations during 2022/2023 and that the fund will now be open for applications every spring.

**7. Employee Implications**

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

**8. Financial Implications**

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

**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 implications associated with this report.

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9 February 2022

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## Lived Experience Fund 2020-21 – WAT IF? Consultation Feedback

### 1. Thinking about those people living in poverty, who experience deprivation or inequalities that your organisation works with/live in your local community; what has the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic been on them?

Our area of benefit includes a significant number of households who are on low incomes, elderly residents and families with young children.

During the pandemic some households struggled to pay for fuel to heat their home whilst some could not afford to buy enough food in order to pay their utility bills.

Elderly residents and those with young children who normally would have taken advantage of the activity groups our organisation ran every week were suddenly cut off socially.

WAT IF? strove to lend a helping hand by identifying those needs and providing a Community Larder where people could come and pick up free food and household essentials. On top of that we set up a Fuel Support fund and provided help for those who struggled to pay for coal/wood or other means to heat their house. We also set out to create Social Media groups promoting safe Kids activities, whilst some of our activities for the elderly were done over Zoom.

### 2. What solutions did those that your organisation works with/live in your local community say that could help make a difference?

- Support/funding for food and/or fuel.
- Help for those in self isolation e.g., prescription pickups, shopping, dog walking, etc.
- A listening ear/a friendly phone call for anxious people.
- Safe (outdoor) activities for kids and adults.
- Provision of information and guidelines regarding COVID and how to remain safe.

### 3. Any other comments/experiences from the people that your organisation works with/live in your local community that you would like to share?

It is certainly worth mentioning that although COVID caused havoc across the nation, it was certainly a time where Community Spirit shone through. Dozens of volunteers came forward to help neighbours and friends who needed support, and no matter what background you came from, there was help and a listening ear available.

Although hopefully we will never have to experience this sort of pandemic again, we know for sure a fair amount of new friendships were forged and “networks” set up amongst locals to support one another throughout a very challenging year.

## Lived Experience Fund 2020-21 – Progress Group Feedback on WAT IF? Consultation

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
<b>Befriending Services</b>			
<b>COVID information and guidance</b>	Health and Social Care Partnership: The HSCP Communications Team provide daily updates on COVID guidance.		
<b>Food Poverty</b>	Health and Social Care Partnership: HSCP have funded Health Valleys to provide a range of pandemic supports throughout the social restricted period including food and fuel.	Not sustainable funding.	
	Local Child Poverty Action Group: Current Interventions highlighted in the Child Poverty Action Report 2021/22.	Capacity for new/additional activity is limited and may depend on decommissioning existing provision first or identifying a new/additional funding source.	Child Poverty Planning Group are currently working to identify where improvements can be made in supporting families experiencing poverty. The lived experience voice will be part of this work and feedback from WAT IF? will be shared with partners.
<b>Fuel Poverty</b>	Health and Social Care Partnership: HSCP have funded Health Valleys to provide a range of pandemic supports throughout the social restricted period including food and fuel.	Not sustainable funding.	
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	Health and Social Care Partnership:	Not sustainable funding.	

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
<b>Money Advice (low income)</b>	HSCP have pathways for Health Visiting, Midwifery and GP practices (via Community Link Workers) and other Allied Health Professions into welfare advice provided by Money Matters Advice Services and the Citizens Advice Bureau.		
	Local Child Poverty Action Group: Current Interventions highlighted in the Child Poverty Action Report 2021/22.	Capacity for new/additional activity is limited and may depend on decommissioning existing provision first or identifying a new/additional funding source.	Child Poverty Planning Group are currently working to identify where improvements can be made in supporting families experiencing poverty. The lived experience voice will be part of this work and feedback from WAT IF? will be shared with partners.
<b>Safe Outdoor Activities for Children and Adults</b>	Health and Social Care Partnership: HSCP host the Lanarkshire Green Health Partnership Programme which includes a range of work to get people active outdoors more often e.g., Get Walking Lanarkshire, Active Travel and 20-minute walk routes.		
<b>Self-Isolation Assistance (shopping/ prescriptions etc)</b>	Health and Social Care Partnership: Along with other partners, HSCP have developed a range of wellbeing supports which were co-ordinated via the Wellbeing Helpline.		

**Lived Experience Fund 2020-21 – Project 31 Consultation Feedback**

- 1. Thinking about those people living in poverty, who experience deprivation or inequalities that your organisation works with/live in your local community; what has the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic been on them?**

**Feedback regarding respondents own experiences**

More than 50% of respondents felt socially isolated or lonely

More than half have felt or continues to feel anxious

1/3 have felt depressed

1/3 have worried about their own health

60% worried about the health or friends/family

75% were worried about the wellbeing of their child

80% missed being able to access leisure/social activities

30% said that relationships within their home had suffered

Respondents also identified:

Struggling to juggle work and schooling from home

Their loss of freedom (worries around financial and job security)

**Feedback regarding the experiences of their children**

30% of respondents felt that their child/children had decreased physical health

30% of respondents felt that their child/children had decreased mental health

30% felt that their child/children had experienced anxiety

45% felt that their child/children had experienced social isolation or loneliness

80% stated that their child/children missed friends and family

35% said that their child/children had worries related to school work or learning

60% said their child/children missed school or nursery

65% stated that their child/children missed social interaction

65% stated that their children missed resources such as libraries or sports centres

Respondents also identified that their children had delays in childhood development

- 2. What solutions did those that your organisation works with/live in your local community say that could help make a difference?**

**In response to the question –**

Would anything have helped you to maintain your mental health and wellbeing during this time?

**People said –**

- There should have been no lockdown, those responsible should be prosecuted.
- Outside activities.
- Ignoring the rules and continuing to see family during 2nd lockdown has helped. Never again will I see my child be too shy and not speaking in front of grandparents.
- Problem was we lost our daughter, so we had no family with us to support us in person. That was all we wanted.
- Regular visit or contact from Mental Health Resource Centre.

- Probably working more, as interaction and adult conversation would help. Great spending time with kids but you really do need a break.
- Not being so isolated.
- Access to gyms.
- Time face to face with friends and family.
- Access to government financial support through the SEISS scheme which I was excluded from. I earned more from a PAYE job that I stopped in 2018 so was entirely reliant on my self-employed income which I completely lost. The government thought I should survive on a job I no longer have.
- Social activities for myself and/or child.
- More baby and toddler groups.
- Having our family group vaccinated at the same time. Being able to physically see people and just being able to drive out of the local area to somewhere more peaceful and relaxing for an hour or two.
- Carers centres running Zoom meetings.
- Childcare support.
- Help from NHS.
- Being able to access child groups.
- Seeing friends and being in own home environment.
- Being outdoors/gardening.
- Allowed to travel further for outdoor leisure purposes.
- Seeing family for support with childcare.
- Better access to non-COVID healthcare.

### **In response to the question –**

Would anything have helped you to support your child's mental health and wellbeing during this time?

### **People said –**

- Being able to have social interactions which is why during the 2nd lockdown we maintained seeing friends and family as after June my son refused to speak in front of other adults he didn't know, he wouldn't even speak to me if others could hear him. It took him months to be more confident in speaking around others and is still a wee bit shy, but nowhere near as bad as he was.
- Better organisation by school to help kids have some face to face contact with the outside world. Our school was very slow to have any contact with kids that wasn't assigning work via Google classrooms, while other schools had phone calls and doorstep visits.
- A skate park with bike ramps would have entertained mine every day.
- Socially distanced exercise.
- No, as we kept them busy.
- Access to support, better organised support.
- School should never have been shut.
- Access to mental health services and school.
- Going to Project 31 classes have given us a lovely structure and focus to the week. They have been a lifeline.
- Did what I could.
- Better interaction from some teachers and understanding what my son was doing at school in order to help more. Having blended learning would have allowed him to interact with his peers and not feel so isolated.
- More online resources.

- Child is severely disabled, and it would have been a benefit to not have physio, occupational therapy and speech and language stopped completely.
- I feel anything would have been too risky re covid, so we just managed as safely as we could within restrictions.
- Being able to see children of a similar age and attend nursery.
- My daughter in P4, struggles with reading writing and numeracy, so home learning magnified this and set her further behind.
- The impact of home learning on children has been huge. Especially for children who have ASN. Support needs to be available to help children work through increasing anxiety and also to help them going forward. Mental health support needs to be easier to access.
- I think we gave our children as many opportunities as possible during lockdown.
- I didn't know where to look for information on children's mental health.
- Being allowed to make a small bubble to allow them to see family or friends regularly. Having access to swing parks.

### **3. Any other comments/experiences from the people that your organisation works with/live in your local community that you would like to share?**

#### **In response to the question –**

How do you think the areas of Cambuslang and Rutherglen can best recover from the Covid-19 pandemic e.g. free child and family activities, additional employment?

#### **People said –**

- I believe there is a lack of resources in the area for teenagers with additional support needs who were isolated before the pandemic and more so now.
- Return to normal immediately, address the terrible sectarian problems in Glasgow.
- Childcare for those who would benefit to look for work/find work.  
Breakfast/afterschool clubs for families in need.
- Organisations like Project 31 will be invaluable once lockdown ends to allow children and families to take part in activities in the community.
- Family activities, employment support, community support.
- More clubs and activities for children should be available at no or lower cost.
- Free activities for children.
- Probably free child and family activities. Improvements in further learning or training for those who need it if made redundant or being let down by the school system for those who are in their last years. Access to college places to resit exams that they might have missed out on. Additional apprenticeship places.
- Additional employment.
- Support for mental wellbeing.
- There needs to be free tutoring available for children who need it - this could be provided by a voluntary organisation at an afterschool club or in the child's home. Children who weren't keeping up before the pandemic need even more help now. But there are also a lot of adults who have had traumatic experiences during this pandemic and they need support to come to terms with grief or trauma that occurred.
- We need more outdoor play for kids like the bike/skateboard park.
- Well published activities also more done possibly through schools at evenings or weekend even if teachers are not involved. A local school co-ordinator would be of benefit and that could help pick up children falling through net.

## Lived Experience Fund 20120-21 – Progress Group Feedback on Project 31 Consultation

Poverty Theme	Current partner interventions/supports	Challenges	Further comments
<b>Mental Health Issues</b>	<p>Education Resources, SLC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recent funding regarding access to community based mental health supports;</li> <li>Lifelines Guidance training for staff (initially Education and then rolled out to other agencies);</li> <li>Infant Mental Health Awareness;</li> <li>Distress Brief Interventions pilot – St Andrew/St Brides High School, East Kilbride and Larkhall Academy; and</li> <li>Physical Activity Prescription Scheme (SLLC).</li> </ul>		<p>Children's Services Plan</p> <p>Children's Services Plan</p> <p>Children's Services Plan</p>
	<p>Health and Social Care Partnership:</p> <p>HSCP have Community Mental Health Team and Community Adolescent Mental Health Teams, Well Connected, Calm Distress</p> <p><a href="https://www.lanarkshiremindmatters.scot.nhs.uk/calm-distress-online-course/">https://www.lanarkshiremindmatters.scot.nhs.uk/calm-distress-online-course/</a> and Green Health Portal.</p>		
<b>Health Issues</b>	<p>Health and Social Care Partnership:</p> <p>As an NHS, many health services and health improvement programmes are provided.</p>		
<b>Access to activities</b>	<p>Health and Social Care Partnership:</p> <p>As an NHS, many health services and health improvement programmes are provided.</p>		
<b>Employment</b>	<p>Education Resources, SLC:</p> <p>Support to parents regarding employability both in and out of work.</p>		Local Child Poverty Action Report
	<p>Health and Social Care Partnership:</p> <p>HSCP support employability programmes such as Project Search and Modern Apprenticeships.</p>		
	<p>Skills Development Scotland (SDS):</p> <p>SDS can provide individuals with a fully qualified Careers Adviser to support them in their journey to work, training or</p>	<p>Due to COVID restrictions, SDS are operating an appointment only system in their public centres.</p>	<p>The SDS service is for people of all ages including school/college students, adults looking to return to the workplace,</p>

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	learning. Access to free, confidential and local support can be organised by telephoning 0141 642 0508.	Individuals are supported in their public centres and/or over the telephone.	those working but looking for a change and anyone presently facing redundancy.
<b>Financial Assistance (low income)</b>	Education Resources, SLC: Support to families accessing benefits regarding maximisation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Citizen Advice Bureau – benefits assessments;</li><li>• Money Matters Advice Service;</li><li>• Routine enquiry via NHS staff; and</li><li>• Community Link staff NHS support to families/communities.</li></ul>		Local Child Poverty Action Report
	Health and Social Care Partnership: HSCP fund pathways from Health and Social Care settings into welfare advice and also fund Third Sector organisations to provide supports in relation to financial assistance.		
	Housing and Technical Resources, SLC: Housing Services continue to implement the rent management policy which focuses on early intervention and engagement with tenants experiencing financial difficulties and who are in rent arrears. This includes supporting tenants to access relevant services, advice and supports to tackle debt and maximise income.  The Tenancy Sustainment Fund, operated by Housing Services, provides support to tenants in financial difficulties.  In addition, the Scottish Government Tenant Grant Fund, currently being administered by councils, also provides financial assistance to tenants in the private and social rented sector, who have incurred rent arrears as a direct result of the pandemic.	Getting tenants to engage with the service at an early stage before financial difficulties escalate. A range of contact methods are used by officers, such as phone calls, emails, text messaging, letters and home visits.	

