



Thursday, 20 February 2025

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, 05 March 2025  
**Time:** 13:00  
**Venue:** By Microsoft Teams,

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

### Members

Councillor Joe Fagan  
Paul Manning, Chief Executive  
John Binning, Principal Policy Officer, **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**  
Cheryl Burnett, Representative, **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership**  
Stephen Dolan, Chief Superintendent, **Police Scotland**  
Stephen Frew, Partnerships (West), Place Directorate, Scottish Economic Development, **Scottish Enterprise**  
Jann Gardner, Chief Executive, **NHS Lanarkshire**  
Clare Hicks, Director of Education Reform, **Scottish Government**  
Martin Hill, Chair, **NHS Lanarkshire Board**  
Thomas Keay, Group Commander, **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**  
Jennifer Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, Finance and Corporate Resources  
Hisashi Kuboyama, Development Manager, West of Scotland, **Federation of Small Businesses**  
Tom Little, Head of Communications and Strategy  
Christine Calder, Manager, **Seniors Together**  
Catriona Mason, Chairperson, **Seniors Together**  
Stella McManus, Principal and Chief Executive, **South Lanarkshire College**  
Julie Coyle, Area Manager, **Skills Development Scotland**  
Kay Morrison, General Manager, **South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture**  
Elizabeth O'Reilly, Head of Campus Services, **University of the West of Scotland**  
Josephine Pravinkumar, Director of Public Health, **NHS Lanarkshire**  
Jim Quinn, Area Commander, **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**  
Soumen Sengupta, Director, **South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership**  
Jimmy Wilson, Interim Chief Executive, **VASLan**  
Andrew Thomson, Superintendent (Partnerships), **Police Scotland**

## BUSINESS

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Note of the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Board held on 4 December 2024 submitted for approval as a correct record.

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- 3 **Community Partnerships Update** 15 - 20  
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- 4 **East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan Update** 21 - 24  
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- 9 **Community Planning Partnership Development Session Proposal - 14 May 2025**  
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- 10 **Marmot Place Project Update - Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland** 79 - 90  
Report dated 12 February 2025 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council. (Copy attached)

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### Item(s) for Noting

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- 11 **Community Planning Bulletin** 91 - 98
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13 **Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 18 June 2025**

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**Any Other Competent Business**

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14 **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 4 December 2024

## **Chair:**

Councillor Joe Fagan, Leader, South Lanarkshire Council

## **Partners Present:**

A Boyle, Non Executive Director, NHS Lanarkshire  
C Burnett, Representative, Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership  
G Cairns, Station Commander, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue  
A Comrie, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Passenger Transport  
J Coyle, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland  
F Dryburgh, Chief Executive Officer, The Machan Trust  
C Duffin, Operations and Strategic Manager, VASLan  
S Frew, Partnership (West), Place Directorate, Scottish Economic Development, Scottish Enterprise  
W Johnstone, Development Officer, VASLan  
J Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council  
T Keay, Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
P Manning, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council  
A Murray, Community Planning Adviser, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council  
J Pravinkumar, Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire  
J Quinn, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
B Rooney, Chief Executive Officer, Healthy and Happy Community Development Trust  
J Wilson, Interim Chief Executive Officer, VASLan

## **Also Attending:**

D Hashagen, Employability Manager, Community and Enterprise Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
G Finlay, Planning Team Leader, Community and Enterprise Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
L Grieve, Youth, Family and Community Team Leader, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
L Hamilton, Administration Officer, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
M Kane, Service Development Manager, Health and Social Care Partnership, South Lanarkshire Council  
E Paterson, Community Planning Officer, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council  
A Norris, Administration Assistant, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

## **Apologies:**

J Binning, Principal Policy Officer, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport  
C Calder, Manager, Seniors Together  
S Dolan, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland  
J Gardner, Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire  
C Hicks, Director of Education Reform, Scottish Government  
T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council  
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S McManus, Principal and Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire College  
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S Sengupta, Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership  
A Thomson, Superintendent (Partnerships), Police Scotland

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## **Chair's Remarks**

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The Chair welcomed J Coyle, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland and J Wilson, Interim Chief Executive Officer, VASLan to their first meeting of the Board.

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## **1 Declaration of Interests**

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No interests were declared.

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## **2 Note of Previous Meeting**

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The note of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 18 September 2024 was submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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

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A report dated 13 November 2024 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the progress of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership, details of which were attached in Appendix 1 to the report.

The Partnership had met once since the last Board meeting and the focus of that meeting had been a presentation from the Improvement Service on the process of the Community Partnership's self-assessment.

**Outcome(s):** The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Development Officer, with support from the Progress Group, to work with the partnership to progress any actions outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

*[Reference: Note of 18 September 2024 (Paragraph 3)]*

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## **4 Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report**

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A report dated 13 November 2024 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) budget and expenditure for 2024/2025 as at 4 October 2024 (Period 7).

As outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, the total available budget for 2024/2025 was £87,342. The actual expenditure at the end of Period 7 was £15,211.76. The projected spend for the year had been revised to £72,000, from an anticipated full spend.

A new officer had been temporarily seconded to the CPP Development Officer post from 1 December 2024, and this was funded until 31 March 2025, as previously agreed by the Board at its meeting on 24 June 2024. At its meeting on 18 September 2024, the Board agreed to defer the decision on the operation and funding of the post for 2025/2026 financial year, to allow further discussions prior to making a final decision. The proposal and financial detail regarding the future of the post was contained in Section 7.2 of the report.

**Outcome(s):** (1) Noted.  
(2) Proposal, as set out at Section 7.2 of the report for the continuation of the Partnership's Development Officer post until 31 March 2026, approved.

*[Reference: Note of 18 September 2024 (Paragraph 6)]*

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## 5 Volunteering Strategy Update

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A report dated 13 November 2024 by the Operations and Strategic Manager, VASLan was submitted providing:-

- ◆ an update on the progress in the delivery of the Volunteering Strategy
- ◆ confirmation that the funding supporting the Volunteering Strategy was now complete

All Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Partners had signed the Volunteering Pledge on 3 October 2022 which included a commitment to a positive volunteering ethos, details of which were included in the report. The Volunteering Strategy was also released on 3 October 2022, at the same event to launch the new CPP Community Plan. Volunteering was a key component in realising the ambitions and principles in the new Plan.

The end of the funding timeline for the Volunteering Strategy was September 2024, and the report detailed the progress during the funding period October 2023 to September 2024.

The report outlined the progress of the 5 strategic objectives which were Promote, Enable, Build, Contribute and Reward. The next steps were to build on the progress to date.

The Operations and Strategic Manager, VASLan responded to Board members' questions.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Noted.
  - (2) VASLAN to continue to support Third Sector organisations around volunteer management and advice.

*[Reference: Note of 6 September 2023 (Paragraph 9)]*

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## 6 Keep the Beat Alive Third Sector Campaign Update/Fair Funding

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A report dated 13 November 2024 by the Development Lead for the Third Sector Chief Officers Group (TSCOG), VASLan was submitted providing an update on the Keep the Beat Alive (KTBA) campaign and advising of the Community Planning Improvement Board (CPIB) fair funding principles.

A presentation was given by the Interim Chief Executive Officer, VASLan, the Chief Executive Officer, Healthy and Happy Community Development Trust and the Chief Executive Officer, The Machan Trust.

Information was provided on the KTBA campaign that had been established in response to the challenges faced by Third Sector organisations to survive and thrive.

The KTBA Campaign had the following 3 big asks:-

- ◆ to recognise the value of the Third Sector
- ◆ to be smarter about funding
- ◆ to meaningfully engage with the Third Sector

The TSCOG was a sector led membership body, which was established in order to share knowledge, skills and experience, whilst working with VASLan and the 4 Locality Networks to deliver community-based solutions. Focus was being placed on the learning and experience gained from the TSCOG to inform the KTBA Campaign. Key priorities of the TSCOG included:-

- ◆ strategic engagement
- ◆ being collaborative
- ◆ income and strategic commissioning

VASLan and the TSCOG worked alongside partners across the Third Sector Scotland Network to co-produce the Local Fair Funding Charter, which consisted of the following 4 key principles:-

- ◆ a strategic investment approach
- ◆ accessible, proportionate, transparent funding and commissioning processes
- ◆ adequate and secure funding
- ◆ proportionate evaluation and reporting to funders

The Fair Funding Charter was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

The shared goal was to embed fair funding principles and enhance the role of the Third Sector in delivering sustainable community led solutions.

Guidance from the Community Planning Improvement Board for Fair Funding of the Voluntary Sector was attached as Appendix 2 to the report.

The Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council committed to meet with Partners for further discussion on the KTBA and Fair Funding Charter and to discuss any additional support that the Council could provide, with a focus on procurement.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) CPIB Fair Funding Guide endorsed.
  - (2) Community Planning Partners to complete a benchmarking exercise to show to what extent they were able to adhere to the local Fair Funding Charter principles.

*[Reference: Note of 5 June 2024 (Paragraph 6)]*

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## **7 South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board Annual Performance Report 2023/2024**

A report dated 13 November 2024 by the Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership was submitted on the South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board (IJB) Annual Performance Report (APR) 2023/2024.

Section 42 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 required that the APRs be prepared by an Integration Authority. The Act stated that the APR should cover the preceding year's activity and be published 4 months after the end of that reporting year.

The purpose of the APR was to ensure that performance was open and accountable, whilst providing an overall assessment of performance in relation to planning and carrying out integration functions. The APR was also of interest to the Health Board and South Lanarkshire Council, in monitoring the success of the integration arrangements which were in place.

The Scottish Government issued guidance for APRs in March 2016, with recommended areas for inclusion, including:-

- ◆ a summary of progress against the 9 National Health outcomes using, as a minimum, the 23 core national performance indicators
- ◆ financial performance and best value

The IJB's APR 2023/2024 was attached as an appendix to the report and was aligned to the reporting progress against the intentions outlined in the Strategic Commissioning Plan for that given year. This APR covered the second year of the 2022 to 2025 Strategic Commissioning Plan.

- Outcome(s):** Noted.



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## 8 Community Learning and Development – Outcomes of His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) Progress Visit

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A report dated 13 November 2024 by the Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council was submitted advising of the outcomes of the Community Learning and Development (CLD) progress visit by His Majesty’s Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) which took place in May 2024 and was published in July 2024.

The Youth, Family and Community Learning (YFCL) Service was subject to external scrutiny by HMIE with regards to The Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013 and the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships. This was published every 3 years.

The YFCL Service led the organisation of this partnership inspection and the timetable for the Inspection Team and self-evaluation reflected the work of the wider CLD Partnership.

During the inspection, HMIE inspectors analysed South Lanarkshire’s CLD, and focused on the following questions:-

- ◆ how effective was the leadership of the local authority and their CLD partners in improving outcomes
- ◆ how well did the performance of the local authority and their CLD partners demonstrate positive impact

The HMIE Inspectors spoke to a range of staff across the CLD Partnership during the visit.

The progress visit was graded using a 3-tier system and the South Lanarkshire progress visit was graded as a 1A, which was the highest possible award, and a number of good practices were identified to share at national level. Those were detailed at Section 5.3 in the report.

Areas for improvement, detailed in the report at Section 5.5, would be progressed by the CLD Partnership in the refresh of the 3-year CLD Partnership Plan. A link to the full report was contained in Section 5.6 of the report.

The Youth, Family and Community Team Leader, South Lanarkshire Council responded to a Board Member’s question and was thanked for the positive report.

**Outcome(s):**     **(1)** Nature of inspection activity noted.  
                          **(2)** Findings from progress visit noted.

*Cheryl Burnett joined the meeting during this item of business*

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## 9 Independent Review of Community Learning and Development

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A report dated 13 November 2024 by the Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing a summary of the key findings and recommendations made in Learning: For All. For Life, a report from the Independent Review of Community Learning and Development (CLD).

The Minister for Further Education, Higher Education and Veterans commissioned a review of CLD in December 2023. The impetus was the wider reform of education, which was being driven by the Scottish Government. CLD had been acknowledged as a positive contributory factor in recent reports on career advice, education, qualifications, and skills.

The report was published in July 2024 and there was engagement with a range of staff across the CLD Partnership. The Terms of Reference was detailed at Section 4 of the report. A link to the full report was contained in Section 3.5 of the report.

The key themed messages from the report were:-

- ◆ understanding the impact and reach of CLD work
- ◆ finance
- ◆ visibility
- ◆ English Speakers and Other Languages (ESOL)
- ◆ outcomes/data

The report outlined detail on future plans and how those could be achieved.

There were 12 recommendations which were aligned to 6 themes, and those were detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Any appropriate further action that was required at a local level would be progressed through the CLD Partnership and reported to the Council's Education Resources Committee and this Board.

Board members thanked the Youth, Family and Community Team Leader, South Lanarkshire Council for the positive report.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Noted.
  - (2) Noted that, following the Scottish Government's consideration of the findings and recommendations, further developments and actions would be reported to this Board and progressed through the CLD Partnership.

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## **10 South Lanarkshire Employability Partnership: Employability Performance Report**

A report dated 13 November 2024 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources), South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the performance of the Local Employability Partnership (LEP).

South Lanarkshire Works, the Council's employability Service, delivered and funded a range of programmes designed to develop the work readiness skills of people and to support them to progress into sustainable employment. Those programmes were developed, funded, and delivered in partnership through the South Lanarkshire Local Employability Partnership, which included a range of partners and stakeholders.

The employability programmes, which included adults and young people delivered through the Partnership, included:-

- ◆ keyworker based employability support delivered to key priority groups
- ◆ learning/training and skills development provision which was delivered to meet the needs of people engaging with keyworker services

South Lanarkshire Works delivered a range of senior phase work-based learning programmes in partnership with the Council's Education Resources and local colleges.

Case studies that demonstrated the impact of the programme on individuals were included in Appendix 1 to the report.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ keyworker-based employability services
- ◆ employability learning and training provision
- ◆ employability programme performance
- ◆ senior phase work based learning

- ◆ foundation apprenticeships
- ◆ the Gradu8 programme
- ◆ school leaver destinations and post-school tracking
- ◆ participation measure and post-school tracking
- ◆ labour market information

The Employability Manager, South Lanarkshire Council, having responded to Board Members' questions, was thanked for the informative report.

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

*[Reference: Note of 14 September 2022 (Paragraph 15)]*

## **11 State of the Environment Report 2023**

A report dated 13 November 2024 by the Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources), South Lanarkshire Council was submitted advising of:-

- ◆ the completion of the South Lanarkshire State of the Environment Report 2023
- ◆ the findings of the report

The Environment Assessment (Scotland) Act 2005 required all public bodies, including the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP), to undertake Strategic Environmental Assessments (SEAs) of all their plans, policies, programmes, and strategies.

An integral part of the SEA process was the identification and monitoring of a wide range of environmental issues. The South Lanarkshire State of the Environment Report was the body of data used by South Lanarkshire Council to monitor and report activity against key environmental indicators and was the recognised source for the core data which allowed SEAs to be undertaken on the plans.

The report would be a vital resource in outlining South Lanarkshire's progress in reducing its contribution to global warming and associated impacts from climate change on communities, the natural environment and inclusive growth and for protecting and enhancing the area's biodiversity assets.

There were 47 indicators which were each assigned a status of good, fair or poor, and a traffic light system was used to report this information. Each indicator also had a directional trend to indicate its progress, status quo or deterioration of progress. The status of each indicator was based on an opinion agreed by the corporate SEA Working Group and further details were included in the explanation column in Appendix 1 to the report. The key findings were detailed in Section 5 of the report.

