



Council Offices, Almada Street  
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Wednesday, 11 September 2024

Dear Councillor

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

The Members listed below are requested to attend a meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

**Date: Wednesday, 18 September 2024**  
**Time: 13:00**  
**Venue: By Microsoft Teams,**

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

Yours sincerely

**Paul Manning**  
**Chief Executive**

## BUSINESS

### 1 Declaration of Interests

- 2 **Note of the Previous Meeting** 5 - 12  
Minutes of the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership meeting held on 5 June 2024 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

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- 13 Community Planning Partnership Board Development Session Proposal** 201 - 208  
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**Urgent Business**

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- 18 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 5 June 2024

## **Chair:**

Councillor Joe Fagan, Leader, South Lanarkshire Council

## **Partners Present:**

C Burnett, Representative, Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership  
C Calder, Manager, Seniors Together  
S Dolan, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland  
S Frew, Partnership (West), Place Directorate, Scottish Economic Development, Scottish Enterprise  
T Keay, Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
J Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council  
T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council  
P Manning, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council  
C Mason, Representative, Seniors Together  
S McManus, Principal and Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire College  
S Mitchell, Head of Operations South West, Skills Development Scotland  
A Murray, Community Planning and Governance Adviser  
J Pravinkumar, Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire  
J Quinn, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
S Sweeney, Chief Executive Officer, VASLan  
A Thomson, Superintendent (Partnerships), Police Scotland

## **Also Attending:**

L Wyllie, Administration Assistant, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
E Paterson, Community Planning Officer, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council  
L Hamilton, Administration Officer, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
F Thomson, Education Locality Manager (Clydesdale), Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
C Brown, Environmental Services Manager, Community and Enterprise Resources, South Lanarkshire Council  
D Kennedy, Health Improvement Senior, NHS Lanarkshire

## **Apologies:**

A Comrie, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport  
J Binning, Principal Policy Officer, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport  
J Gardner, Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire  
C Hicks, Director of Education Reform, Scottish Government  
M Hill, Chair, NHS Lanarkshire Board  
H Kuboyama, Development Manager, West of Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses  
K Morrison, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture  
E O'Reilly, Head of Campus Services, University of the West of Scotland  
S Sengupta, Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership

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## **Chair's Opening Remarks**

The Chair welcomed Stella McManus, Principal and Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire College to her 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 13 March 2024 was submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

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## 3 South Lanarkshire Community Partnership Update

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A report dated 15 May 2024 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the progress of all 4 Community Partnerships in South Lanarkshire and the supports provided by the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Development Officer.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the background to the establishment of the partnerships which were community led and provided a link for the CPP to take forward the ambitions and priorities set out in the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plan with its community partners
- ◆ the progress made to date, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report

The Community Engagement Manager responded to a member's question in relation to the size and structure of the partnerships, advising that these were set around administrative boundaries, which took into consideration population sizes and were made up of community councils and other stakeholder groups.

**Outcome(s):** Progress to date and continued support provided by the CPP Development Officer noted.

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## 4 Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update

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A report dated 15 May 2024 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing the quarterly update on the work of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership, details of which were attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership had met twice since the last Board meeting and development work had continued over the last 3 months, which looked to increase the understanding of the Community Partnership model and attendance at the meeting. The recruitment of a dedicated Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Development Officer to support Partnerships across South Lanarkshire would assist with this work.

The most recent meeting of the Partnership was a development session which focused on Development Trusts, the Community Asset Transfer process and associated funding streams. There were also discussions on community matters, based on the priorities of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen communities.

**Outcome(s):** (1) Requests made by Partnership, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, noted.

- (2) CPP Development Officer, with support from the Progress Group, to work with the Partnership to progress the actions outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

*[Reference: Note of 13 March 2024 (Paragraph 3)]*

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## 5 Clydesdale Community Partnership Update

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A report dated 15 May 2024 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing the quarterly update on the work of the Clydesdale Community Partnership, details of which were attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

The most recent meeting of the Partnership was a development session which focused on Development Trusts, the Community Asset Transfer process and associated funding streams, as well as discussions on community matters, based on the priorities of the Clydesdale communities.

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

*[Reference: Note of 13 March 2024 (Paragraph 5)]*

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## 6 Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report

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A report dated 15 May 2024 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) budget and expenditure for 2023/2024 as at 31 March 2023 (Period 14) and for 2024/2025 as at April 2024 (Period 1). Details of the proposed 2024/2025 CPP budget were also provided.

As outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, the total expenditure at the end of Period 14 (2023/2024) was £79,519. This left a carry forward of £38,992 to the 2024/2025 budget.

The total available budget for 2024/2025 was £87,342, which reflected the balance carried forward of £38,992 and annual income of £48,350. Expenditure as at the end of Period 1 (2024/2025), as outlined in Appendix 2 to the report, was £250.

The forecast spend for 2024/2025 was £87,342 and a draft spending plan was attached at Appendix 3 to the report. The CPP Development Officer's contract would end at 30 September 2024 and it was proposed that funding for this post continue beyond that period.

Partners would be invoiced for their annual contribution to the CPP budget.

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

**Outcome(s):** (1) Proposed budget and spending plan for 2024/2025 approved.  
(2) Board to continue to commit funding for the CPP Development Officer post.

*[Reference: Note of 13 March 2024 (Paragraph 4)]*

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## **7 Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) Update**

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A report dated 15 May 2024 by the Lanarkshire Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) Group was submitted providing an update on the work of the Group.

At its meeting on 7 June 2023, the Board agreed to participate in the Lanarkshire PAWS Group. Information was provided on the multi-agency approach and the production of the Lanarkshire PAWS 2024 to 2026 document, attached as an appendix to the report. This document set out the specific actions for 2024/2025 and looked forward to 2026.

The document focused on raising awareness on water safety through existing delivery routes and the circulation of educational and promotional materials.

The Group would also follow the Drowning and Incident Review (DIR) process in the event of any incidents occurring. The PAWS Group would report significant incidents and follow up actions from a DIR to the Partnership Board for information.

Following discussion:-

- ◆ the improvement in Partnership working was commended
- ◆ the importance of the timing, wider distribution, and engagement in relation to the document was highlighted and Partners were invited to submit details of any groups to be included in the circulation of the document

**Outcome(s):**     **(1)** Partnership Approach to Water Safety Lanarkshire 2024 to 2026 document endorsed.  
                          **(2)** Significant incidents to be reported to the Board.

*[Reference: Note of 7 June 2023 (Paragraph 14)]*

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## **8 Climate and Nature – Youth Participation**

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A report dated 15 May 2024 by the Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council was submitted on the next steps to progress and develop ongoing dialogue between young people and the Board.

Information was provided on the development session held on 10 October 2023 on Climate and Nature, which focused on the issues facing young people locally and nationally, and the subsequent engagement events that had taken place.

Based on the learning from the engagement events, a proposed engagement process was outlined in paragraph 4.6 of the report. This included an additional Board development session with young people on climate and nature loss.

**Outcome(s):**     Proposed process of engagement with young people moving forward, as outlined in paragraph 4.6 of the report, endorsed.

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## **9 Community Learning and Development Progress Visits Update**

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A verbal update by the Education Locality Manager (Clydesdale), Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council was provided on Community Learning and Development (CLD) progress visits.

The provision of CLD was a statutory requirement and a key aspect was periodic visits by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE), Education Scotland to assess how well the Council was performing.

Information was provided on the progress visits that had been taking place over the past 7 to 8 months, including the preparation prior to the visits. The visits took place over a day and a half as opposed to the 4 days undertaken for an inspection and focused on:-

- ◆ securing improvement
- ◆ performance against aims and targets
- ◆ improving life chances

The draft report on the visits was still to be received, however, the language used during the visits was strong, robust, well-supported, and shared understanding of challenges, need and priorities in all aspects of the areas that were looked at. This was a reflection of the embedded processes in place in South Lanarkshire which involved learners, staff, volunteers and the leadership of partners. When the report was fully available, it would be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

The Education Locality Manager (Clydesdale) and the Chair, on behalf of the Board, thanked everyone involved in that process.

**Outcome(s):** Update noted.

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## **10 Lanarkshire Whole Systems Approach to Physical Activity Model**

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A report dated 15 May 2024 by the Head of Improvement, NHS Lanarkshire was submitted providing an overview of the Lanarkshire Whole Systems Approach (WSA) to Physical Activity (PA) Model.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the increasing use of systems-based approaches when responding to complex public health issues
- ◆ publications by the World Health Organisation, the International Society for Physical Activity and Health (ISPAH) and Public Health Scotland in relation to physical activity
- ◆ the Lanarkshire Whole Systems Approach to Physical Activity which included:-
  - ◆ the use of the Public Health Scotland framework for action
  - ◆ the use of a rights-based and place-based approach as 'place had a significant bearing on health inequalities'
  - ◆ the use of 'A systems-based approach to physical activity in Scotland 2022' framework
  - ◆ the creation of a partnership group to develop the WSA work locally, as outlined in the report
- ◆ the next steps which included themed workshops in relation to the ISPAH 8 Best Investments for Physical Activity, the creation of a governance group and further development of physical activity related projects, programmes and strategies

S Sweeney, Chief Executive Officer, VASLan, for transparency, advised that he was a member of the Board of Sport Scotland.

Following discussion, members:-

- ◆ supported the proposals
- ◆ highlighted work within their organisations which supported this agenda
- ◆ highlighted funding restrictions

- ◆ highlighted various routes to include community and wider participation
- ◆ highlighted the importance of creating spaces that were safer, friendlier and more accessible to allow people to make day-to-day active choices

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Buy-in, engagement and endorsement of the Whole Systems Approach to Physical Activity Model agreed.
  - (2) Engagement in themed workshops relating to the ISPAH 8 Best Investments for Physical Activity agreed.
  - (3) Consideration of where current work aligned to this model agreed.

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## 11 Keep The Beat Alive Third Sector Campaign

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A report dated 15 May 2024 by the Chief Executive Officer, VASLan was submitted providing an update on “Keep The Beat Alive”, a campaign co-produced by over 100 local Third Sector organisations.

Information was provided on the Keep The Beat Alive campaign that had been established in response to the challenges faced by third sector organisations to survive and thrive. The campaign had the following 3 big asks:-

- ◆ recognise the value of the third sector
- ◆ be smarter about funding
- ◆ meaningfully engage with the third sector

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Content of the report noted.
  - (2) Partners to consider the campaign’s 3 big asks and commitment to the Local Fair Funding Charter.
  - (3) Partners to consider convening conversations with regional and national stakeholders in support of the third sector and communities.

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## 12 Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Review

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A verbal update by J Quinn, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service was provided on the Shaping Our Future Service consultation.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the establishment of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and its duties
- ◆ how the responsibilities of the Service had changed over the years
- ◆ the capital budget backlog of £650 million
- ◆ the condition of a number of fire stations which were no longer fit for purpose
- ◆ possible areas for consideration as part of the consultation

The consultation would be open until 30 June 2024, and aimed to gather as much information as possible from a wide range of sources. Consultation responses would help develop options for change and a further public consultation would be held later in the year.

A link to the consultation would be provided to Board members for wider circulation within their organisations.

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

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### **13 Community Planning Bulletin Board**

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The Community Planning Board Bulletin of 5 June 2024 was submitted providing information on the:-

- ◆ Community Justice Partnership Annual Report
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Violence Against Women and Girls Strategic Partnership Update
- ◆ Community Wealth Building Update
- ◆ Local Development Plan 3 Update

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

*[Reference: Note of 13 March 2024 (Paragraph 12)]*

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### **14 South Lanarkshire Register of Information Report**

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A report dated 15 May 2024 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing a summary of information that had been circulated to Community Planning Partners between 21 February and 13 May 2024, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

**Outcome(s):** Noted.

*[Reference: Note of 13 March 2024 (Paragraph 14)]*

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### **15 Date of Next Meeting**

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It was noted that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Wednesday 18 September 2024 at 1.00pm.

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### **16 Any Other Competent Business**

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There were no other items of competent business.





## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 September 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership 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>◆ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership.</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 Partnership's Community Development Officer, with support from the Progress Group, works with the partnership to progress any actions outlined in Appendix 1, be noted.</li> <li>(2) that the intention of the Partnership to undertake a Self-Assessment supported by the Partnership's Community Development Officer and the Improvement Service be noted.</li> <li>(3) that the update on the approved Lived Experience Fund applications be noted.</li> </ul>
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	Section 8 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>◆ Section 3, paragraphs 3.3 and 3.4 sets out details of the most recent meetings of the partnership.</li> <li>◆ Section 4 sets out details of the Lived Experience Fund Awards.</li> <li>◆ Appendix 1 contains the progress update for Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership.</li> </ul>





# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>18 September 2024</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b>

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

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the Partnership's Community Development Officer, with support from the Progress Group, works with the partnership to progress any actions outlined in Appendix 1, be noted.
- (2) that the intention of the Partnership to undertake a Self-Assessment supported by the Partnership's Community Development Officer and the Improvement Service be noted.
- (3) that the update on the approved Lived Experience Fund applications be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Partnership is one of the 4 locality partnerships where community representatives from community councils and other community bodies come together to discuss common issues and report to the Community Planning Partnership on the discussions and look at improvement actions/options. An update on activity is attached at Appendix 1.

3.2. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership has met twice since the last Board meeting. Development work has continued over the last 3 months, looking to increase the understanding of the Community Partnership model and increase attendance at the meeting. The recruitment of a dedicated officer to support Partnerships across South Lanarkshire should mean that the Community Partnerships develop in terms of membership and build capacity.

3.3. The purpose of the meeting in June 2024 was to receive updates from officers from South Lanarkshire Council's (SLC) Planning and Regulatory Services covering the Local Development Plan for South Lanarkshire. The other update was from the Improvement Service's Shaping Places for Wellbeing Project Lead who highlighted details of the Shaping Places for Wellbeing programme within the Rutherglen area.

- 3.4. The purpose of the most recent meeting, which took place at the end of July 2024, was to discuss Neighbourhood Planning and Participatory Budgeting, as well as the Lived Experience Fund, which the Partnership have been allocated monies from.

#### 4. Lived Experience Fund 2024/2025 Awards

- 4.1. The Community Partnership chose to use a grant model to distribute this funding. This opportunity was promoted by the Partnership, online on the Community Planning website, via the Third Sector Network, the council's Community Engagement Team, and other networks covering the Cambuslang and Rutherglen locality. Local groups and organisations were invited to apply for monies up to £1,500, and applications closed on 31 July 2024. The initial amount allocated to the Partnership totalled £6,750, therefore, the remaining amount after the Partnership approval of the applications is £3,790.

3 applications were received; 2 have been approved and 1 is awaiting further information being provided. Details of the applications that have been approved are set out below:-

App. No.	Applicant	Amount requested	Purpose of Grant	Amount awarded
001	Break Through Youth Project	£1,500	Activity programme for young people and families, including consultation in relation to their Lived Experience.	£1,500
002	Project 31	£1,460	Expanded Activity programme for children and families, including consultation in relation to their Lived Experience.	£1,460

#### 5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. Community Partnership activity is delivered by the Partnership's Community Development Officer.

#### 6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. Delivery costs associated with the recruitment of the Partnership's Community Development Officer, which is funded through the Community Planning budget.

#### 7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

#### 8. Other Implications

- 8.1. 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 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:-

Risk Card Reference	Risk Classification	Risk Summary
CPP/2018/001	Very High	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032
CPP/2018/002	Very High	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
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**9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

9.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment implications associated with this report. This report is produced by the Community Partnership in consultation with its members.

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

28 August 2024

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## Appendix 1

### Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update Report

#### Current Activity:

- Date of a future Partnership meeting to be agreed which will include discussions on the Partnership's Terms of Reference, a Training Needs Analysis, and an update on Community Asset Transfers.

#### Community Partnership Self-evaluation

Self-evaluation of the Partnership, and the other established Community Partnership covering the Clydesdale locality, is due to start in the middle of September, which is being supported by the Partnership's Community Development Officer and the Improvement Service. This will be completed by November, with Improvement Plans being developed for both Partnerships. The process and associated timescales for the self-assessment is set out below.

Process stage	Timescale	Action required
Stage 1: Review of checklist statements	July/August 2024	Self-Assessment checklist statements to be reviewed by the Improvement Service, Community Planning Team, and Community Partnership
Stage 2: Awareness Session for Community Partnership members	September 2024	Awareness session delivered to the Community Partnership by the Improvement Service
Stage 3: Survey link issued	End September 2024	Partnership Self-Assessment Survey issued for completion (approx. 25-30 minutes to complete). Survey opens for approx. 3 weeks.
Stage 4: Survey completion	Mid-October 2024	Closing date for final survey returns
Stage 5: Checklist Reports sent to CPP Team	October - November 2024	Community Planning Team to circulate report to the Community Partnership.
Stage 6: Facilitated Sessions	Mid-November 2024 onwards	Facilitated session with the Improvement Service to enable the Partnership to discuss feedback from the survey and agree any areas for improvement (3 hours)
Stage 7: Action Plan	4 weeks after stage 6	Draft action plan brought back to the Community Partnership for discussion and approval

#### Lived Experience Fund

Some members raised issues regarding the communication of the lived experience fund process, and delays in payment due to processes which needed to be completed, in relation to the council's new procurement system, relating to setting up a new supplier. The Community Partnership have requested that the remaining allocation is returned to the Board.

#### Partner Update:

The Lived Experience process has been operating as a grant model successfully since 2019 and follows good governance and audit procedures to ensure the proper, efficient, and effective use of public funds. Feedback from previous applicants about the process and compliance requirements of the fund has been positive. The organisations awarded by the Community Partnership will receive a feedback survey at the end of the process.

## **Neighbourhood Planning Participatory Budgeting (PB) funding**

Some Partnership members have raised concerns about the latest round of PB funding from the council. This relates to additional monies made available to Neighbourhood Planning areas from the Shared Prosperity Fund which is a UK Government funding stream. Members welcomed the additional funding, however as this was a new process they felt that they were not informed well in advance of the new requirements. They were also of the view that the monitoring and reporting conditions attached to the Shared Prosperity Fund element, of the PB monies, were rigorous and that some groups may find this challenging and need additional support.

### **Partner Update:**

An officer from the council's Community Engagement Team attended the meeting on 31 July 2024 to discuss the participatory budgeting funding and advised that they would feedback their concerns to the Community Engagement Manager.

Some Partnership members have requested broader discussions around Neighbourhood Planning and aligning priorities via the Community Planning Partnership to ensure consistency of Participatory Budgeting activities across the local authority area.

### **Further Partner Updates:**

#### **Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan)**

The Localities Lead Officer from VASLan highlighted that the Health and Social Care Partnership's Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund will be launched by September 2024. The Partnership promoted the fund last year, and they are hoping to support VASLan with running a promotional event again this year. The total money available in the fund for South Lanarkshire is £888,000. There may be changes to the processes and support of the distribution of the fund, based on feedback received.

Third Sector Awards are open for nominations until 16 August 2024. Four people from the Cambuslang and Rutherglen locality won awards last year. The event will be held in November 2024 with a venue to be confirmed.

### **NHS Lanarkshire**

The NHS Health Improvement Officer has advised that the NHS Lanarkshire's Southwest Health Improvement Team bulletin can be distributed to Partnership members. Two campaigns are coming up with one being Suicide Prevention week which is taking place from 8 to 14 September 2024 and Falls Prevention week which starts on 16 September 2024.

### **Other areas of progress**

- The Partnership and staff representing the CPP continue to work collaboratively to promote wider community awareness of the availability of services, activities and opportunities provided at a locality level
- The Partnership continues to foster good relationships with the Clydesdale Community Partnership, and other emerging Locality Partnerships
- The Partnership are intending to host a future meeting to discuss moving to a constitutional model





## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	◆ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Clydesdale Community Partnership
<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:- <b>(1)</b> that the Partnership progress update outlined in Appendix 1 and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Partnership's Community Development Officer and Progress Group, be noted. <b>(2)</b> that the intention of the Partnership to undertake a Self-Assessment supported by the Partnership's Community Development Officer and the Improvement Service be noted.
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	Section 7 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>◆ The progress update for Clydesdale Community Partnership is set out at Appendix 1.</li> <li>◆ This update provides a summary of the last two meetings of the Community Partnership which have focussed on the Local Development Plan 3, Rural Transport, Partnership Communications, Self-Evaluation, Capacity Building and sets out the next steps for the Partnership.</li> </ul>

# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>18 September 2024</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b>

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

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Clydesdale Community Partnership

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the Partnership progress update outlined in Appendix 1 and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Partnership's Community Development Officer and Progress Group, be noted.
- (2) that the intention of the Partnership to undertake a Self-Assessment supported by the Partnership's Community Development Officer and the Improvement Service be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. Clydesdale Community Partnership is one of the 4 locality partnerships where community representatives from Community Councils and other community bodies come together to discuss common issues and report to the Community Planning Partnership on the discussions and look at improvement actions/options. An update on activity is attached at Appendix 1.