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	Housing Services specialist Rent Income Support Team help council tenants affected by welfare reform changes (particularly Universal Credit and the underoccupancy deduction). This includes helping customers to understand how the changes will affect them, providing advice on rent payment options, helping customers to claim other benefits and making referral to specialist agencies, such as fuel debt and debt advice.		
<b>Social Isolation</b>	Health and Social Care Partnership: The HSCP fund Third Sector Organisations who provide support for social isolation.		
<b>Access to healthcare (non COVID)</b>	Health and Social Care Partnership: Access issues are as a direct response to the pandemic and alternative supports are provided include Near Me - online consultation, directing people to pharmacy, dentists, etc. so that they know where to go for supports.		
<b>Education Assistance (Tutoring)</b>	Education Resources, SLC: Tutoring for care experienced pupils.	New initiative and yet to see how it is received by pupils.	The Promise Plan

# Larkhall<sup>6</sup>

# Community

# Plan

## Survey Report

*"Good community wellbeing is vital for us all.  
Communities that are happy, healthy, safe and secure  
allows us all to thrive and fulfil our potential."*

**Local Government and Communities Committee Convener**

# WHY A COMMUNITY PLAN

The Larkhall Community Plan project was embarked upon as a direct result of the change in focus of community engagement across Scotland and the success of previous local community engagement events.

The Community Empowerment Act's focus on local decision making and participatory budgeting helped to define the aim of the exercise, which was to give local people a voice in the design and delivery of the services they receive and the future development of the places they inhabit.

This report is the presentation of the information given by local people which we have sought to represent as accurately as possible.

## HOW IT HAPPENED

Local representatives from different sectors across the electoral ward, created an informal partnership, Larkhall Plan Partnership and agreed the viability of a Local Community Plan. They planned, organised and executed the entire consultation process.

The Partners are –

Larkhall Community Growers; Nancy Barr, Liz Law, Terry Paterson  
South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Forum; Margaret Moncrieff  
The Machan Trust; Hazel Shaw, Alan McCrone  
Larkhall and District Volunteer Group; Sandra McCrory, Anne Alston  
Community Links—Strutherhill Place Plan; Liz Jamieson  
Larkhall Community Council; Marcos Robson, Tommy McPhee  
YMCA; Willie Mowbray  
Councillors Burns, Nelson, Craig and Carmichael

Supported by Communities Connected and SLC Community Engagement Team  
We gained the support of the leadership of South Lanarkshire Council and other statutory organisations including, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership, NHS, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Ltd.

A stakeholder event helped to create the questionnaire, which was tested prior to the consultation.

As a result of this exercise, people's views will help influence key decisions affecting life in our local communities.

# THE KEY PEOPLE

Local people responded to the social media campaign, banner adverts, posters, leaflets and cards, visits to groups and organisations, local newspaper articles, street work and word of mouth.

1812 people responded to the survey, either online or hard copy, the age split being:  
**11-15** 7%; **16-24** 6%; **25-34** 14%; **35-44** 22%; **45-54** 21%; **55-64** 15%; **65+** 15%,  
68% of respondents were female, 32% male.

More than 600 people have asked to be kept informed of the process going forward.  
This outstanding response shows the desire of local people to be involved in future decisions  
that will ensure we can live in healthy, safe, supported and empowered communities.

## THE SURVEY RESPONSES



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Our community is defined by geography, the chosen target area being Larkhall, Netherburn, Ashgill and Dalserf, with a total population of 18,000, it is made up of interconnecting parts.

While the majority of people like living in the area, a range of improvements that would make life better for local people were identified.

Wellbeing is extremely significant and included community pride and spirit, and is seen in the support given to community events and activities such as the Gala Day and Christmas Markets.

Health services provision raised issues with GP services which seem to be stretched at the present time, raising the question about the ability to cope with the increase in population over the next 5 to 10 years.

Local clinic provision, older people's care, hospital exit, mental health and the behaviour of drug users were highlighted as issues needing urgent attention. Health and wellbeing also include the mix of social work, benefits, unpaid carers, disabled, local service provision, accessibility by public transport, young people's services and wheelchair access have all been identified as requiring better solutions.

Future prosperity is a reasonable goal and the local economy, local employment, town centre regeneration, population growth and public and private investment require careful management to gain maximum impact.

Primary education received good reviews, although catchment areas need to be reviewed. The feeling is that the high school could do better, however, the trend appears to be moving upwards.

The litter issue around lunch time on the main street causes widespread annoyance to many people.

More affordable social housing is asked for, as well as sheltered and Additional Support Needs accommodation. The allocation policy could be improved and better mechanisms introduced to support tenants' issues. The public spaces and footpaths need better maintenance.

Safety / security is key to community health and issues relating to burglary, Anti-Social Behaviour, addiction issues within the community, needs attention.

While praise is given to the Cleansing Services, fly tipping, litter, glass and dog mess in parks and on paths could be improved. The litter on the approach road to Larkhall from the M74 was also mentioned.

Potholes on our roads, maintenance of footpaths, parking on pavements, street lighting not being fit for purpose, and the need for investment in cycling routes was raised.

Leisure and sport facilities are in great need of improvement and enhancement. Replacement of the Leisure Centre should include athletics/running track facility, a wider range of sports with particular emphasis on outdoors, including pitches and parks. Classes for all ages and families are needed.

Facilities to bring the Royal Albert Football Club back to Larkhall was requested. This famous Scottish team were relocated to Stonehouse some years ago.

Parks and the local environment have serious problems including lack of play equipment and inadequate maintenance. The natural areas need enhancement and, in some cases regeneration.

Morgan Glen is a magnificent asset and needs to be promoted and enhanced.

The area's external reputation has to catch up with the reality of the evolving community.

More and better means of communication is required to ensure key information, news and knowledge sharing is encouraged and disseminated to as many people as possible.

The town centre, while bucking the trend by performing better in comparison to others of similar size, needs a wider variety of type of shop. The street looks tired and could do with being brightened up.

Parking should be reviewed with the 1700 extra houses bringing opportunities we need to grasp. The creation of a natural, public centre space should be considered.

Transport frequency could be improved, with new services and earlier and later running being requested. The reliability of the train service is an issue. The impact of the new bus route to The Fort shopping centre will be interesting when the information is available.

# OUR COMMUNITY

Ashgill, Netherburn Larkhall and Dalserf are geographically connected, Larkhall providing local shopping, leisure facilities and services, with good transport links to Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Major housing development currently underway in Larkhall, could be a lever for economic growth in the area, and the catalyst for service improvement and regeneration. People were asked how happy they were living in their local community.

## STATISTICS

89% of respondents stated they are happy/ very happy living in these communities

This included 80% of 11-15-year olds, 89% of 16-24, 35-44 and 45-54 year olds

And 91% of 25-34, 55-64 and 65+ year olds

This shows a consistent agreement across the age range.

## SPECIFIED NEEDS / ISSUES

Almost half of those who responded to this question said improvements to local facilities was key to making life better.

One quarter of respondents feel that improvements to the town centre and shopping areas would improve life.

Almost one fifth identified the provision of better leisure and sport facilities as their priority to make Larkhall a better place to live.

12% mentioned improvements to services, specifically highlighting the condition of roads and footpaths.

A small number of people mentioned the area's external reputation as something we must work towards improving.

## SUMMARY

Our community has a clear connection to place, culture and heritage, shown in the high level of satisfaction with the area as a place to live.

That said, specific improvements have been identified to deal with key issues that affect the lives of local people. The standard and lack of good facilities for health, sport, leisure and community use is a big issue. While the town centre is better than others, it needs to be spruced up. Removal of local services is a problem for many people.

## QUOTES

'a very friendly place' 'Family links' 'Insufficient resources'

'Happy memories' 'Good transport links' 'Good schools'

'Sense of Community' 'Welcoming place' 'we need more facilities like a new leisure centre'

# OUR HEALTH

Good health and the management of health conditions is fundamental to a fulfilled life, and the services that underpin this are crucial to the quality of life of every person.

Services must be accessible, flexible, personal, and reliable, with a focus on prevention and early intervention.

People were asked for their opinion on current services.

## STATS

81% feel Dentists are excellent/good;

66% feel Health Centres/Doctors are excellent/good/; while 31% said poor/very poor

26% find access to benefits poor/very poor;

24% find Care for people with a disability poor/very poor;

22% find Support for Carers poor/very poor;

19% feel support for business is poor/very poor;

## SPECIFIED NEEDS / ISSUES

Over 1/3 of people commented on the need for improvements to health centres and GP services, many specifically raising issues with capacity in view of new residential developments.

1/4 praised the work of the local voluntary organisations including LDVG, Machan Trust and YMCA.

6% mentioned lack of the provision of information relating to available services.

## SUMMARY

More than 30% feel the current health service provision does not meet their needs, some suggesting the pressure on GPs and the need for more customer focussed services is taking its toll. Information on services is not reaching the relevant people so better communication is needed. Support services for Carers and those with disabilities need improvement. The work of local community groups is greatly appreciated and identified as crucial to the health and wellbeing of local people in the future, including Larkhall and District Volunteer Group, The Machan Trust and the YMCA.

## QUOTES

'Doctors overstretched' 'takes 3 weeks to get an appointment'

'Health Centre in a more central site' 'No benefit or income support in area'

'no IT skills and no access to local help' 'carers get no support' 'more mental health support'

# OUR SERVICES

Services need to be appropriate for the needs of people living in the area. They are the safety net in hard times, and the support for individual growth, allowing people to reach their potential. These have a huge impact on life satisfaction and the ability of people to recognise and grasp opportunities as they arise. People were asked for their opinion on a range of services, public and other, including public transport, Recycling and Waste Collection, Social Work, Public Transport etc

## STATS

81% consider Recycling & Waste collection to be excellent or good  
74% find Public Transport excellent/good;  
61% stated Street cleaning was excellent or good  
54% consider Libraries to be excellent or good  
53% consider Schools to be good, 22% excellent  
52% state Sport & leisure provision is poor or very poor  
50% consider Housing to be excellent/good, but 20% poor  
48% said Parks and Open Space provision and condition was poor or very poor  
41% consider Community halls to be poor or very poor  
25% state Social Work for adults & Older People are excellent/ good, 24% poor/very poor,  
20% consider Social Work for Children & Young People is excellent/good, 21% poor, very poor;  
60% no opinion

## SPECIFIED NEEDS / ISSUES

The need for better and more sport and leisure facilities was raised by many people.

Specific comments on housing issues including improvements to SLC's allocation policy for social housing.

Social Work issues highlighted specifically the need for provision for the elderly.

The urgent need to review catchment areas in the light of increased population was raised with specific mention of Glengowan Primary School.

Over 1/5 commented on public transport, specifically the need for additional provision, and the reliability of the train service.

## SUMMARY

Future capacity of services is giving serious concern especially with the new housebuilding programme now underway.

Community halls are not fit for purpose. The Cameronian Hall closure was a blow and the age and state of repair of the Community Centre being a key issue.

Schools, Recycling and libraries are good. Local services having been moved out of the community has caused problems for some people.

## QUOTES

'Cameronian hall was closed' 'There needs to be more for kids to do great schools in the area'  
'with all the new house building - will the schools be big enough'  
'Bus services could be organised better' 'better help and facilities for elderly'  
'academy pupils need to be more responsible for dropping their litter' 'more public transport in outlying districts i.e. Netherburn, Ashgill, Coalburn'

# OUR PLACES

The quality of the environment, public space and local infrastructure, is key to satisfaction, wellbeing and motivation. The capacity of our town centre, leisure facilities, and outdoor space to encourage visitors and lift spirits is fundamental to a healthy community. People were asked their views on local community facilities and services including parks and open space, roads, footpaths, community buildings and the town centre.

## STATS

39% consider town centre to be poor/ very poor

47% rated Public footpaths poor/ very poor, 10% of which said very poor.

56% consider Roads poor/ very poor, 14% of which said very poor

## SPECIFIED NEEDS / ISSUES

Almost one quarter of people commented on the quality of local roads, specific parking issues, high speed of vehicles in certain areas and poor street lighting.

One fifth of respondents commented on the need for improvements to the main shopping area, including parking and traffic management, and the need to brighten up the space.

Many people raised the issue of the poor condition of footpaths, specifically the maintenance, litter, glass and dog mess.

The requirement for wider wheelchair access was highlighted with particular reference to paths around the town centre.

## SUMMARY

There was general agreement that the sport and leisure space and facilities are in great need of improvement.

The condition of roads and footpaths are of great concern.

The shopping area is in need of regeneration and suggestions included street scape improvements, wider variety of shops, evening economy boost with consideration of young people's activities.

## QUOTES

'Better play facilities needed in our parks' 'Town centre would benefit from some aesthetic improvement'

'More parking. Less double lines' 'lack of variety in places to eat meals or evening entertainment'

'cracked and uneven footpaths' 'All green spaces are covered in dog poop and/or litter that includes broken glass and fly tipping' 'Roads have loads of pot holes'

'Footpath blocked by cars ,vans ,dog mess and litter'

# OUR SPORT AND LEISURE SPACE

Sport and leisure facilities have a key role in developing healthy bodies and minds with a wide range of activities and equipment being beneficial to giving more choice and bringing benefits to more people. Provision needs to consider all ages, from the youngest to the oldest in our community, encouraging the adoption of healthy habits. People were asked what provision they would like to have in a new leisure complex.

## LEISURE FACILITIES

81% of respondents have used the swimming pool,

53% the Sauna/steam room/plunge pool,  
61% the games hall,

62% the main sports hall, 53% the function suite with kitchen, 46% Gym 1 (weights), 51% Gym 2, 35% Studio.

57% have used the soft play area, 61% the café.

## NEW FACILITY

88% want to have a health suite, 86% café, 85% a swimming pool with viewing gallery, 83% main sports hall, 81% a games hall, 80% a cardio gym, 78% soft play, 77% gym with weights, 73% function suite with kitchen, 71% football pitches, 65% running track, 55% a studio.

## SPECIFIED NEEDS / ISSUES

**Other facilities people would like to see included:**

New accessible outdoor pitches for football and rugby, with specific mention of the return of Royal Albert FC.

Dojo/martial arts area.

Running track and athletics area

Squash courts, Soft play area, Dance studio  
Skate park, tennis courts and a bike trail

Gymnastics facilities and trampolines

Obstacle circuit and table tennis facilities.

The majority of respondents mentioned the specific need for new improved sports and leisure facilities, including outdoors.

Accessible pitches and a running track are seen as essential.

