



Thursday, 31 August 2023

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, 06 September 2023
Time: 13:00
Venue: By Microsoft Teams,

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

Members

Councillor Joe Fagan
Cleland Sneddon, Chief Executive
Paul Manning, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Resources
Jennifer Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, Finance and Corporate Resources
Christine Calder, Manager, **Seniors Together**
Kay Morrison, General Manager, **South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture**
Jann Gardner, 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**
Jim Quinn, Area Commander, **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**
Stephen Dolan, Chief Superintendent, **Police Scotland**
Andrew Thomson, Superintendent (Partnerships), **Police Scotland**
Soumen Sengupta, Director, **Health and Social Care Partnership**
Steven Sweeney, Chief Executive, **VASLan**
Clare Hicks, Director of Education Reform, **Scottish Government**
Stephen Frew, Partnerships (West), Place Directorate, Scottish Economic Development, **Scottish Enterprise**
Shona Mitchell, Head of Operations South West, **Skills Development Scotland**
Elizabeth O'Reilly, Head of Campus Services, **University of the West of Scotland**
Hisashi Kuboyama, Development Manager, West of Scotland, **Federation of Small Businesses**
Pat Mavor, Representative, **Clydesdale Community Partnership**
Cheryl Burnett, Representative, **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership**

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Wednesday 13 December 2023

Any Other Competent Business

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

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SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Note of meeting held via Microsoft Teams on 7 June 2023

Chair:

Councillor Joe Fagan, Leader, South Lanarkshire Council

Partners Present:

C Calder, Manager, Seniors Together

A Comrie, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

S Dolan, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland

S Frew, Scottish Enterprise

M Hill, Chair, NHS Lanarkshire Board

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

S Mitchell, Head of Operations South West, Skills Development Scotland

K Morrison, General Manager, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture

J Quinn, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

C Sneddon, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

S Sweeney, Chief Executive, VASLan

Also Attending:

K Allan, Sustainable Development Officer, Community and Enterprise Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

H Calley, Administration Officer, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

S Dunsmore, Insurance and Risk Manager, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

T Keay, Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

J Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council

J McCafferty, Development Manager, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

A Murray, Community Planning Adviser, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

J Sullivan, Station Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

J Taylor, Representative, Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership

F Thomson, Locality Manager, Clydesdale, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

Apologies:

J Binning, Principal Policy Officer, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

C Burnett, Representative, Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership

J Gardner, Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire

C Hicks, Director of Education Reform, Scottish Government

H Kuboyama, Development Manager, West of Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses

T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

P Mavor, Representative, Clydesdale Community Partnership

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

J Pravinkumar, Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire

S Sengupta, Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership

A Thomson, Superintendent (Partnerships), Police Scotland

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Note of Previous Meeting

The note of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 22 March 2023 was submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Community Planning Budget and Expenditure Report

A report dated 10 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) budget and expenditure for 2022/2023 as at 31 March 2023 (Period 14) and for 2023/2024 as at 21 April 2023 (Period 1). Details of the proposed 2023/2024 CPP budget were also provided.

As outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, the total expenditure at the end of Period 14 (2022/2023) was £30,325. The anticipated closing balance, which had been carried forward to the 2023/2024 budget, was £70,161 and included the projected salary costs for the Community Development Officer up to December 2023. Costs since those last reported at Period 11 related to Community Planning events, advertising of the Community Plan and equipment costs.

There was no expenditure as at the end of Period 1 (2023/2024) and Appendix 2 to the report provided a projected breakdown of the proposed expenditure lines for 2023/2024.

The anticipated available budget for 2023/2024 was £118,511 and approved committed expenditure to be carried forward to 2023/2024 included £25,783 for salaries, £5,500 for the Lived Experience Fund (LEF) (September 2022) and £4,000 for Learning and Development (December 2022). In addition, invoices for salary costs relating to 2022/2023 were still pending.

Anticipated spend included the LEF; a Community Planning Climate and Nature Conference; salary payments for the Community Development Officer and costs associated with the Open University project.

As agreed at the CPP Board on 22 March 2023, the level of funding for the LEF had been increased to £8,000 and each Community Partnership area would receive £2,000. The Community Partnerships were considering spending proposals and work continued with the successful LEF 2022/2023 groups to submit their consultation feedback.

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

Outcome(s): (1) Noted.
(2) Proposed budget, as outlined in Appendix 2 of the report, approved.

[Reference: Note of 22 March 2023 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update

A report dated 10 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing the quarterly update on the work of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership, details of which were attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

J Taylor also provided a verbal update advising that:-

- ◆ the Partnership's Locality Group was holding a development day to review priorities and ensure its meetings were aligned with the Board meetings

- ◆ the Partnership would be revising its Terms of Reference which would be submitted to a future Board meeting for noting
- ◆ the Partnership would be working to identify its top 3 priorities across the area and Neighbourhood Planning areas as well as how to achieve those priorities
- ◆ the Partnership had discussed its concerns regarding the use and disposal of single-use vapes, particularly by young people and was developing community messages on this issue. It was noted that the Council had passed a motion regarding vaping at its meeting on 24 May 2023
- ◆ the Partnership was planning to update and increase its membership, focusing on the attendance of neighbourhood groups
- ◆ the Partnership would welcome more input and support from the Board regarding how to properly allocate the Lived Experience Fund
- ◆ the Partnerships were looking to create a network in order to work more collaboratively and share good practice
- ◆ the Partnership would be exploring how locality groups could be more aligned to reduce duplication of work

In response to a member's question regarding the policy in relation to grant payments from commercial organisations and issues around income generation to supplement the available budget, the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) advised that a report on Community Benefits would be shared with the Board which augmented the Community Wish List initiative.

Arrangements were in place for the development day but the offer of assistance from the Board was noted.

Outcome(s): Noted.

[Reference: Note of 22 March 2023 (Paragraph 4) and Minutes of South Lanarkshire Council of 24 May 2023 (Paragraph 6)]

5 Clydesdale Community Partnership Update

A report dated 10 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing the quarterly update on the work of the Clydesdale Community Partnership.

A recent meeting of the Partnership had focused on transport issues in the Clydesdale area. Representatives from the Council's Roads and Transportation Service and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) had attended and provided details of current policies as well as highlighting future plans and strategies in relation to the Clydesdale area.

The Clydesdale Community Partnership's quarterly update was provided at Appendix 1 to the report.

J McCafferty advised that the Partnership was:-

- ◆ revising its terms of reference
- ◆ planning to increase engagement and involvement with local communities
- ◆ seeking guidance on the Lived Experience Fund
- ◆ planning to hold a development day

A Comrie advised that further meetings would be held regarding the transport issues and in particular, what SPT could do to help address the issues.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) SPT and the Council's Roads and Transportation Service's intention to continue to engage with the Partnership to progress actions relating to the Transport priority noted.
 - (2) Noted that the Progress Group would work with the Partnership to support the delivery of the actions outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

[Reference: Note of 22 March 2023 (Paragraph 5)]

S Frew left the meeting during this item of business

6 Community Planning Partnership Risk Management – Annual Review of Risk Cards and Risk Register

A report dated 10 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted presenting the updated Community Planning Risk Register following the annual review and an update on progress in the delivery of the 2022/2023 Risk Control Plan.

A Community Planning Partnership 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 monitored as a standing item on the agenda of Board meetings.

The annual review of the Risk Cards and Control Plan had been completed. The draft Risk Control Plan for 2023/2024 was detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and an update on progress with the delivery of actions in the 2022/2023 Risk Control Plan was detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.

The Community Planning Progress Group would continue to progress actions and monitor and review the Risk Register and Risk Control Plan, with all cards reviewed annually. It was noted that risk scores and rankings could be amended if new information arose that resulted in re-assessment.

The next planned review of the full Risk Register and Control Plan would take place during April 2024.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Draft Community Planning Partnership Risks and draft Control Plan for 2023/2024 approved.
 - (2) Progress on the delivery of the 2022/2023 Risk Control Plan noted.

[Reference: Note of 22 March 2023 (Paragraph 6)]

7 Climate Change Resilience and Adaptation

A report dated 10 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted:-

- ◆ highlighting that adaptation to climate change was a continuous, complex and long-term process which required consideration and action from all areas of the Partnership
- ◆ seeking the Board's support for the adaptation and resilience process

Human activities were estimated to have caused approximately 1.0°C of global warming above pre-industrial levels. This was likely to reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052 and exceed 1.5°C to 2°C this century unless significant reductions in carbon dioxide (CO₂) and other greenhouse gas emissions occurred.

As well as reducing greenhouse gas emissions (known as 'mitigation'), it was important to improve resilience to the unavoidable impacts of climate change (known as 'adaptation').

South Lanarkshire was increasingly vulnerable to the consequences of severe weather and climate change. Climate Ready Clyde had outlined the main risks to the Glasgow City Region, which were detailed in Appendix 1 to the report and categorised into the following 6 themes:-

- ◆ infrastructure
- ◆ built environment
- ◆ society and human health
- ◆ natural environment
- ◆ economy, business and industry
- ◆ international risks and cross cutting and adaptive capacity issues

The report detailed the local and national contexts to climate change adaptation and the recommended next steps for the Board to embed climate change adaptation within its activities. The local and national contexts were supported by a wide range of legislative and policy drivers.

Public bodies were already responding to the challenge of adaptation through creation and adoption of adaptation frameworks and plans, such as Highland Adapts, Aberdeen Adapts and the Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership. Examples of how those organisations were embedding climate change adaptation were included in Appendix 2 to the report.

Members discussed progressing the recommendations to ensure a joined-up approach was taken as a starting point for the next steps.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Noted.
 - (2) The Board's commitment to progressing the recommended next steps, as detailed in the report, agreed.

8 UN Sustainable Development Goals Mapping and Analysis Process Progress Update

A report dated 10 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted providing an update on the Sustainable Development Goals Mapping and Analysis Process.

A Climate Change and Sustainable Development Working Group had been formed to use the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a framework to help address climate change as well as other environment, social and economic priorities through a more holistic and collaborative approach to partnership policy planning, delivery and monitoring. The SDGs were detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

The UN SDGs were a comprehensive set of global goals to end poverty, protect our planet and improve living conditions of the global population. The SDGs could be used as a framework for organisations to track and monitor their progress.

Public sector bodies were on the frontline of many of the challenges the SDGs sought to resolve, including those witnessed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Achieving the SDGs was a shared responsibility which required adequate resources and active partnership. 66% of the SDGs were within the remit of public sector bodies to implement.

The report provided an update on the work undertaken by the Climate Change and Sustainable Development Task and Finish Group to map the Community Plan to the SDGs and detailed the recommended next steps for the Board. The Group's work included agreeing a terms of reference, included as Appendix 2 to the report, holding 3 mapping workshops and developing a Sustainable Development Goal Mapping Toolkit. Using information from the workshops, analysis of the coverage of the SDGs was conducted and a visual summary was provided at Appendix 3 to the report.

Officers clarified that further discussion was required on how the Board would take forward the work and recommendations.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Noted.
 - (2) Work to develop a set of local performance indicators based upon the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SCGs) noted.
 - (3) Noted that the Partnership undertook annual voluntary reporting of progress against the 17 SDGs.
 - (4) Thematic Partnerships tasked with mapping their statutory plans, as outlined within the report, noted.
 - (5) Thematic Partnerships tasked with nominating a facilitator to undertake training and the process to map their plans noted.

9 Climate and Nature CPP Board Development Session Proposal – 10 October 2023

A report dated 10 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources) was submitted on the role of the Board's senior leaders in supporting climate change and nature loss action with young people.

Challenging climate change and nature loss were recognised as a priority for everyone. Children, young people and adults were all engaged in discussion and action towards tackling the impacts on the environment and reducing the harm being done. Locally and nationally, children and young people were actively promoting and raising awareness of the issues through:-

- ◆ the Scottish Youth Parliament 2022/2023 campaign priorities, with a focus on the fashion industry
- ◆ the Children's Parliament publication of its findings from its investigation into 'Learning for Sustainability'
- ◆ South Lanarkshire's Youth Strategy 2022 to 2025 with the environment as 1 of the 5 key priorities

Leading up to and since COP26 in 2021, increased engagement in understanding and tackling climate change and impact had been experienced across Scotland. A strengthened emphasis on 'Learning for Sustainability' had developed within education settings, youth centres and community projects.

Together, South Lanarkshire Youth Council and the schools' Climate Change and Sustainability Forums were keen to inform the Board from a young person's lived experience and perspective and improve the quality of discussion with senior leaders towards exploring ideas on how to use the evolving focus on climate change and nature loss as a catalyst to engage people and stimulate new ideas to impact on climate change and nature loss as well as develop a robust process to present and act on those ideas.

South Lanarkshire Youth Council and the schools' Climate Change and Sustainability Forums could play a key role in facilitating actions, including supporting leaders as champions, supporting local workshops and training, and sign posting to a broad range of useful tools/resources.

It was proposed that the next Board Development Session on 10 October 2023 include young people and focus on climate change and nature loss. The specifics of the session and a draft agenda would be presented at a future Board meeting as the availability of young people, currently engaged in exams, had limited the agreement of the content of the workshop.

Officers responded to members' questions regarding ensuring there were clear outcomes and priorities for the Board from the session as well as involving other bodies.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Proposal for developing a robust process to stimulate and act on ideas to positively impact on climate change and nature loss through working with young people endorsed.
 - (2) Proposal summary for the next Board Development Session on 10 October 2023, as set out in the report, approved.
 - (3) Full outline of the session and intended outcomes, as co-produced with young people, for presentation to the Board at its next meeting, noted.

S Dunsmore left the meeting during this item of business

10 Update on Neighbourhood Planning across South Lanarkshire

A report dated 10 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on neighbourhood planning activity across South Lanarkshire.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act stated that each CPP should have its mandatory locality plan(s) in place and signed off by 1 October 2017. At its meeting on 14 July 2017, the Board considered the results of a statistical exercise undertaken which identified 9 of the Council's 20 wards as being potential neighbourhood planning areas.

Legislation required that reports be produced on an annual basis which identified the progress made. The purpose of those reports was for the communities involved to see and understand what had happened in their areas. The guidance accompanying the legislation stated that the annual reports should be published in an accessible and easy to understand way so communities could understand the direction and scale of progress. The annual reports for 2022/2023 were attached as appendices 1 to 9 of the report.

On 11 October 2017, the Board agreed to pilot the use of neighbourhood planning activity and recognised that this approach required a longer investment of time within communities to engage and involve people and produce plans. The first 3 neighbourhood plans for the pilot areas, published in January 2019, covered communities within 5 of the 9 wards which had been identified as experiencing the greatest inequality of outcomes within South Lanarkshire.

In September 2019, the Board approved the further roll-out of neighbourhood planning to include the other 4 wards originally identified as facing poor outcomes. Plans had been developed for Fairhill, Cambuslang East and Burnhill during 2019/2020 as well as the completion of the Blantyre Plan which was created by Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

Progress had been made on delivering actions against the top priorities of all areas, despite the impact of the pandemic on engagement activities. Key progress in all areas had seen the increase in the number of local people participating in neighbourhood planning processes, in particular participatory budgeting (PB) approaches, which were outlined in the annual reports. A summary of the highlights within the Annual Reports for each area was provided at paragraph 4.3 of the report.

The Board was asked to approve the development of a wider neighbourhood planning approach for Hamilton South incorporating Fairhill, Eddlewood and Low Waters. Discussions had been held in those communities and a more joined-up approach was recognised to increase community cohesion.

PB was significantly developed in the priority areas in 2022. Additional Council investment of £200,000 was added to the usual £44,000 budget and £64,000 was secured from the National Lottery Communities Fund, including £44,000 to match the core PB fund. The full amount would be spent during 2023.

Details on new development areas were included in the report and a full proposal would be submitted to the next meeting of the Board.

Officers responded to members' questions regarding how the reports were sustainably shared with communities via wider partners, on maximising communication and ensuring communities were engaged with the reports.

Outcome(s): (1) Noted.
(2) Draft progress reports for each area approved.
(3) Development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Hamilton South incorporating Fairhill, Eddlewood and Low Waters, as set out in the report, agreed.

[Reference: Note of 22 June 2022 (Paragraph 12)]

K Allan left the meeting during this item of business

11 Winter Wishes for Care Experienced People

A report dated 10 May 2023 by the Development Co-ordinator, Who Cares? Scotland, was submitted providing an update on the Winter Wishes Initiative delivered for Care Experienced People.

Since 2014, Who Cares? Scotland had held its annual Care Family Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day for Care Experienced people around the country. However, in 2020 and 2021 it was unable to host this event due to the pandemic and instead provided the opportunity for Care Experienced people, those who were or had been in care, to make a wish. The Winter Wishes programme reached over 300 Care Experienced people nationally in 2021 and helped grant their wishes; whether that was a Christmas dinner, a gift for themselves or someone else or a space to connect.

In 2022, Who Cares? Scotland decided to physically host its Care Family Christmas Dinner again and as a result, nationally, the Winter Wishes work ended. However, with full agreement from elected members, after a joint proposal from Who Cares? Scotland and South Lanarkshire's Continuing Care Team, it was recognised that this vital work needed to continue.

As part of South Lanarkshire's Warm Welcome Initiative to support families across the local authority, Who Cares? Scotland was awarded £40,000 to jointly deliver Winter Wishes in South Lanarkshire to support Care Experienced people and their families during the winter period. A draft evaluation report was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

The next steps being considered were detailed in the report which included a future iteration of Winter Wishes being voucher based, the creation and delivery of a food larder based at the Care Experienced Hub and creation of a Friday lunch club.

Outcome(s): Noted.

12 South Lanarkshire Register of Information

A report dated 10 May 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing a summary of information which had been circulated to Community Planning Partners between 22 February to 9 May 2023, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

Outcome(s): Noted.

[Reference: Note of 22 March 2023 (Paragraph 14)]

13 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Wednesday 6 September 2023 at 1.00pm.

14 Any Other Competent Business

In terms of Standing Order No 4(c), the Chair accepted 2 other items of competent business.

J Quinn provided information on the Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) Group which had been established by Water Safety Scotland (WSS). PAWS was a multi-agency approach to improving water safety and had 3 key stages:-

- ◆ prevention - pro-active activities that reduced the likelihood of a water emergency occurring by raising awareness of safety issues and by educating the public on how to be safe in and around water
- ◆ improved incident response - effective response to water emergency incidents through multi-agency exercises and training the public how to react to incidents safely via the Waterside Responder Scheme
- ◆ review of significant events - implementation of the WSS's Drowning and Incident Review (DIR) after significant incidents to ensure learning from water emergency incidents to gain an understanding of the contributory factors and make interventions that might prevent similar events from occurring

PAWS had already been adopted by North Lanarkshire Council and other partners and the Board was requested to agree a pan-Lanarkshire approach.

Representatives from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) responded to members' questions regarding how PAWS would identify 'hot spot' areas and how young people were educated regarding water safety.

Outcome(s): Involvement in PAWS agreed.

J Quinn also provided an update on local changes within SFRS, which were part of a wider strategic review programme, including:-

- ◆ the office premises on Bothwell Road, Hamilton would close
- ◆ in September 2023, there would be a temporary withdrawal of 10 of the 26 'high reach level' fire appliances nationally
- ◆ on 4 September 2023, 1 fire engine in Hamilton would be temporarily removed from service but 2 engines would still attend calls, albeit from different stations
- ◆ work to remove the 'combination' type appliance and replacement with dedicated new electric 'pumping' appliance at Clydesmill
- ◆ a public consultation on the Leadhills Community fire station to ascertain if it was still a viable station

Outcome(s): Noted.

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 07880 174955 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ provide the Partnership Board with a progress update for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that the content of the report, is noted; and (2) that the Progress Group works with the Partnership to support the delivery of the actions outlined in Appendix 1
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ambition 1 - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources ◆ Ambition 2 - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better ◆ Ambition 3 - We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work ◆ Principles: Communication and Empowerment; and Embracing Change
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The progress update for Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Progress is set out at Appendix 1 ◆ The update provides a summary of actions taken by the Partnership in the last 3 months and issues for action

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with a progress update for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report, is noted; and
- (2) that the Progress Group works with the Partnership to support the delivery of the actions outlined in Appendix 1

3. Background

3.1. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership is 1 of 4 locality partnerships in South Lanarkshire where community representatives from neighbourhood planning areas, community councils and other community organisations come together to discuss common issues and advise the Community Planning Partnership Board on the discussions and the identified improvement actions/options. The Partnership agreed that it would provide quarterly update reports to the Board. The Chair of the Partnership is also a member of the Community Planning Partnership Board.

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 known as the Community Partnership, the Terms of Reference was 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.

4. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Quarterly Update

4.1. A copy of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership quarterly update report is attached at Appendix 1. Items within the Appendix will be progressed as appropriate with partners. An update on current progress has also been provided for information.

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)

South Lanarkshire Council

9 August 2023

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Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update Report

General Update

Since the last report to the Board, the Community Partnership has:-

- Agreed to host a Development Session to review and refresh the Group's Terms of Reference and to determine Group priorities and actions for the year ahead
- Been identifying ways to maximise participation in the Community Partnership including ways to promote consistent communication between meetings
- Continued discussions regarding the Group's presence on the Community Planning website
- Received a response from Police Scotland regarding the rationale behind the decision to reduce campus police officers
- Held discussions with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and other partners regarding the wider impacts of vaping including the safe and environmentally friendly disposal of vapes
- Attended the Clydesdale Community Partnership and participated in discussions regarding the Local Development Plan 3, Local Place Plans and Open Space Strategy presented by South Lanarkshire Council's Planning and Building Standards Manager

Issues for Action:

- **Information** - the Group welcome the CPP Board papers but ask if they can be summarised or be in an easy read format and request the same in relation to the Register of Information

Partner Update:

- An Executive Summary is now attached to all Board reports. This highlights the key information contained in the report. The Community Planning Team has been considering options for a Community Newsletter. As part of this work, the Community Planning Development Officer will engage with all Community Partnerships to help inform the final design
- **Consultations** - the Group request early notification of up-and-coming consultations and where possible, a streamlining of consultation activity across the board. The Group previously requested a meeting with the Community Engagement Manager

Partner Update:

- Since the Partnership made its original request regarding consultations in its report on 14 September 2022, work has been undertaken to streamline activity where possible across the Partnership. Information about planned consultations is shared with Community Partnerships through Community Planning Board reports, the Register of Information and presentations are offered to all Partnerships by officers delivering key services that may be of interest. This has included those who are planning consultation activity in communities, for example, the Council's Planning and Roads Services and SPT. The update on the request to meet with the Community Engagement Manager can be found below
- **Participatory Budgeting (PB) Activity** - the Group request an update on any planned/proposed mainstream PB activity.

Partner Update:

- The Partnership previously raised a number of points in relation to the Council's PB activity in its report on 22 June 2022 and on 14 September 2022 also requested to meet with the Community Engagement Manager to discuss this. The new Community Engagement Officer and Manager are now in post and a meeting will be arranged
- **Links between Locality Groups** - the Group recognises the links between Locality Forums and Health and Social Care Partnerships. The Group is requesting the Community Partnership is a standing item on the agenda of both groups and that this is reciprocated to ensure good communication flow and partnership opportunities around shared issues

Partner Update:-

- Since the Partnership raised this as an issue at the last meeting of the Board in June 2023, discussions have taken place with the Health and Social Care Partnership and work is planned in September/October 2023 to consider the linkages across all local partnership groups including the Third Sector Locality Groups. In the meantime, the Partnership Community Development Officer will be in touch with the Community Partnership to discuss this further, so that we can ensure that the appropriate action is taken
- **Community Council Insurance Policy** – Withdrawal of SLC insurance cover for community clean ups, the group are asking for clarity regarding this decision.

Partner Update:-

- This was raised as an issue by the Partnership at the meeting of the Board in December 2022 and relates to Community Council Insurance Policies. Following the meeting, a response was provided to the Chair of the Community Partnership on 14 December 2022. This outlined the standard policy coverage for all Community Councils in South Lanarkshire and noted that additional activities, such as litter picking, can be added to the policy by any Community Council, for a small premium.

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Clydesdale Community Partnership Update
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 07880 174955 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ provide the Partnership Board with a progress update for the Clydesdale Community Partnership
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the content of the report is noted
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ambition 1 - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources ◆ Ambition 2 - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better ◆ Ambition 3 - We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work ◆ Principles: Communication and Empowerment; and Embracing Change
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The progress update for Clydesdale Community Partnership is set out at Appendix 1 ◆ The update provides a summary of the update from the Council's Planning and Regulatory Services and an update from Transport partners and the next steps for the Partnership

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance & Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Clydesdale Community Partnership Update
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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 progress of the Clydesdale Community Partnership

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report, be noted

3. Background

- 3.1. Clydesdale Community Partnership is 1 of 4 locality partnerships in South Lanarkshire where community representatives from neighbourhood planning areas, community councils and other community organisations come together to discuss common issues and advise the Community Planning Partnership Board on the discussions and the identified improvement actions/options. The Partnership agreed that it would provide quarterly update reports to the Board. The Chair of the Partnership is also a member of the Community Planning Partnership Board.
- 3.2. Clydesdale Community Partnership has met once since the last Board meeting. Development work has continued over the last 3 months, looking to increase understanding of the Community Partnership model and increase attendance at the meeting. The recruitment of dedicated staff to support Partnerships across South Lanarkshire should mean that the Community Partnerships develop, both in terms of membership and importance.
- 3.3. The most recent meeting of the Partnership focused on the planned consultations being delivered by the Council's Planning and Regulatory Services section. These are in relation to the development of the Local Development Plan 3, Local Place Plans and Open Space Strategy. The report from the meeting is attached at Appendix 1.

4. Employee Implications

- 4.1. Community Partnerships are supported by the Partnership Community Development Officer.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The Community Development Officer post is funded from the Community Planning Partnership Board budget.

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

7. Other Implications

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

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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Clydesdale Community Partnership Update Report Update from South Lanarkshire Council Planning and Regulatory Services

A representative from the Council's Planning and Regulatory Services provided input regarding the Local Development Plan 3, Local Place Plans and Open Space Strategy at the most recent Community Partnership meeting. Representatives of Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership also attended.

A summary of the discussion is as follows:-

- Community Partnerships will have a big part to play in the consultation process as well as taking plans forward
- there were concerns regarding community volunteers resourcing and funding the process
- areas will be able to develop their own plans

Update from Transport Partners

South Lanarkshire Council's Roads, Transportation and Fleet Services representative advised that funding is being sought to commission the work highlighted in the Clydesdale Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) report:-

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/ClydesdaleSTAG.

He advised that more Active Travel plans are being produced. The relevant studies and the Network Plans for Carluke and Lanark, amongst other areas within the Council boundaries, can be viewed using the links below:-

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/1130/clydesdale_draft_active_travel_studies

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/downloads/download/982/active_travel_network

He also confirmed that a consultant has been commissioned for the development of the new Local Transport Strategy and he highlighted that there will be public consultations taking place. The survey can be accessed using the following link:-

www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200230/public_and_community_transport/2164/local_transport_strategy_2024-2034?fbclid=IwAR1g8xLn69uKJv-rhFW527wa-kBBidJeBOxtuKINIfvXkYN3OhwKcsHGM_k

The Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) representative advised that there has been a number of issues which SPT is trying to tackle in terms of bus and train connectivity. It was also mentioned by partners that Transport Scotland is looking at potentially offering funds for pilot schemes for community transport.

General Update and Next Steps

- The Partnership agreed that a review of the Terms of Reference is required. Membership will also be reviewed to include, for example, representatives from Culture and Heritage, youth forums and other representative groups
- Representatives from the Partnership would like to start focusing on specific priorities and the purpose of the Community Partnership
- A face-to-face Development Session is being planned to take place in September at the weekend. This will involve all stakeholders including Community Planning Partnership organisations such as the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland. A planning group will be set up to plan the session.

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 07880 174955 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure as at 14 July 2023 (Period 4) ◆ provide the Partnership Board with a draft spending plan; and ◆ request an extension to the Community Development Officer post contract
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that the content of the report, be noted; (2) that the proposed spending plan outlined at Appendix 2, be approved; and (3) that the contract for the Community Development Officer is further extended for a period of 9 months as outlined at section 5.3 below
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Section 4 details the budget for the year and actual expenditure as at 14 July 2023 (also see Appendix 1) ◆ Section 5.2 sets out a proposed spending plan for the budget (see Appendix 2) ◆ Section 5.3. seeks the renewal of the Community Development Officer contract for a further 9 months until September 2024 ◆ Section 6 provides an overview of the allocations and current status of the Lived Experience Fund budget line

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report
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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 14 July 2023 (Period 4)
- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with a draft spending plan; and
- ◆ request an extension to the Community Development Officer post contract

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report, be noted;
- (2) that the proposed spending plan outlined at Appendix 2, be approved; and
- (3) that the contract for the Community Development Officer is further extended for a period of 9 months as outlined at section 5.3 below

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 2023/2024 is £118,511. This includes a balance of funding carried forward of £70,161 and a total income of £48,350.

4.2. The actual expenditure at the end of Period 4 is £33.00. Appendix 1 provides a breakdown.

4.3. The forecast spend for the year is £118,511. A draft spending plan is outlined in Appendix 2 for all known expenditure.

5. Income and Expenditure During 2023/2024

5.1. Specific spend within this period relates to community planning event costs.

5.2. Future anticipated spend is set out in the draft spending plan at Appendix 2.

- 5.3. The employment contract for the Community Development Officer post will end in December 2023. Table 1 below sets out the projected costs relating to the agreed contract period and the cost of continuing with the post for a further 9 months for the Board to consider. Whilst monies have been carried over from previous budgets to help fund this post, the actual annual budget through partner contributions at the Board's disposal is £48,350.

Table 1

Anticipated Salary Costs		
Contract Time Period	Projected Costs	Comments
January to March 2023	2022/2023: £10,500	Current contractual commitment. Carried forward from 2022/2023 budget.
April to December 2023	2023/2024: £31,500	Current contractual commitment. Partial costs for this period carried forward from 2022/2023 budget (vacant post) with the remainder to be met from this years' budget.
January to September 2024	2024/2025: approx. £33,000	Proposed contract extension. Costs to be committed from this years' budget and carried over to the 2023/2024 budget and remainder to be met from 2024/2025 budget.

- 5.4. The Board is asked to approve a further extension to this contract for a period of 9 months until September 2024. The purpose of the extension is to continue to support the implementation of partnership activity in relation to community-led locality structures. Work to be undertaken during this period will include the establishment of a Community Partnership in the Hamilton locality (including Blantyre, Larkhall and Stonehouse) and the continued development of the structures for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen, Clydesdale and East Kilbride areas (a fuller update on progress relating to the Partnerships can be found in the Community Partnership Update and the Community Planning Review Progress Update reports).

The Board is asked to note that timescales will flex according to the needs of each group and requires intensive engagement, capacity building and revised working practices to ensure that members are able to fully participate in Community Planning activity.

- 5.5. The cost of renewing this contract for a further nine months is estimated at £33,000 (includes a small buffer for pay awards). The Board is asked to note that an advance commitment of £10,000 from next years' budget (2024-25) is required to fund the post until September 2024. There will be no additional contractual liabilities as a result of extending this post a further nine months.

6. Lived Experience Fund

- 6.1. As previously agreed by the Board, the Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships will be provided with an equal share of £5,500 of the Lived Experience Fund (LEF) which had not been spent during 2022/2023 and was carried forward to the 2023/2024 budget. The Community Partnerships are currently considering their proposals to take this forward and assistance is being provided by the Community Engagement Team to progress this.
- 6.2. The Board agreed to continue delegating LEF funding to the Community Partnerships. This means that Community Partnerships will be supported to allocate funds locally with feedback going through the Partnership then back to the Board.

As it is anticipated that at least 4 partnership groups will be operating by March 2024, the Board has increased the funding available for LEF to £8,000 and each area will receive £2,000.

- 6.3. Work continues to liaise with the successful LEF 2022/2023 groups to submit their consultation feedback.

7. CPP Budget 2023/2024

- 7.1. A further update will be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership Board on 13 December 2023.

8. Employee Implications

- 8.1. The contract for the Partnership's Community Development Officer is due to end in December 2023. The Board is asked to note that there are no additional liabilities in terms of employment contract law as a result of extending this contract to September 2023.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1. The financial implications are detailed in Section 5 of 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 risk or sustainability issues associated with this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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Community Planning Budget 2023-24			
<u>Anticipated Opening Balance April 2023</u>		£70,161	£70,161
<u>Income</u>			
Partner Contributions		Budget	Actual to Date
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
Total Income		£48,350	£48,350
Total available funding		£118,511	£118,511
		£	£
<u>Proposed Expenditure 2023-24</u>		Proposed Expenditure	Expenditure
Community Plan Delivery		15,000	0.00
Community Planning Events		6,000	33.00
Learning and Development		15,000	0.00
Lived Experience Fund		13,500	0.00
Printing/Stationery/General		2,500	0.00
Reports, Strategies and Plans		1,000	0.00
Salaries		65,000	0.00
Travel		511	0.00
Total Expenditure		£118,511	33.00

Draft Spending Plan 2023-24

Category	Budget	Proposed Expenditure	Purpose	Balance
Community Plan Delivery	£15,000	£9,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-production of the Community Plan Co-production of new Neighbourhood Plans x 3 	£6,000
Community Planning Events	£6,000	£6,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate and Nature Event Community Partnership Development Sessions x 3 	£0.00
Learning and Development	£15,000	£15,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open University Open Learn Project Delivery of the Community Plan Ambitions 	£0.00
Lived Experience Fund	£13,500	£13,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delegated to Community Planning Partnerships x 4 	£0.00
Printing, Stationery and General	£2,500	£2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Planning Administration 	£0.00
Reports, Strategies and Plans	£1,000	£1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Plan Annual report New Neighbourhood Plans x 3 	£0.00
Salaries	£65,000	£65,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salary costs for CPP Development Officer 	£0.00
Travel	£511	£511	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel costs, expenses for face to face events 	£0.00
Total Expenditure	£118,511	£112,511		£6,000

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Community Plan Quarter 4 Progress Report 2022/2023 and Annual Outcomes Improvement Report
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 07880 174955 Email: jennifer.kerr@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose:	♦ advise the Partnership Board with progress made against the outcomes within the Community Plan as at the end of March 2023
Delivery Partners:	Community Planning Partnership
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the progress made to date against the outcomes within the Community Plan, see Appendix 1, be noted; and (2) that the content of the draft Annual Outcomes Improvement Report is approved for publication by 30 September 2023, see Appendix 2
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks or challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	Details of the progress made to date against the outcomes within the Community Plan 2022 to 2032 (as shown in Appendix 1) and requesting approval of the draft content of the Annual Outcomes Improvement Report (as shown in Appendix 2) for publication

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Plan Quarter 4 Progress Report 2022-23 and Annual Outcomes Improvement Report
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ advise the Partnership Board of progress made against the outcomes within the Community Plan as at the end of March 2023

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the progress made to date against the outcomes within the Community Plan, see Appendix 1, be noted; and
- (2) that the content of the draft Annual Outcomes Improvement Report is approved for publication by 30 September 2023, see Appendix 2

3. Background

3.1. The South Lanarkshire Community Plan was approved in October 2017 and sets out the priorities and outcomes for the Partnership over 10 years from 2022 to 2032.

3.2. A report setting out the new Community Plan was approved by the Partnership Board on 22 June 2022. This report outlined a plan to meet the requirement to publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan as required by the Community Empowerment Act. It was agreed that an Annual Outcomes Improvement report would be published alongside the Performance Progress report.

3.3. This report outlines the progress made against the Community Plan up to the end of March 2023. It also provides an update on the Annual Outcomes Improvement report for 2022/2023 as detailed in Appendix 2.

4. Writing the Delivery Plan

4.1. Critical to the success of the new plan is delivering on our promise to work together with communities, local organisations and businesses to deliver the ambitions set out in the Community Plan. To achieve these ambitions, we need to change how we currently work together, taking a more holistic and joined up approach to service delivery through re-imagining current service delivery models and through developing a clearer understanding of how our work impacts on individuals, families, communities, local organisations and businesses and the contributions that we make as a whole in our work towards a fairer South Lanarkshire for all.

4.2. At the Partnership Board on 14 September 2022, it was agreed that the action plan is written with local communities using the following process steps co-determine, co-decide, co-design and co-deliver. We will build on current local plans and work with Community Partnerships and other locality groups as part of this approach. The Board also agreed that partners continue to support this work, as they have done to this point, in the engagement and writing activity for the new Community Plan. This includes ensuring staff are fully engaged in the process of working with communities to create the action plan.

5. Progress to Date

5.1. The principles underpinning the framework remain to ensure that the Partnership Board receives clear performance reports which are produced to a common timescale and a common standard across the Partnership.

5.2. The outcomes within the Community Plan are reported in full within this Quarter 4 report, using the latest information available. The report shows whether outcomes are being achieved to facilitate change and progress against the associated improvement actions. It also highlights progress on specific outcomes to inform good practice, learning and sharing across the Partnership.

5.3. The report uses a “traffic light” system to indicate if there are any concerns about whether a target will be reached or whether an action will be completed as intended. In general, a blue status indicates that the action to achieve change has been completed. A green status indicates that there are no concerns about meeting a target or achieving an action. Amber and red are used to flag up where there might be slippage or deviation from plans. The following definitions are used:-

Status	Definition
Blue	The action to achieve change has been completed
Green	On course to achieve the target or complete the action as planned/the timescale or target has been met as per expectations
Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target
Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target
To be reported later	For some measures, the statistics are not yet available to allow us to say whether the target has been reached or not. These will be reported when available

5.4. The Community Plan Outcomes Report

There are 32 measures within the Community Plan and the table below gives a summary of the progress as follows:-

Priority	Status by year					Total
	Blue	Green	Amber	Red	Report Later/Not Available	
	22-23	22-23	22-23	22-23	22-23	
Putting learning at the centre	0	5	0	0	0	5
Our children and young people thrive	0	5	0	0	1	6
Thriving businesses and fair jobs	0	4	0	0	0	4
Caring, connected communities	0	4	2	0	0	6
People live the healthiest lives possible	0	5	0	0	0	5
Good quality, suitable housing for everyone	0	3	1	1	1	6
Total	0	26	3	1	2	32

- 5.5. Of the 32 measures, 0 (0%) have been completed, 26 (82%) are judged to be on course to achieve the targets set, while 1 (3%) is judged to be considerably off target and a further 3 (9%) are judged to be slightly off target. There are 2 measures (6%) to be reported later.
- 5.6. It is important to note that the data within the report does not always refer to the current reporting year. What is shown is the most recent data available, on the strength of which a judgement is made about whether the targets set in the Community Plan are likely to be achieved.
- 5.7. There are 3 amber measures and 1 red measure and these are detailed below with explanatory commentary.