3.2. Clydesdale Community Partnership have met twice over the last couple of months. Development work has continued over this time, looking to increase the understanding of the Community Partnership model and increase attendance at the meeting. The recruitment of a dedicated officer to support Partnerships across South Lanarkshire should mean that the Community Partnerships develop in terms of membership and build capacity.

3.3. The most recent meetings of the Partnership focussed specifically on the Local Development Plan (LDP), transport, future communications, as well as discussions on community matters, based on the priorities of the Clydesdale communities.

## 4. Employee Implications

4.1. Community Partnership activity is delivered by the Community Planning Partnership's (CPP) Community Development Officer.

## 5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. Delivery costs associated with the recruitment of the Partnership's Community Development Officer which is funded through the Community Planning budget.

## 6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

## 7. Other Implications

- 7.1. 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 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>	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

## 8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment implications associated with this report. This report is produced by the Community Partnership in consultation with its members.

**Paul Manning**  
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28 August 2024

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## **Appendix 1**

### **Clydesdale Community Partnership Progress Update**

#### **General update**

The Partnership meeting which took place on 4 June 2024, included discussions covering the Local Development Plan 3 (LDP), and transport:-

#### **Local Development Plan 3 Update**

The Planning and Building Standards Manager from SLC Planning and Regulatory Services delivered a presentation covering the Local Development Plan (LDP) 3 which has a 4-year timeframe, with work starting on this last summer. This is led by Scottish Government's Spatial Planning Policy, specifically National Planning Framework (NPF) 4.

The initial phase of the LDP work involves data and information collection, with the following phase involving engagement and consultation. Gaining an understanding of lived experience of communities is at the forefront.

An online survey was launched at the beginning of May and will run until September 2024. The team are also planning to develop and deliver a number of engagement opportunities, aiming to reach as many individuals and groups as possible. SLC Planning and Regulatory Services have shared links to the survey as requested by the Partnership members. The Evidence report will be submitted to Scottish Government early 2025.

#### **Rural Transport Update**

The update from the Engineering Manager, Roads, Transportation and Fleet Services, South Lanarkshire Council is as follows.

The Local Transport Strategy should be being presented to a council committee after the summer, and there will be more consultation activity taking place, prior to the Strategy being presented. The Engineering Manager has confirmed that future Strategy consultation activity details will be forwarded to the Partnership members.

A report was submitted to the council's Executive Committee, in relation to Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy. Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) are looking at various options, such as partnership models, on a voluntary or statutory basis. They are also considering local bus services becoming franchises. This is based on the Transport Scotland Act provision and is based on findings from consultations which have been taking place.

The council are keen to take forward the possibility of bus franchising and see this as the best option. SPT are looking to complete the Strategy by the summer of 2025.

The Rural Transport Appraisal and Action Plan which is covering Strathclyde, and South Lanarkshire rural areas, was also outlined. This will focus on infrastructure and different transport delivery models such as public social partnerships and developing community transport, integration of bus services, and demand response transport models. SPT are planning to commence engagement activities with communities to consult on these proposals and plans.

The Senior Transport Planner from SPT highlighted that there had been changes to the Scotrail timetable. There has yet to be a re-instatement of the half hour Lanark service in the evening, however, some services have re-introduced evening services. Transport Scotland and Scotrail are continually monitoring this and are looking at re-introducing services back to what they were pre-covid times.

It was also stated that the Off peak train fares programme has been extended until the end of September. Transport Scotland have been evaluating the financial impact of this, and the details are on the Transport Scotland website. There has been no increase on SPT rail concessionary fares since 2019.

The last Partnership meeting, which took place on 12 August 2024, focussed on communications and future priorities of the Partnership:-

### Communications Update

The Community Participation Project Officer from the council's Community Engagement Team delivered a presentation at the meeting highlighting the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) website, the use of the social media platform Nextdoor, and also displayed logos and graphics specifically for use by the Partnership.

The Partnership are looking to progress the development of communications and content on the CPP website, in consultation with the Community Participation Project Officer, and the Partnership's Community Development Officer.

### Self-Evaluation Update

The Partnership's Community Development Officer highlighted opportunities relating to self-evaluation which will give all members an opportunity to have their say on how the partnership is progressing and suggest any improvements and to identify any learning and development needs that they may have. The self-assessment will be facilitated by the Improvement Service, with support from the Partnership's Community Development Officer. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership will also be involved in the self-assessment. The process and associated timescales for the self-assessment is set out below.

Process stage	Timescale	Action required
Stage 1: Review of checklist statements	July/August 2024	Self-Assessment checklist statements to be reviewed by the Improvement Service, Community Planning Team, and Community Partnership.
Stage 2: Awareness Session for Community Partnership members	September 2024	Awareness session delivered to the Community Partnership by the Improvement Service.
Stage 3: Survey link issued	End September 2024	Partnership Self-Assessment Survey issued for completion (approx. 25-30 minutes to complete). Survey opens for approx. 3 weeks.
Stage 4: Survey completion	Mid-October 2024	Closing date for final survey returns.
Stage 5: Checklist Reports sent to CPP Team	October - November 2024	Community Planning Team to circulate report to the Community Partnership.
Stage 6: Facilitated Sessions	Mid-November 2024 onwards	Facilitated session with the Improvement Service to enable the Partnership to discuss feedback from the survey and agree any areas for improvement (3 hours).
Stage 7: Action Plan	4 weeks after Stage 6	Draft action plan brought back to the Community Partnership for discussion and approval.

### Capacity Building Update: Identifying Learning and Development needs

The Partnership's Community Development Officer has also developed a Training Needs Analysis which has been designed for completion by Partnership members. This will identify

learning and development opportunities which Partnership members feel would be beneficial in relation to their role as a member of the Community Partnership, as well as potentially effectively impacting their own personal development. This will be undertaken at the same time as the self-assessment between September and November 2024.

The Partnership's Community Development Officer has confirmed that the current Chair of the Partnership would like to step back, however, would still be like to be involved in supporting the future Chair as well as still being a member of the Community Partnership. There was a suggestion of having a rotational Chair arrangement and anyone interested in taking on the role of Chair has been requested to contact the Partnership's Community Development Officer.

The Community Partnership have requested that the Lived Experience funding allocation is returned to the Board.

The Partnership's Community Development Officer has also encouraged all Partnership members to review the current Terms of Reference, in terms of a future governance document.

### **Future Actions**

- Colleagues from Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT), and SLC Roads and Transportation to be invited to attend a future meeting to provide a further update on planned work
- Partnership to review Terms of Reference
- Future Partnership Chair arrangements to be clarified
- Members of the partnership will participate in the Self-Assessment process
- Members of the partnership will be invited to identify any learning and development needs
- Partnership will be progressing appropriate communication techniques and content for the CPP website

## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 September 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Community Partnerships Update
<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>◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of East Kilbride and Hamilton 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 recommendations:-</p> <p>(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, as outlined in Appendix 1.</p>
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	Section 7 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>◆ The update provides a summary of the current progress of the East Kilbride and Hamilton 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>18 September 2024</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 East Kilbride and Hamilton 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, as outlined in Appendix 1.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board undertook a self-assessment which was facilitated by the Improvement Service during January/February 2019. Following approval of the Best Value Assurance Report by the council in June 2019, an extended Community Planning Partnership session took place on 11 September 2019 to consider the output of the facilitated self-assessment session along with the outcomes of the council's Best Value Assurance Report.
- 3.2. On 23 October 2019, the Board considered how the CPP should be structured at a thematic/ local level. Proposals drafted by the Improvement Service and the Community Planning Team included the formation of local community-led partnerships. These were approved by the Board in December 2019.
- 3.3. These recommendations brought together community planning areas into four collaborative, area-level, Community Partnership Boards. These are Cambuslang and Rutherglen; Clydesdale; East Kilbride and Strathaven which also includes the areas of Auldhouse, Chapelton, Glassford, Jackton, Sandford and Thorntonhall; and Hamilton and surrounding areas. The Hamilton area also includes communities in Blantyre, Bothwell, Larkhall, Stonehouse and Uddingston. Partnerships include representatives from Development Trusts, Community Councils, Neighbourhood Planning Action Groups, and other local community Anchor Organisations.
- 3.5. These area-based community led Partnerships provide an intermediary between the CPP Board and the Neighbourhood Planning stakeholder groups (where relevant)

and align with delivery of the ambitions and priorities set out in the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans.

**4. East Kilbride Locality Update**

4.1. East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership have met twice over the last couple of months. Development work has continued over this time, looking to increase the understanding of the Community Partnership model and increase attendance at the meeting. The continued dedicated support from the Partnership’s Community Development Officer should mean that this Partnership should develop in terms of membership and build capacity.

**5. Hamilton Locality Update**

5.1. The third meeting of the Partnership took place in May 2024. This meeting, and the previous meeting in February 2024 have had low attendance, however, there has been constructive discussion regarding the future of the Partnership from those who have attended the meetings. The Partnership’s Community Development Officer is currently mapping local groups within the area to ensure that the new Partnership will be representative of the local communities in throughout the locality.

**6. Community Partnership Action Plan**

6.1. Following a review of the workplan of the Partnership Community Development Officer, 37 high level actions have been developed relating to governance and sustainability of the Partnerships. These include actions relating to the areas of Community Leadership; Communications; East Kilbride and Hamilton Community (Priority) Partnership Development; Data and Profiling; Good Governance (Priority); Monitoring and Reporting; Statutory Remit and Volunteers (Priority).

**7. Employee Implications**

7.1. Community Partnership activity is delivered by the CPP Development Officer supported by the council’s Community Engagement Team.

**8. Financial Implications**

8.1. Delivery costs associated with the recruitment of the Partnership Community Development Officer which is funded through the Community Planning budget.

**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. 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 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>	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

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

- 11.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment implications associated with this report. This report is produced by the Community Partnership in consultation with its members.

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## Hamilton and East Kilbride Community Partnerships

### General Update

Work continues to strengthen and develop these Partnerships, supported by the Partnership's Community Development Officer. Both Community Partnerships have met, and partners are attending meetings or submitting updates in advance of meetings. Work continues in these localities to increase membership to sustain the Partnerships. This is a priority for the Community Development Officer.

The following provides a summary of current activity facilitated by the Partnership's Development Officer and Community Planning Partners:-

### Current Progress

#### East Kilbride and surrounding areas

There have been two meetings of the Partnership held over the last few months with one taking place in May, and the other in June 2024. The meeting in May covered the Community asset Transfer process and was attended by the council's Community Asset Transfer Officer. He confirmed that all the facilities and venues in East Kilbride and Strathaven impacted by the budget cuts have all had expressions of interest from groups to take on an asset transfer.

The meeting in June was attended by the Planning and Building Standards Manager from SLC Planning and Regulatory Services. The Local Development Plan (LDP) for the council was highlighted. The work started last summer, and the plan should be adopted around the end of 2027. This will be a Spatial Strategy for the council.

An online engagement survey was launched at the beginning of May 2024, and the link for this has been forwarded to all Partnership members.

Both meetings have been extremely useful for the Partnership, in terms of making appropriate links with council officers, and all members, and the local groups, who they represent, were fully encouraged to make contact in the future regarding asset transfers, and the LDP.

There has been agreement by attendees at recent meetings to extend the membership of the Partnership to include the local Third Sector Network. Partnership members have also suggested attendance at other networks, such as the Health and Social Care Forum. The Partnership's Community Development Officer has attended the Third Sector Network and has confirmed that he will attempt to build further links with individuals and groups who attend these meetings.

The Partnership's Community Development Officer has mapped all key groups in the locality and regularly carries out face-to-face and online communication of CPP objectives and activities with these groups through attendance at their meetings. Effective links have been made already with local partner organisations, including Healthy and Active.

The next meeting of the Partnership, which is due to take place in September 2024, will include discussions regarding membership, nominating a Chair for the Partnership and planning future priorities for the group. Face-to-face meetings have been the preference for the current membership, and the Partnership have been using the Connected East Kilbride offices as a meeting venue.

Over the next few months, the Partnership's Community Development Officer and partners including VASLan, are planning to attend further meetings of local groups to encourage participation.

### **Hamilton and surrounding areas**

Work is progressing in the areas of Blantyre, Bothwell, Hamilton, Larkhall, Stonehouse, and Uddingston to develop their partnership. Meetings are taking place with local groups to discuss the benefits of joining the Partnership. The Partnership's Community Development Officer is currently mapping local groups within the area to ensure that the new partnership will be representative of the local communities in the area. This work has also included face-to-face and online communication of CPP objectives and activities.

The third meeting of the Partnership took place in May 2024. This meeting, and the previous meeting in February 2024 have had low attendance, however, there has been constructive discussion regarding the future of the Partnership. It was agreed at the meeting in May to extend the membership of the Partnership, which will include the local Third Sector Network. Partnership members have also suggested attendance at other networks, such as the Larkhall Community Network, to support an increase in Partnership membership.

The Partnership's Community Development Officer has already attended the Third Sector Network and has confirmed that he will attempt to build further links with individuals and groups who attend these meetings. There is also an opportunity to meet with the current Neighbourhood Planning groups within the Hamilton locality, to further promote the Partnership, and make further links with partner organisations, and other stakeholders within the locality.

Similar to the East Kilbride and Strathaven Partnership, the next meeting which is planned for September 2024, will cover discussions regarding membership and group priorities going forward.



## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 September 2024
<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>	◆ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure as of 9 August 2024 (Period 5)
<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:- <b>(1)</b> that the CPP Community Partnership Development Officer role will be internally advertised within SLC as a temporary secondment opportunity until the end of March 2025; <b>(2)</b> that option 2 is approved by the Board in relation to the Community Partnership Development role for 2025/2026 (section 6.5); and <b>(3)</b> that a South Lanarkshire wide Lived Experience Fund campaign is organised for spring 2025.
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	◆ All ambitions/principles.
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	◆ Section 4 details the budget for the year, projected spend, and actual expenditure as of 9 August 2024 (also see Appendix 1); ◆ Section 6 provides an update on the salary costs for the Community Planning Development Officer; and ◆ Section 7 provides an update on the Lived Experience Fund.

# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>18 September 2024</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 9 August 2024 (Period 5)

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the CPP Community Partnership Development Officer role will be internally advertised within SLC as a temporary secondment opportunity until the end of March 2025;
- (2) that option 2 is approved by the Board in relation to the Community Partnership Development role for 2025/2026 (section 6.5); and
- (3) that a South Lanarkshire wide Lived Experience Fund campaign is organised for spring 2025.

## 3. Background

3.1. Details of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (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 5 is £11,951.76. Appendix 1 provides a breakdown.

4.3. The projected spend for the year is approximately £87,342 as set out in the spending plan approved by the Board on 5 June 2024.

## 5. Income and Expenditure during 2024/2025

5.1. Specific spend within this period relates to Community Planning events, salaries, and printing.



## **6. Salary Costs for Community Partnership Development Officer**

- 6.1. At the meeting on 6 June 2024, the CPP Board approved the budget for the Community Partnership Development Officer until the end of March 2025 as outlined in Appendix 1, Expenditure 2024/2025: Salaries £51,963.
- 6.2. The Community Partnership Development Officer role is currently hosted in South Lanarkshire Council and filled by an employee on secondment from another local authority. This individual's secondment is expected to come to an end in September 2024.
- 6.3. It is proposed that we continue the role until the end of March 2025 through a temporary secondment opportunity which will be advertised internally in SLC. This provides the least risk of a break in service provision through the transition.
- 6.4. The Board has discussed future options for the role to continue on an ongoing basis. Options for the role to continue beyond April 2025 are:
  - ◆ A full-time post offered annually, on a temporary basis, to a maximum of 23 months should budget be approved for the subsequent year. The anticipated cost of the role for 2024/2025 is £48,000. The annual CPP income is £48,350 and it is likely that the salary costs will increase annually due to pay awards. A full-time post would leave no budget for other activities.
  - ◆ A part-time post offered annually, on a temporary basis, to a maximum of 23 months should budget be approved for the subsequent year. This would cost the CPP £24,000 (which will increase annually with pay awards) with £24,350 remaining in the budget to be spent on other expenditure.
  - ◆ The role ceases at the end of March 2025 and the impact of this assessed and alternative options are investigated and proposed to ensure a degree of support remains in place for the Community Partnerships and the volunteers who participate in them.
- 6.5. It is proposed that Option 2 be considered, as this would allow both staff and other resources to be managed within the budget available.

## **7. Lived Experience Fund**

- 7.1. £13,500 has been carried over from 2023/2024. Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership has just completed a grant funding campaign.
- 7.2. Details of successful Lived Experience Fund (LEF) applications received for the Cambuslang/Rutherglen area are detailed within the Cambuslang/Rutherglen Community Partnership Progress Report. 2 applications, totalling £2,960 were funded.
- 7.3. Both Community Partnerships have advised that they do not wish to use the LEF allocations this year. This means that there will be a total of £10,540 (£3,790 from Cambuslang and Rutherglen and £6,750 from Clydesdale) available for a South Lanarkshire wide campaign. It is proposed that this is organised to take place in early spring 2025.
- 7.4. Work continues to liaise with the successful LEF 2022/2023 groups to submit their consultation feedback.

## **8. CPP Budget 2024/2025**

- 8.1. A further update will be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership Board on 4 December 2024.

## **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 and 5 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. There are no risk issues associated with this report.

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

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

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<b>Community Planning Budget 2024-25</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
Fire Scotland		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>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Expenditure 2024/25</b>		<b>Proposed Expenditure</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
Community Plan Delivery		11,696	0.00
Community Planning Events		3,000	754.65
Learning and Development		5,000	0.00
Lived Experience Fund		13,500	0.00
Printing/Stationery/General		2,000	17.76
Salaries		51,963	11,179.35
Travel		183	0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£87,342</b>	<b>£11,951.76</b>



## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 September 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Community Planning Partnership Risk Management – Annual Review of Risk Cards and Risk Register
<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>◆ present the updated Community Planning Risk Register following the annual review; and an end of year update on the 2023/24 Risk Control Plan</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 draft Community Planning Partnership Risks as set out at Section 5 of this report and the draft Control Plan for 2024/2025 are approved; and</li> <li>(2) that the end of year update on the 2023/2024 Control Plan be noted.</li> </ol>
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	Failure to demonstrate that risk is actively considered and managed could adversely affect the delivery of the Community Plan and could affect the reputation of the Community Planning Partnership.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ All ambitions/principles.</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This report sets out the draft Risk and Control Plan and provides an end of year update on the 2023/24 Control Plan;</li> <li>◆ Section 4.1. notes that all previous risks remain;</li> <li>◆ Section 4.2. summarises the main changes to the risk cards; and</li> <li>◆ Section 5 sets out the level of perceived risk for all risks in the register. The 2024/2025 Risk Control Plan is set out at Appendix 1; and a progress update on the previous plan is set out at 5.3. and Appendix 2.</li> </ul>



# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>18 September 2024</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ◆ present the updated Community Planning Risk Register following the annual review
- ◆ present an end of year update on the 2023/24 Risk Control Plan

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the draft Community Planning Partnership Risks as set out at Section 5 of this report and the draft Control Plan for 2024/25 are approved; and
- (2) that the end of year update on the 2023/2024 Risk Control Plan be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. A Community Planning Partnership Risk Register and Risk Control Plan is maintained to formally record, assess and aid management of strategic risks for the Partnership.

3.2. On 11 September 2019, the Partnership Board approved the process to review the risk register and noted progress with the implementation of actions to mitigate risks. A risk workshop was subsequently held on 5 December 2019 to discuss and review the feedback received and to consider proposed amendments to the risk register.

3.3. Reports on the CPP Risk Register and Risk Control Plan are submitted to the CPP Board in March and September each year to provide an update on progress. Outwith these reporting periods, if a significant change arises to a risk, the board will be advised.

3.4. The annual review of the Risk Cards and Control Plan was completed by the Community Planning Progress Group with support from South Lanarkshire Council's Risk Management Team on 16 April 2024. This report sets out the draft Risks and Risk Control Plan for 2024/2025 and provides an end of year update on the 2023/2024 Risk Control Plan. The risk matrix which is used for assigning risk scores is attached at Appendix 3 for information.