## SUMMARY

New leisure provision is essential to encourage healthy individuals and should offer a wide variety of options.

Outside activities including a running track, pitches cycle and bike trails are needed.  
Royal Albert back to Larkhall.

All facilities need to be flexible, fit for purpose and affordable.

## QUOTES

'Disability sports inclusiveness' 'Could we not have Health provision built in'

'Outdoor learning gym facilities' 'Clubs and groups for young and older people'

'More family classes that could be done together' 'Creche facilities' 'Outdoor play park'

'Larkhall swimming pool desperately needs updated with more facilities'

'Athletic track and floodlit AstroTurf football facilities'

# OUR PRIORITIES

People were asked to state their ONE most important issue they would like to see addressed, to make the area a better place to live.

More than 1/3 of respondents identified improvement to Services as the most important issue they would like to see addressed. This included health, social work, public transport, green space maintenance, housing, schools, roads and footpaths.

1/4 prioritised sport and leisure provision, with specific mention of the Leisure Centre facilities, parks, athletics, running and football facilities.

1/5 identified the need for more facilities and activities with specific reference to children and young people.

1/5 of respondents identified the town centre as a key issue, specifically mentioning the variety of shop type and the need for regeneration.

Better business support and changes to parking options were also raised.

Cleanliness, specifically relating to fly tipping, litter and dog mess were prioritised by many people.

Safety and crime are seen as being in need of attention.

Many people highlighted the need for transport/roads/footpaths and lighting improvements.

A small number of people mentioned the town's external reputation, suggesting that this is a perception we need to work to change.

## QUOTES

'Appearance of town' 'Main street regeneration' 'Police walking the streets'

'That the services match the growth in population arriving in town from all the new build developments' 'more cycling infrastructure'

'Tidy the streets and kill the weeds' 'litter, dog poo, glass and fly tipping'

# OUR FUTURE

People were asked to state their hopes for the next 5-10 years Larkhall and the surrounding areas and the people who live there.

3/4 of respondents stated improvement to Services was crucial to the success of community life in the future.

And town centre improvements are important for the future.

Better leisure and sport facilities are essential going forward.

Almost 1/5 of people hoped for better general wellbeing, and continued good community spirit and pride, suggesting more community events and activities to bring people together.

The economy is seen as very important, including employment, prosperity, investment particularly in relation to the town centre.

Improvements to local facilities/activities/amenities is very important.

Safety and policing are crucial for future wellbeing.

Roads, footpaths and lighting need improved.

The state of cleanliness in the area is a key part of positive community life.

## QUOTES

'To see Larkhall continue to grow and develop'

'Diversity' 'retain heritage' 'Investment' 'encouraging local businesses'

'Improved health and well being' 'A safe environment'

'Provision of good modern community facilities' 'Better facilities for young people'

# THE VILLAGES

Specific points were raised by people, that affect the smaller villages in the target area.

## **ASHGILL**

Lived in Ashgill all my life I know everyone.

Good location but potential to be so much more.

Nice people, good place to bring up our daughter in safe quiet street.

More facilities in Ashgill for kids, better swing park, skate park/bike park.

## **NETHERBURN**

Earlier and better bus service to Netherburn at weekends.

Was better when services were still in Larkhall. No presence of police what so ever.

No sense of community as no hub for people.

Machan Trust is excellent for Children and Young people.

I hope the L.D.V.G keeps getting funding to keep it open it's the best place Larkhall has for the older generation.

## **DALSERF**

Larkhall has a good community ethos.

Improved community facilities needed.

# WHAT NEXT ?

Respondents asked for a range of changes to existing services, facilities and priorities and already the relevant data has been passed to teams who are developing projects that will bring improvements to the Larkhall area. These are -

- The design of the new Sports Facility being planned for Larkhall by South Lanarkshire Council and the Leisure Trust.
- South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership hub to be built in Blantyre, due to commence in April 2020 and supported by satellite provision for Larkhall and Stonehouse.
- Town Centre Strategy being produced for Larkhall by South Lanarkshire Council in partnership with Larkhall Community Council and due to be available in Spring 2020.
- Police Scotland Consultation on local policing.

Their ability to use the survey data will help to ensure the design, location and planned operation of these proposed facilities and services, has been informed by the views of local people.

The survey information will inform the creation of an Action Plan which will detail the priorities identified for the area. This will be used to engage, lobby and discuss future service provision and development proposals for the area, to achieve healthy, safe, supported and empowered communities.

We will continue to work with our partners and supporters South Lanarkshire Council, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership, Police Scotland, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Ltd, local people, organisations and businesses.

If you would like to find out more or be involved in taking the actions forward, please contact larkhallsurvey2019@gmail.com or telephone 07734876913

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# Report

Report to: **Partnership Board**  
Date of Meeting: **9 March 2022**  
Report by: **Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) and Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council**

Subject: **Outcomes from the CPP Board Development Session - Sustainable Development and Climate Change – 30 November 2021**

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an overview of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board 'Sustainable Development and Climate Change' Development Session held on 30 November 2021.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report, is noted;
- (2) that climate change and sustainable development is mainstreamed across all partnership work in South Lanarkshire, be approved; and
- (3) that the next steps as highlighted at section 5.1, are approved.

## 3. Background

3.1. The Board was presented a report at its meeting on 24 June 2021 outlining the co-benefits of tackling the climate and ecological emergencies and using the sustainable development goals as a framework to help to address climate change as well as other environmental, social and economic priorities.

3.2. The Board was also updated on the climate change and sustainable development presentation to the CPP Progress Group in March 2021. At which it was agreed to hold an online Pan-Lanarkshire workshop on 30 June 2021 to explore the climate emergency and sustainable development as a primary driver for policy making across the CPP. It was also agreed that the findings from the workshop be presented to the CPP Board with appropriate recommendations to further mainstream sustainable development and climate action as part of the review of the CPP structure and Community Plan.

3.3. At the meeting of 24 June 2021, the Board agreed to take part in a session focusing on 'Sustainable Development and Climate Change' which took place on 30 November 2021. This provided the Board with an opportunity to discuss the findings and recommendations from the pan-Lanarkshire workshop held on 30 June 2021.

3.4. A report was submitted to the Partnership Board on 2 December 2021 providing an update on the findings from the workshop held on 30 June 2021. This included an overview from the session on 30 November 2021. The Board agreed the recommendations and asked that further consideration be given in relation to widening them and in engaging and involving young people.

#### **4. Sustainable Development and Climate Change Development Update**

- 4.1. The Sustainable Development and Climate Change Development Session which took place on 30 November 2021 provided the Board with an opportunity to review the findings and the recommendations from the workshop held on 30 June 2021.
- 4.2. Appendix 1 sets out the recommendations approved by the Board and provides an update on progress.
- 4.3. Appendix 2 provides a summary of the discussion that took place at the Board's Development Session.
- 4.4. Aligning the work of the full partnership to the Sustainable Development Goals and national climate change targets will be an ambitious area of work given the scale, scope and responsibilities of the Partnership. It will need a great deal of time invested from officers across the Partnership; upskilling employees and partnership structures aligned to support implementation. Key to its success will be how the Partnership makes this journey with our communities.

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

5.1. The following next steps are proposed:-

- ◆ the structural requirements of mainstreaming sustainable development and climate change are considered as part of the wider CPP structure review
- ◆ that partners task the writing group for the new Community Plan with ensuring that the contribution to the delivery of the Sustainable Development Goals is embedded within their work
- ◆ to note that joint guidance is being developed by the Improvement Service (IS), Sustainable Scotland Network (SSN) and the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation (ECCI) as a result of discussion between the IS and the CPP Progress Group and that the Board will be kept updated on this
- ◆ the Partnership undertakes a "learning/training needs analysis" with nominated lead officers and approaches local/national organisations with a view to enlisting some wider support to upskill officers and to deliver this ambitious work
- ◆ develop a collaborative approach to climate outreach for local communities, in particular reaching those who are most likely to be affected by the impacts of climate. Climate outreach will also give communities the knowledge and understanding to include climate action in community-led neighbourhood plans

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

6.1. All levels of employee of the Partnership will need guidance, support, learning and development to help them to transition to this way of thinking and to help them to align their work with sustainable development and climate change. Initial training recommendations are outlined in Appendix 1.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. The recommendations of climate literacy training, climate outreach and baselining could provide financial implications. Further details on indicative costs can be provided if these recommendations are to be explored further. Taking these specific actions forward as a partnership means that the cost is spread across the partnerships and better value for money.

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

- 8.1. Mainstreaming sustainability and climate change at the core of the delivery of CPP priorities should have a positive impact.

## **9. Other Implications**

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

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

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

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## Sustainable Development and Climate Change Recommendations

Recommendation	Current Update
<p>Partners to use the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framework for action. This would include identifying the goals that the community plan and thematic group plans contribute to; using the global 2030 targets under each goal to set local 2030 targets for South Lanarkshire; and to prepare an annual voluntary report on how CPP contribute to the SDGs and the 2030 agenda. This would help to bring a holistic and consistent approach across the partnership as all priorities are interconnected like the SDGs are</p>	<p>This will be a substantial area of work for the partnership which will take time to work through and to embed. The first stage of this process will be using the Sustainable Development Goals framework to map all current activity both at Community Planning and Thematic group level. These goals will also be mapped to other statutory frameworks including the National Performance Framework; Human Rights; and Children's Rights.</p> <p>Following this the next stages will be to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• fully understand and interpret the global 2030 targets; how the work of the partnership fits with these; and setting local targets that contribute to the 2030 global targets;</li> <li>• evaluate the effectiveness of current partnership activity that contributes to the SDGs with a view to identifying any gaps and realigning priorities across all plans.</li> </ul> <p>Partnership contributions to SDG's will be reported annually. Consideration will also be given to how this can also be reported at a local community level.</p>
<p>Partners to discuss and agree how sustainable development and climate change is incorporated into the structure of community planning. Consider if this should be a more holistic approach using SDGs and the climate emergency as guiding principles for each thematic group or if there should be a separate thematic group focussing on mainstreaming sustainable development and climate change</p>	<p>As the SDG's will provide the framework for all partnership activity this would then become the responsibility of all structures of the partnership. Appropriate short/long terms structures will need to be put in place to support implementation. There is a Sustainability Partnership in the current structure. Its role and remit will be considered as part of the current CPP review of structures. A quality assurance framework will be developed as part of the review process.</p>

Recommendation	Current Update
That climate justice is a key consideration in the renewed community plan and associated action plan when tackling poverty and inequalities	Reducing inequalities has always been core to the work of the partnership, therefore working with communities to understand and address the local impacts of climate justice, climate anxiety and resilience, at community level, will be a key consideration for all future planning. Early discussions have taken place with South Lanarkshire Council's Resilience Adviser. Further discussions will take place with the Community Planning Progress Group at their meeting in March 2022.
Organise bespoke climate literacy training across the partnership, particularly at decision-making level, which includes understanding the synergies between tackling poverty and inequalities, and climate action, climate justice and a just transition to decarbonisation	This is an item for discussion at the Progress Group meeting in March 2022. A proposal will be developed and presented to the Board at a future meeting.
Organise bespoke training for employees and volunteers who work directly with communities to give them the knowledge and confidence to hold climate conversations as part of their engagement with communities	This is an item for discussion at the Progress Group meeting in March 2022. A proposal will be developed and presented to the Board at a future meeting.
Arrange climate outreach work with communities to understand the impacts that a changing climate can have on them. This recommendation and the one above would help give communities the knowledge and understanding to include climate action in community-led neighbourhood plans. This could be piloted for the next neighbourhood plans due to be developed	This is an item for discussion at the Progress Group meeting in March 2022. A proposal will be developed and presented to the Board at a future meeting.  This will be a key way of working with communities to better understand and address climate justice, alleviate climate anxiety, and help to build climate resilience in a local context.
Using tools like place standard tool through a climate lens. The Scottish Government, Public Health Scotland, Adaptation Scotland, Sniffer and Sustainable Scotland Network have been working together to develop a climate lens to work in conjunction with the Place Standard Tool (PST). The lens is being developed to enable community placemaking to better address climate change and to engage with wider and connected policy agendas. This links to the Scottish Government's priorities to make Scotland more equal and socially just and also to the aims of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. This is still at a pilot	The Place Standard tool provides a common approach for planning and engagement and can be used alongside other engagement tools to shape local priorities. A report on the Place Standard Tool with a climate lens Pilot Study with the One Carlisle Area Network will be brought to the Board at a future meeting.