Caring, Connected Communities

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments	
Amber	We will bring communities together to share priorities and work jointly on them	Hold a networking event for representatives of community led plans to come together and discuss progress and next steps across South Lanarkshire	Due to changes within the Community Engagement Team, SLC this networking event will now take place in Winter 2023
Responsibility (Lead): Children's Services Partnership			
<p>Partner action to improve the outcome</p> <p>The Community Engagement Team has now recruited a further 3 Officers and 1 Assistant and these staff are now working in the priority urban communities and with key community representatives. It is anticipated that community representatives will be identified across all the areas and a networking event will be organised for Winter 2023</p>			
Amber	We will bring communities together to share priorities and work jointly on them	Representation of all 4 Community Partnerships at Board level	<p>Representatives of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships are now members of the CPP Board and provide quarterly reports to the Board.</p> <p>Officers within the Community Engagement Team, SLC are progressing work to establish the Hamilton and East Kilbride Community Partnerships by 30 June 2023 to enable representation of these groups to the CPP Board.</p>
Responsibility (Lead): Children's Services Partnership			
<p>Partner action to improve the outcome</p> <p>Following recruitment of staff to the Community Engagement Team, work is progressing to establish the Hamilton and East Kilbride Community Partnerships including mapping of Community Councils and Stakeholder Groups and intensive engagement taking place with potential members. Meetings of the Hamilton and East Kilbride Community Partnerships are due to be arranged for Summer 2023</p>			

Good Quality, Suitable Housing for Everyone

Outcome Indicator	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest	Comments
Amber	964	Over 1,000 per year	972	<p>There has been a significant focus on the development of homelessness prevention services in recent years and in particular on developing the Housing Options service as the first response to emerging housing need and risks.</p> <p>The slight reduction in the number of housing option interviews in the year can be attributed to emerging changes within the private rented sector and the cost-of-living crisis which have adversely impacted on prevention opportunities.</p>
Responsibility (Lead): Community Safety Partnership				
<p>Despite being slightly under target for 2022/2023, there has been a positive increase in the proportion of instances where homelessness has been prevented, with 65% of housing options cases successful in the prevention of homelessness. This underlines the positive difference the Housing Options approach continues to have on preventing homelessness in South Lanarkshire.</p> <p>External pressures, including economic issues affecting the housing market, pressures on both the private and social rented sector and the “cost of living crisis”, impact on and limit the availability of housing options for individuals. The Council will, however, continue to work with partner agencies and focus on promoting and delivering prevention work.</p> <p>In December 2021, the Scottish Government and COSLA jointly published ‘Preventing Homelessness in Scotland’, a consultation which sought views on proposals to introduce statutory prevention duties across public bodies, widening the responsibility for preventing homelessness and highlighting the need for prevention activities to be shared across community planning partners.</p> <p>It is expected that proposals in relation to this will be included in the new Housing Bill, expected to be published later this year. This will likely assist in the promotion of multi-agency prevention work across South Lanarkshire.</p>				

Outcome Indicator	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest	Comments
<div style="background-color: red; color: black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin-right: 5px;">Red</div> Reduce the level of Homeless Households (homelessness caseload at year end)	892	Reduce from baseline by 10%-20%	1,331	<p>In the previous year the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP) review noted significant success against a wide range of homelessness outcome measures. Within the current year, however, there has been a considerable increase in demand for homelessness services locally and nationally.</p> <p>The RRTP target of reducing homelessness caseload by 10% - 20% has not been achieved in the year due to the significant increase which took place in demand for homelessness services.</p> <p>The forthcoming RRTP review will consider the need for a revised target to be set.</p> <p>Services continue to support households with the overall aim of avoiding homelessness where it is possible to do so.</p>
Responsibility (Lead): Community Safety Partnership				
<p>Performance in relation to this action is in line with national trends, which show a significant increase in demand for homelessness services in the year. In South Lanarkshire, during 2022/2023, there was a 17% increase in homelessness applications with 2,502 applications received compared with 2,134 in 2021/2022.</p> <p>Whilst there has been a continued focus on homelessness, with 58% of Council lets and 38% of HomeFinder Registered Social Landlord lets directed to homeless households during the year, the increase in demand has resulted in the target being unachievable.</p> <p>It is anticipated that there will be no significant change in the prevailing socio-economic circumstances in the year ahead and consequently it is likely that the target will be adjusted, with the aim of maintaining or slightly reducing the level of homeless households by 2023/2024 year end.</p> <p>Services will continue to work together to support households with the overall aim of preventing homelessness where possible and where this is not possible, their experience will be brief and non-recurring.</p> <p>Nationally, homeless applications are at the highest since collections began in 2002 (this is the commencement of data collection in its current format), with an increase of 29% compared to 2019 reported by the Scottish Government in January 2023.</p>				

5.8. Detailed progress against all outcomes and the related interventions contained within the Community Plan is noted within the Quarter 4 Outcomes Progress Report at Appendix 1.

6. Key Partnership Actions

6.1. Key actions for 2022/2023 in relation to the priority themes, are highlighted below:

Priority Theme: Putting learning at the centre
Mobilize Music Project
Mobilize Music Project is a youth-led community music project which provides creative opportunities to young people aged 12 to 25 in East Kilbride and the wider South Lanarkshire area. The group won the newly added ‘Community Learning and Development’ category in the Scottish Education Awards 2022. Following this success, the project members produced a live showcase event at the music venue ‘Stereo’ in Glasgow’s city centre, to launch their very first compilation album, "Mobilize Music Project: Volume 1" featuring some amazing original tracks written, performed and recorded by Mobilize members over the course of this past year. https://mobilizemusicproject.bandcamp.com/album/mobilize-music-project-vol-1
Youth Strategy 2022 to 2025
The Youth Strategy 2022 to 2025 for South Lanarkshire is developed through extensive consultation with over 1,000 young people across South Lanarkshire and directly positions the key issues that young people have identified, to support partners to better develop and deliver services. The Youth Strategy was launched in February 2023 by members of the South Lanarkshire Youth Council and members of the Scottish Youth Parliament for South Lanarkshire, presenting the priorities health and wellbeing; youth friendly services; learning and working; Rights and Environment.
Priority Theme: Our children and young people thrive
Preventing Domestic Abuse
Seven young people worked to co-produce a survey for young people aged 12 to 15 years old across South Lanarkshire in schools and community groups to gain an understanding of their current knowledge and experiences of Gender Based Violence in their community. The young people helped carry out the survey with youth groups, employability services, schools and colleges and through social media to reach as many young people as possible. The outcome from the survey helped them to think about what they could do as a group to challenge Gender Based Violence and other types of abuse.
This resulted in the group making an animation to challenge people’s understanding and attitudes to Gender Based Violence and relationship-based abuse. Throughout summer 2022, the young people worked with design specialists and the team from Women’s Aid to co-create a 2-minute awareness raising animation, ‘16-days of activism visuals’ and supporting materials for use within an education setting. The animation was shared with over 200 staff from children’s services organisations in November 2022.
The animator’s blog reflects on her experiences working on this project: How co-designing with young people can change your practice - Inclusion as Prevention .
The young people are currently completing an SCQF Level 4 Wellbeing Award for the work that they have done on this subject, which recognises the levels of skills attained through their group work and approach to tackling complex issues within their community.

The project team, Hamilton Grammar and Women's Aid, has worked closely together to pilot these resources in the school with pupils and to understand the impact this has on attitudes and behaviour of the young people participating. The intention is to use the video more widely with young people and in time make it an integral part of how Gender Based Violence is challenged in our communities in general.

Priority Theme: Thriving businesses and fair jobs

Recruitment Support

During 2022/2023 the Employability Team has worked with colleagues in recruitment to create a pipeline of support to progress unemployed young people into employment opportunities with the Council. This innovative approach has both supported the Council to fill vacancies in hard to recruit areas whilst also providing long-term well paid employment opportunities for local residents. This approach has included a blend of focused key work support, job fairs within local communities and fast-track recruitment to support quick progressions to employment.

At each job fair, recruiting managers, recruitment staff from HR and employability key workers were present to provide information on vacancies, match opportunities to jobseekers and complete on the day applications. In some instances, managers were able to carry out interviews on the day.

Economic Development Support

The Council's Business Support Team has supported 157 of our, (mainly small and micro) businesses with grant funding totalling over £1.3 million, securing approximately 40% European Regional Development Funding before UK access to EU funding ends as part of Brexit. This funding supported the creation of 470 new jobs and safeguarded 1,273 existing jobs through growth projects and business investment contributing to the transition to Net Zero. With Lanarkshire Business Gateway partners, 713 new business starts were supported in 2022/2023.

The £29.3 million City Deal funded infrastructure project, widening to dual carriageway, A726 Strathaven Road and Greenhills Road to the access to the Langlands West development, was completed and opened to traffic on 28 June 2022. With ancillary and landscaping works now being completed, the next phase of works, to prepare the 12 hectare Langlands West business and industrial development site, will commence in the late summer of 2023. Enquiries from potential occupiers have been received and the site will provide much needed space for existing South Lanarkshire businesses to expand alongside new inward investment occupiers bringing new employment to the area.

Priority Theme: Caring, connected communities

Funeral Poverty Awareness Week (21 November to 25 November 2022)

The Funeral Poverty Group is a sub-group of the Financial Inclusion Network (FIN) which organised and hosted the first Funeral Poverty Awareness Week in November 2022. The Group was formed just before the pandemic and 1 of its main aims was to raise awareness of the growing problem of funeral poverty. Funeral Poverty is defined as follows:

'Funeral Poverty is where the price of a funeral is beyond a person's ability to pay'.

The week focussed on supports that are available to residents such as the Funeral Support Payment from Social Security Scotland and highlighted organisations and services available such as Money Matters, CABs and the Council's Bereavement Services. It also highlighted some third sector organisations that provide support (Lanarkshire Carers and The Manda Centre) as well as spiritual support.

Warm Welcome Initiative

During winter 2022/2023, the Community Engagement Team, along with other colleagues in South Lanarkshire Council and various community organisations, provided warm space locations throughout South Lanarkshire where members of the public could access a warm space and a warm welcome. Over 100 locations were identified for the public to visit, take part in activities and to get warm. These spaces, found in community settings and public buildings, aimed to provide support and advice to local residents struggling with rising costs, particularly energy bills during the cost of living crisis.

Various resources were developed for those who required some additional information and support, these included information booklets and an online directory of supports and a digital access map showing all locations across the area. A Community Grant Fund was also available for community groups to access funding to offer activities or light refreshments to service users. Work is taking place to evaluate the impact of the project.

Priority Theme: People live the healthiest lives

Enhancing Carers Support

Our commissioned services continue to increase the numbers of carers/young carers supported across all our localities. 'Lanarkshire Carers' hospital linked 'Carer Support Workers' are now co-located across key NHS sites in Lanarkshire and have established links with NHS staff. Carer Support Workers have engaged with individual NHS teams to highlight the importance of identifying cases at the earliest possible stage of their hospital journey.

The South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership (SLHSCP) recently reviewed its approach to carer support and funding. Additional staff (Social Work Assistants) in locality teams have assisted with case management and reviewing carer support arrangements. A Self Directed Support (SDS) Finance Team is supporting the work of carers support arrangements, specifically in relation to linking funding to identified needs and outcomes. The overarching SDS Review Team is working to ensure equity of the allocation of finite carers' support funding and is working in partnership with 'Lanarkshire Carers' to ensure we continue to support our unpaid carers effectively and efficiently.

Blantyre Life

As part of the Council's and South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board's (IJB) long-standing commitment to improve later life for adults and older people and to meet the future needs and wishes of the people, our new development in the heart of Blantyre consists of 20 award winning technology enabled houses and a new care facility, in addition to 25 barrier free homes.

The technology enabled properties, as well as the care facility itself, champions the 'home for life' principle, seeking to enhance access to intermediate care, thereby supporting more people to be able to return to independent living in their own home and consequently, reducing reliance on long-stay nursing and residential care. All of the technology enabled homes were allocated to service users throughout 2022 with the care facility also now fully operational. The new state-of-the-art care facility incorporates 20 intermediate care beds aimed at supporting people to return home or to a setting which best meets their needs.

A Technology Enabled Care (TEC) zone, designed in collaboration with Glasgow Science Centre, will showcase how technology enabled care can be used to support people to live well, safely and independently at home.

Priority Theme: Good quality, suitable housing for everyone

Home + Programme

The Council's Home + programme, supported by funding from the Scottish Government's Affordable Housing Supply Programme, delivered a total of 233 homes across South Lanarkshire during 2022/2023, including 57 properties purchased through the open market.

These homes provide a range of different sizes and house types including flats, cottage flats, detached and semi-detached houses and semi-detached bungalows, suitable for varying needs. All new build council homes are also energy efficient and incorporate low carbon technologies such as solar panels, to benefit both the environment and household budgets.

In addition to providing new homes, the landmark regeneration of Whitlawburn in Cambuslang, also featured a significant community benefit package which ensured local residents and businesses gained as much as possible from the regeneration of the area. This included a £50,000 endowment fund which local tenants and residents had a key role in deciding how the fund should be allocated.

Other additional community benefit initiatives delivered through the Whitlawburn contract included working in partnership with Routes to Work, trade apprenticeships, work placements and the provision of curriculum support for local schools. This development provides an excellent example of an integrated approach to tackling poverty and improving wellbeing, with families, older people, those with particular needs and those experiencing homelessness all benefitting from the housing led regeneration of the area.

Refugee Resettlement Support Team

The Council's specialist Refugee Resettlement Support Team has been working with Ukrainian nationals since March 2022, following the introduction of national schemes designed to provide support to displaced families. Over the past year, the Team, based within Housing and Technical Resources, has provided guidance and support to approximately 1,000 displaced Ukrainians in the South Lanarkshire area who are living in the community, in their own homes, with hosts or within interim accommodation.

The Team has also supported wider national priorities, eg, providing accommodation for families who had been temporarily accommodated on cruise ships in Glasgow and at Leith and ensuring their smooth arrival into South Lanarkshire.

A particular focus of the work involved establishing interim accommodation, supporting 150 Ukrainian nationals into former university student accommodation which opened in January 2023. This accommodation is managed in partnership with the Salvation Army and provides single people with an opportunity to move on from temporary provision, to find work and have time to plan their move to longer-term housing options.

As well as working with Ukrainian nationals, the Team supports refugee families already settled in the area as well as welcoming new families who arrived as part of national resettlement schemes.

The work of the Resettlement Team and the many partner services is making a real difference to people who have had to leave their home due to conflict.

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 in this report.

10. Other Implications

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

11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

11.1. 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.

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Progress Report

Community Plan 2022-2032

Quarter 4 2022-23 (April to March)

Summary - number of actions complete, green, amber, red and to be reported later under each Priority

Priority areas of action	Complete	Green	Status Amber	Red	To be reported later	Total
Putting learning at the centre	0	5	0	0	0	5
Our children and young people thrive	0	5	0	0	1	6
Thriving businesses and fair jobs	0	4	0	0	0	4
Caring, connected communities	0	4	2	0	0	6
People live the healthiest lives possible	0	5	0	0	0	5
Good quality, suitable housing for everyone	0	3	1	1	1	6
Total	0	26	3	1	2	32

Key:

Statistical Measures
Project Measures

Putting learning at the centre

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
We will work with parents to support the development of babies and young children	Increase the number of children in South Lanarkshire (SIMD1/2) with no concern related to speech and language development prior to school entry	<p>Over the last four years, the 4-5 year old review data for SIMD 1 and 2 for speech and language has been impacted by the pandemic. The recent data evidences a decrease of 2.1% in children reaching their developmental milestones on SIMD 1 with an improvement in SIMD 2.</p> <p>Woodlands Nursery tested the PEEP Parenting Programme with both 2-3 and 3-5 year old children with a speech concern. They ran three separate sessions initially 5 parents in each and 6 completing. Challenges were parents working and engagement. However, for the parents that did engage they reported a benefit receiving strategies with their children and alleviating their anxiety with one dad so committed he would go to work early and come to the session before to returning to work. Some of the learning showed sessions were better indoors, in particular, with the younger age group as there were less distractions and the collaboration of the nursery and speech and language was helpful.</p> <p>In January 2023, Public Health Scotland produced speech, language and communication development among children in Scotland during the COVID-19 Pandemic: whole system approach with the challenge to partners to adopt the five strands of a balanced system Family support, Environment, Workforce, Identification and Intervention.</p> <p>Education and speech and language therapy are now focusing on developing a shared vision to generate ideas that will inform our action plan going forward to improve outcomes for children and young people with speech and language communication needs.</p>	Green	2021 SIMD 1 87.8% SIMD 2 87%	85%	2021/22 SIMD 1 85.7% SIMD 2 92.5%

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Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
We will support young people to progress to further learning, work or training when they leave school	Maintain school leaver destination rate (SLDR) for all young people	The school leaver positive destination rate is 96.2%. There is no change from 2020-21. South Lanarkshire sits above the National average (95.7%) by 0.5%.	Green	2020/21 96.2 (SLC) 95.5 (Scotland)	Equal to or above the Scottish Average	96.2% (SLC) 95.7% (Scotland)
	Increase positive destination rate for young people progressing from the post-school AspireWorks programme	The positive destination rate for young people participating in post school AspireWorks is 81%.	Green	N/A	70%	81%

Putting learning at the centre

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status
We will work with and support people of all ages to help them re-engage with education and learning or to improve their employability skills	<p>Learners will be offered opportunities to learn skills that meet their needs across a range of settings. We will work with learners to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance their parenting skills • Help parents to support their child's learning 	<p>425 learners enhanced their parenting skills through a variety of groupwork, formal and informal learning opportunities within Youth Family and Community Learning (YFCL) establishments.</p> <p>535 learners feel better able to support their child's learning. Programmes included structured learning such as Early Bird Plus and Incredible Years, and other programmes such as young parent groups and baby disco's etc.</p>	Green
	<p>We will continue to support learners to progress to other appropriate learning opportunities, ensuring that we meet ongoing needs. We will work with learners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help them re-engage with education/learning • Help them access volunteering opportunities • Help them access any other appropriate learning programmes or opportunities • Improve their employability skills 	<p>822 learners have re-engaged with education or learning through work with Youth, Family and Community Learning (YFCL). Programmes included community-based adult learning, adult literacy and numeracy programmes and English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) as well as a range of opportunities for young people such as youth work with school non-attenders (e.g LEAD and Platform project).</p> <p>415 learners have accessed volunteering opportunities, both within and outwith the YFCL Service. Volunteers are referred onto a range of projects through Community Learning and Development's Third Sector Organisations as well community groups etc. Some volunteers also work within schools or support groups to do the Duke of Edinburgh Awards etc.</p> <p>451 have accessed other learning opportunities. As above, learners will at times be signposted onto a range of learning opportunities such as Third Sector Organisations, community-based projects and school-based projects. In addition, young people will be referred onto Youth Employability programmes etc that is delivered within Education but outwith YFCL.</p> <p>862 learners over 18 years of age have improved their employability skills. Examples of this include through Adult Literacy and Numeracy Programmes, specific job support programmes for 18+ learners (to develop IT skills, CV writing skills etc.) and gardening projects that enhance the skill set of learners.</p>	Green

Our Children and Young People Thrive

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
We will work to ensure children have the best start in life and become everything they can be	Percentage of schools completing a participatory budgeting process	<p>This session 38 schools have allocated a larger % of their Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) allocation to Participatory Budgeting (PB) than in 2021-22. Only 18 schools have allocated less percentage than in 21-22, and 6 of these schools are still allocating more than the minimum 5%. Last year schools received an additional 15% uplift to their PEF allocation from the Scottish Government to support recovery post-covid. This session PEF allocations are more in-line with pre-uplift levels, and this along-with increasing staff costs have been contributory factors for the schools who have allocated less than in 2021-22.</p> <p>Following revised PB training in August 2022, Participatory Budgeting Stakeholder Groups for each school led another successful PB process with the consultation now complete.</p> <p>Schools are now progressing with their spend, to ensure the minimum 5% is spent in full by the end of March 2023 in line with their identified outcomes and measures.</p> <p>Schools were asked to allocate a minimum of 5% of their 22-23 Pupil Equity Funding to be subject to PB this session. This collectively equates to £447,458 of SLC's £8,949,160 22-23 PEF allocation. 66% of schools have allocated the minimum 5%, whilst 34% have allocated more than this.</p> <p>The voting allocation across SLC schools comprised of: 40,106 pupils, and 10,214 parents.</p>	Green	N/A	100%	100%

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
We will work to ensure children have the best start in life and become everything they can be	Percentage of young carers feel involved in identifying their outcomes and receive appropriate support	<p>Action for Children has been able to achieve over the allotted 75% in both involving young carers in identifying their outcomes and reporting yes to having received appropriate support. The % currently sits at 100%. This is an outstanding achievement, and all credit goes to the staff and the young people involved and their families.</p> <p>Here are some comments that young carers and their families have made over the last year.</p> <p>A young carer who receives support said that when with the staff member they feel like they had a big sister which is what they always wanted.</p> <p>"I really enjoyed today, was a bit worried I didn't know anyone at first, but it was fun, and I'd come to something like this again if you did it"- an experience from Wiston lodge during an older group trip.</p>		N/A	75%	100%
We will work to ensure that the health and wellbeing of children, young people and families is improved	Percentage of registered users said Kooth was effective in supporting them with their emotional wellbeing needs	860 children/young people have registered on Kooth (online counselling and emotional wellbeing platform for children and young people). Of the registered users who completed the Kooth survey, 91% found the content helpful, 95% respondents would recommend to someone else, 100% found the on-line counselling helpful.	Green	N/A	80%	100%
We will work to ensure that the life chances of children and young people in need of care and protection are improved	Percentage of young people in receipt of continuing and after care will benefit from suitable accommodation options and appropriate support	The development of a Housing Pathways Approach was continued for Throughcare Young People applying through the Throughcare System. A target of 95% was set for active throughcare homefinder applications with a person-centred housing pathway in place. 98% was achieved over 2022-23 and we continue to aim for 100% so all care experience young people have their say in seeking a suitable home.	Green	98%	95%	98%

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
We will work to ensure that the life chances of children and young people in need of care and protection are improved	Percentage of kinship carers who are surveyed at their kinship assessment will score a level of satisfaction of 4 or more with the support they received	Information is not available to report on this outcome indicator, however data will be gathered as part of planned improvement work.	To be reported later	TBC	TBC	There is no data for this specific measure available

Our Children and Young People Thrive

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status
We will work to ensure that the health and wellbeing of children, young people and families is improved	Percentage of children and young people completing weight management interventions will report an increased awareness in the importance of making healthy choices	<p>Recent Scottish statistics highlight that 29.5% of children in Primary 1 were at risk of being overweight or obese (Public Health Scotland, 2021). This is an increase of 6.8% year on year. Children within the most deprived areas continue to experience higher levels of overweight and obesity with 35.7% at risk of overweight or obesity, compared to 20.8%, in the least deprived areas.</p> <p>NHS Lanarkshire and associated partners continue to plan, develop and implement clinical and community-based weight management interventions to support overall Health and Well Being of children, young people and families across Lanarkshire.</p> <p>By March 2023, 75% of children and young people completing weight management interventions will report an increased awareness in the importance of making healthy choices.</p> <p>By March 2023, 80% of children 4-5 years old achieve a healthy weight.</p>	Green

Thriving businesses and fair jobs

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
We will make it easy for businesses and social enterprises to get all available help and advice from one place	Total number of businesses/social enterprises supported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New start ups 	<p>In 2022, South Lanarkshire Council introduced a 'small grant fund' to provide funding to people with a robust, viable business idea who need funding to start trading. This was run by North and South Lanarkshire Councils, with investment of £350,000 from each council and was delivered in partnership with Business Gateway Lanarkshire to address a lower business start-up rate in South Lanarkshire compared to the Scottish average. Services to support new businesses include advice from a local business adviser, access to training workshops and webinars, market research and online resources to help businesses successfully commence trading.</p> <p>New start-ups – 713.</p> <p>This Lanarkshire wide activity is part funded by EU Funds (European Regional Development Fund), led by North Lanarkshire Council and runs from January to December. The programme completion and data gathering is not complete for 2022-23, therefore the baseline; target and latest data will not be available until Quarter 2, 2023-24.</p>	Green	N/A	N/A	713
	Total number of businesses/social enterprises supported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing organisations 	<p>The current contract with Elevator for the delivery of the Business Gateway Service in Lanarkshire has been extended for a further period to 29 February 2024.</p> <p>The support provided includes dedicated (but not limited to) local business advisor to assist businesses and plan for growth, access expert help on a range of relevant</p>	Green	TBC	TBC	1,430

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
		<p>topics including Finance, HR, Digital Development and Marketing.</p> <p>Existing organisations – 1,430.</p> <p>This Lanarkshire wide activity is part funded by EU Funds (European Regional Development Fund), led by North Lanarkshire Council and runs from January to December. The programme completion and data gathering is not complete for 2022-23, therefore the baseline; target and latest data will not be available until Quarter 2, 2023-24.</p>				
We will make it easy for businesses and social enterprises to get all available help and advice from one place	<p>Grants awarded to businesses/ social enterprises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Number and value of grants 	<p>Due to demand and success of this funding, South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) have included a 'micro grant' offer under the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund with available grants up to £3K match.</p> <p>SLC's Business Recovery and Growth Fund (BRGF) provides larger grants targeted at existing Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) to support their strategic, longer-term sustainability and growth. This grant fund's specific activities to help businesses adapt and grow through Capital Expenditure, Infrastructure Improvements, Training Support, Consultancy Support and Exhibition Support.</p> <p>Number and value of grants - 157 - £1,340,098.61.</p> <p>This Lanarkshire wide activity is part funded by EU Funds (European Regional Development Fund), led by North Lanarkshire Council and runs from January to December. The programme completion</p>	Green	TBC	TBC	<p>157 grants issued</p> <p>Value £1,340,098.61</p>

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
		and data gathering is not complete for 2022-23, therefore the baseline; target and latest data will not be available until Quarter 2, 2023-24.				
We will make it easy for businesses and social enterprises to get all available help and advice from one place	Grants awarded to businesses/social enterprises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding leveraged 	<p>There has been significant demand for the Business Recovery and Growth Fund (BRGF) support from South Lanarkshire's business community. In Quarter 4, BRGF has resulted in leverage of £1,495,726.53 during this period.</p> <p>Funding leveraged - £3,141,967.53.</p> <p>This Lanarkshire wide activity is part funded by EU Funds (European Regional Development Fund), led by North Lanarkshire Council and runs from January to December. The programme completion and data gathering is not complete for 2022-23, therefore the baseline; target and latest data will not be available until Quarter 2, 2023-24.</p>	Green	TBC	TBC	£3,141,967.53
	Total number of jobs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jobs safeguarded 	<p>As a result of investment via the Business Recovery and Growth Fund (BRGF), South Lanarkshire Council has seen 48 grant awards to 29 unique South Lanarkshire businesses, which will result in 299 jobs created and 957 jobs safeguarded. Businesses are also forecasting an increase in their turnover of over £13m after 12 months through BRGF support.</p> <p>Jobs safeguarded – 1,273.</p> <p>This Lanarkshire wide activity is part funded by EU Funds (European Regional Development Fund), led by North Lanarkshire Council and runs from January to December. The programme completion and data gathering is not complete for 2022-23, therefore the baseline; target and latest data</p>	Green	TBC	TBC	1,273

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
		will not be available until Quarter 2, 2023-24.				
We will make it easy for businesses and social enterprises to get all available help and advice from one place	Total number of jobs ○ Jobs created	As a result of investment via the Business Recovery and Growth Fund (BRGF), South Lanarkshire Council has seen 470 jobs created. This Lanarkshire wide activity is part funded by EU Funds (European Regional Development Fund), led by North Lanarkshire Council and runs from January to December. The programme completion and data gathering is not complete for 2022-23, therefore the baseline; target and latest data will not be available until Quarter 2, 2023-24.	Green	TBC	TBC	470
	Total number of jobs ○ Increase in Turnover	As a result of investment via the Business Recovery and Growth Fund (BRGF), South Lanarkshire Council has seen an increase in turnover of £21,836,790. This Lanarkshire wide activity is part funded by EU Funds (European Regional Development Fund), led by North Lanarkshire Council and runs from January to December. The programme completion and data gathering is not complete for 2022-23, therefore the baseline; target and latest data will not be available until Quarter 2, 2023-24.	Green	TBC	TBC	£21,836,790

Thriving businesses and fair jobs

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status
We will work to ensure everyone has the same opportunities to learn new skills	Deliver responsive employment support and measure the number of successful employment outcomes	<p>As at March 2023, there have been 1,687 engagements within Employability Services, of which 238 entered employment.</p> <p>Recruitment fairs were also held during 2022-2023, which resulted in 29 job outcomes with recruitment still ongoing.</p> <p>The Making It Work and GATEWAY Employment programs resulted in 273 job outcomes.</p>	Green
	Promote opportunities and careers and measure successful training outcomes	During the year 2022-23, Employability Services helped 536 clients undertake vocational training, including the Making It Work and GATEWAY Employment programs. Upon completion, a number of clients secured a range of outcomes including jobs, promotion and salary increase.	Green
We will ensure that the place where you live is at the heart of our response to the climate emergency and help places to become sustainable	<p>Monitor and deliver town centre measures and initiatives in line with town strategies, Community Wealth Building and 20 Minute Neighbourhood approaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Town Centre Vacancy Rates – maintain at or below national averages Businesses supported (including Social Enterprise) – support across towns and places 	<p>South Lanarkshire Council are working with the key stakeholders across all our town centres to support businesses and invest in projects and initiatives which support the evolving way in which our towns are used by local communities.</p> <p>In relation to vacancy rates, all our towns, with the exception of East Kilbride, are maintaining levels at or slightly below the national average of around 14%. The council are seeing a move to more service-based businesses and more local traders which is an encouraging trend and where possible are supported through business support. The number of businesses supported will be available at a later date.</p> <p>East Kilbride has vacancy levels (c30%) well beyond the national levels and our own targets of circa 12% but is subject to a masterplan process to seek to address these challenges and bring it back to a more sustainable position.</p>	Green

Caring, connected communities

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
We will continue to support and encourage every community to identify and act on their local priorities	Increase engagement of those within neighbourhood planning areas in place based participatory budgeting programme	<p>Place based participatory budgeting has been completed in Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank (HUB), Burnhill, Springhall and Whitlawburn and Cambuslang East.</p> <p>Participation rates have increased since 2021-22 and the review of the local plans has begun in Fernhill, Whitehill, Fairhill and Blantyre.</p>	Green	3,571 participants 2021-22	10% Increase	3,751 participants
	Increase the number of local community plans through promotion of opportunities for communities to create their own plans and identify priorities	<p>Local plans have been completed for all 9 of the urban neighbourhood planning areas and published in 2022-23. Many of the areas are now refreshing their plans and this will continue throughout 2023.</p> <p>The council's Community Engagement Team has also worked with a range of communities in Clydesdale and East Kilbride to look at local community led plans in Lanark, Carluke, Greenhills, Biggar, Lesmahagow, Duneaton, Carstairs Junction, Carnwath, Coalburn and Forth. New plans are being developed in Dolphinton, Crawford, and Meikle Earnock, Hamilton.</p>	Green	17	20% Increase	21

Caring, connected communities

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status
We will bring communities together to share priorities and work jointly on them	Development of a further two community partnerships in Hamilton and East Kilbride areas	<p>A second meeting of the East Kilbride Community Partnership was held mid-January 2023 with further development work required to increase the current membership. During February/March, officers from the council's Community Engagement Team attended meetings of local groups to encourage participation.</p> <p>Development work has restarted to establish a Community Partnership for Hamilton and the surrounding areas, and meetings are taking place with local groups to discuss the benefits of joining the partnership.</p>	Green
	Hold a networking event for representatives of community led plans to come together and discuss progress and next steps across South Lanarkshire	Due to changes within the Community Engagement Team, SLC this networking event will now take place in Winter 2023.	Amber
	Representation of all 4 community partnerships at Board level	<p>Representatives of the Cambuslang/Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships are now members of the CPP Board and provide quarterly reports to the Board.</p> <p>Officers within the council's Community Engagement Team, are progressing work to establish and maintain the Hamilton and East Kilbride Community Partnerships to enable representation of these groups to the CPP Board.</p>	Amber
We will involve local representatives in community planning at all levels, including on the Community Planning Partnership Board	Neighbourhood planning stakeholder groups to be supported to develop local leaders through capacity building and training support	<p>Two Activate Community Learning Courses around community involvement were developed in 2022-23 run by Glasgow University with accreditation for participants and a route into further education.</p> <p>18 participants finished the first course and there are 12 scheduled to finish the second course. Representatives from Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships have attended and participated in two CPP Board meetings.</p>	Green

People live the healthiest lives possible

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status
We will ensure that all of our services work with people as early as possible to stop problems happening	Implement Discharge Without Delay to return people to their home or community safely	<p>Discharge Without Delay has been implemented Lanarkshire wide. There is a particular focus on implementing Planned Date of Discharge (PDD) which means early referral to Social Work to allow for people to have an early plan in relation to discharge, this in turn ensures a more focused application of care and care placements.</p> <p>PDD should be set within 48hrs of admission to acute or community hospitals. Setting the PDD is a multi-agency responsibility (health, social work and others). This also means people are less likely to be delayed in their discharge. Currently patients are discharged 91% on or before their PDD. In addition, the Home First model is being rolled out to all localities on a locality-by-locality basis. Capacity of Integrated Care and Support Teams have been boosted.</p>	Green
We will increase access, activities and supports that help improve mental health and addictions	Further develop mental health services to support more people to recover or manage their condition successfully and live as happy, healthy and productive lives as possible.	<p>The Primary Care Mental Health & Wellbeing Service is accessible to 88 GP Practices across Lanarkshire. In 2022, Assessment Plus was established within the Mental Health and Wellbeing Service and as of May 2023 is now available in three localities (East Kilbride, Clydesdale and Hamilton).</p> <p>Assessment Plus aims to increase accessibility to evidence-based psychological therapies within Primary Care. The service is designed to meet the needs of adults who have mild to moderate, psychological problems and could benefit from specialist psychological assessment and brief, low-intensity intervention. The Third Sector service was commissioned to deliver non-clinical interventions within localities. The test of change ongoing for ability for Care Navigators within GP surgeries to directly refer to primary care mental health staff.</p>	Green

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status
<p>We will increase access, activities and supports that help improve mental health and addictions</p>	<p>Work with South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership to reduce the impact of addictions within our communities through early intervention/prevention and a focus on recovery</p>	<p>The South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (SL ADP) continues to work with strategic objective and five priority areas, two of which are early intervention and prevention and a recovery oriented system of care (ROSC).</p> <p>Turning Point Scotland was commissioned through the ADP to deliver an adult outreach service in January 2022 for a period of three years. This service works in alignment with statutory treatment services, offering a case management approach and close one-to-one.</p> <p>The first responder and recovery 'Beacons', commissioned through the Third Sector Organisation 'Liber8', has just opened its fourth Beacon in East Kilbride. The 'Beacons', established as a prototype model, continues to augment statutory services and now provides all four localities in South Lanarkshire with a first responder and recovery beacon which operates through employing a whole family approach. At a recent national conference, South Lanarkshire was singled out for its innovative approaches in both the Beacons model and in promoting a family centered service delivery.</p>	<p>Green</p>

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status
We will provide high quality day-to-day health and social care services that are accessible to everyone in our community who needs them	Deliver all services in line with statutory requirements to ensure people are safe and healthy and encouraged to meet their personal outcomes	<p>The priority is to ensure effective delivery of critical services, complying with statutory legislation to protect vulnerable children, young people and adults in our communities. Services remain committed to assessing those most at risk with the focus on public protection.</p> <p>The outcome of a Joint Inspection of Adult Support and Protection carried out in August/September 2022 confirmed that our local partnership had strengths in key processes and strategic leadership.</p>	Green
	Support carers to maintain their caring role through a personal outcome approach	<p>Partnership working is thriving and enhancing support to carers through the dedicated work of our commissioned provider Lanarkshire Carers. Adult Carer Support Plans (ACSP) specifically focus on the personal outcomes of Health and wellbeing; finances; living environment; relationships; life balance; employment and training; and future planning.</p> <p>In 2022-23, Lanarkshire Carers progressed 912 ACSPs and made 883 wellbeing calls to carers. They allocated over £51,000 in direct grants to carers in support of identified personal outcomes. They have recently been awarded Carer Positive Status (Employer in Scotland) at the Exemplar level.</p>	Green

Good quality, suitable housing for everyone

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
We will increase affordable housing supply and improve access to and choice of housing options that suit people's needs	Increase the number of additional new affordable homes added to the housing supply in South Lanarkshire	In 2022-23, the council's Affordable Housing Supply Programme continued to deliver homes across South Lanarkshire, including 233 new council properties and 57 purchased by the council.	Green	0	By 250-300 per year	233
	Increase the number of people accessing Housing Options Services	<p>There has been a significant focus on the development of homelessness prevention services in recent years and in particular on developing the Housing Options Service as the first response to emerging housing need and risks.</p> <p>The slight reduction in the number of housing option interviews in the year can be attributed to emerging changes within the private rented sector and the cost-of-living crisis which have adversely impacted on prevention opportunities.</p>	Amber	964	Over 1,000 per year	972

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
We will work in partnership to improve housing quality and energy efficiency, whilst supporting a just transition to decarbonisation	Increase the average Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) score of all homes with an Energy Performance Certificate in South Lanarkshire	<p>South Lanarkshire Council continues to promote and support energy efficiency improvements to homes across South Lanarkshire.</p> <p>For those who own their home, the council facilitates and administers national grant funding to enable owners to make improvements, including the Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Schemes and the Energy Company Obligation (ECO). The fourth phase of ECO will be launched in South Lanarkshire later in 2023, with the previous phase resulting in over 2,600 homes being improved.</p> <p>For the private rented sector, landlords are encouraged and supported to access national funding to make improvements through the twice annual Landlord Forum hosted by the council and where information is circulated from partner services.</p> <p>For the council's own homes, significant investment continues to take place to improve energy efficiency and work towards national net-zero targets. This sustained investment has led to an average SAP score of 71 for council properties, contributing to a reduction in the energy required to be used by tenants.</p> <p>For all tenures, the average SAP score is 66.</p>	Green	65.1	Increase from baseline	66

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
We will work in partnership to improve housing quality and energy efficiency, whilst supporting a just transition to decarbonisation	Increase the percentage of socially rented properties achieving the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing 2 (ESSH2)	In September 2022, the Scottish Government suspended the use of ESSH2 as a measure of progress. Currently awaiting the outcome of the national review which will establish new national energy efficiency/ decarbonisation measures.	To be reported later	Not available	Not available	Not available
We will work in partnership to prevent and significantly reduce homelessness, and improve outcomes for those at risk of or who experience homelessness	Reduce the level of Homeless Households (homelessness caseload at year end)	In the previous year the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP) review noted significant success against a wide range of homelessness outcome measures. Within the current year however, there has been a considerable increase in demand for homelessness services locally and nationally. The RRTP target of reducing homelessness caseload by 10% - 20% has not been achieved in the year due to the significant increase which took place in demand for homelessness services. The forthcoming RRTP review will consider the need for a revised target to be set. Services continue to support households with the overall aim of avoiding homelessness where it is possible to do so.	Red	892	Reduce from baseline by 10%-20%	1,331

Action	Outcome Indicator	Comments/Progress	Status	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest Data
We will work in partnership to prevent and significantly reduce homelessness, and improve outcomes for those at risk of or who experience homelessness	Increase the percentage of former homeless households provided with a social rented tenancy that maintain their home for more than 12 months	<p>A range of internal and Third Sector partners continue to deliver housing support services, both in prevention activity and response to homelessness to minimise its impact.</p> <p>Monitoring of housing support outcomes reflect positive outcomes, reduced need across all wellbeing/ support need indicators and increasing tenancy sustainment.</p>	Green	88%	Increase from baseline	90.5%



**South Lanarkshire
Community Planning Partnership**

Working together to improve the quality of life for all in South Lanarkshire

**Community Plan
for South Lanarkshire
2022-2032**

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Section 1 - Introduction to Community Planning in South Lanarkshire

Preface

This document is for you, and everyone else who lives or works in South Lanarkshire. It shows the progress of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership during 2022-23 and gives example of the work that we are doing to make a difference; and how this has impacted on local people and communities.

What are we?

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

Who are we?

Our partnership includes a wide range of national and local organisations. Some of these organisations you will know well. Our community partners lead on local planning and area-based Community Partnerships. A full list can be found on our [website](#).

What are we trying to do?

Our Community Planning Partners are working together to make South Lanarkshire a better place to live, learn, play and work. Our aim is to work with communities to deliver better services targeted at reducing poverty and tackling inequalities and deprivation across South Lanarkshire. Further information can be found on the Community Planning Partnership website www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org.

How do I get involved?

There are many ways to get involved in your local community and influence the work of the partnership, for example, through volunteering, joining a local action group, helping to find out what matters in your area or getting involved in how decisions are made. More information can be found on the Community Planning website www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org.

Section 2 – Our Ambitions: Our New Community Plan

In June 2022, the partnership's new Community Plan was ready to share with our communities. We started gathering the information for this plan during 2021. Over 3,300 people answered our survey about what mattered to them; we held conversations with 27 different groups to explore this a bit more. As part of this, we took information from lots of different sources including looking at what matters to people about where they live. At the time of writing the plan, 17 communities had their own local action plan and were taking action to improve the lives of everyone living in their community, and more are being created.

Our Shared Vision, Principles and Priorities

Our vision is that we improve the lives and prospects of everyone in South Lanarkshire.

We will do this by making sure our communities are at the heart of community planning in South Lanarkshire.

Our **shared principles** set out how we plan to work better, together:-

Added Value and Continuous Improvement: We will work together to achieve more and become better at doing so.

Clarity of Purpose: We will attempt to avoid duplication of effort, developing agreed priorities to maximise our impact and focussing on the actions that will make the most difference;

Communication and Empowerment: We will talk to and listen to each other in a meaningful way, helping individuals, families and communities to take positive action to improve their wellbeing;

Embracing Change: We work in a rapidly changing world. We are committed to making the most of this, shaping the direction of these changes to benefit local people and communities, taking innovative approaches and always questioning how and why we are doing things;

Focused Delivery: We will not lose sight of the fact that we need to make a positive difference. We will work creatively and build on what we are already doing, focusing our services and actions to meet future needs; and

Openness and Trust: We will do more together, from planning to delivery, ensuring openness and transparency in how we work; trusting each other to fulfil our roles; and working in harmony.

Our Ambitions

Our plan sets out how we will continue to support the people living in our communities to participate in Community Planning and puts the places where our communities live at the centre of change. We will continue to focus on improving how we work better together to deliver local needs and priorities.

This work will happen across three key ambitions: **People; Progress; and Planet.**

People – Together, we will take a people first approach to improving everyone’s wellbeing. People told us that empowerment comes from the community and it’s not something that is given to them. We understand that long-lasting change will only be achieved if we all work together, putting our communities at the heart of community planning. We will continue to have community conversations that matter. We will work with communities to ensure that their voices are heard and support them to act on the things that are important to them through a “Can Do” approach.