The report had been commended by the Scottish Government and good practice had been shared with other local authorities. A copy of the report was available on the Council website.

The Planning Team Leader, South Lanarkshire Council answered a Board Member's question and discussion took place thereafter regarding specific indicators.

**Outcome(s):**

- (1) Noted.
- (2) Findings of the report to be disseminated across Partners for use in the preparation of plans, policies, programmes and strategies, Strategic Environmental Assessments and as an information resource.

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## 12 Marmot Proposal

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The Community Engagement Manager, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council provided a verbal update on the Marmot Proposal.

South Lanarkshire Council had been successful in their application, and this would be reported to the Council's Executive Committee.

There was a meeting on Thursday 5 December 2024 with Public Health Scotland to discuss the next steps.

The Community Engagement Manager and her team were commended for the work completed to deliver this positive outcome.

**Outcome(s):** Verbal update noted.

*[Reference: Note of 18 September 2024 (Paragraph 12)]*

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## 13 Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan Annual Review 2023/2024 and Homeless Pressures Update

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A report dated 13 November 2024 by the Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources), South Lanarkshire Council, was submitted providing an update on:-

- ◆ the outcome of the annual Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP) review for 2023/2024
- ◆ progress on implementing actions in relation to homeless pressures
- ◆ the approval of the Homelessness Strategic Plan for 2024/2025, combining RRTP and homeless pressure response actions in one

The fourth annual review of the Council's RRTP covering the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023 was approved by the Council's Housing and Technical Resources Committee in August 2023. The plan recognised the good progress which had been made over 4 of the 5-year RRTP lifespan, delivering against high level objectives, aimed at preventing homelessness wherever possible, or minimising its impact. A summary of the key highlights was contained in Section 3.3 of the report.

Progress had been made in the early years of the Plan against a challenging set of circumstances which included the outbreak of COVID-19, the cost-of-living crisis and the significant increase in demand for homelessness assistance. However, last year's review noted that by the fourth year of the RRTP, the cumulative pressures had led to the sustained increased demand for homelessness assistance which had impacted on the Council's performance.

The annual review of the Council's 2022/2023 RRTP was submitted to the Scottish Government on 30 June 2023. The annual review for 2023/2024 concluded the 5-year lifespan of the Council's RRTP 2019 to 2024. There had been no communication from the Scottish Government in relation to continuation of RRTP, or the proposed introduction of any alternative strategic framework. However, a final year review submission had been requested, and had been submitted by the deadline of 11 October 2024. Despite uncertainty over the next steps, Scottish Government officials had advised that there would be 2 years' additional funding, on the same basis of RRTP, taking account of the national position of high and increased levels of homelessness.

Sustained increased demand had impacted on performance and costs involved in delivering the homeless service. In response, a range of actions had been progressed and a progress update was provided at section 5 in the report.

The RRTP Annual review had 53 indicators against which the Council and its partners monitored progress. Despite the challenges faced, 89% of the indicators were on track. Table 1 in the report illustrated the good progress that had been made within the RRTP and progress against all indicators was provided in the RRTP Annual Review 2023/2024, attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Against 3 principal measures of homelessness, over the last 2 years the Council experienced a:-

- ◆ 28% increase in the number of people applying to the Council for assistance due to homelessness
- ◆ 38% increase in the number of people recorded by the Council as homeless
- ◆ 101% increase in the backlog of urgent need homeless households awaiting housing

The spike in the levels of homelessness and demand had impacted on the quality of service, in particular the ability to meet temporary accommodation needs within suitable accommodation. As a result of this and other factors, the Council unanimously agreed to declare a housing emergency in South Lanarkshire on 12 June 2024.

Monitoring of the impact of housing pressure response actions was in place and Table 3 within the report set out the key indicators, monitoring the impacts of changes implemented since April 2024, in comparison to the same period last year. However, it was worth noting that that the actions implemented in April 2024 had limited time to show any impact to the end of Quarter 1.

Despite homelessness presentations continuing at a higher rate than previous years, latest statistics showed a decrease of 8.78% in comparison to Quarter 1 of the previous year.

With future requirements of RRTP unknown, it was proposed that partners locally would continue to focus strategic activities on the priority objectives detailed within the RRTP. However, given the recent development of a range of actions in response to system pressures, it was proposed that the Homelessness Strategic Plan 2024/2025 would also incorporate the high-level actions which were being progressed to address those pressures. The proposed Plan was attached as Appendix 2 to the report.

It was proposed that the new Homelessness Strategic Plan would replace the RRTP for 2024/2025, combining the ongoing RRTP actions.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Progress made in delivering the RRTP objectives, as set out in the Annual Review 2023/2024, attached as Appendix 1 to the report noted.
  - (2) Update on homeless demand pressures and demand noted.
  - (3) Approved Homeless Strategic Plan for 2024/2025 noted.

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## 14 Local Child Poverty Action Report

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A joint report dated 13 November 2024 by the Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership and Chief Executive (Education Resources) was submitted providing an update on the content of the South Lanarkshire Child Poverty Action Report for 2023/2024.

The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 introduced a requirement for local authorities and relevant health boards to prepare Local Child Poverty Action Reports (LCPARs), the purpose of which was to describe any measures taken in the local authority area during the reporting year and planned activity for the year ahead, that sought to address and mitigate child poverty.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the report that the Child Poverty Working Group was producing

- ◆ the report and ongoing activity, with drafts of the LCPAR and Child Poverty Commitment attached as appendices 1 and 2 to the report respectively
- ◆ the next steps

**Outcome(s):** (1) Content of Child Poverty Action Report approved.  
(2) Final draft of the Child Poverty Action Report to be submitted to the Scottish Government and published on the Community Planning Partnership website as per legislative requirements.

*[Reference: Note of 6 September 2023 (Paragraph 13)]*

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## **15 Community Planning Board Bulletin**

The Community Planning Board Bulletin of 4 December 2024 was submitted providing information on:-

- ◆ South Lanarkshire Adult Protection Committee Biennial Update Report 2022 to 2024
- ◆ Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy and Rural Bus Study

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

*[Reference: Note of 18 September 2024 (Paragraph 15)]*

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## **16 South Lanarkshire Register of Information**

A report dated 13 November 2024 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing a summary of information which had been circulated to Community Planning Partners between 24 August and 8 November 2024, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

*[Reference: Note of 18 September 2024 (Paragraph 17)]*

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## **17 Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Wednesday, 5 March 2025 at 1.00pm.

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## **18 Any Other Competent Business**

There were no other items of competent business.

## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	5 March 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Community Partnerships Update
<b>Report by:</b>	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
<b>Contact for Further Information:</b>	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: <a href="mailto:jennifer.kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk">jennifer.kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk</a>
<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the four Community Partnerships, and the supports provided by the Partnership's Community Development Officer.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>	All partners
<b>Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b>	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-</p> <p><b>(1)</b> that the progress to date is noted and that the Partnership's Community Development Officer continues to support the development of the Community Partnerships.</p>
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	Section 9 provides a summary of the risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register relating to community participation and engagement.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Ambition 1</b> - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources.</li> <li>◆ <b>Ambition 2</b> - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better.</li> <li>◆ <b>Ambition 3</b> - We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work.</li> <li>◆ <b>Principles:</b> Communication and Empowerment; Embracing Change; and Openness and Trust.</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This update provides a summary of the current progress of the four Community Partnerships, and the support provided by the Partnership's Community Development Officer, together with the next steps for each of the Partnerships.</li> </ul>



# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>5 March 2025</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Partnerships Update</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the 4 Community Partnerships, and the supports provided by the Partnership's Community Development Officer

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the progress to date is noted and that the Partnership's Community Development Officer continues to support the development of the Community Partnerships.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) and community planning partners to reduce inequalities of outcome, particularly in our most deprived areas; and in doing so to engage with those community bodies which are likely to be able to contribute to community planning, and to participate with these bodies in community planning to the extent that those bodies wish to do so.
- 3.2. To deliver on this ambition, following significant change and improvement activity as a result of the findings and recommendations from the CPP Board self-assessment in February 2019 and the Council's Best Value Assurance Report in June 2019, the Board considered how the CPP should be structured at a thematic/local level.
- 3.3. On the 5 December 2019, the Board approved proposals for the formation of local community-led partnerships and the recruitment of a temporary Community Development Officer to support the delivery of place based activity. Following the recruitment process, the officer took up post in September 2020. Following the establishment of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships in 2021, this Officer's role was realigned to this work to ensure consistency of approach, strengthen the capacity of the Partnerships to build effective community involvement in decision-making, policy development and service provision.
- 3.4. As set out in the Community Empowerment Act Statutory Guidance, Community Planning Partners should seek to maximise the impact of community learning and development by focusing activity on the most disadvantaged communities. In June



2022, the Board published its new Community Plan which set out its commitment to delivering on this ambition. In the context of this report, this included improvement action relating to creating the conditions to develop leadership skills, learning together, and building capacity to effectively engage in Community Planning at all levels.

- 3.5. Place based improvement action is currently achieved through 2 main strands which are Neighbourhood Planning and Community Partnerships. Community Partnerships represent their communities and provide an intermediary between the CPP Board and the Neighbourhood Planning Action Groups. They also align with the delivery of the ambitions and priorities set out in the Community Plan and in local Neighbourhood Plans and provide a place for individuals and groups to build on local relationships, identify new opportunities, and share learning.
- 3.6. Membership of the Partnerships include representatives from Community Councils, Neighbourhood Planning Action Groups, Development Trusts and other local community organisations who have an interest in Community Planning. Current area coverage of the Partnerships is set out in the table below:-

Partnership name	Areas included
Cambuslang and Rutherglen	Cambuslang, Rutherglen
Clydesdale	All areas within the Local Authority boundary in Clydesdale
East Kilbride and Strathaven	Auldhouse, Chapelton, East Kilbride, Glassford, Jackton, Sandford, Strathaven and Thorntonhall
Hamilton	Blantyre, Bothwell, Hamilton, Larkhall, Stonehouse, Uddingston

- 3.7. Given that this approach is a new concept in Community Planning, the pace of delivery of this work is led by our shared learning and experiences and the needs of the individual Community Partnerships and their members.
- 3.8. This report provides an update on the progress of the work of the Community Partnership Development Officer and the next steps being taken to progress this work.

#### 4. Update on Community Partnership

- 4.1. Work continues to set up, strengthen and develop the Community Partnerships and a development plan and associated actions has been created.
- 4.2. Actions have been prioritised for delivery and relate to the following areas:-
- ◆ communications – Community Partnership identity; CPP website content, alignment of wider locality network groups; and Register of Information
  - ◆ community leadership – CPP learning and development workstream, capacity building, self evaluation and improvement, and representation on CPP Board
  - ◆ data and profiling – neighbourhood planning profiles; deprivation profiles, and deprivation heat maps
  - ◆ good governance – GDPR, Code of Conduct, Terms of Reference, agendas and meeting action notes, membership composition and diversity and representativeness
  - ◆ monitoring and reporting – review CPP Board reporting template, develop a performance framework and a reporting framework (long term)
  - ◆ statutory remit – increasing awareness of statutory CPP duties

- ◆ sustaining new partnerships – Hamilton and East Kilbride
- ◆ volunteers – celebrating; feedback; induction; and volunteer accreditation.

- 4.3. Much of the focus recently has been on networking across all 4 areas with individuals and community groups to increase awareness of the work of the CPP and Community Partnerships and enlist new members. This has included discussions with key partners around how we can work better together to support this activity. Actions agreed include joint facilitation of meetings, communication of opportunities and the work of the Partnerships and support for capacity building.
- 4.4. Another example of this activity is work that has taken place with the South Lanarkshire Men's Shed Development Officer and volunteers of the local Men's Shed groups. This includes promoting positive news stories about the work of the Shed groups (this is aligned to the CPP Lived Experience fund awards), promote the work of the Community Partnerships, and encourage new members to join. Actions here, relate to incorporating their activity into Community Partnership meetings, and creating promotional materials such as positive news stories and new content on the Community Planning website where requested.
- 4.5. All members receive a monthly newsletter containing national and local information relating to key areas of interest which includes opportunities to participate in local and national decision-making processes.
- 4.6. The following provides a summary of current activity relating to each area partnership since the appointment of the new Community Partnership Development Officer in December 2024.
- 4.7. **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership**
- 4.7.1. Engagement has taken place with local Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholders who are not yet represented at the meetings of the Community Partnership. As a result, individuals representing these groups are now willing to participate as they feel more confident about attending meetings. This means that moving forwards, all Neighbourhood Planning areas will now be represented on the Community Partnership.
- 4.7.2. Initial discussions have also taken place with members around key actions which include governance and IT, Partnership communications, a 2025 meeting schedule, Partnership self-evaluation, member upskilling and training needs, and potential themes for future meetings.
- 4.8. **Clydesdale Community Partnership**  
Discussions have taken place with Partnership members who have highlighted further areas of interest such as school music tuition. In addition to Partnership communications, a 2025 meeting schedule and the Partnership self-evaluation continue to be key areas to progress moving forward.
- 4.8.1. Work will also be undertaken on the Community Planning website to develop Partnership content which will include an invitation to join for new members of local groups who are not currently represented.
- 4.9. **East Kilbride Community Partnership**  
Meetings have taken place with various community organisations in the East Kilbride area and introductions have been made with the Partnership's members. Building capability of the Partnership and highlighting the value of collaboration are current priorities.

4.9.1. The Community Partnership has been acknowledged as a platform that will aid and support local groups to also deliver on their own priorities providing a means to share information, knowledge and experiences and discuss any challenges in a wider group setting, thereby providing a wider network of support. It is suggested that the Partnership's first meeting is held in spring 2025. In the meantime, arrangements will be made for an initial introductory networking meeting for new/existing members.

4.9.2. Organisations that are already participating are endorsing and disseminating the Community Partnership concept, assisting the officer by inviting others who are not currently participating to the introductory meeting.

#### 4.10. **Hamilton Community Partnership**

Meetings have taken place with community organisations in the Larkhall area and introductory meetings have been held with current Partnership members. One group advised of a forthcoming community consultation that they will be undertaking in their community and asked how they could access partner consultation tools, etc. Links have been made with the relevant partner officers on behalf of this group.

4.10.1. Engagement has taken place with local Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholders who are not yet represented at the meetings of the Community Partnership. As a result, individuals representing these groups are now willing to participate as they feel more confident about attending meetings, which means that moving forward all Neighbourhood Planning areas will now be represented on the Community Partnership.

4.10.2. Similar to East Kilbride, an introductory meeting will be organised with the Partnership's first meeting being held spring 2025.

### 5. **Next Steps**

5.1. During the next 3 months, the focus of the Community Partnership Development Officer will be:-

- ◆ networking across all 4 areas to build relationships and identify new members
- ◆ facilitating 4 meetings, 1 with each Partnership
- ◆ finalising the content for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen webpage with the group
- ◆ working with the Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Partnerships and the Improvement Service to complete the self-assessment process and develop an Action Plan
- ◆ following up on the training needs analysis survey and preparing a learning and development activity programme for members
- ◆ collaborating with the Partnerships on communications including email accounts

5.2. A further update will also be provided on progress to deliver the Action Plan as set out at Section 4.2. in the report.

### 6. **Employee Implications**

6.1. Community Partnership activity is delivered through the Community Planning Team by the Community Partnership Development Officer who is supported by the Council's Community Engagement Team.

### 7. **Financial Implications**

7.1. Delivery costs associated with the recruitment of the Community Partnership Development Officer are funded through the shared Community Planning budget.