Recommendation	Current Update
<p>stage and there is an opportunity to partake in the second phase pilot. One Carluke Area Network volunteered to take part in this pilot. Further details of the first phase pilots can be found on: <a href="#">Place Standard Tool pilot study to help address climate change through community placemaking - Scottish Housing News</a></p>	
<p>The partnership should have an understanding of who the most vulnerable people are in South Lanarkshire that would be impacted more by climate change that may further compound poverty, inequalities, and health and wellbeing issues. Having this baseline would help to understand the extent of intervention that would be required. This baseline could be established through commissioning a study.</p>	<p>A research study in partnership with Universities will be undertaken. Work in relation to understanding the possible scale of those most at risk of the impacts of climate change and decarbonisation policies across South Lanarkshire has been started and this will be further developed. This study will provide a baseline for understanding the scale of interventions required to ensure climate justice and a fair transition to net-zero for all.</p> <p>Partners are asked to support information requests which will be needed to help inform the research work.</p>
<p>It was suggested at the workshop that guidance would be helpful for CPPs. The Improvement Service were keen to be part of developing such guidance for all CPPs, however this would need to include practitioners across the partnership to be involved.</p>	<p>IS, SSN and ECCI will work together with the intention to develop guidance and advice for CPPs in taking a consistent and collaborative approach on place-based emissions. An update will be presented to the Board at a future meeting.</p>
<p>Develop a signposting page on the CPP website with details of what the partnership is doing to contribute to the SDGs and taking climate action. This could link to partners action plans and strategies and also details of the synergies between the work of the thematic groups' priorities and climate change priorities.</p>	<p>SDG pages will be developed on the CPP website as part of the current review. These pages will also be used to report annual progress in meeting the goals.</p>

**Community Planning Partnership**  
**Feedback from the Development Session on Sustainable Development and Climate Change**

The key points in response to the question: **What actions do we need to take, with our communities, to ensure a just transition to net zero?** are detailed as follows:-

- Land, buildings and infrastructure holdings held by large land holders such as the public sector could be used by energy companies to provide additional affordable energy.
- Organisations with larger scale generation activities that are generating energy in the evening and weekends when not in use by the organisation could add their power to the local grid. Organisations should consider how current assets are used and could be used across the wider partnership to maximise the benefits.
- The importance of addressing climate anxiety.
- South Lanarkshire Council are undertaking an energy review and will share the findings with partners to agree what role they would take for example, facilitator, generators, distributor, new fuel forms, etc.
- There are opportunities to use this as a planning principle for new buildings for example Hospitals.
- There is a need to understand the impact that climate change has on priority groups and divert support and services to these areas with key support for a just transition and climate justice.
- New Community Plan should link poverty and climate change and align priorities. The role of Anchor organisations should also be considered.
- A focus on energy poverty. A priority should be to retrofit social housing for priority groups. Colleges are training people in the skills of retrofit.
- ECO anxiety for individuals who are working in certain industries that are changing or have children at school/leaving school. SDS are working with Scottish Funding Council; Enterprise Agencies, Advisory Board for Apprenticeships to look at how we build in sustainability through training. Trying to understand the SL landscape a bit better in terms of occupations and jobs and what the links are with climate change. A lot of changes have already been made through skills training, some by demand, and college courses and university courses are already adapting.
- Addressing inequalities is fundamentally connected to climate change and understanding the data and the current impact is fundamental. Linking climate focus to priority groups we have heard about. Anchor institutes and Community Wealth Building offer opportunities here.
- Allaying people's fears is something that is fundamental to climate change. Everyone is in favour of taking actions although some of these proposed actions are not understood and worry people, probably young people disproportionately.
- Ability in the small business community to take on the challenge through networking. Networking is a great benefit to small businesses, and they will commit to this as it generates more business for them.
- Communication is a key theme to help us take this forward.
- From an estate's perspective, in 50 years' time, we will still have about 75% of the estate that we have today, and it will be just as inefficient. The challenge is that we need to make affordable energy accessible quickly and technology can do that. Until our building

stock are naturally replaced with more efficient buildings, we must use clean energy to be more efficient and find ways of making this more affordable.

- Regarding the local advice and compensation schemes, how many people are going for advice? Is there also an opportunity to think of doing this in different ways using other services that provide support?
- Co-located Advice Services are very important, and this is currently taking place in South Lanarkshire.
- Advice, including careers advice for all ages, is important especially in alleviating eco-anxiety.
- The climate change agenda will be a cross cutting theme, and everything should have a climate change lens. Our programme of works needs to demonstrate that our actions will reach net zero within the timeline shown.
- Link between the skills agenda and market making as we have businesses that will turn their hand to this and link it with schools and higher education agendas; and public awareness and a public re-assurance programme to allay climate anxiety.
- We need to do more as a collective partnership to talk to communities to explain some of the changes that are going to take place including waste, circular economy, deposit return schemes, changes to energy, the current problems within the energy retailer market and some of the larger scale changes that will need to be introduced.
- We need to build capacity with our own people who are having conversations. Need to focus on a wider lens i.e., Health Equity and Climate but can get co-benefits from them all.

The key points in response to the question: **Thinking about people who experience inequalities and those who live in our most deprived communities. What actions can we take to lessen the impacts of climate change?** are detailed as follows:-

- Food, (strategies are in place) but is that a key action? There is no connection between growing food and preparing and cooking food. Community eating opportunities i.e., making food and eating together was valued by a local Community. They have a facility to grow food and assist in preparing meals.
- Food insecurity is a real issue for people. We need a better understanding to help build resilience on the food supply and costs.
- Overheating will be an issue and will have an impact on our water supplies. It is important to help communities understand the link between climate change and how water will be impacted. Scottish Water may be able to allay fears regarding water reserves.
- We have seen the impacts particularly around health issues, i.e., air pollution and those with respiratory issues.
- Suggested areas of focus include food; address fuel poverty; improve skills for young people as already mentioned. Improving opportunities to address social isolation and improving mental health.
- This is part of the PLACE element of Community Wealth Building. We have organisations who are actively progressing the 'food miles' agenda. We need to support these initiatives to make local produce affordable to all. More allotments to 'grow your own'!
- Local Child Poverty Action Report priority groups could be used to choose target groups as a starting point.
- . We need to think about how we work with people i.e., focus on a family basis or street basis. Some people do not want to come to community events and are comfortable working in their own neighbourhoods.
- Reference earlier to the Local Child Poverty Action Report which has three pillars within this document. Two of these pillars are about mitigating hardship (help people manage the cost of their day/living and maximise their incomes). The third key pillar is to ensure that

people can become economically active and have a sustainable income. We should ensure that the opportunities that we create focus on this. This will give people choices to contribute and mitigate the impact of climate change.

- How can people living in poverty access the new opportunities that climate changes bring?
- We also need to think about how we support people. For example, how we link very small individual businesses such as people working from their own home into the wider business networks.
- We need to have an eye to the opportunities to replace the damage to the environment and think about how we carefully manage our land assets and how we offset carbon.
- People are enjoying nature and looking after local parks, including volunteering, etc.
- Nature Scot has done good work for CPP's and how this can be brought together. Understanding what our impacts are going to be for SL. The council are part of Climate Ready Clyde which builds resilience across the city region. They modelled the impacts across Scotland. Should this be done at a more local level, for example SL or Lanarkshire? Back to the baseline and understanding not only who is being impacted but what those impacts will be.
- This Community Plan will have climate change right down the middle. The key will be how we move quickly on this and work within communities and with local businesses is critical.

#### **Links posted on the meeting chat**

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/public-sector-leadership-global-climate-emergency/>

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/transition-commission-national-mission-fairer-greener-scotland/>

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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>9 March 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Planning Review and New Community Plan Progress Update</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on progress of the Community Planning Structure and Governance Review; and
- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with a progress update on the development of the new Community Plan.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the progress on the development of the new Community Plan, be noted;
- (2) that the updated Terms of Reference for the Outcome Leads group attached as Appendix 1, be approved; and
- (3) that the other progress made to date with the review, be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. The Board undertook a self-assessment which was facilitated by the Improvement Service during January/February 2019.

3.2. Following approval of the Best Value Assurance Report by the Council in June 2019, an extended Community Planning Partnership (CPP) session took place on 11 September 2019 to consider the output of the facilitated self-assessment session along with the outcomes of the Council's Best Value Assurance Report.

3.3. A session with representatives from the Thematic Partnership Boards took place on 3 October 2019 and draft implementation plans were prepared on the CPP structure, joint problem solving and scrutiny of the work of the Thematic Boards.

3.4. A further session took place with the Board on 23 October 2019 to consider how the CPP Board should be structured and the structures required at a Thematic/Locality level. It was agreed that a proposal would be drafted by the Improvement Service and the Community Planning Team for consideration by the Board at its December 2019 meeting.

- 3.5. At the meeting on 5 December 2019, proposals were set out for a new structure and the Board agreed that a short-life working group be established to further consider these and develop proposals. A discussion on the CPP Board membership took place at the meeting on 12 February 2020 and the working group was also tasked with developing a membership proposal. An update on the work of the group was also reported to the Board on 1 July 2020.
- 3.6. A report on the progress in delivering the new structure and governance arrangements was approved by the Board on 3 March 2021.
- 3.7. This report provides details of further progress which has been carried out.

#### **4. Current Progress**

##### **4.1. Locality Planning Structures**

- 4.1.1. Two areas in South Lanarkshire (Clydesdale, Cambuslang and Rutherglen) have been identified for the development of new locality planning structures. As agreed by the Board, locality boundaries are being defined by the communities themselves and will take into account the legislative requirements relating to localities for the Health and Social Care Partnership.
- 4.1.2. Development sessions with local organisations and groups in the Clydesdale and Cambuslang and Rutherglen areas were held during February 2021. Several further meetings of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen group have been held. The group has agreed a Terms of Reference which the Board approved at its meeting in December 2021 and is in the process of appointing a Chair who will join the Board at its June meeting. An update report from the Community Partnership will be presented to the Board as a separate item at this meeting in line with the agreed Terms of Reference.
- 4.1.3. The initial meeting of the Clydesdale Partnership was held in October 2021 with a second online meeting taking place in early February 2022. Discussions took place to agree the Terms of Reference, membership, roles and arrangements for continued development together with quarterly reporting to the CPP Board. These will be presented to the Board at its June meeting.
- 4.1.4. An initial meeting of representative groups in the Hamilton locality took place during November and a verbal update given to the Board. Further conversations are under way with local groups and a follow up meeting will be held in spring 2022.
- 4.1.5. Conversations have been taking place with groups within the East Kilbride locality. An initial meeting which was planned has been postponed to allow more preparatory conversations with the representative groups across the area and increase engagement in the partnership at the development stage.
- 4.1.6. The groups which are in place so far have chosen to name themselves Community Partnerships for their localities. They will work towards agreeing a community member as Chair and the Board has agreed that their Chairs, when in place, join the Board as members from June 2022. This would increase the links to community voice on the Board and allow the Community Partnership to be fully involved in the delivery of the new Community Plan. The Chairs will be provided with appropriate support to ensure they are fully prepared for their roles.

##### **4.2. Community Planning Outcomes Leads Group**

- 4.2.1. At its meeting of 12 February 2021, the Board agreed a Terms of Reference for this group as well as two phases of work for the group:-

- ◆ **Short-term** (interim leads) - to have a strategic overview of the implementation of the new Community Planning governance and structural arrangements; and
  - ◆ **Long-term** – to have a strategic overview of the work of the Community Planning Partnership to deliver the outcomes of the Community Plan
- 4.2.2. An initial meeting was held on 4 October 2021 and the first formal meeting of the Outcome Leads group was held on 22 November 2021. The group is supporting the development of the new Community Plan and continues to monitor its membership to make sure it is fit for purpose for this.

4.2.3. The interim Outcome Leads are:-

- ◆ Craig Cunningham, Health and Social Care Partnership
  - ◆ Annette Finn, SLC Housing
  - ◆ Kerri Todd, NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement
  - ◆ Anne Donaldson, SLC Education
  - ◆ Andrew Thomson, Police Scotland;
  - ◆ Paul Zealey, Skills Development Scotland; and
  - ◆ Steven Sweeney, VASLan
- 4.2.4. At the Outcome Leads meeting held on 22 November 2021, amendments were made to the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and it was agreed that this be submitted to the CPP Board for approval. The ToR will be reviewed again in June 2022 to ensure the group is established in a way which supports the delivery of the new Community Plan. A copy of the current ToR is attached at appendix 1.

#### **4.3. Partnership Community Participation and Engagement Group**

- 4.3.1. The Partnership Community Participation and Engagement Group has been established and meets monthly. The Group is co-chaired by the Chief Executive of VASLan and South Lanarkshire Council's Community Engagement Manager. The group has taken a key role in overseeing and promoting the engagement activity around the new Community Plan.
- 4.3.2. A survey was carried out with the group members during December 2021 to further develop the way in which the group collaborates and a workshop session is being planned for spring 2022. This will help set the basis for the group's workplan for the coming year and establish how best to include partners who have a range of capacity for attending meetings in a meaningful way within the group's work.

#### **4.4. Community Planning Communications Group**

- 4.4.1. The Community Planning Communications Group has been established. A high-level communications plan has been developed and the group has created a delivery plan.

#### **4.5. Community Planning Website**

- 4.5.1. The Partnership Website Review Group has completed the first phase of its work. The second phase of work will be to update the look and content of the website to align it with the new Community Plan once this has been approved. An update on progress will be provided to the Board at a later date.

#### **4.6. CPP Board Membership**

- 4.6.1. All partners have confirmed that there will be no change at present to the members and officers represented on the Board. The membership will remain under review as the new structures develop.

Work is taking place to build capacity within the Community Partnership structures described in section 4.1 to ensure that the views of our communities will be represented and heard at the CPP Board. As highlighted at Section 4.1.6 above, the community representatives who lead locality partnerships will take their place on the CPP Board to ensure that the appropriate linkages are in place between the structures.

#### **4.7. Meeting Arrangements**

- 4.7.1. From the meeting of 2 December 2021, Board meetings are now livestreamed using the same technology as currently in place for Council, Council Committee and Forum meetings.

#### **5. Development of the New Community Plan**

- 5.1. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 introduced a number of requirements in relation to statutory plans for Community Planning. This included the requirement for Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to prepare and publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (known as the Community Plan) which sets out the local outcomes which the CPP will prioritise for improvement.
- 5.2. The first South Lanarkshire Community Plan was developed and approved by the Board in 2017 and performance is reported annually.
- 5.3. Following recommendations from South Lanarkshire Council's Best Value Assurance Review in 2019, the Board agreed to re-open the plan for an update on neighbourhood planning activity, the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan and to review the language used.
- 5.4. At the Board meeting on 1 July 2020, it was also agreed to carry out a wider review of the Community Plan to ensure it meets current needs and reflects the aspirations of South Lanarkshire communities.
- 5.5. Between June and August 2021, the first phase of engagement was carried out with communities throughout South Lanarkshire to identify what were the main priorities for their neighbourhoods. This involved residents answering a short, open question survey on their priorities. The survey was also promoted through social media and by the Participation and Engagement Group and Community Planning Communications Group and at the close of poll on 8 August 2021, over 3,100 responses were received.
- 5.6. Initial examination of the feedback from the survey has identified themes around Education, Communities and Environment, Health Inequalities, Housing, Children's Services and Inclusive Growth. Continued in-depth analysis of this feedback is being carried out. Community Conversation Focus Groups have taken place between August to October 2021 where three conversations took place which included in-depth conversations on the early themes of the survey work and discussions with communities of place and interest were also held.
- 5.7. Feedback from the Focus Groups was analysed and has identified three crosscutting themes around the impact of poverty, recovery from the pandemic and sustainable development. Along with the existing knowledge of community priorities from work such as neighbourhood planning and the Lived Experience Fund, as well as the feedback from the community conference held in December 2019 and the robust data set which exists for South Lanarkshire, this will form the basis of the new priorities for the partnership.