Progress – Together, we will build on what we have learned to improve how we do things and the wellbeing of everyone. Delivering the right things that matter to people, in the right place and at the right time. We have been inspired by the phenomenal community response to the global pandemic and have seen how our communities “Can Do” do more with the right information and support from us. Our focus will be to continue to grow and develop the relationships and the excellent partnership working that has supported our communities to maintain and improve their wellbeing throughout the pandemic.

Planet - Together, we will act in ways that protect our natural world for a healthier future. We will work together to develop local solutions to protect nature and to take action on climate change and support our young people to lead the way.

The ambitions set out where we want to see change happening across the themes of Progress, People and Planet. From your feedback, we know that there are six other priorities are important to you. We are already working to improve services in these areas and have plans that show how this is being done. Our Places for Wellbeing model shows how the plan connects though place, ambitions and priorities.



You can read the full Community Plan on the Community Planning website www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org.

Delivering the ambitions in this plan will need our local communities, partnership and other stakeholders to work together. The next stage of our work during 2023-24 is to write a plan that shows what we want to do 'together' to deliver on these ambitions. If you would like to get involved in this, please get in touch. Give us a call on 0303 123 1017 or email us at contact@southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org. We look forward to working with you.

Section 3 - Community Plan Performance Highlights

There is a significant amount of work being undertaken in our communities and by our partners across South Lanarkshire to make places fairer, better and greener. This report highlights some of the work that has been done.

The following are examples of key areas of work.

- **Thriving Businesses and Fair Jobs:** 536 clients undertook vocational training, including the Making It Work and GATEWAY Employment programs.
- **Caring, connected communities:** 18 participants finished the first course of the Activate Community Learning Course around community involvement run by Glasgow University; and 12 participants are scheduled to finish the second course.
- **People live the healthiest lives possible:** 88 Lanarkshire GP surgeries were provided sessional input by the Primary Care Mental Health and Wellbeing Service and Assessment Plus was rolled out in three localities, East Kilbride, Clydesdale and Hamilton. This delivers earlier access to Psychological Services.
- **Putting learning at the centre:** South Lanarkshire's school leaver positive destination rate is 96.2% (0.5% above the Scottish average of 95.7%).
- **Our children and young people thrive:** Action for Children has achieved 100% in both involving young carers in identifying their outcomes and reporting yes to having received appropriate support.
- **Good quality, sustainable housing for everyone:** The percentage of former homeless households, provided with a social rented tenancy that maintain their home for more than 12 months, has increased from 88% to 90.5%.

Community Plan Overall Performance at a glance

The following provides a summary of our performance against our priority measures. These are:-



- Putting learning at the centre
- Our children and young people thrive
- Thriving businesses and fair jobs
- Caring, connected communities
- People live the healthiest lives possible
- Good quality, sustainable housing for everyone

The full CPP performance report can be accessed using the following link: [\(link to be added – following approval by CPP Board 6 Sept 2023\)](#)

Status of priority measures



Status	Definition
Blue	The action to achieve change has been completed
Green	On course to achieve the target or complete the action as planned/the timescale or target has been met as per expectations
Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target
Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target
To be reported later	For some measures, the statistics are not yet available to allow us to say whether the target has been reached or not. These will be reported when available

Most improved measures 	Least improved measures 
Increase positive destination rate for young people progressing from the post-school AspireWorks programme	Percentage of kinship carers who are surveyed at their kinship assessment will score a level of satisfaction of 4 or more with the support they received
Percentage of young carers feel involved in identifying their outcomes and receive appropriate support	Hold a networking event for representatives of community led plans to come together and discuss progress and next steps across South Lanarkshire
Deliver responsive employment support and measure the number of successful employment outcomes	Increase the number of people accessing Housing Options Services
Increase engagement of those within neighbourhood planning areas in place based participatory budgeting programme	Reduce the level of Homeless Households (homelessness caseload at year end)

Section 4 – Places for Wellbeing: How we are making a difference

Thriving Businesses and Fair Jobs - Town Centres

Why is this important?

The nature of town centres across the UK is in a transitional stage. The range of issues involved in the challenges town centres are facing are broad and complex. Factors such as the economic downturn, internet shopping, the growth of out-of-town shopping, changes in retailers' business models and customer expectations have resulted in less people using them.

Supporting town centres remains a council priority and officers continue to work in partnership with groups and organisations in each town to achieve our common goals.

The contribution town centres make to our communities cannot be overstated. They support and contribute to people's lives across our communities, for example to access essential services, visiting for shopping or enjoying leisure time. Around 70% of businesses and jobs in the economy are located in town centres and they are often the main location for leisure and hospitality. They are vital for social gatherings too like meetings, events and concerts.

How are we doing?

Town Centre strategies and action plans have been prepared and approved for Hamilton, Cambuslang, Larkhall and Blantyre with work now underway in Rutherglen. Similar plans are being progressed by the communities in Lanark and Carluke along with work being undertaken by the owners of East Kilbride.

These strategies and action plans are closely aligned with the Scottish Government's approach to town centres captured in the New Future for Scotland's Town Centres report and action plan.

Council Officers are working with all key stakeholders across our towns and have commissioned two key pieces of work to set the direction of the council's work around town centres going forward. These will inform and align with existing and new funding opportunities for town centres.

- Town Centre Visioning – this will set out how the council delivers on its strategic aims and objectives at a local level. As noted above, while all towns have similar challenges, the solutions are not always the same. This work will set out how the council, communities and partners should deliver meaningful and sustainable change within our town centres through a series of projects and action plans.
- Transition to Net Zero – town centres are major contributors to pollution and although a number of early wins have been achieved, the ways to deliver long term meaningful and sustainable reductions are complex and not always appealing to businesses or customers. This work will set out a practical approach to working towards net zero across our towns.

Partners are working with colleagues in the Improvement Service on a pilot project in Rutherglen called Shaping Places for Wellbeing. The project takes a multi-agency approach to placemaking. Work is still in the early stages; however, it is hoped that we can use this process when working with partners and communities across South Lanarkshire. A number of Shaping Places for Wellbeing Assessments have been undertaken including one of our Neighbourhood Planning communities. The learning from these will be used to deliver improvement actions and shape key plans, including the Rutherglen Town Centre Plan.

Priority Next Steps

There are a number of key areas of work underway in support of our town centres which will inform the investment strategies and priorities going forward for the next 5 to 10 years. This work will also support and inform bids for funding.

- East Kilbride Town Centre Masterplan
- Hamilton Town Centre Masterplan
- Place Based Investment Programme (PBIP)

East Kilbride United – Kirktonholme Pavillion

East Kilbride United Football Club have embarked on a 3-phase plan to develop their Kirktonholme site, creating a more disabled friendly pavilion and sports areas to support local groups and widen their use.

Phase 1 - was a feasibility study for £10k funded by PBIP used to engage with local groups and organisations to gauge their interest in the project. This has been completed and support for the work is overwhelming.

Phase 2 - is a refurbishment of the entrances, changing facilities and exits to the sports field funded by PBIP totalling 180k. This is currently under construction and going to plan.

Phase 3 - is the resurfacing of the parks with artificial turf to allow greater use by all including disabled users. This has been supported by the Scottish Football Association, Sport Scotland, council's Community Benefit Fund and PBIP providing £300k with a project value of £875k.

The combination of these works will open up the facility to a number of additional organisations who otherwise are not able to take part in social sports activities. The new playing surface will provide a safer environment to use in all conditions, increasing the frequency of use.

PBIP value £490K project value £1,065k.

Further information

[Town Centre and Place Based Investment Programme - Update](#)
[Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme | Improvement Service](#)

Caring, connected communities - Community Partnerships

Why is this important?

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) is committed to ensuring that communities are fully engaged and can participate in the process of community planning.

To achieve this, and to strengthen local democracy and community led decision making, locality-based Community Partnerships have been created. Three have already been formed in the Cambuslang/Rutherglen, Clydesdale and East Kilbride localities and a partnership for Hamilton and its surrounding areas is being developed. Community Partnerships act as an intermediary between the Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Groups, Community organisations and the CPP Board.

There are three key commitments highlighted within the Community Plan which are supported and delivered by the council's Community Engagement Team in partnership with Community Planning Partners, and other key stakeholders. These are:-

- We will continue to support and encourage every community to identify and act on their local priorities;
- We will bring communities together to share priorities and work jointly on them; and
- We will involve local representatives in community planning at all levels, including on the CPP Board.

How are we doing?

Community Partnerships are led by communities with support from the council's Community Engagement Team. They have set their own terms of reference; agendas for each meeting; identify local priorities; invite partners along to present information/updates on areas of interest; and prepare and present reports to the CPP Strategic Board. For example, the current priority for the rural Community Partnership in Clydesdale is transport. Since June 2022, representatives from each Community Partnership have taken up their place as a member of the CPP Strategic Board. They attend meetings, advocating on behalf of their local area and present quarterly update reports outlining current challenges and progress.

Intensive engagement with Community Councils, area Stakeholder Groups including Development Trusts, and other partners, has taken place in each area. The membership of the Clydesdale Community Partnership continues to increase and has significant coverage of communities across its rural area; and the Cambuslang/Rutherglen group are reviewing their membership. All groups are focussing on increasing their membership, as well as ensuring that they are fully representative of the communities within their locality.

Discussions have taken place about how best to communicate the work of the partnership across the communities in their area. All members receive a monthly Register of Information which includes information shared by partners and national information of interest. Consideration is being given to how the Community Planning website can be used to share information about the work of the group and how people can get involved.

Priority Next Steps

- To strengthen the membership of all established Community Partnerships
- To create a new Partnership for the Hamilton, Blantyre and Larkhall areas.

<p>"I think what's really important is the contacts and making the connections, so knowing who to go and speak to." Clydesdale Community Partnership Member</p>

Further information

South Lanarkshire Council Public Performance Reports:

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200173/council_performance/1478/public_performance_reports/18

What is Community Planning?: https://www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org/info/1/what_is_community_planning

People live the healthiest lives possible - South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership

Why is this important?

South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (SL ADP) is committed to reducing the harms caused by problematic alcohol and drug use. Scotland continues to see high numbers of drug related and alcohol related deaths reported. In 2021, 1,330 deaths in Scotland resulted from drug misuse, indicating a slight decrease of nine deaths from the previous year, however this still remains the second highest annual total ever recorded. Within Scotland's NHS Board areas, Lanarkshire has the fourth highest rate per population of drug misuse deaths in Scotland and remains above the Scottish average. The work undertaken by the SL ADP assists in meeting national and local strategies with the aim of working together to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone affected by alcohol and drugs in South Lanarkshire.

How are we doing?

Over the past year, SL ADP have commissioned a range of services targeted at the whole population across South Lanarkshire. Priority areas of focus are: Early Intervention and Prevention; Developing Recovery Orientated Systems of Care (ROSC); Getting it right for children, young people and families affected by substance use; Public health approach; and Alcohol framework. The service operates using an outreach model to maximise engagement and retention in care and support services. There continues to be growth and development towards making recovery visible across South Lanarkshire through the effective delivery of The Beacons, a set of four Recovery Hubs based in South Lanarkshire, and implementation of a young person's recovery community.

SL ADP have worked with partners to implement the new national Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards, which aims to improve the experiences of people in need of treatment services. As a result, an urgent response team has been established to provide same day prescribing and access to treatment, and a residential rehabilitation pathway has also been implemented for those most in need of this method of recovery.

John* attended Blantyre Beacons for an initial appointment and assessment. He displayed underlying trauma due to his early childhood, long-term addiction and years spent in prisons and institutions. He was also isolated, disconnected with his local community and looking for positive recovery opportunities as previous attempts were unsuccessful.

A range of supports were offered to John to provide routine and structure, and to enable him to invest in a positive support network through the men's group before engaging in the wider Beacons therapeutic programme.

John said "I started attending the Beacons whilst on home leave from prison. Initially I was only attending recovery meetings but after a while I realised this place could really help me with all aspects of my recovery, from helping me stay drug free to Citizen's Advice helping me get my benefits sorted. I also participated in trauma informed practice which helps to deal with past traumas that would have caused a relapse before I started attending the Beacons. I am now waiting to start an emotional regulation course that will help me deal with all the emotions that you get back in recovery. After being released from prison on parole I threw myself into my recovery. I completed the volunteer training course, and I am now a full-time recovery volunteer within the Beacons."

Name changed*

Priority Next Steps

In the next year, SL ADP will publish a revised local strategy and will continue to work with partners, those with lived/living experience as well as family members, to continue to reduce the harms and impact of problematic alcohol and substance use across the communities of South Lanarkshire.

Further information

[South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership](#)

Putting learning at the centre - Community Learning and Development

Why is this important?

Community Learning and Development (CLD) supports individuals and groups to improve their skills and reach their full potential. CLD in South Lanarkshire is rooted in a commitment to the principles of social justice, empowerment, inclusion, and access to services and opportunities irrespective of life circumstances. The vision for CLD in South Lanarkshire is to: 'Improve the quality of life for people in South Lanarkshire by offering vibrant learning and development opportunities that lead to personal development and community empowerment'.

How are we doing?

Learners have been helped to re-engage with education and learning or to improve their employability skills. As a result of this, learners are reporting improved confidence in their skills and abilities and are better able to support the learning of their children. They are accessing award programmes and achieving recognition for their learning towards improving their chances of gaining employment.

The Platform School which is bespoke curricular programmes for referred pupils in second and third year of High School, was delivered in East Kilbride Universal Connections by the Youth, Family and Community Learning Service. There were five themed programmes of learning which included Art and Media; Sports Leadership; Hospitality; Music and Sound Production; and Outdoor and Adventure. It is vital when implementing a youth work approach that the young people choose to participate and therefore through meaningful feedback the team focused on the delivery of programmes that would result in the most meaningful engagement for the pupils involved. These programmes ran over 26 weeks and involved 44 pupils. This approach developed trusting relationships and supported pupils to address many of the underlying and negative issues affecting their education and life, resulting in re-engagement with education, increased attainment, volunteering and increased resilience to address the issues in their lives.

Feedback from participants:

"I enjoyed going to the Hampden Sports Clinic because I learned a lot about health and recovery in sports".

"Meeting new people on the course has helped my confidence".

"I learned to be more confident and how to work better with others".

"I really enjoyed meeting new people and doing the course with them".

The Blueprint programme was the first school learning programme set up in partnership with Carluke High School. Working with the Head of the Social, Emotional and Behavioural Needs (SEBN) department in the school we identified pupils who we felt really needed support and would be the perfect candidates for the programme. The group comprised of six individuals in their second year who were really struggling to cope with the school environment, had low attendance rates, struggled with self-confidence and had next to no future aspirations. The programme was designed to help them improve their confidence, develop team work and leadership skills, maximise their attainment and help them re-engage with education.

Feedback from the 4 secondary schools in East Kilbride and Strathaven has been remarkable on what the programme offers, the delivery and on the positive impact it has had on participants. Whilst partaking in the Sports Leaders Platform Group, the participants have been afforded the opportunity to speak with an Active Schools Co-ordinator where they learned more about the service they delivery and additional learning/volunteering programmes they can access. Also, the participants in the programme have been given the opportunity to assist and lead on the delivery of the Primary 7 transition programmes that will take place in Universal Connections, this is a huge development and step forward for all individuals.

Priority Next Steps

- Further embed recognised youth work practice from the recent HMIE Inspection of Stonelaw High School to enhance the offer for learners.
- Enhance delivery of learning for adult learners through the MULTIPLY theme of the Shared Prosperity Fund.

Further information

[Community Learning and Development Partnership - South Lanarkshire Council](#)



Participants of the Fire Reach Programme (Platform)

Our children and young people thrive - Participatory Budgeting in South Lanarkshire Schools

Why is this important?

South Lanarkshire are the only local authority in Scotland who have dedicated as much as 5% of Pupil Equity Funding (PEF) from every school. The work of our schools on Participatory Budgeting activity (PB) has been recognised nationally as good practice.

How are we doing?

In 2021-2022, schools allocated £607,136.95 of their Pupil Equity Funding (PEF), approximately 6% of the £9.9m South Lanarkshire Council allocation for PB. Of those schools, 81% allocated 5% of the funding to PB activity, whilst 19% of schools allocated more than this, with two schools allocating as much as 15% of their funding.

During 2022-2023, schools allocated £568,643.65, 6% of the £8.9m funding allocation for PB activity. 66% of schools allocated the minimum 5%, whilst 34% allocated more than this. As a result of the benefits of taking a PB approach to allocating funding in the first year, 38 schools allocated a larger percentage of their funding allocation to PB than they did the previous year.

In 2021-22, 27,972 young people and 9,689 parents/carers voted as part of the process. This increased in 2022-23 with 40,106 pupils and 10,214 parents voting as part of the process, demonstrating how much schools have built on the success from year one. The following links show the spend and outcome of the vote per school within South Lanarkshire:

2021-2022:

- [Clydesdale](#)
- [East Kilbride](#)
- [Cambuslang and Rutherglen](#)
- [Hamilton](#)

2022-2023:

- [Clydesdale](#)
- [East Kilbride](#)
- [Cambuslang and Rutherglen](#)
- [Hamilton](#)

This [video](https://tinyurl.com/PBSchoolsVideo) (<https://tinyurl.com/PBSchoolsVideo>) shows the impact of PB for children and young people across South Lanarkshire during 2021-22.

Holy Cross High School

Holy Cross High School sourced help from a local company who provided materials and supported a group of young people to build outdoor seating which was voted for. These young people received an additional Scottish Credit and Qualifications Framework certified qualification due to their involvement in this PB work.

Carluke High School

Carluke High School had a record number of pupils and parents participate in 2021-22, and as a result committed more money than the minimum required to PB in 2022-23. Their project focused on improving the uptake of free school meals. 51 young people did not use their free school meal entitlement at the start of the project and they reduced this to just 3 young people.

Rigside Primary School

Rigside Primary School voted for better playground equipment and games. This has improved engagement of pupils at playtimes and lunchtimes and improved wellbeing for targeted pupils. It has also helped some pupils feel a greater sense of belonging in school.

David Livingstone Memorial Primary School

David Livingstone Memorial Primary School listened to stakeholders who were very much about supporting families affected by poverty with issues around the Cost of the School Day. Following the PB voting process it was announced that widening the access to extra-curricular clubs was the favoured choice. It is hoped that pupil wellbeing and engagement of pupils affected by poverty at after-school clubs will improve.

Additional Support Needs Schools:**Sanderson High School**

Sanderson Primary School voted for pupils to have better outdoor learning experiences through an external provider, Outdoor Resource Base (ORB). ORB experiences have provided pupils with complex needs much needed opportunities to engage safely in a bespoke outdoor learning experiences beyond the school environment. Additional work in school has built on the skills and experiences gained at the ORB. Six targeted learners have achieved Curriculum for Excellence attainment outcomes at an accelerated rate as a result of the ORB experience. There has also been an increase in learning engagement levels, a reduction of violent incidents and an increase in skills developed.

Victoria Park Primary School

Victoria Park Primary School focused on widening access to learning experiences. Pupils and parents reported during the consultation that access to such experiences is often difficult within the community due to lack of availability of appropriate local clubs for pupils with complex learning needs and a lack of transport to access those further away. A range of specialists were brought in, such as music therapy, Equitots and Therapeutic Clowning, which have had a positive impact on pupils' health and wellbeing and skills for learning, life and work.

Further information:

Education and Learning: https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200140/education_and_learning

Good quality, sustainable housing for everyone - Fuel Poverty

Why is this important?

Addressing fuel poverty is important as it impacts on every member of the community whether they are young or old. It impacts on the ability to cook hot meals, to heat homes, to avoid ill health caused by the cold weather and to operate medical devices for those living at home with significant issues. Fuel poverty also has an impact on mental and physical health. It is well publicised that people choose to heat or eat and often parents of families will refrain from eating nourished meals to ensure that their children have meals.

How are we doing?

The partnership has a Fuel Poverty Group which is part of the wider Financial Inclusion Network. The purpose of this group is to share ideas, discuss initiatives and identify solutions which will help South Lanarkshire residents who are experiencing fuel poverty. The membership of the group is diverse with officers representing different services from South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) including: Community Engagement, Employability, Housing, Money Matters Advice Service, etc. as well as external organisations such as the Citizens Advice Bureau, NHS Lanarkshire, Housing Associations, Energy Action Scotland and Home Energy Scotland.

The group have been focusing on the increasing energy costs and the limited options for residents to shop around (switch) for better deals. This was a result of the price cap that was introduced by the UK Government in an attempt to restrict excessive energy charges. This meant that the energy companies charged the same price therefore there was not any competition between energy companies for residents to try and get cheaper deals.

In October 2022, the group attended a Community Networking Event which was held in East Kilbride as part of the activities during Challenge Poverty Week.

Due to its role in dealing with debts and welfare rights issues, Money Matters Advice Service has been dealing with energy poverty and helping residents access funds, grants and emergency energy vouchers to help alleviate financial difficulty by making referrals to a variety of initiatives such as South Lanarkshire Council Financial Wellbeing Fund. Other members of this group also promote and engage with similar initiatives to ensure that South Lanarkshire residents can access help with energy issues.

Energy Action Scotland and Home Energy Scotland provide information on energy issues and initiatives to all members of the group as well providing training/seminars for staff of the group members.

All members of the group share information on any local initiatives that they can provide to the community. For example, periodically some of the housing associations can access funds that can help their tenants so this is promoted through the group members. NHS Lanarkshire ensures that information on energy issues and initiatives are cascades to their staff who are dealing with vulnerable patients. SLC departments will report on Energy Company Obligations that will have an impact on communities.

The collective sharing of information and promoting energy schemes through the Fuel Poverty Sub-Group has proved to be an effective platform for helping deal with fuel poverty in the SLC community.

Priority Next Steps

The uncertainty of energy costs and future assistance provided by the UK and Scottish Governments means that fuel poverty will continue for the foreseeable future.

Accordingly, it is vital that the Fuel Poverty Sub-Group continues to share information on energy assistance schemes and initiatives that will benefit the South Lanarkshire community.

Mr M, a client of Money Matters, was no longer able to work due to cancer and his only income was from benefits. The client's central heating system broke down due a boiler which was over 25 years old and difficult to repair. A referral was made to an energy charity who installed a new boiler. There was also a referral to a second energy charity which replaced old inefficient kitchen appliances with new energy efficient ones and a new washing machine and tumble drier were installed.

The four Citizens Advice Bureaus in South Lanarkshire between them dealt with 3,614 enquiries relating to energy advice/energy debt/ reducing energy costs during 2022-23, an increase of 36% on 2021-22.

Financial benefits/awards to clients from energy interventions by Money Matters during 2022-23 was in excess of £0.5m (£538,690.64), while a further £0.38m (£378,041) in financial gains was secured for MMAS clients through energy debt interventions during 2022-23.

Foodbanks across South Lanarkshire issued 842 fuel/energy vouchers (from various funding sources) to clients during 2022-23 in addition to emergency food parcels.

Further information

Money is not the only problem:

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200134/benefits_and_money_advice/2050/money_is_not_the_only_problem

Fuel Poverty Sub Group:

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/info/4/thematic_groups/107/fuel_poverty_sub_group

Financial Inclusion Network:

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/info/4/thematic_groups/71/financial_inclusion_network

Section 5 – Working with Communities: How you can get involved

Community Participation and Engagement

Why is this important?

Our work as a partnership is intended to improve outcomes for people who live, play and work in South Lanarkshire, particularly in those areas that experience the poorest outcomes. There is a lot of evidence that shows that when people are involved in decisions about services which affect them, outcomes are improved. As a partnership, we want to find ways to speak to communities and encourage them to act themselves and to have an influence on how services are delivered where they live.

The Community Empowerment Act 2015 (www.gov.scot/publications/community-empowerment-scotland-act-summary/) means that legally the partnership has to place communities at the centre of its work, and work together with them to produce locality plans which we call Neighbourhood Plans in areas which have the poorest outcomes. In South Lanarkshire we are ambitious and work to extend this beyond the legal requirements and listen to and involve communities in a real and meaningful way. The Act also sets out other requirements for public organisations, for example, in relation to Community Asset Transfers and Participation Requests.

During the year, many consultation and engagement activities were carried out by partners with communities in the South Lanarkshire area. The following sections in the report highlight some areas of this work.

Working with Communities: Neighbourhood Planning

Why is this important?

Neighbourhood Planning is where both residents and local agencies and organisations are committed to working together to develop local plans for their communities.

This work aims to reduce the inequalities that exist in our most deprived communities and improve outcomes for residents. Key to this is supporting communities to drive the process and work alongside partners and service providers. Together they build a shared understanding of local needs and priorities and respond to these making the most of our shared resources.

Collaboration with communities across South Lanarkshire and ongoing priority setting has been a key feature of our work. Sustaining existing support to these communities to maintain and monitor the level of progress and success gained through Neighbourhood Planning is important to continue to improve outcomes for these areas.

Neighbourhood planning involves communities in real and meaningful ways and has created positive change in these communities. To see the progress that has been made in these neighbourhood planning areas please see the Annual Reports that are generated to highlight the progress being made on the top ten priorities within each plan. https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/26/community_plan_and_neighbourhood_plans

How are we doing?

We are working with nine communities to progress Neighbourhood Planning and a further two areas are in progress. The following is a snapshot of current activity in some of the areas that we are working with communities.

Hamilton South

Officers have been working in the areas of Eddlewood, Low Waters and Fairhill in Hamilton. The current focus is on the development of a plan for the wider area of the Hamilton South ward. Plans include the development of a new stakeholder group and the Neighbourhood Plan will still recognise each of the distinct areas within Hamilton South, whilst working together for the good of all communities.

Whitehill, Hamilton

The Whitehill Stakeholder Group are in the process of reviewing their plan, creating new priorities and starting a Participatory Budgeting process. They are keen to engage with local residents and take forward their identified priorities in the year ahead.

Blantyre

Activity in this area includes re-establishing the stakeholder group and setting an agenda for the months ahead. This work will include identifying local assets, relationship building and community involvement and Participatory Budgeting activity in autumn 2023.

Burnhill

Burnhill Stakeholder Group has been working to deliver the priorities in their plan and have reported the progress in their recent annual report. The group have also delivered a successful Participatory Budgeting programme in which 254 people voted on how they would like the money to be spent in the area. Work to deliver the projects that were funded is underway. The group are also working within their wider community to review the priorities in their plan. The findings of this work will be published in March 2024. Members of the group took part in the national Shaping Places for Wellbeing programme. This

focussed on reviewing their action plan; and they hosted various sessions with community members to find out what they thought. A report on the findings from this work has been produced and the group will be supported by the Project and Community Link Leads and partners to embed the priority recommendations which is a key part of the project's approach to create lasting positive change.

Cambuslang East

Cambuslang East Stakeholder Group has been working to deliver the priorities in their plan and have reported the progress in their recent annual report including successes in Participatory Budgeting projects that were awarded last year. The group has also been supporting other groups within the area to build capacity to allow them to potentially consider community ownership of some of the assets within the area. This work is ongoing and will continue to strengthen groups and organisations within Cambuslang East. The group are now in the process of organising a new Participatory Budgeting process that will allow community members to identify projects/activities they would like to see happen in the area. Some of the ideas generated through this exercise will proceed to public vote and the activities that receive the most votes will be funded.

Fernhill

Fernhill Stakeholder Group has been working to deliver the priorities in their plan and have reported the progress in their recent annual report including successes in Participatory Budgeting projects that were awarded last year. The group are now in the process of organising a new Participatory Budgeting process that will allow community members to identify projects/activities they would like to see happen in the area. Some of the ideas generated through this exercise will proceed to public vote and the activities that receive the most votes will be funded.

Priority Next Steps

- Develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the Lanark area
- Develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the Greenhills, Whitehills and Crosshouse area in East Kilbride
- Expand the reach of Neighbourhood Planning in the Hamilton South area

"I enjoy volunteering to help my community get better. I like helping people and seeing their reactions. It makes me happy being involved in my community". Summer, young volunteer (Burnhill).

"The modernised hall and library, the nursery, the Cage and the progress made on recladding and back court improvements have all helped make Springhall a brighter, more attractive area for local people. Still more to do of course but great to see improvements taking shape in Springhall". Stakeholder Group Member.

"As a resident of Blantyre, I want to do more than just belong, I want to participate in making this town a better place to live, gaining a sense of community spirit, get involved with local groups to help tackle poverty and inequalities. I want to encourage others to join local groups already doing great work and helping our community, get to know their neighbours and make this a place to be proud of". Local Resident.

Strutherhill and Birkenshaw

For the last year the Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Action Group have been working to design and deliver a neighbourhood-based bike “campaign” aimed at inspiring more people to take up or return to cycling.

A launch event is planned to bring the community together and a programme of activities is in place including a bike amnesty allowing bikes to be repaired, redistributed, or recycled, bike safety and maintenance checks and training has been organised across a range of levels. Play on pedals training (for toddlers) Bikeability and cycle proficiency training, on road training plus confidence building activities for beginners or those who haven’t cycled for a while plus mountain biking “car park” skills workshops.

The group also hope to recruit volunteers for “Rock Up and Ride” a programme promoting cycle proficiency within Robert Smillie and Craigbank Primary Schools and have purchased balance bikes to support nursery-based activities and adult bikes for training and loan.

The group are confident that activities meet the needs of local people because ideas have developed in direct response to consultation work undertaken with residents who identified the following priorities:-

The need for cycle safety sessions;
Organised cycling groups and trips;
Bike repairs and bike maintenance;
Guided cycles;
Learn to ride sessions for all ages and abilities;
Refurbishment and distribution of second-hand bikes;
Bike health checks;
Bike borrowing or bike share; and
Family focused activities.

“I think the Bike Initiative is going to make a massive difference in the area. Beyond the health and wellbeing benefits I think it will create real opportunities to bring the community together. The training programme means that there is something for everyone”.

Partnership working has been at the forefront of this project and the Action Group have worked closely with the wider community, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture, Robert Smillie and Craigbank Primary Schools, local nursery schools, Clydesdale Colts Cycling Club, Bike Town and Head in the Sky on this project. A launch event will take place Summer 2023.

Further information

Neighbourhood Plans: https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/info/26/community_plan_and_neighbourhood_plans

Annual Progress Reports: https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/26/community_plan_and_neighbourhood_plans

South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership: <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/site/index.php>

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015: www.gov.scot/publications/community-empowerment-scotland-act-summary/

National Standards for Community Engagement: <https://www.scdc.org.uk/what/national-standards>

Working with Communities: Sustainable Development and Climate Change

Why is this important?

Climate change and sustainable development are important considerations for Community Planning because they have significant implications for the well-being of communities, the environment, and future generations. This has been identified as a priority in the new Community Plan and can only be delivered through working together, with our communities. Community Planning partners can help to ensure that development is resilient, sustainable, fair, and that legal requirements are met. The following sets out some examples of current challenges and how the partnership currently is and can make a difference:-

Protecting communities from climate risks which have increased in frequency and severity, for example floods, droughts, and storms. These events can cause damage to infrastructure, homes, and businesses, and disrupt community services. Community Planning can help ensure that communities are prepared for these risks by identifying vulnerable areas, developing emergency response plans, and investing in resilient infrastructure.

Ensuring a sustainable future: Community Planning can help ensure that development is sustainable and that natural resources are used in a way that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. This can include strategies to reduce carbon emissions, promote energy efficiency, and support the development of green industries.

Promoting social equity: Climate change and unsustainable development can have disproportionate impacts on individuals, families and communities that experience the poorest outcomes. Community Planning can help ensure that development is fair and that the needs of all members of the community are considered. This can include ensuring access to affordable housing, public transport and green spaces.

How are we doing?

The delivery of people and place-based approaches are at the core of the new South Lanarkshire Community Plan. Work has been undertaken to map the Community Plan to the United Nation's 17 Sustainable Development Goals, with a commitment to localising the global goals. Part of this work is to identify any gap which will inform future action. Moreover, the process will also assist in the creation of local performance indicators which will be reviewed voluntarily on an annual basis. These actions will assist in mainstreaming sustainable development and climate change across all Community Planning Partnership plans. All partnership work moving forwards will be considered through a climate change lens. This aim is to refocus current planning arrangements, prioritise and align policy and delivery with the statutory requirements of community planning whilst taking action to address the climate crisis which focuses on climate, nature change and ensuring that no-one is left behind.

Priority Next Steps

- A Community Planning Partnership Climate and Nature event will be held in October 2023, featuring guest speakers, climate conversation cafes and networking opportunities.
- A Community Planning Partnership Board Development Session focussing on Climate and Nature will be facilitated by young people in October 2023.
- Creation of a new webpage detailing easy to access resources for communities and groups to access, which will be launched towards May/June 2023.

Further information

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

Working with Communities: Community Led Planning

Why is this important?

The Community Led Planning process enables communities to identify local priorities and produce an action plan that helps people to take realistic steps towards the change they want to see. By bringing everyone together to think about what is needed, this process highlights the skills and resources already available in the community, as well as identifying the gaps and the support required from others to make it happen.

How are we doing?

Communities across South Lanarkshire in the Clydesdale, East Kilbride and Larkhall areas have created their own Community Action Plans. These plans have been developed through extensive community engagement activity delivered by local people, for the benefit of the whole community to take ownership of and work together to achieve the priorities set out in the plan. You can find more information about the communities that have their own plans and view their latest plans on the Community Planning website: - https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/418/local_community_plans.

How can you get involved?

If you live, work, visit or have an interest in any of the communities that already have a local action plan you can get involved by supporting delivery of the plan. If you live or work in a community that would like to create their own action plan, please see our local Community Planning Toolkit for further information. If you would like more information or would like to get more involved in your community please get in touch. Give us a call on 0303 123 1017 or email us at communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Further information

Community Planning Toolkit: https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/info/26/community_plan_and_neighbourhood_plans/104/neighbourhood_planning
If you would like a copy of the toolkit, including template documents, please email: contact@southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org

Case Study - Larkhall Community Plan

The Larkhall Plan Partnership, consisting of local third sector organisations, have produced an action plan from their community survey carried out in 2019. In the past year, the partnership have continued to raise awareness of the Larkhall Community Plan, it's value and the strong network structures that have been built in Larkhall.

The partnership also continues to lobby for acknowledgement and support, exploring potential partnerships to deliver necessary improvements in their local area. Progress on their priorities for the future include:

The Open Space Action Plan

A meeting was held with senior staff within South Lanarkshire Council's Planning and Countryside and Greenspace Resources on 7 February 2023 to secure the commitment of the council to develop an Open Space Strategy for Larkhall. A joint workshop is planned with all relevant stakeholders.

The Health Action Plan

A meeting was held with the Chairs of NHS Lanarkshire and Health and Social Care Partnership where a number of issues were raised that are being progressed with partners.

Leisure Centre project

A visit to the new Helensburgh leisure complex, allowed the partnership to see what a modern centre could look like. £11.5m has been identified by South Lanarkshire Council for a new leisure centre, leaving a gap of £10m or so. A public meeting attended by all local party leaders agreed that the development is a priority and all effort will be made to make up the shortfall.

King Street Community Space

An exploratory meeting with personnel from the council's Planning, Economic Development, Roads and Funding and Development Services provided an opportunity to discuss the outcome of the feasibility study into the partial pedestrianisation of King Street as a community space.

One of the key goals is for the ward of Larkhall to become a pilot area in South Lanarkshire (and Scotland) for effective Participatory Budgeting. The partnership have made the Community Planning Partnership and its partners aware of this in all presentations, meetings and discussions. It was recognised from the outset, that additional support was needed to help the partnership move this along and discussions have taken place at a national level with personnel from the Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA).

Working with Communities: Local Place Plans

Why is this important?

Local Place Plans (LPP's) are community-led plans which set out the proposal for the development and use of land; and for local communities to explore the needs for their area and set priorities for the future of their communities. This can assist in the development of local collaborations and grow community capacity and contribute to reducing the many challenges being faced today including climate change, nature crisis and reducing inequalities.

LPP's are required to be registered by the local Planning Authority (South Lanarkshire Council's Planning Services) who have a legal responsibility to take these into account in the preparation of the Local Development Plan (LDP).

How are we doing?

The council's Planning Service is about to start preparation of its third Local Development Plan (SLLDP3) which will set out planning policies and proposals for the development and use of land across South Lanarkshire for the next ten years. Communities can start developing LPP's at any time, however, the council will formally invite community bodies to prepare a Local Place Plan once the SLLDP3 process starts.

There has been no LPPs registered to date, however, to help communities consider whether they wish to prepare one, a toolkit and guidance is being prepared to raise awareness in communities including details on the council's website and meetings have taken place with Community Partnerships to advise of the option to do this work.

How can you get involved?

If you are interested in preparing a Local Place Plan, you can contact the council's Planning Policy Team by emailing lpp@southlanarkshire.gov.uk. We will be happy to provide advice or assist in submitting a Local Place Plan.

Further information

[Local Place Plans - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

[Local place plans: literature review and final report - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

Working with Communities: Participatory Budgeting

Why is this important?

Participatory Budgeting (PB) actively engages residents in local priority setting, decision making and the allocation of elements of public funds.

How are we doing?

The PB process has been adopted across nine neighbourhood planning areas who are sharing a bigger budget than usual this year thanks to match funding from the national lottery. £286,000 (allocation based on population size) was shared between these neighbourhoods and a variety of approaches are being used based on local circumstances. Three of our neighbourhoods have undertaken their PB processes already while our other communities are still working towards this.

So far this year 2,425 local people have had their say on how money should be spent within their community, with only one third of our communities having completed the process.

Completed PB processes:

Burnhill (£28,278 – 254 votes cast)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The installation of Solar Panels in the High Backs to support community activity; • Funding to enable the High Backs group to capture rainwater in a water butt and water their plants sustainably and to investigate the option of having running water; and • Projects to support people with the cost-of-living crisis.
Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank (£44,870 – 1,649 residents voted and 4,946 votes cast)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A weekend supported study programme in John Ogilvie High School; • Upgrade of a family room in St Cuthbert's Primary School; and • A residential guide's camp.
Springhall and Whitlawburn (£27,053 – 522 residents voted and 2,610 votes cast)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A community fun day, Springhall and Whitlawburn - Youth Development Team in partnership with Cathkin Award Group; • Sports, dance and movement programme - REACH Lanarkshire Autism; and • A warm spaces initiative – Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre.
Strutherhill/Birkenshaw (£24,389)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chosen funding to continue to invest in current priorities such as the bike initiative.

Officers are working with Stakeholder Groups in Blantyre (£36,164); Cambuslang East (£38,901); Fernhill (£25,172) Whitehill, Hamilton (£22,786) Hamilton South (previously Eddlewood and Low Waters and Fairhill) (circa £38,000) to develop the most appropriate PB voting process for their communities.

For a full list of projects awarded, please view the Community Planning Partnership Board regarding an 'Update on Neighbourhood Planning across South Lanarkshire' (Item 10/Page 69): https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/390/community_planning_partnership_board_papers_-_7_june_2023

How can you get involved?

If you would like more information or would like to get more involved in your community please get in touch. Give us a call on 0303 123 1017 or email us at communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Further information

Participatory Budgeting Scotland: <https://pbscotland.scot/>

The Participatory Budgeting Charter for Scotland: <https://pbscotland.scot/charter>

South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership: <https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/site/index.php>

Working with Communities: Volunteering

Why is this important?

Volunteers continue to give their time, energy, and commitment every day across South Lanarkshire to support our communities. A wide range of activities and services would not be available if not for the kind and generous support offered by volunteers. The benefits of volunteering have never been more evident, volunteers have a direct impact on better mental health, less social isolation, and an increase in wellbeing for themselves and those they support. The impact volunteering makes on our society is immeasurable, the effect of volunteering is far reaching and recognising and valuing volunteers has never been more important.

How are we doing?

As part of a post covid learning and evaluation exercise, the Community Planning Partnership recognised the benefit of a collaborative approach to volunteering. This resulted in the introduction and launch of a shared South Lanarkshire Volunteering Strategy, endorsed by all partners through signing a Volunteering Pledge. As the Third Sector Interface for South Lanarkshire, Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan) have taken the lead on the delivery of key components within the Volunteering Strategy.

We have worked in partnership with referral agencies to focus on the removal of barriers to volunteering by offering support in areas such as confidence building, life, and social skills along with assistance to find suitable volunteering. The number of people supported through this new programme has exceeded our expectations with three times more people than originally estimated receiving support.

Supporting partners and voluntary organisations in good volunteering practice remains one of our main priorities and working in partnership with Volunteer Scotland, we continue to promote the Quality Standards Pipeline and to support organisations to sign the Volunteer Charter, achieve Volunteer Friendly or Investing in Volunteers accreditation. We are well on the way to achieve our ambitious two-year target of supporting one hundred voluntary organisations to achieve one of these standards.

Working with partners and the Third Sector to create more flexible, inclusive, and diverse volunteering opportunities has also been an essential part of our work over the last year and has resulted in twice as many new and exciting opportunities on offer to potential volunteers. In addition, work has been started to implement a Training Portal to support learning, knowledge sharing and enhance employability prospects for volunteers and staff across the Third Sector.