#### 4. Results of the review of the Community Planning Partnership's Risks

- 4.1. In summary, all risks from last year were reviewed and deemed still to be valid. This means that the total number of risks has remained at 7. Risk descriptions, controls and actions have been updated on the risk cards where required.
- 4.2. The main changes to the risk cards are summarised below:-

Risk number/description	Summary of changes
<p>Risk Number: CPP/2018/001 Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032</p>	<p>A further risk impact has been included which highlights the 'Failure to maintain the community led, Locality Community Partnerships'. New control measures have also been added.</p> <p>The residual impact score has been amended from 16 to 20.</p>
<p>Risk Number: CPP/2018/002 Ineffective engagement and collaborative working with communities</p>	<p>The root cause within this risk card has been amended to read 'The CPP fail to ensure the effective participation of 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 in reducing inequalities'.</p> <p>Two new triggers relating to financial and staff resources have been included; and the resulting impacts of these have been set out. Additional control measures have been added by the Children's Services Partnership.</p> <p>The residual impact score has been increased from 12 to 16.</p>
<p>Risk Number: CPP/2018/004 Financial Challenges</p>	<p>A new trigger regarding joint resourcing and a further impact has been added to this risk card.</p> <p>Due to the current financial climate, the inherent risk score has been amended from 9 to 15.</p>
<p>Risk Number: CPP/2018/006 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</p>	<p>One control measure has been added reflecting the work undertaken by the partnership around the Shaping Places for Wellbeing approach.</p> <p>There has been no change to the risk scores.</p>
<p>Risk Number: CPP/2018/008 Failure to implement integrated locality working structures which take a "whole systems approach" to deliver the priorities of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans</p>	<p>An additional control measure has been added around Thematic Partnerships.</p> <p>There has been no change to the risk scores.</p>
<p>Risk Number: CPP/2018/003 Failure to meet sustainable development principles and</p>	<p>Further triggers have been added regarding the urgency in responding to the impacts of climate and nature change and to reflect increasing levels</p>



Risk number/description	Summary of changes
respond collectively to the climate and nature emergencies	of climate related anxiety. Five control measures have also been added arising from completed actions highlighted in the 2023/2024 Risk Control Plan.  There has been no change to the risk scores.
Risk Number: CPP/2022/001 National and Global Challenges	As a result of a review of current National and Global challenges additional key risks have been added to reflect these, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cyber Insecurity;</li> <li>• Deep Societal Polarisation;</li> <li>• Lack of economic opportunity;</li> <li>• Misinformation and disinformation; and</li> <li>• Ungoverned Artificial Intelligence (AI).</li> </ul> An additional root cause has been added relating to joint resourcing and investment to reduce the inequality gap; and additional control measures have been added including statutory planning requirements and poverty action.  There has been no change to the risk scores.

## 5. Risk Register and Risk Control Plan 2024/2025

- 5.1. The revised Community Planning Partnership risks are summarised in the table below. A full copy of the detailed risk cards are available on request:-

Risk Category	Key risk	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Risk Score
<b>1 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	20	16
	Failure to meet sustainable development principles and respond collectively to the climate and nature emergencies. Risk Number: CPP/2018/003	20	16
	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032 Risk Number: CPP/2018/001	20	16
	Ineffective engagement and collaborative working with communities Risk Number: CPP/2018/002	20	16

Risk Category	Key risk	Inherent Risk Score	Residual Risk Score
2 High (8-12)	Failure to implement integrated locality working structures which take a “whole systems approach” to deliver the priorities of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans Risk Number: CPP/2018/008	16	9
	Effective use of data owned by partners to support efficient collaborative working practices; to inform a shared understanding of communities; decision making processes and target resources to those most in need. Risk Number: CPP/2018/006	16	8
	Financial Challenges Risk Number: CPP/2018/004	15	15

5.2. Following feedback from the Risk Workshop and partners, an updated Risk Control Plan showing the actions for 2024/2025 is provided at Appendix 1, some of the mitigation actions from the previous plan are still valid and being progressed or on hold pending progress of other workstreams. The Board is asked to note that whilst progress continues to be made some of these actions are significant pieces of work and dates have been revised, as necessary.

5.3. Appendix 2 provides an update on the progress with the delivery of the actions in the 2023/2024 Risk Control Plan. The following table provides a summary of their status. Of the 20 actions in the plan: 13 have been completed; 1 has major slippage, 2 have minor slippage; 1 is in progress; and 3 are on hold as they link to other tasks in the plan that must be completed first. The Board is asked to note that some of these actions, particularly those working with communities are significant areas of work, where we need to work at the pace of the communities involved. The progress update also highlights the actions that have been transferred to the new Risk Control action plan.

Status	Summary
Complete	There are 13 actions completed.
On target	1 action is currently being progressed.
On hold	There are 4 actions currently on hold.
Minor slippage	There has been minor slippage for 1 action
Major slippage	There has been major slippage for 1 action

## 6. Monitoring and Reporting Arrangements

6.1. The Community Planning Progress Group will continue to progress actions and monitor and review the Risk Register and Risk Control Plan. All cards are reviewed annually, however, it should also be noted that risk scores and rankings may be amended if new information becomes known that allows the position to be re-assessed.

- 6.2. Any changes to the Risk Cards will be presented to the Board for approval. Following the annual review of the Risk Cards, the Board will also receive an Annual Risk Update Report.
- 6.3. The next planned review of the full Risk Register and Control Plan will take place during April 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. Climate change, sustainability and environmental risks have been identified for the partnership. Controls and mitigation actions have been included in the relevant risk control cards and actions are included in the 2024-2025 programme of work. Progress is being monitored by the Progress Group and reported quarterly as part of the update contained in Appendix 1 to this report.
- 10. Other Implications**
- 10.1. Failure to demonstrate that risk is actively considered and managed could adversely affect the delivery of the Community Plan and could affect the reputation of the Community Planning Partnership. The work undertaken to identify and review the Community Planning Partnership's strategic risks and to determine the risk controls and actions necessary has enabled the Community Planning Partnership to manage the impact.
- 11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
- 11.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or consultation arrangement implications associated with this report.

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**Community Planning Partnership – Risk Control Plan 2024-2025**

**Status update key:**  On hold  Complete  On target  Minor slippage  Major slippage/Failed to meet target

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032 (CPP/2018/001)	1.1	Develop a new Neighbourhood Plan for the East Kilbride South area	Community Engagement Team/ Partners	31/12/2024		Action carried forward from 2023/2024 plan.
	1.2	Undertake self-evaluation activity with the Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships	Community Engagement Manager	31/1/2025		
	1.3	Community Planning Partnership Board undertake self-evaluation activity as part of the national Community Planning Partnership self-evaluation programme	Community Engagement Manager	31/3/2025		
	1.4	Evaluate the Neighbourhood Planning approach	Community Engagement Manager	31/3/2025		
	1.5	Develop a process to ensure that the Board has clearer oversight of the resourcing of community planning initiatives (resource pooling is a requirement of the Community Empowerment Act - extract from SLC BVAR report April 2019)	Community Engagement Manager	31/3/2025		Action carried forward from 2023/24 plan. Linked to action 1.8.

<b>Key Risk</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible person</b>	<b>Target completion date</b>	<b>Status update</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Ineffective engagement and collaborative working with communities (CPP/2018/002)	1.6	Dedicated capacity building and training support provided to the volunteers of the Community Partnerships (VASLan)	VASLan	31/03/2025		Action carried forward from 2023/24 plan.
Effective use of data owned by partners to support efficient collaborative working practices; to inform a shared understanding of communities; decision making processes and target resources to those most in need. (CPP/2018/006)	1.7	CPP Data Group to be established to consider a data sharing assurance framework, Privacy Impact Screening and data sharing protocols and agreements as required	Outcomes Leads	31/03/2025		Action carried forward from 2023/24 plan. Linked to action 1.8.

Key Risk	No.	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
Failure to implement integrated locality working structures which take a 'whole systems approach' to deliver the priorities of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plan (CPP/2018/008)	1.8	Develop a whole systems locality delivery model proposal and implementation plan	Community Planning Outcomes Leads	31/3/2025		Action carried forward from 2023/24 plan.

Community Planning Partnership – Risk Control Plan 2023/24

Status update key:  Not started  Complete  On target  Minor slippage  Major slippage/Failed to meet target

Key Risk	Action	Responsible person	Target completion date	Status update	Comments
Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032 (CPP/2018/001)	Communications to be developed to promote and increase awareness of the Community Plan with Partners, Businesses and Communities	CPP Communications Group	30/06/2023	Complete	<b>COMPLETE</b> - End of year summary: the CPP's Community Development Officer has carried out intensive engagement within communities, with community organisations, partners to promote the Community Plan throughout the year. Work will continue to promote the work of the CPP and to strengthen local communications.
	Establish a Community Partnership for the Hamilton area	Community Engagement Team/Partners	31/12/2023	Complete	<b>COMPLETE</b> - An initial meeting introductory meeting for the Hamilton Community Partnership was held in winter 2023. The CPP's Community Development Officer is continuing to promote this and will continue in this work to sustain this partnership through strengthening its membership and building the capacity of the volunteers who attend.
	Undertake a review of governance and accountability arrangements in line with the review of Community Planning structures	Community Planning Outcomes Leads/Community Planning Team	30/09/2023	Complete	<b>COMPLETE</b> - The revised Community Planning Partnership Board governance arrangements and partnership agreement was approved by the Board at their meeting on 6 September 2023. The Community Planning Team have been working with thematic groups/officers to embed the new arrangements.
	Develop new Neighbourhood Plans in the areas of East Kilbride, Hamilton and Lanark	Community Engagement Team/Partners	31/03/2024	Minor slippage	The Hamilton South Stakeholder Group is engaging more people from the different areas of the ward. The draft plan will be submitted to the Board for approval in September 2024. There is still much work to be done to develop the capacity of the

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					<p>local groups involved including training, mentoring, and funding, to be successful in the longer term.</p> <p>In East Kilbride South, the first Stakeholder Group meeting was held in August 2023. This was well attended by local groups and organisations. At that meeting, it was agreed to proceed with a whole ward plan and start the consultation to gain the hopes and aspirations of local people to inform the plan.</p> <p>A wide variety of engagement methods are being used with the support of the stakeholders' group to encourage and help local people to take part. An online consultation was opened at the end of October 2023 with door-to-door consultation within the priority area starting at the beginning of November. The door-to-door work was completed in March with visits to three schools. The first results have been analysed to identify potential gaps and further engagement will be undertaken.</p>
	Develop a process to ensure that the Board has clearer oversight of the resourcing of community planning initiatives (resource pooling is a requirement of the Community Empowerment Act – extract from SLC BVAR report April 2019)	Community Planning Outcomes Leads	31/03/2024	On hold	This is aligned with the locality working proposal that the Board has tasked the Outcomes Leads with and has been carried forward to the new Risk Control Plan.
Ineffective engagement	Work with South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) Planning	SLC Planning Services/Partners	30/09/2023	Complete	<b>COMPLETE</b> - South Lanarkshire Council's Participation Statement in relation to future



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and collaborative working with communities (CPP/2018/002)	Service to develop an Engagement and Participation statement (statutory planning requirement as part of the preparation of Local Development Plan 3).				<p>consultation and engagement activity on the LDP3 was approved by the Planning Committee on 8 August 2023. This followed consultation on a draft Participation Statement which resulted in a number of changes being made. This has now been published on the <a href="#">Council's website</a>.</p> <p>Informal discussions have taken place with a variety of council services and partner organisations in order to create bespoke engagement strategies for discrete groups and these will be developed over the coming months.</p>
	Review the Community Planning website in line with the review of Community Planning	Community Planning Adviser	31/03/2024	Complete	<p><b>COMPLETE</b> - Work to update the information pages on the website is continuing. Pages have been created for each of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) highlighting the work of the community being delivered across South Lanarkshire. A Sustainable Development and Climate Change page has also been created.</p> <p>Plans to update the look and functionality of the website has been delivered by the council's IT Team including new pages on community matters, learning in communities, climate, and nature, challenging poverty, and getting involved. This work was completed by March 2024; however, website content will continue to be monitored, updated, and developed as required.</p>
	Dedicated capacity building and training support provided	VASLan	30/09/2024	In Progress	A further meeting of the Volunteering Sub-Group which will progress the volunteering

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	to the volunteers of the Community Partnerships (VASLan)				workstream of the Community Plan took place on 29 April 2024. The group highlighted volunteer's week which included two events hosted by SLLC on 5 June at Chatelherault and VASLan on 6 June 2024 within Rutherglen Town Hall. Training opportunities for volunteers is also being explored through the Community Partnerships.
Failure to meet sustainable development principles and respond collectively to the climate and nature emergencies (CPP/2018/003)	Map and align all CPP priorities to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and identify local indicators for monitoring and reporting	Community Planning Progress Group	31/12/2023	Complete	<b>COMPLETE</b> - Training of the Thematic Leads took place on 31 January 2024 and they have completed the mapping of their own thematic plans to the SDG's. Following receipt of this information, the final analysis was undertaken, and a further update will be provided to the board.
	Incorporate mitigation and enhancement measures identified through the Strategic Environmental Assessment into partnership plans	All partnership planning leads	31/03/2024	Complete	<b>COMPLETE</b> - Action carried forward from 2022/23 plan. The identified mitigation and enhancement measures have been incorporated into the various workstreams for 2023-/4 and continue to be progressed.
	Support community-led action on climate change	Community Engagement Team/ Sustainable Communities Engagement Officer, South Lanarkshire Council	31/03/2024	Complete	<b>COMPLETE</b> - A further round of the 2023/24 Climate Emergency and Resilience Fund reopened in January 2024. Up to £2,500 was available to support community groups and partner organisations in South Lanarkshire to develop and deliver environmental, sustainability or climate change focused projects with larger projects such as flood protection, energy efficiency or renewable also being considered. Officers offer support to groups and organisations, offering bespoke advice, signposting to organisations or peer to peer networking opportunities to help ensure a

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					<p>positive and sustainable outcome to their projects.</p> <p>A new community-led Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub was launched in December 2023 to extend the Scottish Government's Regional Climate Action Hub Network. The hub is intended to enable a joined up, region-specific approach to community-led climate action. While not directly involved in the setting up and running of the hub, the council and partners will play an ongoing supporting role moving forward; this collaborative approach will help communities to work cohesively with regards climate-positive and adaptation activities. The Sustainable Communities Engagement Officer and Community Engagement Officers continue to encourage and support groups to become actively involved in the Climate Hub network and facilitate partnership working between the council, other stakeholders, and the hub.</p> <p>The Board is asked to note that this action has been marked as complete in recognition that it will continue to be delivered through the Community Plan ambitions.</p>
	Partners to commit to a planned programme of activities to raise public awareness of climate and nature emergencies	Communications Group/Sustainable Communities Engagement Officer	31/03/2024	Complete	<b>COMPLETE</b> - A series of community case studies relating to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been added to the Community Planning Partnership website and promoted across the council's social media channels to help raise awareness of the SDGs, highlight the co-benefits of climate action in relation to

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					<p>other community work and inspire similar initiatives.</p> <p>A Climate and Nature event was held in October 2023, attended by community groups and organisations, young people, officers, partners, and key speakers. Consultation data collected at the event will inform the Community Plan Delivery Plan and future actions, workstreams and a new web page on the CPP website.</p> <p>Discussions have taken place with the council's Communication Teams regarding the use of social media to raise awareness.</p> <p>The Board is asked to note that this action has been marked as complete in recognition that it will continue to be delivered through the Community Plan ambitions.</p>
Effective use of data owned by partners to support efficient collaborative working practices; to inform a shared understanding of communities; decision making processes and target resources to those most in need. (CPP/2018/006)	Data sharing assurance framework to be developed by the Partnership as part of the implementation of the new collaborative working methods	Outcomes Leads	31/03/2024	On hold	<p>This work is aligned to the locality working proposal (whole systems working) and will be progressed by the Outcomes Leads Group. Lanarkshire Data Sharing Group role to be clarified. This action has been carried forward to the new risk control plan with a projected completion date of 31 March 2025 in line with the locality working project delivery plan.</p> <p>This action will be undertaken following the establishment of the new Data Sharing Group.</p>
	Privacy Impact Screening to be undertaken by the Partnership as part of the	Outcomes Leads/Progress Group	31/03/2024	On hold	<p>This work is aligned to the locality working proposal (whole systems working) and will be progressed by the Outcomes Leads</p>

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	implementation of the new collaborative working methods				group. This action has been carried forward to the new risk control plan with a projected completion date of 31 March 2025 in line with the locality working project delivery plan.  This action will be undertaken following the establishment of the new Data Sharing Group.
	Data sharing protocols/agreements to be developed as part of the implementation of the new collaborative working methods	Progress Group	31/03/2024	On hold	This work is aligned to the locality working proposal (whole systems working) and will be progressed by the Outcomes Leads group. Lanarkshire Data Sharing Group role to be clarified. This action has been carried forward to the new risk control plan with a projected completion date of 31 March 2025 in line with the locality working project delivery plan.  This action will be undertaken following the establishment of the new Data Sharing Group.
Failure to implement integrated locality working structures which take a 'whole systems approach' to deliver the priorities of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plan (CPP/2018/008)	All Thematic Partnership groups to review current planning and delivery arrangements and prepare a transition plan to locality working	Thematic Groups/Outcomes Leads	31/03/2024	Complete	<b>COMPLETE</b> - Within the Health and Social Care Partnership, locality working is well established, and four Locality Implementation Groups (LIGs) meet regularly taking forward key priorities from the Strategic Commissioning Plan 2022–2025. There are approved locality plans which operationalise the key priorities in the Strategic Commissioning Plan. Performance is reported to the Strategic Commissioning Group with regular reporting on performance at each IJB Performance and Audit Sub Committee. An annual performance report for 2022–2023 has been approved and published on the

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					<p>HSCP website. The four Locality Managers link in with other locally based partnerships within their areas and many of these partners are represented on the LIGs.</p> <p>South Lanarkshire's Community Learning and Development Plan was published in October 2021 by the CLD Partnership that comprises a range of partner organisations including South Lanarkshire Council, Third Sector, further and higher education, and agencies such as SDS, DWP and Health Improvement. Although led and coordinated through the local authority this is very much a partnership plan.</p> <p>A self-evaluation seminar was held in September 2023 to analyse strengths and areas for improvement against key quality indicators in the How good is our community learning and development 4? framework. It was also agreed that the CLD Plan would be refreshed during 2024, and a writing group comprising various partners is progressing this action.</p> <p>Locality Action Plan Groups are actively engaging partners in preparation for an expected Progress Visit as part of Education Scotland's scrutiny and improvement process.</p> <p>In relation to the Children's Services Partnership, the development of a child poverty lens as part of the East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan will be co-</p>

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					<p>ordinated through the Child Poverty Working Group.</p> <p>The engagement and community mapping phase has been completed with over 150 people participating in the process. There has been an initial stakeholder meeting and a range of community touchpoints including local primary schools, health services and family focussed providers.</p> <p>Between February and March, the key stakeholders met to reflect on the feedback and evidence gathered and agree key themes that will feature in the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The work is a standing item on the Child Poverty Working Group and activity will be reported through the statutory Local Child Poverty Reporting process.</p> <p>The Board is asked to note that this action has been marked as complete in recognition that locality structures are in place and delivery will continue.</p>
	Develop a whole systems locality delivery model proposal and implementation plan	Community Planning Outcomes Leads	31/12/2023	Red	Recent discussions with the Outcomes Leads have been around whole systems change and a briefing presented on what it is and how to do it. This included practical examples of how other areas have been using this approach. There has been discussion around some of the current partnership locality models that we have in place including Whole Family Wellbeing and Neighbourhood Planning. Slippage relates

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					to the complexities of this project and reducing capacity of all partners.
	Evaluate sustainable service delivery models such as the “whole person” and “whole family” approaches	Community Planning Outcomes Leads	31/12/2023	Complete	<b>COMPLETE</b> - The Outcomes Leads have evaluated different service delivery models including the Shaping Places; Whole Family Wellbeing; and Contextual Safeguarding. The group will continue to consider the approaches moving forward.
National and Global Challenges (CPP/2022/001)	Work with Community Partnerships to develop a framework for creating community resilience plans (including plans for food security and climate change)	Community Planning Team	31/03/2024	Complete	<b>COMPLETE</b> - This is a longer-term action and has been remitted to the Community Plan Local Planning Workstream.
	Partners to support communities to develop resilience plans	Community Engagement Manager/Resilience Advisor	31/03/2024	Complete	<b>COMPLETE</b> – This is a longer terms action and has been remitted to the Community Plan Local Planning Workstream. Learning is being undertaken to increase partner knowledge in this area. Work has started to develop information pages for the Community Planning website which highlight national resources for communities.



## Risk scoring matrix, likelihood and impact definitions

## Likelihood

Score	1	2	3	4	5
Description	Rare	Unlikely	Possible	Likely	Almost certain
Likelihood of occurrence	1 in 10 years	1 in 3 years	1 in 2 years	Annually	Monthly
Probability of occurrence	The event may occur in certain circumstances	The event could occur	The event may occur	The event will probably occur	The event is expected to occur or occurs regularly

## Impact

	Reputation	Financial	Service delivery/ Time to recover	Compliance	Safety
<b>1 Negligible</b>	Public concern restricted to local complaints	<£50,000 per annum	No impact to service quality; limited disruption to operations.	No external interest	Minor injury – no lost time
<b>2 Minor</b>	Minor adverse local/public/media attention and complaints	£50,000-£250,000 per annum	Minor impact to service quality; minor service standards are not met; short term	Very minor attention from legislative /Regulatory body	Minor injury – resulting in lost time
<b>3 Moderate</b>	Adverse national media Public attention	£250,000 to £500,000 per annum	Significant fall in service quality; major partnership relationships strained; serious disruption in service standards	Short-term attention from legislative/ regulatory body	Major injury or ill health resulting in lost time
<b>4 Major</b>	Serious negative national or regional criticism	£500,000 to £1million per annum	Major impact to service delivery; multiple service standards are not met; long term disruption to operations; multiple partnerships affected	Medium-term attention from legislative/ regulatory body	Fatality. Or injuries to several people
<b>5 Catastrophic</b>	Prolonged international, regional, and national condemnation	>£1million per annum	Catastrophic fail in service quality and key service standards are not met; long term catastrophic interruption to operations; several major partnerships are affected	National impact with rapid intervention of legislative/ regulatory body	Multiple fatalities; Or injuries to large number of people

The assessments for impact and likelihood combine to provide an overall inherent risk score on the scale of between 1 and 25, using the Council's recognised risk matrix.