- 5.8. A strategic session was held on 17 November 2021, where lead officers across the Council and the Partnership came together to discuss and agree the vision and direction for the new Community Plan and for the Council Plan which will partner it.
- 5.9. A Cross Partnership Writing Group has been established and has been progressing the work on the new plan. As the plan has been developed, the group has been focused on making sure that the voice of the community is clearly heard in the new plan and that the language and presentation is targeted towards the community as being the key audience for the plan. At a strategic level, there will be an emphasis on how the Partnership operates and works with its communities and what the offer to communities and the ask of them will be. This will be underpinned by a more detailed action plan looking at the work across the Partnership to contribute to the new priorities. As approved by the Board at its 2 December 2021 meeting, the Sustainable Development Goals will be used as a framework to develop this. The Outcome Leads Group is supporting this work.
- 5.10. Consultation on the draft plan, along with the Council Plan, will take place in April 2022. This final stage of consultation will offer communities the chance to comment on whether the draft represents their aspirations as communicated through the extensive engagement which took place in 2021.
- 5.11. The Strategic Environmental Assessment is currently being progressed. A scoping workshop was held on 16 February 2022.
- 5.12. The final draft of the new Plan will be presented for approval at the June 2022 meeting of the Board.

## **6. Neighbourhood Planning**

- 6.1. Fernhill Neighbourhood Plan will be close to completion by the end of March 2022. Work is being undertaken during February and March 2022 to complete the consultation through doorstep dialogue with the data being analysed and the Neighbourhood Plan being designed shortly afterwards. This has been delayed due to COVID restrictions. A “Story So Far” document has been created to allow people who have taken part to see the priorities and to encourage more participation.
- 6.2. The new Community Planning Development Officer, funded by the Board, is now in post and will continue to work with Whitehill and Eddlewood/Low Waters communities to progress and complete their plans. Work is also underway to identify resourcing and approaches to the new areas within Rutherglen, Lanark and East Kilbride which have been agreed by the Board as the final phase of neighbourhood planning activity.
- 6.3. Work continues in all existing neighbourhood planning areas. A lottery bid is being submitted through South Lanarkshire Council for £64,000 during 2022/2023 which would double the funding available for place based participatory budgeting approaches in neighbourhood planning areas and offer a small development budget for these new areas of activity. The Community Planning Progress Group will provide monitoring and scrutiny for this funding should the bid be successful. The Board will be updated on the progress of the bid at the next meeting in June.
- 6.4. The opportunity remains for all other communities to undertake their own community led planning processes. Work is ongoing to encourage this and to ensure any opportunities for funding and resourcing to support this activity is maximised.

## **7. Forward Plan of Actions to be Delivered**

7.1. Other actions that are being progressed in line with key stages of the structure review include:-

- ◆ the development of a Programme Management approach with an agreed programme of activity which is aligned to the Community Plan
- ◆ a review of the Board agenda (all reports submitted to the Board should be for decision or scrutiny)
- ◆ development of a new partnership reporting template
- ◆ revising the Board's Terms of Reference; and
- ◆ developing a Partnership Agreement

## **8. Employee Implications**

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

## **9. Financial Implications**

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

## **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 in 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 implications associated with this report. Consultation has taken place with partners and representatives of the Thematic Boards. Further communication and consultation are required as the implementation of the priority improvement actions progress.

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9 February 2022

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**South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership  
Outcomes Leads  
Draft Terms of Reference**

<b>Name:</b>	Community Planning Outcome Leads
<b>Purpose:</b>	To take a strategic overview of the implementation of the Community Plan and provide guidance to partners (including community partners) in the development of outcome-based planning with communities.
<b>Scope:</b>	<b>Short-term</b> (interim leads) - To have a strategic overview of the development and implementation of the new Community Planning governance and structural arrangements. <b>Long-term</b> – To have a strategic overview of the work of the Community Planning Partnership to deliver the outcomes of the Community Plan.
<b>Authority:</b>	The group has been set up by the CPP with responsibility for undertaking the work set out within this terms of reference.
<b>Chair and Co-Chair:</b>	TBA
<b>Membership:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Craig Cunningham, Health and Social Care Partnership;</li> <li>• Anne Donaldson, SLC Education;</li> <li>• Annette Finn, SLC Housing;</li> <li>• Steven Sweeney, VASLan;</li> <li>• Andrew Thomson, Police Scotland; and</li> <li>• Kerri Todd, NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement.</li> </ul>
<b>Publications Reference:</b>	<a href="#">Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 - Community Planning Guidance</a> <a href="#">South Lanarkshire CPP Community Plan 2017-2027</a>
<b>Meeting arrangements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meetings will be held quarterly;</li> <li>• This meeting will be held in private;</li> <li>• If an Outcome Lead is not able to attend, they should ensure that the Depute is able to attend;</li> <li>• A minute of the meeting and of decisions will be recorded. A meeting action log will be maintained to monitor progress against actions.</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oversee appropriate performance reporting to the Community Planning Partnership Board; and</li> <li>• Contribute to the statutory annual report for communities.</li> </ul>
<b>Budget:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads will prioritise spending of the partnership's central CPP budget through alignment with partnership priorities.</li> </ul>
<b>Remit:</b>	<p><b>Short-term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To take a lead role in the development of the new Community Plan and the implementation of the new community partnership locality structures.</li> <li>• Utilise the partnership communications network to promote the work of the partnership and to feedback to communities.</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Long-term</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To lead on the development of the required partnership structures that will deliver the outcomes of the new Community Plan; and identify Leads for each outcome.</li> <li>• To ensure the effective review of key strategies and consider how efficiently and effectively these are being taken forward through the partnership;</li> <li>• To identify priority areas for improvement in key strategic areas;</li> <li>• To ensure that effective community participation is at the heart of community planning through directing the work of the Community Planning Participation and Engagement Group;</li> <li>• To ensure that Community Planning priority actions are aligned with local priorities, and reflect relevant national policy and best practice;</li> <li>• To highlight and propose solutions to the CPP Board on any problems and issues raised by the Local Community Partnerships and take the necessary actions to mitigate;</li> <li>• To monitor and evaluate the delivery of key partnership strategies through the development of a new partnership reporting framework;</li> <li>• To create positive challenge where outcomes have not been achieved as expected to improve future performance;</li> <li>• To have a focus on performance trends and long-term delivery of the Partnership's strategic plans;</li> <li>• To identify cross-cutting themes across the work of the partnership to ensure the appropriate linkages are made;</li> <li>• To develop and implement a partnership approach to workforce development to support the effective delivery of partnership priorities;</li> <li>• To support a shift in focus and resources to preventative and early intervention approaches;</li> <li>• To plan and develop joint resourcing of the delivery of partnership activity;</li> <li>• Facilitate as required, information and data sharing activities related to improving outcomes and reducing inequalities;</li> <li>• Creating effective connections and collaborations between the various CPP partners;</li> <li>• Ensure reporting to Local Community Partnerships using their preferred format; and</li> <li>• Ensure reporting to the Community Planning Partnership Board on a range of partnership matters as required.</li> </ul>
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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>9 March 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject: **Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme Update**

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the 'Shaping Places for Wellbeing' Programme.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report, be noted;
- (2) that the amended offer of support from Public Health Scotland outlined at section 5.1, be noted; and
- (3) that formal sponsorship for the continued work of the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Progress, be approved.

## 3. Background

3.1. At the Partnership Board on 9 September 2020, it was agreed that a Development Session on 'Planning for Place' be held and this took place on 11 May 2021.

3.2. The key areas of focus at the development session were:-

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

3.3. At the Development Session, the Board was asked to consider the offer of being involved in the next phase of conversations with the Improvement Service/Public Health Scotland with regards to the funded 'Shaping Places for Wellbeing' Programme.

3.4. The offer of being involved in this programme was agreed by the Board on 24 June 2021.

3.5. The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an update on the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme and seek formal sponsorship for the continued work which is being developed.

#### **4. Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme**

- 4.1. Shaping Places for Wellbeing is a 3-year programme, running until March 2024, which is being delivered by Public Health Scotland (PHS) and the Improvement Service (IS) jointly with local authorities and NHS Boards and which has the aim of addressing health inequalities. The programme will attempt to stop problems developing through the use of an early intervention and prevention approach to address the social determinants of health.
- 4.2. The programme is taking a citizen-led approach to addressing specific inequalities within an area. Making use of the data which is available, it will attempt to engage with sections of the community facing particular issues and shared demographics to focus on the reasons for the inequality and co-design potential solutions with them.
- 4.3. The programme recognises that much of the ability to make improvements in areas sits with local partners including councils and seeks to harness this to develop new approaches that improve health and wellbeing outcomes and from which learning can be drawn and used more widely across Scotland.
- 4.4. The consistent requirements the programme seeks to work with are:-
- ◆ reducing inequality: a town experiencing bottom 20% in SIMD and a particular health inequality (or equivalent measure in rural areas)
  - ◆ collaborative, cross system partnership working: senior leadership level sponsorship within local government and public health system to support an authorising environment for system change
  - ◆ identified manager level project support and governance across local government and the public health system; and
  - ◆ capacity to commit and take part in the learning network and local project evaluation process
- 4.5. South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) was invited to submit a proposal to be one of four initial test sites. If successful, funding would have been made available for 1.5 full-time equivalent (FTE) posts, employed by the Improvement Service but embedded within the local agencies. This consists of 1 FTE post to facilitate links between partners and 0.5 FTE post to work with the community and provide a bridge through to the partnership work. The 0.5 FTE post is a community work post and following an in-depth analysis of the health issues within the area chosen, this staff member would engage with specific groups within the community. The 1 FTE post would be a bridge between the community groups and the partners in the area, working with the existing infrastructure to facilitate the links which will be needed to effect informed systems change. Actions would be developed in line with the inequalities being addressed and the existing infrastructure available in the test area. This would in turn help develop co-designed solutions and deliver learning which can be replicated in other areas. It is also envisaged that the postholders will contribute to the development of planning policy on the theme of health and wellbeing.
- 4.6. The focus of the programme is on inequalities and prevention, using strong partnership working and citizen involvement to create system change. Through working with specific groups who are facing health inequalities to develop solutions to their issues that can be delivered in a preventative way, the programme will improve understanding of how planning can implement place principles and also improve health and wellbeing, with the intended result being the achievement of the Place and Wellbeing Outcomes (see appendix 1) and innovative approaches where the learning can be scaled up and delivered in other areas facing inequalities.

- 4.7. Following on from the Community Planning Partnership Development session held on 11 May 2021 which focused on place-based work including the development of Community Wealth Building within South Lanarkshire and the pan-Lanarkshire Development Session held on 23 June 2021, which examined health inequalities and how these could be addressed through closer collaboration between partners.

The CPP Board expressed an interest in engaging with the programme at its meeting held on 24 June 2021.

- 4.8. On 29 July 2021, South Lanarkshire Council approved a South Lanarkshire proposal for the Rutherglen area to be submitted as a potential test site. This was due to the level of health inequalities within the town, the strong local infrastructure and the work being complementary and adding additionality to the range of activity which was already under way.

## 5. Progress to Date

- 5.1. Notification has been received advising that South Lanarkshire has not been selected as one of the initial test sites. However, PHS has made an amended offer to provide detailed mentoring through the Local Learning Cohort which will support the activity within Rutherglen and share learning, with a particular relationship being developed with the test site in Alloa.

PHS has also indicated an intention to continue to seek further funding for the programme and that should it be successful on this, South Lanarkshire would be the next area selected as a test site and offered a staffing resource.

A draft Memorandum of Understanding between the parties which sets out the outcomes and principles of the mentoring partnership is found at appendix 2. This focuses on SLC and NHS Lanarkshire (NHS) working together to provide an authorising environment for sharing learning and supporting system change, with mentoring provided by a member of the Shaping Places for Wellbeing National Team and a member of staff working at a local level within Alloa delivering the programme. Involvement with the national Learning Cohort would also offer an opportunity to share learning and challenges and PHS will make a commitment to actively pursue further funding.

- 5.2. At the Board on 15 September 2021, a discussion took place regarding a proposal to pursue several pieces of collaborative work with NHS and North Lanarkshire CPP, which included key priority areas for cross-system working. One of these is detailed case management of high resource/contact users in Coatbridge and Cambuslang and Rutherglen. The Shaping Places approach of working with those experiencing the inequalities to create solutions to programmes would complement this already agreed piece of work and potentially secure a further staffing resource to action it in the near future.
- 5.3. From a spatial planning perspective, one of the objectives of the recent review of the planning system was to strengthen links between spatial and community planning. Consequently, the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 sets out the 6 outcomes that the National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4) and which represents national planning policy, will seek to achieve including improving the health and wellbeing of people living in Scotland.

A draft National Performance Framework (NPF4) was laid before the Scottish Parliament and published for consultation on 10 November 2021. The theme of improving health and wellbeing runs throughout the document.

In addition, there is a specific policy on this topic which seeks to create places that will support the health, wellbeing and safety of all and to strengthen the resilience of communities. The planning system should support development that reduces health inequalities, particularly in places that are experiencing the most disadvantage. Ways in which this can be achieved include the creation of 20-minute neighbourhoods; prioritising the re-use of vacant and derelict land; and encouraging measures to facilitate active travel, enhance biodiversity and open space/play/recreation and improve air quality. All of these themes can combine to improve health and wellbeing through the creation of high quality, climate resilient places.