## 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. The main risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan relating to Community Engagement and Participation are set out in table 1. The Board is asked to note that this activity aligns with Partnership mitigation actions and the Risk Control Plan. The information provided is an extract from the Risk Cards and more information is available from the Community Planning Team on request:-

**Table 1**

<b>Risk Card Reference</b>	<b>Risk Classification</b>	<b>Risk Summary</b>
CPP/2018/001	<b>Very High</b>	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032
CPP/2018/002	<b>Very High</b>	The CPP fail to engage effectively with communities (as required in the Community Empowerment Act and as a requirement to deliver the new Community Plan) in the planning, design and delivery of improved outcomes and inequalities

## 10. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

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

**Paul Manning**  
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12 February 2025

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## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	5 March 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan Update
<b>Report by:</b>	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
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<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan.
<b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>	All partners
<b>Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b>	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- <b>(1)</b> that the content of the report be noted.
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	There are no risks or challenges associated with this report.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	♦ All ambitions/principles.
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	♦ Section 4 updates on progress to date. ♦ Section 5 details the next steps in the neighbourhood planning process.

# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>5 March 2025</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan Update</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the development of an East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan

## 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. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a statutory duty on Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) to identify smaller areas within the local authority area which experience the poorest outcomes and to prepare and publish locality plans to improve outcomes on agreed priorities for these communities. These plans are required to set out clear priorities for improving local outcomes and tackling inequalities which are agreed by the CPP and the community.
- 3.2. The guidance makes it clear that participation with communities must lie at the heart of Community Planning and that the partners must engage with the communities identified. This must be more than just consultation and should involve active engagement and empowerment. We meet these duties through collaborative Neighbourhood planning with local residents.
- 3.3. At its meeting on 3 March 2021, the Board agreed to develop new neighbourhood planning arrangements within the East Kilbride locality and the council's Community Engagement Team were asked to consider the areas of Crosshouse, Greenhills and Whitehills. The Board also agreed that this plan would also have a Child Poverty focus.
- 3.4. A full analysis of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) data at datazone level by ward across South Lanarkshire was completed in 2019 as part of the development of Neighbourhood Planning activity and continues to be maintained and was used to identify the East Kilbride South area which is ranked amongst the lowest SIMD areas within East Kilbride.
- 3.5. This report provides an update on the progress made to develop the East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan and sets out the next steps in the process.

#### **4. Progress to Date**

- 4.1. A stakeholder group was established in August 2023 and since then work has been undertaken to strengthen this through further engagement. The group carried out a community engagement process to involve more residents and raise awareness of the group.
- 4.2. An online survey opened on 31 October 2023 and door-to-door consultations in the Whitehills area took place between November and December 2023.
- 4.3. Further doorstep conversations took place in February and March 2024. In total, the team knocked on 575 doors in the Whitehills area resulting in only 79 surveys being completed through the doorstep dialogues. We understand from the local evidence base that 53% of households in this neighbourhood are in work households and residents may not be home during working hours.
- 4.4. Thereafter, Community Engagement Team met local residents in public venues and spaces, 'popping up' with banners and ipads and reminder cards across East Kilbride South area to capture views of residents and engage them in the survey. These events were more effective in generating more responses.
- 4.5. Furthermore, the Community Engagement Team met with children at local primary schools in April 2024 to gather their experiences of living in the area and what they would like to see in the future.
- 4.6. By May 2024, a total of 781 community views were recorded in survey responses.
- 4.7. Heathy and Active, a Third Sector Stakeholder Group partner, undertook a further round of similar surveys in the Greenhills area. This 'What matters to you?' survey generated, a further 42 local views over the summer of 2024 and will be incorporated into the evidence base.
- 4.8. Over the spring-summer of 2024, the local library and the community hall were announced as at risk of closure. This situation became a catalyst for increasing community engagement in the East Kilbride South community by creating a new and pressing need for residents to come together.
- 4.9. Community development support during this time assisted in bringing people together and renewing and re-establishing a community led stakeholder group in September 2024 for the Neighbourhood Plan. There are now 8 local groups and community stakeholders participating in the group and it is community led.
- 4.10. The library and the hall were frequently referenced throughout the survey responses and the stakeholder group decided it was an important priority to local residents and wish to ensure a positive solution for the assets is put in place through local groups, before proceeding into community action planning workshops.

#### **5. Participatory Budgeting 2025**

- 5.1. Can-Do Community Grant funding of £7,000 for groups to apply for was obtained for the area in 2024 by Healthy and Active on behalf of the Stakeholder Group. Healthy and Active will host and facilitate an initial participatory budgeting (PB) programme in the area and build momentum around the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 5.2. The Stakeholder Steering Group agreed a process for the PB and opened a call for applications on 6 January 2025. This is to increase local democracy, participation and decision making.

5.3. There will be an event for the PB vote in March 2025.

## **6. Next Steps**

6.1. The next steps for the Stakeholder Group are:-

- ◆ completion of Community Asset Transfer of the library and community hall
- ◆ stakeholder Group analysis of all sources of community engagement data. Work will be undertaken with Youth, Family and Community Learning to engage young people from the local High School in this process
- ◆ a community action planning public event is being planned for late spring 2025, ideally to be held in the new community-owned hall upon completion of the asset transfer process. At this event, we will be explaining the evidence base, why there is a focus on child poverty in the area and summarise residents views and their hopes for the future. Residents will be asked to vote on what priorities they feel are most relevant to their Neighbourhood Plan. The outcome of this will inform the draft Neighbourhood Plan
- ◆ draft the Neighbourhood Plan during summer 2025 with presentation to the Board for its commitment in September 2025
- ◆ there remains a CPP budget of £4,000 allocated to the development of this plan and a further £4,000 is being set aside from a Lottery Grant for PB support. These budgets will fund the costs of the activities and events for the development and launch of the plan. The balance of these budgets will become a PB exercise to catalyse the delivery of the plan after it is launched

## **7. Employee Implications**

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

## **8. Financial Implications**

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

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

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

## **10. Other Implications**

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

## **11. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements**

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

**Paul Manning**  
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12 February 2025

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## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	5 March 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report
<b>Report by:</b>	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
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<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure as of 24 January 2025 (Period 11); and provide an update on the 2024/25 spending plan;</li> <li>◆ to advise partners of the intention of South Lanarkshire Council to issue the invoices for the annual partnership contribution for 2025/26; and</li> <li>◆ advise the Partnership Board of the proposed new Lived Experience Fund 2024/25 Campaign.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>	All partners
<b>Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b>	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) that the content of the report be noted;</li> <li>(2) that the intention to issue the invoices from South Lanarkshire Council for partnership contributions to the shared budget for 2025/26, be noted; and</li> <li>(3) that the proposed new Lived Experience Fund 2024/25 campaign be noted.</li> </ol>
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	Risks identified in the Partnership Risk Register that are associated with the impacts of financial challenges are set out in section 12.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	◆ All ambitions/principles.
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Section 4 details the budget for the year, projected spend, and actual expenditure as of 24 January 2025 (see Appendix 1).</li> <li>◆ Section 5 outlines an update on the 2024/25 spending plan.</li> <li>◆ Section 6 provides an update on the arrangements for the Community Development Officer post for 2025/26.</li> <li>◆ Section 7 notes the intention of South Lanarkshire Council to issue the invoices for the annual contributions to the 2025/26 budget.</li> </ul>

	◆ Section 8 provides an update on the proposed new Lived Experience Fund 2024/25 campaign.
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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>5 March 2025</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Budget and Expenditure as of 24 January 2025 and provide an update on the 2024/25 spending plan
- ◆ advise Partners of the intention of South Lanarkshire Council to issue the invoices for the annual Partnership contribution for 2025/2026
- ◆ advise the Partnership Board of the proposed new Lived Experience Fund 2024/2025 Campaign

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that the intention to issue the invoices from South Lanarkshire Council for Partnership contributions to the shared budget for 2025/2026, be noted; and
- (3) that the proposed new Lived Experience Fund 2024/2025 Campaign be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. Details of the South Lanarkshire CPP 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 2024/2025 is £87,342. This consists of a funding balance carried forward of £38,992 and the annual income of £48,350.

4.2. The actual expenditure at the end of Period 11 is £35,188.74 and a breakdown is provided at Appendix 1 to the report.

## 5. Expenditure during 2024/2025

5.1. Specific spend within this period relates to salary costs, Learning and Development, Community Planning Events and general costs.

5.2. The forecast spend for the year is £59,224.53 as detailed at Appendix 1 to the report.

## 6. Salary Costs: Community Partnership Development Officer 2025/26

- 6.1. At its meeting on 4 December 2024, the CPP Board approved the following funding arrangements for the Community Partnership Development Officer post from 1 March 2025:-

Dates	Contract Type	Indicative cost
1 April to 30 September 2025	Temporary, full time (1 FTE)	£0.024m
1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026	Temporary, part time (0.5 FTE)	£0.012m

- 6.2. As previously advised, an officer who is contracted to 31 March 2025 is in post. Arrangements have been made to recruit an officer from 1 April 2025, as agreed by the Board. Further information will be provided to the Board when the recruitment process is complete.

## 7. Income and Expenditure 2025/2026

- 7.1. As part of the annual budget setting process, the Board is asked to note partners listed in the table below have all been contacted to confirm their contribution for this financial year and advised that there is no proposed change to the contribution levels from 2024/2025.

Partner	Annual contribution £
NHS Lanarkshire	18,350
South Lanarkshire Council	22,000
Police Scotland	5,000

- 7.2. All partners have confirmed that they will be paying their annual contribution with the exception of Scottish Fire and Rescue Service who have advised that they will not be making their annual £3,000 contribution to the Partnership budget this year. This means that the annual financial contributions received from Partners for 2025/2026 will reduce to £45,350. Following the end of the financial year, the 2025/2026 budget will be set and reported to the Board at their meeting in June 2025.

## 8. Lived Experience Fund 2024/2025 Campaign

- 8.1. Arrangements are currently being made to carry out a second Lived Experience Fund Campaign for 2024/2025 and it is proposed that this will run from mid-February 2025 for 6 weeks. A small adjustment of £460 has been made to Lived Experience Fund category from the Community Planning Delivery category, to ensure parity in the funding available across all 4 localities. This means that £11,000 will be made available for this campaign and will be split evenly across the 4 Community Partnership areas (£2,750 awarded to each area). Applicants will be able to apply for funding of up to £550.

- 8.2. An update on the applications awarded will be provided to the Board at their next meeting in June 2025.

## 9. Employee Implications

- 9.1. Employee implications associated with this report are detailed at section 6 above.

## 10. Financial Implications

- 10.1. The financial implications are detailed in Sections 4 to 8 of this report.

## 11. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

## 12. Other Implications

12.1. The main risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan relating to Financial Challenges are set out in the table below. The Board is asked to note that this activity aligns with Partnership mitigation actions and the Risk Control Plan. The information provided is an extract from the Risk Cards and more information is available from the Community Planning Team on request:-

<b>Risk Card Reference</b>	<b>Risk Classification</b>	<b>Risk Summary</b>
CPP/2018/001	<b>Very High</b>	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032
CPP/2018/002	<b>Very High</b>	Ineffective engagement and collaborative working with communities
CPP/2018/004	<b>High</b>	Financial Challenges

## 13. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

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

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<b>Community Planning Budget 2024-2025</b>			
	£	£	£
<b>Opening Balance April 2024</b>	<b>£38,992</b>		<b>£38,992</b>
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Partner Contributions</b>	<b>Budget</b>		<b>Actual to Date</b>
NHS Lanarkshire	18,350		18,350
South Lanarkshire Council	22,000		22,000
Police Scotland	5,000		5,000
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	3,000		3,000
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£48,350</b>		<b>£48,350</b>
<b>Total Available Funding</b>	<b>£87,342</b>		<b>£87,342</b>
	£	£	£
<b>Expenditure 2024/2025</b>	<b>Proposed Expenditure</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure</b>	<b>Projected Spend</b>
Community Plan Delivery	*11,236	746.45	2,407.05
Community Planning Events	3,000	576.08	2,746.08
Learning and Development	5,000	3,000.00	3,000
Lived Experience Fund	*13,960	2,960.00	13,960
Printing/Stationery/General	2,000	87.76	1,209.40
Salaries	51,963	27,818.45	35,902.00
Travel	183	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£87,342</b>	<b>£35,188.74</b>	<b>£59,224.53</b>

\* Figures have been adjusted as set out in Section 8.1. of this report.

Note: There is an underspend to the salary costs for the CPP Development Officer due to there being no officer in post during October and November 2024. This will be carried over to the 2025/2026 budget.

## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	5 March 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Homelessness Pressures
<b>Report by:</b>	Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
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<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on homelessness system pressures and the continued partnership approach to homeless prevention and response.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>	South Lanarkshire Council Housing Services; South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership; and Third Sector.
<b>Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b>	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) that the content of the report be noted;</li> <li>(2) that the Homeless Strategic Plan for 2024/25 be noted; and</li> <li>(3) that the ask for support from Community Planning partners/Partnership Board to address some of the issues highlighted within this report be noted.</li> </ol>
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Continued high levels of demand for housing and homeless services;</li> <li>◆ Reducing budget provision set against increased service demand;</li> <li>◆ Competing priorities across the partnership; and</li> <li>◆ Pending public body duty to prevent and respond to homelessness with the introduction of new legislation (The Housing (Scotland) Bill 2024).</li> </ul>
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Ambitions:</b> People; Planet and Progress</li> <li>◆ <b>Community Plan Priority:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Good quality, suitable housing for everyone; and</li> <li>○ People live the healthiest lives possible.</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ <b>Principles:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Added value and continuous improvement</li> <li>○ Clarity of purpose</li> <li>○ Communication and empowerment</li> <li>○ Focused delivery</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The report provides the CPP Board with an overview of significant increased demand for housing and homelessness assistance, locally and nationally, over the</li> </ul>

	last two years; and the mitigating actions being progressed in response, and the impact that these are achieving.
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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>5 March 2025</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources), South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Homelessness Pressures</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on homelessness system pressures and the continued partnership approach to homeless prevention and response

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that the Homeless Strategic Plan for 2024/2025 be noted; and
- (3) that the ask for support from Community Planning partners/Partnership Board to address some of the issues highlighted within this report be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. In October 2017, the Scottish Government established the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Action Group (HARSAG) to develop solutions to end homelessness. Final recommendations included a requirement that local authorities develop a 5-year Rapid Re-housing Transition Plan (RRTP) from 2019 to 2024, setting out the local context and detailing the actions which Partners would take to achieve a step change in reducing homelessness.

3.2. The amount of funding provided (£2.66 million) by the Scottish Government to support delivery of the South Lanarkshire RRTP was significantly less than estimated costs to deliver the plan (circa £14 million).

3.3. Notwithstanding the significant shortfall in funding, tangible success was achieved in the early years of the plan (years 1 to 3), not least in renewed focus on a Partnership approach and reduction in homeless caseload.