<b>Likelihood</b>	<b>5</b> Almost Certain	5	10	15	20	25
	<b>4</b> Likely	4	8	12	16	20
	<b>3</b> Possible	3	6	9	12	15
	<b>2</b> Unlikely	2	4	6	8	10
	<b>1</b> Rare	1	2	3	4	5
		<b>1</b> Negligible	<b>2</b> Minor	<b>3</b> Moderate	<b>4</b> Major	<b>5</b> Catastrophic
		<b>Impact</b>				

The risk score is calculated as follows:

**Likelihood score x Impact score = Risk Score**

## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 September 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	National Community Planning Partnership Board Self-Assessment Programme Report
<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>◆ to advise the Board of the National Community Planning Partnership Self-Assessment programme and to request its participation in this.</li> <li>◆ to advise the Board of the planned Community Partnership Self-Assessment.</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 Board participates in the National Community Planning Partnership Self-Assessment programme and undertakes their third Self-Assessment of the Partnership; and</li> <li>(2) that the process is facilitated by the Improvement Service.</li> <li>(3) that the intention of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships to complete their own self-assessment and to provide further updates to the Board in their quarterly reports be noted.</li> </ol>
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	There are no risks/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 outlines the background to the national self-assessment approach.</li> <li>◆ Section 4 sets out the proposed arrangements for participating in the national self-assessment programme with the process and associated timescales outlined in Appendix 1.</li> </ul>



# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>18 September 2024</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>National Community Planning Partnership Board Self-Assessment Programme</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to advise the Board:-
- ◆ of the National Community Planning Partnership self-assessment programme and to request its participation in this
  - ◆ of the planned Community Partnership Self-Assessment.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1. The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:-
- (1) that the Board participates in the National Community Planning Partnership self-assessment programme and undertakes their third self-assessment of the Partnership;
  - (2) that the process is facilitated by the Improvement Service; and
  - (3) that the intention of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships to complete their own self-assessment and to provide further updates to the Board in their quarterly reports be noted.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Public Service Improvement Framework (PSIF) is a self-assessment approach which is managed by the Improvement Service. The key aim of self-assessment at this level is to support the CPP Board to ensure that areas such as governance, accountability, leadership and performance management are fit for purpose to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan.
- 3.2. The Checklist Approach was launched in 2016 to support self-assessment work with Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to allow Board members to scrutinise the Board's effectiveness and how it operates.
- 3.3. Working with the Improvement Service, the Board completed their first self-assessment on 7 December 2016. The focus of this was on the CPP's readiness for the implementation of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
- 3.4. This was followed by a second self-assessment (also supported by the Improvement Service) during January/February 2019. This involved the Board, Thematic Groups and Third Sector Organisations. Following the council's approval of the Best Value Assurance Report (BVAR) which made recommendations about Community

Planning, an improvement planning session was held to consider the output of the self-assessment together with the outcomes of the BVAR. At this session, the Board agreed priority areas for improvement to take forward. These informed the review of Community Planning in South Lanarkshire.

- 3.5. It is proposed that the Board participates in the new National Community Planning Partnership self-assessment programme. This will involve undertaking a further self-assessment using a new National checklist which is being developed by the Improvement Service and Community Planning Officers.
- 3.6. The CPP Community Development Officer has been working with the Community Partnership's and the Improvement Service to plan a self-assessment. This will commence during September 2024. The results of this will be reported to the CPP Board at a future meeting.
- 3.7. The Community Planning Team are having discussions with Thematic Boards leads to inform them about the National Self- Assessment programme and to consider undertaking their own self-assessment. Further information as this develops will be provide to the Board.
- 3.8. This report provides an overview of the process and the proposed timetable for participating in the National self-assessment.

#### **4. Proposed Self-Assessment Arrangements**

- 4.1. As per the national timeframe, it is proposed that the self-assessment process commences in November 2024 with the issue of a survey by the Improvement Service to all Partners represented on the CPP Board. The draft survey questions are currently being developed and will be provided to the Board in advance of issue. When the survey has closed, the results will then be analysed, and a facilitated session undertaken with the Board to reflect on the results of the survey and identify areas for improvement to inform an action plan.
- 4.2. The process and associated timescales for the self-assessment is set out in Appendix 1.
- 4.3. It is proposed that the feedback and improvement planning session takes place in January 2025 and a date for this will be agreed with the Improvement Service. The Improvement Service has recommended that three hours be allocated for this purpose. A schedule for the session is outlined below for consideration:-
  - 12.30pm - Improvement Planning Session
  - 2.00pm - Break
  - 2.15pm - Improvement Planning Session
  - 3.45pm - finish
- 4.4. At the previous Improvement Planning Session, Board members also invited additional Senior Officers from their organisations to attend and may wish to do so again.

#### **5. Next steps**

- 5.1. As detailed within the timetable above, Board members will be issued with the checklist questions when they have been issued by the Improvement Services.

Following this, a link to the survey for completion by the end of November 2024 will be issued.

**6. Employee Implications**

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

**7. Financial Implications**

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

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

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

**9. Other Implications**

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

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

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

**Paul Manning**  
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28 August 2024

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### National Community Planning Self-Assessment Process and Timescales

Process stage	Timescale	Action required
Stage 1: Review of checklist statements	August/ September 2024	Self-Assessment checklist statements to be reviewed by the Improvement Service and Community Planning Officers
Stage 2: Awareness Session for Board Members	September 2024	Awareness session delivered to the Board by the Improvement Service
Stage 3: Survey link issued	Early November 2024	Partnership Self-Assessment Survey issued for completion (approx. 25-30 minutes to complete). Survey opens for approx. 3 weeks.
Stage 4: Survey completion	End November 2024	Closing date for final survey returns
Stage 5: Publication of National Overview Report; and Individual Checklist Reports sent to CPP Managers	December 2024/January 2025	Community Planning Team to circulate National Report to Board Members and to the wider Community Planning Partnership. Individual checklist report to be circulated to the Board.
Stage 6: Facilitated Sessions	January 2025 onwards	Facilitated session with the Improvement Service to enable the Board to discuss feedback from the survey and agree any areas for improvement (3 hours)
Stage 7: Action Plan	Next Board meeting after Stage 6	Action plan brought back to the Board for discussion and approval



## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 September 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Welfare Services Support for Households (to 31 March 2024)
<b>Report by:</b>	Executive Director, Finance and Corporate 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 the support that has been provided to households in South Lanarkshire up to 31 March 2024 from a range of council services and organisations.</li> </ul>
<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:- <b>(1)</b> that the welfare support provided by a wide range of services and organisations in helping households manage their financial position be noted.
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	The Council and other partner organisations cannot fully mitigate the worst effects of the cost-of-living crisis on households. However, additional funding from national governments would allow support levels to be increased.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	All ambitions/principles.
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	The report outlines the range of financial and welfare support provided by council services and partner organisations to support households in South Lanarkshire during 2023/2024. This support is explained by the provision of key performance data and includes comparison with the previous year. The report also details statistics that are indicators of poverty levels in South Lanarkshire. The report also outlines the additional activity taking place in 2024.



# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>18 September 2024</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Resources South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Welfare Services Support for Households (to 31 March 2024)</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the support that has been provided to households in South Lanarkshire up to 31 March 2024 from a range of council services and organisations

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

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

## 3. Background

3.1. The report focuses on how Council services (Money Matters Advice Services, Benefits and Revenues, Housing and Community Participation), Citizens Advice Bureaus, Scottish Social Security Agency and the NHS continue to respond to the increased need to provide vital welfare support to many households in South Lanarkshire.

## 4. Service/Organisation Update

### 4.1. School Meal Debt

4.1.1 A total of £0.084m of debt has now been written off.

### 4.2. Benefits and Revenues Service

4.2.1. Support for households who have fallen into arrears or are experiencing difficulty with payment of council tax, continues to centre on the award of council tax reduction. The value of awards made in 2023/2024 was £23.390m, 7% higher than the actual for 2022/2023. This is due to the 5.5% increase in council tax charges implemented in South Lanarkshire from 1 April 2023, and a slight increase in caseload.

4.2.2. There continues to be significant demand for grants from the Scottish Welfare Fund (SWF). Although the volume of applications in 2023/2024 was 10% lower than the previous year, they are still 16% higher than the corresponding pre-covid level. Grants to a value of £2.352 million were awarded this year with an award rate of 56%, 6% lower than 2022/2023.

- 4.2.3. During this year, the service made payments to low-income households of £1.747m covering Free School Meal payments for holidays (£1.509m) and school strike days (£0.066m) and clothing grant payments to nursery children (£0.172m).
- 4.2.4. During 2023/2024, the service also administered the national energy support schemes to provide financial support to households who did not receive financial support directly from their energy provider, and households who used alternative fuels. Eligible households received payments of £400 and/or £200 depending on individual circumstances with the total amount awarded amounting to £0.222m, £0.110m of which was awarded this financial year.

### **4.3. Money Matters Advice Service**

- 4.3.1. In the financial year 2022/2023, the Money Matters Advice Service (MMAS) initially responded to the Cost-of-Living Crisis by making their service more accessible to clients and introducing a variety of new channel shifting measures, to increase accessibility, which included digital signatures, a digital portal clients can use to upload evidence and a new Case Management System to improve reporting. It also introduced non-geographical specialist teams and replaced four different helplines with one and five databases with one new Case Management System.
- 4.3.2. In 2023/2024 this programme of improvements has continued and has been led by the Community Wellbeing Team to concentrate on responding to food and fuel emergencies as well as providing clients with financial well-being health checks. This development has been driven because of lessons learned in 2022/2023 where the changing landscape saw the service dealing with more emergencies, arising largely because of the Cost-of-Living Crisis.
- 4.3.3. In the period 2023/2025, the team will continue providing this support to clients, where they are experiencing food and fuel poverty, by distributing 8,600 £50 cash first vouchers through the Financial Wellbeing Support Fund (FWSF), in addition to continuing to provide referrals to food and fuel banks.
- 4.3.4. In 2023/2024, MMAS opened 28,659 benefit advice cases and 2,908 for money advice, representing reductions of 7% and 11% respectively on the previous year.
- 4.3.5. For the financial year 2023/2024 the Scottish Government increased their Fuel Insecurity Fund from £10 million to £30 million and have provided additional resources to:-
- Advice Direct Scotland (£9m to administer their Home Heating Support Fund);
  - The Fuel Bank Foundation (£8.5m to support 85k households with prepayment vouchers when they are at risk of imminent disconnection);
  - Scottish Federation of Housing Associations (£7.25m to support more than 55,000 households with advice and support in relation to bills and energy saving items); and
  - The Wise Group (£5m to fund their energy advice mentoring project through Home Energy Scotland).
- 4.3.6. In relation to providing residents with access to energy top up vouchers, MMAS is currently working with the following organisations to provide residents with energy top up vouchers:-
- The Fuel Bank Foundation (funded by the Scottish Government);
  - The MEGA Fund (funded by British Gas);
  - Scottish Power Hardship Fund; and
  - Clydesdale Food Bank.

- 4.3.7. MMAS also refer to Advice Direct Scotland (funded by the Scottish Government), who can provide grants to residents who do not pay for their energy through pre-payment meters and to Home Energy Scotland (services provided by the Wise Group) who can provide energy advice through their mentoring schemes.

#### 4.4. Food Aid

- 4.4.1. Foodbank usage is still on the rise in South Lanarkshire, although the rate of increase eased in 2023/2024. In all cases, the number of households referred/ attending, people being fed, including adults and children have increased, and represent the highest levels ever recorded across the South Lanarkshire food banks.

- 4.4.2. A retrospective revision to last year's figures by one food bank increased last year's numbers significantly from the original report and an 8<sup>th</sup> food bank was established in 2023, reporting only household figures in its first year of operation. For these reasons, comparisons have been quoted both over one and two years to gain a better understanding of the changes.

- 4.4.3. During the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024:

Measure	Number	Increase over 1 year	Increase over 2 years
		2022/2023 – 2023/2024	2021/2022 – 2023/2024
Households	49,777	19%	85%
People	86,832	19%	111%
Adults	61,088	21%	146%
Children	25,744	14%	56%

- 4.4.4. As well as providing emergency food parcels direct to households in need, food banks have also looked to develop 'cash first' alternatives to food poverty and apply dignity principles as a response to a range of poverty issues being experienced by clients. Comparing the figures for 2022/2023 to 2023/2024, there has been an increase from 5 to 6 South Lanarkshire food banks issuing cash first alternatives over the past 12 months.

- 4.4.5. 'More than food' assistance has also been reported as offered through food banks such as providing help with fuel and energy costs and/or with communications to services. In addition to food parcels, local food banks have issued 1,485 vouchers for local supermarkets/stores during 2023/2024 (an increase of 142% compared to 2022/2023), as well as 2,278 energy vouchers (a 10% increase compared to the number issued in 2022/2023), and 725 phone SIM cards to give clients free access to mobile calls and data.

#### 4.5. Tackling Poverty Partnership Group

- 4.5.1. The Council continues to work with public and community partners through the Tackling Poverty Partnership Group in the Community Planning Partnership to identify and share our collective work in this area. The group have renewed its Terms of Reference and approach. A Food Subgroup will be created in 2024.

- 4.5.2. 54,000 boxes of free period products were distributed throughout community venues in 2023/2024.

- 4.5.3. 12,500 copies of 'Money is not the only Problem' booklet printed and distributed throughout South Lanarkshire community venues.

4.5.4. Over 1,000 Christmas gifts were donated through the South Lanarkshire Council Christmas Wish Initiative to local foodbanks in December 2023.

#### **4.6. Looked After Children**

4.6.1. A £100 payment was provided to each looked after young person supported in 2023/2024. The payment was made to the carer (foster/kinship/family carers). Social Work Resources also facilitated the payments totalling £0.040m to Care Experienced Young People over the festive period. The cost of this initiative totalled £0.135m.

#### **4.7. Housing**

4.7.1. The percentage of council tenants on Universal Credit (UC) from April 2023 to April 2024 (Q4), increased from 39% to 42%. As of April 2024, there were 10,451 council tenants on UC of which 56.82% were in rent arrears. This is in comparison to 35.46% of all tenants in arrears. During 2023/2024, the number of tenants on UC who are in arrears increased by 2% from 5,820 in April 2023 to 5,938 in April 2024.

4.7.2. For tenants on UC, the total amount of arrears owed decreased by 6% from April 2023 (£3,562,650) to April 2024 (£3,356,774). The current economic climate continues to financially impact many tenants, directly affecting their ability to pay rent.

4.7.3. The DWP Managed Migration Programme continues to roll out in South Lanarkshire. On 19 April 2024, the DWP announced a significant acceleration of the migration programme when it confirmed that the date for full implementation would be brought forward from 2028 to December 2025. This presents significant implications and challenges for customers. The service will work with local partners to revise arrangements to ensure tenants are supported through the migration process. This may also have an impact on services such as MMAS as customers seek support through the change.

4.7.4. From April onwards claimants on the remaining legacy benefits have started to receive migration notices with the exception of those on Employment Support Allowance who will not begin until September 2024.

4.7.5. This includes all working age Housing Benefit claimants. It is anticipated that there will be around 700 tenants initially affected, excluding Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) claimants, which is expected to significantly impact on levels of rent arrears.

4.7.6. Pensions Aged Tax Credit households (including mixed aged couples) will also receive a Migration Notice from August 2024 onwards.

4.7.7. The inclusion of ESA claimants, who were initially deferred until 2028, will mean that an additional 3,000-3,500 tenants will now also be affected.

4.7.8. The Rent Income Support Team are currently working with Local Area Teams to identify, and contact affected SLC tenants, excluding ESA claimants, to advise them of these changes and offer support through their transition to UC. The team will work closely with the DWP and other partners to ensure tenants receive the required advice and support they need and maintain their rent payments. A communication campaign, highlighting the advice and supports available to council tenants, will also be promoted on the council's social media platforms.

4.7.9. In addition, Housing Services continues to support all Council tenants with rent arrears, this can include providing financial assistance through its successful Tenancy Sustainment Fund, to sustain tenancies and prevent homelessness. The Resource

continues to promote the supports available to tenants through the council's social media platforms and in the Housing News digital newsletter, which is available to all council tenants.

4.7.10. The Council's Homelessness Services is currently facing increasing pressure to provide temporary and permanent accommodation and support households experiencing homelessness, as homeless applications continue to increase both nationally and locally. Households experiencing homelessness continue to be vulnerable to financial insecurity and hardship, particularly during the ongoing economic climate.

#### **4.8. Citizens Advice Bureaus**

4.8.1. Benefits remains the main area of advice at 36%. This was a 6% increase on the previous year. Utilities and finance and charitable support are now the second and third biggest advice area. The majority of this work relates to food and fuel crisis support which reflects the deepening cost-of-living crisis and the impact it has on families.

4.8.2. This is in addition to providing a holistic advice service including employment, consumer rights and utilities amongst many other areas of advice all delivered in an agile way. All alongside national projects delivered by the Citizens Advice Network across Scotland.

#### **4.9. Social Security Scotland**

4.9.1. Social Security Scotland is now delivering 13 different benefits with the Carers Support Payment (replacement for Carers Allowance) launching in South Lanarkshire on 24 June 2024.

4.9.2. Anyone applying for Scottish benefits can access direct support from the Local Delivery Team. The service is now fully operational in all 32 Scottish Local Authorities, and support is being delivered to clients in various ways, home visits, outreach venues within the local area and by phone or video.

4.9.3. The Local Delivery Team provides person-to-person support from trained staff. The team has a base in Brandon Gate, Hamilton. Client Support Advisers work from outreach venues, client's homes and a blend of office/home working. Current outreach venues are in Hamilton, Larkhall, East Kilbride, Cambuslang and Lanark.

4.9.4. Social Security Scotland provides a range of data in relation to the benefits paid to South Lanarkshire on its website. Since being introduced 13,150 applications for Adult Disability Payment have been approved. In total, £53,645,150 has been paid (up to 31 January 2024). Up to 31 December 2023, 19,790 children in South Lanarkshire benefitted from the Scottish Child Payment. A total of £34,651,250 has been paid. To 31 December 2023, there has been 2,035 authorised applications for Child Disability Payment to the value of £37,668,380. Further statistics can be found on the Social Security Scotland website.

#### **4.10. NHS**

4.10.1. Midwives, Health Visitors, Family Nurses and First Steps work with families to help identify any money worries and make referrals to MMAS. In the period September 2023 to March 2024, there were 50 referrals leading to a client financial gain of £49,362.22. There has been a reduction in referrals from these staff groups as service users are encouraged to self-refer using the relatively new online system.

4.10.2 From Oct 2023 to March 2024, 18 South Lanarkshire families received support from the Family Support and Financial Inclusion - Royal Hospital for Children initiative with a total financial gain of £126,413.31. In addition, families were supported with debt management to the amount of £2,789.19.

4.10.3. A GP Community Link Worker (CLW) programme is currently in place across NHS Lanarkshire as part of the Primary Care Improvement Plan (PCIP). They offer non-clinical support to patients, enabling them to set goals and overcome barriers, in order to take greater control of their health and well-being. As financial insecurity and poverty can have a significant negative impact on health, NHS Lanarkshire introduced a Financial Wellbeing Advisor (FWA) service as part of the GP CLW programme in April 2021. Provided in all localities by CABx and MMAS from April 2023 until the end September 2023, CLW's made 1,292 referrals via this pathway leading to a client financial gain of £812,502.29.

#### **4.11. Universal Credit**

4.11.1 There has been an increase of 13.5% in the number of people who received UC from March 2023 to March 2024. The latest provisional figure available for the number of households receiving UC (November 2023) shows 39.9% were receiving a child element in their payment, an increase of 5.7% since November 2022.

4.11.2 There has been a 7.9% increase in the number of households taking advantage of the Scottish Choices more frequent payment option over the November 2022 to November 2023 period.

4.11.3 The number of people having sanctions imposed by the DWP increased from 492 in November 2022 to 610 in November 2023, as the DWP considered it should now be less challenging for individuals to find employment as the restrictions in the job market ease as the effects of the pandemic recede.