- 5.4. In parallel, work will be starting on the preparation of the Council's Local Development Plan 3 in the next year. The Plan will be required to accord with NPF4 and the Council's Community Plan. The theme of Place-making will be at the centre of the policy direction of the Plan as it is developed and there will be emphasis on how health and wellbeing can be improved and existing inequalities addressed through the planning system.

The Council's participation in the Programme can help understand the key principles of place and improving health and wellbeing that Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3) will need to address across the Council area and develop a spatial policy response. The outcomes can also contribute to the preparation of an Open Space Strategy and the carrying out of a Play Sufficiency Assessment which are now statutory duties for the Council.

- 5.5. The IS and PHS have also indicated a desire to work with Clyde Gateway from their side which further strengthens their interest in developing work within South Lanarkshire.

## **6. Next Steps**

- 6.1. PHS supplied a draft memorandum of understanding (MoU) which forms an agreement between SLC, NHSL, IS and PHS as to the support which will be provided. This is not intended to be a legally binding contract but confirms the commitment of all parties to progressing the work within the Rutherglen area. This is included as appendix 2.
- 6.2. Approvals for the Memorandum of Understanding have been agreed by the SLC and NHSL Corporate Management Teams, from the HSCP Senior Management Team and from the NHSL Population Health Board. The signed MoU was returned to PHS on 1 February 2022. Discussions are being arranged with lead partnership officers in the Rutherglen area to determine an appropriate action plan to progress the project.

## **7. Employee Implications**

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

## **8. Financial Implications**

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

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

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

**10. Other Implications**

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

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

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

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**BETWEEN**

**IMPROVEMENT SERVICE  
and  
PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND  
with  
SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
and  
NHS LANARKSHIRE**

**THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)** dated **1 February** 2022, outlines the main terms of cooperation between:

The **IMPROVEMENT SERVICE** at iHub, Quarrywood Court, Livingston EH546AX

and

**PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND** at Gyle Square, 1 South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9EB

with

**SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL** at Headquarters, Almada Street, Hamilton ML3 1AA

and

**NHS LANARKSHIRE** at Headquarters, Kirklands HQ, Fallside Rd, Bothwell, Glasgow G71 8BB

With regard to the delivery of a mentoring partnership within the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme in the town of **Rutherglen**.

The Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme aims to create the conditions for better wellbeing and reduced inequality. It will enable system-wide partnership action on the social determinants of health: the places where people live, work and play through improved delivery of Place and Wellbeing Outcomes. The Programme is jointly delivered by Public Health Scotland and the Improvement Service with funding from the Health Foundation and Scottish Government.

## **OUTCOMES, PRINCIPLES, SYSTEM CHANGE ACTIVITY AND EVALUATION**

**IMPROVEMENT SERVICE** and **PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND** with **SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL** and **NHS LANARKSHIRE** agree to work together with a mentoring partnership on the following Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme outcomes, principles, system change activity and evaluation:

### Outcomes

To improve delivery of the Place and Wellbeing Outcomes as a focus to:

- a. work and plan together, and with communities, to improve the wellbeing of people and reduce inequality consistent with the social determinants of health: the places where people live, work and play;
- b. deliver on Scotland's National Performance Outcomes and other national ambitions such as the Public Health Priorities, climate change targets, .
- c. link to delivery ambitions such as the Christie Commission Recommendations, the Place Principle, 20 minute/ local living neighbourhoods and A New Future for Scotland's Towns.

### Principles

- a. Use local data and insights to build a shared understanding of the current context and health inequalities in the local town
- b. Bring together people from across the local place who have direct experience of the inequalities identified through data insight. Explore their experience in the context of the place and wellbeing outcomes.
- c. Collaborate on shaping aims and drivers and implementing change around the links between place and public health as part of the whole system approach to delivering Scotland's Public Health Priorities, the Place Principle and the Christie Commission Recommendations. This will include finding new ways of working across national and local, and sectoral and disciplinary boundaries

### System change activities

Make sustainable changes to local systems which are consistent with improving public health and wellbeing in line with the place and wellbeing outcomes and designed to last beyond the lifetime of the programme through:

- a. Working with delivery partners to consolidate their awareness and understanding of the Place and Wellbeing Outcomes, informed by their role in evaluating success.
- b. Mobilising changes to policy and practice
- c. Enabling the work to scale and spread to other places.

## Evaluation

Capture learning and measure qualitative and quantitative progress against Place and Wellbeing Outcomes and system change activity.

**SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL** and **NHS LANARKSHIRE** will cooperate to facilitate and implement a supportive and authorising environment to:

- a. Pursue the aims, drivers, principles and system changes listed above
- b. Support the conditions for learning, ideas and new ways of working to be disseminated and sustained across the local place and more widely through a Local Learning Cohort
- c. Support input of local learning, expertise and challenge on national barriers into a National Leadership Cohort of leaders from Scottish Government and COSLA

## ARRANGEMENT

To achieve successful implementation under the MOU, mentoring will be provided by the Shaping Places for Wellbeing National Team and by a full-time member of staff that is leading and supporting outcomes and system change in one of our project towns.

Further mentored support will also be provided by a part-time member of staff that will be leading work with the communities impacted by inequality in one of our project towns.

**SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL** and **NHS LANARKSHIRE** will join the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Local Learning Cohort. Linking in to opportunities to learn from others in the cohort are doing and bring challenges to this open surgery.

As **SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL** and **NHS LANARKSHIRE** work with the **IMPROVEMENT SERVICE** and **PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND** their learning and challenges in implementation goals this MOU will be fed back to the Shaping Places for Wellbeing National Leadership Cohort.

The Shaping Places for Wellbeing National Team will actively pursue further funding opportunities to enable a staff resource to be embedded into **SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL** and **NHS LANARKSHIRE** to enhance implementation.

## MANAGEMENT

**IMPROVEMENT SERVICE, PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND, SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL** and **NHS LANARKSHIRE** will appoint representatives to manage and oversee the joint management activities. The representatives may meet as and when necessary to review progress in the implementation of the agreed arrangements, evaluate. Success and define new areas for agreement and programmes of cooperation as well as discussing matters related to the MOU.

## AMENDMENTS

This MOU may only be amended by mutual agreement evidenced in writing by a duly authorised representative from each of **IMPROVEMENT SERVICE, PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND, SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL** and **NHS LANARKSHIRE**.

## TERM OF AGREEMENT

This MOU shall commence on the **1 September 2021** and shall remain in force until **31 March 2024**.

The **IMPROVEMENT SERVICE, PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND, SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL** and **NHS LANARKSHIRE** may cancel the MOU by giving twelve months' notice in writing to the other. The termination of this MOU shall not affect the implementation of the projects or programmes established under it prior to such termination.

## LEGAL STATUS

Nothing in this MOU shall be construed as creating any legal relationship between the parties. This MOU is a statement of intent to foster genuine and mutually beneficial co-operation.

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## **ACCEPTANCE**

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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>9 March 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Planning Partnership Board Development Session – May 2022 - South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership Proposal</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the proposed South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) Development Session.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the update on the South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership Development Session, be noted; and
- (2) that the proposed outline for the Development Session, as detailed in Appendix 1, be noted.

## 3. Background

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

3.2. The following Development Session dates for 2022 were approved by the Board at its meeting on 2 December 2021:-

- ◆ Thursday, 19 May 2022; and
- ◆ Wednesday 19 October 2022

3.3. The purpose of this report is for the Board to note the theme for the session to be held on 19 May 2022 and consider the draft agenda. This will allow time for advance arrangements, such as the attendance of guest speakers to be put in place.

## 4. Development Session Proposal

4.1. The Development Session will be held on Thursday 19 May 2022 starting at 2 pm. Accommodation has been booked should the Board wish to meet in person/hold a blended meeting assuming that public health advice permits in person meetings at that time. It is likely that the model for meetings and development sessions in the future will permanently reflect a blended option to allow members to join remotely.

**5. Development Session Update – South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership**

- 5.1. As an outcome from the recent review by the ADP, there is an action to better align the work of the partnership with the wider work of the Community Planning Partnership including joint resourcing. Joint resourcing was also highlighted as an action for the partnership in the Best Value Assurance Report. The proposed South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Development Session will provide an update on some of the work which is being carried out across South Lanarkshire by various organisations and provide an opportunity to discuss the linkages between the work of the ADP and the wider Community Planning Partnership.
- 5.2. A draft outline of the agenda for the South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership Development Session is attached at Appendix 1 for noting by the Board.

**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.

**9. Other Implications**

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

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

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

**Paul Manning**  
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9 February 2022

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## **South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership**

**Thursday 19 May 2021  
2pm to 4pm via Microsoft Teams (method TBA)**

### **Programme**

2.00pm to 2.05pm	<b>Welcome and introduction by the Chair</b>
2.05pm to 2.10pm	<b>Purpose and Outcomes</b>
2.10pm to 2.25pm	<b>The National Context: Whole Family Approach/Inclusive Practice, Scottish Government</b>
2.25pm to 2.40pm	<b>The Local Context: TBA, Beacons Recovery Co-ordinator</b>
2.40pm to 2.55pm	<b>TBA, Police/REGENfx</b>
2.55pm to 3.10pm	<b>Questions</b>
3.10pm to 3.15pm	<b>Short Comfort Break</b>
3.15pm to 3.55pm	<b>Group Discussion</b>
3.55pm to 4pm	<b>Closing Remarks by the Chair</b>



# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>9 March 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership.

## 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. Two areas in South Lanarkshire (Clydesdale, and Cambuslang and Rutherglen) were identified for the development of new locality planning structures. As agreed by the Board, locality boundaries are being defined by the communities themselves and will take account of the legislative requirements relating to localities for the Health and Social Care Partnership.

3.2. Development sessions were held with local organisations and groups within the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area during February 2021. Following further meetings of the group, now named as the Community Partnership, the Terms of Reference were approved by the Board on 2 December 2021 which included the recommendation that the Chair of the Community Partnership join the Board as a member in June 2022.

3.3. It was also agreed that the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership would provide quarterly update reports to the Board.

## 4. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Quarterly Update

4.1. A copy of the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership Quarterly update report is attached as appendix 1.

## 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.

**Paul Manning**

**Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)**

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9 February 2022

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## **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update Report**

Submitted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February 2022

For consideration at the Community Planning Partnership Board scheduled for the 9<sup>th</sup> of March 2022

### **General Update**

The group have had two meetings since last reporting to the board, the meetings were held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November 2021 and the 20<sup>th</sup> of January 2022.

Topics of discussion have included:-

- Finalising the terms of reference;
- General feedback from the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board meeting in December;
- The appointment of a community representative to the CPP board. Cheryl Burnett has agreed to take up the position of Chair and will represent the Community Partnership at future CPP meetings, beginning in June 2022;
- Health Inequality and Health Improvement, the group requested and received a presentation from Vicki Trim Health Senior Health Improvement Manager;
- Considering and commenting on the committee paper regarding the Play Park Renewal Fund, members noted the significance of this opportunity in terms of promoting the involvement of young people in local decision making and encouraging active citizenship. The group have opened lines of communication with the amenities service manager concerning the consultation process including next steps post the outcome of the consultation. Members have proactively promoted the consultation via their respective groups and networks;
- Developing a schedule of meetings for the year ahead - the group have decided to meet 8 weekly and a schedule of meetings has been drawn up incorporating the CPP Board meeting dates and police work patterns to ensure attendance; and
- The ongoing identification of inputs/presentations for future meetings, ideas to date include Community Wealth Building, physical environmental improvements, 20-minute neighbourhoods and planning legislation. The group will agree a programme of inputs prior to their next meeting.

### **Issues discussed at the Community Partnership and requiring action or feedback**

1. The group are highlighting the issue of access to outdoor leisure facilities as raised at the CPP board meeting in December. This matter is high on the group's agenda with school holidays approaching. The general feeling is that valuable community assets are not being realised. Community access to Cathkin High School 4G football pitches has been specifically noted in terms of community access, the pitches are often fully booked a year in advance. The group are looking to guarantee that some of the time is given to community access, particularly out with term time. The CPP Board is asked to note the work around this issue.

Update: Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council have provided details of all the Multi-use Games Areas (MUGA's) Pitches in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area. This list includes those that are accessible and available for community use. Education

Resources will be working with the Community Partnership to ensure that people living in these areas are aware that the facilities are available for use outwith school hours.

Education Resources are also exploring with the community the possibility of the MUGA's attached to the primary schools in the Cambuslang East area being available for community use outwith school opening hours.

2. Community safety and antisocial behaviour - Group members raised concerns about the recent rise in anti-social behaviour in Cambuslang and Rutherglen involving young people/school communities. The local community safety sub-group of the wider Neighbourhood Planning Group has been reconvened and the community, Police and other partners are addressing the key issues. The CPP Board is asked to note the community and partnership actions being undertaken to address anti-social behaviour.

Update: The group have been meeting fortnightly, in response to an increase in anti-social behaviour. Membership is made up of the Springhall and Whitlawburn Neighbourhood Planning Group, Police, Head Teachers (2 Primary School; and 1 High School), Regen:FX, Housing, Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre staff, other youth service providers, Healthy n Happy, Youth Family and Community Learning Staff and elected members.

The group have been using a whole community/partnership to address the issue of anti-social behaviour. Significant developments include the appointment of a Campus Police Officer for Cathkin High School, and collective actions to increase public reporting and public reassurance via: a social media campaign; school-based interventions and inputs from the Crime Prevention Unit; and promotion of Fearless (to assist young people to report incidents anonymously). The group met on 22 February 2022 and the Police reported a significant decrease in anti-social behaviour and attributed this to a partnership approach, based on local intelligence via Parent Councils. They will now focus on securing inputs and support to assist parents who may be concerned about the impact of anti-social behaviour may have on children on the periphery of getting involved.

3. Group members want to make the board aware of the communities' ongoing concerns regarding commercial and residential waste issues in Cambuslang and Rutherglen, particularly around town centres.