3.4. However, cumulative pressures led to sustained increased demand for homelessness assistance in later years, essentially undoing the progress which had been made, this included the following factors:-

- ◆ Covid Pandemic
- ◆ cost of living increase
- ◆ shrinkage of the private sector market

- ◆ removal of local connection consideration resulting in external demand (198 additional presentations during 2024/2025 up to 7 January 2025 with 148 leading to a positive homeless decision).
- 3.5. Reports presented to the Council's Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 7 February 2024 and Executive Committee on 12 June 2024 reflected the position against 3 principal measures of homelessness, demonstrating that over the last 2 years the Council experienced:-
- ◆ a 28% increase in the number of people applying to the council for assistance due to homelessness
  - ◆ a 38% increase in the number of people recorded by the Council as homeless
  - ◆ a 101% increase in the backlog of urgent need homeless households awaiting housing.
- 3.6. The 2 reports presented to the Housing and Technical Resources Committees further highlighted that:-
- ◆ there was no sign of abatement in the significant increase in the levels of homelessness experienced in South Lanarkshire
  - ◆ the extremely challenging circumstances were not affecting South Lanarkshire in isolation, but mirrored by trends being experienced across Scotland
- 3.7. There is currently no further ask of local authorities or direction from the Scottish Government in relation to continuation of RRTP or any alternative model. However, confirmation was received on 19 December 2024 that 1 further year's RRTP funding of £8 million will be made available to local authorities, with detail of proportionate share to be confirmed in early 2025.
- 3.8. National focus has moved to response to housing emergency planning, following a number of local authorities declaring a Housing Emergency. This includes South Lanarkshire (August 2024), as a result of sustained increased demand, outweighing supply, and overwhelming resource capacity.
- 3.9. On 15 May 2024, the Scottish Government declared a nationwide housing emergency, recognising:-
- ◆ the spike in demand for homelessness assistance (8% increase during 2022/2023 compared to 19% increase for South Lanarkshire)
  - ◆ extreme pressure on the supply of appropriate temporary accommodation
  - ◆ insufficient supply of permanent homes to meet demand
- 3.10. A report to COSLA Leadership Group on 25 October 2024 noted a key driver for local housing emergency declarations was the challenges to housing supply, particularly given reduction in funding and homelessness pressures. The report noted local authorities have a range of actions in progress to mitigate pressures, including minimising re-let timescales, homeless prevention activity and maximising lets to homeless households. However, significant investment is required, in order for social housing supply to meet demand.
- 3.11. South Lanarkshire has a long-standing strategic partnership approach to housing and homelessness service planning, set out in the Local Housing Strategy. Upon declaring a housing emergency, the Council's strategic Homelessness Plan was refreshed to incorporate mitigating actions, founded on maintaining a person-centred approach to address key issues, which are to:-

- address the significant increase in the number of households in temporary accommodation
  - maintain a sufficient supply of appropriate temporary accommodation
  - improve the timescales for homeless households to be allocated a suitable permanent home
  - reduce the number of children who are currently experiencing homelessness
- 3.12. Monitoring is in place to assess the impact of mitigating actions via a range of well-established performance indicators, such as, level of presentations, temporary accommodation supply and demand, timescales in temporary accommodation, lets to homeless applicants, homeless appeals and case closure outcomes.
- 3.13. The ask of Community Planning Partners is to routinely enquire about housing circumstances in an effort to identify homeless or support need risk factors and proactively respond to reduce the likelihood of a crisis situation, including homelessness.
- 3.14. With this in mind, Housing Services continue to work closely with the Health and Social Care Partnership in developing the 4<sup>th</sup> Strategic Commissioning Plan, jointly focusing on preventative action and preparing for pending duties on public bodies to 'Ask and Act' to prevent homelessness.

#### 4. Current Position

- 4.1. Early indications reflect positive performance improvement over the last year since mitigations were introduced from April 2024. It is, however, worth noting that demand for homeless assistance remains above pre Pandemic levels and the position is fragile, given the reasons for spikes in demand are uncontrollable (Pandemic/cost of living/shrinkage of the private rented sector).
- 4.2. Table 1 below sets out performance in relation to key indicators identified to gauge the impact of mitigations by comparing the position at Quarter 3, 2024 (up to 8 December 2024) with the same period the previous year.

**Table 1 Comparison of Key Homelessness Measures 2022/2023 to 2024/2025**

<b>Homelessness Measures</b>	<b>SLC 2024/2025 Quarter 3</b>	<b>% Change Quarter 3 Year to Date (YTD) 2024/2025 from 2023/2024</b>	<b>SLC 2023/2024 Quarter 3 YTD</b>	<b>SLC 2022/2023 Quarter 3 YTD</b>
Number of Homeless applications received	1734	-14.0%	2016	1724
Number of Homeless / Potentially Homeless Decisions	1486	-11.5%	1679	1494
Caseload active	1552	-1.6%	1578	1107
Average case closure timescale	278.15	16.9%	238	208
Lets to Urgent Homeless	65.32%	-2.5%	66.98%	56.38%
Permanent Offers refused	53	0%	53	74
Appeals received	248	42.5%	174	111
Urgent tenancy sustainment	93.50%	0.5%	93.02%	92.78%
Outcomes (Percentage of homeless households provided with a Scottish Secure Tenancy (SST))	58.41%	-5.63%	64.04%	69.30%

- 4.3. As the performance information above reflects, positives can be seen in the reducing level of homeless presentations and, therefore, reducing the burden of duty on the Council, meaning there is no negative impact across the performance indicators.
- 4.4. Another key indicator for the Council is the number of children affected by homelessness, which has reduced from 571 children living in temporary accommodation at the end of 2023/2024 to 471 by 31 December 2024. Targeted open market purchase of larger properties within our most pressured housing area in East Kilbride has assisted this improvement over the last year. This action continues to reduce the number of children impacted by homelessness and reduces time spent as homeless. This remains a key priority for Housing Services.

## **5. Homeless Strategic Plan Priorities for 2025/2026**

- 5.1. The position at a national level will continue to be monitored and the Council will continue to take every opportunity to make the case for the increased resources required to support service delivery.
- 5.2. Meantime, the Council has continued its long-standing approach to strategic planning to meet housing and homelessness need, guided by Local Housing Strategy objectives.
- 5.3. For the current year, 2024/2025, priorities centre around addressing homeless pressures, building on learning through RRTP delivery, continuing work with Community Planning Partners to deliver services focussed on preventing homelessness and minimising the impact, including the following:-
- continue to deliver affordable homes for social rent
  - ongoing focus on prevention of homelessness, particularly in relation to households with children through continuing to maximise social lets to homeless households and continued support to access and sustain the private sector
  - further progress the homelessness directions contained within the South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership Joint Strategic Commissioning Plan
  - increase our supply of temporary accommodation, including First Stop Accommodation and Supported Accommodation. This includes our recent partnership with Social Bite
  - continue to develop, promote and monitor the Private Sector access and sustainment
  - continue the focus on joined up approaches and avoid long-term duplication of services
- 5.4. As part of the ongoing monitoring and review process, consideration is being given by all Partners on how to further embed RRTP activities into mainstream services. At the same time Partners will continue to identify opportunities to access additional funding to support achievement of national objectives detailed within the Ending Homelessness Together Action Plan.
- 5.5. The Council's Partnership approach to service planning and delivery is essential to meeting forthcoming homeless prevention duties, which will result from The Housing (Scotland) Bill 2024, and will be applicable across Public Bodies.

## **6. Employee Implications**

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

## **7. Financial Implications**

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

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

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

**9. Other Implications**

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

**10. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements**

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

**Stephen Gibson**  
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**South Lanarkshire Council**

12 February 2025

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## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	5 March 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability Update
<b>Report by:</b>	Interim Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
<b>Contact for Further Information:</b>	Frank Thomson, Clydesdale Locality Manager, Youth, Family and Community Learning Service, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 01698 552139 Email: <a href="mailto:frank.thomson@southlanarkshire.gov.uk">frank.thomson@southlanarkshire.gov.uk</a>
<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ provide the Partnership Board with developments in relation to progressing the Youth Forum’s action plan and outcomes from the development session between members of the Youth Forum and the Board.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>	All partners
<b>Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b>	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) that the content of the report be noted;</li> <li>(2) that developments from the Board session be noted; and</li> <li>(3) that the planned content of the Conference of Schools 3 (COS3) event outlined within this report be noted.</li> </ul>
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	Section 10 provides a summary of the risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register relating to Nature and Climate.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Ambition 1</b> - we will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources.</li> <li>◆ <b>Ambition 2</b> - we will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better.</li> <li>◆ <b>Ambition 3</b> - we will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work.</li> <li>◆ <b>Principles:</b> Added Value and Continuous Improvement; Communication and Empowerment; and Embracing Change.</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Section 3 of the report presents the background to the agreement of a yearly development session between the Board and young people regarding climate loss and sustainability.</li> <li>◆ Section 4 sets out the topics discussed at the Board development session that took place on 23 October 2025.</li> <li>◆ Section 5 sets out the details of the planned Conference of Schools (COS) 3 event from the 26 March 2025 to the</li> </ul>

	<p>28 March 2025, at Hamilton Palace Sports Grounds and Low Parks Museum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Section 6 sets out the details of a planned field trip to Whitelee Windfarm to develop and progress understanding of renewable energies.</li></ul>
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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>5 March 2025</b>
Report by:	<b>Interim Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability Update</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with developments in relation to progressing the Youth Forum's action plan and outcomes from the development session between members of the Youth Forum and the Board

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that developments from the Board Session be noted; and
- (3) that the planned content of the Conference of Schools (COS) 3 event outlined within this report be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. Following agreement by the Community Partnership Board (CPP) to the creation of a separate, yearly development session with young people of the South Lanarkshire School Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability, the first of these sessions took place on 23 October 2024. The session was led by members of the South Lanarkshire Youth Council and the South Lanarkshire School Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability.

3.2. This report sets out the outcome of the Board session, in addition to developments against targets within the South Lanarkshire School Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability's agreed targets for 2024/2025.

## 4. Climate Change and Sustainability Development Session- 23 October 2024

4.1. The Session was led by pupils from Holy Cross High School, St John Ogilvie High School, and Trinity High School. Three topics of discussion were identified by

members of the Youth Forum from the 8 top targets that the forum had identified to drive forward for 2024/2025, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report. These were:-

- walk to school campaign
- uniform recycling
- community litter picks

- 4.2. Members of the Youth Forum presented their plans against each target and the challenges that they faced. Each target was thoroughly explored with the Board, along with ideas and offers of support to progress specific challenges to achieve targets.
- 4.3. The Board recognised that the Youth Forum has highlighted issues which can be aligned with the Council and CPP partners, and they have raised ideas which are relevant and have inspired the Board as to how to tackle them.
- 4.4. Following the Board Session, the Youth Forum has been engaged in activity around the 3 topics:

**Walk to school campaign:**

Bronah Byrne of the Planning and Regulatory Services within Community and Enterprise Resources, has been liaising with Gillian Reilly to update on progress regarding a funding application towards further presence of Beat the Street. Intelligent Health, the organisation that runs Beat the Street has offered to meet with the Youth Forum to discuss ideas around active travel, should the funding be successful. The application has passed the first round of funding, however, confirmation is still being awaited.

**Uniform recycling:**

Currently focus for the Forum is on the COS 3 event (see Section 5 below), however, a key aspect of the event will be sustainable fashion. From the event, the Forum is hoping to bring ideas together ahead of the end of the school year, to assist in progressing uniform recycling as part of the wider approach to recycling clothes, and the role of communities and schools to do this.

**Community litter picks:**

Duncanrig Secondary school has seen massive success recently with more than 350 S1 pupils engaged in a 3-week campaign of litter picking in their community. Supported by South Lanarkshire Council, equipment was provided and Council staff were deployed to a different area, whilst S1 pupils went about litter picking and cleaning up the local community.

The litter campaign is set to become a yearly action and was a key input at the recent Youth Forum's monthly meeting where the steps taken to replicate the campaign were shared amongst the other secondary schools.

- 4.5. Further updates will be provided to the Board as these targets develop.
5. **Conference Of Schools (COS) 3 event** (See Appendix 2 to the report)
  - 5.1. Following on from the success of COS1 and COS2, the Youth Forum have identified dates to invite a new cohort of primary aged children to attend the event to explore

ways of lessening impact on the environment and changing behaviours and attitudes to recycling.

5.2. Using the successful model of COS1 and COS2, the event will be held over 3 days at the Hamilton Palace Sports Ground complex and the Low Parks Museum facilities from 26 to 28 March 2025.

5.3. The topics that Primaries will explore are:-

- Waste Not, Want Not: Upcycling and recycling
- Power Up: Understanding renewable energy
- Planting for the Planet: Green your world
- Eco-Friendly Heroes: Sustainable fashion
- Eco-Explorers: The importance of biodiversity

5.4. This event presents the opportunity for children to explore and engage in sustainability workshops, help generate ideas, and increase participants confidence in understanding the climate challenges society is facing. Through engaging in discussion and exploring of ideas, participants will seek to take back to their schools and communities, ideas, and methods to reduce the impact to the environment.

5.5. The Board are cordially invited to visit the COS 3 event, and a formal invitation will be sent.

## **6. Whitelee Windfarm visit**

6.1. Members of the Youth Forum had identified the need for deeper understanding of their knowledge of renewable energies through a field trip to Whitelee Windfarm.

6.2. Nine Youth Forum members have been identified to visit Whitelee Windfarm with a bespoke experience planned with staff at Whitelee Windfarm.

6.3. The Community Planning Team have assisted with the arrangements for this visit, and the South Lanarkshire Schools Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability would like to express their gratitude to the Board in supporting them to attend the Windfarm. The experience will directly impact on the planning and delivery of the 'Power Up: Understanding renewable energy' session at the COS3 event in March 2025.

## **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. It is envisaged that our continued commitment to bring about increased awareness and learning for sustainability, and a sense of enhanced collective responsibility will ultimately result in a change in behaviours to assist with the climate emergency.

## **10. Other Implications**

10.1. The main risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan relating to partnership Climate and Nature action are set out in the table below. The Board is asked to note that this activity aligns with Partnership mitigation actions and the Risk Control Plan. The information provided is an extract from the

Risk Cards and more information is available from the Community Planning Team on request:-

<b>Risk Card Reference</b>	<b>Risk Classification</b>	<b>Risk Summary</b>
CPP/2022/001	<b>Very High</b>	National and Global Challenges relating to Biodiversity Loss; Climate Action Failure; and Extreme Weather Events
CPP/2018/003	<b>Very High</b>	The Partnership does not deliver on its priority to take an integrated approach to the Climate and Nature emergencies and deliver its outcomes in a way which is consistent with the principles of sustainable development
CPP/2018/001	<b>High</b>	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022 to 2032
CPP/2018/002	<b>High</b>	The CPP fails to engage effectively with communities (as required in the Community Empowerment Act and as a requirement to deliver the new Community Plan) in the planning, design and delivery of improved outcomes and inequalities

## **11. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirement**

11.1. There are no integrated Impact Assessment implications associated with this report. Following on from the consultation and engagement work to develop the “Planet” ambition of the Community Plan, these events are the first stage of further intensive participation and engagement activity with young people and communities.