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

5.1. The report outlines the wide range of support that is being provided by many council services and partner organisations to support households experiencing the impact of the cost-of-living crisis. This support continues to take the form of both direct financial support and advice. Many of the data sets continue to show an increasing demand for services and support, with notable increases in food bank use and the uptake of UC.

5.2. While inflation levels have started to ease, prices are generally still much higher than they were before the cost-of-living crisis. Reductions in interest rates are still forecast for 2024, however this is unlikely to ease the pressure on household finances in the short term.

5.3. In addition to the core support referenced to in the report, MMAS will continue to provide £50 cash first vouchers through the Financial Wellbeing Support Fund with the remaining Local Authority Covid Economic Recovery Fund (LACER) funding from the Scottish Government. The Scottish Government are making £1.5m available to councils to write-off of school meal debt with a bid submitted by the council to the Scottish Government. A proposal is also being developed on Winter Wishes for the Promise Board to support looked after children over Christmas 2024.



## **6. Employee Implications**

6.1. Services continue to operate within existing resources.

## **7. Financial Implications**

7.1. The supports outlined in the report are met from existing budgets and the remaining funding from the Scottish Government LACER fund.

## **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. The council and partner organisations cannot fully mitigate the worst effects of the cost-of-living crisis on households. However, additional funding from national governments would allow support levels to be increased.

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

10.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.

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

**Jackie Taylor**

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28 August 2024

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## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	18 September 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Community Plan Quarter 4 Progress Report 2023-2024 and Annual Outcomes Improvement Report
<b>Report by:</b>	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
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<b>Purpose:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ To provide the Partnership Board with an update on progress made against the outcomes within the Community Plan as at the end of March 2024.</li> <li>◆ To provide the Partnership Board with the draft statutory Annual Outcomes Improvement Report.</li> </ul>
<b>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 progress made to date against the outcomes within the Community Plan be noted (see Appendix 1); and</li> <li>(2) that the content of the draft statutory Annual Outcomes Improvement Report is approved for publication by 30 September 2024 (see Appendix 2).</li> </ol>
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ All ambitions/principles.</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Section 5 sets out the progress made to date against the outcomes within the Community Plan 2022/2032; and highlights measures where progress to date has not been as planned and the actions that will be taken to improve this.</li> <li>◆ Section 6 sets out examples of key actions delivered during 2023/24 in relation to the Community Plan's six priority themes.</li> <li>◆ Section 7 sets out an overview of the content of the draft statutory Annual Outcomes Improvement Report.</li> </ul>



# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>18 September 2024</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Plan Quarter 4 Progress Report 2023/2024 and Annual Outcomes Improvement Report</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on progress made against the outcomes within the Community Plan as at the end of March 2024
- ◆ to provide the Partnership Board with the draft statutory Annual Outcomes Improvement Report

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the progress made to date against the outcomes within the Community Plan be noted (see Appendix 1); and
- (2) that the content of the draft statutory Annual Outcomes Improvement Report is approved for publication by 30 September 2024 (see Appendix 2).

## 3. Background

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

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

3.3. This report outlines the progress made against the Community Plan up to the end of March 2024. Appendix 2 also provides an update on the Annual Outcomes Improvement Report for 2023/2024. The CPP has a statutory duty to prepare and publish this by the 30 September each year.

## 4. Delivering the Community Plan

4.1. Critical to the successful delivery of the plan is keeping the promise to work together with communities, local organisations and businesses to deliver the ambitions set out in the Community Plan. To achieve these ambitions, we need to change how we currently work together; taking a more holistic and joined up approach to service delivery through re-imagining current service delivery models; and through developing a clearer understanding of how our work impacts on individuals, families, communities,

local organisations and businesses; and the contributions that we make as a whole in our work towards a fairer South Lanarkshire for all.

4.2. Following agreement at the CPP Board on 13 December 2023, a CPP Board Development Session focussing on Performance took place on 21 May 2024. Following on from this, a review of the partnership’s priorities and approach to performance monitoring and reporting is underway and a new performance framework will be developed.

**5. Progress to date**

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

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

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

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

**5.4. The Community Plan outcomes report**

There are 76 measures within the Community Plan and the table below gives a summary of the progress as follows:-

**Summary:**

Priority	Status by year					Total
	Blue	Green	Amber	Red	Report Later/Not Available	
	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	
Putting learning at the centre	0	10	1	0	0	11
Our children and young people thrive	0	14	2	0	0	16
Thriving businesses and fair jobs	0	12	0	0	0	12

Caring, connected communities	0	12	3	0	0	15
Good quality, suitable housing for everyone	0	11	1	2	0	14
People live the healthiest lives possible	0	8	0	0	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76</b>

5.5. Of the 76 measures, 0 (0%) have been completed, 67 (88%) are judged to be on course to achieve the targets set, while 2 (3%) is judged to be considerably off target and a further 7 (9%) are judged to be slightly off target. There are 0 measures (0%) to be reported later.

5.6. It is important to note that the data within the report does not always refer to the current reporting year. What is shown is the most recent data available, on the strength of which a judgement is made about whether the targets set in the Community Plan are likely to be achieved.

5.7. There are seven amber measures and two red measures, and these are detailed below with explanatory commentary and the partner action to improve the measure.

**Putting Learning at the Centre:** We will work with and support people of all ages to help them re-engage with education and learning or to improve their employability skills.

**Outcome:** People experiencing barriers to employment are supported into sustainable work

**Our Children and Young People Thrive:** We will work to ensure that the health and wellbeing of children, young people and families is improved

**Outcome:** Every child and young person should be able to access local community services which support and improve their mental health and wellbeing

Action	Measure	Comments
Amber	Deliver one Mellow Bumps Pregnancy Session in each locality in partnership with the Family Support Hubs	By March 2024, 80% of participants in the Mellow Bumps Pregnancy Sessions will report increased knowledge and understanding about stress, anxiety and self-care
		The Mellow Bumps programme is part of the newly established parenting support group work pathway delivered from the Family Support Hubs (Lanark, Cambuslang, East Kilbride, and Hamilton). The pathway was introduced in stages in year 1 of the Hubs and is not fully operational with all programmes. One barrier to delivery has been trainer capacity.
		As no Mellow Bumps programme has been delivered in full, collection and analysis of impact measure data will be a priority for the first half of year 2.

	<p>A Mellow Bumps programme was delivered from each of the four hubs in the first quarter of 2024/2025 as planned. Attendance rates varied between hubs, groups tend to start with six expectant mums, with all hubs experiencing a level of drop out with the exception of East Kilbride. Of those mums that completed the programme feedback has been positive. The hubs plan to run the programme again after the summer and referrals are building again.</p> <p>The groupwork pathway, including Mellow Bumps is reviewed regularly to ensure parenting support groups are targeted to meet presenting needs of those accessing the hubs and from info shared by partners.</p>
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**Responsibility (Lead): Children’s Services Partnership**

**Partner action to improve the measure**

Priority in the coming months is to develop a full Mellow Bumps programme. Collection and analysis of impact measure data will be a priority for the first half of year 2.

**Outcome:** Children and young people should grow up loved, safe, respected and listened to

Action	Measure	Comments
<b>Amber</b>	Test the Throughcare Mental Health Pathway is offering the correct level of support for those with low and medium need	By March 2024, 75% of young people have been offered a low or medium need mental health support, report it has improved their mental wellbeing

Test concluded at the end of March 2024, with sustainable model being progressed through the School Nursing Team. 102 referrals were made between August 2022 - March 2024 (average 3.6 per month). Of these, 75% engaged with the service and 63% reported that the support has improved their mental wellbeing.

**Responsibility (Lead): Children’s Services Partnership**

**Partner action to improve the measure**

Test of the Pathway concluded at the end of March 2024, and going forward the work will be delivered via a sustainable model being progressed through the School Nursing Team.

**Caring, connected communities:** We will continue to support and encourage every community to identify and act on their local priorities

**Outcome:** Communities feel empowered to identify and act on their local priorities

Action	Measure	Comments
<b>Amber</b>	Fulfil statutory Locality Planning duties to reduce inequalities within identified priority neighbourhoods	Work with local communities in the areas of Hamilton South and East Kilbride South to identify local priorities and prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for their area

The Hamilton South Plan will be submitted to the Community Planning Partnership Board in September 2024 for noting. The stakeholders have written an action plan which highlights what improvements they would like to make between June 2024 and March 2026.



		<p>The East Kilbride Plan is still in development. Initial engagement has taken place and data analysis has highlighted hidden issues of inequality that have provided additional avenues of investigation.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning community engagement in the East Kilbride South area has been carried out with the community views survey now being completed. Development of the Stakeholder Group is now a priority to build capacity.</p>
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**Responsibility (Lead): Community Planning Partnership**

**Partner action to improve the measure**

The East Kilbride Plan was delayed due to additional engagement work required in spring. The work is now assigned as a priority and the timescale for completion will be extended to the end of 2024.

**Outcome:** Community volunteers feel that they can effectively participate in and contribute to community planning at all levels

Action	Measure	Comments	
<b>Amber</b>	Develop and deliver training/awareness raising activity to ensure that volunteers can participate effectively in Community Planning	Increase the number of volunteers in our Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Groups who feel confident about their role in Community Planning through capacity building, training and support	Building community capacity and increasing community participation continues to be a priority. Volunteering support and development work has commenced to build capacity and support and establish baselines for monitoring this progress.

**Responsibility (Lead): Community Planning Partnership**

**Partner action to improve the measure**

A range of new engagement approaches are being used to ensure that residents are contributing on their own terms, in their own way and helping to bring the Neighbourhood Plans to life. Examples include the delivery of ACTIVATE which has catalysed the interest of local people, Let's Talk About online discussion, the use of the community HUB model and "community conversations".

Membership in Stakeholder Groups has increased or stayed the same. The council's Community Engagement Team have yet to implement baseline reporting to monitor this. The East Kilbride Stakeholder Group requires further community development and input.

Action	Measure	Comments	
<b>Amber</b>	Upskill employees in participation and engagement approaches	Increase the number of employees who feel more confident in securing the participation and engagement of individuals and communities in their work	The Community Planning Partnership Learning and Development Plan Workstream Group have produced a final draft of eLearning materials and are meeting with the council's Corporate Learning Team to arrange upload onto the Learn on Line platform.

**Responsibility (Lead): Community Planning Partnership**

**Partner action to improve the measure**

The membership of the Learning and Development Plan Workstream Group will be revised to oversee the implementation of training materials across the workforce and communities.

**Good quality, suitable housing for everyone:** We will increase affordable housing supply and improve access to and choice of housing options that suit people’s needs

**Outcome:** Increase overall housing supply and improve access to, and choice of housing options, that suit people’s needs and are affordable

Action	Measure	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest	Comments	
Amber	Deliver the council’s Home+ Programme	Maintain the percentage of tenants in council new build properties who are satisfied with their home	91%	91%	84%	226 tenants within 11 new build housing sites were surveyed with a 39% response rate. While the overall satisfaction rate was 84%, in three sites 100% satisfaction was achieved.

**Responsibility (Lead): Housing and Homelessness Service**

**Partner action to improve the measure**

Whilst there has been a slight decrease in overall satisfaction rate from respondents across the 11 new build sites surveyed, the majority of issues raised relate to the handover process rather than the overall quality or type of home provided. This includes cleanliness of home following construction works and external finishes not yet completed at the point of handover.

To improve this, key actions to be progressed by the council’s Housing and Technical Resources include:

- Reviewing handover procedures to ensure appropriate time is provided to enable cleaning and inspection of new build properties prior to tenants acquiring keys and accessing properties;
- Reiterating service standards and contractual requirements to developers as part of new build projects, including requirement for properties to be cleaned and ready for new tenants moving in; and
- Ensuring new tenants are provided with the correct points of contact to report snagging issues with their new home to allow timely resolutions.

**Good quality, suitable housing for everyone:** We will work in partnership to prevent and significantly reduce homelessness, and improve outcomes for those at risk of or who experience homelessness

**Outcome:** Prevent homelessness and improve outcomes for those at risk of or who experience homelessness

Action	Measure	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest	Comments	
Red	Deliver Housing Options Service with the aim of preventing homelessness	Increase the percentage of Housing Option interventions where homelessness is prevented	73.5%	70%	60.8%	During 2023-2024, 633 (60.8%) of homeless cases were prevented. The operating context in relation to the prevention of homelessness continues to be extremely challenging this year.

Action	Measure	Baseline	2023 Target	Latest	Comments
					The prevailing socio-economic conditions adversely impacted upon the ability to prevent homelessness during 2023-2024. This trend has been mirrored nationally.

**Responsibility (Lead): Housing and Homelessness Service**

**Partner action to improve the measure**

The operating context continued to be very challenging throughout 2023/2024 with preventing homelessness becoming increasingly difficult due to external socio-economic factors including ongoing increases in the cost of living, the shrinkage of the private sector and extreme pressures on housing across tenures, limiting the availability of affordable housing options for individuals and families. Despite these difficult circumstances, Housing Services will continue to work in partnership with partner agencies to deliver services which focus on the prevention of homelessness, where it is possible to do so.

The Housing Options Team continues to focus on identifying housing risk factors and delivering interventions to prevent homelessness where possible.

Action	Measure	Comments
Red Improve access to settled accommodation to homeless households	Continue to implement the Rapid Re-housing Transition Plan (RRTP)	Despite high levels of achievement against several key measures within the RRTP, the level of homelessness in South Lanarkshire continues to increase to unprecedented levels. This is noted in the RRTP annual review and mirrors trends across Scotland. A range of work is being progressed locally to help mitigate the situation and the Resource continues to engage with representative groups, such as the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) and Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO), to highlight the key issues which require to be addressed at a national level.

**Responsibility (Lead): Housing and Homelessness Service**

**Partner action to improve the measure**

The increase in levels of demand for Homelessness Services has shown no sign of abatement in the year and continues to challenge and adversely impact on the achievement of RRTP objectives. Locally, the council is progressing a range of measures which aim to mitigate the ongoing challenges including ongoing prioritisation of homeless applicants through implementation of Local Letting Plans, delivery of practical and financial support to tenants to sustain their tenancy, and a review of all homeless applicants personal housing plans.

The unprecedented scale of the challenge has been recognised at a national level with the declaration of a national housing emergency. South Lanarkshire Council will continue to work with local partners and representative groups at a national level to highlight the key issues relating to homelessness which require to be addressed.

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

## 6. Key Partnership Actions

6.1. Key actions for 2023/2024 in relation to the priority themes, are highlighted below:

<b>Priority Theme: Putting learning at the centre</b>
<b>Achievements: Lanark Young Reporters</b>
<p>The Young Reporters are a group of young people who wanted to learn new media and technology skills as well as building a new, fun online presence for young people to express their thoughts and discuss important topics that are close to their heart. They came up with a podcast called 'The Lanark Universal Connections (UC) Podcast' which they created, host, edit and produce all themselves. The 'Lanark UC Podcast' logo was designed by one of the group members.</p> <p>The group have recorded in a professional recording studio with G4 Podcasting Studio as well as attending Sky Up Academy to create their own news broadcast. Over the weeks, they have planned, recorded and released episodes onto Spotify and received fantastic feedback from listeners. The group have also taken their interviewing skills on different excursions including visiting the Scottish Parliament to watch First Ministers Questions, as well as getting the opportunity to film and interview 'The Glasgow Clan', an ice hockey team based in Glasgow. They have also had the opportunity to host their own shows on live radio in partnership with community radio stations Avondale Radio and Listen Lanarkshire.</p> <p><b>Link to podcast:</b> <a href="#">Lanark UC Podcast   Podcast on Spotify</a></p> <p><b>Link to Glasgow Clan interview:</b> <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzJXzChwQnM">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VzJXzChwQnM</a></p>
<b>Achievements: Scottish Youth Parliament Elections 2023</b>
<p>Held every two years, the Scottish Youth Parliament elects young people to a national platform to champion and progress issues facing young people across Scotland. This round of elections saw 19 young people contest the five constituencies. Members of South Lanarkshire Youth Council and Youth, Family and Community Learning staff in partnership with secondary schools, colleges, universities, and local youth groups, organised and delivered council wide elections, with over 7,500 votes being cast to democratically elect nine South Lanarkshire members of the Scottish Youth Parliament.</p> <p>Outgoing Members of the Scottish Youth Parliament actively encourage participation of their peers to progress local and national issues. Success in achieving this has seen the development and delivery of Education Psychology Services South Lanarkshire "Let's Connect" Young People's Mental Health Conference, the launch of the Youth Strategy 2022 – 2025, participation in the national Anti-racism in Education Reform Sub-Group, and participation in the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board development session on Climate and Nature with members of the South Lanarkshire Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability.</p>
<b>Priority Theme: Our children and young people thrive</b>
<b>Achievements: Children's Rights and Voice</b>
<p>Children and young people have taken a leading role at a number of high-level conferences and seminars, planning and delivering key messages that is ensuring that they are visible and listened to by decision makers and budget holders. The events include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A UNCRC themed seminar in November 2023 for 140 staff where young people, through a film they made, set the agenda for staff discussion on their role in supporting children's rights. (Article 4 your rights are protected);</li><li>• An event to celebrate Care Day in February 2024, where young people from our Champions Board hosted the event and challenged corporate parents to tell how they were keeping South Lanarkshire's Promise. This event brought together at least 60 care experienced children and young people and 60 corporate parents to improve the understanding and visibility of each other. (Articles 9, 20 and 21 the right to be cared for); and</li><li>• Our Wellbeing Warriors were at the heart of a conference in March 2024 helping to share good practice in schools across South Lanarkshire to support emotional wellbeing. The event also helped highlight other important supports that were available to support children</li></ul>

and young people's mental health and emotional wellbeing. (Article 24 the right to health care).

**Achievements: Counselling through schools**

Children and young people across all our secondary schools are benefiting from support through counselling made available in schools. As a result of this support, almost all of the 480 pupils who have told us about their experience said they were made to feel safe in counselling. We have been working to ensure a more consistent offer of support to pupils in secondary schools as part of whole school support for mental health and wellbeing. We met with counselling staff in all 17 high schools to talk about how the service links to wider supports across the community and have identified areas where links could be improved, such as being more aware of and making better use of the third sector support available and being more consistent in referring to available support. This will help us plan how we offer more connected support to children and young people going forward.

**Priority Theme: Thriving businesses and fair jobs**

**Achievements: Tackling Child Poverty Funded Programmes**

The council's Employability Team, working in partnership with Routes to Work South, Clyde Gateway and NHS Lanarkshire have increased the support available to unemployed parents through a range of Tackling Child Poverty funded programmes. This has included the expansion of the Supporting Families Programme to communities in Larkhall and Clydesdale, the development of the NHS Demonstrator, providing paid work experience to unemployed parents and the expansion of the Making it Work programme to provide keywork support to parents with barriers to employment.

**Achievements: Business Support**

The council's Business Support Team have supported 96 of our, (mainly small and micro) businesses with grant funding totalling over £674,000, securing approximately 40% European Regional Development Funding before UK access to EU funding ceased as part of Brexit. This funding supported the creation of 157 new jobs and safeguarded 490 existing jobs through growth projects and business investment contributing to the transition to Net Zero. With Lanarkshire Business Gateway partners, 509 new business starts were supported in 2023/2024. Future funding has been secured through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to maximise future business support grants to deliver on Small and Medium Enterprises (SME) jobs and business growth.

**Achievements: Social Enterprise Strategy**

The council approved the South Lanarkshire Social Enterprise Strategy 2023-2027 in June 2023. Strategy priorities include stimulating social enterprise, developing stronger organisations and realising market opportunity to shape ambitions and grow the sector in South Lanarkshire. Direct support to over 30 unique social enterprises, across a range of programmes was delivered via two tendered Business Accelerator programmes, a small grants pot, a bespoke procurement workshop delivered by the Supplier Development Programme (SDP) and a Climate Confident pilot to support organisations along their net zero journey.

**Achievements: South Lanarkshire Local Development Plan**

In 2023/2024, South Lanarkshire Council appointed Ryden LLP property consultants to provide a series of employment land and property reports for the main areas within South Lanarkshire. The work was implemented in four parts to form a suite of reports that will inform the next Local Development Plan (LDP3) and will support the council's wider planning, regeneration, and property portfolio activities.

The 4 reports, along with the overarching Summary Report consider the employment land and property markets for:-

- East Kilbride
- Hamilton, Blantyre and Larkhall
- Clydesdale
- Cambuslang and Rutherglen



Each of the reports follows the same structure to enable comparison to be made and overarching data to be compiled and key information includes:

- A strategic economic and planning policy context for the property markets;
- Core market analysis covering industrial and office property;
- Assessment of employment land and development activity;
- A review of funding sources for employment land; and
- Identification of market potential and possible actions.

#### **Achievements: Town Centre Master Planning**

The master planning process for East Kilbride, Hamilton and the Town Centre Plan for Rutherglen is well underway. In developing these plans, the council is continuing to engage with local businesses and communities throughout South Lanarkshire and has undertaken in-person and online community consultation to further inform dynamic action plan(s) to address issues within each of the various towns and deliver mixed-use town centres and innovative place making solutions.