Update: The CPP Board is asked to ensure consultation with the Community Partnership on any new proposals for the town centres and appropriate updates on the implementation of the Litter Strategy locally. Discussions have taken place with South Lanarkshire Council's Environmental Services.

4. Group members are keen to learn about the re-opening of Cambuslang Library and other public services in Cambuslang Gate and to be informed of the plans/proposals for Westburn Community Hall. This community has been without a community centre and access is needed for various community groups and organisations urgently. The CPP Board is asked to note the concerns of the group and the desire to access these key local facilities as soon as possible.

Update: An update on the status of Westburn Hall has been provided and will be fed back to local stakeholders and the partnership. Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council have been working with local communities in relation to this to see which education facilities would be suitable in the meantime for lets. Contact has also been made with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture on 22 February 2022 requesting an update on the hall.

Representatives from Education Resources have met with Halfway Community Council and the Community Engagement Team about the lack of community facilities in the Cambuslang East area due to Westburn Hall being unavailable. It was proposed that some primary schools could be used for lets in the area to help groups who are struggling to find space to deliver community activity. Information is being sought from South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture regarding the demand for space in the area to support the need to explore the primary schools as alternatives.

Contact has also been made with the council's Library Service regarding an update on Cambuslang Library.



# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>9 March 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Welfare Services Support for Households (1 April to 30 September 2021)</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the support that has been provided to households in South Lanarkshire in the first 6 months of 2021/2022 from a range of Council services and organisations.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the welfare support provided by a wide range of services and organisations in helping households manage their financial position, be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. The report focuses on how Council services (Money Matters Advice Services, Benefits and Revenues, Housing and Community Participation), Citizens Advice Bureaus, Scottish Social Security Agency and the NHS continue to respond to the increased need to provide vital welfare support to many households in South Lanarkshire. This support has been delivered by staff agilely throughout the first 6 months of this financial year.

3.2. A wide range of data provided by the various services and organisations that demonstrate both the impact of the pandemic and the levels of support being provided is presented in appendix, 1 with highlights included in section 4.

## 4. Service/Organisation Update

### 4.1. Benefits and Revenues Service

4.1.1. Support for households who have fallen into arrears or are experiencing difficulty with payment of council tax, continues to centre on the uptake of council tax reduction. Although both the volume and value of awards are 3% lower than at the peak of the pandemic in 2020/2021, over £1.5 million of additional support is being provided compared to 2019/2020.

4.1.2. There continues to be significant demand for grants from the Scottish Welfare Fund (SWF) with applications for crisis grants at similar levels to 2020/2021 and community care grants 14% higher than over the same period in 2020/2021. Grants to a value of £1.769 million have been awarded this year to date with the award rate of 62%, 4% higher than in 2020/2021.

- 4.1.3. A range of specific payments were made by the service following receipt of Scottish Government funding to support many low-income families including free school meal payments during school holiday periods, payments to those self-isolating and one Scottish Child Payment of £160 to children in receipt of free school meals. In addition, a £130 Low Income Pandemic Payment was made to more than 34,000 households in receipt of council tax reduction or council tax exemption.

#### **4.2. Money Matters Advice Service (MMAS)**

- 4.2.1. The service has seen a significant increase in the numbers of clients approaching the service for advice when compared to the previous period and this has seen a 57% increase in the number of people seeking benefit advice. It has also seen a 127% increase in the number of people seeking debt advice.
- 4.2.2. Levels of debt written off has increased by only 7% and remains significantly lower than the level of debt written off in the 2019/2020 financial year. However, with the numbers seeking debt advice now likely to surpass the number that sought advice in 2019/2020, these figures are expected to increase.
- 4.2.3. Benefits awarded totalled £6.485 million, lower than in 2020/2021 by 27%. This is believed to be related to the disruption that has resulted in the benefit system due to COVID-19 but with the number seeking benefit advice now increasing, it is expected these numbers will also rise.

#### **4.3. Citizens Advice**

- 4.3.1. The CABs have experienced a significant increase in enquiries in relation to benefit and debt advice increasing by 82% and 213% respectively. The value of debt written off has increased by £0.833 million in comparison to the same period in the previous year. Benefits awarded totalled £2.373 million compared to £1.426 million for the same period last year. The reasons for the reductions are similar to those reported for MMAS.
- 4.3.2. The CABs have also been able to assist clients in crisis by referring them to foodbank agencies or for assistance from Council services (eg, the Scottish Welfare Fund). This is in addition to providing a range of advice including employment, consumer and utilities all delivered in an agile way.

#### **4.4. Food Aid**

- 4.4.1. Significant resources have been applied to the sourcing and distribution of food aid. South Lanarkshire Council has worked with third sector and community partners to ensure supply. Up until the end of September 2021, 13,881 bags of food had been provided through the Scottish Government Food Fund (equating to 222,096 meals). As part of this effort the Community Engagement Team, through direct distribution and as part of the Council administered Community Wellbeing Line, has assisted 1,949 households to receive food aid between 1 April and 30 September 2021. In addition, over the same period the Team distributed 1,048 wellbeing packs and 400 recipe kits to local households, providing advice on how to prepare good quality/nutritious meals.
- 4.4.2. The latest half-year figures for the South Lanarkshire foodbanks indicate that over the period, a total of 6,124 households were referred for assistance, which resulted in 12,658 people receiving food through emergency food distribution. The latest half-year figures (12,658 people) represent a 39% drop on the take up of emergency food distribution from the South Lanarkshire foodbanks compared to the same point last year (eg, 20,776 people received food at Quarter 1 and 2 2020/2021).

The fall recorded in the number of people receiving food through foodbank activity over the past 12 months is a reflection that the South Lanarkshire food banks experienced a record high number of requests for assistance with food during 2020 due to the financial and social effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **4.5. Housing**

- 4.5.1. The percentage of Council tenants on Universal Credit (UC) from April 2021 to September 2021, increased from 33% to 34%. As of September 2021, there were 8,246 Council tenants on UC of which 66% were in rent arrears. This is in comparison to 37% of all tenants in arrears.
- 4.5.2. For tenants on UC, the total amount of arrears owed rose by 11%. The ending of furlough in September 2021 may result in an increase in both the level of UC claims and rent arrears. In addition, the removal of the £20 uplift for tenants on UC will impact on their ability to meet their living costs including paying their rent. It is too early to measure the impact at this time. This will be monitored closely over the next few months.
- 4.5.3. Housing Services have continued to support tenants with rent arrears by providing financial assistance through its successful Tenancy Sustainment Fund, sustaining tenancies and preventing homelessness.
- 4.5.4. The increased pressure on the homelessness service and the demand for temporary and permanent accommodation during the pandemic has now levelled off. However, households experiencing homelessness continue to be particularly vulnerable to financial insecurity and hardship.

#### **4.6. Universal Credit**

- 4.6.1. There has been a decrease of 4.2% in the number of people who received UC from September 2020 to September 2021. Of these, 63.2% of claimants were not in employment and 36.8% of claimants were in employment. The latest figure available for the number of households receiving UC (August 2021) shows 36.4% were receiving a child element in their payment, an increase of 10.3% since August 2021.
- 4.6.2. There has been a 6.3% increase in the number of households taking advantage of the Scottish Choices more frequent payment option, again an indication of the financial pressure some households were under.
- 4.6.3. The number of people having sanctions imposed by the DWP increased from 30 at August 2020 to 129 at August 2021, as the DWP considered it should now be less challenging for individuals to find employment as the restrictions in the job market ease as the effects of the pandemic recede.

#### **4.7. Social Security Scotland**

- 4.7.1. Social Security Scotland (SSS) is now delivering 11 different benefits. Child Disability Payment (the replacement for DWP Disability Living Allowance for children) has now launched nationally across the country.
- 4.7.2. Anyone applying for Scottish benefits can access direct support from an adviser through a new service now available across the country. The introduction of SSS Local Delivery follows the roll out of the Child Disability Payment pilot which will provide financial support to children and young people with disabilities.

- 4.7.3. The SSS Local Delivery initiative provides person-to-person support from trained staff in every local authority area. The current local delivery staff recruited in South Lanarkshire are based in Brandon Gate, Hamilton and currently continue to work from home due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- 4.7.4. SSS provides a range of data in relation to the benefits paid to South Lanarkshire on its website including the Scottish Child Payment with £1.9 million paid to families in South Lanarkshire.

#### **4.8. NHS**

- 4.8.1. Midwives, health visitors and family nurses work with families to help identify any money worries and make referrals to Money Matters Advice Services. For the 6 months to September 2021, there were 347 referrals leading to a client financial gain of £933,604.
- 4.8.2. A total of 14 South Lanarkshire families received support from the Family Support and Financial Inclusion - Royal Hospital for Children initiative with a total financial gain of circa £46,427. Most of the beneficiaries were families caring for children with a disability under the age of 19 years.
- 4.8.3. Hamilton and Rutherglen CAB, working in partnership with South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership, supported 319 clients to provide advice, support and representation at First Tier Tribunal over the period with a total of 1,208 issues leading to a client financial gain of £92,256. This is complex casework and 73% of enquiries related to benefits, predominantly Personal Independence Payment (PIP) and UC.

### **5. Summary and Outlook**

- 5.1. The demand for welfare advice and support services continues to grow with many measures reporting significant increases on the same period last year. However, the reduction in the number of households seeking emergency food distribution is positive.
- 5.2. Overall, many household budgets remain under pressure and this is likely to be compounded by increases in the rate of inflation and significant increase in energy costs.
- 5.3. Examples of support that are expected to assist households in the second half of the year include:-
  - ◆ supporting clients who are experiencing fuel poverty
  - ◆ the outreach programme developed with Community Wellbeing and Education Resources will be further developed in the early part of 2022 through joint working with Money Matters Advice and Citizens Advice Bureaus
  - ◆ Housing Services will administer and distribute an additional £439,000 received from the Scottish Government for the new Tenant Grant Fund, established to support tenants in both the private and social rented sectors tenants, who meet the eligibility criteria; and
  - ◆ unpaid carers living in Scotland and in receipt of Carer's Allowance Supplement received another double additional payment on 15 December 2021 due to the recent passing of the Carer's Allowance Supplement (Scotland) Act. On 15 December 2021, eligible carers who were receiving Carer's Allowance on 11 October 2021 received a doubling of their payment to £462.80, which benefited more than 91,000 people.

- 5.4. The Scottish Government has provided funding to local authorities throughout the pandemic to allow direct financial support to be provided to households. This has included the low-income pandemic payment of £130 referred to in 4.1.3. More recent announcements include the cost-of-living award that will allow eligible households to benefit from £150 and the new £80m Covid Economic Recovery Fund for local authorities to target support for businesses and communities.

## **6. Employee Implications**

- 6.1. The increased demand for welfare support from households has impacted on the workload across the services and organisations referred to in the report. At times this has placed staff under significant pressure to ensure households receive the necessary support.
- 6.2. Employees have also adapted quickly to new ways of working to ensure households continue to be supported and the move away from conducting routine face-to-face appointments in advice services has helped increased efficiency.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. The Scottish Government has provided additional funding to councils to allow for increased financial support to be provided to those individuals affected by the pandemic.
- 7.2. An additional burden is now expected to be picked up by councils because of the Scottish Government's change in approach to eligibility to council tax reduction.

## **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 remains a risk that the services delivering support to households are unable to cope with the expected continuing increase in demand for services over the coming year. Services have adapted quickly to new ways of working and are engaging with customers in new ways that are proving more efficient, thereby reducing the risk.

## **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.
- 10.2. Ongoing dialogue will continue with trade unions, community groups, the DWP, CABs, national and local forums, neighbouring local authorities and the NHS.

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## Appendix 1

### Welfare Reform Data

Organisation/ Service	Measure	How will the measure improve understanding of the impact of Welfare Reform and the support provided?	March 2020	March 2021	September 2021	Commentary
SLC / Benefits and Revenues	Number and value of awards for council tax reduction	The measure will highlight uptake levels	29,428  £19.760m	31,743  £21.859m	30,712  £21.274m	Continuing to experience significantly higher demand than pre COVID- 19 pandemic levels.
	Number of applications and awards for the Scottish Welfare Fund	The measure will show trends and resource implications for those in crisis or requiring support to live in the community	13,259  7,220	17,731  10,247	8,115  5,004	Significant demand in 21-22 with applications at similar levels to 20-21. Award rate at 62% is 4% higher than 20- 21.
	Number and value of discretionary housing payments	The measure can highlight the impact of different Welfare Reforms e.g. benefit cap, Local Housing Allowance (LHA), size criteria and hardship	7,026  £3.613m	8,858  £4.350m	6,534  £3.914m	Number and value of awards up 6% and 7% respectively on the same period last year due to increase in cases unable to meet any shortfall in their rent due to reductions in household income as a result of the pandemic.
	Number of automatic awards for free school meals	The measure will show the number of families in receipt of the benefit through the auto enrolment process	Auto families only – 4,954  All families – 6,386	Auto families only – 5,049  All families – 6,247	Auto families only – 4,934  All families – 5,725	Number of automated awards is consistent with the same period last year.
	Uptake of school meals	The measure will show the number of children benefitting from the award	9,964	9,677	9,042	Number of awards is consistent with the same period last year..
	Number of clothing grants provided	The measure will show the number of children benefitting from the award	12,362	13,021	12,071	Number of awards is consistent with the same period last year when there was a substantial increase in entitlement to low-income benefits as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
	Number of educational maintenance allowances provided	The measure will show the number of children benefitting from the award	1,116	1,055	593	Successful applicants this year to date is consistent with the same period last year.