The following are some of the highlights of 2022-23:-

- 614 new volunteers registered;
- 75 volunteers given tailored pre-volunteering support;
- 1,525 volunteering placements facilitated;
- 97 new volunteering opportunities created;
- 24 organisations working towards a Quality Standard with a further 20 indicating interest;
- 9 Saltire Group administrators approved;
- 364 new Saltire volunteer registrations;
- 355 Saltire Certificates issued; and
- 17,299 Saltire hours logged.

Fatima Afzal - supported by VASLan to find a volunteer role at ST MARY'S FOR ALL (Receptionist)

St Mary's is a lovely place to volunteer and I am enjoying my time here. Meeting new people and interacting with the community made me feel a part of the community.

St Mary's offers an opportunity to connect with people with different cultural and religious backgrounds. This is worth dedicating my time at St Mary's because this has helped me strengthen my knowledge and social skills.

Volunteering is the best way to make a positive difference in people's life and definitely it makes a massive difference in yours. Life feels more purposeful and contented. Even helping a little and providing a listening ear is satisfying and rewarding.

Volunteering is the best way to escape from day-to-day work and to restore our energy.

It feels so good to provide a listening ear and listen to other people's life experiences which is helping me to improve my problem-solving skills".



Further Information:

Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan): www.vaslan.org.uk

South Lanarkshire Volunteering Strategy:

<http://www.vaslan.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-11/ CPP%20Volunteering%20Strategy%20-%20for%20Website.pdf>

South Lanarkshire Volunteering Pledge: <http://www.vaslan.org.uk/sites/default/files/2023-03/ CPP%20Pledge%20-%20A0%20Size.pdf>

Working with Communities: Community Asset Transfer

Why is this important?

Local councils, the Scottish Government and other public authorities, own or rent lots of land and buildings, like schools, hospitals, parks and forests. The Community Empowerment Act gives community organisations a right to ask to take over control of land or a building. If the community organisation's plan is better for people, they will be allowed to buy, rent or have the use of it. This is called Community Asset Transfer. The Act sets out specific criteria that needs to be met by community organisations. The ownership or control of community assets is a powerful tool for communities to drive change and achieve their goals.

The Community Asset Transfer (CAT) process allows statutory partners including the council to work closely with their communities to develop local services and provision that are responsive to the needs of residents. The legislation which was introduced in 2015 allows community bodies to apply to lease and purchase public sector assets including those belonging to the council. By capitalising on the local knowledge and expertise of those who live in these communities we can assist in the flexible usage of SLC assets and work together to make the greatest impact possible in the communities in which we serve.

How are we doing?

South Lanarkshire Council's Community Asset Transfer Officer has been focusing on improving the internal process to make it more responsive to applicant organisations as well as redesigning the [website](#) and producing an [animation video](#) to make the process easier to understand.

In 2022-23, South Lanarkshire Council was the only Community Planning partner that dealt with Community Asset Transfer requests. Two Community Asset Transfers were approved during 2022-23 (Blantyre Victoria Football Club for Stonefield Park, Blantyre and Carluke Men's Shed for Wilton Cemetery House, Carluke). The number of ongoing enquiries, which have been supported, has also grown greatly, with over 50 organisations working on proposals from community growing spaces to community football pitches.

How can you get involved?

CAT is open to any community-controlled body which has the relevant constitution or governance documentation and is open to all members of the community they serve. Any group applying for a CAT must show they have organisational strength to take on and manage an asset, and that they are supported by the community which they serve. The CAT process is an exciting opportunity which can benefit any community but involves a lot of time and effort. In recognition of this, the CAT Officer can provide tailored support to each organisation. This support can be augmented by assistance from other organisations, such as Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan), Community Enterprise, Just Enterprise, Community Ownership Support Services and the Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO).

Carluke Men's Shed

The CAT Officer has worked closely with Carluke Men's Shed (CMS) to assist in their application to lease the former cemetery keepers house at Wilton Cemetery in Carluke. The group have existed for a few years and have grown steadily whilst working from container accommodation within the High Mills site in Carluke. As the group has grown, their need for a larger and more permanent base has become a priority. The site was identified as vacant and ideal for their purposes with a former bungalow being repurposed and one of their storage containers being placed adjacent to allow them to continue their diverse activities. The group's application has been approved and the lease is in the process of being finalised.

Tom Kennedy, Treasurer of Carluke Men's Shed

“Once the keys have been formally handed over to the CMS then we will begin to upgrade the internal carpeting, walls, furnishings, etc., to make it fully suitable for our members to start their activities which will also benefit the wider community, combating isolation and loneliness to help improve their health and well-being.

The CAT process has run smoothly as SLC has been diligently helping the CMS for the new plans to proceed. It should be noted that this has been an excellent arrangement working really well together in tandem“.

Further Information

For South Lanarkshire Council, anyone wishing to know more about the process is encouraged to contact the Community Asset Transfer Officer at:

communityassets@southlanarkshire.gov.uk

Community Empowerment Asset Transfer: <https://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/asset-transfer/>

Community Ownership Support Service: <https://dtascommunityownership.org.uk/>

Working with Communities: Participation Requests

How are we doing?

Participation requests are a formal way for community bodies to request to be involved in decisions and put forward their ideas on how services could be changed to improve outcomes for the community. Requests can be made to a range of public bodies including South Lanarkshire Council, NHS Lanarkshire, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, etc.

During 2022-23, South Lanarkshire Council received one participation request: [Annual report 2022-2023 - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

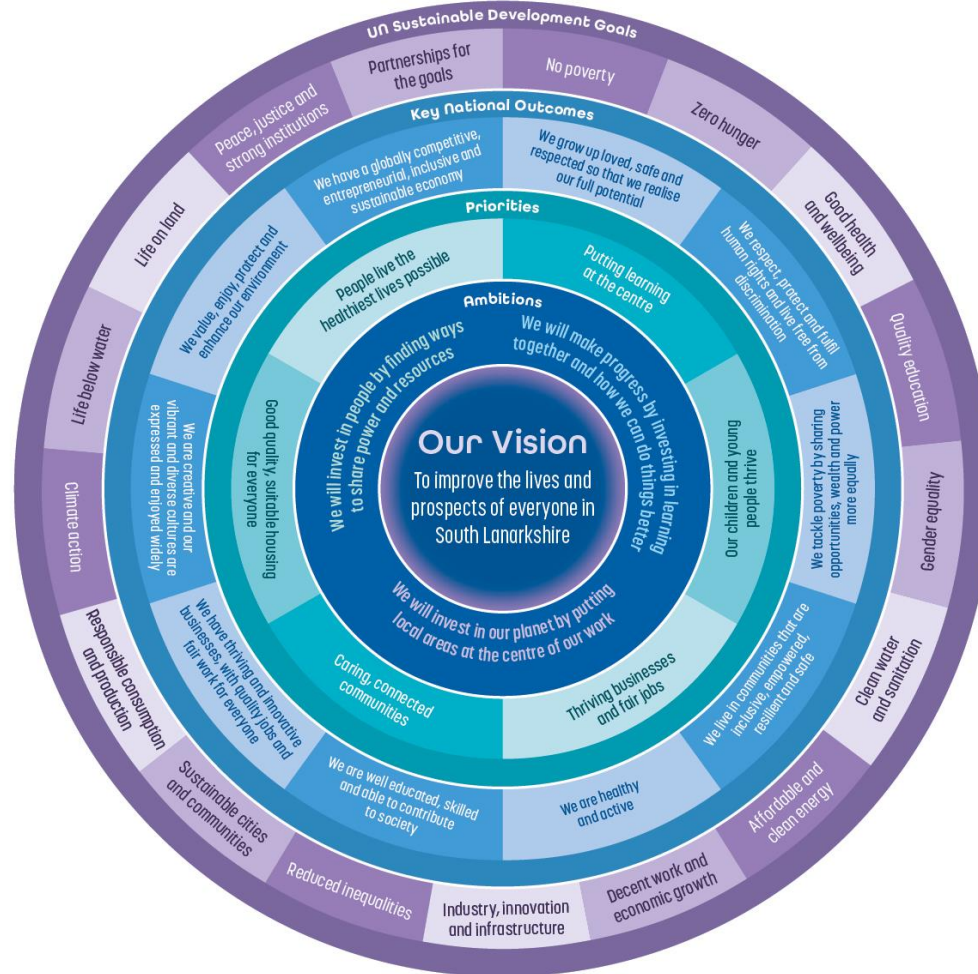
To make a participation request, your group must meet some requirements including having a membership open to your community and working for community benefit. Your first step should be getting in touch with the public body you would like to work with for assistance in getting started.

This can identify if they are the right public body to contact and they can also help you to get advice and information about any existing consultations or decision-making processes that you could be involved in without needing to make a formal participation request.

Further information

Participation Requests: www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/participation-requests

Links to the National Performance Framework and UN Sustainable Development Goals



CPP Structure Diagram



Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Community Planning Review Progress Update
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 07880 174955 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ 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 delivery of the new Community Plan
Delivery Partners:	Community Planning Partnership
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that the progress made to date with the review, be noted (2) that the progress to deliver the Community Plan, be noted (3) that the revised Terms of Reference for the 3 statutory CPP groups, as detailed at Appendix 1, be noted (4) that the draft Community Planning Governance Arrangements and Partner Commitments, as detailed at Appendix 2, be approved; and (5) that the Board review their current membership (see Appendix 3)
Risks/Challenges:	An assessment of the risks relating to the proposed new ways of working will be undertaken as part of this work
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Section 4 provides an update on key areas of work being progressed relating to the structure of the partnership and the review. The Terms of Reference for the new Thematic Structure have been provided (see Appendix 1); and ◆ Section 5 provides an update on partnership governance arrangements including an updated governance framework and partner commitments; (Appendix 2); and information to support the Board to review its current membership (Appendix 3)

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Planning Review Progress Update
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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 delivery 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 made to date with the review, be noted
- (2) that the progress to deliver the Community Plan, be noted
- (3) that the revised Terms of Reference for the 3 statutory CPP groups, as detailed at Appendix 1, be noted
- (4) that the draft Community Planning Governance Arrangements and Partner Commitments, as detailed at Appendix 2, be approved; and
- (5) that the Board reviews its current membership (see Appendix 3)

3. Background

- 3.1. The Board undertook a self-assessment which was facilitated by the Improvement Service during January/February 2019. 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.
- 3.2. 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.
- 3.3. 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.

- 3.4. 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.
- 3.5. The first phase of the new structure proposal has been implemented. This included Community Partnerships in the areas of Clydesdale and Cambuslang and Rutherglen; a Community Engagement Partnership Group and an Outcomes Leads Group to oversee the development of the new Community Plan and the next stage of the review. The new Community Plan was published in June 2022.
- 3.6. This report provides an update on current progress in relation to the review of Community Planning and the delivery of the Community Plan.

4. Current Progress

4.1. Community Planning Structures

- 4.1.1. The following sections provides an overview of activity undertaken during the last 6 months:-

4.1.2. Community Partnerships

Work continues to set up, strengthen and develop the Community Partnerships. The following provides a summary of current activity:-

- ◆ **Cambuslang and Rutherglen areas** – the Partnership continues to meet regularly, with officers across the Partnership in attendance, to progress areas of interest. The Partnership is planning to hold a development session with all members in August 2023 to review progress to date and agree a plan for moving forwards. A total of £4,750 funding from the Lived Experience Fund (LEF) has been awarded and a proposal is due to be submitted after this session. The Partnership also plans to create an information page on the Community Planning website.
- ◆ **Clydesdale area** – the Partnership has identified transport as a key priority and are working with the Council's Transport Service and SPT to progress this. The Partnership is planning to hold a Development Session with all members in September 2023 to review its progress to date and agree a plan for moving forwards. Proposals for how to spend the LEF will be discussed at this session. Intensive engagement by the CPP Development Officer and colleagues working in the area has taken place with community councils and other stakeholder groups, including local Development Trusts. This has resulted in the groups' membership increasing to approximately 26 members. This covers all of the active community council areas within the locality.
- ◆ **East Kilbride and surrounding areas** – the third meeting of the Partnership was held in June 2023. Further development work is required to increase the current membership. Over the last few months, the CPP Development Officer and colleagues working in the area have attended meetings of local groups to encourage participation.
- ◆ **Hamilton and surrounding areas** – development work has restarted and meetings are taking place with local groups to discuss the benefits of joining the Partnership. The Hamilton South Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Group has now been established and along with the other neighbourhood planning stakeholder groups in the areas of Birkenshaw and Strutherhill, Blantyre, Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank and Whitehill, they will form the core membership for the new Community Partnership.

- 4.1.2.1. At the meeting of the 22 March 2023, the Board agreed to continue with the allocation of the LEF to the Community Partnerships. £2,000 has been allocated to each Community Partnership. Partnerships will be supported to use this funding within their local areas to gather the experiences of local people to inform a better understanding of inequalities.
- 4.1.2.2. Community Partnerships continue to receive a monthly register of local and national information that is of interest relating to policy development and delivery. Local information is provided by some partners and is also acquired from a range of national sources. All partner contributions are welcomed and should be submitted to the Community Planning Team.
- 4.1.2.3. The CPP Development Officer is currently undertaking a mapping exercise to review how representative each of the current groups are of their local area. Where gaps have been identified, the Officer has been attending meetings with community councils and neighbourhood planning groups to promote the CPP and provide an update on partner activity. Discussions have also taken place with officers regarding engaging with underrepresented groups. This will also be used as part of the process to develop the Hamilton Locality Partnership.
- 4.1.2.4. Discussions continue with the Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships regarding the use of the CPP website to further highlight the Community Partnerships as Community Planning partners and through which to report their activity to the wider community.

4.1.3. **Thematic Structures**

As highlighted to the Board on 22 March 2023, the Terms of Reference for the Thematic Groups in the new CPP structure can be found in Appendix 1. Working groups within these structures have their own Terms of Reference:-

- ◆ Community Learning and Development Partnership
- ◆ [Health and Social Care Partnership](#)
- ◆ The Promise Board

4.1.4. **Locality Delivery Structures and Model**

- 4.1.5. The Outcomes Leads are currently focusing on locality based planning and delivery which is key to realising the Partnership's ambition to build structures from the community level, upwards. Two key stages were agreed by the Board, the transition of Thematic Groups to a new model of working at a locality level and the adoption of a "Whole Systems" approach as an integrated model of planning and delivery with communities.
- 4.1.6. Current tasks are to develop a locality based proposal and implementation plan and to evaluate sustainable service delivery models such as the "whole person" and "whole family" approaches.
- 4.1.7. A summary of recent actions/activity is listed below:-

- ◆ received presentations on new locality based approaches which aim to deliver "whole systems change" in South Lanarkshire including the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Project in Rutherglen and the Whole Family Project
- ◆ received a presentation on Contextual Safeguarding to understand the impacts of the wider social and environmental contexts for individuals and families
- ◆ developed a Terms of Reference for the project

- ◆ developed a project plan and timeline for the project
- ◆ created a data profile for the Hamilton, Blantyre, Larkhall and Stonehouse areas which considers local demographics and is aligned to the 6 Community Plan priorities to inform of better understanding of local challenges; and
- ◆ prepared an assessment of current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) analysis

4.1.8. Key steps outlined in the project plan with indicative timescales are set out in the table below:-

Action	Approx Timescale
Locality group mapping	August/September 2023
Develop and evaluate delivery approach model proposal	October-December 2023
Joint session with the CPP Board	December 2023
Partner approvals	January to March 2024
Implementation planning and deployment	To be agreed in Dec 2023 at Joint session with the CPP Board and subject to partner approvals process

4.1.9. The Improvement Service Covid-19 Recovery and Delivery Team has offered support to Community Planning Partnerships working towards the delivery of outcome-led, person-centred services. This fits well with current direction and the initial offer of support includes the following:-

- ◆ review the proposed Outcomes Leads Project Plan and Terms of Reference (completed)
- ◆ facilitate a session with the CPP Board
- ◆ facilitate workshops with communities on collaborative service design
- ◆ meet with the Outcomes Leads to discuss priorities and the planning of service change; and
- ◆ share national good practice to inform learning

4.2. Community Plan Delivery

4.2.1. Work continues to progress the delivery of the new Community Plan. Given the level of ambition set out in this plan, substantial preparation and development at partner and community levels is required to help shape and inform delivery. The following sections provide an update on progress so far.

4.2.2. UN Sustainable Development Goals Mapping and Measuring Impact

Further work is required to finalise the mapping of the goals to the wider Thematic Plans to fully assess coverage and identify areas for improvement. The Board agreed in June 2023, that officers would be identified from the Thematic Groups to be trained in how to use the new Sustainable Development Mapping Toolkit to assess other plans within the Partnership. This action will be progressed by the Council's Sustainable Development Officer.

4.2.3. Community Engagement and Participation Group

The review of the effectiveness of the Community Engagement and Participation Group (CEPG) has been completed and the outcome is that this work should now be progressed through focused task and finish groups and through sharing planned engagement, outcomes and outputs to inform learning and a common understanding of key themes across all engagement. The Community Planning Progress Group will oversee this.

4.2.4. **Community Plan Year 1 Actions**

The year 1 actions approved by the Board have now been consolidated with other CPP action plans such as the Risk Register, Strategic Environmental Assessment and Sustainable Development outcomes, etc. These actions have been combined to create a composite action plan for the partnership for 2023/2024. Workstreams have been identified and are being progressed with the support of officers from across the Partnership. Actions focus on the themes of Communications; Volunteering; Local Planning; Tackling Poverty; Community Wealth Building; Leadership – Young People; Community Engagement and Participation; Review of Community Planning; Information Sharing; Climate and Nature Action; Learning and Development; Performance Management and Reporting; and Good Food.

4.2.5. **Community Plan Delivery Plan**

Work to co-produce the actions for the delivery plan with communities is underway. Staff from the Council's Community Engagement Team and Community Learning and Development Team will work with the Community Planning Team and the Improvement Service to test the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Outcomes as a method that can be used to co-produce actions for a delivery plan. This aligns with the Shaping Places for Wellbeing project in Rutherglen. The aims and objectives for this work have been agreed with the Improvement Service and a meeting with the facilitators will take place at the end of August 2023 with a view to the focus groups being held in October to December 2023. The project will be evaluated and reported to the Board along with draft Delivery Plan for approval in March 2024.

5. **Governance Arrangements**

5.1. Following the approval of the revised Community Planning structure, the Board's governance arrangements have been updated. A draft Governance Framework and Partnership Commitment is attached at Appendix 2 for consideration and approval.

5.2. The Board requested that its membership be reviewed after the new structure was approved and is therefore invited to discuss the current membership and advise if changes are required to deliver the ambitions set out in the Community Plan. Appendix 3 sets out a list of all statutory partners set out in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and states if they are current members and also includes non-statutory members for consideration. The Partnership contacted all partners to enquire about joining the Partnership when the legislation was first enacted. South Lanarkshire College is represented on the Progress Group and is engaging in partnership working groups. The Board is also asked to note that the Scottish Government's scrutiny of Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 is considering a review of the current list of designated statutory organisations who are required to facilitate and participate in Community Planning.

6. **Employee Implications**

6.1. As partners already commit resources to thematic activity, much of this work should be delivered using existing resources. The Board is asked to commit short-term resources to support the Outcomes Leads with the development of the new locality model and the evaluation of sustainable delivery models. Support will also be provided by the Community Planning Team.

7. **Financial Implications**

7.1. Re-focussing the efforts of the Partnership towards prevention activity and reducing inequalities through an integrated service delivery model has the potential to produce longer term savings. It is suggested that costing and monitoring activity is undertaken by partners to quantify the financial implications as the review progresses.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1. As a priority of the Partnership, the work outlined in this report will consider these (and nature as agreed through the Strategic Environmental Assessment) with a view to identifying and maximising opportunities. Any potential impacts will be outlined with mitigation/adaptation actions.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. An assessment of the risks relating to the proposed new ways of working will be undertaken as part of this work. Where risks are identified, further controls and actions to mitigate these risks will be put in place. The Board will be kept up-to-date with this work as it progresses.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment implications associated with this report. Consultation has taken place with representatives of the Outcomes Leads Group. Further communication and consultation are required with partners, Thematic Groups and our communities to progress the recommendations contained in this report.

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South Lanarkshire Council

9 August 2023

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CLD Partnership Terms of Reference

Background and Purpose

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

The South Lanarkshire Community Learning and Development Partnership (CLD Partnership) comprises a range of organisations who work together with communities to deliver positive outcomes and includes statutory, third sector organisations, and further and higher education organisations. Collectively we offer a variety of learning opportunities across a range of settings and focus our work on areas of disadvantage and need. Underpinning this work is a spirit of collective action, partnership, and collaborative practice.

Four parallel locality based groups called Local Action Planning Groups comprising local partner organisations will be re-established across East Kilbride, Cambuslang / Rutherglen, Hamilton and Clydesdale and will report to the CLD Partnership.

Collectively we will deliver outcomes through:

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

Membership

The current membership of the CLD Partnership is as follows:

South Lanarkshire Council Executive (Chair of CLD Partnership)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair of Education
South Lanarkshire Council	Education Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth, Family, and Community Learning Service • Youth Employability • Children's Services Finance and Corporate Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Engagement Team
South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Trust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Services • Libraries
Further/Higher Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Lanarkshire College • New College Lanarkshire • University of West of Scotland

Third Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire • Regen:FX Youth Trust
Employability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills Development Scotland • Department of Work & Pensions – Employer Partnership
Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health & Social Care Partnership – Health Improvement

Priorities

South Lanarkshire's Community Learning and Development plan is monitored by the CLD Partnership and our current priorities are:

- Access to learning and improved outcomes for learners
- Health and well-being
- Progression
- Employability
- Community Influence
- Workforce Development

Governance

- At least 4 meetings per year of the CLD Partnership, plus occasional development days and task specific sub groups;
- Youth Partnership and ESOL Strategy Group to report to CLD Partnership;
- CLD Partnership will report to South Lanarkshire's Community Planning Partnership
- Local Action Planning Groups (LAPGs) to be re-established across East Kilbride, Clydesdale, Hamilton, and Cambuslang / Rutherglen and will report to CLD Partnership. The membership will include a range of partners from across the CLD sector and local level decision makers, meeting at least 4 times year;
- At least 2 practitioners' groups per year across each LAPG to enable front line staff to network with partners.

Reporting

- Partners will submit an analysis of the agreed data set, 'CLD Partnership Impact Measures', once per year to report on progress of the priorities of the CLD Plan
- An annual report on the progress of the CLD Plan will be submitted at national level to the Scottish Government and at local level to South Lanarkshire's Community Planning Partnership

Terms of Reference			
Group Title	Corporate Parenting Partnership Board		
Chair	Cleland Sneddon, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council	Vice Chair	TBC
Remit Purpose	<p>The Corporate Parenting Board has the responsibility to steer the Community Planning Partnership in its legal obligations to fulfil its responsibilities towards looked after children and care leavers. Primarily the need for cultural and behavioural change to promote better outcomes for looked after children and care leavers.</p> <p>It will be the forum for senior officers to monitor and challenge the effectiveness and quality of service delivery for all looked after children and care leavers, and oversee the implementation of the South Lanarkshire Corporate Parenting Strategy and the achievement of continuous improvements of the actions identified.</p> <p>The Corporate Parenting Board (CPB) acts strategically to ensure that looked after children and care leavers are effectively supported to reach their potential through the provision of excellent parenting, high quality education, and opportunities to develop their talents and skills, and effective support for their transition to adulthood and independent living.</p> <p>The Corporate Parenting Board key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise awareness of the CPPs corporate parenting strategy and responsibilities and ensure all looked after children and care leavers have a positive experience and that the strategy enhances their lives; • To ensure that looked after children, care leavers and their carers are listened to and engaged with, and to ensure that their views influence new policy and service development; • To encourage all partners, across the partnership work in an integrated manner in the best interests of looked after children and care leavers; to ensure that every child and young person looked after is supported to be safe, happy and healthy and to achieve their full potential; • To lead cultural and behavioural change to promote better outcomes for looked after children and care leavers; • To hold all partners to account for their role in the delivery of services to looked after children and care leavers and unlock opportunities for all care experienced young people. 		
Publications Reference:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Parenting Plan and Annual Reports • Children Service Plan and Annual Reports • Community Planning Partnership Plan and Annual Reports • Turning legislation into practice together 		
Meeting Frequency	2 meetings per year		
Reporting and Administration Arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A standard agenda and minute template will be set • Reports will be presented to the group in the standard format • A meeting Action Log will be maintained to ensure actions are taken forward and implemented 		
Version dated	December 2020		



South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership

Governance Framework and Partner Commitments



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1. Introduction

This document sets out the Community Planning governance arrangements for South Lanarkshire. It outlines the statutory duties of partners, how the partnership operates, the role and remit of partners, partners commitments and a summary of the structures within the partnership.

2. Scope of responsibility (as defined by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015)

Community Planning is about how public bodies work together and with the local community to plan for, resource and provide or secure the provision of services which improve local outcomes with a view to reducing inequalities.

The statutory framework for Community Planning is set out in Part 2 of the [Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015](#). The organisations who have a legal duty to participate in Community Planning and a summary of their responsibilities are as follows:-

Sections 13(1) and 13(2) of the Act, sets out the legal duties placed on five partners to facilitate Community Planning in South Lanarkshire; and to take reasonable steps to ensure that the partnership carries out its functions as set out in the Act, efficiently and effectively. These are:-

- Local Authority for the area, South Lanarkshire Council;
- NHS Lanarkshire;
- Police Service of Scotland;
- Scottish Enterprise; and
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

In addition to the above, Schedule 1 of the Act sets out a list of all organisations that have a statutory duty to participate in Community Planning in South Lanarkshire. Those participating include:-

- Skills Development Scotland;
- South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership; and
- Strathclyde Passenger Transport.

The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) must prepare and publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) setting out the local outcomes which the CPP will prioritise for improvement. In South Lanarkshire, this plan is called the Community Plan.

Tackling inequalities is a specific focus; and there is a requirement to produce 'locality plans' (known in South Lanarkshire as [Neighbourhood Plans](#)) at a more local level for areas experiencing particular disadvantage. All partners must take account of these plans in carrying out their functions and must contribute appropriate resources to improve the priority outcomes.

Participation with communities lies at the heart of Community Planning. CPPs must support community bodies to participate in all parts of the process, in the development, design and delivery of plans and in review, revision and reporting of progress.

3. The purpose of the Community Planning Partnership

The [Community Plan 2022-2032](#) sets out the strategic direction of the partnership, its vision, values and ambitions for the next 10 years.

The partnership has set the framework for strong partnership governance by having a clear vision and principles:-

Vision: “To improve the lives and prospects of everyone in South Lanarkshire”

This means ensuring that our communities are at the heart of community planning in South Lanarkshire and doing the right things, in the right way, for the right people, at the right time, in an inclusive, open, honest and accountable manner.

The partnership’s **shared principles**, shown in the diagram below, set out how we plan to work better:-

Diagram 1 – South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Shared Principles



4. Partner Commitments

The partnership is a joint working arrangement where partners are otherwise independent organisations/representative of local communities. Partner commitments to Community Planning in South Lanarkshire are set out at Appendix 1.

5. The structure of Community Planning in South Lanarkshire

The governance structure set out at Diagram 2 was agreed in March 2023 to deliver Community Planning in South Lanarkshire. This structure will be kept under review and will evolve as the Community Plan and the work of the Partnership develops to ensure that it aligns with the delivery of our legal duties, local needs and priorities. Further information about these groups can be found in sections 6,7 and 8.

Diagram 2 – South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Structure



6. The South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board

The remit of the Board is to provide collective strategic leadership, direction, governance and oversight of partnership activity. Planning, resourcing or sourcing services which improve local outcomes in South Lanarkshire, with a view to reducing inequalities.

The core membership, role and remit of the Board is determined by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. This will be referred to as “the Act” from here onwards.

6.1. Membership of the Board

In addition to the eight statutory partners participating (see item 2 above), the Business Community, Community Partnerships, Seniors Together, Leisure and Culture, the local Third Sector Interface (representing the voluntary sector) and the local University are members of the Community Planning Partnership Board. For more information on the organisations and their representatives who attend the Board see:

[Meet the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board](#)

The Scottish Government is also represented through a ‘Place Director’. Their role is to: understand, promote and support how public services work together and with communities; and improve wellbeing and outcomes on local and national priorities.

The Board is chaired by a councillor, the Leader of South Lanarkshire Council. If the Chair is absent from the meeting, then a Chair for that meeting will be appointed by those members present. The Board will review its membership periodically and any proposed changes must be approved by the Board.

6.2. Role and Remit

The remit and the role of the Board is as follows:-

- To reach agreement on, prepare and publish the Community Plan (Part 2, Section 6 of the Act);
- To provide strategic leadership in Community Planning by developing, clearly communicating and driving change through the vision and intended outcomes for the benefit of the people who live, play and work in South Lanarkshire through the Community Plan;
- To promote the sharing and aligning of resources; and ensure that the Partnership deploys funding and resources to achieve agreed outcomes;
- To promote and demonstrate commitment to partnership working at Board level, across the Partnership, in partner organisations and with communities;
- To ensure the engagement and involvement of the wider community (Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act Part 2, Section 4(3,6,9));
- To ensure that the work of the partnership stays focused on reducing inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage (Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act Part 2, Section 5);
- To agree strategic indicators and associated baselines and targets to enable assessment of the achievement of outcomes and ensure improvements in service delivery;
- To approve Action Plan(s) and provide oversight through the management and publication of agreed performance measures and reports;
- To ensure statutory planning requirements are met in relation to the development, review, reporting and publication of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans;

- To ensure effective governance, accountability and challenge arrangements across the Partnership;
- To achieve Best Value through collaborative leadership: identifying Best Value partnership solutions to achieve better outcomes for local communities; identifying opportunities to invest in and commit to shared services; and integrated management of resources where appropriate, etc; and
- To advocate and lobby to deliver the ambitions set out in the Community Plan.

6.3. Operational arrangements

6.3.1. Frequency of meetings

There will be four board meetings each year and two development sessions.

6.3.2. Decision Making Process

The CPP Board is the main decision making body within the partnership. Thematic Partnerships, Community Planning Outcomes Leads Group and the Progress Group advise and inform the CPP Board. Local decisions are made by the Community Partnership and neighbourhood planning groups.

It is the duty of the Chair to ensure that decision-making is clear, open, transparent and founded on consensus. All members are required to demonstrate commitment to and a willingness to work together and share resources.

In order to comply with the statutory requirements, Terms of Reference and Standing Orders (or equivalent) of partner organisations, the following general process for decision making by the Board will be followed:-

- Decisions made by the Board will be implemented by partners only after individual partners' governance requirements have been met; it is the responsibility of each partner to ensure this;
- Partner organisations will make every effort to ensure that their decision making processes support partnership working and the work of the CPP;
- Where decisions need to be approved by individual partner organisations, the Board should first agree a course of action which should then be approved by the individual partners; and
- Where one of the partners acts as a lead partner on behalf of the CPP, the CPP must agree the course of action that the partner can take.

6.3.3. General Conduct at Meetings

Conduct should correspond to the partnership's [shared values](#). Members should also abide by any Code of Conduct applicable within their own organisation.

6.3.4. Notice of Meetings and Papers

The advance annual calendar of Board meetings and Development Sessions is submitted to the Board for approval in autumn of each year. The arrangements for Board meetings are as follows:-

- **Notice of meeting** - At least five clear days' notice in writing (via email) will be given of meetings, including time and method, and a list of all agenda items; and
- **Agenda and papers** - Electronic copies of papers will normally be issued by email with the agenda. Paper copies are available on request. On occasion, it may be necessary to issue papers with less than 5 days' notice, however, this will be kept to a minimum.

Topics/draft agendas and other relevant information for the Board Development Sessions will be submitted to the Board in advance for approval.

6.3.5. Openness and Transparency

The agenda, reports and draft minute of the previous meeting will be available online at least five clear days before the date of the meeting (the exception being any items that are considered confidential). These can be viewed on the Community Planning website at:

https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/info/2/south_lanarkshire_partnership_board

Alternatively, they can also be accessed by emailing the Community Planning Team at: contact@southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org.

All Board meetings are open to the public via a live video stream of the meeting. The Chair, however may decide that an item of business is confidential. In this case, the recording will be stopped after all items on the agenda have been considered so that the confidential item(s) can be considered by the Board in private. Meetings can be viewed on South Lanarkshire Council's YouTube channel: [SL Committees - YouTube](#).

6.3.6. Performance Management and Scrutiny

A new performance framework is currently being developed for the Community Plan. The plans of Thematic Partnership Boards should be aligned to the ambitions and priorities set out in the Community Plan. Thematic Boards should report draft plans and provide annual performance reports to the CPP Board as part of scrutiny arrangements. To ensure compliance with statutory requirements, the Board will receive key annual reports as outlined in sections 7 and 8.

Community Planning partners are encouraged to embed the relevant outcomes, indicators and actions arising from the Community Plan and thematic action plans into their own organisational business plans.

6.3.7. Reporting

The CPP Board will receive and review reports from Community Partnerships, Community Planning Partners and Thematic Partnerships. Each partner will also undertake to report to their own Management Board/Committee on key decisions. Representatives will be expected to speak on behalf of their organisation and to be of sufficient seniority to be able to agree and commit their organisation to a course of action in line with the role, remit and decision-making arrangements of the Board. Community Representatives are expected to speak on behalf of their partnership and report on key decisions to them.

6.3.8. Joint Budget Arrangements

Details of the Partnership's Budget and Expenditure are reported at every meeting. This provides partners with an opportunity to seek clarification on the budget and sums spent during the relevant period.

Annual contributions are made by South Lanarkshire Council, NHS Lanarkshire, Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. The budget is held by South Lanarkshire Council and is managed by the Community Planning Team. This budget supports targeted areas of the work of the partnership to be progressed such as: the development of Community Partnerships; the Lived Experience Fund; and increasing awareness and participation through partnership communications, the community planning website and holding community planning events.

6.3.9. Managing Risk

A Community Planning Partnership risk register and risk control plan is maintained to formally record, assess and support the management of strategic risks for the Partnership. The risk register comprises of detailed risk description cards which are maintained by the Community Planning Progress Group who carry out an annual review of risks. The risk control plan contains actions for the partnership to mitigate known risks. Updates on risks/progress on the delivery of the risk control plan are reported to the Board at every meeting.

6.3.10. Meeting substitutes

Partners may nominate a substitute to attend a meeting in their absence. Substitute members should be fully briefed and be of sufficient seniority from within their respective organisations.

7. Community Planning Action Groups

The Board has oversight of statutory partnership strategies and initiatives which focus on improving outcomes for those communities that experience the poorest outcomes. Partnership delivery strategies include: Children's Services including the Promise; Health and Social Care; and Community Learning and Development.

7.1. Thematic Partnerships

There are three thematic partnerships which have a statutory duty to prepare and deliver partnership plans which improve outcomes in priority areas. The duration of these plans and other planning requirements including decision making arrangements are set out in the relevant legislation/policies. These are:-

- The [Getting It Right for South Lanarkshire's Children Partnership](#) recognises that all children and young people in South Lanarkshire require the right support at the right time, to be safeguarded and supported to reach their full potential and thrive within their communities. The priorities of this partnership are: whole family; health and wellbeing; and keeping the promise which includes the Champions Board and the Promise Board. Key plans of this partnership are the Children's Service Plan and the Local Child Poverty Action Report. It should be noted that the governance arrangements and approvals for these plans are the responsibility of South Lanarkshire Council and NHS Lanarkshire.
- The [Health and Social Care Partnership](#) aims to work together to improve health and wellbeing in the community, with the community, and reflect the Partnership's commitment to fully involve and work with communities to improve their health and wellbeing. South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) is responsible for developing and leading the strategy for health and social care through its Strategic Commissioning Plan. This Plan underpins the work of the IJB with the Health and Social Care Partnership operationally taking forward its implementation. The partnership has four key areas of activity:- improving unscheduled care and increasing intermediate care; mental health and addictions; prevention, early intervention and inequalities; and supporting carers.
- The [Community Learning and Development Partnership](#) comprises a range of organisations including statutory, third sector, and further and higher education organisations, who work together with communities to deliver a range of positive learning and development outcomes. Collectively, they offer a variety of learning opportunities across a range of settings and the focus of their work is on areas experiencing the poorest outcomes. Underpinning this work is a spirit of collective action, partnership, and collaborative practice. The Community Learning and Development Plan underpins the work of this Board and governance and approvals are the responsibility of the council's Education

Service. The Youth Partnership and English Speakers of Other Languages also sits within this structure.

These partnerships report annually to the Community Planning Board.

7.2. Community-led Partnerships and Groups

Community Partnerships

The purpose of these partnerships is to strengthen local democracy through local decision making and to align with local Neighbourhood Planning activity. They aim to ensure that their community is represented, fully engaged and has a voice in community planning decision making processes. The partnerships are led by people living in the community. The membership of these groups varies however it typically includes representatives from neighbourhood planning groups, local community councils and other key local community groups.

The partnership acts as an intermediary between neighbourhood planning groups/local activity which is focussed on reducing inequalities and improving outcomes and the Community Planning Partnership Board, strengthening links between communities in the local area and the work of the partnership. The Chairs of these groups are members of the Community Planning Partnership Board. Partnerships identify local priorities and provide a quarterly progress update on progress/highlight local challenges to the Board. Whilst each partnership sets its own Terms of Reference, the broad remit is as follows:-

Remit

- To provide an opportunity to network across communities;
- To resolve local problems through the identification of challenges requiring joint solutions;
- To be a consultative group for new service delivery proposals from partners;
- To oversee the work to produce Neighbourhood Planning Annual Reports as required by the Community Empowerment Act;
- To provide an update on work ongoing in each Neighbourhood Planning Locality;
- To consider progress of the delivery of Neighbourhood Plans;
- To link into the wider community engagement and volunteering agenda; and
- To have an awareness of wider Community Planning work through updates and communicate their activity and partnership activity within their local communities.

The following Community Partnerships have been established in South Lanarkshire and work is ongoing in Hamilton and its surrounding areas to create a local partnership for the area:-

- Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area;
- Clydesdale Area; and
- East Kilbride Area.

Neighbourhood Planning Groups

Neighbourhood planning groups are led by communities. These groups work with people living in the area to plan and deliver on local priorities. The Community Planning Partnership is required to work with these communities to reduce inequalities and improve outcomes as required by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. Groups annually review and report on their priorities to their community and to the Board.

The neighbourhood planning groups in South Lanarkshire are as follows:-

- Blantyre
- Burnhill
- Cambuslang East Ward
- Fernhill
- Hamilton South Ward
- Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank
- Springhall and Whitlawburn
- Strutherhill and Birkenshaw; and
- Whitehill

7.3. Community Planning Delivery Groups

The following groups support the delivery of the Community Plan:-

Outcomes Leads Group

The Outcomes Leads Group lead on the implementation of the Community Plan and provide guidance to partners (including community partners) in the development of outcome based planning with communities. Senior Officers from across the partnership are members of this group. They are currently leading on the review of Community Planning and meet every four weeks. The work of this group is reported regularly to the Board through a Community Planning Update report.

Community Planning Progress Group

The Community Planning Progress Group ensures that the actions contained within the Community Plan are delivered and that progress is monitored and reported. Their remit also includes undertaking work as directed by the Board; overseeing the work of the partnership project delivery groups; and ensuring that effective community participation is at the heart of Community Planning. The work of the group is progressed through various workstreams. The group meets every six weeks and they are supported by short-term working groups. The work of this group is reported regularly to the Board through a Community Planning Update report.

Tackling Poverty Groups

Within the partnership, there are groups which focus on making improvements to areas of persistent inequality. More information about the groups and their work can be accessed using the links below. The work of these groups will be reported to the Board annually.

[Financial Inclusion Network](#)

[Digital Inclusion Group](#)

[Fuel Poverty Group](#)

[Living Wage Campaign Group](#)

7.4. Other structures – Public Protection

South Lanarkshire Chief Officers Group

Chief Officers of the partnership are responsible for ensuring that their organisations, individually and collectively, work to protect adults, children and young people as effectively as possible. They also have responsibility for maximising the involvement of those agencies not under their direct control. They are responsible for the leadership, direction and scrutiny of their respective protection services and their Child and Adult Protection Committees. Chief Officers are responsible for overseeing the commissioning of all adult and child protection services and are

accountable for this work and its effectiveness. They are individually responsible for promoting adult and child protection across all areas of their individual services and agencies, thus ensuring a holistic approach to public protection in its widest context. In addition, the group has oversight of the work of the Community Justice Partnership and the Violence against Women and Girls Partnership, the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership and MAPPA. The Board are kept informed of the work of these committees and partnerships through annual progress reports.

8. Partnership Support

Policy and partnership support for the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership is co-ordinated by the Community Engagement Team, South Lanarkshire Council. This includes the direct employment of a Community Planning Development Officer by the Board who works within the Community Engagement Team.