#### **Achievements: Inward Investment**

A South Lanarkshire dedicated Inward Investment Website has been developed to promote the area to potential investors and developers from both within the UK. The website 'Invest South Lanarkshire' operates separately from the council's main website with a distinct and separate identity and brand and will go live early Summer 2024. Invest South Lanarkshire is a 'one stop shop' for investors and developers, demonstrating South Lanarkshire's unique attraction for major employers. During 2023/2024, a total of 144 inward enquiries for industrial/business land and property were responded to.

#### **Priority Theme: Caring, connected communities**

##### **Achievements: Climate and Nature Event**

A Community Planning Climate and Nature Event was held on 24 October 2023 within the Council Offices, Hamilton. The event provided an opportunity for members of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP), community groups and young people to find out how they could work together and to take action to address the impacts of climate change.

Key speakers were Laura Young (Less Waste Laura) who is an award-winning climate advocate and environmental scientist and Alex Cameron-Smith of Sniffer, which is an environmental charity, working across Scotland on the three key themes of leadership, placemaking and innovation. Various conversation cafes were also facilitated by local community groups and these focused on the themes of: Green Travel; Communities in Action; Nature Based Solutions; Food Growing; and Engagement.

Students from South Lanarkshire College were also in attendance to record the feedback from the speakers and conversation cafes. Feedback from the event will be used to inform future Climate/Nature actions for the partnership.

##### **Achievements: Youth Voice and Participation in Community Planning**

A Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board Development Session was held with young people on Climate and Nature, focussing on the issues facing young people locally and nationally. This took place at Holy Cross High School, Hamilton on 10 October 2023. The session was led by members of the South Lanarkshire Youth Council and the South Lanarkshire School Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability.

The young people gave a comprehensive overview on a variety of topics including the preparation for the Conference of Schools 1 (COS1); the waste pilot being carried out by Larkhall Academy and Trinity High School, Rutherglen; update on the 'Jump' app project; Scottish Youth Parliament activity; and the need for sustainability guidance.

A further discussion took place on how the CPP Board can support young people, and how they can create the space for further dialogue with the Board on what matters to them. The next event will take place in October 2024.

#### **Achievements: Community Networking Event**

As part of Challenge Poverty Week, a Community Networking event was held in Hillhouse and Earnock Community Centre in Hamilton on Wednesday 4 October 2023. Over 40 members of the Financial Inclusion Network (FIN) attended the event to provide advice, support and promote their services to residents. The FIN members represent a wide range of services delivered by the public sector and third sector and all four geographical areas of South Lanarkshire. The next event will be held during October 2024.

#### **Achievements: Burnhill – Our Place Our Plan**

Burnhill Youth Activism Group have highlighted the issue of fly tipping and littering within their community. The young people decided to host a fly tipping and recycling campaign where they distributed flyers to over 300 residents with useful information on how to access bulky uplifts, how to recycle better, and upcycling ideas to reduce the amount of waste in their community. They also hosted an event to promote the campaign and invited along local stakeholders including residents, council services and community groups to bring together resources to tackle the issue. The young people shared their experiences of the issue and how it makes them feel about their community.

As a result, the young people have also worked in partnership with South Lanarkshire Council to run a skip initiative; giving the residents of Burnhill an opportunity to dispose of any excess waste responsibly.

#### **Priority Theme: Good quality, suitable housing for everyone**

##### **Achievements: South Lanarkshire Council Market Purchase Scheme**

A key part of the council's Affordable Housing Supply Programme is its Market Purchase Scheme, enabling the council to purchase existing homes from the private sector to provide affordable council homes in areas of high demand.

In 2023, the scheme was amended to provide more opportunities for the council to purchase homes from private owners, including landlords and those with empty properties. Focus was also given to advertising areas the council needed certain types of homes in to help meet demand and sharing this information with estate agents and property solicitors.

These changes were a success, with 165 homes across all areas of South Lanarkshire purchased through the scheme during 2023/2024. This significant increase on previous years supported the council's approach to housing need, providing more opportunities to find accommodation that meets people's needs in areas they wish to live.

The 165 purchases added to the new homes built through the council's Affordable Housing Supply Programme in 2023/2024, further increasing the range of affordable housing options across South Lanarkshire and supporting those most in need to find long term, sustainable accommodation.

The Affordable Housing Supply Programme, including the Market Purchase Scheme, is funded jointly by South Lanarkshire Council and the Scottish Government.

##### **Achievements: Support to homeless households**

In recent years there has been a continued increase in homelessness, both locally and nationally, which has placed unprecedented demands on Homelessness Services. Despite these significant pressures, the council and its partners, continue to work together to prevent homelessness occurring and deliver support services to those experiencing homelessness.

Housing First is an innovative approach that has been proven to help and support people with a range of complex needs, out of homelessness. Providing accommodation along with intensive support, helps the individual to settle and manage a tenancy and allows them to focus on making positive changes in other areas of their life.

The Housing First service in South Lanarkshire is delivered in partnership by the council and the Salvation Army. The service provides a secure home and tailored multi-agency wrap around support to people who are often the most vulnerable within communities.

Staff arrange to meet those involved with the Housing First service frequently and stay in regular contact with them. The long-term aim is to build a trusting relationship between individuals in a flexible, creative and needs based way that enables the delivery of a support package that fits with each individual's specific needs.

Since the Housing First service began in 2019, 40 individuals have now been supported with significant positive outcomes achieved, including an increase in independent living skills, improved physical and mental health, reduction in drug and alcohol misuse, less offending behaviour and improved motivation.

### **Priority Theme: People live the healthiest lives**

#### **Achievements: Telecare Programme**

Lanarkshire's Technology Enabled Care (TEC) Team is an integrated Health and Social Care Team aiming to empower Lanarkshire citizens to use technology to live their best lives, have choice, control and reduce the risk of harm.

The Telecare Programme refers to equipment and services which can support vulnerable citizens to live more safely and well at home for longer. The TEC Team's role includes the screening and approval of all requests for telecare and assistive technology, providing telecare advice, support and training to Health and Social Care staff, patients, carers and other key stakeholders. The team also install consumer technology welcome packages in Blantyre LIFE's technology enabled homes, troubleshoot issues and support technology enabled homes.

By December 2025, all analogue telephone services in the UK will be switched off and replaced by digital systems using voice over internet protocol technology. By March 2024, 6,580 digital alert alarms have been installed, ensuring vulnerable citizens continue to receive a reliable and safe community alarm service.

Telehealth enables clinicians to monitor and manage people living with chronic conditions remotely and helps patients to better understand and self-manage their health and wellbeing. Blood pressure monitoring accounts for 74% of Connect Me activity. This reduces the need for in-person appointments and visits as well as saving patients' time and money associated with travelling to and from appointments. The telehealth programme in Lanarkshire includes both Near Me video consultations and Connect Me remote health monitoring.

#### **Achievements: Community Nursing Service**

Innovative work in communities continue to support people to live well at home. This is an important part of health and care delivery, particularly in the winter when pressure grows on hospitals and indeed the whole system. One vital element is the community expertise and compassion allowing people to die in their own homes. Lanarkshire's award winning, end of life dedicated Community Nursing Service (led by South Lanarkshire University HSCP) ensures end-of-life needs are fully recognised by designating a lead member who takes time to review patient needs and circumstances. The team member then delegates clear responsibilities and patient information with the team. This approach ensures a comprehensive, consistent and compassionate care strategy. The team are available around the clock, with direct telephone access for families and allows families to contact outside of planned visits to seek advice or request additional support.



Having a single, specialist team means all record-keeping is centralised, allowing the entire team to access patient information easily and rapidly. This streamlined communication has ensured everyone is informed about the patient's wishes, condition, any changes or deterioration and promoting the best possible care. Patients and families are reassured by the consistent care provided by the same core team members for all visits. Trust is built over time, and families are comforted by familiar faces and expertise.

## **7. Annual Outcomes Improvement Report**

7.1. A copy of the draft statutory Annual Outcomes Improvement Report is attached at Appendix 2. This has been submitted for approval by the Board before publication by 30 September 2024 on the CPP website. The content of the 2023/2024 report is as follows:-

- Section 1: Introduction to Community Planning in South Lanarkshire;
- Section 2: Our Ambitions – Delivery of the Community Plan;
- Section 3: Community Plan - Performance Highlights;
- Section 4: Community Plan: Overall Performance at a glance;
- Section 5 - Places for Wellbeing: how we are making a difference:
  - Thriving Businesses and Fair Jobs – Social Enterprise Strategy 2023/2027;
  - Caring, connected communities – Climate and Nature;
  - People live the healthiest lives – Telehealth and Telecare;
  - Putting learning at the centre – Pathfinders programme for Young People;
  - Our children and young people thrive – Family Support Hubs; and
  - Good quality, sustainable housing for everyone – South Lanarkshire ECO4 Scheme.
- Section 6 - Working with Communities: How you can get involved:
  - Community Participation and Engagement;
  - Neighbourhood Planning;
  - Community Partnerships;
  - Sustainable Development and Climate Change;
  - Community Led Planning;
  - Participatory Budgeting;
  - Volunteering;
  - Community Asset Transfer; and
  - Participation Requests.
- Appendix 1 – Links with the National Performance Framework.
- Appendix 2 – CPP Structure Diagram.

## **8. Employee Implications**

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

## **9. Financial Implications**

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

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

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

## **11. Other Implications**

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

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

12.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required.

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Community Plan 2022-2032

Quarter 4 2023-24 (April to March)

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

Priority areas of action	Complete	Green	Status Amber	Red	To be reported later	Total
Putting learning at the centre	0	10	1	0	0	11
Our children and young people thrive	0	14	2	0	0	16
Thriving businesses and fair jobs	0	12	0	0	0	12
Caring, connected communities	0	12	3	0	0	15
Good quality, suitable housing for everyone	0	11	1	2	0	14
People live the healthiest lives possible	0	8	0	0	0	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>76</b>

**Key:**

Statistical Measures
Project Measures

## Putting learning at the centre

We will work with and support people of all ages to help them re-engage with education and learning or to improve their employability skills

**Outcome: People experiencing barriers to employment are supported into sustainable work**

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
A.1.1	Provide key worker based employability support and learning to targeted groups	Increase the percentage of employability participants progressing to positive destinations	<p>A total of 1,513 individuals achieved a positive destination (56.8% of total engagements across all projects).</p> <p>The 60% target has been identified as achievable, however, the Scottish Government No-One Left Behind (NOLB) approach to funding means that effectively only progression to employment or college learning can be counted as positive destinations as there are few training options outwith NOLB funding. This is likely to reduce the outcome rate and the target may be reviewed.</p>	Amber	56.8%	2023-24	56.8%	2023-24	60%	62%	65%

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
A.1.2	Provide targeted support to adults facing barriers to employment	Number of people supported into training, education and employment	<p>There have been 1,928 adults supported in the year with 530 progressing into employment and 601 accessing further and/or higher education.</p> <p>Of the remaining adults, the Gateway to Employment programme delivered by Routes to Work South, has an increased focus on economically inactive adults and those with long term health conditions resulting in longer engagement and fewer job outcomes.</p> <p>Target 2023-24 – 1,000 into employment/training/education; and Target 2024-25 – 1,200 into employment/education/training.</p>	Green
A.1.3	Provide a range of employability programmes to parents through the Tackling Child Poverty funding programme	Number of parents/carers supported across the six priority groups into training, employment and education	<p>335 parents have been supported across the six priority groups, 58 have progressed into work and 46 into training.</p> <p>The Lanarkshire Employment Partnership (LEP) Tackling Child Poverty Group has developed and reviewed the Parents Employability Programmes to provide clear pathways across the three keyworker programmes – Supporting Families, Making it Work and Upskilling.</p> <p>Target 2023-24 – 100 into training/employment/education; and Target 2023-24 – 100 into training/employment/education.</p>	Green
A.1.4	Provide specialist employability support to young people and adults with additional support needs	Number of young people and adults with Additional Support Needs supported into training, employment and education	<p>44 young people and adults with Additional Support Needs have engaged in specialist programmes this year and two have progressed into employment.</p> <p>2023-24 – Programmes were reviewed with full delivery taking place from January 2024; and 2024-25 – 30 progressing into training/employment/education.</p>	Green
A.1.5	We will work with and support people of all ages to help them re-engage with	Learners will be offered opportunities to learn skills that meet their needs across a range of settings. We will work with learners to:-	As a result of Community Learning and Development (CLD) work delivered by the Youth Family and Community Learning Service (YFCL) across a range of	Green

	education and learning or to improve their employability skills' – are you happy for me to add this again	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance their parenting skills</li> <li>• Help parents to support their child's learning</li> </ul>	<p>education and community settings the following has been achieved in 2023-24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 590 learners have enhanced their parenting skills; and</li> <li>• 171 learners are better able to support their child's curricular learning.</li> </ul>	Green
		<p>We will continue to support learners to progress to other appropriate learning opportunities, ensuring that we meet ongoing needs. We will work with learners to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help them re-engage with education/learning</li> <li>• Help them access volunteering opportunities</li> <li>• Help them access any other appropriate learning programmes or opportunities</li> <li>• Improve their employability skills</li> </ul>	<p>As a result of CLD work delivered by the YFCL Service across a range of education and community settings the following has been achieved in 2023-24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 743 learners have re-engaged with education/learning;</li> <li>• 243 learners are accessing volunteer opportunities across the service;</li> <li>• 593 learners have progressed to other appropriate learning programmes/opportunities; and</li> <li>• 735 learners have improved their employability skills.</li> </ul>	

## Putting learning at the centre

We will support young people to progress to further learning, work or training when they leave school

Outcome: Young people will be supported to progress to sustained positive destinations when they leave school

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
A.2.1	Support young people to progress to positive post-school destinations	Increase the School Leaver Destination Rate (SLDR) initial positive destination rate	The positive destination rate continues to increase and South Lanarkshire sits above the national rate of 95.9% and 6th highest of the 32 Local Authorities.	Green	96.2% (SLC) 95.5% (Scotland)	2020-21	96.9% (SLC) 95.9% (Scotland)	2022-23	97%	97%	97%
		Decrease the gap in the School Leaver Destination Rate (SLDR) initial positive destination rate	The gap between the positive destination rate for the most and least deprived 20% datazones has narrowed from 6.1% to 2.9% and reflects a rate of 95.5% for the most deprived compared to 98.4% for the least deprived. The national gap is 4.4%.	Green	6.1% (SLC) 4.4% (Scotland)	2020-21	2.9% (SLC) 3.7% (Scotland)	2022-23	2.9%	3%	3%
		Increase number and percentage of looked after school leavers in a positive initial and follow-up destination by local authority	There are 85 young people in this cohort classed as "care experienced". The positive destination rate is 92.9% for this group of leavers, a slight increase from the previous year and is significantly higher than the national rate of 87.9%.	Green	SLC Initial 92.5% Scotland Initial 86%	2020-21	SLC Initial 92.9% Scotland Initial 87.9%	2022-23	93%	93.5%	94%



Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
A.2.2	Deliver targeted support and learning opportunities to young people in the last 6 months of school through the Aspire programme	Number of young people engaged on the programme	The Aspire service has provided targeted keyword support to 503 young people in 2023-24. A range of employability programme provision was delivered including college-based vocational taster and employability group work.	Green
A.2.3	South Lanarkshire Council and Skills Development Scotland will work together to track the destinations of young people aged 16-19 including regular home visits	Number of young people who did not achieve/sustain a positive destination referred to support through tracking and re-engaged	The Employability Service tracked the initial destinations of all South Lanarkshire leavers and conducted a robust tracking exercise in collaboration with Skills Development Scotland to identify and engage young people who did not achieve/sustain a positive destination. In 2023-24, 91 young people were successfully re-engaged through this tracking exercise.	Green

# Our Children and Young People Thrive

We will work to ensure children have the best start in life and become everything they can be

Outcome: Every family should get the right support at the right time for as long as they need

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
B.1.1	Four Family Support Hubs to promote a no wrong door approach and GIRFEC Pathways with community, third sector and universal pathways to be strengthened	By March 2025, there will be a 60% reduction in new referrals to Social Work Resources escalating to local office allocations	Social Work formally launched locality-based Family Support Hubs on 27 September 2022. The Family Support Hubs are community facing and accessible provisions based in Hamilton, East Kilbride, Lanark and Cambuslang localities. Families are the second largest referrer to the Family Support Hubs In the past year, the Family Support Hubs have responded to 61% of the total referrals. This significantly decreases the volume of initial assessments being undertaken by Local Office Teams and will create more capacity within this part of the system to respond to child protection referrals. Self-referrals are now the second largest referrers to the Hubs. Families are reporting improvements in family wellbeing.	Green	60%	2025	61%	2023-24	60%	TBC	TBC

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
B.1.2	Family Group Decision Making as a core partner to Early Years Multi Agency Service	By March 2024, 80% of families supported will report improvement in involvement in planning supports for their children and their family	<p>Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) is offered to all pregnancy cases screened via EYMAS that are allocated for assessment and intervention. Additional support from peer support workers is also now available. This support can be offered to pregnant mothers and their partners when there are drug and/or alcohol issues present.</p> <p>A parent's plan process as an alternative to pre-birth CP has been tested in Hamilton Hub. This is now being scaled up across all 4 Hubs.</p> <p>Outcome scales completed with families at the beginning and the end of their engagement in FGDM indicates a 100% improvement of all outcomes. This measurement scale is used with all families engaged in the support and data is available.</p>	Green
		Implementation of a Parents Plan to prevent escalation to child protection	A parent's plan process as an alternative to pre-birth CP has been tested in Hamilton Hub. This is now being scaled up across all 4 Hubs.	Green
B.1.3	Continue to refine and consolidate the Pathfinders approach	By March 2025, 60% of children and young people accessing Pathfinders will report improvement across three outcome indicators	<p>The Pathfinders Programme is currently embedded within 7 schools in South Lanarkshire, with 14 Youth, Family and Community Learning Pathfinder Officer posts. Currently, Pathfinders are deployed in seven schools: Cathkin High; Trinity High; Stonelaw High; Lanark Grammar; Calderside Academy; St Andrew's and St Bride's, and Carluke High. This is funded through a mix of Whole Family Wellbeing Funding (WFWF) and Pupil Equity Funding. In 2023-24 the programme set a target to engage with 350 young people and families, providing support and sustained engagement that meets identified needs. In total at the end of March 2024, Pathfinders had worked with a total of 534 young people and families, which exceeds our target by 52.5%.</p> <p>Pathfinder support is bespoke and provided through individual and group support. Home visits and parental engagement are key elements of the role. Pathfinder staff are well connected to key partners in the wider community to ensure appropriate referrals into and out of the provision.</p>	Green

The Pathfinders Team have successfully secured funding from the UNCRC Innovation Fund to develop a youth led consultation process that will allow young people to be the catalyst for change in relation to areas that effect their lives. This funding will support the further development of youth voice in relation to developing appropriate interventions and support and has enabled us to create rich opportunities for a committee of 21 young people participating in the programme to directly influence the service that they receive and be involved and influence decisions effecting them/the programme directly.

This element of the programme has three distinct phases:-

1. Skills development – to allow the participants the opportunity to develop the key skills and knowledge to actively influence the programme and services they receive.
2. Consultation- the participants will develop and deliver a series of consultation events with their peer groups.
3. Conference – young people involved will host a conference for key partners, sharing life experiences, barriers to participation and evidence of need to shape future policies.

Progress against measure: By March 2025, 60% of CYP accessing pathfinders will report improvement across three outcome indicators.

Impact is recorded through agreed fixed CLD impact measures that are reported directly through the South Lanarkshire CLD Plan. In addition, a range of Pathfinder specific progressive indicators have been developed to record participation levels and impact.