**Anne Donaldson**  
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12 February 2025

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# SLC Youth Forum on Climate Change & Sustainability 2024 -2025 Top Targets



## Forum Trip

A whole forum trip to Whitelee Windfarm to deepen understanding of renewable energy

## Community Litter Pick

Community events that include litter picking and community clean ups



## Uniform Recycling

A council wide initiative to recycle school uniforms

## Recycle

More recycling bins available to schools and within the community

## Teach the Teacher

Deliver Teach the Teacher to primary and nursery staff



## Engagement with Primary and Nursery

Give forum members opportunity to present to children in primary and nursery



## Walk to School Campaign

Develop a walk to school campaign for students and staff



## Sustainable Food

Sustainable food tasting opportunities



- In school workshops
- COS3 for primary schools
- Gardening days in school
- Sustainable proms initiative across all secondaries
- No pollution zones around schools
- Youth work
- Connections with local councillors and MPs
- Social media presence
- Poster campaign/ competition
- Seek funding from local businesses
- Meatless Mondays
- Mix forum schools to work together

- Earth Day/ Earth Hour
- Tree planting (school/ community)
- Cost of Living Crisis
- Promoting Young Scot card
- Outdoor learning programme for schools
- Recycling challenges
- Secondary school waste project

- Sustainability fair
- Biodiversity in school grounds
- School eco-committee groups
- School assembly opportunities
- IDL including climate change & sustainability
- Youth Forum IDL display boards in schools



# CONFERENCE OF SCHOOLS 3

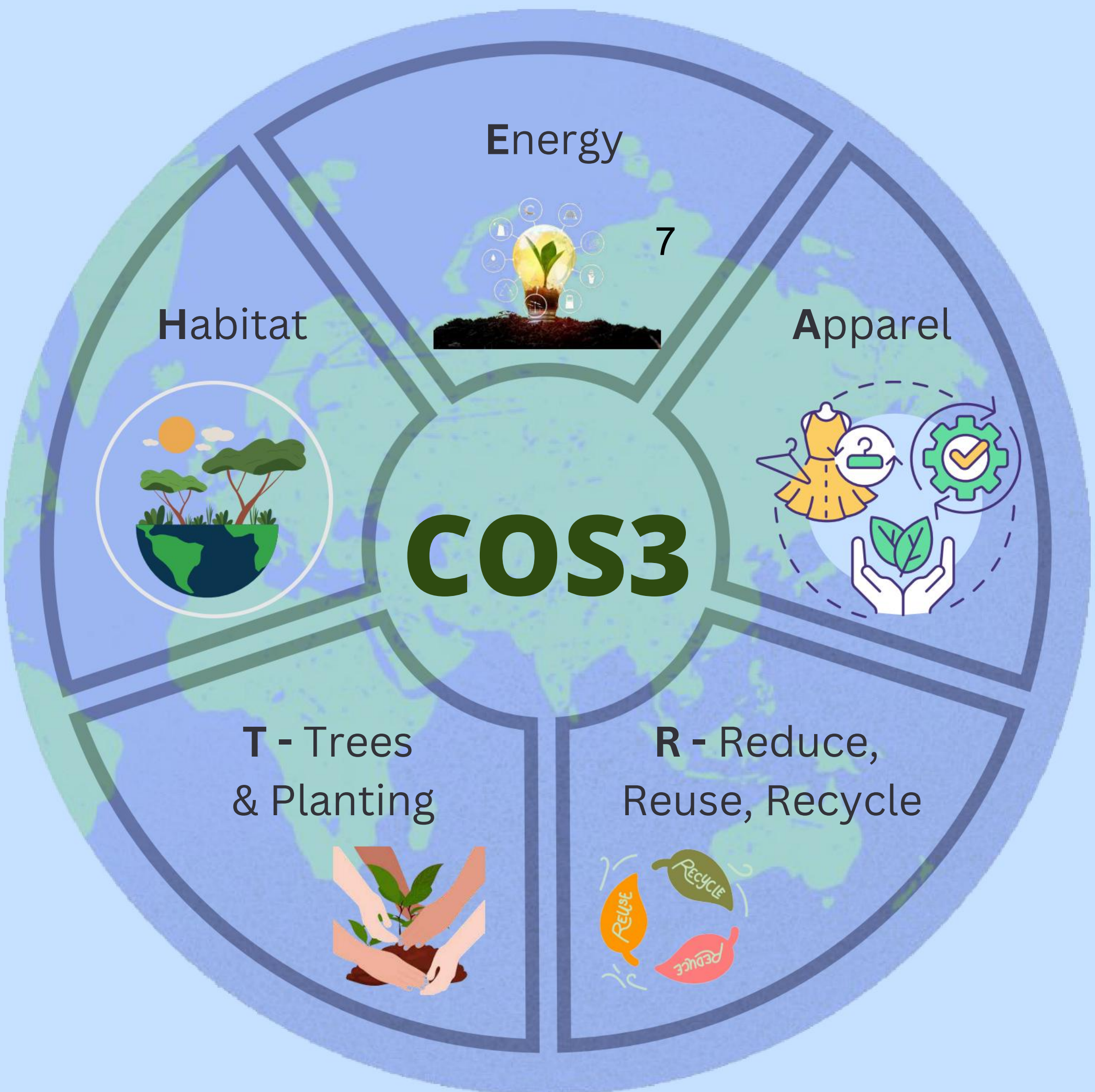
## SAVE THE DATE

**Dates: 26th - 28th March 2025**

**Location: Hamilton Palace Sports Grounds**

**Invitation to P5 - P7**

Join us for a full day at our Conference of Schools event, organised and delivered by our Youth Forum, focused on climate change and sustainability. Young people will engage in exciting presentations and activities related to these important topics, with the hope of bringing back a powerful message to your schools.



# EARTH





## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	5 March 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	South Lanarkshire Community Learning and Development Strategic 3 Year Plan 2024/2027
<b>Report by:</b>	Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
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<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ inform the Partnership Board of progress made in the review and drafting of the Community Learning and Development (CLD) 3-year plan for 2024/2027 and to seek continued support to achieve the CLD Partnership's vision to 'Improve the quality of life for people in South Lanarkshire by offering vibrant learning and development opportunities that lead to personal development and community empowerment'.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>	All partners
<b>Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b>	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) that the CLD Strategic 3-year Plan 2024–2027, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be endorsed by the Community Planning Partnership;</li> <li>(2) that the actions and measures set out to secure improvement in the quality of life for the people of South Lanarkshire be noted; and</li> <li>(3) that the revised governance arrangements for annual planning and reporting be noted.</li> </ul>
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	There are no risks or challenges associated with this report.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ <b>Ambition 1</b> - we will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources.</li> <li>◆ <b>Ambition 2</b> - we will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better.</li> <li>◆ <b>Ambition 3</b> - we will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work.</li> <li>◆ <b>Principles:</b> Added Value and Continuous Improvement; Communication and Empowerment; and Embracing Change.</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	Details of progress made in the review and drafting of the CLD 3-year plan for 2024-2027.

# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>5 March 2025</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>South Lanarkshire Community Learning and Development Strategic 3 Year Plan 2024/2027</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ inform the Partnership Board of progress made in the review and drafting of the Community Learning and Development (CLD) 3-year plan for 2024/2027 and to seek continued support to achieve the CLD Partnership's vision to "Improve the quality of life for people in South Lanarkshire by offering vibrant learning and development opportunities that lead to personal development and community empowerment"

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the CLD Strategic 3-year Plan 2024/2027, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, be endorsed by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP);
- (2) that the actions and measures set out to secure improvement in the quality of life for the people of South Lanarkshire be noted; and
- (3) that the revised governance arrangements for annual planning and reporting be noted.

## 3. Background

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

3.2 CLD is delivered against a backdrop of legislation and statutory guidance, particularly those defined in the CLD Strategic Guidance (2012) and The Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) which, under the requirements of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, place a duty on local authorities to work with partners and communities to publish and deliver a plan of agreed community learning and development actions over a 3 year period and to report on progress through the Council's structures.

- 3.3. This plan must specify the following:-
- ◆ how the education authority will coordinate provision with statutory and other providers
  - ◆ what action the education authority will take to provide CLD over the 3 years
  - ◆ what action other persons will take to provide CLD over this period
  - ◆ any unmet need
- 3.4. In taking forward the 3-year CLD plan, the CLD Regulations state that the plan must articulate:-
- ◆ identified target groups and individuals
  - ◆ have regard for their needs
  - ◆ identify barriers
  - ◆ consultation with people who are representative of the target individuals and groups
- 3.5. Key to the successful implementation of the 3-year CLD plan (2024/2027) as detailed Appendix to the report will be aligning identified need with current good practice, and the areas for improvement identified through ongoing review and His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIe) inspection processes.
- 3.6. This plan fully puts in place the CLD Partnership's commitment to the shared vision to "Improve the quality of life for people in South Lanarkshire by offering vibrant learning and development opportunities that lead to personal development and community empowerment" and to meet the challenges ahead.

#### **4. CLD in South Lanarkshire**

- 4.1. CLD in South Lanarkshire is delivered by a range of organisations who work together with communities to deliver positive outcomes including statutory, third sector, further and higher education organisations.
- 4.2. The principles that underpin CLD practice in South Lanarkshire are:-
- ◆ self-determination – the rights of communities and individuals to make their own choices
  - ◆ empowerment – recognise and strengthen community voice real, facilitating engagement and change in communities
  - ◆ inclusion – all members of the community are equal
  - ◆ working collaboratively – effective partnerships at a strategic and local level
  - ◆ promotion of lifelong learning – meeting needs of learners
- 4.3. A range of learning opportunities are delivered across a range of settings, and work is focused on areas of disadvantage and need. Underpinning this work is in the spirit of collective action, partnership and collaborative practice. The vision for CLD in South Lanarkshire is to: 'Improve the quality of life for people in South Lanarkshire by offering vibrant learning and development opportunities that lead to personal development and community empowerment.'
- 4.4. CLD in South Lanarkshire is overseen by the strategic CLD Partnership Group that reports to the Community Planning Partnership Board and helps it achieve it's priorities. The following delivery methods, initiatives and interventions are designed to deliver CLD outcomes to meet the expressed needs and aspirations of learners and communities:-

- ◆ community development
- ◆ youth work and family learning within communities and educational establishments
- ◆ early intervention work with children, young people and families;
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- ◆ partnership working
- ◆ 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, for example, people with disabilities, care leavers or offenders
- ◆ learning support and guidance in the community
- ◆ community development (building the capacity of communities to meet their own needs, engaging with and influencing decision makers)
- ◆ provide support to vulnerable and 'at risk' young people, adults, and families

## 5. Priority Outcomes

- 5.1. Through ongoing consultation, 12 priority outcomes have been agreed by the CLD Partnership that helps CLD staff, volunteers and partners know the difference made to learners' lives, families and communities. The number of learners achieving these impacts will be collated on a yearly basis across the CLD Partnership, as well as age ranges and other demographics.
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Table 1: Priority outcomes for the CLD 2024/2027 plan:-

<b>Priority outcomes</b>
1. People feel better about themselves and have improved confidence
2. People take less risks and make better choices
3. People get involved in physical activity and improve their health and well-being
4. Parents/guardians are involved in programmes to help them support their children
5. People get better at reading, writing, and numbers
6. People get nationally recognised awards or qualifications for learning they have undertaken
7. People who don't speak English as a first language are supported to improve their language skills
8. People improve their employability skills
9. People develop skills to become volunteers in their community
10. People improve their digital skills
11. Individuals and groups have influence over decision making
12. Community groups get effective support to help them flourish

- 5.3. The numbers and demographics of learners achieving these impacts will be collated on a yearly basis across the CLD Partnership. In addition, the revised HMIE document 'How good is the learning and development in our community?' will be used as a primary method of self-evaluation to drive improvement across the partnership.

- 5.4. Following a CLD Partnership self-evaluation seminar in Autumn 2023, it was decided to refresh the CLD Plan to give more context to CLD in South Lanarkshire, and to highlight initial data findings for the first two years of the Plan. A final report on the CLD Plan 2021 to 2024 is expected in Spring 2025.

## 6. Governance Arrangements

- 6.1. Governance arrangements for 2024/2027 have been reviewed and agreed by the South Lanarkshire CLD Partnership.

The governance of the CLD Partnership will include:-

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- ◆ Local Action Planning Groups (LAPGs) to continue across East Kilbride, Clydesdale, Hamilton, and Cambuslang/Rutherglen - the membership will include a range of partners from across the CLD sector and local level decision makers, meeting at least 4 times year
- ◆ at least 2 practitioner groups per year to enable front line staff to network with partners
- ◆ a local plan that takes account of local needs and priorities, identifies gaps in provision, and is reviewed and reported on regularly, including interim and end of year reporting, within the South Lanarkshire Partnership reporting process
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## 7. Mapping Unmet Need

- 7.1. Despite the extensive CLD activity and resources invested throughout South Lanarkshire, some community needs remain challenging to meet. A recurring theme in the Plan is addressing mental health and well-being issues, which have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 Pandemic. Significant efforts are made to tackle these issues, however, acknowledging professional boundaries, there is an ongoing challenge in signposting learners to mental health and well-being professionals due to the high demand.

- 7.2. **ESOL** – we continue to be alert to emerging needs of the refugee and asylum-seeking population and work to ensure that these learners can access ESOL programmes and get the support that they need to adapt to life in Scotland. Challenges in relation to ESOL in South Lanarkshire are replicated across Scotland with the national Independent Review of CLD highlighting the ESOL 'crisis' in Scotland:

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'There needs to be a better balance between formal, structured and accredited opportunities and more informal, day-to-day focused practical learning. The 2022 Adult Learning Strategy promised a review of the previous ESOL Strategy, and stakeholders have told me of their disappointment that this has not happened. I don't think there is time to wait for that to happen. ESOL needs action without delay.'

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- 8.1. The CLD Partnership is committed to promoting a learning culture for CLD staff and volunteers in accordance with the CLD Standards Council’s Professional Learning Strategy - ‘Growing the Learning Culture’.

The Partnership will:-

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- 9.1. South Lanarkshire’s CLD Plan has a key role in helping the CPP to achieve its priorities. The agreed vision for Community Planning in South Lanarkshire is: "to improve the quality of life for all in South Lanarkshire by ensuring equal access to opportunities and to services that meet people's needs".

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- ◆ improving health and tackling inequalities
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- ◆ promoting sustainable and inclusive communities and opportunities for all through life

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- 9.4. South Lanarkshire's CLD partners will take account of the above and review how they will impact on the priorities outlined in South Lanarkshire's CLD Plan 2024/ 2027.

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

## **11. Financial Implications**

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

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

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

## **13. Other Implications**

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

## **14. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements**

- 14.1. This report recommends a change to an existing strategy and, therefore, an impact assessment has been carried out with no negative impacts recorded.
- 14.2. In addition to this, a Strategic Environmental Assessment screening will also be required to determine if a full assessment is required or not.
- 14.3. Consultation continues to be carried out with appropriate stakeholders including learners, communities and partners.

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**South Lanarkshire's Community Learning  
and Development 3-Year Strategic Plan  
2024-2027**



## Section 1. Foreword

South Lanarkshire's Community Learning and Development strategic 3-year plan 2024-2027 presents the combined effort of the Council and its partners to bolster commitments to communities and learners, and to ensure that they continue to receive opportunities to achieve their full potential.

At the heart of this strategy is the recognition and understanding of the challenges faced by South Lanarkshire's communities and the significance of Community Learning and Development as transformative in the lives and aspirations of our residents. Through a shared vision to improve the quality of life for people in South Lanarkshire, this strategy will embed good practice and provide the right environments for communities and learners to flourish.

It is important we recognise that CLD empowers individuals to acquire skills, identify pathways to success, and to face challenges in their lives. From adult education programmes nurturing personal development to youth engagement youth engagement initiatives fostering civic participation, CLD acts as a catalyst for societal progress.

Built on the principles of equity, inclusion, and empowerment, this strategic plan sets out our comprehensive framework of action, informed by evidenced-based practices, stakeholder insights and the collective aspirations of the CLD Partnership.

As Chair of the Community Learning and Development Partnership, it gives me great pleasure to present the CLD Plan 2024-2027.



**Councillor Lynsey Hamilton**  
**Chair of Community Learning and Development Partnership**  
**Chair of Education Committee**

## Section 2 South Lanarkshire facts and figures

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

Robust and current data is consistently used at an authority and locality level. This provides a comprehensive overview of the specific needs and challenges faced by individuals and communities. This intelligence drives decision making in relation to priorities for action, supports engagement with local communities, and informs service planning and partnership agreements.