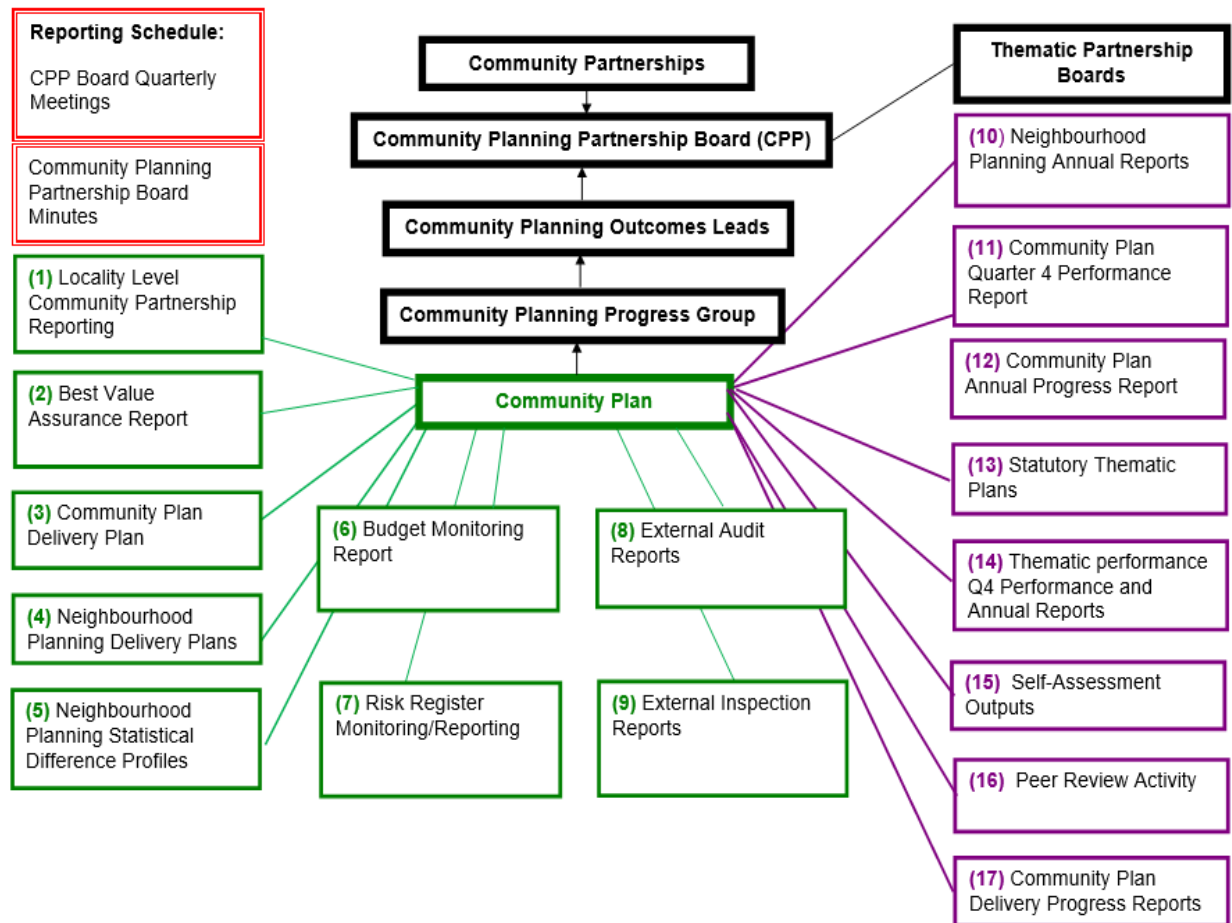
The key partnership support functions include:-

- Partnership and policy support across all partnership structures;
- Preparing partnership strategies and plans;
- Performance Management and Reporting;
- Programme management of Community Plan delivery;
- Preparing the agenda and reports for meetings of the Board, in consultation with partners;
- Research and information;
- Performance monitoring and reporting;
- Community participation and engagement;
- Communications;
- Local Community Planning including Neighbourhood Planning and Community Partnerships;
- Communications;
- Data sharing;
- Implementing requests from the Board, for example, co-ordinating the activity of short-life working groups;
- Highlighting emerging strategic issues to the Board;
- Ensuring that the linkages and connections between and across the partnerships are effective and fit for purpose;
- Partnership governance arrangements;
- Organising Board Development Sessions and Community Planning events; and
- Providing guidance and support to the Progress Group and Outcome Leads Group, as well as to individual partnership groups, officers working in the partnership and with communities.

9. How the partnership monitors and evaluates the effectiveness of its governance arrangements

The partnership regularly monitors and evaluates the effectiveness of its governance arrangements. The key sources of assurance that inform this process are shown in the diagram below:-

Diagram 3 – South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Assurance Framework



10. Further Information:

Guidance has been published by the Improvement Service regarding the role of a CPP Board Member which is detailed below for information:-

- [Improvement Service CPP Board Member Guidance - Overview of Community Planning](#)
- [Improvement Service CPP Board Member Guidance - How to be an effective CPP Board and Member](#)
- [Improvement Service CPP Board Member Guidance - Checklist for CPP Board Members](#)

11. Glossary of terms

Community Plan – This is the overarching strategy of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership. It is also known as a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan as set out in Section 6 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

Place Director – A Place Director represents the Scottish Government in local authority and Community Planning Partnership areas. More information can be found on the Scottish Government’s website: [Place Directors: factsheet - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

Neighbourhood Plans – These are plans which set out local priorities for action in communities that experience poorer outcomes than the rest of South Lanarkshire. They are also known as Locality Plans as set out in Section 9 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Partner Commitments

The Partnership is a joint working arrangement where the partners are otherwise independent bodies who commit to working collaboratively through:-

- Upholding and demonstrating the standards of behaviour as set out in the Seven Principles of Public Life ([also known as the Nolan principles](#)) (see Appendix 2).
- Working in a way that demonstrates the values of openness, respect, parity between partners and which achieves progress through reaching consensus and positively promotes shared decision-making;
- Attending each Partnership Board meeting and, if this is not possible, a named substitute of sufficient seniority should deputise;
- Appointing a representative(s) with appropriate authority to contribute to and seek to implement decisions made by the Partnership. In respect of the Partnership Board, this will be Chair or person of Chief Executive status/equivalent or their senior nominee;
- Providing clarification as appropriate when contributing to final decision-making, whether views expressed are as an individual or on behalf of their respective organisation;
- At all times act in the best interests of the partnership, setting aside any personal interests;
- Ensuring the strategic and operational commitment of their organisation to the community planning process;
- Delivery of the principles for effective community planning as set out in the [Community Empowerment Act](#) these are: community participation and co-production; tackling inequalities; shared leadership; governance and accountability; understanding of local communities' needs; circumstances and opportunities; focus on key priorities; focus on prevention; resourcing improvement; and effective performance management;
- Ensuring that partnership working, is co-ordinated and inclusive, especially in relation to accepting shared responsibility for agreed actions;
- Leading or supporting work to deliver the agreed outcomes and actions;
- Facilitating the sharing of information and resources to support the delivery of community planning activities;
- Promoting the work of the partnership within their organisation;
- Ensuring any agreed community planning budget and resource requirements are included as part of your organisation's annual budget and resource planning process;
- Supporting capacity building initiatives aimed at strengthening the knowledge and skills of partner representatives and communities in respect of community planning;
- Co-operating and participating in monitoring and reporting frameworks that meet the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act; and
- Contributing to the promotion, development and maintenance of strong links with wider partners, community organisations, and communities.

The Seven Principles of Public Life

The Seven Principles of Public Life (also known as the Nolan Principles) apply to anyone who works as a public office-holder. This includes all those who are elected or appointed to public office, nationally and locally, and all people appointed to work in the Civil Service, local government, the police, courts and probation services, non-departmental public bodies, and in the health, education, social and care services. All public office-holders are both servants of the public and stewards of public resources. The principles also apply to all those in other sectors delivering public services.

Selflessness

Board members should act solely in terms of the public interest.

Integrity

Board members must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

Objectivity

Board members must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

Accountability

Board members are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

Openness

Board members should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

Honesty

Board members should be truthful.

Leadership

Board members should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour and treat others with respect. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.

CPP Board Membership Review

List of Statutory and Non-Statutory Organisations/Groups
represented on the CPP Board

Organisation/Group	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Board Member?
Community Partnerships	Non-Statutory	Yes
Federation of Small Businesses	Non-Statutory	Yes
Historic Environment Scotland	Statutory duty to participate	No
NHS Lanarkshire	Statutory duty to facilitate	Yes
Police Service of Scotland	Statutory duty to facilitate	Yes
Scottish Enterprise	Statutory duty to facilitate	Yes
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	Statutory duty to facilitate	Yes
Scottish Natural Heritage	Statutory duty to participate	No
Seniors Together	Non-Statutory	Yes
Skills Development Scotland	Statutory duty to participate	Yes
South Lanarkshire College	Statutory duty to participate	No
South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Statutory duty to participate	Yes
South Lanarkshire Council	Statutory duty to facilitate	Yes
South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture	Non-Statutory	Yes
Strathclyde Passenger Transport	Statutory duty to participate	Yes
The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency	Statutory duty to participate	No
The Scottish Sports Council	Statutory duty to participate	No
University of the West of Scotland	Non-Statutory	Yes
VASLan (Third Sector Interface)	Non-Statutory	Yes
VisitScotland	Statutory duty to participate	No

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Local Governance Review Community Engagement
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 07880 174955 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ present to the Partnership Board, proposals for a community engagement exercise on shared decision-making through the Community Planning Partnership (CPP), to be carried out in the context of the Scottish Government's completion of the jointly commissioned (with COSLA) Local Governance Review
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) approve a 'Let's Talk... Democracy' Community Planning Partnership (CPP) branded exercise (2) approve the proposed objectives and Engagement plan for public engagement, as outlined in Appendix 1; and (3) that partners support the programme through the provision of information for public and attendance/co-hosting events
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ambition 1 - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources ◆ Ambition 2 - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better ◆ Ambition 3 - We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work ◆ Principles: Communication and Empowerment; and Embracing Change
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary is set out at Appendix 1

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Local Governance Review Community Engagement
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ present to the Partnership Board, proposals for a community engagement exercise on shared decision-making through the Community Planning Partnership (CPP), to be carried out in the context of the Scottish Government's completion of the jointly commissioned (with COSLA) Local Governance Review

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) approve a 'Let's Talk... Democracy' Community Planning Partnership (CPP) branded exercise
- (2) approve the proposed objectives and engagement plan for public engagement, as outlined in Appendix 1; and
- (3) that partners support the programme through the provision of information for public and attendance/co-hosting events

3. Background

3.1. In 2014, the Commission for Local Democracy published its report challenging Scotland's democratic system to "open up" democracy, ensuring it was more deliberative, more collaborative and more than party political.

3.2. In May 2019, the Scottish Government published the first phase findings of its Democracy Matters engagement within the Local Governance Review. The Local Governance Review was jointly commissioned and governed by the Scottish Government and COSLA and explicitly intended to consider the entire public sector and not just local government. These findings indicated a Scottish Government commitment to re-invigorate representative and participative democracy.

3.3. The facilitation of the phase 2 Democracy Matters public consultations, which were outsourced by the Scottish Government, raised a number of concerns for local authorities. Reports of leading questions and the narrow focus of options being discussed were held to lead to certain pre-determined conclusions. This led a number of local authorities to conduct their own, much more in-depth engagement, which featured a mix of drop-in community engagement events, with discussion and information for residents about the challenges and difficult decisions facing councils and a programme of workshop sessions where feedback was recorded (see https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9TOi0lhs_o).

- 3.4. The progress of the Review has been slow and was paused fully prior to the Covid-19 lockdown period. COSLA has now informed its members of the Scottish Government's intention to re-start the Local Governance Review and draw that work to a conclusion. The Scottish Government will start re-engaging to complete Phase 2 of Democracy Matters conversations with the public over a 6-month period, which is, at this stage, planned to commence in August/September 2023.
- 3.5. The Community Planning Partnership has, in recent years, taken significant steps to work with communities and help them develop the skills and mechanisms that allow them to engage better in representative and participative democracy on behalf of their communities.
- 3.6. One outcome of this was in 2021, when more than 3,300 local people answered a survey and 27 conversations were held with groups across South Lanarkshire to help formulate the CPP Community Plan and the Council Plan Connect. The first Ambition of the Community Plan states "we will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources. We will share power to create lasting changes."
- 3.7. At the same time, the CPP has taken forward a neighbourhood planning approach with 9 Local Neighbourhood Plans now being delivered and 3 more in development stages.
- 3.8. Neighbourhood planning areas have been brought together into 3 collaborative locality-level Neighbourhood Community Partnership Boards, Cambuslang and Rutherglen, Clydesdale and East Kilbride, with a fourth in development in Hamilton. Boards include representatives from Development Trusts, Community Councils, Neighbourhood Planning Action Groups and other local community anchor organisations. They are chaired by community leaders who are also members of the CPP Board.
- 3.9. These Partnerships provide a link for the CPP to take forward the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans alongside its community partners.
- 3.10. The structure that has been developed, as described above, provides a solid basis for the CPP to undertake a further meaningful community engagement exercise, based around shared decision-making with our communities, in the context of and at the same time as, the Scottish Government's completion of the Local Governance Review.
- 3.11. This further exercise will also offer the opportunity for Community Planning partners to inform residents about the current context in which public services are operating in terms of legislative duties, increased demands and real terms budget challenges. This will assist CPP engagement with communities regarding some of the challenging budget decisions that will be faced over the coming years in all public services.

4. Collective Governance and the Community Planning Partnership

- 4.1. The CPP's local Community Partnerships, outlined in Section 3 of this report, have the potential to become placed-based representative mechanisms. Indeed, partner members are already seeking to better understand their role in decision-making affecting their localities.
- 4.2. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership reported to the CPP Board in June 2023 that it feels it is involved in decision-making that affects it and is satisfied with the level of control it exercises in its own area.

At the Clydesdale Partnership meeting on 20 June 2023, members discussed the potential for a wider role in local decision-making.

- 4.3. This suggests an appetite exists for further discussions on shared decision-making. Therefore, it is proposed that a public conversation under the established 'Let's Talk' banner be undertaken through the CPP. This conversation would be helpful to both community bodies and public bodies in better understanding how to develop joint working moving forward.
- 4.4. Local conversations would take place in September 2023, alongside the Scottish Government's programme. A proposed detailed engagement and communication plan is outlined in Appendix 1.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications. Staff time for those involved in community discussions would be managed in the usual way. However, there may be requests to some services who work with more vulnerable residents for staff time to assist with ensuring their voices are included in a sensitive and appropriate way.
- 5.2. Staff and leaders from all public bodies are asked to attend/co-host public events supported by the South Lanarkshire Council Community Engagement Team.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. The size and scale of the engagement exercise will determine any financial costs which are estimated at £4,000 as proposed.
- 6.2. Once general parameters are agreed, the Community Engagement Manager will explore funding options from the Council and the CPP budget.

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. If any electoral events are scheduled in Autumn 2023, activities and their promotion may be subject to pre-election period restrictions.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. The engagement plan will target equalities groups as a priority for involvement in this discussion. Increasing participation from these groups is one of the objectives of this engagement.
- 9.2. As no new policy will be developed as a result of this engagement, an Equality Impact Assessment is not required at this time.

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APPENDIX 1

Detailed Engagement Plan

Local Governance Review Engagement 2023
Getting Involved in decisions about the use of public resources
11 September 2023 – 31 October 2023

1. Key Communication Messages

1. Public services are in the midst of unprecedented reductions in funding.
2. There will be cuts to public services now and in the future.
3. It's important that local residents are involved in decisions that affect them.
4. It's important we discuss how you want to participate.
5. It's important we understand how much influence you want to have and ensure we will make decisions with you.

2. Engagement Purpose

2.1. Level 3 - Involve: This engagement will work with community to ensure their concerns and aspirations are understood and considered so Public Partners can appropriately involve people in future decisions.

Level 1 Inform	Level 2 Consult	Level 3 Involve	Level 4 Collaboration	Level 5 Empowerment
Providing the public with objective and balanced information to understand options and solutions	The community provide feedback on ideas and solutions presented by officers	Work with Community to ensure their concerns and aspirations are understood and considered	Partner with the public in all aspects of decision making	Decision making power placed in the hands of communities

- [Spectrum of Public Participation – Organizing Engagement](#) (accessed 30 July 2023)

3. Engagement Objectives

1. For the CPP to gather views on how Communities wish to be involved in decision-making relating to the Community Plan and the CPP.
2. To support the Neighbourhood Partnership Boards to determine their scope and terms of references.
3. To better understand how to develop the skills of local people and of Community Planning partners to support joint working for lasting change in communities.
4. To help inform communities about the current context in which public sector partners operate in terms of legislative duties, increased demands and real terms budget challenges.
5. Inform a South Lanarkshire formal response to the Scottish Government's Local Governance Review Engagement 2023.

4. Engagement Methods

Information

- 4.1. Brief, plain English information will be available on the CPP website explaining the purpose of the engagement and a summary of the Local Governance Review.
- 4.2. An un-editable version of the presentation provided at workshops will be available online.

Survey

- 4.3. A detailed public survey will be open for 7 weeks between **11 September 2023** and **28 October 2023**.
- 4.4. The survey will contain (10-15) questions with space for open comments at each question

Presentation and Discussion Workshops

- 4.5. Between 14 September and 5 October 2023, six face to face public conversations will be co-hosted by a senior public official and a community leader or Chair of CPP Neighbourhood Boards in relevant localities between 10am-noon on Wednesdays and Thursdays across the engagement period.
- 4.6. Each locality will also have an online session from 7pm-9pm on Tuesday evenings during the engagement period.
- 4.7. A presentation will be prepared will inform discussion workshops

Drop In Sessions

- 4.8. At the same day and location as the public discussions, a drop in option will be hosted in the same venue between 12:00pm-16:00pm.
- 4.9. This will accommodate additional engagement tables from SLC and other partners in the same venue.

Pop Up Conversations

- 4.10. CET staff will attend public venues and a selection of schools to raise awareness and gather some quick feedback from persons who may not be able to attend events during the day or would not normally participate in public consultation.
- 4.11. Will promote and raise awareness of upcoming events in a local area and the survey.
- 4.12. Will gather responses to 1-2 short survey questions.

Focus Groups

- 4.13. Focus Groups will be conversations run by partners who wish to involve the quieter voices of the communities of shared characteristics that they work with.
- 4.14. We would like to hear from persons with disability and persons experiencing disadvantage.

PB Evaluation

- 4.15. The evaluation will take place in October and explore views and values around use of a local decision-making tool by engaging local residents in discussions around how they felt making decisions.

5. Engagement Events by Locality

	Date	Time	Location	Venue	Additional Partners Drop In Events
Hamilton/Blantyre/Larkhall					
Pop up	Monday 06/09/23				
Presentation and workshop	Thursday 14/09/23	10:00am-12:00pm	Hamilton	Banqueting Hall (SLC)	
Drop-in session	Thursday 14/09/23	12:00pm-16:00pm	Hamilton	Banqueting Hall (SLC)	
Online Presentation and Workshop	Tuesday 19/09/23	19:00pm-21:00pm	Online	MS Teams	
School visit - Holy Cross Secondary					
Pop Up					
East Kilbride					
Pop up	Monday 06/09/23				
Presentation and workshop	Wednesday 13/09/23	10:00am-12:00pm	East Kilbride	Ballerup Hall	
Drop-in session	Wednesday 13/09/23	12:00pm-16:00pm	East Kilbride	Ballerup Hall	
Online Presentation and Workshop	Tuesday 26/09/23	19:00pm-21:00pm	Online	MS Teams	
School visit - Duncanrig Academy					
Pop Up					
Cambuslang and Rutherglen					
Pop up	Monday 11/09/23				
Presentation and workshop - Rutherglen	Wednesday 20/09/23	10:00am-12:00pm	Rutherglen	Rutherglen Town Hall	
Drop-in session - Rutherglen	Wednesday 20/09/23	12:00pm-16:00pm	Rutherglen	Rutherglen Town Hall	
Presentation and workshop - Cambuslang	Thursday 21/09/23	10:00am-12:00pm	Cambuslang	Cambuslang Institute	
Drop-in session - Cambuslang	Thursday 21/09/23	12:00pm-16:00pm	Cambuslang	Cambuslang Institute	
Online Workshop	Tuesday 03/10/23	19:00pm-21:00pm	Online	MS Teams	
School visit - Trinity High School					
Pop Up					

Clydesdale					
Pop up	Monday 19/09/2023				
Presentation and workshop	Wednesday 27/09/23	10:00am-12:00pm	Douglas	St Brides Community Centre	Rail Extension
Drop-in session	Wednesday 27/09/23	12:00pm-16:00pm	Douglas	St Brides Community Centre	Rail Extension
Presentation and workshop	Wednesday 27/09/23	10:00am-12:00pm	Carluke	Carluke Lifestyles or Lanark Memorial Hall	
Drop-in session	Thursday 28/09/23	12:00pm-16:00pm	Carluke		
Online Session	Thursday 05/10/23	19:00pm-21:00pm	Online	MS Teams	
School visit - Carluke High School					
Pop Up					

6. Communications Plan

Audience: General public and community groups and organisations

Information Sources

- Pre-engagement information pack will be hosted on CPP Website Page.
- Let's Continue Talking Flyer – A list of consultations across partners that the public can get involved with 2023/24. Available online and at events.

Promotion – Audience: General Public

- Email information and invites circulated - 28 August
- Press Release - 28 August
- Social Media promotion ongoing - 1 September-30 September
- Posters- in libraries and public venues - 28 August
- Post Cards- handed out at Pop ups 6 September-30 September

7. Costs

ELEMENT	ITEM	UNITS	APPROX COSTS
COMMS	Pull Up Banner - Let's Talk	2	£160.00
COMMS	Pull Up Banner - Survey	1	£80.00
COMMS	A3 Poster	250	£40.00
COMMS	Postcard	4000	£120.00
PARTICIPATION	Paper Surveys	5000	£370.00
PARTICIPATION	Return Envelopes	200	£200.00
LETS	Public Events	6	£1,000.00
LETS	Public Events Tea / Coffee	600	£600.00
COMMS	Marketing Email	6000	£300.00
STATIONARY	Pens, Clipboards, Flipcharts etc	Various	£200.00
PARTICIPATION	Storyboards (tbc)		£600.00
COMMS	Lets Continue Talking... posters	500	£80.00
		TOTAL	£3,750.00

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Volunteering Strategy Update
Report by:	Chief Executive, Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan) – Third Sector Interface
Contact for Further Information:	Steven Sweeney, Chief Executive, VASLan Tel: 01698 300390 Email: steven.sweeney@vaslan.org.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on progress in the delivery of the Volunteering Strategy
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the content of the report, be noted (2) that all Community Planning Partnership (CPP) partners, following on from signing the Volunteering Pledge, register onto the quality pipeline as Charter Champions, as we work towards Investing in Volunteering; and (3) that in order for us to deliver upon our shared ambitions, further funding will be required
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	Update on the progress in the delivery of the Volunteering Strategy and request all CPP partners register onto the quality pipeline as Charter Champions and work progresses towards Investing in Volunteering

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Chief Executive, Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire, (VASLan) – Third Sector Interface

Subject:	Volunteering Strategy Update
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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 in the delivery of the Volunteering Strategy

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report, be noted
- (2) that all Community Planning Partnership (CPP) partners, following on from signing the Volunteering Pledge, register onto the quality pipeline as Charter Champions, as we work towards Investing in Volunteering; and
- (3) that in order for us to deliver upon our shared ambitions, further funding will be required

3. Background

3.1. On 22 June 2022, the CPP Board approved the following recommendations:-

- ◆ that all CPP partners commit and agree to the signing and delivery of the CPP Volunteering Pledge
- ◆ that the CPP Volunteering Strategy is approved
- ◆ that all CPP partners commit to working through the Investing in Volunteers accreditation process
- ◆ that CPP partners discuss the barriers and enablers to a successful Volunteer Passport Scheme in South Lanarkshire and approve the approach; and
- ◆ delegate governance and financial management of the Valuing Volunteers funding to the CPP Outcome Leads Group

3.2. All CPP partners signed the Volunteering Pledge on 3 October 2022, a copy can be found here: [CPP Pledge - A0 Size \(vaslan.org.uk\)](https://vaslan.org.uk). All partners committed to a positive volunteering ethos, specifically the following:-

- ◆ to connect to a South Lanarkshire-wide network of support, opportunities and recognition increasing the number and diversity of volunteering opportunities available within our organisations
- ◆ to positively engage with stakeholders across a range of provision, sharing resources and developing shared practice to enhance community recovery

- ◆ to enable volunteering across all sections of our organisations and the wider community through increased accessibility and a flexible approach to volunteering, bringing diversity to our collective team and sharing wider perspectives from which we can all learn and improve; and
 - ◆ cultivate a sense of community, championing our collective activities within our community and celebrating volunteers for their contribution to our collective cause in a meaningful way
- 3.3. The Volunteering Strategy was also released on 3 October 2022, at the same event, to launch the new CPP Community Plan. Volunteering is a key component in realising our ambitions and principles in the new plan. The Volunteering Strategy can be found here: [CPP Volunteering Strategy \(vaslan.org.uk\)](https://vaslan.org.uk).
- 3.4. In terms of quality standards, thank you and well done to Police Scotland who has already achieved the Investing in Volunteering accreditation through its Youth Volunteering Scheme. As all other CPP partners make their own arrangements around progressing through the quality standard, it is proposed that, following on from signing the Volunteering Pledge, all partners register on the quality pipeline as Charter Champions.

The Volunteer Charter sets out 10 key principles which help to ensure that volunteers are engaged in rewarding, appropriate and sustainable roles. It helps to ensure that volunteers have quality volunteering experiences with adequate support and training and protects against the engagement of volunteers to replace or undermine paid roles.

This guide is for anybody who has influence over decisions which affect volunteering including local and national policy makers, elected representatives, trade union representatives, senior leaders in public services and funders: [Volunteer Charter Influencer Guide \(volunteerscotland.net\)](https://volunteerscotland.net).

This guide is for all groups or organisations who involve volunteers within all sectors including voluntary and community organisations, social enterprises, statutory bodies and private enterprises. The size of the volunteer team is irrelevant; the Charter covers groups with very few volunteers to organisations with hundreds of volunteers: [Volunteer Charter Volunteer Involving Organisations Guide \(volunteerscotland.net\)](https://volunteerscotland.net).

4. **Current Context**

- 4.1. Following on from the pandemic, costs crisis and other ongoing challenges, the current context within the public sector and other bodies is well documented. The third sector, volunteers, community organisations and social enterprises are the line of sight for what is actually happening within our communities. To frame progress to date against the strategic objectives, the following data gives a sense of the current operating context in which volunteering predominantly sits:-

- ◆ according to OSCR's Sector Overview Report from July 2023, 77% of community organisations have an income profile of £100k or less
- ◆ based on SCVO's Third Sector Tracker Report from Winter 2022/2023, 67% of community organisations are having challenges recruiting and retaining volunteers, with only 89% confident they will still be operating in 12 months' time
- ◆ many grant makers have less funding available, whilst taking pauses to review strategic impact

- ◆ in South Lanarkshire over the past 12 months, based on our intelligence, 20 organisations have ceased to exist, along with 33 services of existing organisations. Predominantly lack of funding has been cited as the reason for ceasing. We currently have 1,603 organisations and 2,576 active third sector services but trends and analysis suggest this will decline further over next period; and
- ◆ there is a lack of capacity in the sector locally, based on intelligence specifically around community transport, befriending, counselling, mental health supports and broader social prescribing activities

5. Progress: Strategic Objectives

5.1. Promote

- ◆ A new volunteering website was created to lead on the promotion of volunteering and link to rewarding volunteers in the Volunteers Week of June 2023: [Welcome to Volunteers' Week 2023: Celebrate & Inspire | Volunteers' Week 2023: Celebrate & Inspire \(vaslan.org.uk\)](https://www.vaslan.org.uk). There are 23 volunteering stories videos which have been produced which CPP partners can collectively utilise to promote volunteering and its benefits to individuals and communities: [Volunteering Stories | Volunteers' Week 2023: Celebrate & Inspire \(vaslan.org.uk\)](https://www.vaslan.org.uk)
- ◆ When launching the strategy, there were 6 organisations in South Lanarkshire who had achieved or were working towards volunteer quality standards accreditation. Following ongoing promotion and awareness raising at locality and thematic networks, there are now the 46 organisations below who have achieved or are working towards a volunteer quality standards accreditation

Achieved	Renewing	Working Towards	Pending Registration
Agape Wellness Centre (VF)	Trust Jack Foundation (VF)	St Mary's for All (VF)	EK & District Talking Newspaper (VF)
Sporting Memories Foundation Scotland: SL (liV)	Lanark Community Development Trust (VF)	MorphFit Gentle Movement Project Ltd (VF)	East Kilbride Community Foodbank (VF)
National Autistic Society (VF)	Food Bank (VF)	New Lanark Trust (liV)	Carstairs Junction Welcome All Hub (VF)
Machan Trust (VF)		Kilbryde Hospice (liV)	Covey Befriending (liV)
Healthy Valleys (liV)		David Livingstone Trust (liV)	Waist Not Want Not (VF)
Guide Dogs Scotland: SL (liV)		Loaves & Fishes (VF)	Hamilton Judo Club (VF)
Hamilton Food Bank (VF)		Larkhall & District Volunteers Group (liV)	Clydesdale Community Activities Group (VF)
Healthy & Active (liV)			Biggar Rugby Football Club (liV)
			Hamilton Citizens Advice Bureau (liV)
			WATIF (liV)
			Lanarkshire Rape Crisis Centre (liV)
			Wiston Lodge (liV)
			Community Links SL (liV)
			Swaddle (VF)

VF = Volunteer Friendly Award

liV = Investing in Volunteers

5.2. Enable

- ◆ volunteer support has been redesigned to take into account volunteer assessment and support records. To date we have supported 115 individuals to remove barriers to volunteering, who have all completed an assessment and have been offered support prior to volunteering with soft skills, confidence building, etc. To date, 108 support sessions have taken place and 669 volunteer placements offered
- ◆ community organisations have been supported to offer inclusive volunteering opportunities that are more flexible in their approach and there are currently 170 open opportunities on offer to volunteers that provide either support and supervision, supported volunteering, expenses, flexible hours or one-off ad hoc volunteering
- ◆ we co-led the planning and implementation of the New Scots in Lanarkshire Conference, highlighting volunteering opportunities to provide individuals seeking refuge in South Lanarkshire, a warm welcome: [Supporting New Scots in Lanarkshire Conference - YouTube](#)
- ◆ Valuing Volunteers is part of Volunteer Scotland's work plan with the Scottish Government, breaking down barriers to Protecting Vulnerable Groups (PVG) centralisation. Ongoing, should a feasibility study lead to positive action, this will be tied to the developing volunteer passport; and
- ◆ Employer Supported Volunteering (ESV) opportunities supported events with the Big Help Out on 8 May 2023. We have attended the Transform Business Festival and various Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Networking events to raise awareness of ESV within the business community

5.3. Build

- ◆ the Training Platform handover is complete, internal development and the testing phase is underway and will be available for pilot test for volunteers in South Lanarkshire later in the year; and
- ◆ the feasibility of the Volunteer Passport Scheme for shared checks, training and agreements was approved as part of pathfinder. This will follow co-production of learning pathways and training records on the training platform

5.4. Contribute

- ◆ the trend analysis of volunteering in South Lanarkshire shows a more than doubling of the volunteer opportunities being advertised by community organisations. It also shows significant increases in individuals being proactively placed and brokered into volunteering, as part of Covid-19 recovery following on from neighbourhoods largely self-organising; and
- ◆ during Green Health Week, we explored the link between the environment and volunteering, focusing on the 5 ways to wellbeing and connecting to nature: [Green Health Week 2023 Highlights and 5 Ways to Wellbeing in Nature - YouTube](#).

5.5. Reward

- ◆ CPP partners and community organisations held a range of events in and around Volunteers Week to reward and thank volunteers for all that they do. Highlights video here: [Volunteers Week 2023 - Highlights - YouTube](#).

5.6. The above noted points highlight progress to date per objective in the delivery of the Volunteering Strategy from October 2022 to July 2023.

6. Next Steps

6.1. To build on progress to date, we will continue to progress the areas below between August 2023 and March 2024. Subject to funding, this will continue for the duration of the strategy until September 2024:-

- ◆ cross-sector communication messaging to promote the benefits of volunteering to individuals and communities
- ◆ convert 'working towards' to 'achieved' volunteer quality standards accreditation, recruit further within budget and support all CPP partners to proceed with this process
- ◆ targeted inclusive volunteer recruitment across CPP partners
- ◆ support CPP partners to develop and implement ESV policies and procedures
- ◆ co-production with CPP partners and our communities of learning pathways on training platform, shaping training records and preparing for volunteer portability, become a hub for sharing resources
- ◆ establishing CPP wide data on the volume of volunteering across the partnership
- ◆ a collaborative approach to evidencing the impact of sustainable volunteering on communities and environment; and
- ◆ continue to build the quality and quantity of opportunities to reward and say thank you to volunteers in our communities

7. Budget

7.1. The governance and financial management of the Valuing Volunteers funding was delegated to the CPP Outcome Leads Group. As a result of required Warm Welcome interventions in response to the costs crisis over the winter period, the initial £500k resource to deliver upon the strategy was revised to £210k. This was shaped as follows:-

Budget	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25		Consolidated over 18 Months to 31/3/24
Projected Income	£60,580	£144,833	£54,179	£259,592	
Carry over income		£0	£0	£0	
Volunteering Project Lead (inc on-costs)	£22,500	£45,000	£22,500	£90,000	£67,500
Volunteers Officer (inc on-costs)	£13,580	£39,049	£19,525	£ 72,154	£52,629
Volunteering Administrator (inc on-costs)		£16,309	£8,154	£24,463	£16,309
Project Scoping and Development (Inc strategy/pledge)	£8,000	-	-	£8,000	£8,000
Locality Anchor Support	-	-	-	£0	£0
110 - VF Quality awards	£2,000	£6,000	£2,000	£10,000	£8,000
15 - liV Quality awards	£10,000	£5,000	-	£15,000	£15,000
Technology Solutions	£2,500	£20,000	-	£22,500	£22,500
Partner Barrier Removal	-	-	-	£0	0
Volunteer Support Fund inc travel expenses	£2,000	£4,000	£2,000	£8,000	£6,000
Partner contingency / PR / Events	-	-	-	£0	£0
Business support infrastructure	-	£9,475	-	£9,475	£9,475
Totals	£60,580	£144,833	£54,179	£259,592	£205,413

- 7.2. You will see that we have a shortfall of £49,592 if we are to deliver on our ambitions within this volunteering strategy over the full 24 months (as opposed to 18) to deliver upon the strategic objectives. Taking into consideration the new financial commitments in the Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report considered by the board earlier in this agenda, I'd like to enquire whether any future underspend could contribute towards this purpose. I'd also like to enquire whether any CPP partners are in a position to make an individual organisation contribution, in order to meet the shortfall in funds.
- 7.3. Additional funding would allow us as Community Planning Partners to collectively deliver the next steps outlined in 6.1 with a 24 month as opposed to 18 month timescale. Volunteering is key to the delivery of our new CPP Plan, the volunteers of our Community Partnerships require dedicated capacity building training and support, and to become better connected to this ongoing work. Without this, we are at risk of becoming ineffective with engagement and collaborative working alongside our communities. This one-off, non recurring investment would give us as good an opportunity as possible to ensure the impact of this work is sustainable for the duration of the new CPP Plan.
- 7.4. VASLan currently utilise £43,427.86 of its own funds per annum towards this specific purpose. We intend to do so again in 2024/2025. We are also re-shaping our delivery model which should allow for more time on task in a volunteering space. We also have the option to explore external grant funding opportunities, which as a patchwork of funding options, we would be happy to do. I'd note however that external grant funding is the earmarked option to increase the training platform capacity. We currently have 200 licences based on the technology solutions investments. Should we realise the ambitions of the volunteer passport, additional resource will be required to scale this venture.

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 within this report.

11. Other Implications

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

12. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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9 August 2023

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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Climate Change and Nature - CPP Board Development Session Proposal 10 October 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
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Purpose:	♦ explore the role of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board's Senior Leaders in supporting climate change and nature loss
Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the proposal for developing a robust process to stimulate and act on ideas to positively impact on climate change and nature loss, be endorsed; and (2) that the proposal for the Board Development Session on 10 October 2023, as set out at paragraph 4, be approved
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	Ambition 3: We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work
Summary of Report:	Climate Change and Nature proposal for the focus of the CPP Board Development Session on 10 October 2023

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Education Resources) South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Climate Change and Nature Loss - CPP Board Development Session Proposal 10 October 2023
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ explore the role of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board's Senior Leaders in supporting climate change and nature loss

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the proposal for developing a robust process to stimulate and act on ideas to positively impact on climate change and nature loss, be endorsed; and
- (2) that the proposal for the Board Development Session on 10 October 2023, as set out at paragraph 4, be approved

3. Background

- 3.1. Challenging climate change and nature loss is recognised as a priority for everyone. Children, young people and adults are all engaged in both discussion and action towards tackling the impacts on the environment and reducing the harm being done. Locally and nationally, children and young people are actively promoting and raising awareness of the issues through the Scottish Youth Parliament 2022/2023 campaign priorities with a focus on the fashion industry, the Children's Parliament publication of its findings on its investigation into 'Learning for Sustainability' and locally through the South Lanarkshire's Youth Strategy 2022 to 2025, with the environment as 1 of the 5 key priorities.
- 3.2. Following the lead up to COP26 in 2021 and since this event, there has been an increased engagement in both trying to understand and tackle climate change and the impact which has been experienced across Scotland. A strengthened emphasis on 'Learning for Sustainability' has developed within education settings both within school establishments and within communities, in youth centres and community projects.
- 3.3. Developments towards a more informed understanding of children and young peoples' rights and the move towards embedding the United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child into Scottish Law, have encouraged both adults, children and young people's engagement in environmental issues and efforts to both understand and to educate others towards action.

- 3.4. Such action has seen primary schools across South Lanarkshire participate in the Conference of Schools 1 (COS1) event in October 2022, where secondary pupils developed a range of workshops to improve understanding and inspire activity towards making changes both in schools and in homes and communities to tackle climate change and nature loss.
- 3.5. Together, South Lanarkshire Youth Council and the schools South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability are keen to inform the CPP from a young person's lived experience and perspective and improve the quality of discussion with Senior Leaders, towards exploring ideas on how we use the evolving focus on climate change and nature loss as a catalyst to engage people and stimulate new ideas to impact on climate change and nature loss and develop a robust process to present and act on these ideas.
- 3.6. South Lanarkshire Youth Council and the schools SLC Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability can play a key role in facilitating actions including supporting leaders as champions, supporting local workshops and training and sign posting to a broad range of useful tools/resources.

4. Board Development Session Proposal 10 October 2023 – Climate Change and Nature Loss Session

- 4.1. The Board is asked to consider that the next Board Development session is held with young people and has a focus on Climate Change and Nature. This is scheduled to take place on 10 October 2023 within Holy Cross High School, 51 New Park Street, Hamilton, ML3 0BN, between 1pm and 3pm.
- 4.2. Led by members of the South Lanarkshire Youth Council and the schools SLC Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability, key inputs will present the issues facing young people locally and nationally including:-
 - ◆ reducing, reusing and recycling
 - ◆ transport
 - ◆ education
 - ◆ social media
- 4.3. The second part of the workshop will explore a range of areas with the participants including:-
 - ◆ routes for young people to present ideas, inform and report progress to the Partnership of both local and national ideas and challenges through the Partnership's agenda
 - ◆ encouraging engagement in the area of climate change and nature loss
 - ◆ methods to influence wider agendas in this area, other boards and strategic priorities
 - ◆ challenge questions to maintain and secure improvement
 - ◆ existing and emerging good practice to support improvement agenda
- 4.4. The expected outcome of the workshop is for the Board to have a clearer understanding of the impact young people are making and how best to embed their presence in the planning and delivery of actions and of evaluating the impact of such actions to affect climate change and nature loss together.

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 negative implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.