- Target 5% increase in meaningful participation in school or learning in their social skills. Actual increase at year end 88%.
- Target 5% increase in young people who recognise a positive adaptation in their behaviour, actual increase of 18%.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5% increase in young people who identify positive development in their Health and Wellbeing 24%.</li> <li>• 5% increase in meaningful participation in school or learning. Actual increase of 12%.</li> </ul>	
B.1.4	Test an improvement approach to support at least ten families with children with disabilities to cope with the financial demands of having a child/children with disabilities	<p>By March 2025, 80% of families supported report an improvement in financial wellbeing and at least one of the other targeted outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improved health and wellbeing;</li> <li>• Reduced social isolation; and</li> <li>• Increased engagement with education, training or employment</li> </ul>	<p>Paths Away from Poverty is Funded by the Child Poverty Action Fund and aims to support at least ten families with disability through testing a bespoke support/navigator relationship with families where a child or young person has a disability and engages with parents and carers primarily. Referrals are primarily from Education (schools) and from NHS Lanarkshire to the third sector delivery partner – COVEY.</p> <p>Outcomes and successes to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project is supporting 5 families with a number of others in the referral pipeline.</li> <li>• Improved financial wellbeing (2 referrals for urgent financial wellbeing assessments).</li> <li>• Improved health and wellbeing (links strengthened with NHS colleagues, CAMHS, local GPs. Regular contact established with 3 families).</li> <li>• Reduced Social Isolation (3 families moving to weekly support; 1 young person referred for COVEY befriending support with other additional needs young people).</li> <li>• Increased engagement with education, training, or employment (no evidence at this stage).</li> <li>• The voice of families articulating what has changed for them because of the support they have received (families are choosing to engage and to receive support; personal plans being co-produced. More evidence pending as test evolves).</li> <li>• Evidence showing increase in benefits/entitlement (see above referrals for financial wellbeing assessments – too soon to evidence impact).</li> <li>• Increased participation in community activity (see reduced social isolation above).</li> </ul>	Green
B.1.5	Four Family Support Hubs to promote a no wrong door approach and GIRFEC Pathways	By March 2026, 80% of parents supported will report improvements in family wellbeing	Social Work formally launched locality-based Family Support Hubs on 27 September 2022. The Family Support Hubs are community facing and accessible provisions based in Hamilton, East Kilbride, Lanark and Cambuslang localities.	Green

	with community, third sector and universal pathways to be strengthened		<p>Families are the second largest referrer to the Family Support Hubs.</p> <p>In the past year, the Family Support Hubs have responded to 61% of the total referrals. This significantly decreases the volume of initial assessments being undertaken by Local Office Teams and will create more capacity within this part of the system to respond to child protection referrals.</p> <p>Self-referrals are now the second largest referrers to the Hubs. Families are reporting improvements in family wellbeing.</p>	
B.1.6	Health and Social Work to work collaboratively with parents to identify strengths and areas for improvement in relation to neglect	Number of families completing the neglect toolkit by March 2025	<p>103 Social Work staff have completed the Working with Neglect Toolkit training. Two more sessions are planned for 5 June and 2nd October 2024. A Practitioner Forum is now facilitated by the Child Protection Development Officer. Local offices and Family Support Hubs have introduced a reporting system to capture toolkit usage. Developments between Social Work and Health Visiting staff are being considered to scale up usage by introducing a targeted approach to toolkit usage and learning taken.</p> <p>Consideration is being given to how to measure impact.</p>	Green

## Our Children and Young People Thrive

We will work to ensure that the health and wellbeing of children, young people and families is improved

**Outcome: Every child and young person should be able to access local community services which support and improve their mental health and wellbeing**

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
B.2.1	Deliver one Mellow Bumps Pregnancy Session in each locality in partnership with the Family Support Hubs	By March 2024, 80% of participants in the Mellow Bumps Pregnancy Sessions will report increased knowledge and understanding about stress, anxiety and self-care	<p>The Mellow Bumps programme is part of the newly established parenting support group work pathway delivered from the Family Support Hubs (Lanark, Cambuslang, East Kilbride and Hamilton). The pathway has been introduced in stages in year 1 of the Hubs and is not fully operational with all programmes. One barrier to delivery has been trainer capacity.</p> <p>As no Mellow Bumps programme has been delivered in full, collection and analysis of impact measure data will be a priority for the first half of year 2.</p> <p>A Mellow Bumps programme was delivered from each of the four hubs in the first quarter of 2024/25 as planned. Attendance rates varied between hubs, groups tend to start with 6 expectant mums, with all hubs experiencing a level of drop out with the exception of East Kilbride. Of those mums that completed the programme feedback has been positive. The hubs plan to run the programme again after the summer and referrals are building again.</p> <p>The groupwork pathway, including Mellow Bumps is reviewed regularly to ensure parenting support groups are targeted to meet presenting needs of those accessing the hubs and from info shared by partners.</p>	Amber
B.2.2	Create and implement training at informed level to be delivered to Children's Services staff through a Learn Online module	By March 2024, at least 50 Children's Services staff will have accessed the Learn Online module and reported an increase in confidence in supporting children and young people at risk of self-harm and suicide	A Learn Online course has been created and shared through a variety of channels including the Education Sway, through NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement links and as a precursor to in-person skilled level training. 89 South Lanarkshire Council employees have accessed the Lifelines Lanarkshire Learn Online module. Of those who accessed the training and provided feedback, all highlighted it as being helpful and/or informative.	Green

B.2.3	Key members of staff who support children and young people at risk of self-harm and suicide to attend Lifelines Lanarkshire training	By March 2024, at least 75% of staff who have attended Lifelines Lanarkshire training have shown an increase in confidence supporting children and young people at risk of self-harm and suicide following the training	<p>Lifelines Lanarkshire skilled level training has been rolled out across services, attended by key members of staff in Education, Social Work, Health, and the Third Sector. Resources have now been adapted to enable delivery as a multi-agency training which has commenced.</p> <p>173 staff across South Lanarkshire Children's Services have attended Lifelines Lanarkshire training. 92% of staff attending the training reported an increase in confidence supporting children and young people at risk of self-harm and suicide.</p>	Green
B.2.4	Continue roll out of Kooth service and increase the use of this	By March 2024, at least 80% of registered users will report Kooth is effective in supporting them with their emotional wellbeing needs	An online digital support resource for young people called Kooth has continued to be rolled out across South Lanarkshire. Presentations have been given at a number of events such as the young person's 'Wellbeing Warrior's Conference' whole school assemblies and a session is planned for GPs. Between April 2023 - March 2024, 848 young people used the support. Over 90% of children and young people who responded, reported that they would recommend the service.	Green



## Our Children and Young People Thrive

We will work to ensure that the life chances of children and young people in need of care and protection are improved

Outcome: Children and young people should grow up loved, safe, respected and listened to

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
B.3.1	In conjunction with care experienced young people develop ways that make it easier for them to participate in the ongoing improvement in key decision-making processes and capture the impact of their views and voices	70% of care experienced young people tell us that they feel more able to participate in key decision-making processes	<p>Young people have had many more opportunities to influence change. The Champions Board was relaunched in January 2024 with new members uptake. The young people have been involved in the Keeping the Promise thematic sub-group and a forthcoming development session. In addition, they will be delivering and leading 2025 Care Day events.</p> <p>Corporate Parents have agreed to be more visible. The Champions Board are putting a schedule of engagement in place including with the council's Chief Executive. In addition, they are working closely with Housing officials, delivering a bespoke housing protocol for care experienced young people. Some young people are attending the Care and Prejudice Social Work event to showcase the work of the Champions Board.</p> <p>96% of young people visited within SLC units have been involved in the consultation, co-production and delivery of the suite of paperwork. This is reviewed via the Champions Board. The feedback has proved positive where young people fully included, with more opportunities for voice and participation as well as the paperwork being less cluttered with jargon and difficult language.</p>	Green
B.3.2	Support young people from 16 years old to actively manage their Child Trust Fund and/or Junior ISA savings account currently administered by the Share Foundation	70% of young people report they are better informed about financial planning	<p>All care experienced young people are supported to budget through advocacy support, the Promise Team and other corporate parents. This includes use of the Food Larder, Savings, Money Matters, and Welfare Support within the Care Hub.</p> <p>The local authority has identified unclaimed ISA's, and is working with Share Scotland to deliver the 'Stepladder of Achievement for 15-17 year olds (these courses are about financial education). There are 18 registered for the programme.</p>	Green

			<p>£9,850 was shared amongst those completing courses. 4 completed all 6 courses, each gaining £1,500 for their Child Trust Fund.</p> <p>9 have gained between £150 and £1,100 for completing part of the course.</p> <p>Contributions have also been made to care experienced young people's Savings Accounts: (figures are only available for Junior ISA accounts*) e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £1,500 has been added to 1 account of a young person who has been adopted.</li> <li>• £2,430 has been added to 5 accounts of young people currently in care.</li> </ul> <p>SLC has supported young people through the Winter Wishes initiative providing allowances over each of the last two years (£40k per year in total) over the Winter period to help with the cost of living challenges and in addition to set up allowance top ups for young people gaining their own tenancy.</p> <p>All care experienced young people are supported to receive financial help in the form of education and budgeting. Money Matters meet with the Care Hub on a regular basis and offer drop-in sessions or bespoke contacts where appropriate.</p> <p>Almost all young people supported with managing their finances report that they are better placed financially and more informed as a result of the support received.</p>	
B.3.3	Meet housing needs through continued development of Person-Centred Pathway Planning	By March 2024, 100% of young people will have a Person-Centred Pathway Plan	<p>Heads of Service meet fortnightly to review Care Experienced Young People (CEYP) on the Other Category Waiting List. Monitoring information has been developed jointly between Housing and Social Work Resources to reflect CEYP Application Status and prospects of housing.</p> <p>Where a young person is identified as care experienced, they are added to the Other Category Waiting List where appropriate.</p>	Green

			<p>All CEYP to receive Person-Centred Pathway Planning to engage with Housing throughout their journey. A joint Housing and Social Work Pathway Planning Protocol was launched in January 2024.</p> <p>As at 31 March 2024, 100% of CEYP on the 'Other Category' list had a Pathway Plan in place.</p>	
B.3.4	Test the Throughcare Mental Health Pathway is offering the correct level of support for those with low and medium need	By March 2024, 75% of young people have been offered a low or medium need mental health support, report it has improved their mental wellbeing	Test concluded at the end of March 2024, with sustainable model being progressed through the School Nursing Team. 102 referrals were made between August 2022 - March 2024 (average 3.6 per month). Of these, 75% engaged with the service and 63% reported that the support has improved their mental wellbeing.	Amber
B.3.5	Provide targeted support to care experienced young people to engage and sustain participation in South Lanarkshire Local Employability Partnership (SLLEP) funded employability programmes	By March 2024, establish a baseline percentage of care experienced young people engaging with SLLEP funded employability activity progressing to a positive destination	<p>57 care experienced young people participated in SLLEP funded employability programmes. 87.5% progressed to a positive destination of employment, learning (college etc) or further training.</p> <p>The baseline going forward will be 65% progressing to a positive destination.</p>	Green

## Thriving businesses and fair jobs

We will work to make sure everyone has the same opportunities to learn new skills

Outcome: People experiencing barriers to employment are supported into sustainable work

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
C.1.1	Work with employers to progress people to employment	Number of employability participants progressing to employment	623 participants across all programmes have progressed into employment in 2023-24.	Green	623	2023-24	623	2023-24	625	650	700

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
C.1.2	Deliver sector-based training to employability participants	Number of people participating in sector based training	Sector Based Training via Routes to Work South (RTWS) – 42 participants undertook sector-based training and 13 progressed into employment. (Training undertaken included Site Health & Safety, CSCS, HGV Training, Forklift and SIA Security).	Green
C.1.3	Provide in-work support and training through the Upskilling programme	Number of employed people engaging with the Upskilling programme	54 people engaged in the Upskilling Programme during April 2023 until March 2024. 6 participants completed training/qualification in areas of First Aid and Forklift Training. On completion, participants would have received a wage increase, job security and personal development.  During 2023-24 the Upskilling Programme was reviewed due to Scottish Government funding changes and now provides a blend of training and support to employed parents who require support to increase their hours/rate of pay or find alternative employment.	Green
C.1.4	Work with employers to identify vacancies for progression for employability participants	Number of new employer engagement contacts developed and vacancies filled	A new Employer Engagement Team has been established to lead and co-ordinate employer engagement and support across the Employability Service, to identify work placements and suitable job progressions. Just over 300 employers have engaged, with approximately 315 vacancies filled.	Green

## Thriving businesses and fair jobs

We will ensure that the place where you live is at the heart of our response to the climate emergency and help places to become sustainable

### Outcome: Thriving town and neighbourhood centres provide a focal point for local communities

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
C.2.1	Complete the South Lanarkshire wide town centre visioning strategy which will give a strategic overview on the engagement and interventions with town centres over the next 10 years, and a series of town specific strategies and action plans will sit below this, giving a template for placemaking within our communities	<p>Monitor and deliver town centre measures and initiatives in line with town strategies, Community Wealth Building and 20 Minute Neighbourhood approaches.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Town Centre Vacancy Rates – maintain at or below national averages</li> <li>• Businesses supported (including Social Enterprise) – support across towns and places</li> </ul>	<p>South Lanarkshire Council are working with key stakeholders across all our town centres to support businesses and invest in projects and initiatives which support the evolving way in which our towns are used by local communities.</p> <p>In relation to vacancy rates, all our towns, except for East Kilbride, are maintaining levels at or slightly below the national average of around 14%. The council are seeking a move to more service-based businesses and more local traders, which is an encouraging trend and where possible are supported through Business Support.</p> <p>Both East Kilbride and Hamilton contain shopping centres which have lost anchor tenants over the past year. East Kilbride has vacancy levels (c30%) well beyond the national levels and our own targets of circa 12%. Masterplan work to reduce retail space and increase leisure and housing provision is underway in both centres.</p> <p>During 2023-24, there were 1,246 unique businesses supported, in key sectors, with the most prevalent sectors including: manufacturing, construction and engineering, and food and drink. This figure includes 509 start-up businesses, significant in bringing in new jobs and services to the South Lanarkshire economy.</p>	Green

## Thriving businesses and fair jobs

We will make it easy for businesses and social enterprises get all available help and advice from one place

Outcome: South Lanarkshire is an attractive place to start, grow and locate a business

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
C.3.1	Number of new South Lanarkshire business starts supported by Business Gateway (Locally set target)	Total number of businesses/social enterprises supported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New start-ups</li> </ul>	Over 2023-24, the council's Business Support to new start-ups delivered under the Business Gateway (BG) brand supported 509 unique start-up businesses. From February 2024, and following an options appraisal, the BG contract was brought in-house in February 2024 and is managed and delivered by North Lanarkshire Council as lead for BG across the whole of Lanarkshire. South Lanarkshire Council has several satellite locations where BG staff operate from to ensure reach and accessibility to business/social enterprise across South Lanarkshire.	Green	500	2023-24	509	2023-24	500	N/A	N/A
C.3.2	Number of business support interventions per annum by Economic Development (grants, loans or advice) (Locally set target)	Total number of businesses/social enterprises supported <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing organisations</li> </ul>	The council's wider support provided includes funding; dedicated (but not limited to) local business advisor support to assist businesses and plan for growth; access to expert help on a range of relevant topics including Finance; HR; Digital Development and Marketing.  737 unique businesses/social enterprises were supported over the last 12 months. The council and partners also delivered 8	Green	1,200	2023-24	737	2023-24	1,200	N/A	N/A

		events with 982 attendees during this time across a range of activity e.g. Lanarkshire Business Excellence Awards, Build Lanarkshire and Women into Business etc. The council's Business Team made 161 referrals to a range of council, partner and external business supports. This figure is lower than anticipated as it previously included 'new start-ups' performance results, which is now reported as a separate line.								
	Number and value of grants	<p>South Lanarkshire Council's Business Recovery and Growth Fund (BRGF) continues to provide larger grants targeted at existing Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) to support their strategic, longer-term sustainability and growth. This grant funds specific activities to help businesses/social enterprises adapt and grow via Capital Expenditure, Infrastructure Improvements, Training Support, Consultancy Support and Exhibition Support.</p> <p>The council's Micro Grant has had continued demand and success with available grants up to £3K match for businesses and social enterprises. Both grant sources are now funded under the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Over this reporting period 96 grants in total were awarded to the value</p>	Green	£723,000 (Made up of ERDF projected. £483,000 Plus £180,000 SLC monies, plus £60,000 UKSP)	2023-24	96 grants issued. Value £674,273	2023-24	£723,000	N/A	N/A

			of £674,273, this slight shortfall in spend is due to the transition over from European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) funding to UK Shared Prosperity funding on a short hiatus due to a change of funding criteria which required a systems update.								
	Grants awarded to businesses/social enterprises	• Funding leveraged	South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) grants are accessed through an online application form. For the council's micro grant, a lighter touch application is operated, with a quick turnaround. There continues to be significant demand for both the SLC Micro Grant and Business Growth Funding and during this period the grants awarded levered in funding totaling £1,641,754. For every £1 of council grant spent, £2.43 of additional funding has been achieved.	Green	N/A	N/A	£1641.754	2023-24	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total number of jobs	• Jobs safeguarded	As a direct result of South Lanarkshire Council's Business Support 490 FTE jobs have been safeguarded over 2023-24.	Green	500	2023-24	490	2023-24	500	N/A	N/A
	Total number of jobs	• Jobs created	As a result of the direct Business Support on offer, South Lanarkshire Council is reporting 157 FTE jobs created across South Lanarkshire in this reporting period.	Green	Included in above baseline data figure as overall target - jobs created/sustained	2023-24	157	2023-24	N/A	N/A	N/A
	Total number of jobs	• Increase in Turnover	As a direct result of South Lanarkshire Council's Business Support interventions, South	Green	N/A	N/A	£14.5m	2023-24	N/A	N/A	N/A



			Lanarkshire Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) have increased turnover by £14,495,539 in 2023/24.								
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## Caring, connected communities

We will continue to support and encourage every community to identify and act on their local priorities

Outcome: Communities feel empowered to identify and act on their local priorities

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
D.1.1	Ensure communities are engaged and supported to participate in local decision making	Develop standards and a framework for the planning, delivery and evaluation of place based Participatory Budgeting programmes	<p>Participatory Budgeting (PB) ran in all Neighbourhood Planning areas in 2022/23, including Hamilton South to act as a method for the development of the new Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>In 2024/25, the council's Community Engagement Team will co-design a local evaluation model for place based PB which will also consider the approach, quality, outcomes and impact of this process. This will inform a framework and toolkit with local communities. They will also pilot more Third Sector delivery Place Based PB.</p>	Green
		Strengthen the Neighbourhood Planning Participatory Budgeting approach by co-producing standards and a framework for the involvement of young people	<p>Work is progressing on the Neighbourhood Planning Participatory Budgeting approach involving young people. Discussions are taking place on the implementation of the UNCRC right to voice and youth voice in the budget setting.</p> <p>The NHS are carrying out internal work on implementing the UNCRC and a partnership working group on youth voice has been established.</p> <p>An Engagement Partnership page has been established on the CPP website and a review of the South Lanarkshire Community Engagement and Participation Strategy will commence in autumn 2024.</p> <p>Work is also progressing on involving young people in the Community Partnerships and to encourage the Community Partnerships to use the Lived Experience Fund to gather the views of youths.</p>	Green
D.1.2	Fulfil statutory Locality Planning duties to reduce inequalities within identified	Work with local communities in the areas of Hamilton South and East Kilbride South to identify local priorities and prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for their area	The Hamilton South Plan will be submitted to the Community Planning Partnership Board in September 2024 for noting. The stakeholders have written an action plan which highlights what improvements they	Amber

	priority neighbourhoods		<p>would like to make between June 2024 and March 2026.</p> <p>The East Kilbride Plan is still in development. Initial engagement has taken place and data analysis has highlighted hidden issues of inequality that have provided additional avenues of investigation.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Planning community engagement in the East Kilbride South area has been carried out with the community views survey now being completed. Development of the Stakeholder Group is now a priority to build capacity.</p>	
		Evaluate the Neighbourhood Planning approach for South Lanarkshire and implement improvement actions	A review of the Neighbourhood Planning approach will take place in 2023/24.	Green
D.1.3	Ensure children's rights and awareness of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is embedded in the work of partner organisations	Develop a UNCRC webinar to support the understanding of children's rights and the UNCRC across the CPP workforce	A group of young people are designing and delivering a filmed webinar for all public sector staff that provides information on the UNCRC and what public services need to do to ensure children's rights are respected. This training will be available on the council's online training platform and offered to all public sector organisations. This approach puts children and young people at the heart of preparations for the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2014 (Article 42 the right to know your rights).	Green

## Caring, connected communities

We will bring communities together to share priorities and work jointly on them

Outcome: Communities feel connected, share priorities and work together to create change

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
D.2.1	We will bring communities together to share priorities and work jointly on them	Continue to develop and strengthen the membership of the Hamilton and East Kilbride Community Partnerships	Work continues to strengthen the membership of the Hamilton and East Kilbride community partnerships. Governance arrangements including the Chair of the partnerships have still to be agreed.	Green
		Evaluate the Community Partnership approach with Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships and implement improvement actions	There are plans for a self-evaluation and review of future priorities, including group membership. This should be completed before December 2024. Processes for communication, monitoring, reporting and evaluation will also be developed. Data profiles will be developed for each locality. Training needs for the partnership volunteers are currently being identified, and a training plan will be devised and delivered.	Green
D.2.2	Young people will lead the way on actions to tackle climate change and nature loss	Support young people to continue to develop their leadership skills through engagement with the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board on their Climate and Nature priorities	Following the success of an initial Development Session with the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board and members of South Lanarkshire Youth Forum on Climate Change, Scottish Youth Parliament and South Lanarkshire Youth Council, a dedicated annual development session has been agreed to take forward to explore issues and present ideas to progress action to tackle climate and nature change. The Development Session supports the work and efforts of the wider forums and presents the opportunity to develop key skills and confidence of young people.	Green
		Increase youth voice and influence in Community Planning at a locality level through co-producing an approach to youth participation	Work has been undertaken between Youth, Family and Community Learning Service and Social Work to facilitate young people's participation in locality community planning through the youth participation network, that supports young people to actively explore and progress within the South Lanarkshire Youth Council and the Scottish Youth Parliament. This process will see young people supported to explore, identify and present issues and ideas at relevant boards and forums.	Green