### **Our People - What our information tells us about our people (reference Community Plan)**

To help us target our work to where it is most needed, we use the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). This helps us to understand where people on low incomes and those with fewer resources and opportunities live. There are 431 areas (also known as Datazones) within South Lanarkshire. Of these, just over one fifth of South Lanarkshire sits within the most deprived 20% of all areas (Datazones) in Scotland.

- South Lanarkshire has the ninth highest **Health Deprivation rate** in Scotland. Around a quarter of all areas in South Lanarkshire experienced a higher than expected level of ill health or mortality.
- South Lanarkshire has the eleventh highest **Employment Deprivation rate** in Scotland. Nearly 10% of people of the working age population are not in work, just above the Scottish Average.
- South Lanarkshire has the tenth highest **Income Deprivation rate** in Scotland. Nearly 13% of the total population and just above the Scottish Average.

### **What our people have told us about them and their lives**

- People require basic needs – shelter, food, heating etc.
- To have good mental health, we need good outside space.
- More life skills teaching required – money management, mortgages and use of credit. The skills that should be promoted are IT/Digital skills as well as interpersonal.
- Many people are trapped indoors and live a lonely existence, some not knowing their neighbours. Events, funding, and social activities for all to bring communities together.
- Need to focus on improving the lives of the many families in South Lanarkshire Council living in poverty through improving their access to health and social care services, improving their digital skills and ability to get on-line and improving access to healthy, low-cost food.
- Focussing on what matters to people – not what is the matter with them.

## Our people and their lives in numbers

- People are expected to live 0.5 years less than the rest of Scotland, which is lower than the Scottish average. (Source: National Registers of Scotland)
- Nearly one third of adults have a long-term physical or mental health problem, which is higher than the Scottish average. (Source: Scottish Government).
- The number of people taking part in recreation activities is lower than the Scottish average (2019), putting the area second last of all 32 councils in Scotland (Source: SLC State of the Environment Report).
- Less than one fifth of children live in families who cannot afford three or more items out of a list of 22 basic everyday essential items. This is slightly below the Scottish average. (Source: SHS, 2017-2019)
- Nearly two thirds of children live in a low-income household where one or both parents work which is slightly higher than the Scottish average. (Source: HMRC)
- People are paid around £15.28 per hour (2021 figure); and men earn on average £1.86 more than women. This is slightly higher than the Scottish average. (Source: Annual survey of hours and earnings)
- Between 2020 and 2021 the percentage of employees earning less than the living wage has went from the 9th highest rate of all Scottish councils to the 7th lowest rate (12.5%, 2021). This is lower than the Scottish average (Source: ASHE)
- Nearly one in every four houses spend 10% of their money on gas and electricity; and one in every ten houses spends 20% of their money which is lower than the Scottish average. (Source: SHCS 2017-19).
- During the pandemic, one third of food parcels fed local children (16,000, 2020-21). Latest figures for the first 6 months of 2021-22 show a 60% increase when compared to pre-pandemic figures. (Source: South Lanarkshire Foodbanks).
- 57% of adults under the age of 35 were involved in informal volunteering (2018, latest figure available) which is much higher than the Scottish average (35%). (Source: SHS, 2019)

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

## Section 3. What is CLD?

Community Learning and Development (CLD) is an educational practice that supports individuals and groups to improve their skills and reach their full potential. CLD is rooted in a commitment to the principles of social justice, empowerment, inclusion, and access to services and opportunities irrespective of life circumstances. It is delivered against a backdrop of legislation and statutory guidance, particularly those defined in the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Strategic Guidance (2012) and the CLD Regulations (2013) which, under the requirements of the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, place a duty on local authorities to work with partners and communities to publish and deliver a plan of agreed community learning and development actions over a three year period and to report on progress through the Council's structures.

Our communities face major challenges from the wider economic outlook, cost of living crisis, falling public expenditure and our changing demographics. However, evidence from a range of sources, and in particular from the inspection of learning communities, demonstrates the powerful impact of CLD on the lives of learners and communities. At its best, effective CLD is life changing for people, families, and communities. It inspires people to maximise their own potential and empowers people, individually and collectively, to make positive changes in their lives and in their communities, through learning.

The Government's National Performance Framework sets out the strategic objectives for all public services, including those delivering CLD. CLD's specific focus should be:

1. improved life chances for people of all ages, through learning, personal development and active citizenship;
2. stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities.

#### **Section 4. CLD in South Lanarkshire**

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- Inclusion – all members of the community are equal
- Working collaboratively – effective partnerships at a strategic and local level
- Promotion of lifelong learning – meeting needs of learners

Collectively we offer a variety of learning opportunities across a range of settings and focus our work on areas of disadvantage and need. Underpinning this work is a spirit of collective action, partnership, and collaborative practice.

The vision for CLD in South Lanarkshire is to:

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

CLD in South Lanarkshire is overseen by the strategic CLD Partnership Group that reports into the Community Planning Partnership and helps it achieve its priorities. The following delivery methods, initiatives and interventions to deliver CLD outcomes to meet the expressed needs and aspirations of learners and communities:

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# Community Planning Structure



## Section 5. CLD Plan Governance

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- At least 2 practitioner's groups per year to enable front line staff to network with partners
- A local report that takes account of local needs and priorities, identifies gaps in provision, and is reviewed regularly including an annual input to the CLD Partnership
- A consistent method of measuring the difference that CLD activity makes through reporting on the 'Impact Measures' across the partnership at both strategic and local level
- A publication of annual achievements will be produced to celebrate work across the CLD Partnership

## Section 6. Priority Outcomes

Through extensive consultation, 12 priority outcomes have been agreed by the CLD Partnership that helps CLD staff, volunteers and partners know the difference made to learners' lives, families and communities.

The number of learners achieving these impacts will be collated on a yearly basis across the CLD Partnership, as well as age ranges and demographics etc.

Through consultation with learners and communities, the following were identified as priority outcomes for CLD in South Lanarkshire:

<b>Priority outcomes</b>
People feel better about themselves and have improved confidence
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Further consultation will take place within the first six months of the CLD Plan to ensure that



these priorities are still fit for purpose.

## **Section 7. HMIE CLD Progress Visit**

In May 2024 His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education visited South Lanarkshire to assess the progress CLD Local Authority services and partners were making against the aims of our CLD Plan, finding that:

*The leadership of CLD at all levels is strong. The overall governance of CLD is clear and effective. The CLD Partnership is well-established and confident with a clear vision and drive for improvement. Partners work effectively together, and respect each other's roles and contribution to shared strategic objectives. Staff and volunteers are committed, passionate and focused on making improvements to the lives of individuals and communities.*

*The CLD Partnership is one of three thematic groups within the CPP structure. They meet quarterly and report on a regular basis to a wide variety of groups and forums, including directly to the CPP Board. As a result, the CLD contribution to shared priorities is widely recognised and valued highly by senior leaders across the council and CPP.*

*The current Locality Action Planning Groups (LAPGs) and sub-groups are at various stages of development. They are effective forums for CLD practitioners to network, make connections and to help drive local improvement. Strong leadership and clear aims are helping the groups to focus more on action, and they are becoming better able to identify gaps in provision and avoid duplication. This is beginning to lead to improvements, such as reducing anti-social behaviour and building capacity in communities.*

*Staff at all levels are well-supported, encouraged and trusted to lead. They feel highly-valued, listened to and empowered. There is a strong and well-embedded approach and culture of 'grow your own' in terms of staff development. A significant number of staff within the council and key CLD partners start their career as a youth work participant, become a volunteer and progress to employment. Staff are encouraged and supported to undertake a range of qualifications, from entry level to master level learning.*

[The Education Scotland CLD Progress Visit inspection report](#) highlighted the strengths and a few areas for improvement.

## **Section 8. National Independent Review of CLD**

The Scottish Government review of Community Learning and Development, titled 'Learning: For All. For Life. [A report from the Independent Review of Community Learning and Development](#) was published in July 2024, authored by Kate Still. In carrying out the review it engaged with a range of stakeholders across Scotland, including CLD staff members (front line and in management positions, from Local Authorities as well as Third Sector), volunteers, national CLD working groups, partner organisations, and learners from across different age groups.

The scope of the review was to provide specific recommendations on:-

- Effective and consistently measured outcomes delivered through CLD and reported across the sector. This includes data on the CLD workforce, engagement opportunities and outcomes for learners.

- Delivering positive outcomes and improved life chances for marginalised and vulnerable learners in communities, in the context of wider education reform and public finance constraints.
- A strong and suitably professionalised CLD workforce equipped to deliver high quality outcomes for learners.

The following excerpts has been extracted directly from the report:

The evidence gathered throughout this review is clear – CLD is valued by learners, and it works!

Extensive evidence...shows that CLD provides a positive return on investment in the medium to longer term by developing critical thinking, personal and social skills, widening access to lifelong educational attainment and employment prospects; improving people's health and well-being; and encouraging active citizenship and participatory democracy.

The CLD approach supports a whole range of Scottish Government policy objectives, including in relation to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, and contributes to delivering outcomes across the National Performance Framework. Indeed, the proposed revised National Outcomes, where the Education Outcome will emphasise the significance of all forms of learning, throughout life, would suggest an even greater role for CLD.

The evidence presented in this report...demonstrates how CLD can be highly effective in helping some of Scotland's most vulnerable and disadvantaged people to identify and address many of the barriers they face in their day-to-day lives, often at an early enough stage to prevent those barriers growing in scale or number. By doing so, CLD is making a critical contribution in meeting those challenges at a wider, societal level.

Whereas the role of CLD/Youth Work in helping to drive-up attainment amongst disadvantaged groups has been recognised and built into the SAC to some extent, it is arguable that its value in reaching those young people for whom the traditional school learning experience is not a good fit remains under-appreciated, and, therefore, under-resourced.

### Next Steps

National CLD working groups within the sector such as CLDMS (CLD Managers Scotland), YouthLink Scotland and others have begun discussions about the implications of the review for the CLD Sector, and if the recommendations are adopted by Scottish Government, how they will best contribute towards this process.

Any further action required at a local authority level that is within the scope of, or actionable will be progressed through the CLD Partnership and reported to the Education Resources Committee.

## **Section 9. Workforce Development**

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

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## Section 10. Mapping unmet need

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

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

- further development of closer collaborative partnerships between CLD partners and Schools

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

**The CLD Plan links to the following local plans and strategies:**

[South Lanarkshire Community Plan 2022-2032](#)

[Our Plan Our Place Neighbourhood Plans](#)

[South Lanarkshire Connect Plan 2022-2027](#)

[Education Resources Plan](#)

[Children's Services Plan](#)

[Local Child Poverty Action Plan](#)

[Sustainable Development & Climate Change Strategy](#)

[Gaelic Language Plan 2019-24](#)

[Digital Strategy 2022-2026](#)

[Good Food Strategy 2022-2025](#)

**National Plans and Strategies**

[Community Learning and Development \(CLD\) Strategic Guidance \(2012\) and the CLD Regulations \(2013\)](#)

[Youth Work Strategy 2021 – 2026](#)

[Adult Learning Strategy 2021 – 2026](#)

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

[The CLD Plans Guidance Note \(2021-2024\) to support local authorities create their plans.](#)

[The Community Empowerment Act \(2015\) which sets out the requirements placed on local authorities to engage with communities](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## CLD Plan Appendix 1

### Consultation

A consultation document was developed through the CLD partnership to get the views of staff, volunteers, and learners engaged in CLD activity prior to the publication of the CLD Plan 21-24. This was primarily done through google forms, but word documents were also produced and 'focus group' templates to enable staff to get the views of a range of groups in learners.

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

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

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

In terms of awards the feedback from staff and volunteers indicates that there is some concern that awards would be a sole focus rather than an outcome relevant to the need of

participants. Again, learners did not share those concerns.

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

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

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

**Mental Health** – the feedback was not that it was missing in the list of priorities, but that this should be a key priority, particularly in the context of covid recovery. The plan outlines this, but also recognises that although a great deal of resource is put into health and well-being there is a gap in terms of access to professional healthcare, and therefore may be an unmet need.

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

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

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

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



## Appendix 2

### Data gathering

A range of outcomes have been agreed by the CLD Partnership that helps CLD staff, volunteers and partners know the difference made to learners' lives, families and communities. The number of learners achieving these impacts will be collated on a yearly basis across the CLD Partnership, as well as age ranges and demographics etc.

Outcome	<b>Improved life chances for people of all ages through learning, personal development and active citizenship</b>
<b>A. LEARNING</b>	
1	Learners have improved confidence and self-esteem.
2	Learners have improved their social / life skills.
3	Learners have reduced risk related behaviour.
4	Learners have improved their mental health and wellbeing.
5	Learners have improved their physical health and wellbeing.
6	Learners have improved/enhanced their parenting skills.
10	Learners have developed new digital learning skills
<b>B. LITERACY</b>	
1	Learners have improved their literacy skills.
2	Learners have improved their numeracy skills.
<b>C. ESOL</b>	
1	Learners have improved their English Language Skills.
<b>D. FAMILY LEARNING</b>	
3	Learners are better able to support their child's curricular learning.
<b>E. AWARDS/QUALIFICATIONS</b>	
1	Children have received a nationally recognised award or qualification.
2	Young people have received a nationally recognised award or qualification
3	Adults have received a nationally recognised award or qualification.
4	Learners have received an award to recognise their achievements.
<b>F. PROGRESSION</b>	
2	Learners have re-engaged with education / lifelong learning.
3	Learners have improved their employability skills.
4	Learners have started to do voluntary work regularly within service.
5	Learners have started to do voluntary work regularly outwith service.
Outcome	Stronger, more resilient, supportive, influential and inclusive communities
<b>G. CAPACITY BUILDING</b>	
2	Learners have been involved in consultation activity.
3	Learners contribute effectively to local or national decision making.
4	Learners develop skills to support and influence their own community, including participating in formal decision making.
7	Groups receive effective support to enable them to share learning and experiences to improve services and build community capacity (co-production).

In relation to this, South Lanarkshire recently provided local authority data to the national Community Learning and Development Managers group, in response to a set of national Key Performance Indicators agreed across the sector.

### Appendix 3

#### Year 2 Update - How are we doing? Progress in first 2 years.

Through consultation with learners and communities in 2021, the following were identified as priority outcomes for CLD in South Lanarkshire:

<b>Priority outcome</b>
People feel better about themselves and have improved confidence
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People get better at reading, writing, and numbers
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People who don't speak English as a first language are supported to improve their language skills
People improve their employability skills
People develop skills to become volunteers in their community
People improve their digital skills
Individuals and groups have influence over decision making
Community groups get effective support to help them flourish

The table below sets out how we collectively as a partnership measure the impact that CLD is making in South Lanarkshire. The 'what we said we would do' column comprises the data set that we use to analyse performance, called Impact Measures, and they are aligned to specific priorities. The 'what we did' columns outlines the total number of learners that have achieved these outcomes.