8. Other Implications

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

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Spatial Planning Update
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Tony Finn, Planning and Building Standards Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 01698 455105 Email: Tony.finn@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the statutory duties of the Planning Service in South Lanarkshire Council and the relationship with the Board, including:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Preparation of the Local Development Plan 3 ◆ Preparation of an Open Space Strategy; and ◆ Supporting community bodies to prepare Local Place Plans for their area
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All Partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the content of the report, be noted; and (2) that partners agree to participate in the preparation of the Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3) and the Open Space Strategy and support community bodies to prepare Local Place Plans
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles.
Summary of Report:	<p>The report summarises the changes introduced by the Scottish Government in relation to Spatial Planning matters and the work that the Planning Service is doing to carry out its statutory duties.</p> <p>The report then outlines the ways in which partners can help with this process, particularly in relation to the first stage evidence report for the Local Development Plan 3 and the Open Space Strategy.</p>

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources), South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Spatial Planning Update
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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 statutory duties of the Planning Service in South Lanarkshire Council and the relationship with the Board, including:-
 - ◆ preparation of the Local Development Plan 3
 - ◆ preparation of an Open Space Strategy; and
 - ◆ supporting community bodies to prepare Local Place Plans for their area

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report, be noted; and
- (2) that the Partnership Board agree to participate in the preparation of the Local Development Plan 3 and the Open Space Strategy and support community bodies to prepare Local Place Plans

3. Background

3.1. The Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 introduced a number of legislative and policy changes as part of the Scottish Government's transformation of the Planning System in Scotland. The creation of high-quality places with the homes, infrastructure and investment that people need and empowering communities to influence the future development of their areas are at the heart of the reforms. This recognises the important part Spatial Planning has in addressing climate change and ensuring communities are sustained and supported. This report summarises the main changes and the role that the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board has in supporting and delivering them.

4. National Planning Framework 4 (NPF4)

4.1. The Act introduced a statutory requirement for the Scottish Government to prepare and adopt a new National Planning Framework which will represent their spatial strategy for Scotland. It sets out the 6 outcomes NPF4 is required to achieve, namely:-

- ◆ improving the health and wellbeing of people
- ◆ increasing the population of rural areas
- ◆ meeting housing needs

- ◆ improving equality and eliminating discrimination
- ◆ meeting targets for emissions of greenhouse gases; and
- ◆ securing positive effects for biodiversity

NPF4 was published and adopted on 13 February 2023. It aims to support the place agenda by bringing together cross-cutting priorities to support the delivery of:

- ◆ Sustainable places where emissions are reduced and biodiversity is restored and better connected
- ◆ Liveable places where communities will live better, healthier lives; and
- ◆ Productive places where there will be a greener, fairer and more inclusive wellbeing economy

The Board is asked to note that these place themes align with the 3 ambitions of the Community Plan.

- 4.2. NPF4 has a new enhanced status compared to previous versions in that it forms part of the Development Plan for South Lanarkshire alongside the Council's own Local Development Plan. It includes National Planning Policy comprising of 33 policies on separate topics for the development and use of land which are to be applied in the preparation of local development plans; local place plans; masterplans and briefs; and for determining planning applications.

5. South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 3

- 5.1. The Council's current Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) was adopted in April 2021. The timing of the preparation of LDP2 in relation to the changes brought about by the 2019 Act, means it does not fully address a range of policy matters now contained in NPF4. The focus of LDP3 will be to address challenges including the climate and nature emergencies, tackling poverty and disadvantage and health inequalities. As well as more traditional policy areas such as land for housing, business and industry, safeguarding town centres and protecting built and environmental assets. New themes to be addressed include health and wellbeing; Community Wealth Building; local living (through the delivery of 20 minute neighbourhoods); heat and cooling; and digital infrastructure.
- 5.2. The 2019 Act and recently published regulations and guidance also introduce changes to the way an LDP is prepared as well as its content and format. In a new focus, the Act specifically requires LDP3 to take account of the Community Plan. LDP3 will be place-based with the Place Principle providing the policy context to ensure a participative approach to the future planning of places, services and infrastructure through partnership working with council services, local communities (including Community Partnerships and Neighbourhood Planning Groups) and members of the CPP Board. The delivery of the Local Living concept (where people are able to meet most of their daily needs within a reasonable distance of their home) through a place-based approach is fundamental.
- 5.3. The plan will also be people-centred so that it meets the needs and aspirations of people and communities and seeks to tackle inequalities. Extensive engagement will be carried out with stakeholders, key agencies and partners and local communities so that the plan is prepared collaboratively considering a diverse range of views. Key agencies that are to be engaged in the preparation of the plan include Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), Scottish Water, Scottish Enterprise, NHS Lanarkshire and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport. Members of the Partnership Board will be important participants in the process.

We will also engage with a wide range of groups including children and young people, disabled persons, gypsy travellers, the Community Partnerships and Neighbourhood Planning Groups and Community Councils.

- 5.4. The plan should be seen as a corporate document and a vehicle for the delivery of outcomes by drawing together all of the Council's strategies, plans and the objectives of the Council Plan as well of those of its partners and other stakeholders. Paragraph 8.3 shows some examples of how partners can be involved in influencing the plan.

The plan is to take an infrastructure first approach so that an understanding of existing capacity and the requirement for new or improved infrastructure is an integral part of the plan process; this is to inform the site selection process. The LDP will include a Delivery Programme which will set out how the Council will implement the plan including a list of actions required to deliver the policies and proposals and the timescales involved. LDP2 has a 5 year lifetime whereas the new style LDPs will have a 10 year lifetime so there is a need to plan further ahead.

- 5.5. Below is a brief summary of the stages now involved in preparing the LDP3.

Development Plan Scheme (DPS)

Prepared annually and includes proposed timetabling for each stage of the plan and a Participation Statement which describes how and when interested parties can get involved including methods to reach under-represented groups. This year's DPS was approved by the Council's Planning Committee on 8 August 2023 and is attached as Appendix 2.

Evidence Report

This is a new requirement to inform what to plan for before the proposed plan looks at where new development should take place. The evidence to be gathered includes a wide range of quantitative data on issues such as health, infrastructure capacity and population characteristics. We will also want to draw together local, regional and national strategies and policy priorities, together with proposals for new or changes to service delivery, where they will have an impact on the direction of the LDP.

Extensive early engagement will also be carried out with other Council services, key agencies, stakeholders, interest groups and local communities. This will ensure the lived experience of those who live and work in a place is captured and the views of those involved in the future delivery of the plan (largely partners and stakeholders but also communities in terms of their aspirations for their area) are known in terms of resources, programming and partnership working. Validation and agreement of the evidence by stakeholders, etc, will be carried out.

Gate Check

Once approved by the Council, the Evidence Report must be submitted to Scottish Ministers to carry out a Gate Check. This is an assessment of whether sufficient information has been gathered to prepare the LDP and appropriate engagement has been carried out.

Proposed Plan

The proposed plan will identify where new development should and should not, take place. It will reflect the ambitions and priorities for the future development of the Council area and support the co-ordination of development and service provision. It will be place-based with a focus on places and locations resulting in less written policy but more emphasis on maps, development briefs and masterplans.

A 'Call for Ideas' will be made in the early stages to allow landowners, developers and other parties the chance to put forward proposals in relation to the development of sites for housing, retail, employment, etc but also ideas for any aspect of the plan. Following approval of a draft plan there will be a minimum 12-week statutory consultation period.

Examination and Adoption

Following approval of the proposed plan, it is submitted to Scottish Ministers to appoint a reporter to carry out an examination of any unresolved representations. Once this is complete, the reporter will prepare a report setting out recommendations for making modifications to the plan. The Council must carry out the modifications except in very limited circumstances. Once the plan has been modified, the Council can then take steps to adopt it. The current programme anticipates adoption towards the end of 2027.

6. Open Space Strategy

- 6.1. The Council has a new duty to prepare an Open Space Strategy (OSS) which is to set out the strategic framework of the Council's policies and proposals for the development, maintenance and use of blue and green infrastructure. It is a corporate document which brings together the policies of Council services including Planning, Estates, Grounds, Countryside and Greenspace and Roads and Transportation. It sits separate from the legislation on LDPs, however, the recent guidance on preparing LDPs refers to the OSS having to be submitted as part of the Evidence Report. Six outcomes are to be achieved including:-
- improving access to green infrastructure, open space and green networks
 - creating successful and sustainable places
 - improving health and wellbeing
 - advancing equality and eliminating discrimination
 - securing positive effects for biodiversity, and
 - mitigation of and adaptation to climate change
- 6.2. An audit of open space within the Council's area was completed earlier this year. Officers are now starting work on identifying localities at an appropriate scale within which statements describing the existing quality, quantity and accessibility of open space in each will be prepared. This, in turn, will inform the assessment of current and future requirements in terms of meeting the 6 outcomes and the needs of each locality. Engagement with local communities (including the Community Partnerships and Neighbourhood Planning Groups), children and young people, older and disabled people and key agencies will be carried out.
- 6.3. This work aligns with the requirement to prepare a separate Play Sufficiency Statement (PSA) to be submitted with the Evidence Report. The PSA involves an assessment of whether play opportunities in the area are sufficient in terms of quality, quantity and accessibility and where appropriate, identify how LDP3 can help address any gaps.

7. Local Place Plans

- 7.1. The ability for community bodies to prepare Local Place Plans (LPPs) for their area was introduced in the 2019 Act as a way for people to engage with the Planning System and have a positive influence in the future planning of development in their areas by setting out a community's aspirations. They are described as a way for communities, working with local authorities and other public sector organisations, to bring forward proposals that reflect National and Local Outcomes.

There is no statutory requirement to engage with the wider community but the community body has to provide a statement setting out its view of the level of the support for the LPP.

An LPP has to take account of any Neighbourhood Plan that has been prepared for the area. Where none exist, they should refer to the Community Plan. Scottish Government guidance highlights the opportunity to link an LPP to a Neighbourhood Plan in order to create efficiencies, reduce duplication and prioritise resources. Officers have been in discussions with a Local Development Trust to consider how this might be achieved.

- 7.2. Once it formally starts preparation of LDP3, the Council is required to invite communities to prepare an LPP and this should start in September 2023. LPPs are not mandatory and there will be ample opportunity for local people to engage with the Planning Service through the preparation of LDP3. However, while officers will be able to provide advice and guidance on the process, they are unable to be directly involved in preparing an LPP. A webpage has been created which provides more information and links to relevant organisations who can assist. Where they are prepared and registered, they must be considered when preparing the LDP3. However, there is no requirement for LDP3 to follow the recommendations of an LPP as there might be other factors that the council needs to consider.

8. Next Steps

- 8.1. Formal approval was given by the Council's Planning Committee on 8 August 2023 to commence the preparation of a third Local Development Plan (LDP3) for South Lanarkshire. The first stage of the process will focus over the next 12 months on the gathering of data and information to inform the Evidence Report as described above.

It is anticipated that approval will be sought from the Council to submit the Evidence Report to Scottish Ministers for the Gate Check late summer 2024. This process will involve the collation and analysis of quantitative data; drawing together plans, strategies and proposals of the Council and its partners and carrying out extensive engagement with a wide range of key agencies and stakeholders but in particular, with local communities (including the Community Partnerships and Neighbourhood Planning Groups) and interest groups such as children and young people, Seniors Together and the Access Forum in order to understand their lived experience and the needs and aspirations for their area.

The use of the Place Standard is likely to be critical in this respect. It is expected that the Council should aim to resolve any issues raised by stakeholders on the sufficiency of the evidence through validation of the data that has been collected.

- 8.2. At the same time, work will continue on the preparation of the OSS so it can be submitted with the Evidence Report. Engagement on the outcome of the audit will be carried out later in 2023 and this will generally involve the same range of organisations and communities referred to in 8.1 above. Board members such as NHS Lanarkshire, the Leisure and Culture Trust and VASLan will have an important role in this.
- 8.3. In view of this, the Partnership Board members have a key role in the preparation of the Evidence Report. Firstly, in terms of the data and information that will need to be collected. Appendix 1 of the report lists the matters that the Act identifies which the Council must set out their views on in the Evidence Report. These include issues relating to:-

- ◆ the health of the population as well as their health needs and the likely effect of development and use of land on those health needs (NHS Lanarkshire)
- ◆ the housing needs of the population including the needs of those in further and higher education; older people and disabled people (Housing Services/Seniors Together/UWS/South Lanarkshire College/RSLs)
- ◆ the education needs of the population and the likely effect of development and use of land on those education needs; and
- ◆ the infrastructure of the area including transport, communications and health and education facilities and how that infrastructure is used (SPT)

Other information not listed in the Appendix but referenced in recently published guidance on development planning includes (not exhaustive):-

- ◆ sources of greenhouse gas emissions and climate risks likely to affect the area. Who is affected by climate change is a key issue
- ◆ the location of facilities for community purposes, eg, sport, leisure, arts and cultural services (South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture)
- ◆ those for health and wellbeing including visiting health services, clinics and childcare provision (NHS Lanarkshire and Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP))
- ◆ areas experiencing inequalities including health and wellbeing (physical and mental health); air quality and noise (NHS Lanarkshire and HSCP)
- ◆ the food environment including food deserts, food outlet clusters, community food growing and food markets
- ◆ Community Wealth Building priorities for the area and areas of economic disadvantage and inequality
- ◆ local economic strategies and market intelligence and demand forecasting and an analysis of employment need and local poverty to identify where future employment development should be directed (Scottish Enterprise and Skills Development Scotland); and
- ◆ audits of town and neighbourhood centres to identify strengths and weaknesses to harness change and support (Federation of Small Businesses)

In addition, direct engagement opportunities with Board members will be explored as well as identifying their existing engagement with other stakeholders including community bodies and other interest groups.

- 8.4. Close working relationships have already been established with a range of Council services including the Community Engagement Team, Housing Services, Education Resources, Social Work and the HSCP. The Planning Service has had initial discussions with Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan) in terms of its key role in facilitating engagement with voluntary organisations. In addition, regular discussions take place with officers at NHS Lanarkshire and Public Health Scotland. Cross boundary working with colleagues in North Lanarkshire Council is also being explored where pan Lanarkshire issues arise such as open space/green network and health. Officers also attend a number of groups at a Glasgow City Region level to ensure strategic matters are considered.
- 8.5. Officers look forward to working closely with Board members and partnership organisations, initially over the next 12 months as part of the evidence gathering and engagement process for LDP3 and in preparing the proposed plan itself. Board members may wish to be kept informed of progress as appropriate.

9. Employee Implications

- 9.1. The preparation of LDP3 and the OSS is likely to be more resource intensive than earlier versions based on the new procedures and guidance and additional topics that are required to be covered. In addition, the corporate focus of the new plan will require collaboration with other council services and its partners.

10. Financial Implications

- 10.1. There are no financial implications for the Board.

11. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 11.1. The theme of tackling the Global Climate Emergency, meeting the Scottish Government's targets for net zero emissions and the promotion of sustainable developments are central to the spatial strategy in NPF4 and in turn, will be addressed at a local level through the preparation of the LDP. The plan will be subject to full Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment.

12. Other Implications

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

13. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 13.1. LDP3 will be subject to Equalities Impact Assessment, Child Rights and Wellbeing and a Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment.
- 13.2. Extensive statutory engagement and consultation will be carried out by the Council with support from partners throughout the preparation of LDP3 and the OSS.

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Matters to be addressed in the LDP3 Evidence Report

- The principal physical, cultural, economic, social, built heritage and environmental characteristics of the district;
- The principal purposes for which the land is used;
- The size, composition, health and distribution of the population of the district;
- The housing needs of the population of the area, including, in particular, the needs of persons undertaking further and higher education, older people, disabled people;
- The availability of land in the district for housing, including for older people and disabled people;
- The desirability of allocating land for the purposes of resettlement;
- The health needs of the population of the district and the likely effects of development and use of land on those health needs;
- The education needs of the population of the district and the likely effects of development and use of land on those education needs;
- The extent to which there are rural areas within the district in relation to which there has been a substantial decline in population;
- The capacity of education services in the district;
- The desirability of maintaining an appropriate number and range of cultural venues and facilities (including in particular, but not limited to, live music venues) in the district;
- The infrastructure of the district (including communications, transport and drainage systems, systems for the supply of water and energy, and health care and education facilities); [the reference to energy includes land available for the development and use of facilities for renewable sources of energy];
- How that infrastructure is used; and
- Any change which the planning authority thinks may occur in relation to any of the matters mentioned above.

The Evidence Report must also set out the following:

- A summary of the action taken by the planning authority to support and promote the construction and adaptation of housing to meet the housing needs of older people and disabled people in the authority's area, and analysis of the extent to which the action has helped to meet those needs.
- A summary of the action taken by the planning authority to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsy/Travellers in the authority's area, and an analysis of the extent to which that action has helped to meet those needs.
- How the authority has invited local communities to prepare LPPs, and what assistance they have provided.

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Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement 2023

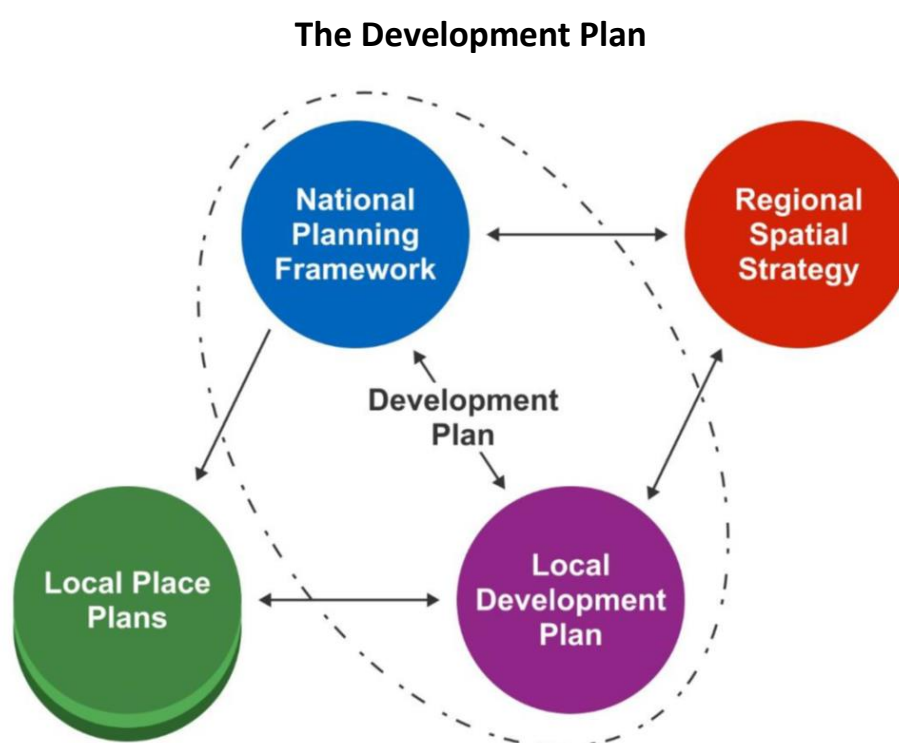
What is the Development Plan Scheme?

A Development Plan Scheme is prepared and updated by the Council every year. This current version sets out how we will prepare our next Local Development Plan which will show how our places will look in the future, where new houses and places of work will be built, how services and facilities such as schools and travel will be provided and identify the places and buildings to be protected.

It includes details of the proposed timetable, the timing of each stage of the plan making process and what is involved; as well as a Participation Statement which explains how and when we will ask stakeholders including local communities and key agencies to become involved.

What is the Development Plan for SLC?

Development plans are important as they guide decisions on applications for planning permission. The current arrangements that apply across Scotland are shown in the diagram below.



National Planning Framework	<p>Sets out the Scottish Ministers' policies and proposals for the development and use of land.</p> <p>Must have regard to any adopted regional spatial strategy (RSS) when preparing, revising or amending the NPF</p>
Regional Spatial Strategy	<p>A planning authority, or authorities acting jointly, prepare these long-term spatial strategies for the strategic development of an area.</p> <p>RSS are not part of the statutory development plan but have an important role informing future versions of the NPF and LDPs (Local Development Plan).</p>
Local Development Plans	<p>Councils must prepare one or more LDP for their area. It shows how local places will change into the future, including where development should and should not happen.</p>

	It must take into account the National Planning Framework and any registered local place plan/s (LPPs) for the area the LDP covers. It should also have regard to their adopted RSS and Community Plan for the area it covers.
Local Place Plans	<p>LPPs are community-led plans prepared by community bodies setting out proposals for the development and use of land in their local area. It must have regard to the NPF, any LDP which covers the same area, and also any neighbourhood plan which covers the same area.</p> <p>LPPs are not part of the statutory development plan but have an important role to play in informing LDPs.</p>

[National Planning Framework 4](#) was published and adopted by the Scottish Government on 13 February 2023. It sets out 33 national planning policies which represent the Scottish Government’s long term spatial strategy for Scotland. These policies are used to assess planning applications and also provide the direction for what the Council’s Local Development Plan should include.

The table in Annex 1 shows how these policies link to other national and the Council’s own strategies and policies.

[South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan 2](#) was adopted in April 2021 and represents the Council’s spatial policy for its area. It includes sites that are allocated for development as well as detailed policies on matters such as climate change, the green belt and rural area, housing, town centres and transport.

It is accompanied by other documents including Supporting Planning Guidance covering Developer Contributions, Renewable Energy, Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and Development at a Dwellinghouse.

Regional Spatial Strategies will look at strategic development issues – in the case of South Lanarkshire across the Glasgow City Region. The legislation on this has not been brought into effect yet by the Scottish Government.

Local Place Plans are a new opportunity for local communities to get involved in the planning system by setting out proposals for the development and use of land in their area. Once it has been registered by the planning authority, we have a legal responsibility to take them into account in the preparation of the next Local Development Plan. Once we officially start the process for creating the new plan, we will formally invite communities to prepare Local Place Plans. These are links to our webpage [Local Place Plans](#) and the circular [Planning circular 1/2022: Local Place Plans](#).

The next Local Development Plan for SLC

The Council will be starting preparation of its next Local Development Plan (to be known as LDP3) in summer 2023. The way we will do this is different to previous versions. The Scottish Government published [Local Development Planning guidance](#) in May 2023.

Firstly, it will have to take into account the contents of National Planning Framework 4. Each of the 33 national planning policies include a statement on the expected role of the Local Development Plan for each topic. The Council’s plan should not replicate the national policy however we are able to locally specific policies.

There are also changes to how we will prepare the plan. A new first stage is the need to prepare an **Evidence Report** which will allow us to identify what to plan for. It will set out the Council’s views on

the matters listed in Annex 2. The evidence will include information and data and qualitative as well as the 'lived experience' of everyone active in the Council area. By doing this will capture the aims and ambitions of the Council and its partners, stakeholders and communities.

During this stage we will engage with people and organisations to ensure the data collected reflects their views. We have identified partners we know of who can contribute evidence and have taken into account the responses we received to the consultation on the draft Participation Statement in summer 2023. on others who can help.

Please note that detailed policies and site proposals will not be included in the evidence report and appraisal of individual sites will take place later in the process.

Once complete the Evidence Report is submitted to Scottish Ministers for a **Gate Check**. This to allow an assessment by an independent Reporter of whether the evidence we have produced is sufficient to let us start preparing the Local Development Plan. It will also check that that we have carried out appropriate engagement and consultation.

When we receive confirmation that the Gate Check is complete work can start on the **Proposed Plan**. Unlike previous versions it will focus on maps, site briefs, and masterplans. Sites specifically identified for new development will have to be shown to be free from constraints (we will actively engage with the key agencies to inform this) and deliverable by the developer. Undeveloped sites in LDP2 will be looked at again and may be removed if they are no longer deliverable or viable or accord with the policy direction in NPF4.

A **Call for Ideas** will be carried out early on in this stage of plan preparation so that propose ideas for any part of the plan can be submitted, including policy or suggestions for development sites.

Once the proposed plan has been prepared, we will carry out formal **consultation** of a minimum period of 12 weeks. This will include neighbour notification for anyone who owns, or leases sites or neighbouring land affected. During this period anyone can make representations to the Council either in support of the plan or if they wish to object.

After the consultation period we can **modify** the proposed plan to take account of representations made to the Council or consultation responses from key agencies.

When we cannot agree modifications then the representation is considered unresolved. When this happens, the proposed plan is submitted to Scottish Ministers for **examination** carried out by a reporter from the Department for Planning and Environmental Appeals. Once the Examination is complete the Reporter will prepare a report setting out their recommendations and any modifications they require to be made. The report will be submitted to the Council along with anyone who has made unresolved representations. The Council are to make the modifications except in limited circumstances. After this we will carry out the process for the formal **adoption** of the Plan.

The Timetable

Key Stages	Timetable - Quarter	Engagement
Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement (Reviewed and published annually)	Q1 2023/24 Q2 2023/24	We published a draft Participation Statement seeking the views of the public on the how we intend to consult and engage on LDP3, how they think they can support the plan preparation and what effective forms of engagement are appropriate. The responses received have been reflected in the approved version below.
Local Development Plan 3 formal launch	Q2 2023/24	Before issuing the invite, we will contact community bodies to advise on the LPP (Local Place Plan) opportunities and process. This will include the creation of an online toolkit.
Evidence Report	Q1 2023/24 to Q2 2024/25	Stakeholder consultation and engagement will be key to this stage. We will carry out early engagement to ensure the Evidence Report is informed by the views and lived experience of those who live, work and have an interest in South Lanarkshire. We will use the evidence gathered to clearly inform what to plan for before the Proposed Plan looks at where development should take place.
Gate check	Submission Q2 2024/25 Discharged Q3 2024/25	None by the Council. However, the Reporter appointed to carry out the Gate check may ask any person for further information to aid their assessment of the Evidence Report.
Proposed Local Development Plan including Delivery Programme	Q4 2024/25 Q4 2025/26 to Q1 2026/27	The call for ideas will be an invitation open to everyone to propose ideas for any aspect of the new local development plan including local policy/guidance and land allocations. Statutory consultation of minimum 12 weeks to allow any representations from stakeholders, including the general public, which seek to make changes to the plan. This stage will include targeted engagement with key stakeholders and communities most affected by the proposals.
Modification of the Proposed Local Development Plan	Q2 2026/27	The Regulations state that there is no requirement to invite comment on the Modification Report.
Examination	Q3 2026/27 Q2 2027/28	None by the Council. However, the Reporter appointed to carry out the Examination may ask any person for further information to aid their consideration of the proposed plan. Notice of the report and its publication will be sent by the reporter to anybody who made unresolved representations on the Proposed Plan
Adoption	Q3 2027/28	

Key Stages	Timetable - Quarter	Engagement
Post-Adoption Monitoring and Delivery Programme	Q3 2030/2031	

Participation Statement

To develop our next local development plan we are asking you to share with us your thoughts and ideas of how to create successful and enjoyable places within South Lanarkshire. Our Participation Statement outlines the range of engagement we will be carrying out and who we will interact with. We aim to engage with as many people as possible to collect the information needed to reflect the strengths and opportunities that we can build upon. If it's done right, the local development plan 3 will embody everything we've learned from you and will provide the means in which to meet your needs.

We would like to hear from you, and in your own words about the things that matter to you, and for which we recognise you may have many different roles and interests. We believe that everyone has the right and the ready skillset to get involved, and by doing so you will be making a valuable contribution to the improvement and wellbeing of your area. This is your plan, and it needs to embody your views and the diverse needs of communities within South Lanarkshire.

Since we understand that no one size does not fit all, we will prepare individual programmes to reflect differing needs and ways of connecting with people. Targeted strategies to reach underrepresented groups are included in this.

The Participation Statement is a 'living' document that will regularly be updated to reflect good practice and changing circumstances. We will listen to feedback from your experience of engagement with us and we will take steps to make improvements going forward.

We hope our Participation Statement helps you to feel empowered, welcomed, and that your input and lived experience of South Lanarkshire is hugely valuable to us.

What general principles will we follow?

- The approach to engagement on LDP3 will be shaped by the principles highlighted in the [National Standards for Community Engagement](#).
- We will ensure that people with protected characteristics (including race, age, gender, sex, sexual orientation and disability) are not discriminated against, and are actively included in the engagement process.
- The contents of the draft [Effective community engagement in local development planning guidance: consultation](#) published on 24 May 2023 will be used to shape our engagement activities with local communities.
- We will also incorporate the [Planning and Building Standards Consultation Communication and Engagement Strategy 2021](#) into our engagement methods.

Our inclusive approach

- We will encourage participation from as wide a range of stakeholders as possible throughout the LDP process. We want to make it as easy as possible for everyone with an interest to engage in its preparation.
- Information will be provided in accessible formats to meet the needs of our varied stakeholders. We will exchange and gather information using graphics and audio to remove

the barrier for those with vision impairment or literacy and numeracy challenges. We understand that using technology won't always be the best method for everyone, and in these cases we will use alternative methods. In addition to English, we will provide the document in additional language formats.

- Engagement with children and young people, older people, disabled people and Gypsy/Travellers is a statutory requirement. We will work with the Council's Education Service as well as organisations such as the Youth Panel, Seniors Together, the Access Panel, Lanarkshire Ethnic Minorities Action Group and Minority Ethnic Carers of People Project to develop appropriate methods to engage.
- We will develop a programme with Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire to facilitate engagement with the many local voluntary groups across the Council's area.

How will we publicise engagement opportunities and provide feedback?

We propose to use:

- The creation of an online information hub
- Email and letter mailings
- Adverts in local newspapers and South Lanarkshire View
- Documents held at local libraries
- South Lanarkshire Council website
- The generation of a regular newsletter
- Social media
- Collaboration with Community Planning colleagues
- Posters and flyers
- For underrepresented groups we will use representative organisations to reach a wider audience

An emphasis on good communication

- We will identify the method of engagement by asking those we want to hear from. For large groups we may focus on the method that is most preferred.
- An interactive online hub will be created to enable updates on the plan making process to be provided as well as to invite comments and suggestions.
- We will use the relationships that already exist within communities, in particular where there has already been extensive SLC engagement to produce Neighbourhood Plans.
- We won't over consult, and we may focus on topics or issues that people are most interested in.
- Where it would be advantageous to the stakeholder, we will facilitate other services to provide questionnaires and the Place Standard Tool on our behalf.
- We will participate in other consultations being carried out by the Council and its partners.
- We will request invites to attend events within communities and work closely with colleagues in Community Planning who have already established strong links to communities.
- We will ensure that the format of communication is led by accessibility and ease of use.
- We want to involve communities who may be excluded from participating due to disadvantage relating to social or economic factors.

Ways in which we will gather information and comments include:

- A newsletter to share updates on the process and the outcomes from engagement.

- Using the Place Standard Tool, including a simplified version for children and young people
- Holding Exhibitions and workshops
- Use of the Council's Citizens Panel and Peoples Panel
- Online surveys and keypad voting and standpoint terminals
- Work closely with our Community Planning Partnership partners to engage with people living in communities experiencing socio-economic difficulties to gain a better understanding of their place.
- We will promote and facilitate the participation of children and young people under the age of 25 to seek views on their lived experience. Proposed methods of engagement will include the Place Standard Toolkits to support conversations between educators/teachers and children, and capture views about play needs and opportunities in their area, including likes and dislikes about their places. We will engage through South Lanarkshire Youth Council, Youth Parliament Representatives, student representatives in higher education and the Council's Education Services.
- We will seek the views of and engage with Gypsies and Travellers to help gain a perspective on their distinct planning needs. Positive engagement with Gypsies and Travelling People will be facilitated through dialogue with representative organisations and the Council's Gypsy/Traveller Liaison Officer. Attention will also be given to non-written and face-to-face on-site engagement.
- We will work with groups and organisations representing disabled people and older people to establish the most suitable methods of engagement and multimedia formats to share and collect information.

Who can participate?

Participation in the preparation of Local Development Plan 3 is open to everyone and inclusion will be encouraged, including (this is not an exhaustive list):

- South Lanarkshire residents and those with an interest in the area
- Landowners, developers and housing providers
- Business, industry, and tourism groups
- Elected members
- Underrepresented and minority groups
- Religious bodies and organisations
- Voluntary organisations
- Neighbouring authorities
- Rural communities

Other key groups:

- Children and young people
- Disabled people
- Gypsies and Travellers, and Showpeople
- Community Councils
- Older people
- Communities experiencing socio-economic disadvantage
- Community bodies who have expressed an interest in, or have completed, a Local Place Plan.

Key Agencies:

The key agencies are set out in the Town and Country Planning (Development Planning) (Scotland) Regulations 2023 as follows:

- NatureScot
- Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)
- Scottish Water
- Scottish Enterprise
- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)
- NHS Lanarkshire
- Historic Environment Scotland (HES)

National and Regional agencies:

- Transport Scotland
- Scottish Forestry
- Sport Scotland
- Architecture and Design Scotland
- Central Scotland Green Network Partnership

A sample of topic interest groups:

- Natural Environment and Climate
- Historic Environment
- Art, Leisure and Culture
- Active travel and transport
- Town centre and business groups
- Food growing and local living

Mediation

The use of mediation to help build bridges between stakeholders and explore, reduce or resolve issues of dispute in development planning is highlighted in the Scottish Government - Circular 2/2021: Guidance on the promotion and use of mediation in the Scottish Planning System LINK Mediation has the potential benefits of opening up communication, improving relationships and encouraging a way to move forward from disputes, however this does not guarantee dispute resolution or an agreement between parties.

It is a voluntary process and be facilitated either by an impartial third party or through 'informal mediation' where planners and other relevant stakeholders take a mediation-style / facilitatory approach in their work. We will have regard to any requests for the use of [mediation](#) through the consultation process of the Participation Statement. Where the Council has been requested to enter into mediation during the local development plan process, each case will be considered on its individual merits.

Annex 1

Sustainable places

NPF4 Policies	Key Scottish Government links	Council Plans/Strategies
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tackling the climate and nature crises 2. Climate mitigation and adaptation 3. Biodiversity 4. Natural places 5. Soils 6. Forestry, woodland and trees 7. Historic assets and places 8. Green belts 9. Brownfield land, vacant and derelict land and empty buildings 10. Coastal development 11. Energy 12. Zero waste 13. Sustainable transport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Use – getting the best from our land: strategy 2021 – 2026 • Making things last: a circular economy strategy for Scotland • Scotland’s Energy Strategy • Scotland’s Environment Strategy • Scotland’s Forestry Strategy • Scottish Biodiversity Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Plan – Connect • Community Plan • Various neighbourhood plans • Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy • Carbon Management Plan • Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy (under preparation) • Biodiversity Strategy • Glasgow and Clyde Valley Forestry and Woodland Strategy • Local Transport Strategy (under review) • Park and Ride Strategy • Various active travel studies

Liveable Places

NPF4 Policies	Key Scottish Government links	Council Plans/Strategies
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14. Design, quality and place 15. Local living and 20-minute neighbourhoods 16. Quality homes 17. Rural homes 18. Infrastructure first 19. Heat and cooling 20. Blue and green infrastructure 21. Play, recreation and sport 22. Flood risk and water management 23. Health and Safety 24. Digital infrastructure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Connected Scotland • A Healthier Future: Scotland’s diet and healthy weight delivery plan • Cleaner Air for Scotland 2 • Creating Places • Culture Strategy • Heat in Buildings Strategy • Housing to 2040 • Learning Estate Strategy/Learning Estate Investment Programme • Public Health Priorities for Scotland • Remote, Rural and Islands Housing Action • Scotland’s Population Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Housing Strategy • Food Strategy • Air Quality Strategy (under preparation)

Productive Places

NPF4 Policies	Key Scottish Government links	Council Plans/Strategies
25. Community wealth building 26. Business and industry 27. City, town, local and commercial centres 28. Retail 29. Rural development 30. Tourism 31. Culture and creativity 32. Aquaculture 33. Minerals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Strategy for Economic Transformation • Retail Strategy for Scotland • Report of the City Centre Recovery Taskforce • Scottish land rights and responsibilities statement • Town Centre Action Plan 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Strategy • Community Wealth Building Strategy • Social Enterprise Strategy • Tourism Strategy • Various town centre strategies

Annex 2

Matters to be addressed in the LDP3 Evidence Report

- The principal physical, cultural, economic, social, built heritage and environmental characteristics of the district;
- The principal purposes for which the land is used;
- The size, composition, health and distribution of the population of the district;
- The housing needs of the population of the area, including, in particular, the needs of persons undertaking further and higher education, older people, disabled people;
- The availability of land in the district for housing, including for older people and disabled people;
- The desirability of allocating land for the purposes of resettlement;
- The health needs of the population of the district and the likely effects of development and use of land on those health needs;
- The education needs of the population of the district and the likely effects of development and use of land on those education needs;
- The extent to which there are rural areas within the district in relation to which there has been a substantial decline in population;
- The capacity of education services in the district;
- The desirability of maintaining an appropriate number and range of cultural venues and facilities (including in particular, but not limited to, live music venues) in the district;
- The infrastructure of the district (including communications, transport and drainage systems, systems for the supply of water and energy, and health care and education facilities); [the reference to energy includes land available for the development and use of facilities for renewable sources of energy.
- How that infrastructure is used; and
- Any change which the planning authority thinks may occur in relation to any of the matters mentioned above

The Evidence Report must also set out the following:

- A summary of the action taken by the planning authority to support and promote the construction and adaptation of housing to meet the housing needs of older people and disabled people in the authority's area, and analysis of the extent to which the action has helped to meet those needs.
- A summary of the action taken by the planning authority to meet the accommodation needs of Gypsy/Travellers in the authority's area, and an analysis of the extent to which that action has helped to meet those needs.
- How the authority has invited local communities to prepare LPPs, and what assistance they have provided.

Annex 3

Additional Assessments

Other impact assessments are required to be carried out alongside the plan preparation process. The assessments include;

Strategic Environmental Assessment	This is a statutory requirement to ensure the environment is a primary consideration when preparing the plan and that the environmental and sustainability implications of the emerging plan and its proposals are assessed. It allows a better understanding of the environmental context and sets out the steps to avoid, mitigate or reduce significant adverse impacts, or indeed enhance any positive ones. SEA will be based on the Council's State of the Environment report. A link to 2021 version is here, South Lanarkshire State of the Environment Report 2021 , however it is expected that the updated 2023 version will be available during the Evidence Report stage. Scoping of the Evidence Report will be done in tandem with the scoping report for the SEA.
Habitats Regulations Assessment	This is a statutory requirement to consider the potential impacts of the proposed plan on internationally important wildlife sites. The HRA will be done as we consider the ideas presented to us during the preparation of the proposed plan as well as any sites carried forward from LDP2. Any policy content in LDP3 will also be subject to HRA assessment.
Equalities Impact Assessment	This ensures that a wide range of people are involved in shaping their places during the plan making process. The Participation Statement is a key document in this regard. In addition, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child means young people are actively encouraged to play a part. We will ensure children and young people are fully and appropriately engaged as described in the Participation Statement.
Public Sector Equality Duty	This is intended to ensure the Council seeks to eliminate discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic.
Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment	This places a legal responsibility on the Council to consider how they can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage when making strategic decisions so that we make better policy decisions and deliver fairer outcomes. Key issues include low income, low wealth and area deprivation. It will be important to engage with relevant communities to understand the issues faced.

Health Impact Assessment	Health impact assessment (HIA) considers the potential, and sometimes unintended, effects a policy, strategy or service plan may have on the health of a population. It is particularly useful for considering effects on vulnerable or disadvantaged groups. HIA considers the socioeconomic determinants of health and how they influence health outcomes. Evidence from research, data and the experience of stakeholders is used to inform the assessment.
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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Stigma Free Leadership - Outcomes from the Leaders' Understanding Stigma Development Session 10 May 2023
Report by:	Stigma Free Lanarkshire Programme Coordinator, Lanarkshire Links
Contact for Further Information:	Audrey Bremner, Stigma Free Lanarkshire Programme Coordinator, Lanarkshire Links Tel: 01698 265232 Email: audrey.lrn@lanarkshirelinks.org.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on key discussion themes and recommendations from the Leaders Understanding Stigma session that took place on 10 May 2023
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) senior leaders and line managers understand that tackling mental health stigma and discrimination is foundational to creating mentally healthy workplaces and communities (2) leaders work with Stigma Free Lanarkshire and Lanarkshire Links on a programme of work specifically aimed at working with adults and young people to challenge mental health stigma and discrimination; and (3) leaders create inclusive cultures and take action to tackle mental health stigma and discrimination
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks or challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	This report provides an update on the key discussion themes and recommendations from the Leaders Understanding Stigma session that took place on 10 May 2023

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Stigma Free Lanarkshire Programme Coordinator, Lanarkshire Links

Subject:	Stigma Free Leadership - Outcomes from the Leaders' Understanding Stigma Development Session 10 May 2023
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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 key discussion themes and recommendations from the Leaders Understanding Stigma session that took place on 10 May 2023

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) senior leaders and line managers understand that tackling mental health stigma and discrimination is foundational to creating mentally healthy workplaces and communities
- (2) leaders work with Stigma Free Lanarkshire and Lanarkshire Links on a programme of work specifically aimed at working with adults and young people to challenge mental health stigma and discrimination; and
- (3) leaders create inclusive cultures and take action to tackle mental health stigma and discrimination

3. Background

3.1. There were 9 discussion themes culminating in a number of recommendations, as detailed in the appended report (Appendix 1).