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SLC / Money Matters Advice Service	Number of cases for benefits advice	The measure will show the number of people seeking benefit advice and will also show trends and resource implications	5,543	2,802	2,199	The service has seen a significant increase in the number of people now seeking benefit advice.
	Number of cases for money advice	The measure will show the number of people with multiple debts, including rent and council tax arrears who require assistance to negotiate with creditors to arrange manageable repayments and access statutory debt solutions	907	486	552	People seeking debt advice has now increased by 127% compared to the previous financial year and it is expected this will result in demand surpassing that which was seen in 2019-20.
	Number of general enquiries	The measure will show the number of people who had their problem or enquiry resolved at the time of presentation without the need for follow up work and will show trends and resource implications	6,535	10,634	4,805	There has been a slight decrease in the number of enquiries, after the significant increase that was seen during 2020-21.
	Number of people provided with a telephone benefit check	The measure will show the number of people seeking benefit advice and will show trends and resource implications	2,305	3,368	1,844	These numbers continue to increase, although the level of increase has begun to slow down.
	Value of annual benefit awards	The measure will show the financial gain for clients as a result of the support provided by MMAS	£28.489m	£17.733m	£6.485m	Disruption to the benefit system, including to the Social Security Tribunal system is still believed to be the cause of the decline in the value of benefit awards being made. However, with the number of people seeking benefit advice and appeals being handled by the service, numbers are expected to increase in the next period.
	Value of backdated benefit awards	The measure will show the financial gain for clients as a result of the support provided by MMAS	£4.718m	£3.443m	£1.226m	Value of backdated benefit awards, like annual benefit awards have continued to decline, but it is anticipated with increased demand for

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						advice and also the number of appeals being handled by the service, these figures will increase.
	Number of people entering into a debt arrangement scheme	The measure will show the number of people receiving the statutory protection offered by a debt arrangement scheme and will show trends and resource implications	60	17	7	These figures have remained low due to the forbearance that has been shown by creditors, but with demand now increasing, it is anticipated they will rise significantly in the coming year.
	Value of debt written-off	The measure will show the financial gain for clients as a result of the support provided by MMAS. Debts can be written off for various reasons including mental health issues as well as formal debt solutions i.e. Bankruptcy	£2,251m	£1.126m	£0.604m	Reduction due to suspension of debt recovery activity by organisations.
	Number of appeals	The measure will show the number of appeals to Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service supported by MMAS. Numbers indicate the standards of decision making	1,371  73.33% successful	563  74.25% successful	477  74.15% successful	Appeals were suspended during the first half of 2020-21 moving to telephone based in second half of the year. Numbers are now beginning to increase but remain below 2019-20 levels.
Citizens Advice Bureau	Number of cases for benefits advice	The measure will show the number of people seeking benefit advice and will show trends and resource implications	10,415	7,760	7,337	Volume is attributable to UC its complexity and issues with legacy benefits.
	Number of cases for debt advice	The measure will show the number of people with multiple debts, including rent and council tax arrears who require assistance to negotiate with creditors to arrange manageable repayments and access statutory debt solutions	2,780	2,104	1,844	Moratorium on debt collection reduced the number of cases. The suspension of evictions during 2020-21 also help to minimise the number of cases.
	Value of benefits awarded	The measure will show the financial gain for clients as a result of the support provided by CAB	£5.549m	£4.715m	£1.426m	Reduction reflects suspension of benefit assessment.

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	Number of people entering into a debt arrangement scheme	The measure will show the number of people receiving the statutory protection offered by a Debt Arrangement Scheme and will show trends and resource implications	69	31	20	Reflects demand for the service and support provided.
	Value of debt written off	The measure will show the financial gain for clients as a result of the support provided by CAB. Debts can be written off for various reasons including mental health issues as well as formal debt solutions i.e. bankruptcy	£0.892m	£0.502m	£0.959m	Reduction due to suspension of debt recovery.
	Court activity - prevented homelessness and sequestrations	The measure will show the extent of activity in defending court actions	84	22	17	Reflects demand for the service and support provided.
Food Banks	Number of food vouchers/ parcels issued	The measure will show the extent to which Welfare Reform is impacting on residents' ability to feed themselves and their families	26,211	50,656 (people fed)  *Partial figures	12,658	This combines the position for the South Lanarkshire Trussell Trust and other local food banks including EK Community, Clydesdale.  EK Loaves and Share Alike, data not available at 6-month stage.
	Profile of food bank clients	As above	N/A	Households 27,750  Adults* 34,523  Children* 16,133	Households 6,124  Adults* 8,628  Children* 4,030	*Partial figures  Doesn't include EK Share Alike or Loaves and Fishes.
DWP - Universal Credit	Number claiming UC (People on UC)	The measure will show the extent of the roll out of UC across South Lanarkshire and therefore the number of people experiencing a change to the way their benefits are calculated, paid and administered	17,466	29,743	28,388	Accounts for 14.1% of all those aged between 16 to 64. Over the year the number of people claiming Universal Credit has decreased by 1,237 or by 4.2% compared to a fall of 1.6% in Scotland as a whole.
	Percentage of UC claimants in work	The measure will show the extent to which those in work are in receipt of UC and	30.5%	33.5%	36.8%	In September 2021, of all Universal Credit

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	(based on people on UC)	therefore impacted by Welfare Reform				claimants 36.8% were In Work.
	Percentage of UC claimants child element  (Based on households on UC)	The measure will show the extent to which families are affected by UC.  (This is additional monies paid for children up to the age of 16, 19 if they are still at home and not in an advanced college or university course)	38.8%	34.6%	Figures not released at present	In March 2021, 34.6% of Households receiving Universal Credit were receiving a child element in their payment.
	Percentage of UC claimants – more frequent payment  (Based on households on UC)	The measure will show the extent to which claimants are exercising the option to receive more frequent payment indicating possible financial pressure	24.6%	21.0%	Figures not released at present	In March 2021 a total of 5,432 households had taken advantage of the Scottish Choices More frequent payment option.
	Percentage of UC claimants – no payment  (Based on households on UC)	The measure will show the percentage of claimants that are not in receipt of a payment for UC and may therefore be in need of financial support and advice	6.3%	13.2%	Figures not released at present	In March 2021, a total of 3,421 households did not receive a payment in this month or had a nil award. This represents 13.2% of all South Lanarkshire Universal Credit claimants.
	Number of UC sanctions  (based on people on UC)	The measure will show the number of claimants having sanctions imposed by the DWP and may therefore be in need of financial support and advice.  (Reflects monies deducted from a claimants benefit due to non-adherence of their agreed responsibilities. An example of this would be not looking for work as agreed within their Claimant Commitment.)	163	27	Figures not released at present	In March 2021, there were 27 Universal Credit claimants' payments being reduced due to a sanction. This was a decrease of 136 or 83.4% over the year from March 2020 to March 2021.
	UC sanctions rate based on people on UC)	The measure will show the percentage of claimants having sanctions imposed by the DWP and may therefore be in need of financial support and advice	0.9%	0.1%	Figures not released at present	At 0.1%, the proportion of South Lanarkshire Universal Credit claimants who had their payment reduced due to a sanction was lowest equal since at least March 2018. The proportion at 0.1% was the same as

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						experienced in Scotland as a whole.
SLC/Housing Services	Number of tenants in receipt of UC	The measure will track the level of tenants who are moving on to UC	6,163	7,915	8,246	Level of increase reflects the number of people submitting new claims for UC or reporting a relevant change in circumstances. This increase also reflects households directly affected by the pandemic and may increase again with furlough ending in September 2021.
	Number of tenants on UC in arrears	The measure will track the level of tenants on UC in arrears	4,219	4,566	5,440	The level of arrears reflects the transient nature of UC as households come off and on UC due to changes in income, working hours, circumstances.
	% of tenants on UC in arrears	The measure will detail the percentage of tenants who are on UC and in arrears	-	58%	66%	The % of arrears for tenants on UC in comparison to % of all tenants in arrears evidence that tenants on UC are more likely to be in arrears.
Registered Social Landlords (RSL) / Housing Associations Private rented sector (PRS) tenants (latest available figures)	Number of tenants in receipt of UC	The measures will track the level of tenants who are moving on to UC	1225	1,788	1,765	Estimate from DWP Stats Xplore tool.  Figures only available until August 2021.
	Number of tenants in receipt of UC	Over time this figure can be tracked to give an understanding of any movements in the prevalence of households in receipt to UC within the private rented sector. This will assist in establishing the role that the sector is playing in meeting housing needs within SL	3,114	4,897	4,856	Estimate from DWP Stats Xplore tool.  Figures only available until August 2021.
All landlords within South Lanarkshire	Number of tenants	The measure gives an understanding of the numbers of	92	16	16	DWP Stats Xplore only provides Benefit

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SLC/RSL/PRS (latest available figures)	impacted by the benefit cap	households affected by the Benefit Cap			For all landlords - SLC, RSL and PRS	cap figures for local authority area. Figures only available until May 2021.

# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>9 March 2022</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject: **South Lanarkshire Register of Information**

## 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, be noted.

## 3. Background

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

## 4. Period Covered – 4 November 2021 to 8 February 2022

4.1. Appendix 1 provides a summary of the information circulated from 4 November 2021 to 8 February 2022.

## 5. Employee Implications

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

## 6. Financial Implications

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

## 7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

## 8. Other Implications

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

## 9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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## Register of Information circulated to the Partnership

From 4 November 2021 to 8 February 2022

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
04/11/21	Adult Literacy and Numeracy Event	Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council	Invitation to the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Event on 19 November 2021 within Whitehill Community Centre, Hamilton. The event is to raise awareness of the literacy and numeracy provision within South Lanarkshire.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
11/11/21	Consultation on the draft National Planning Framework 4	Scottish Government	Scottish Government consultation on the draft <a href="#">National Planning Framework 4</a> which will be a long term plan for Scotland that sets out how the Scottish Government's approach to planning and development will help to achieve a net-zero, sustainable Scotland by 2045.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
16/11/21	Joseph Rowntree Foundation Inclusive Growth Network Joint Statement	Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF)	<a href="#">Joint Statement</a> published by members of the JRF Inclusive Growth Network which highlights the role of local leadership in delivering a just and inclusive transition to Net-Zero.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
17/11/21	Community Planning Partnerships – Evaluating their Effectiveness	Improvement Service and Public Health Scotland	Following engagement with CPP Leads to find out the type of evaluation support that would be helpful, the Improvement Service and Public Health Scotland have arranged three information sessions which are taking place in January 2022.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
29/11/21	COVID-19 Winter Campaign – Living Safely for Us All	Scottish Government	Following the launch of the COVID-19 Winter Campaign: Living Safely for Us All, a series of social films have been produced which support messaging around the need for all of us in Scotland to keep living safely through COVID-19 safety behaviours.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
06/12/21	Spring 2022 Improving Health: Developing Effective Practice training course	South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership	NHS Lanarkshire are accepting applications for the Spring 2022 Improving Health: Developing Effective Practice training course with submissions to be provided by 21 January 2022.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
06/12/21	Drop-in Flu Clinics for 2–5-year-olds	South Lanarkshire Heath and Social Care Partnership	To help increase the uptake of the flu vaccine in children aged 2-5 (not in school), NHS Lanarkshire are holding drop-in clinics for this age group.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
07/12/21	Argyle Line Closure - Passenger Comms/Survey	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	Details of the Argyle Line Closure which is taking place from 13 March to 8 May 2022 together with a <a href="#">survey</a> asking passengers on the impact this will have their travel plans.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
20/12/21	Mental Health and Wellbeing in Primary Care Services	Scottish Government	Letter and additional reports from Kevin Stewart, Minister for Mental Health and Wellbeing providing an update on the development and implementation of the Mental Health and Wellbeing in Primary Care Services.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
22/12/21	South Lanarkshire Council Budget Consultation	South Lanarkshire Council	The South Lanarkshire Council budget consultation will be open until 16 January 2022. Questions have been shaped around the information previously received through recent discussions about the priorities for the new Council and Community Plans.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
13/01/22	Lanarkshire Community Champions – Learning Disabilities and Autism drop-in Vaccination Clinics	NHS Lanarkshire	Details of Learning Disabilities and Autism Drop-In Vaccination Clinics which are taking place across Lanarkshire from 18-20 January 2022.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
17/01/22	Period Positive South Lanarkshire Consultation	South Lanarkshire Council	Period Positive consultation regarding the provision of free period products in South Lanarkshire which will gather the views of residents and colleagues to help shape how this may look in the future. The consultation will run until 28 February 2022.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
18/01/22	Spring 2022 Improving Health: Developing Effective Practice Training Course (IH:DEP)	South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Details of the IH:DEP training course which aims to improve participants' confidence in improving health and tackling inequalities by helping them maximise the health improvement potential of their role and remit.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
18/01/22	Prevention of Homelessness Duties Consultation	South Lanarkshire Council	Details of the joint <a href="#">Prevention of Homelessness Duties</a> consultation by the Scottish Government and COSLA. The new duties are designed to ensure that people get the help they need much sooner and will be the most significant change to the legislation since 2012. Responses to the consultation are due by 31 March 2022.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
18/01/22	Scotrail Ticket Office Consultation	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	Details of the <a href="#">Scotrail Ticket Office Consultation</a> advising of the proposed series of changes and the impact on 120 stations. There will be a 21-day consultation period from 12 January 2022.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
21/01/22	New Our Place Website	Improvement Service	Details of the newly developed website <a href="#">Our Place</a> which is devoted to promoting the benefits of place and place-based working. This will also help to support communities, public, third and private sectors to take forward place-based approaches, helping to make positive differences across communities in Scotland.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
24/01/22	UK Poverty 2022: The essential guide to understanding	Joseph Rowntree Foundation	<a href="#">UK Poverty 2022: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK</a> report published by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.

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	poverty in the UK		which looks comprehensively at trends in poverty across all characteristics and impacts.	
26/01/22	Tackling Fuel Poverty in Scotland: A Strategic Approach	Scottish Government	<a href="#">Tackling Fuel Poverty in Scotland: A Strategic Approach</a> published by the Scottish Government sets out policies and proposals for national government, local authorities and third sector partners to help meet the targets set out in the fuel poverty (Targets, Definition and Strategy) (Scotland) Act 2019.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
31/01/22	Bus Driver Recruitment Fair	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport	Bus Driver Recruitment Fair being hosted by SPT on 10 February 2022 at Buchanan Bus Station, Glasgow.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.