In addition to this we will count the total:

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

Priorities	What we said we would do	What we did 2021-2022	What we did 2022-2023
Priority 1 Access to learning	Through CLD activity learners will be offered opportunities to learn skills that meet their needs across a range of settings.		
	We will work with learners to:		
	Improve their life & social skills	9,913	14,791
	Reduce risk related behaviour	1,501	1,633

Priorities	What we said we would do	What we did 2021-2022	What we did 2022-2023
	Enhance their parenting skills	15,869	28,260
	Help them to support their child's learning	54	282
	Improve their literacy skills	978	3,095
	Improve their numeracy skills	650	1,725
	Improve their English language skills (ESOL)	231	430
	Achieve a relevant nationally recognised award or qualification	995	3,289
	Improve their digital skills	Not captured until 22-23	1,725
Priority 2 Health and well-being	We will continue to deliver health and well-being programmes, ensuring that vulnerable groups and areas of deprivation are prioritised, particularly in the context of recovery.  We will work with learners to:		
	Improve their confidence and self-esteem	12,001	17,842
	Improve their mental health and well-being	7,937	10,840
	Improve their physical health and well-being	7,130	9,376
Priority 3 Progression	We will continue to support learners to progress to other appropriate learning opportunities, ensuring that we meet ongoing needs.  We will work with learners to:		

Priorities	What we said we would do	What we did 2021-2022	What we did 2022-2023
	Help them re-engage with education / learning	482	3,893
	Improve their employability skills	1,207	4,634
	Help them access volunteering opportunities	810	714
Priority 4 Employability	We will continue to deliver programmes to enhance the employability skills of learners.  We will work with learners to:		
	Improve their employability skills	1,207	4,634
	Support positive destinations when they leave school	96.2%	96.9%
Priority 5 Community Influence	We will continue to support groups to be more influential in their community and engaged in participation and democratic processes.  We will work with learners and groups to:		
	Participate in consultation activity	16,765	14,106
	Confidently contribute to local or national decision making	203	560

### **Data analysis**

The numbers do not include the number of people attending further or higher education establishments, and do not include engagement with services such as Skills Development Scotland or the Department of Work and Pensions. These organisations are crucial to the CLD Partnership and have contributed hugely to the thinking and direction of the group. However, the data is confined to those directly delivering CLD services as this will give more meaningful analysis.

For data trends to be analysed in a reliable way, most experts agree that a three-year process is required and therefore a 3-year data report will be developed for the end of the 3 year cycle in winter 2024 to highlight strengths and areas for improvement. However, two-year data was discussed at a recent CLD Partnership self-evaluation seminar and the data does show improvements across almost all measures including increased number of learners achieving awards and increased number of learners reporting improvement in mental health & well-being as a result of CLD activity. Another theme emerging is recovery from the pandemic with the total number of learners / participants increasing from 56,635 to 99,698 (including numbers attending Bookbug sessions). Numbers have reduced slightly in terms of volunteering, but this is likely due to the number of community members volunteering during lockdown periods in 21-22.

The vision for this data gathering process is to better understand the impacts that CLD makes on learners and communities across South Lanarkshire. It is also to begin benchmarking to better understand trends over time that will drive action planning and future improvement. Data gathering is a working progress across the partnership, and for the 24-27 CLD Plan 3 consideration will be given to refining this process.

### **Governance**

The governance of the CLD Plan at a local level is a stretch aim and is aspirational, given the scale and scope of CLD across South Lanarkshire, and the number of partners across each locality. Therefore, each locality is at a different stage in this process. The culture of partnership is strong and the sharing of information is proportionate and conducive to creating conditions for more targeted and effective that meets the needs of our communities. LAPG's are established across East Kilbride, Clydesdale, and Cambuslang/Rutherglen. Partnership activity across the Hamilton area is very strong, and the LAPG will be launched in that locality by the Autumn of 2024.

## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	5 March 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Marmot Place Project Update - Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES)
<b>Report by:</b>	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
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<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Community Planning Partnership's participation in the Marmot CHES project.
<b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>	All partners
<b>Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b>	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:- (1) that the progress of the project be noted; (2) that the Board approve the governance arrangements for the Marmot programme as outlined in Appendix 1; and (3) that the Board approve the Marmot Leadership Group Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix 2.
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	There are no risks or challenges associated with this report.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	All ambitions/principles
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Section 3 advises of South Lanarkshire's participation in the Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES) which is adopting a Marmot Framework approach to understanding and addressing inequality in Scotland;</li> <li>♦ Section 4 details the Marmot Place governance arrangements including the involvement of local and national groups developing and overseeing the programme;</li> <li>♦ Section 5 highlights the main phases of the programme over the next two years;</li> <li>♦ Section 6 advises of the Marmot Launch Event which was held on 25 February 2025; and</li> <li>♦ Section 7 details the next steps which will include local Marmot working groups continuing to meet and develop the local understanding of poverty and inequalities across South Lanarkshire.</li> </ul>

# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>5 March 2025</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Marmot Place Project Update - Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Community Planning Partnership's (CPP) participation in the Marmot Place Collaboration for Health Equality In Scotland (CHES) project

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the progress of the project be noted;
- (2) that the Board approve the governance arrangements for the Marmot programme as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (3) that the Board approve the Marmot Leadership Group Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report.

## 3. Background

3.1. Public Health Scotland (PHS) and 3 local areas in Scotland are collaborating with the University College London Institute of Health Equity (IHE), led by Professor Sir Michael Marmot.

3.2. This partnership is a pilot in Scotland and known as CHES. The pilot is adopting a Marmot Framework approach to understanding and addressing inequality in Scotland.

3.3. Our acceptance into the project was verbally reported to the Partnership Board in December 2024. The other 2 Scottish partner areas are Aberdeen Council and North Ayrshire Council.

3.4. Marmot Places is an evidence based, place approach where partners collaborate to reduce inequalities in a defined 'place'. The 'place' could be a town, a neighbourhood or a whole authority.

3.5. A Marmot Place recognises that health and health inequalities are mostly shaped by the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age. It takes action to improve health and reduce health inequalities and can demonstrate success in Marmot Places in reducing health inequalities.

3.6. Based on 8 principles, Marmot Places develop and deliver interventions and policies to improve health equity, embed health equity approaches in local



systems and take a long-term, whole-system approach to improving health equity.

- 3.7. This report provides an update on the Partnership's implementation and development of the Marmot approach in South Lanarkshire.

#### **4. Marmot Programme Governance**

- 4.1. The project has both local and national working groups to coordinate the collaboration. Local working groups develop and oversee the South Lanarkshire Marmot programme. National working groups provide space to come together with CHES partners to share learning, experiences and contribute to the wider Scottish agenda.
- 4.2. The Board are asked to approve the local governance groups that have been established in South Lanarkshire to take forward the Marmot programme as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report:-
- ◆ Marmot Leadership Group
  - ◆ Marmot Steering Group
  - ◆ Data Working Group
- 4.3. The Marmot Steering Group is also the CPP's Outcome Leads Group, ensuring the Marmot programme and approach is developed and embedded in the CPPs current and future work.
- 4.4. Appendix 2 to the report provides the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Leadership Group for the Board's approval.
- 4.5. TOR for the other Marmot working groups will be provided after further discussion with the Steering Group and the Data Working Group, which has not yet held its inaugural meeting at the time of the writing of this report.

#### **5. Programme Phases**

- 5.1. The programme will operate across Scotland in phases.
- 5.2. Phase 1: Analysis of data: December 2024 - July 2025  
The IHE Partners have been working to produce both Scottish and local versions of health inequality reports. We expect to receive their completed assessment report in March 2025. We will also receive a localised South Lanarkshire wide level data pack for further assessment and discussion.
- 5.3. The South Lanarkshire Data Working Group is currently being established to further develop our narrative and understanding of poverty and inequality in South Lanarkshire. This working group will seek to identify the location and spread of inequality across South Lanarkshire by localities and place.
- 5.4. This Data Working Group is working to undertake the analysis of how and where inequality impacts across South Lanarkshire, in order to inform future planning and actions to address it. This preliminary work is aiming to be concluded by July 2025.
- 5.5. Public Health Scotland List Analyst support is being provided to both data analysis exercises.

## **5.6. Phase 2: Understanding System March 2025 to December 2025**

Workshops will take place with local partners to determine both place and thematic areas of work to prioritise and implement a Marmot principles approach to address. Workshops are expected to take place in the Spring and Autumn of 2025.

- 5.7. Workshops will help partners to understand both the enablers and barriers to improving health inequalities in the prioritised areas and what might be possible to address them.
- 5.8. Phase 3: Development of recommendations for action: November 2025 to July 2026  
Based on phases 1 and 2, the IHE will work with key stakeholders to develop recommendations to support better health and wellbeing, both locally in South Lanarkshire and nationally for Scotland.
- 5.9. Partners will draft an action plan and propose this plan through the outlined governance arrangements.

## **5.10. Ongoing**

Throughout the duration of the programme, partners will work with other places and the national system in Scotland to share their experiences and learning.

- 5.11. There are also opportunities to meet other Marmot Place participants from England and Wales.
- 5.12. The IHE will draft learning briefings for local areas to use locally and share nationally.
- 5.13. The IHE will draft reports for the Scottish programme, inclusive of our local experience and approaches. All draft reports and plans will be subject to our local input and consent.
- 5.14. While the Marmot Programme support will end in Autumn 2026, the embedding of this learning and the development of the Marmot framework and approach will continue through the work of the CPP, and the delivery of the Marmot Place Programmes and will incorporate into the delivery of our Community Plan outcomes.

## **6. Marmot Launch Event**

- 6.1. The South Lanarkshire Launch Event was held on Tuesday 25 February 2025 and members of the CPP Board, and the Outcomes Leads Group were invited to attend.
- 6.2. The purpose of this event was to raise awareness and seek wider support for the marmot principles and approaches.
- 6.3. Speakers on the agenda included Professor Sir Michael Marmot and the CPP Chair, Councillor Fagan alongside local community leaders from our Community

Partnerships and the Burnhill Neighbourhood Plan Stakeholder, Burnhill Highbacks Charity.

## **7. Next Steps**

- 7.1. The local Marmot working groups will continue to meet and develop our local understanding of poverty and inequalities across South Lanarkshire.
- 7.2. Local partners will be invited to workshops across the programme to contribute to the development of our local evidence base, systems analysis, prioritisation and action planning.
- 7.3. The Steering Group will develop a high level South Lanarkshire Marmot work plan to consider areas of priority and approach that we wish to test during the Marmot Programme support phases.
- 7.4. Regular updates and reports will be provided to the Partnership Board on the progress of the programme.

## **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. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements**

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

**Paul Manning**  
**Chief Executive**  
**South Lanarkshire Council**

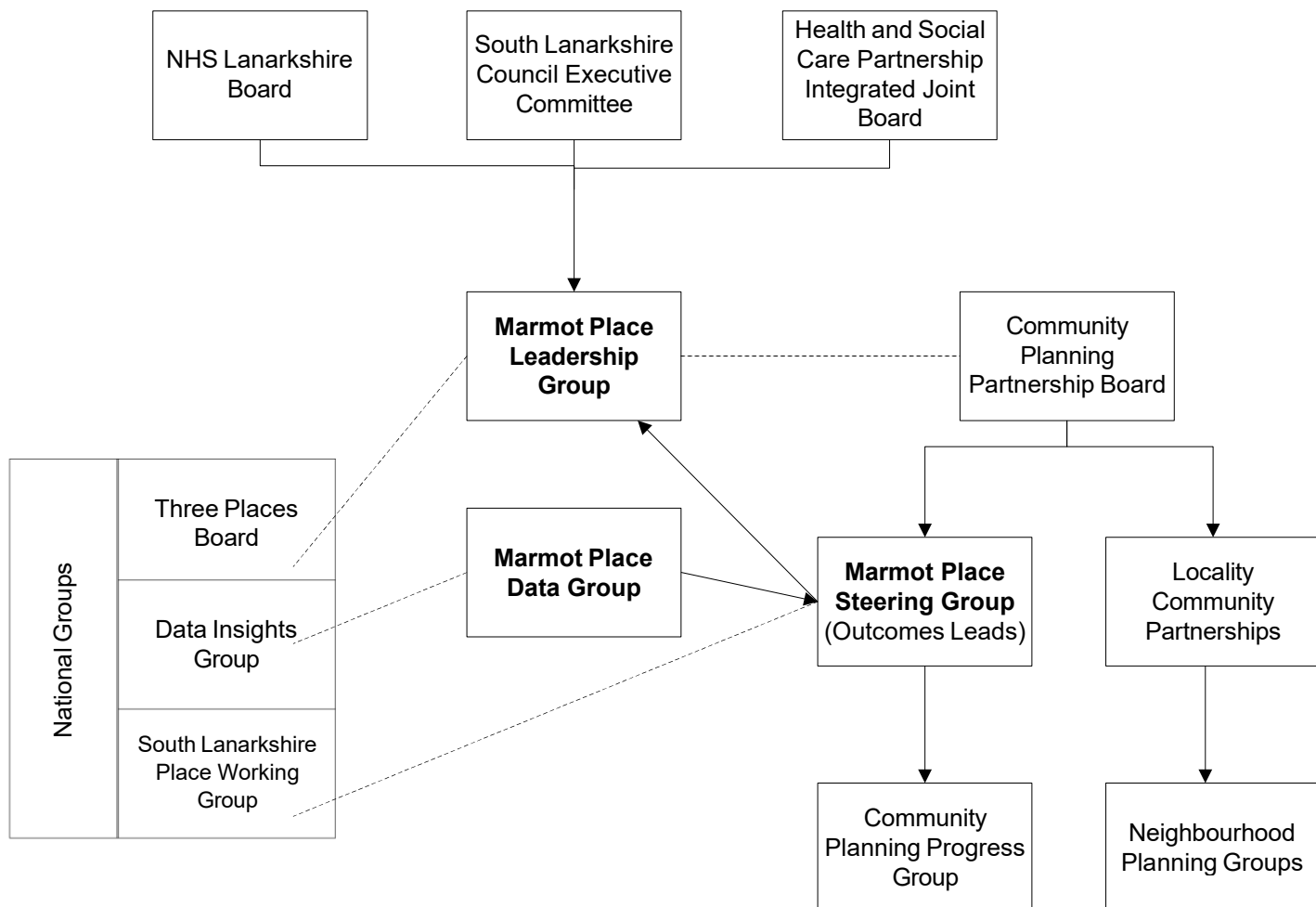
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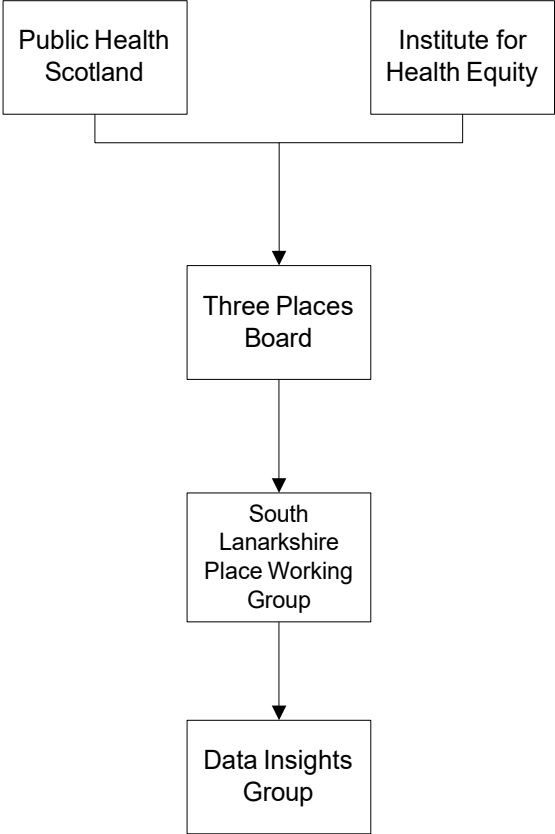
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## South Lanarkshire Marmot Place: Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES) Structure Chart