3.2. Leaders identified 7 actions including:-

- ◆ actively engaging CPP/local organisations. Keeping conversations going seeking information and signposting
- ◆ continue to speak up and challenge
- ◆ raising awareness within my own organisation
- ◆ create a safe culture within the workplace, delivering through visible leadership ensuring that the work of the CPP co-ordinates, which can really make a difference to people and communities services
- ◆ policy change
- ◆ create a learning environment with funded organisations; and
- ◆ discuss the issue more with family, friends, and colleagues. Read more info on this

3.3. We have four hats (of responsibility) as a Family member, Community member, Employee and colleague, Leader.

4. Summary of Recommendations

4.1. Following the workshop, we recommend the Board endorses the following as Leader's actions:-

- ◆ focus on behaviour, cultural and policy change. Public messaging as a leader, create and share communication around setting out why it's important to take action to end mental health stigma and discrimination
- ◆ promote key messages and activity such as the champions programme (and engagement with the Understanding Stigma workshop) as well as engagement with local and national campaigns
- ◆ raise awareness of stigma and discrimination in communities and workplaces through events tying in with other mental health themes such as Suicide Prevention and Trauma Informed Practice
- ◆ consider the inclusion of stigma, discrimination and inclusivity in strategies and plans including procurement and commissioning, prevention plans, improvement plans and local outcome agreement plans
- ◆ use Social Contact Model (personal testimony, face to face and via video from people with lived and living experience of mental health stigma and discrimination)
- ◆ engage in myth busting as part of key messages
- ◆ emphasise that recovery is possible as part of key messages
- ◆ support people know what to say and do when supporting others
- ◆ raise awareness of human rights and mental health inequalities
- ◆ empower people to tackle stigmatising and discriminatory behaviour

5. Employee Implications

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

6. Financial Implications

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

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

8. Other Implications

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

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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9 August 2023

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South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Stigma Free Leaders Workshop

“Our Vision is of a Scotland, free from stigma and inequality, where everyone fulfils their right to achieve the best mental health and wellbeing possible.” Scottish Government, Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy (June 2023)

Overarching Leaders’ Aims:

Senior leaders and line managers understand that tackling mental health stigma and discrimination is foundational to creating mentally healthy workplaces and communities.

Leaders create inclusive cultures and take action to tackle mental health stigma and discrimination.

Leaders work with Stigma Free Lanarkshire and Lanarkshire Links on a programme of work specifically aimed at working with adults and young people to challenge mental health stigma and discrimination.

Discussion Theme 1

Leadership & Role Modelling

It is critical that we ensure systems are inclusive, free of stigma and discrimination and able to create conditions for change, this requires action to be taken at all levels across the CPP and role modelled by leaders.



Recommendation 1

Lead by example

Public messaging as a leader – create and share comms around setting out why it's important to take action to end mental health stigma and discrimination.

Promote key messages and activity, such as the champions programme (and engagement with the Understanding Stigma workshop) as well as engagement with local and national campaigns.

Raise awareness of stigma and discrimination in communities and workplaces through events tying in with other mental health themes such as Suicide Prevention and Trauma Informed Practice.

Consider the inclusion of stigma, discrimination and inclusivity in strategies and plans including procurement and commissioning, prevention plans, improvement plans, local outcome agreement plans.

Empower people to tackle stigmatising and discriminatory behaviour.

Embed anti stigma approach via policy and stigma free champions.

Discussion Theme 2

Supporting Action in Communities

Resources are required to support action in communities – How do we get resources to the people?



Recommendation 2

Leaders role model as a Community Champion.

Co-create marketing plan with community leaders and community members to share local and national resources that support action.

Work with community members to understand positive and negative experiences, including barriers and solutions. Facilitate a sustainable community driven approach.

Facilitate the creation and building of a learning environment and social movement.

Discussion Theme 3

Every Area of Life

Consider tackling stigma in every area of life: as a family member, a community member, an employee/colleague and as a leader.



Recommendation 3

Consider tools that support action in all areas of life.

Value the voice/s of lived and living experience

Create safe places to disclose or be disclosed to

Raise awareness and increasing understanding through education

Role model kindness and good practice

Challenge stigmatising or discriminatory behaviour

Share key messages.

Discussion Theme 4

Policy & Practice

Services and policies need to better address the felt powerlessness of individuals living with poor mental health and mental ill health.



Recommendation 4

Continue to liaise with organisations that support mental health service users and carers to be involved in the process of planning services and service provision, e.g., Lanarkshire Links.

Review policy and practice to ensure that they are consistently inclusive.

Capture, showcase and celebrate good practice.

Use the specialist expertise in Stigma Free Lanarkshire to sense-check that any policy, guidance, training, resources developed are free from stigmatising language and promote anti-stigma messages.

Discussion Theme 5

Identifying & Addressing Barriers

What are the barriers to universal support for a person's mental health, good or bad?

Inequalities highlighted as a key barrier. Stigma and discrimination highlighted as an inequality.

How do we apply the knowledge that removing stigma and discrimination provides the conditions to building resilience?



Recommendation 5

Continue to promote positive mental health and wellbeing for the whole population, improving understanding and tackling stigma and discrimination (as stated by the Scottish Governments Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy 2023)

Inequalities – continue the inclusion of stigma free actions within existing or new strategies and plans, e.g., GIRFEP, SL CPP Community Plan 2017-2027

Continue to promote building resilience, highlighting stigma as a contributory factor.

Continue to increase the public's knowledge of existing self-help supports, e.g., Mind Matters, Kooth.

Discussion Theme 6

Increasing Awareness

There was a felt need for a specific list of mental health conditions and mental illnesses to be better understood.



Recommendation 6

Increase awareness through training such as Scottish Mental Health First Aid training.

Increase awareness by accessing information about stigma relating to specific mental health conditions.

Discussion Theme 7

Creating Understanding

Do existing social beliefs and stigmas mean that most people believe they have never *really* known someone living with a severe and enduring mental illness?

If there are people who consider themselves to be unaffected by poor mental health, how do we get them to care about it?



Recommendation 7

Employ a Social Contact Model

Engage in campaigns such as Time to Talk

Ensure the voices/s of lived and living experience are heard by sharing videos from Time to Chance and Stigma Free volunteers (including Gathering Recovery Stories).

Engage with the Stigma Free Lanarkshire Champions programme to create community champions who can support people to better understand stigma and its impact.

Discussion Theme 8

Showcasing Good Practice

Recognition that the CPP should be talking about better health outcomes to create the picture of how far the anti-stigma work can go in terms of positive impact.



Recommendation 8

Gather and showcase examples of exactly how reduction in stigma can better lead to better mental health outcomes.

Work with SFL to create lived and living experience stories and/or videos - recovery stories with a 'when I was free from stigma' approach within H&SC, amongst family/friends, in education, in the community.

Discussion Theme 9

Increasing Awareness

Discussions centred around the difference between the common struggles of daily life, described as life's ups and downs, and mental health problems, low mood, depression, and anxiety.

When is the conversation more about building community and individual resilience rather than the treatment or support for a specific mental health condition?



Recommendation 9

Share guidance on 'what to do if you or someone else is struggling'.

Communicate the difference between recognising that someone is struggling and unofficially diagnosing people.

Clarify and communicate the role and responsibilities of nonclinical staff and community members.

Increase awareness through training such as Scottish Mental Health First Aid training.

Increase awareness by accessing information about stigma relating to specific mental health conditions.

Share the key messages:

We all have mental health

If you are concerned about your mental health talk to your GP.

Signpost to the many local supports such as Mind Matters, Kooth and peer support groups.

Continue to promote building resilience, highlighting stigma as a contributory factor.

Actions Identified by Leaders at Workshop

Actively engaging CPP/local organisations. Keeping conversations going. Seeking information and signposting.

We have four hats (of responsibility) as a:

- **Family member,**
- **Community member,**
- **Employee and colleague,**
- **Leader**

Create a safe culture within the workplace, delivering through visible leadership. Ensuring that the work of the CPP coordinates, which can really make a difference to people and communities services.

Continue to speak up and challenge.

Policy change.

Raising awareness within my own organisation

Discuss the issue more with family, friends, and colleagues. Read more info on this.

Create a learning environment with funded organisations.

Summary of Recommendations, Actions & Support

Summary of Recommendations:

- Focus on behaviour, cultural and policy change.
- Public messaging as a leader – create and share comms around setting out why it's important to take action to end mental health stigma and discrimination.
- Promote key messages and activity, such as the champions programme (and engagement with the Understanding Stigma workshop) as well as engagement with local and national campaigns.
- Raise awareness of stigma and discrimination in communities and workplaces through events tying in with other mental health themes such as Suicide Prevention and Trauma Informed Practice.
- Consider the inclusion of stigma, discrimination and inclusivity in strategies and plans including procurement and commissioning, prevention plans, improvement plans, local outcome agreement plans.
- Use Social Contact Model (personal testimony – face to face and via video from people with lived and living experience of mental health stigma and discrimination).
- Engage in myth busting as part of key messages.
- Emphasise that recovery is possible as part of key messages.
- Support people know what to say and do when supporting others.
- Raise awareness of human rights and mental health inequalities.
- Empower people to tackle stigmatising and discriminatory behaviour.

Stigma Free Lanarkshire Support:

- Provide leaders with key messages and information on activity such as the champions programme, Understanding Stigma workshop and local and national campaigns.
- Signpost leaders to tools and resources that support action.
- Provide guidance on the inclusion of stigma and discrimination in local strategies and plans where appropriate.
- Support any identified stigma free champions to deliver the Understanding Stigma workshop through training, resources, guidance and with the opportunity to join a champions network.
- Support CPP to raise awareness of stigma and discrimination in communities and workplaces through events tying in with other mental health themes such as Suicide Prevention and Trauma Informed Practice where appropriate.
- Support leaders to showcase examples of exactly how reduction in stigma can better lead to better mental health outcomes through the voices of people with lived and living experience.
- Any other identified ways of supporting that are achievable by the SFL team.

Key Tools & Resources:

- Awareness:
 - Key Messages pdf
 - Understanding Stigma workshop
 - Use of language tool
 - Information on stigma relating to specific mental health conditions source
 - Myth Busting tool
- Social contact events:
 - Pass the Badge
 - Walk a Mile

- Social Contact sources:
Recovery Stories
Time to Talk Lived Experience videos
- Human Rights:
Rights to Life Document
- What to say and do:
Caring Conversations
Guidance on what to do if you or someone you know is struggling
- Challenging Stigma:
Challenging Stigma tool
- Activities & Campaigns:
Communities Can tool
Time to Talk link
Suicide Prevention link
- Signposting to help:
Signposting poster pan Lanarkshire
Directory of self-help tools – various Mind Matters tools, Kooth, Well Connected App
- Suicide Prevention:
Lanarkshire Suicide Prevention App



Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Local Child Poverty Action Report
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 07880 174955 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ update the Partnership Board on the content of the South Lanarkshire Child Poverty Action Report and South Lanarkshire's Child Poverty Commitment document
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	Council, NHS Lanarkshire, Skills Development Scotland
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) to note the progress in developing the Child Poverty Report (2) to note the content of the report; and (3) to note the content of South Lanarkshire's Child Poverty Commitment
Risks/Challenges:	Adequate resourcing of this work
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Caring connected communities ◆ Our children and young people thrive ◆ Good quality, suitable housing for everyone ◆ Thriving businesses and jobs ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
Summary of Report:	<p>Pdf drafts of the LCPAR and Child Poverty Commitment are attached as Appendices 1 and 2 and build upon the good work of previous years. The LCPAR reflects the range of work that has taken place over the previous year, while the Child Poverty Commitment seeks to create oversight of this work going forward and how it is embedded in much of what we do across a wide range of planning and delivery processes</p>

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Local Child Poverty Action Report
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ Update the Partnership Board on the content of the South Lanarkshire Child Poverty Action Report and South Lanarkshire's Child Poverty Commitment document

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) to note the progress in developing the Child Poverty Report
- (2) to note the content of the report; and
- (3) to note the content of South Lanarkshire's Child Poverty Commitment

3. Background

3.1. The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 introduced a new requirement for local authorities and relevant health boards to prepare Local Child Poverty Action Reports (LCPAR) as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting year.

3.2. The purpose of the LCPARs is to describe any measures taken in the area of the local authority during the reporting year and planned activity for the year ahead that seek to address and mitigate child poverty.

3.3. The work described in the report is expected to contribute to the 4 national income based child poverty reduction targets to be achieved by 2030:-

- i. less than 10% of children are in relative poverty
- ii. less than 5% of children are in absolute poverty
- iii. less than 5% of children are in combined low income and material deprivation; and
- iv. less than 5% of children are in persistent poverty.

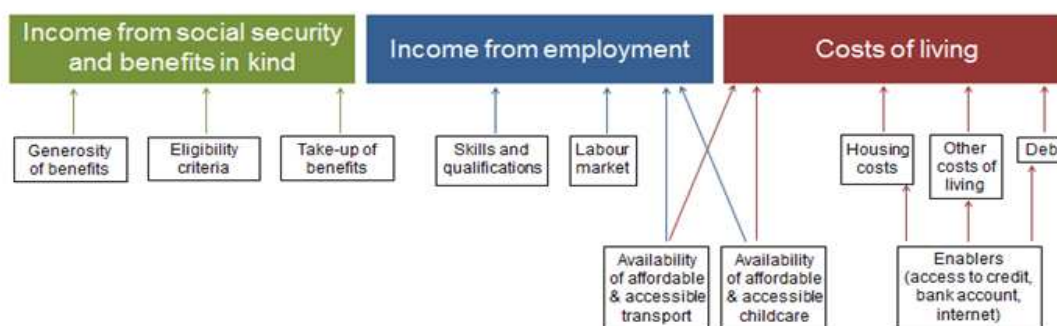
3.4. The Scottish Government made it clear that the introduction of the requirement to produce LCPARs signals an imperative to undertake new activity and a new approach to tackling Child Poverty; effectively a step-change in tackling child poverty. Where local partners are continuing with existing activity, they should be clear about the supporting evidence base indicating its effectiveness.

- 3.5. Feedback on South Lanarkshire's LCPAR from the Improvement Service continues to be overwhelmingly positive.
- 3.6. South Lanarkshire Council and NHS Lanarkshire agreed at the CPP Board meeting on 6 June 2018 to produce a single LCPAR, recognising a collective effort would be more effective.
- 3.7. The Child Poverty Working Group was established in late 2018 to produce the plan. This Group has continued to meet to ensure that the work around the plan remains relevant and focussed on the key actions to address child poverty in South Lanarkshire.

4. Scope of the Plan

- 4.1. Child poverty is caused by a complex blend of structural issues relating to macro-economic and political factors governing the labour market, employment and social security. Social factors make particular groups especially vulnerable to poverty, eg children, lone parents, disabled people and Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups. The following diagram from the Scottish Government provides an overview of what its research indicates are the main drivers of child poverty:

Drivers of child poverty targets



- 4.2. One area for improvement is the information gathered from those with lived experience of poverty. This has been key in identifying actions for the plan, however, we can be much better at supporting partners engage with families and communities in developing future actions.

5. The Plan and Ongoing Activity

- 5.1. Pdf drafts of the LCPAR and Child Poverty Commitment are attached as Appendices 1 and 2 and build upon the good work of previous years. The LCPAR reflects the range of work that has taken place over the previous year, while the Child Poverty Commitment seeks to create oversight of this work going forward and how it is embedded in much of what we do across a wide range of planning and delivery processes.
- 5.2. As the planning evolves, we continue to focus on areas for improvement, identified by the working group from reporting upon last year's plan and in identifying unmet need. These include:-

Chapter 1. Increased income from benefits and entitlements

- ◆ ensure the impact of advice services are maximised, including better support and engagement opportunities in communities, especially when communicating recent changes in benefits and entitlements

Chapter 2. Reducing the costs of living

- ◆ continue developing additional childcare/early learning hours to help parents who are working, or progressing towards work
- ◆ identifying further actions to support access to affordable transport solutions; and
- ◆ understanding how behaviour change can impact on household income

Chapter 3. Increasing income from employment

- ◆ ensure parents have access to more holistic and integrated support to maximise employability opportunities

- 5.3. We will continue to monitor challenges which may arise to mitigate an increase in child poverty ensuring any new evidence and research informs our work and decision making.
- 5.4. As part of our approach to developing activity, listening to the voices of families and communities experiencing poverty issues will be crucial and be a feature of future design of services.
- 5.5. A Neighbourhood Plan for East Kilbride South area will be developed, building on the successful approach in previous neighboured panning areas but with the additionality of a child poverty lens informing developments.
- 5.6. A refreshed action plan for 2023/2024 is being produced and will be ready soon mapping out the key actions and measures to tackle child poverty in South Lanarkshire.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. There are no immediate employee implications arising from this report.

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. Any financial implications will be met within existing budgets.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. The LCPAR continues to be a point of local and national scrutiny. This could have positive and/or negative impacts on perceptions of the Council and its partners and a proactive public relations approach will be required.

9. Equality Impact Assessment

- 9.1. In developing the new LCPAR, a new Equality Impact Assessment will be completed along with a Children's Rights Wellbeing Impact Assessment.

10. Children's Rights Considerations

- 10.1. A Children's Rights Wellbeing Impact Assessment will be completed as part of the work to develop the East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan.
- 10.2. Engaging children, young people and families in developing this work is central to our continuing commitment to the UNCRC and in particular the following Articles:-
- ◆ **Article 6 (life, survival and development)** every child has the right to be kept safe from harm, the right to be alive, survive and develop through life
 - ◆ **Article 12 (respect for the views of the child)** every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them and to have their views considered and taken seriously

- ◆ **Article 13 (freedom of expression)** every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law; and
- ◆ **Article 27 (adequate standard of living)** every child has the right to a safe place to live, food and clothing

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Foreword

Welcome to the fifth edition of South Lanarkshire's Local Child Poverty Action Report. As a partnership we aspire to build on our core offer of support to families over recent years and work together to identify what more we can do to make things better for families financially. This report focuses on what we have been able to do over the last year to support families cope with the current cost of living challenges and also and how we look to improve that support moving forward.

While the impact of COVID-19 can still be seen on individuals and communities, as a partnership we are able to see the lives of communities getting back to normal and on the road to recovery.

We are aware that many children and families continue to experience poverty challenges and face difficult choices on a day to day basis, which often limits opportunities in many areas of life, e.g. health, education and learning involvement in our communities, pursuing hobbies and interests, or making time for holidays as a family. Our aspiration for families continues to be that they experience the best start in life and achieve best possible outcomes they can. To support this aspiration our partners, work with families and local communities to identify practical solutions to the things that can help make real changes in people's lives.

Tackling child poverty and poverty in general cannot be achieved in isolation and in South Lanarkshire we are taking an approach where actions to address poverty in general are embedded in all that we do. The diagram below explains the connections across the various processes to tackle poverty and reduce its impact on children, young people and families.

The diagram from the commitment document - here

We firmly believe that taking a joined up whole family approach to tackling poverty and improving wellbeing is essential to providing the best possible support to families. To deliver a sustained reduction in child poverty over the longer term and break the cycle of child poverty, we will work with partners to provide the integrated and holistic support that families need to enter quality employment, improve their wider wellbeing and benefit from the support provided through the key 'drivers of poverty reduction'.

- Income from social security and benefits
- Cost of living, and:
- Income from employment

Our approach in South Lanarkshire continues to be built upon:

- Providing the right opportunities and integrated support to parents and young adults to enter and sustain progress in work
- Supporting families to live dignified lives with their basic needs met, and:
- Doing everything we possibly can to ensure our next generation thrives

We firmly endorse our child poverty commitment that: **'We will provide support to South Lanarkshire's families in order to tackle child poverty head on, through an offer of the right support, at the right time and delivered in the right way'.**

Moving forward, our plan for 2023-24 has four key elements. Three sections consider the work we are already doing and will develop around the three main drivers to address poverty. We also

continue to work together as partners and with families to deliver support differently and more effectively where we can.

The following commitments reflect where we will improve what we do and how we do it:

- We will make sure that policy development and future service delivery is influenced by the voice of children, young people and families experiencing poverty
- Our third sector organisations with their strong links to communities will be more involved at strategic level
- We will make better use of existing data that will improve a shared understanding of the impact of poverty at household and locality level
- We will deliver more holistic, wraparound support services which are as accessible as possible to families experiencing poverty
- We will develop shared short, medium and long term outcomes and identify the necessary resources to work collaboratively towards them, which adds value to our core offer of support to families

As part of this continued step change, we have published South Lanarkshire's Commitment to tackle child poverty, which is closely aligned to the last three years of the national delivery plan Best Start Bright Futures, our 2023-26 Children's Services Plan and the wide range of strategies and plans that are shown in the diagram above. Our vision for this approach is that we will have the voice of our children, young people and families at the centre of all our relevant planning and service design processes.

Finally, a big thank you to all the partners and staff from our statutory, voluntary and community sectors who are dedicated to making a difference for our families. The hard work, commitment, and dedication to support families to achieve best possible outcomes is very much appreciated.

Cllr Joe Fagan

Leader of South Lanarkshire Council

Martin Hill

Chair of NHS Lanarkshire Board

The current context

Children, young people and families, and the agencies that work alongside them, are living and operating in an environment where the impact of COVID-19 and the cost of living are still being felt. Increases, particularly in the cost of fuel and food mean that family budgets are stretched further than ever. Challenges in public sector funding install some uncertainty in our capacity to support families going forward and worries over inflation and the impact of the conflict in Ukraine combine to create a difficult point in time for all of us.

Inequalities within communities continue to be a real concern and we know that some groups are affected more than others by this, including the priority groups identified below:

- one-parent families
- a household where someone is disabled
- families with three or more children
- minority ethnic families
- families with a child under one year old
- families where the mother is under 25 years of age.

We also know that young people who are care experienced are directly impacted by these changes in a disproportionate way. We bear all these groups in mind when writing this report and planning how we can continue to use our resources to best support families.

We have made a firm commitment to improving our services as a partnership where we can and in the last year, we have worked to identify some key areas where we can do this. Our Child Poverty Commitment maps out our approach going forward, and we will report on and update our progress on an annual basis as part of our reporting duty, but more importantly as part of our accountability to our children, young people and families.

Our work on child poverty does not happen in isolation and the national delivery plan “Best Start, Bright Futures” details the help they will provide through initiatives such as the Scottish Child Payment and other financial support. It also details funding streams such as the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund, which is being used to increase help and support to children, young people and families earlier and in a more joined up way, e.g., through the four newly established local Family Hubs.

Our commitment is to make sure that these funds are best used to effect transformational change in the way we design services and support improvement in the delivery and impact of services we provide to make a difference to the lives of children and families in South Lanarkshire. This includes working towards the national aim of 5% of our spend on health and social care being on preventative measures by 2030.

South Lanarkshire’s Community Plan and the Council Plan ‘Connect’ share the vision of improving the life and prospects of everyone in South Lanarkshire. All the partners involved locally will be working to make sure that we are supporting people as best we can to overcome the impact of poverty, learning together about what does and does not work, and acting sustainably to support our communities and our planet for the future.

Our work on neighbourhood planning with communities who are facing the greatest inequalities and are supported to deliver upon their own priorities is very much part of this vision. Much of this work involves children, young people and families in very practical ways, helping people support each other and making sure that available resources are used to the best effect in our communities.

Examples of this work are included within this report and we continue to recognise the importance of community led activity in shaping our services and in making sure that we do all we can do to help improve the lives of children, young people and families throughout South Lanarkshire.

Our plan and its progress

The following section details the work undertaken in relation to each of our priority themes:

Progress on increasing income from benefits

Citizens Advice Bureau support

South Lanarkshire Citizens Advice Bureaus have supported 5,900 people with benefits advice during 2022/23, which included 1,743 families with children. As part of help given to families, local Citizens Advice Bureaus continued to deliver the Money Talk Plus project, which provides targeted support to families with a range of issues such as benefits and welfare rights, specialist debt and money advice and income maximisation and outgoings.

648 referrals were received into specialist services, which are linked up with health centres across Hamilton, Blantyre, Larkhall and Rutherglen. Referrals come from GPs and other health professionals. Clients can be supported in person either at the health centres, or at one of the local CAB offices. From this total figure, 164 referrals for families were received: 73 families were single parent households, 45 were 2 parents and up to 2 children, 13 were from 2 parents with 3+ children and 33 families had children with a disability.

As a result, 1743 families have accessed support and are better placed to manage the current cost of living challenges. The following case study provides an example of this impact.

Between March 2022 and April 2023, 343 families made a claim to the Scottish Government neonatal fund, totalling £79,155. In addition, 15 families made a claim to the Young Patient's Family Fund, totalling £3041.77. Claims were for food and travel costs and support families who have a child as an inpatient within University Hospital Wishaw.

Case Study

A parent contacted the Citizens Advice Bureau looking for assistance with debts totalling around £9000, including rent and council tax arrears. She had recently given birth and had a six-year-old child. She had been in and out of hospital due to her mental health and was receiving support from a specialist midwife and her GP.

The client was referred to an advisor who met with her for a face to face appointment and helped to assess her income and debt situation and conducted a holistic interview. The advisor provided advice and assistance with a range of issues including, assessment for limited capability for work for a Universal Credit claim, a discretionary housing payment application, application to the Financial Wellbeing Support Fund, energy saving tips and advice on ways to find better deals on common household bills. The client was also referred to a Money Advisers for specialist assistance with her debts.

The support resulted in a financial gain of £1003 for the parent and she is still receiving assistance to resolve her debt situation.

Money Matters Advice Service

South Lanarkshire Council's Money Matters Advice Service has provided free and confidential financial advice and advocacy support to families experiencing financial difficulties. A new case management and recording system was introduced this year, which records the number of clients, number of issues and what these were.

Over the last year the service supported 14,223 households dealing with 40,663 issues.

Support for families included benefit checks, referrals for energy top up vouchers, referral to foodbanks, submitting benefit and grant applications and assisting clients with over £7.47 m of problem debt.

The support is delivered in a number of different ways, including through the Telephone Advice Line, where 917 clients were supported where there was a pregnant woman or a child under the age of 5. The advice line has seen a 233% increase in referrals across all services compared with last year. 51% of cases involved a household with dependent children, 29% of cases were single parent households and 6% of cases involved a household with 3 or more dependent children.

In addition, 5,136 families benefited from access to the Financial Wellbeing Support Fund, 413 families were supported by an Energy Adviser and 238 people increased their job prospects through help from an Employability Adviser.

As a result of this support, the service managed to secure £1.71m in debt write offs for clients , £25.9m in financial gains through social security benefits and other grants and £1.21m from the Financial Wellbeing Support Fund. The following study provides an example of the experience of one family.

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Case study

A parent contacted Money Matters Advice Service for a benefit check. The parent is married and lives in his owner-occupied home with his wife and children aged two and ten. The only household income was the parent's monthly net earnings of £905.

As a result of the benefit check, the parent was successfully supported in claiming Child Benefit and the Scottish Child Payment for his two children, securing a reduction in Council Tax and accessing Universal Credit and Best Start Grant payments. In addition, they were assisted to claim Child Disability Payment for his 10-year-old son. The client's wife is currently being supported to claim Carer's Allowance which will allow them to access the Carer's Allowance Supplement and the carer element of Universal Credit.

The overall increase in household income for the client and his family is currently £15981.88 per annum, which has potential to increase depending on the Child Disability Payment claim.

Expanding the routine enquiry approach

Providing financial advice in health settings has been an important part of our support for families. Routine Enquiry about money and finance issues as part of child health assessments has been offered by Health Visitors, Midwives and NHS First Steps Workers for a number of years. At the first point of contact midwives and health visitors refer pregnant women and new mothers at risk of financial hardship onto local financial advice services.

Referrals from staff to the Money Matters Advice Service has increased by 102% over the past year which underlines the extent of need amongst families with young children. In addition, work is underway to extend routine enquiry support across other services such as the Integrated Community Children's Nursing Team, the recently established Locality Family Hubs led by Social Work and also to ensure support is available within neonatal and children's wards where needed.

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Glasgow Royal Hospital for Children Project:

This Royal Hospital for Children Project supports families of children who are patients, either as an inpatient or outpatient. In the last year the service supported 46 South Lanarkshire families benefit from a total of £194,976 in financial gains, an 83% increase from last year. Most of the families had a disabled child under the age of 18 including the following example from a worker at the project.

“Advocacy work can be extremely rewarding at times. One example of this recently was when a client with a severely disabled child was fleeing domestic violence and was forced by her abuser to give up their home that they had been in for less than a year. We had concerns that the client would have to go into homeless accommodation that was unsuitable for her child, who is oxygen dependent. Working with other agencies within South Lanarkshire the family were given another suitable property. We are also assisting client with a fuel debt accrued by ex-partner not paying bills and she has received a full benefits check ensuring that she is receiving her full entitlement to benefits.”

GP Community Link Worker Programme

The programme is aimed at helping primary care teams support people to live well in their communities. A worker engages directly with patients (including parents) who are experiencing challenges affecting their health and wellbeing and help them access additional help and support in their community. As part of the support provided by the Link Workers, referrals are made to specialist financial wellbeing advice services Citizen Advice Bureaus and the Money Matters Advice Service. Any parent that discloses financial, debt or benefit worries can be referred onto these support services.

A total of 911 patients benefited from the financial wellbeing support in South Lanarkshire and there was an overall financial gain of £612,861.

Rolling out financial advice services into schools

Nine families benefited from referral by schools to the Money Matters Advice Service for appropriate financial help and advice. Going forward this approach will become an integral part of

extending the successful Supporting Families project which has been based in the Rutherglen area and will be rolled out to cover the Larkhall area. Key workers will work with schools to support families with a range of issues, including helping them access dedicated money and debt advice from Money Matters.

Social Security Scotland - new and existing child/parent targeted benefits:

Social Security Scotland continue to raise awareness and promote uptake of the Scottish Child Payment among staff and clients. 8015 claims were made between January and December 2022, taking the total claims in South Lanarkshire to 19,325 by March 2023. The value of the claims so far has been £15,092. In addition, the Scottish Child Disability payment has had 1940 claims since its launch, with the value of these payments totalling £14,603. Partners continue to promote awareness of the new benefits through a range of communication channels, including social media.

Progress on minimising the effects of Cost of Living rises

Increased uptake of funded and early learning and childcare entitlement for 2 and 3 year olds

The Early Learning and Childcare service continue to work with colleagues across Education, Health, and Social Work to promote early access to quality nursery provision and maximise take up of free funded entitlements for two- and three-year-olds. During 2022/23, 100% of known eligible 2-year-old children entitled to 1,140 hours of funded childcare have benefited from the opportunity. The service continues to build on the work to support parents from low-income households not eligible for 1,140 hours funded childcare to apply for exemption to nursery fees. We have seen a rise in the number of families being awarded an exemption due to their living in a low-income household.

Over the last 12 months we exceeded the target to improve the uptake of funded places for eligible two-year-old children. We have seen a year-on-year increase with the number of two year olds taking up a place increasing from 15.5% (471 children) in 2021 to 25.9% (836) in 2023. This year we opened an additional nursery, Skylark Early Learning Centre in Larkhall which provides 15 full time equivalent places for children aged 2-3 bringing the total places available in South Lanarkshire up to 635.

However, we are aware that there are families who are eligible for a nursery place who are unknown to us due to families not requesting a nursery place and are working with the Scottish Government and Department of Work and Pensions to identify families who are missing out and ensure they are aware of the provision.

Reduction in financial barriers to education for school age children

Reducing the cost of the school day initiatives

A Cost of the School Day Policy has been developed and it is anticipated that the document will be available in the majority of schools (60%) towards the end of 2023. To support the Cost of the School Day Policy, a guidance document to support staff is being developed which will complement the policy.

Participatory Budgeting in Schools - Improving engagement with children, parents, and staff to ensure that the priorities of school communities better guide spending decisions.

Significant progress has been made in relation to participatory budgeting within our schools. All schools were requested to allocate a minimum of 5% from their Pupil Equity Fund to Participatory Budgeting. During the school year, 38 of our schools have allocated a larger percentage of their Pupil Equity Funding to Participatory Budgeting than allocated in 2021/22. In addition, the 5% target for all schools allocating funds has been met.

Last year, schools received an additional 15% increase to their Pupil Equity Fund allocation from the Scottish Government to support recovery post-covid. However, this session Pupil Equity Fund allocations are more in-line with previous levels.

Following revised training in August 2022, stakeholder groups for each school contributed to another successful process with the consultation now complete. Schools have allocated the monies based on pupils' views and to ensure the minimum 5% was spent in line with the identified outcomes and measures.

Graphics- can you use the case study here?



PB - Carluke High School.zip

Maximising the uptake of School benefits – free school meals and clothing grants

More children and young people are benefiting from free school meals as we saw an increase in the uptake of free school meals during in primary schools from 65% last year to 72% this year. In addition, there was also an increase in the uptake of school meals within secondary schools from 41% last year to 43% this year.

The number of pupils benefiting from clothing grants was 12,580, a slight decrease on last year when 12,784 pupils were eligible. This may be attributed to improvements in household circumstances since the removal of COVID restrictions in 2022. Of the awards made, most were automated utilising information already held on council systems and did not require a separate application. During the year the automated process is refreshed on a weekly basis to ensure any new cases with entitlement to a clothing grant are identified and payment made as quickly as possible.

Privileged Transport places and increasing Active travel

The Privileged School Transport Places scheme allows children entitled to Free School Meals free travel to school under certain conditions. Over the last year 32 pupils benefited from this support, which was a reduction on the previous year's total of 55 pupils.

Active Travel

Active travel to school has been promoted across all schools in South Lanarkshire over the last year and has included Bikeability Scotland training. In total 70 schools participated in the scheme.

Sustrans' Big Walk and Wheel took place in March with the aim of inspiring pupils to make active journeys to school, with 34 South Lanarkshire schools signing up for the initiative. Pupils at St. John's Primary School, Blackwood finished equal first in the UK in the small primary schools category; while pupils at Wester Overton Primary School in Strathaven finished in the top 20 for large primary schools. Both schools achieved a weekly average of over 90% for active travel journeys to school by pupils.

Infographic for this?

There were 60% of school pupils travelling to school by active or public transport during 2022/23. This included 37% who walked, 3% who travelled by bicycle and 17% who travelled by bus. The number of schools with active travel plans has increased from 75 last year to 78 this year, which is the highest number recorded so far and contributes towards pupils' overall health and wellbeing.

Tackling food poverty out with regular school hours/ Holiday Hunger programmes and Breakfast Clubs

A voucher scheme was introduced during 2021/22 to cover meal costs for children from low-income households during school holiday periods. The vouchers provide a payment of £3.00 per day/ per child to cover meals during all school holiday periods. Over the last year 9,465 children and young people benefited from this support.

Schools continue to offer breakfast clubs to all pupils across the primary sector and is seen as a valued support to pupils and families for several reasons. This is summarised by one of our schools.

'Our breakfast club is accessed by 120 families and regularly attended by 60 children each day. Whilst they receive a healthy breakfast, the children also benefit from a soft start to their day socialising, playing games and doing activities with their friends. This supports our attachment informed practice. There are some children who find coming to school and separating from their parent difficult and the morning can be the most challenging time of the day. The breakfast club is an effective support for these children and their families.'

What the children thought about their breakfast club:

P4 child "I'm not late for school anymore and I get something nice to eat. I always get my breakfast now."

P7 child "It gives me a good start to the day and keeps me warm instead of standing in the cold."

Going forward Education Support Services will continue to encourage pupils to attend breakfast clubs and ensure that parents are aware of the benefits of their children attending.

Reducing housing costs for families

Increasing the supply of affordable homes for families - Increase the availability of inclusive types and designs

The council delivered 233 new homes from the council's schemes to offer affordable homes through new build initiatives and the Open Market Purchase Scheme. A hundred and eight families benefited from this, including five homes allocated to families with a disabled child [meaning](#) .

Deliver regeneration projects to improve housing and built environment in priority areas (East Whitlawburn)

The council has continued to work in partnership with key stakeholders to deliver 230 new social rented homes as part of the Whitlawburn Regeneration Masterplan, 170 of these will be council homes. Of the properties completed in the final phase of this project over the last year, 19 families with children were allocated properties. Many of these were families who resided in the older housing in the area that was demolished and have now moved back in to new, high quality energy efficient homes in the same location.

All 170 (30% of which are amenity standard) properties for the council have been completed with the remaining properties to be handed over to West Whitlawburn Co-operative in April 2023.

The council worked with the developer (CCG Homes), to provide an enhanced package of community benefits throughout the construction period, which included the provision of jobs, apprenticeships and training opportunities for local residents.

In addition, a £50,000 Whitlawburn Community Endowment Fund was established to benefit local residents across a range of initiatives. This included provision of food shopping vouchers to tenants, donation to the Whitlawburn Food Pantry, donations to third sector and community groups aligned with the existing neighbourhood planning process, as well as supply of a new bench and commemorative bench for the central open space in the area.

Maintaining affordable rents for Council tenants

The council are committed to keeping rents at a reasonable level for tenants (including families). The South Lanarkshire Council average rent of £76.42 per week continues to remain lower than the projected Scottish average of £78.57 for the same period.

In order that the council can continue to deliver high quality housing services and invest in current homes as well as build new council homes, the rent increase for 2023-24 has been limited to 3.5% which compares well against the Scottish Local Authority average of 3.8% and the Registered Social Landlord average of 5.34%.

Supporting the housing needs of minority groups - ethnic minorities and travellers

The council continues to support households with children within both council operated Gypsy/Traveller sites in South Lanarkshire. This includes the delivery of resident-led Site Masterplans, ensuring clarity regarding investment in accommodation, facilities and services at both sites against priorities identified by residents.

During the last year, this included investment of over £1.2million from both the Housing Revenue Account and the Scottish Government on a number of projects, including upgraded utilities and extended amenity units providing additional living space.

Progress will continue to be made on delivering the plans, with residents identifying their priorities for 2023/24. This includes the extension of remaining amenity units, two additional new pitches and two new play areas designed by children currently living on the sites.

Housing and Technical Resources will continue to manage and support the refugee resettlement programmes for families who arrive in South Lanarkshire through the different re-settlement schemes and the Homes for Ukraine programme. The Resource Resettlement Team work in partnership with relevant agencies to support new arrivals and ensure that families move to settled accommodation as quickly as possible. The Resource will also coordinate the council and partners involvement in the asylum seeker dispersal programme.

During 2022/23 there were 47 families provided with a tenancy under the Homes for Ukraine Programme and one family allocated a tenancy under the UK Resettlement Scheme.

Reducing energy costs for families

The Council are continuing to invest in improving the energy efficiency of all council homes. In 2022/23, 50 properties had external wall insulation completed which included 37 owners and 13 council properties which were delivered through Energy Efficient Scotland funding. These improvements increase the thermal efficiency for households and reduce the energy costs required to heat them. In addition, the council has been working to prepare for the launch of the next phase of the Energy Company Obligation Scheme that provides financial assistance to homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of their homes. The council are now progressing plans to launch the next phase later this year to allow more households to benefit.

Reducing homelessness and the threat of homelessness among families, children and young people

The Council continues to work with partners to reduce the overall number of homeless households. As of 31st March 2023, there were 245 households with children residing in temporary accommodation, a little more than at the same time last year. Despite this slight increase, the Council continues to work with housing and homelessness partners to reduce the overall number of homeless households and to reduce the amount of time families spend as homeless. The length of time families spend in temporary accommodation depends on a range of factors, including support needs and housing availability. The average number of days spent as homeless for households with children continues to reduce and last year was 143 compared to 192 in 2020.

Case study

The family had been living in homeless accommodation when they were referred to Breaking the Cycle (Housing and Technical Resources) following an arson attack on their property. The family also suffered a significant bereavement whilst living in homeless accommodation which was difficult as their family support was in another area. In addition, finances were very tight for the family due to the challenge of the cost of living.

Attendance at school was an issue for both Child A and Child B and Child A decided to move to Manchester to live with other family members family due to pressure she felt at home after the diagnosis of autism on her sibling Child C. Child B was attending school sporadically and Breaking the Cycle were given permission to contact the school. Mum was struggling with communication with Child C due to his autism and challenging behaviour. He was demanding and would only settle when they had a table and could watch his favourite cartoons. He had broken all the I.T. equipment within the home including his siblings' mobile phones.

As a result of support from Breaking the Cycle, a reduced timetable was agreed with the school to help Child B get back to school and reintegrate with her peer group. Transport and support were provided for Child B get into school in the morning which also helped mum. Funding was secured for Child B in respect of a new school uniform, which helped support reintegration with her peers and as a result her attendance improved and eventually she felt comfortable to attend school full time

Following diagnosis, the GP was able to support the family and provide medication to help with Child C's erratic sleeping pattern and to generally calm them down. A place in mainstream nursery was secured, where he thrived, and Breaking the Cycle sourced a Tablet with a protective covering which helped greatly. The family were offered a secure tenancy and mum was able to decorate the house to a high standard and the whole family are content in the home.

Due to Child C's diagnosis, the family were awarded high level of Disability Living Allowance and mum was then able to apply for Carer's Allowance which made a huge impact on the family's financial wellbeing. The allowance was backdated, and the family were then able to visit Child A who had previously moved to Manchester.

Breaking the Cycle secured a summer holiday for the family which mum described as having made a significant difference to their overall wellbeing as she said they all felt relaxed and destressed. The holiday also gave time for mum and Child B to have a real talk and mum found out that she was happy being back at school, her home life was good and she had a positive relationship with her peers.

Mum: *"The team got me and kids a little holiday at the right time and really helped us bond again as a family. The team has been amazing with myself and kids from the day we were allocated to them and will be forever thankful for their help."*

Providing support with homelessness prevention and tenancy sustainment

A Tenancy Sustainment Fund was initially introduced in 2019/20 to support tenants to maintain their rent payments and prevent homelessness. This was continued last year with a total fund available of £484,000 from the Housing Revenue Account and Homelessness Budget and the Scottish Government Local Authority Covid Economic Recovery. As a result, 198 families benefited by a total of £152,615 from this support, protecting them from the likelihood of becoming homeless.

Supporting care experienced young people to plan for and move to independent living in the community

Housing Services offer intensive and ongoing support to young people just out of care to help them sustain their tenancy as part of the Throughcare initiative. Over the last 12 months, 93% of tenancies were sustained by Throughcare applicants, compared with 96% the previous year. The reason for the decrease was due to a variety of factors including tenancy abandonment and moving out with the area.

Improved digital inclusion amongst families in the most deprived areas.

The Council has continued to promote digital inclusion within schools and a range of digital resources were made available to schools, pupils and families across South Lanarkshire. Various resources for teacher training have been developed including in the use of Texthelp Read&Write and SchoolCloud which help to support online parents' consultations and provide the option of a

blended approach of online and in person appointments which has helped to improve communication and engagement with parents and carers.

Additional data SIM cards have been sourced and are being distributed to schools where pupils are identified as still requiring connectivity support to access digital devices at home. Plans are in place to support secondary schools with digital equipment that will provide improved access to online lessons at advanced higher level across different schools. Calderglen High School is currently using the system in their Gaelic unit and this will be rolled out across different schools.

Reduced food poverty.

The Council has been working to increase the capacity of local foodbanks to provide emergency food aid to families with children. As a result of their work, we saw an increase in the number of children fed through the emergency food parcel provision by 32% over the last year. This represents the hands on support the council has provided to make sure that foodbanks have enough capacity to supply and support families in times of need.

Reduced costs of participation in Leisure and Culture experiences.

The council continues its commitment to work with Active Schools to increase engagement and reduce the costs of participation in leisure and culture experiences. Active Schools have worked closely with Education to plan a diverse programme of extracurricular activities for 22/23.

An ambitious target was set last year to bring participation levels back to 300,000 visits (pre Covid-19 levels), however, it looks as if this target will be missed by around 50,000. Over term one, 121,014 visits were recorded and of this, 47% were girls and represents a 1% increase in last year's term one figures for girls. Moving forward into next year the ambitious target will remain the same and South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture will continue to work with schools to deliver a programme of extracurricular activity.

Active Schools Coordinators continue to engage with all schools and collaborate with their learning community partners to deliver a range of targeted programmes throughout the school year. While there is a universal offering, there has been a focus on delivering a range of targeted activities across our communities. These programmes work with smaller groups and the attendance numbers are lower to provide more bespoke support to the communities who need it most.

South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture has seen an increase in the number of concession scheme members across the trust. Awareness of the scheme is high, and the cost-of-living crisis has resulted in more people looking at their eligibility for the scheme. The membership target of 6,000 across the trust has been surpassed by over 900, to 6,993 active members a 26.2% on the previous year. Additionally, partnerships across South Lanarkshire and the 3rd sector continue to help raise awareness of the scheme to a wide range of people and organisations.

Reduce costs associated with health harming behaviours.

NHS Lanarkshire are still running their smoking cessation programme 'Quit Your Way,' which is targeted at pregnant woman who reside in areas of higher deprivation. Awareness sessions continue to be delivered to pregnant women within local communities and partner organisations such as Healthy Valleys, Burnbank Family Centre Cambuslang Family Centre.

Over the last year, there has been a 19% increase in referrals. Prompt cards have been developed to enable a more simplified referral route using a QR code. This can be used by clients, staff, third sector organisations or community partners.

Driver 3 - Progress on maximising opportunities to increase income from employment

Reduce Gap in school leavers entering a positive destination between most deprived 20% and least deprived 20% areas

The Youth Employability Service provides a range of work-based learning and targeted support opportunities to young people which are designed to support young people to progress to positive post-school destinations. This support includes targeted one-to-one support through the Aspire programme for young people who have been identified as being most at risk of becoming unemployed when they leave school. Each school has a link Aspire worker and all young people are identified for support through school 16+ meetings which use the 16+ matrix to identify those at most risk across a range of indicators. For school leavers in 2021/22 the gap in positive school leavers destinations between those in the most deprived and least deprived datazones was 6.1% which is lower than the previous year but is wider than the gap at a national level. In response, all young people residing in the 20% most deprived datazones have been a focus for discussion through these meetings to identify whether additional support is required and it is anticipated that this will have a positive impact on the 2022/23 school leaver destinations.

Aspire Case study

Cara was referred to Aspire in January 2021 while she was pregnant. She gave birth in February and after an initial period of adjustment, began engaging with the Youth Employability Team. Cara and her Aspire worker worked together over an 18-month period which included periods when Cara was unable to engage due to illness and home life challenges. However, over time she was supported to work on her personal and social skills and develop her confidence. Cara enrolled on the RISE programme which is delivered on by Routes to Work South and although she didn't complete it due to illness and her role as a Mum, the course did give her motivation and she felt ready to move on to further education. Cara was supported to apply for college courses, and has now been accepted to start a hospitality course at Kelvin College in August.

Support care experienced school leavers sustain a positive destination

Care experienced young people are a key priority group and partners including the Council's employability teams, Skills Development Scotland and Social Work closely to track the destinations of all care experienced young people and ensure support is in place where required. These processes are highly effective and have supported an increase in positive destinations for care experienced young people to 92.5%, which compares to a national rate of 86%. Skills Development Scotland have allocated a designated Careers Advisor to support young people in children's houses and to link with the throughcare and aftercare team. during 2022/23 the council continued to deliver a pilot programme to support care experienced young people into council apprenticeships with 5 young people supported.

Case study

When Jack, who is care experienced, was referred to Aspire by an SDS Careers Advisor he was involved in offending in his local community and required support to address his chaotic lifestyle. Jack was supported to set both short term and long-term goals including addressing his offending, opening a bank account and exploring vocational pathways. Jack and his Aspire worker built up a positive relationship and agreed that he would attend a personal and social development programme to build his confidence, motivation, and social skills. Jack successfully completed this and achieved an SQA qualification in employability and personal development. Jack identified construction as his preferred route and was supported to take part in a

preparation course. Jack passed this first time and successfully applied for a college construction course due to start in August.

Increase employment support for low income parents

Supporting Families

Partners have continued to work together to deliver and expand the Supporting Families programme across schools and communities in the Rutherglen and Cambuslang areas. This has been successfully evaluated by the Social Value Lab and takes a person-centred and holistic approach to support parents and families to improve participant's quality of life, confidence and early-stage employability skills.

This programme is a partnership between Clyde Gateway, South Lanarkshire Council and delivery partners including One Parent Family Scotland, Routes to Work South and South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture to address the following priorities:

- Support wellbeing and resilience across all areas financial, emotional and physical, recognising that family wellbeing is directly influenced by socio-economic factors which interact and impact across a family's home, neighbourhood, learning and work environments.
- Support families to develop skills by identifying training, learning and work opportunities that will enhance their employability and life chances for the future
- Support wellbeing and resilience across all areas financial, emotional and physical
- Increase social connections and reduce isolation
- Support access to afterschool/childcare provision

Over the past year Supporting Families helped 65 families, including 52 children supported with afterschool childcare across three schools. Thirty five families were supported into employment, or increased hours and 20 families supported into further/higher education opportunities. Forty families benefited from physical activity prescriptions in partnership with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture, which has a positive impact on mental health and helped mitigate a range of physical illnesses.

In addition, 35 single parent families were supported by financial inclusion staff with a significant financial gain of £85,921.40 secured to help families cope with the cost of living. This support included welfare rights support, crisis intervention, charity donations, and grant applications.

Building on the success of Supporting Families in the Rutherglen and Cambuslang communities the programme will be further rolled out to communities in Larkhall and Clydesdale.

Making it Work

Making it Work is an inclusive employment support programme for parents experiencing health and disability challenges. The programme, which is delivered by Routes to Work South provides flexible support to parents aiming to re-enter the workforce and/or progress to further education or training.

The programme involves a blend of keyworker support, health and wellbeing and personal development and employability skills. All participants have an individual keyworker who, following the completion of an initial assessment of needs supports them to agree an individual action plan supported by ongoing case management support. This activity is accompanied by a toolbox of accessible interventions which include commissioning group and individual interventions from health assessment through counselling, groupwork, stress management, mindfulness, emotional literacy,

physical therapies and in work support. Participants have the opportunity to take part in 6-week confidence building groupwork programmes designed to inspire and empower, the 'learning safari' course also provides the parents with the opportunity to complete an Institute for leadership and Management level 3 qualification.

Case study

When ND began to engage in the Making it Work programme her main barriers were that she had never worked since leaving school nine years previously as she was raising her three children, one of whom has autism. The client naturally felt she lacked the confidence and skills to enter the job market and also suffered from anxiety to add to her barriers. ND was also worried about finding suitable hours and childcare around her home circumstances. We discussed goals and her desire was to become a midwife one day or work towards that by working in a care setting with children. To address her barriers, we began to work together on addressing her confidence/anxiety issues, explore childcare options and suitable hours and employability skills and she engaged on the Learning Safari groupwork programme.

ND's confidence quickly improved, and we began to address employability skills including building a CV and job search skills, identifying jobs linked to childcare with the bigger picture of midwifery in mind as well as jobs that would suit her home/childcare circumstances. We discussed what hours she was available to work taking into account school and nursery hours for her own children and where and when her partner could help out with childcare.

Once ready we began to identify and apply for school support and nursery assistant roles and worked on developing interview skills and ND was invited to interview for a role in a nursery in East Kilbride. We worked together to prepare for the interview and ND was successful in securing the role on a part-time basis which suited her childcare arrangements. She started in the role in January and remains in contact with the team at Route to Work South and she feels she has come a long way in such a short space of time and is on the right path.

Employee upskilling

The Council's upskilling programme supports employees in low wage and part time employment to undertake training or other activity that will lead to improved employment circumstances. This includes moving from minimum wage to the living wage, increased hours, or job progression/promotion within the organisation. The programme works with parents in the private, third and public sectors to access individualised support and funded training activities tailored to their individual circumstances.

Our approach to improvement

As a partnership, we take improvement seriously and continuously look to where we think we can deliver better support and services to our children, young people and families. As part of this work, we are informed by a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, which is built around available data, the voices of children, young people and families and the views of our wider workforce. This assessment informs a range of planning and decision-making processes.

Our approach to continuous improvement has been informed by national policy and local scrutiny of practice, both internal and external and is an integral part of our governance of this work.

Our commitment to continuous improvement is built around activity designed to improve standards and services e.g.:

- Producing our Local Child Poverty Action Report
- Implementing a clear Performance Framework that utilises SMART measures where possible to show impact of our work
- Auditing our work and using information to promote best practice within and across agencies
- Engaging children, young people and families to hear their views and experiences of accessing services, life circumstances, hopes and aspirations
- Using available up to date evidence to inform our joint planning and evaluation

By taking this approach to what we do, we can map our progress and refine our work to ensure we are doing the right things in the right way. Most importantly it helps us understand where we are making a positive difference for children, young people and families.

As a group, we have agreed that there will be several areas where we will seek to improve what we do to support children, young people and families, including:

- Commitment to more streamlined, collaborative approach to reporting
- Better use of data, research and lived experience
- Identification of specific, timed, partnership actions to address gaps identified through the improvement process

Three 'step change' areas

The three areas for development identified as stepped change in addition to our priorities: -

1. Successful extension of routine enquiry and active referral beyond existing pathways
2. Develop holistic, wraparound support for parents to guide them through obstacles to employment (skills, childcare transport, mental health, benefit entitlement) and beyond
3. Work together to reduce the impact of energy and household bill increases on families with children experiencing or at risk of child poverty (including the priority groups)

How will we achieve this?

- Increased focus on joint working and the pooling of expertise and resources to deliver additional value through the LCPAR group and the organisations it represents
- Commitment to an increasingly evidence based, outcome focused approach which gives particular consideration to the needs of the priority groups at highest risk of child poverty
- Systematic involvement of people with lived experience and the third sector in policy development, decision-making and delivery.

Our priorities for 2023/24 and the longer term

Income from benefits	Cost of living	Income from employment	Working together to deliver differently
An increase in the awareness of families about the benefits and entitlements they are eligible for	Reduction in financial barriers to education for school age children	Reduce the gap in school leavers entering a positive destination between most deprived 20% and least deprived 20% areas	The voice of children, young people and families experiencing poverty informs policy development and service design
Families are more aware of changes in available benefits	Reduced housing costs for families	Support care experienced school leavers sustain a positive destination	Support the third sector to be involved in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of child poverty activity in South Lanarkshire
	Increased uptake of funded and early learning and childcare entitlement for 2- and 3-year-olds	Increase employment support for low income parents	Improve the use of data so that partners can build a shared understanding of poverty at household, neighbourhood, and locality level
	Improved digital inclusion amongst families in the most deprived areas	Employees being paid the living wage - parents	Deliver more holistic, wraparound, accessible support to families experiencing poverty
	Reduce Food Poverty	Employee upskilling - parents	
	Reduce costs associated with health harming behaviours		

Useful links:

Can be lifted from 2021/22 LCPAR

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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Risk Register Update
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 07880 174955 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ provide a summary of the current Community Planning Partnership Risks and an update on progress in the delivery of the Risk Control Plan
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that the summary of Community Planning Partnership risks, as set out at Section 5 of this report, be noted; and (2) that progress in the delivery of actions to mitigate these risks, be noted
Risks/Challenges:	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
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	<p>This report sets out the draft Risks and Control Plan and provides an update on progress against the 2023/2024 Control Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Section 5 sets out the level of perceived risk for all risks in the register. The 2023/2024 Risk Control Plan is set out at Appendix 1

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council

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

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ◆ provide a summary of the current Community Planning Partnership Risks and an update on progress in the delivery of the Risk Control Plan

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the summary of Community Planning Partnership risks, as set out in Section 5 of the report, be noted; and
- (2) that progress in the delivery of actions to mitigate these risks, be noted

3. Background

3.1. A Community Planning Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan is maintained to formally record, assess and aid management of strategic risks for 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. 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.

3.4. 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 18 April 2023 and approved by the Partnership Board on 7 June 2023.

4. Risk Register

4.1. Following approval of the Risk Cards at the Partnership Board on 7 June 2023, the current Community Planning Partnership risks are summarised in the table below:-

Risk Category	Key risk	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Risk Score
1 Very High (15-25)	National and Global Challenges. Partners are required to re-direct resources to respond to local impacts of multiple national and global challenges including: Biodiversity Loss; Climate Action Failure; Cost of Living Crisis; Extreme Weather Events; European Union Exit; Infectious diseases (for example COVID-19) and Mental Health Deterioration Risk Number: CPP/2022/001	20	16
	Failure to meet sustainable development principles and respond collectively to the climate and nature emergencies. Risk Number: CPP/2018/003	20	16
2 High (8-12)	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032 Risk Number: CPP/2018/001	20	12
	Ineffective engagement and collaborative working with communities Risk Number: CPP/2018/002	20	12
	Failure to implement integrated locality working structures which take a “whole systems approach” to deliver the priorities of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans Risk Number: CPP/2018/008	16	9
	Effective use of data owned by partners to support efficient collaborative working practices; to inform a shared understanding of communities; decision making processes and target resources to those most in need. Risk Number: CPP/2018/006	16	8
	Financial Challenges Risk Number: CPP/2018/004	9	9

4.2. Appendix 1 provides an update on the progress with the delivery of the actions in the 2023/2024 Risk Control Plan. The following table provides a summary of their status. Of the 20 actions in the plan: 1 action is complete; 13 are on target to deliver; 4 have not started and 2 actions have minor slippage. The progress update also highlights the actions that have been transferred to the new Risk Control action plan.

Status	Summary
Complete	There is one action completed.
On target	Thirteen actions are currently deemed to be on target to deliver within the timescale set.
Not started	There are four actions currently on hold.
Minor slippage	There has been minor slippage for two actions .
Major slippage	There has been major slippage for no actions .

5. Monitoring and Reporting Arrangements

- 5.1. The Community Planning Progress Group will continue to progress actions and monitor and review the Risk Register and Risk Control Plan. All cards are reviewed annually, however, 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.
- 5.2. Any changes to the Risk Cards will be presented to the Board for approval. Following the annual review of the Risk Cards, the Board will also receive an Annual Risk Update Report.
- 5.3. The next planned review of the full Risk Register and Control Plan will take place during April 2024.

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. Climate change, sustainability and environmental risks have been identified for the partnership and these are outlined at 4.1. Controls and mitigation actions have been included in the relevant risk control cards and actions are included in the 2023/2024 programme of work. Progress is being monitored by the Progress Group and reported quarterly as part of the update contained in Appendix 1 to this report.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. 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.

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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9 August 2023

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Community Planning Partnership – Risk Control Plan 2023-24

Status update key:



Not started



Complete



On target



Minor slippage



Major slippage/Failed to meet target

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032 (CPP/2018/001)	1.1	Communications to be developed to promote and increase awareness of the Community Plan with Partners, Businesses and Communities	CPP Communications Group	30/06/23	In Progress	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. Both of the established Community Partnerships covering Cambuslang/Rutherglen and Clydesdale are planning development sessions during August and September 2023. There will be discussions about communications, and development of future plans to progress communication processes, at these sessions. The partnership's Development Officer continues to engage with local groups and other stakeholders to raise awareness of the Community Plan.
	1.2	Establish a Community Partnership for the Hamilton area	Community Engagement Team/Partners	31/12/23	In Progress	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. The partnership's Development Officer has continued to engage with local groups and other stakeholders to map representation in both the Hamilton and East Kilbride/Strathaven localities. There was a recent meeting of the East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership, and there was agreement to run a development session to plan future

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
						Community Partnership activity. The establishment of Hamilton South Partnership is an effective catalyst for developing a Community Partnership for the locality.
	1.3	Undertake a review of governance and accountability arrangements in line with the review of Community Planning structures	Community Planning Outcomes Leads/Community Planning Team	30/09/23	In Progress	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. A draft partnership agreement and governance arrangements for the Board has been prepared for review by the Outcomes Leads Group. The final draft will be submitted to the CPP Board at the meeting on 6 September 2023.
	1.4	Develop new Neighbourhood Plans in the areas of East Kilbride, Hamilton and Lanark	Community Engagement Team/Partners	31/03/24	In Progress	<p>Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. The Community Planning Partnership agreed to the development of a Hamilton South neighbourhood planning area incorporating Fairhill, Eddlewood and Low Waters at the meeting on 7 June 2023. Initial stakeholder meetings have been held across the 3 areas and preparation for the Participatory Budgeting process is underway within East Kilbride and Lanark.</p> <p>Healthy Valleys are running some key support programmes from Smyllum Resource Centre and</p>

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
						<p>using these to attract and engage local community.</p> <p>A number of internal discussions have taken place regarding Greenhills/ Whitehills and general agreement that ward boundary should be used for the neighbourhood plan. Formal discussions with the new Stakeholder Group to be held at the end of August 2023.</p> <p>The first meeting of the Hamilton South Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Group has taken place over two sessions (day and evening) to allow as many residents as possible and other stakeholders to attend. The initial meeting has raised concerns around the size of the geographical area, the number of residents concerned and how this could be managed. The group have agreed to try the new model and the next step is a workshop which will look at the priorities in Fairhill's current Neighbourhood Plan to see if they can be transferred over or if new priorities need to be identified for the whole ward area. The group will meet five-weekly from now until 31 March 2024.</p>

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
	1.5	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	31/03/24	On hold	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. This work is aligned to the locality working proposal that the Board has tasked the Outcomes Leads with. A project Terms of Reference and Project Plan has been developed and the group are exploring neighbourhood planning. This action has been carried forward to the new risk control plan with a projected completion date of 31 March 2024.
Ineffective engagement and collaborative working with communities (CPP/2018/002)	2.1	Work with South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) Planning Service to develop an Engagement and Participation Statement (statutory planning requirement as part of the preparation of Local Development Plan 3).	SLC Planning Services/Partners	30/09/23	In Progress	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. South Lanarkshire Council's Planning Service has prepared a draft Participation Statement in relation to future consultation and engagement activity on the LDP3 and which has been the subject of extensive consultation. It will be finalised and presented to the council's Planning Committee on 8 August 2023 for approval. In addition, informal discussion has taken place with a variety of council services and partner organisations in order to create bespoke engagement strategies for discrete groups and these will be developed over the coming months.
	2.2	Review the Community Planning website in line with the review of Community Planning	Community Planning and	31/03/24	In Progress	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. Work to update the information pages on the website is

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
			Governance Adviser			<p>continuing. The 'Meet the Board/ Biographies' of the CPP Board Members has been completed together with the redefined pages for the various Neighbourhood Plans. A Sustainable Development and Climate Change page is also under development.</p> <p>Plans to update the look and functionality of the website will be delivered by the council's IT Team. This project has been added to their work plan for 2023-24.</p>
	2.3	Dedicated capacity building and training support provided to the volunteers of the Community Partnerships (VASLan)	VASLan	30/09/24	In Progress	<p>Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. Good progress is being made in the Cambuslang/Rutherglen area supporting the group to run meetings and scheduling face to face/hybrid time. Work is ongoing to support the design of a proposed development day. Currently exploring links between third sector locality networks and community partnerships, in Clydesdale. Awaiting introductions to leads in Hamilton and East Kilbride Community Partnerships, once established. An online training platform is in development with an anticipated launch in autumn 2023. This will provide a range of building capacity and training supports for the volunteers</p>

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
						of the community partnerships, and the wider third sector.
Failure to meet sustainable development principles and respond collectively to the climate and nature emergencies (CPP/2018/003)	3.1	Map and align all CPP priorities to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and identify local indicators for monitoring and reporting	Community Planning Progress Group	31/12/23	In Progress	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. A short-term Climate Change and Sustainable Development Working Group was established to map and align the CPP priorities to the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The first stage of this work has been completed and a report on the findings of this work was submitted to the CPP Board on 7 June 2023. The next stage of this work is to consider the gaps, challenges and local performance indicators.
	3.2	Incorporate mitigation and enhancement measures identified through the Strategic Environmental Assessment into partnership plans	All partnership planning leads	31/03/24	Complete	COMPLETE - Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. The identified mitigation and enhancement measures have been incorporated into the various workstreams for 2023-24 and work is being progressed. The Planning Officer, South Lanarkshire Council provided an update to the Community Planning Progress Group on 18 April 2024.
	3.3	Support community-led action on climate change	Community Engagement Team/ Sustainable Communities	31/03/24	In Progress	The Climate Emergency and Food Strategy Community Grants scheme opened to applicants in January 2022.

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
			Engagement Officer, South Lanarkshire Council			<p>Grants of up to £2,500 were introduced to help community groups and partner organisations develop and promote climate change and sustainability focused projects while grants of up to £1,000 were made available to develop food growing activities on council land or within council facilities. Some projects funded through the Climate Emergency and Food Strategy Community Grants include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballerup Nursery developed a nursery/community allotment and garden area. Ballerup Nursery Allotment - Climate Emergency Grants 2023 - YouTube; • Blantyre Soccer Academy and Blantyre Bikes Better received funding to run cycling repair workshops and a cycling holiday club; • Clyde Cycle Park received funding to purchase adult bikes for their 'On Yer Bike' project; and • Lammermoor Allotments Association received a grant to purchase a shed with solar lighting pack for the allotment site. They also installed

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
						rainwater harvesting facilities on the allotment site.
	3.4	Partners to commit to a planned programme of activities to raise public awareness of climate and nature emergencies	Communications Group/Sustainable Communities Engagement Officer	31/03/24	In progress	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. This action is being progressed through the Community Plan Climate and Nature Action Workstream. Preparations are underway for a Climate and Nature event which will be held on 24 October 2023. An update on this will be provided to the Board at their meeting on 6 September 2023.
Effective use of data owned by partners to support efficient collaborative working practices; to inform a shared understanding of communities; decision making processes and target resources to those most in need. (CPP/2018/006)	4.1	Data sharing assurance framework to be developed by the Partnership as part of the implementation of the new collaborative working methods	Outcomes Leads	31/3/24	On hold	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. This work is aligned to the locality working proposal and will be progressed by the Outcomes Leads group. Lanarkshire Data Sharing Group role to be clarified. This action has been carried forward to the new risk control plan with a projected completion date of 31 March 2024 in line with the locality working project delivery plan.
	4.2	Privacy Impact Screening to be undertaken by the Partnership as part of the implementation of the new collaborative working methods	Outcomes Leads/Progress Group	31/03/24	On hold	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. This work is aligned to the locality working proposal and will be progressed by the Outcomes Leads group. This action has been carried forward to the new risk control plan with a projected completion date of 31 March 2024 in line with the

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
						locality working project delivery plan.
	4.3	Data sharing protocols/agreements to be developed as part of the implementation of the new collaborative working methods	Progress Group	31/03/24	On hold	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. This work is aligned to the locality working proposal and will be progressed by the Outcomes Leads group. Lanarkshire Data Sharing Group role to be clarified. This action has been carried forward to the new risk control plan with a projected completion date of 31 March 2024 in line with the locality working project delivery plan.
Failure to implement integrated locality working structures which take a 'whole systems approach' to deliver the priorities of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plan (CPP/2018/008)	5.1	All Thematic Partnership groups to review current planning and delivery arrangements and prepare a transition plan to locality working	Thematic Groups/Outcomes Leads	31/03/24	In Progress	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. From a Health and Social Care Partnership perspective, Locality Implementation Groups (LIGs) are in place with revised and updated remits and all now have Locality Plans in place. These set out how it is intended to deliver the key elements of the Strategic Commissioning Plan 2002-25. The four Locality Managers link in with other locally based partnerships within their areas and many of these partners are represented on the LIGs. South Lanarkshire's Community Learning and Development Plan was published in October 2021 by the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partnership

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
						<p>that comprises a range of partner organisations including South Lanarkshire Council, Third Sector, further and higher education, and agencies such as Skills Development Scotland, DWP and Health Improvement. Although led and coordinated through the local authority this is very much a partnership plan.</p> <p>A report was sent to the Community Planning Partnership Board in November 2022 on the progress of year 1 of the CLD Plan. This outlined some of the key strengths and areas for development in relation to the 6 priorities: Access to Learning, Health and Well-being, Progression, Employability, Community Influence, and Workforce Development. It also provided some data analysis and challenges the partnership has in relation to the implementation of this data set across the partnership.</p> <p>In preparation for the next report in November 2023, the CLD Partnership will be having a self-evaluation seminar in Sept to analyse strengths and areas for improvement against key quality indicators in the 'How good is our</p>

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
						<p>community learning and development 4?' framework.</p> <p>Children's Services Partnership - The development of a child poverty lens as part of the East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan will be co-ordinated through the Child Poverty Working Group and will be a standing agenda item for as long as is necessary to complete the task and provide ongoing support to any agreed priorities/activity.</p> <p>Community mapping and identifying stakeholders to attend the first East Kilbride stakeholder session at the end of August is being progressed. It is proposed that consultation commences by October 2024 and on track to be completed within the suggested timeline.</p>
	5.2	Develop a locality delivery model proposal and implementation plan	Community Planning Outcomes Leads	31/12/23	Minor Slippage	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. At the meeting in December 2022, the Outcomes Leads discussed current locality delivery models. This will continue to be a focus for the Outcomes Leads group. A project Terms of Reference and Project Plan have been developed. The target completion date has been extended in the new plan to reflect the complexities of this project.

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
	5.3	Evaluate sustainable service delivery models such as the “whole person” and “whole family” approaches	Community Planning Outcomes Leads	31/12/23	Minor Slippage	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. At the meeting in December 2022, the Outcomes Leads considered different service delivery models. This will continue to be a focus for the Outcomes Leads group. A project Terms of Reference and Project Plan have been developed. A Shaping Places; Whole Family Wellbeing and Contextual Safeguarding presentations have been provided to the group. The target completion date has been extended in the new plan to reflect the complexities of this project.
National and Global Challenges (CPP/2022/001)	6.1	Work with Community Partnerships to develop a framework for creating community resilience plans (including plans for food security and climate change)	Community Planning Team	31/03/24	In Progress	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. This action is being progressed through the Community Plan Local Planning Workstream with an initial meeting taking place on 17 August 2023 to discuss taking this forward.
	6.2	Partners to support communities to develop resilience plans	Community Engagement Manager/Resilience Adviser	31/03/24	In Progress	Action carried forward from 2022-23 plan. Learning is being undertaken to increase partner knowledge in this area. Work has started to develop information pages for the Community Planning website which highlight national resources for communities. The Community Partnerships will be engaged in this work.

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Service Manager

CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING

**Implementation of a new
approach in South Lanarkshire**

WHAT IS CONTEXTUAL SAFEGUARDING?

- ▶ An approach protecting young people from extra-familial abuse
- ▶ A shift in practice to make places where abuse occurs safer
- ▶ Such places include parks, transport hubs, schools and online
- ▶ Supports development of practice, systems and structures for assessing and intervening in contexts and groups
- ▶ Included in National Child Protection Guidance as a good practice example

REWRITING THE RULES OF CHILD PROTECTION

Contextual safeguarding involves a move away from a traditional approach of solely assessing family or individual concerns towards **assessing the contexts** where harm takes place e.g schools, transport hubs, shopping centres and take-away shops. Contexts may be where groups of young people congregate but may also be where criminal and or sexual exploitation takes place. Traditional approaches have involved focussing solely on issues with the child and family to address extra familial harm and risk e.g. removing the child from their family or community rather than assessing the contexts where harm takes place.

Contextual Safeguarding involves taking a child protection lens towards contexts and will require new partnerships being developed.

DEVELOPMENT OF APPROACH

Developed by the Contextual Safeguarding
Network within the University of Bedfordshire

First piloted in the London Borough of
Hackney.

Now implemented in 19 test sites across
England

The contextual Safeguarding system:

Level 1

Responding to young people and families

Level 2

Responding to contexts that impact their safety



- ▶ Well established partnership approach to Child Sexual Exploitation
- ▶ CARM procedures where there are harmful behaviours towards others
- ▶ IRD criteria now include extra-familial harm
- ▶ Increase of 12+ YP on the CP register due to extra-familial harm
- ▶ SLC representation at National contextual safeguarding group and Local Area Interest Network



CURRENT POSITION WITHIN SLC

CURRENT POSITION

Ongoing Work

Audit

- ▶ A multi-agency case file audit took place in the first week in August
 - ▶ Report will provide more information on responses to extra familial harm.

Funding

- ▶ Application to round two of the PROMISE
 - ▶ Funding for YP with lived experience to inform implementation of Contextual Safeguarding

- ▶ *Established centralised young person and continuing care service
- ▶ *Established missing person multi-agency meetings
- ▶ *CP risk management processes within the context of the GIRFEC agenda
- ▶ *CARM procedures
- ▶ *Stage four meetings
- ▶ *Secure reviews

ASSET MAPPING

NEXT STEPS

Audit findings to Inform training/strategic group

Development sessions/Practitioner forums with partner agencies

Embedding language changes around contextual safeguarding

Development of contextual safeguarding procedures

Development of Contextual Safeguarding Strategic Group

Evaluation

THANK YOU

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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Climate and Nature Event 24 October 2023 Update
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 07880 174955 Email: jennifer.kerr@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose:	♦ provide the Partnership Board with the proposed updated programme for the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Climate and Nature Event which will take place on 24 October 2023
Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the proposed CPP Climate and Nature Event programme, be noted; and (2) that the Council's Sustainable Development and Community Planning Teams progress the arrangements
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks or challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	Details of the proposed programme for the CPP Climate and Nature Event which will take place on 24 October 2023

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Climate and Nature Event 24 October 2023 Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with a proposed programme for the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Climate and Nature Event which will take place on 24 October 2023

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the proposed CPP Climate and Nature Event programme, be noted; and
- (2) that the Council's Sustainable Development and Community Planning Teams progress the arrangements

3. Background

- 3.1. At the Partnership Board on 22 March 2023, it was agreed that following on from the successful CPP event in December 2019, which focussed on 'Having Community Conversations that Matter, to hold an event in October 2023 to align with the Climate Change and Tackling Poverty weeks. This event would focus on 'Having Climate and Nature Community Conversations that Matter'.
- 3.2. It was also agreed that the event be undertaken by the Council's Sustainable Development Team alongside the Community Planning Team and will involve local community groups from across South Lanarkshire to enable them to tell their stories to wider communities.

4. CPP Climate and Nature Event Proposal

- 4.1. The CPP Climate and Nature Event will take place on Tuesday 24 October 2023 within the Banqueting Hall, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton (9.30am to 2.30pm) and will take the format of a conversation café style event.
- 4.2. Invitations to the event will be circulated to the CPP Board and to various community groups who have an interest in climate and nature issues in due course.
- 4.3. A copy of the proposed programme is attached at 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 August 2023

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Climate and Nature Event

Tuesday 24 October 2023

10am to 2.30pm

**in the Banqueting Hall, South Lanarkshire Council Offices
(enter via the West Wing on Douglas Street, Hamilton)**

Programme

9.30am to 10.00am	Registration and networking
10.00am to 10.10am	Welcome and introduction – Community Planning Partnership Board Chair, Councillor Joe Fagan
10.10am to 10.40am	Presentation: (Topic TBC) Keynote Speaker: Laura Young, Less Waste Laura
10.40am to 11.30am	Conversation Café Sessions 1 (3x15 mins) – Inspiring communities
11.30am to 11.50am	Presentation: Community Climate Adaptation Routemap – Alex Cameron-Smith, Adaptation Scotland
11.50am to 12.40pm	Lunch and networking
12.40pm to 1.30pm	Conversation Café Sessions 2 (3x15 mins) – Inspiring communities
1.30pm to 2.15pm	Community Conversations that matter: Let's talk about climate and nature solutions (Question TBC)
2.15pm to 2.30pm	Conference Close and Summary – Community Planning Partnership Board Chair, Councillor Joe Fagan

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Board: 2024 Meeting/ Development Session Dates
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 07880 174955 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ provide the Partnership Board with the proposed meeting and Development Session dates for 2024
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the Partnership Board and Development Session dates for 2024, be noted
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	Details of the proposed 2024 dates for the CPP Board Meetings and Development Sessions

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Board: 2024 Meeting/Development Session Dates
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with the proposed meeting and Development Session dates for 2024

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the Partnership Board and Development Session dates for 2024, be noted

3. Meeting/Development Session Dates 2024

3.1. At the Partnership Board on 9 September 2020, it was agreed that the number of annual Board meetings should be reduced from 6 to 4 and that development sessions should be scheduled in advance.

3.2. The proposed Partnership Board and Development Session dates for 2024 are as follows:-

- Wednesday 13 March 2024 (Board Meeting);
- Tuesday 21 May 2024 (Board Development Session);
- Wednesday 5 June 2024 (Board Meeting);
- Wednesday 18 September 2024 (Board Meeting);
- Wednesday 23 October 2024 (Board Development Session); and
- Wednesday 4 December 2024 (Board Meeting).

4. Development Sessions – Proposed Themes

4.1. Consideration is being given to the proposed themes for the 2 Development Sessions due to be held on 21 May and 23 October 2024 and proposed agendas will be provided to the Board at a later date.

5. Venue and Timings

5.1. At the Partnership Board on 14 September 2022, it was agreed to continue holding the Board Meetings online and that the Board would meet in person for the Development Sessions. Accommodation has been arranged for the 2 Development Sessions.

- 5.2. All meetings and Development Sessions will commence at 1pm.
- 5.3. The Board is asked to note these dates in their diaries and invitations will be circulated in due course.
- 6. Employee Implications**
 - 6.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.
- 7. Financial Implications**
 - 7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.
- 8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**
 - 8.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.
- 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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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of meeting:	6 September 2023
Subject:	South Lanarkshire Register of Information
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 07880 174955 Email: jennifer.kerr@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose:	Provide the Partnership Board with a summary of the information that has been circulated to Community Planning Partners
Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the content of the report, be noted
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks or challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	Details of information circulated to Community Planning Partners which gives partners an opportunity to seek clarification or an update on any matters contained therein

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	6 September 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	South Lanarkshire Register of Information
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with a summary of the information that has been circulated to Community Planning Partners

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (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 – 10 May to 8 August 2023

4.1. Appendix 1 provides a summary of the information circulated from 10 May to 8 August 2023.

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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9 August 2023

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Register of Information circulated to the Partnership

10 May to 8 August 2023

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
26/05/23	Improvement Service Update – May 2023	Improvement Service	May 2023 update provided by the Improvement Service which includes the latest publications, resources and upcoming events.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
01/06/23	NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement Department Training Calendar June to September 2023	NHS Lanarkshire	Details of NHS Lanarkshire’s Health Improvement Department Training Calendar from June to September 2023 which offers training and learning opportunities which are aligned to the six public health priorities for Scotland.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
01/06/23	Design Out Deep Poverty Report	Joseph Rowntree Foundation	Publication of the ‘ Design Out Deep Poverty ’ Report by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation which offers a framework to local areas so no one ever need experience deep poverty.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
19/06/23	Skills Delivery Landscape Review Report	Scottish Government	Publication of the Scottish Government’s ‘ Skills Delivery Landscape Review Report ’ which highlights the skills, functions and remits of Scotland’s national public bodies, making 15 recommendations.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
22/06/23	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Response Changes	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SRFS)	Letter from Area Commander Jim Quinn, SFRS advising of the service’s response changes which will be implemented within Lanarkshire from September 2023.	Circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board for information.
22/06/23	Suicide Prevention Football Tournament	South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Details of the 7-a-side football tournament which is taking place on 13 September 2023 at Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility to raise awareness of suicide prevention.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
23/06/23	Local Development Plan 3 (LDP3) - Draft Participation Statement	South Lanarkshire Council	Details of the preparation of the new LDP3 which will show how local places will change in the future. This includes a Development Plan Scheme and Participation Statement setting out who will be consulted with and how and when this will be carried out.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
			The Council is seeking views on the draft Participation Statement from people, communities and businesses and want to hear how people would like to be involved in preparing the LDP3 using the survey link below: https://online1.snapsurveys.com/byroag	
26/06/23	Public Health Scotland Care and Wellbeing Dashboard	Public Health Scotland	Publication of Public Health Scotland's Care and Wellbeing Dashboard which is a source of data and intelligence to support the ambitions of the Scottish Government's Care & Wellbeing Portfolio to improve population health, address health inequalities and improve the health and care system.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
26/06/23	Alcohol Consultation	NHS Lanarkshire	Alcohol Consultation being carried out by NHS Lanarkshire in partnership with North and South Lanarkshire's Alcohol and Drug Partnerships. They are seeking the views of the people of Lanarkshire about the impact of alcohol consumption on individuals and communities. This will help identify actions that can be taken forward with communities and partner agencies to tackle any issues relating to alcohol use and will be included in a Health Needs Assessment. https://forms.office.com/e/aSnvYsMVpR	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
26/06/23	Community Planning: Post-legislative scrutiny of Part 2 of the CEA 2015	Scottish Parliament	Publication of the Scottish Parliament's Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee's report on the inquiry to examine Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 which covers Community Planning.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
19/07/23	South Lanarkshire Council Local Transport Strategy 2024-2034	South Lanarkshire Council	Consultation on South Lanarkshire Council's Local Transport Strategy 2024-2034 . Views are being sought to understand the key problems, issues and opportunities relating to transport and travel across South Lanarkshire. This consultation closed on 1 September 2023.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
27/07/23	Working together to adapt to climate-resilient, healthy and equitable places	Public Health Scotland	Publication of the Working together to adapt to climate-resilient, healthy and equitable places briefing.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
			This has been developed by Public Health Scotland, Adaptation Scotland and the Improvement Service which seeks to promote health, equity and sustainability and aims to increase awareness of how climate change and adaptation responses can affect health and health inequalities.	
07/08/23	Adult Literacy Partnership Event	South Lanarkshire Council	Invitation to the Adult Literacy Partnership Event which is taking place on 8 September 2023 which will provide an opportunity to find out more about the work of the Adult Literacy Team, partnership working and community based classes.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
08/08/23	Welfare Support for Households	South Lanarkshire Council	<p>Update on the support that has been provided to households in South Lanarkshire to 31 March 2023 from a range of council services and organisations.</p>  <p>Welfare Services Update.docx</p>	Circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board for information.
08/08/23	Local Employability Partnership Employability Priorities for 2023-24	South Lanarkshire Council	<p>Update on the employability priorities for the South Lanarkshire Local Employability Partnership (SLLEP)</p>  <p>Local Employability Partnership Assessme</p>	Circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board for information.