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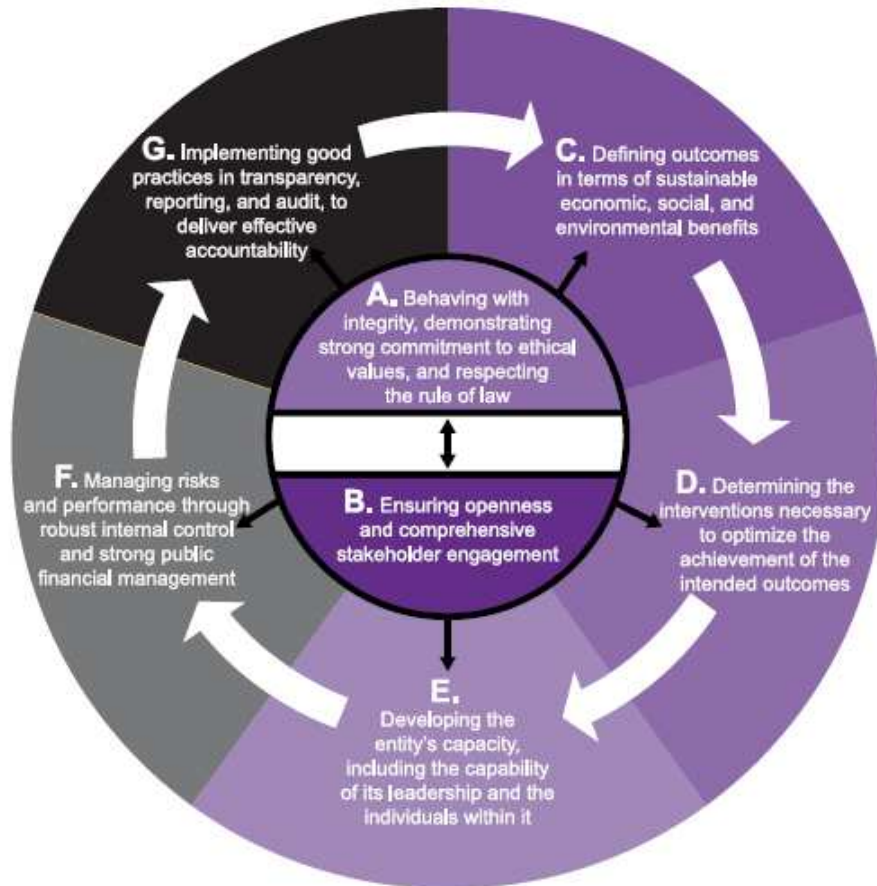


**South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership  
Marmot Place: Community Planning Leadership Group  
Terms of Reference**

<b>Name:</b>	Marmot Place: Leadership Group
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide collaborative systems leadership for the development and delivery of the Marmot Place: CHES wider project and the associated recommendations for embedding health equity approaches in local systems; and for the adoption of a long-term holistic strategy for improving health equity and wellbeing across South Lanarkshire.
<b>Scope:</b> <b>In Scope</b>	<p>This work will be delivered through the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership and covers the entire South Lanarkshire area.</p> <p>As whole systems leaders the focus for creating the optimum conditions for change includes:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Structural change (policies, practices and resource flows)</li> <li>• Relational change (relationships and connections; power dynamics)</li> <li>• Transformational change (mental models e.g. habits of thought)</li> </ul>
<b>Out of Scope</b>	N/A
<b>Authority:</b>	Authority to commit resources to the delivery of the Marmot Place: CHES project and its longer-term aims has been approved by the Community Planning Partnership Board, South Lanarkshire Council and NHS Lanarkshire
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
<b>Membership:</b>	Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire Director of Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Council Interim Chief Executive, Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan) Director of Education, South Lanarkshire Council Head of Enterprise and Sustainable Development, South Lanarkshire Council Head of Housing Services, South Lanarkshire Council Chief Executive Officer, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Community Planning Adviser, South Lanarkshire Council Head of Communications and Strategy, South Lanarkshire Council
<b>Publications Reference:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">South Lanarkshire Community Plan 2022-32</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Community Participation Model</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Community Engagement and Participation Strategy 2020/2025</a></li> <li>• A Memorandum of Understanding between The Institute of Health Equity (IHE) with Public Health Scotland and South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership</li> </ul>
<b>Meeting arrangements:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meetings will be held monthly/as business arises outwith those meetings.</li> <li>• This meeting will be held in private.</li> <li>• If a member is not able to attend, they should ensure that another representative attends.</li> <li>• A minute of the meeting and of all agreed decisions and actions will be recorded.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A meeting action log will be maintained to monitor progress against actions.</li> </ul>
<b>Reporting:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reports to the CPP Board</li> <li>• Reports to leaders including non-executive within governing organisation. For the purposes of the current members of this group this also includes:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board;</li> <li>○ South Lanarkshire Third Sector Chief Officer's Group; and</li> <li>○ South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Limited Board</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Budget:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint CPP Resources</li> <li>• Governing organisation resource refinement to deliver recommendations</li> </ul>
<b>Remit:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that the project is delivered as per the principles of good governance (see Appendix 1)</li> <li>• To ensure that the project is delivered as per the agreed Memorandum of Understanding including the provision of sufficient resources from own organisation to deliver the project and in accordance with the key principles of working together (see Appendix 2)</li> <li>• To create the optimum conditions within own organisation to enable whole systems change (see Scope)</li> <li>• To remove, reduce or mitigate potential barriers within own organisation that may prevent or reduce the impact of any identified change</li> <li>• To ensure the effective communication of the project internally, externally and within own organisation</li> <li>• To ensure project compliance with your own organisation's governance arrangements including decision-making protocols, reporting and scrutiny</li> <li>• To ensure the effective participation of individuals, families and community bodies in the project for example, the development, design and delivery of plans and in the review, revision and reporting of progress)</li> <li>• To work collaboratively with Public Health Scotland, the Institute of Health Equity and the other CHES Local Authority areas to highlight the national barriers to local improvements and influence action to address those barriers</li> <li>• To provide membership to the CHES Places Board as required</li> </ul>
<b>Version control:</b>	V 2.0 approved by Leadership Group 11/02/25

## The Seven Principles of Good Governance



Source:

CIPFA/SOLACE Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework (2016)



**Extracted from CHES Memorandum of Understanding  
How we will work together**

The following key principles will underpin how we work together:

- **Shared Vision and Goals:** PHS, IHE and each place share a common aim of developing and implementing interventions and policies which will improve health equity. This includes a focus on embedding health equity approaches in local systems and adopting a long-term, holistic strategy for improving health equity alongside working together to highlight the national barriers to local improvements and influencing action to address those barriers.
- **Transparency and Openness:** Clear and honest communication about capabilities, expectations, and limitations helps in setting realistic goals and avoiding misunderstandings. Where there are differences of opinions – we will discuss these openly with a commitment to understanding what is informing that difference and finding a joint way forward.
- **Accountability:** All three organisations are committed to taking accountability for their actions and commitments, with a clear understanding of roles and responsibilities. Where it is not possible to meet an agreed commitment for reasons beyond our control, we will ensure partners are aware as early as possible and work together to agree revised arrangements.
- **Sustainability:** Focusing on long-term outcomes and the sustainability of the work and focus on health equity, rather than short-term gains.
- **Cultural Sensitivity:** Respecting and valuing the cultural differences and diversity that each organisation brings to the table.
- **Continuous Improvement:** All parties are committed to learning and adapting current work programmes to respond to learning through participation in this programme.





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# Community Planning Board Bulletin

5 March 2025

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# Overview and contents

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**Welcome to the CPP Board Bulletin, providing you with updates on key partnership activity relating to policy, strategy and service delivery.**

## **March 2025 Update Contents**

- Community Planning Partnership Risk Register Update.

# Community Planning Partnership Risk Register Update

- The following provides a summary of the current Community Planning Partnership (CPP) risks and an update on progress in the delivery of the risk control plan;
- The CPP risk register and Risk Control Plan is maintained to formally record, assess and aid management of strategic risks for the Partnership.
- There have been no changes to the CPP Risk Cards and no new risks have been identified since the last update to the Board on 18 September 2024. The Progress Group, however, will consider the Marmot Place activity as part of their annual review of the Risk Register and Risk Control Plan which will be completed in April 2025;
- The Risk Register includes the following areas of risk:-

Risk Category	Key Risk
<b>1</b> <b>Very High (15-25)</b>	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; Cyber Insecurity; Deep Societal Polarisation; Extreme Weather Events; International conflict; Lack of economic opportunity; Misinformation and disinformation; Shortage of skilled workforce; and Ungoverned Artificial Intelligence (AI) Risk Number: CPP/2022/001
	Failure to meet sustainable development principles and respond collectively to the climate and nature emergencies. Risk Number: CPP/2018/003

# Community Planning Partnership Risk Register Update

Risk Category	Key Risk
<b>1</b> <b>Very High (15-25)</b>	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032 Risk Number: CPP/2018/001
	Ineffective engagement and collaborative working with communities Risk Number: CPP/2018/002
<b>2 High (8-12)</b>	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
	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
	Financial Challenges Risk Number: CPP/2018/004

# Community Planning Partnership Risk Register Update

- There are 8 actions in the 2024/25 Risk Control plan. The following sets out the progress of the delivery of the actions. Of the 8 actions in the plan: no actions are complete; 7 are on target to deliver; 0 have not started (waiting for other actions to be completed first); and 1 action has minor slippage.

Status	Summary
Complete	There are <b>no actions</b> completed.
On target	<b>Seven actions</b> are currently deemed to be on target to deliver within the timescale set.
Not started	There are <b>no actions</b> currently on hold.
Minor Slippage	There has been minor slippage for <b>1 action</b> .
Major Slippage	There has been major slippage for <b>no actions</b> .

# Community Planning Partnership Risk Register Update

- A summary of the amber indicator is detailed below:

Key Risk	Action	Comments/Progress
<p>Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032 (CPP/2018/001)</p>	<p>Develop a new Neighbourhood Plan for the East Kilbride South area</p>	<p>The East Kilbride South Stakeholder Group was re-established in September 2024 with an emphasis on local representation being prominent. The community views survey consultation had 781 responses with a further 42 'what matters to you' responses. It has been evident that door to door engagement is not as successful in this area, which is due to the high number of in-work poverty. Due to this we understand that pop ups/events are more effective as engagement methods for encouraging local participation. Further to this, Can Do Community funding was obtained by Healthy and Active on behalf of the Stakeholder Group to host and facilitate a Participatory Budgeting (PB) event with a call for applications open as of 6 January 2025. There is £7,000 available for community groups to apply for. This is to increase local democracy, participation and decision making. There will be an event for the PB vote in March 2025 dependant on the outcome of the Community Asset Transfer of the Greenhills Library and Greenhills Community Hall.</p>
<p>Partner action to improve the outcome:</p>	<p>Community engagement to vote on the top priorities to take forward into the Neighbourhood Plan, alongside the PB process will inform the next steps of completion of the plan. Upon agreement from the Stakeholder Group, the data for the plan will then be drafted into the final document summer 2025.</p>	





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### Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	5 March 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	South Lanarkshire Register of Information
<b>Report by:</b>	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
<b>Contact for Further Information:</b>	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: <a href="mailto:jennifer.kerr@southlanarkshire.gov.uk">jennifer.kerr@southlanarkshire.gov.uk</a>
<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with a summary of the information circulated to Community Planning Partners.
<b>Community Planning Delivery Partners:</b>	All partners
<b>Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:</b>	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- <b>(1)</b> that the content of the report be noted.
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	There are no risks or challenges associated with this report.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	♦ All ambitions/principles
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	♦ 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:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>5 March 2025</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>South Lanarkshire Register of Information</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with a summary of the information 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 – 9 November 2024 to 7 February 2025

4.1. Appendix 1 to the report provides a summary of the information circulated from 9 November 2024 to 7 February 2025.

## 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. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

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

**Paul Manning**  
**Chief Executive**  
**South Lanarkshire Council**

12 February 2025

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Register of Information circulated to the Partnership

9 November 2024 to 7 February 2025

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
13/11/24	Play Surveys launched for Local Development Plan	South Lanarkshire Council	The next opportunity for residents of South Lanarkshire to help shape the future of their area is underway. A survey has been issued about how children like to play, where they go and what they would like to see changed in the play spaces and open spaces they use. The surveys are aimed at both children and young people as well as their parents and guardians and will inform the next Local Development Plan for South Lanarkshire. There are three separate surveys – one for parents and guardians to complete for their children aged from <a href="#">birth to 11</a> , one for ages <a href="#">12-18</a> and one for young people aged <a href="#">12-18</a> to complete on their own. These surveys closed on 24 December 2024.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Community Partnerships for information.
14/11/24	Registration for Spring 2025 IHDEP (Improving Health: Developing Effective Practice)	NHS Lanarkshire	NHS Lanarkshire are welcoming applications for their Spring 2025 cohort of IHDEP. The course aims to improve participants' confidence in improving health and tackling inequalities by helping them maximise the health improvement potential of their role and remit.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
18/11/24	Skills Development Scotland's Careers Service Annual Report	Skills Development Scotland	Publication of Skills Development Scotland's ' <a href="#">Delivering Scotland's Career Service 2023-24 Annual Report</a> '.	Circulated to the Partnership Board, Community Planning Progress Group and Community Partnerships for information.
03/12/24	Challenging Rural Poverty in Scotland	The Poverty Alliance	Publication of The Poverty Alliance Report regarding 'Challenging Rural Poverty in Scotland' (with a focus on cost-of-living issues e.g. energy, transport, lower incomes, access to vital services, planning and settlement patterns). Presented as part of Challenge Poverty Week 2024:	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Community Partnerships for information.

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
			<a href="#">Report: Challenging rural poverty in Scotland - The Poverty Alliance</a>	
04/12/24	Shaping Places for Wellbeing - Phase 1 Impact	Improvement Service	Publication of the Shaping Places for Wellbeing – Phase 1 Impact presentation detailing the key highlights from the programme across the seven project towns and showing how it has grown, evolved, and the challenges and impacts along the way.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
08/01/25	South Lanarkshire Public Protection E-Bulletin January 2025	South Lanarkshire Council	Circulation of the January 2025 South Lanarkshire Public Protection E-Bulletin providing local and national news in relation to public protection.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
09/01/25	Developing a Universal Definition of Care Consultation	South Lanarkshire Council	Circulation of the draft response by South Lanarkshire’s Children’s Services Partnership to the Scottish Government’s ‘Developing a Universal Definition of Care Consultation’ for feedback by the CPP Board. The purpose of the consultation is to seek views on the need for a universal definition of ‘care experience’ and what the potential impacts of this could be.	Circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board for information.
15/01/25	External Public Telephones and Intercoms	Police Scotland	Confirmation by Police Scotland to the changes they are making to their Telephone System due to the technology now becoming obsolete. This includes telephones that are positioned near to the entrances of police stations in Blantyre and Cambuslang which enable people to call 101 and 999. These will no longer be available for use from 1 February 2025. Police Scotland will put up signage, etc. to advise people of the changes.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Community Partnerships for information.
22/01/25	Resident Consultation – South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Halls Strategy 2025/26	South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture	South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture are seeking views from residents to help inform decisions on future halls and community centres provision in South Lanarkshire. The consultation will close on 10 February 2025.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
30/01/25	Clyde Metro Vision, Objectives and Options Community Partnerships Webinar Invitation	Clyde Metro	Invitation for partner organisations to the Clyde Metro webinar on 4 February 2025 detailing the wider Clyde Metro Programme and the recent work undertaken in the past year.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
30/01/25	UK Poverty 2025: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK	Joseph Rowntree Foundation	Publication of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation report regarding <a href="#">UK Poverty 2025: The essential guide to understanding poverty in the UK</a>	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.