D.2.3	Empower communities to improve their own health and wellbeing	Progress the implementation of the South Lanarkshire Age Friendly approach through the development of an implementation plan and supporting the Seniors Community to develop and deliver on actions	<p>Seniors Together in conjunction with the council continue to deliver Age Friendly Older People Assemblies to engage with older people representatives of groups and clubs across South Lanarkshire to share plans to develop an Age Friendly South Lanarkshire.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council provides an overview of the vision at each of these events. It is a requirement of the World Health Organisation's (WHO) membership that there is commitment from the highest political person within the local authority.</p> <p>An implementation plan has been developed and the WHO checklists for each of the eight age friendly domains will now be used as an engagement tool with older people to assist in identifying an age friendly standard for South Lanarkshire citizens. A precursor to this will be an engagement event on 5 September 2024, similar to an Older Peoples Assembly, with colleagues from the council's Planning and Building Standards on the Local Development Plan 3. Some of the themes within the plan mirror the domains of an Age Friendly Community.</p>	Green
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## Caring, connected communities

We will involve local representatives in community planning at all levels, including on the Community Planning Partnership Board

Outcome: Community volunteers feel that they can effectively participate in and contribute to community planning at all levels

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
D.3.1	Develop and deliver training/awareness raising activity to ensure that volunteers can participate effectively in Community Planning	Increase the number of volunteers in our Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Groups who feel confident about their role in Community Planning through capacity building, training and support	<p>Building community capacity and increasing community participation continues to be a priority. Volunteering support and development work has commenced to build capacity and support and establish baselines for monitoring this progress.</p> <p>A range of new engagement approaches are being used to ensure that residents are contributing on their own terms, in their own way and helping to bring the Neighbourhood Plans to life. Examples include the delivery of ACTIVATE which has catalysed the interest of local people, Let's Talk About online discussion, the use of the community HUB model and "community conversations".</p> <p>Membership in Stakeholder Groups has increased or stayed the same. The council's Community Engagement Team have yet to implement baseline reporting to monitor this. The East Kilbride Stakeholder Group requires further community development and input.</p>	Amber
		Increase the number of volunteers in our established locality Community Partnerships who feel confident about their role in Community Planning through capacity building, training and support	<p>Membership in the Clydesdale Community Partnership has increased by over 25% in the last year. There is now 43 volunteers with all Community Council areas having representation. There has been no change to the Cambuslang and Rutherglen membership levels. There are 17 volunteers and the partnership is currently reviewing membership and considering different methods of engaging the wider community.</p> <p>The Partnership Community Development Officer is working with both Community Partnerships to complete a learning and development analysis to better understand their needs and to create a plan to</p>	Green

			<p>deliver these activities. Enquiries are being made about the process for the Community Planning Partnership to obtain Volunteer Friendly status.</p>	
		<p>Train 12 employees/community representatives as Health in the Community (HIIC) Trainers and support them to achieve accreditation</p>	<p>The Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) hosted Health in the Community (HIIC) training on 20 and 21 February 2024 where 12 trainers participated. This training is aimed at increasing community capacity, consolidating community development approaches to tackling inequalities in health.</p> <p>This training highlighted the aims of the course; ideas and guiding principles; learning objectives and becoming a tutor.</p> <p>The participants will require to carry out live sessions with various community groups across South Lanarkshire to achieve their accreditations.</p>	Green
		<p>Increase community representation on the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board and provide youth voice opportunities</p>	<p>Three community members attend the Community Planning Partnership Board representing, Clydesdale and Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnerships and Seniors Together.</p> <p>The establishment of the Hamilton and East Kilbride Community Partnerships is progressing. Once the governance arrangements and future priorities have been confirmed, it is proposed that Chairs for each Community Partnership will be confirmed.</p> <p>Young people are supported to explore, identify and present issues and ideas at relevant boards and forums including with the Community Planning Partnership Board and Community Planning Events.</p>	Green
D.3.2	Upskill employees in participation and engagement approaches	<p>Increase the number of employees who feel more confident in securing the participation and engagement of individuals and communities in their work</p>	<p>The Community Planning Partnership Learning and Development Plan Workstream Group have produced a final draft of eLearning materials and are meeting with the council's Corporate Learning Team to arrange upload onto the Learn on Line platform.</p>	Amber

## Good quality, suitable housing for everyone

We will increase affordable housing supply and improve access to and choice of housing options that suit people's needs

Outcome: Increase overall housing supply and improve access to, and choice of housing options, that suit people's needs and are affordable

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
E.1.1	Deliver the council's Home+ Programme	Increase the number of council homes in South Lanarkshire by 1,300	In total, 326 additional council homes have been delivered through the Affordable Housing Supply Programme since the council's Executive Committee established the 1,300 target on 30 November 2022. This includes 104 new council properties and 222 purchased from the open market.	Green	0	2022	326	2022-24	TBC	1,300 (by March 2027)	TBC
		Maintain the percentage of tenants in council new build properties who are satisfied with their home	226 tenants within 11 new build housing sites were surveyed with a 39% response rate. While the overall satisfaction rate was 84%, in three sites 100% satisfaction was achieved.	Amber	91%	2022-23	84%	2023-24	91%	91%	91%
E.1.2	Provide settled accommodation to households experiencing homelessness	Achieve the annual Local Letting Plan target for social rented properties allocated to homeless households	The 2023-24 annual target for lets to the Urgent Housing Need list, comprising majority homeless households, has been achieved.	Green	55%-65%	2023-24	63%	2023-24	55-65%	TBC	TBC

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
E.1.3	Develop and implement the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP)	Annual approval of SHIP by Housing and Technical Resources Committee	The SHIP 2024-2029 was approved by the council's Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 8 November 2023.	Green
E.1.4	Develop and implement Local Letting Plans (LLP) with proposed annual targets	Annual approval of LLP targets by Housing and Technical Resources Committee	LLP 2024-25 targets were approved by the council's Housing and Technical Resources Committee on 7 February 2024.	Green



## Good quality, suitable housing for everyone

We will work in partnership to improve housing quality and energy efficiency, whilst supporting a just transition to decarbonisation

Outcome: Improve housing quality and energy efficiency whilst supporting a just transition to decarbonisation

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
E.2.1	Improve overall energy efficiency of homes across South Lanarkshire	Increase the average Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) score of all homes with an Energy Performance Certificate in South Lanarkshire	The SAP score has increased as a result of the installation of energy efficiency and decarbonisation measures.	Green	65.1	2021-22	67.0	2023-24	Increase by 1% from baseline	70	TBC
		Increase number of energy efficiency and decarbonisation measures installed across private homes in South Lanarkshire utilising national funding sources	In 2023-24, 161 privately owned properties benefitted from a total of 367 energy efficiency measures being installed through national funding sources.	Green	0	2022-23	367	2023-24	200	600	TBC
		Increase number of energy efficiency and decarbonisation measures installed in council homes in South Lanarkshire	<p>The council continues to deliver its Housing Investment Programme to improve the energy efficiency of its properties and reduce energy costs for tenants.</p> <p>Element 35 of the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) based on EESSH1 criteria is the only energy measure currently being used, 95.39% of our stock pass the standard, which equates to 24,559 properties.</p> <p>The council is awaiting guidance from the Scottish Government on the new Social Housing Net Zero Standard, expected to be published later in 2024-5 (it is</p>	Green	0	2022-23	Data available June	2023-24	100 per year	TBC	TBC

			likely that this measure will be revised following confirmation of new national net zero standard for social housing).							
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Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
E.2.2	Support the delivery of schemes to improve energy efficiency in homes across South Lanarkshire	Develop and implement the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) Scheme	The ECO scheme was launched in South Lanarkshire in July 2023. A total of 333 energy efficiency measures were installed in 127 properties during 2023/24.	Green
		Co-ordinate Energy Efficient Scotland: Area Based Scheme funding (EES:ABS)	During 2023/24, 45 properties (34 private, 11 council properties) were provided with external wall insulation with the aim of improving thermal efficiency and reducing the energy required to heat homes.	Green

## Good quality, suitable housing for everyone

We will work in partnership to prevent and significantly reduce homelessness, and improve outcomes for those at risk of or who experience homelessness

### Outcome: Prevent homelessness and improve outcomes for those at risk of or who experience homelessness

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
E.3.1	Deliver Housing Options Service with the aim of preventing homelessness	Increase the percentage of Housing Option interventions where homelessness is prevented	During 2023-24, 633 (60.8%) of homeless cases were prevented. The operating context in relation to the prevention of homelessness continues to be extremely challenging this year. The prevailing socio-economic conditions adversely impacted upon the ability to prevent homelessness during 2023-24. This trend has been mirrored nationally.	Red	73.5%	2021-22	60.8%	2023-24	70%	TBC	TBC
		Increase the percentage of former homeless households provided with a council tenancy that maintain their home for more than 12 months	Tenancy sustainment has remained strong this year and the target has been achieved.	Green	88%	2022-23	92%	2023-24	TBC	TBC	TBC
		Reduce repeat instances of homelessness	The performance is within the target. All repeat homelessness cases are reviewed to identify patterns and to inform future development and delivery of services.	Green	4.5%	2021-22	3%	2023-24	3%	TBC	TBC

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
E.3.2	Improve access to settled accommodation to homeless households	Continue to implement the Rapid Re-housing Transition Plan (RRTP)	Despite high levels of achievement against several key measures within the RRTP, the level of homelessness in South Lanarkshire continues to increase to unprecedented levels. This is noted in the RRTP annual review and mirrors trends across Scotland. A range of work is being progressed	Red

			locally to help mitigate the situation and the Resource continues to engage with representative groups, such as the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) and Association of Local Authority Chief Housing Officers (ALACHO), to highlight the key issues which require to be addressed at a national level.	
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## People live the healthiest lives possible

We will ensure that all of our services work with people as early as possible to stop problems happening

Outcome: People are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
F.1.1	We will continue to support people to improve their own health and wellbeing and exercise choice and control	Number of people participating in a co-produced Self Directed Support Assessment to exercise choice and control over their care	In Quarter 4, 1,014 co-produced assessments were approved, and 473 new co-produced assessments commenced. An increase in both measures is noted when compared to the Quarter 3, 2023-2024 position. To date, there has been a total of 3,459 co-produced assessments approved and 1,565 new co-produced assessments commenced exceeding the annual target of 3,000.	Green	2,984	2022/23	3,459	2023-24	3,000	3,100	3,200

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
F.1.2	We will continue to establish a Community Led Support approach to promote positive health and wellbeing outcomes and community resilience	Number of employees trained in Community Led Support approach across all localities	Supported by Health Improvement staff, 362 Health and Social Care staff participated in Community Led Support (CLS) training.	Green
F.1.3	We will promote self – care and self-management including technology enabled care	Increase in the number of people supported by Technology Enabled Care to manage their own health and wellbeing	Lanarkshire’s Technology Enabled Care (TEC) Team continues to provide an integrated approach to sustaining people to live independently at home and within their community. It supports and facilitates hospital or integrated care discharges and may also be urgently requested as part of Adult Support and Protection planning or end of life care. The two main programmes of work include Telecare (South Lanarkshire only) and Telehealth (pan-Lanarkshire) such as the Connect Me remote health monitoring service,	Green

			<p>and Near Me video consultations. Demand for assistive technology has continued to increase during 2023-24 with 13% of hospital discharge requests supported through the Home First pathway during March 2024, whilst 63% were installed to improve safety and reduce the risk of harm.</p> <p>The transition of alert alarms from analogue to digital continues to make good progress with 227 digital alert alarms installed in March 2024, bringing the total number of installations to 6,580. A priority focus for the team is in terms of sustainability, where alarms are no longer required by service users. The target is to ensure the team is identifying 70 alarms per month that can be recycled and reused. To date, 965 digital alert alarms have been returned/uplifted and reused saving £156,330 on the cost of replacing these alarms.</p>	
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# People live the healthiest lives possible

## We will increase access, activities and supports that help improve mental health and addictions

Outcome: People, including those with disabilities or long-term conditions, or who are frail, are able to live, as far as reasonably practicable, independently and at home or in a homely setting in their community

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status	---BASELINE---		---LATEST---		---TARGETS---		
					Data	Period	Data	Period	Annual	Med (3yr)	Long (10yr)
F.2.1	We will continue to protect adults at risk from harm	Percentage of statutory supervising officer visits completed within timescale for local authority welfare guardianship orders	In Quarter 4, there was a total of 54 local authority welfare guardianship visits due with 94% (51) being completed on time. A decrease in this quarter is noted when compared with the Quarter 3, 2023-24 position of 98%, however, the target of 90% has still been achieved. To date, there was a total of 251 local authority guardianship visits due with 94% (237) being completed on time. This remains the same when compared to Quarter 3 2023-24.	Green	93%	2022/23	94%	2023-24	90%	90%	90%
		Percentage of statutory supervising officer visits completed within timescale for private welfare guardianship orders	In Quarter 4, there was a total of 499 private welfare guardianship visits due with 95% (474) being completed on time. An increase in this quarter is noted when compared with the Quarter 3 2023-24 position of 91%, target of 90% has been exceeded. To date, there was a total of 2,293 private guardianship visits due with 92% (2,108) being completed on time. This is an increase when compared to the Quarter 3, 2023-24 position of 91%.	Green	93%	2022-23	92%	2023-24	90%	90%	90%

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
F.2.2	We will continue to protect adults at risk from harm	Implement MAT standards across all localities	Medication Assisted Standards (MAT) are a set of nationally agreed evidence-based standards to enable the consistent delivery of safe, accessible, high quality drug treatments across Scotland. They were produced in response to the emergent public health crisis by the Drug Death Task Force. The standards are relevant to people and families accessing or in need of services and Health and Social Care staff responsible for the delivery of recovery orientated systems of care. There are a total of ten standards which services are working to fully implement. Progress on the implementation of the MAT standards continues across all localities with the focus for 2024 to ensure MAT standards 1 to 5 were implemented fully and embedded with the local service and this has been achieved with all five reporting a green rating.	Green



## People live the healthiest lives possible

We will provide high quality day-to-day health and social care services that are accessible to everyone in our community who needs them

Outcome: Health and Social Care Services are centred on helping to maintain or improve the quality of life of people who use those services

Ref	Action	Measure	Comments	Status
F.3.1	Implement Discharge Without Delay to return people to their home or community safely	Embed Home First approach across localities to optimise independence of those discharged from hospital/prevention from hospital admission	The Care at Home Service has been augmented by the addition of four Home First teams based within each locality. The teams use a re-ablement approach, working with Allied Health Professional (AHP) colleagues to optimise independence of service users over a 6 week period and enable them to remain in their own homes, prevent hospital admission, or receive support immediately after discharge from hospital. During the fourth quarter of the year, those in receipt of Home First support required 44% less care at the end of their intervention. Performance has increased from 40% in Quarter three and continues to exceed the 25% target.	Green
F.3.2	We will support carers to maintain their caring role through a personal outcome approach	Number of new carers supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1,398 new carers identified in South Lanarkshire;</li> <li>• 1,161 adult carer support plans progressed; and</li> <li>• 3,533 carers engaged and were supported.</li> </ul>	Green





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## Section 1 - Introduction to Community Planning in South Lanarkshire

### **Preface**

This document is for you, and everyone else who lives or works in South Lanarkshire. It shows the progress of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership during 2023-24 and gives example of the work that we are doing to make a difference; and how this has impacted on local people and communities.

### **What are we?**

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

### **Who are we?**

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

### **What are we trying to do?**

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

### **How do I get involved?**

There are many ways to get involved in your local community and influence the work of the partnership, for example, through volunteering, joining a local action group, helping to find out what matters in your area or getting involved in how decisions are made. More information can be found on the Community Planning website [www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org/info/74/getting\\_involved](http://www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org/info/74/getting_involved).

## Section 2 – Our Ambitions

### Our Ambitions

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

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

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

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

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

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



You can read the full Community Plan on the Community Planning website:  
[www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org/info/1/what\\_is\\_community\\_planning/135/our\\_priorities](http://www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org/info/1/what_is_community_planning/135/our_priorities).

### Section 3 – Community Plan Performance Highlights

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

The following are examples of key areas of work.

- Thriving Businesses and Fair Jobs: 490 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) jobs have been safeguarded over 2023-24 as a direct result of South Lanarkshire Council's Business Support.
- Caring, connected communities: 12 employees from across the partnership participated in the Health in the Community (HIIC) Training hosted by The Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) and will work with communities to deliver what they have learned.
- People live the healthiest lives possible: 1,398 new carers identified in South Lanarkshire.
- Putting learning at the centre: 1,928 adults were supported into work (530 adults) or further/higher education (601 adults). The remaining adults continue to be supported to find work or further/higher education opportunities.
- Our children and young people thrive: 57 care experienced young people participated in the South Lanarkshire Local Employability Partnership (SLLEP) funded employability programmes with 87.5% progressing to a positive destination of employment, learning (college etc) or further training.
- Good quality, sustainable housing for everyone: 326 additional council homes have been delivered through the Affordable Housing Supply Programme.



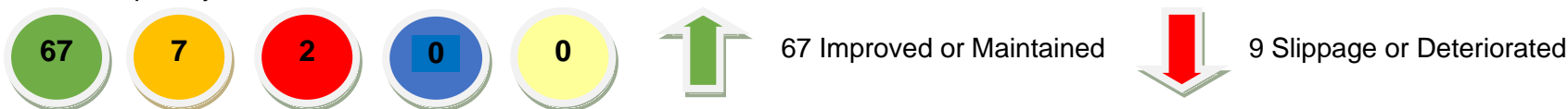
## Section 4 – Community Plan Overall Performance at a glance

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



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



The full CPP performance report can be accessed using the following link ([Owly web link to full Q4 IMPROVe Community Plan appendix to be added – once approved by Board](#)).

Status of priority measures



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

Most improved measures 	Least improved measures 
Number of young people and adults with Additional Support Needs supported into training, employment and education	Increase the percentage of employability participants progressing to positive destinations
By March 2024, 100% of young people will have a Person-Centred Pathway Plan	By March 2024, 80% of participants in the Mellow Bumps Pregnancy Sessions will report increased knowledge and understanding about stress, anxiety and self-care
Number of new employer engagement contacts developed and vacancies	By March 2024, 75% of young people have been offered a low or

Most improved measures 	Least improved measures 
filled	medium need mental health support, report it has improved their mental wellbeing
Increase number of energy efficiency and decarbonisation measures installed in council homes in South Lanarkshire	Increase the percentage of Housing Option interventions where homelessness is prevented
Number of people participating in a co-produced Self Directed Support Assessment to exercise choice and control over their care	Continue to implement the Rapid Re-housing Transition Plan (RRTP)

## Section 5 – Places for Wellbeing: How we are making a difference

### Thriving Businesses and Fair Jobs – Social Enterprise Strategy 2023-2027

#### Why is this important?

44 South Lanarkshire Social Enterprises engaged and participated in a range of programmes including the South Lanarkshire Business Accelerator and Climate Confident South Lanarkshire pilot.

Targeted support to start up and grow Social Enterprise is a key priority for South Lanarkshire Council (SLC), who approved the South Lanarkshire [Social Enterprise Strategy 2023-2027](#) in August 2023. This support outlined in the strategy, supplements, and adds value to the council's existing Business Support Programme.

Many of our Social Enterprises are micro businesses (a very small company with less than 10 employees), often reliant on grant funding and the range of issues they face are broad and complex. Social Enterprises are businesses (albeit ones where the profit is to be reinvested into the business) where the aim of support is to ensure that they become and remain a sustainable business that can compete to win business in the open market.

According to the most recent Scottish Government Social Enterprise Census (2021) there are 177 Social Enterprises operating in South Lanarkshire. The estimated Gross Value Added (GVA) by South Lanarkshire active Social Enterprises in 2021 was £35.2mn. This represents 13.3% Scottish Social Enterprises GVA in 2021. Social Enterprises are local employers and in 2021 employed 1,280 Full Time Equivalent employees – 1.4% of the Scottish total.

Key sectors where Social Enterprises are active here in South Lanarkshire are Childcare and Early Years, Health and Care and Arts and Creative industries.

#### How are we doing?

A Steering Group made up of third sector partners, SLC and NHS Lanarkshire oversees the successful delivery, monitoring, and reporting against the strategy objectives. The strategy priorities align with the national strategy priorities for Social Enterprise, SLC Economic Strategy and the council's Community Wealth Building approach. Taking this partnership approach, the council has delivered a range of capacity building and additional business support programmes including:

Following a successful pilot in 2022/23, council officers working with partners have commissioned two Business Accelerator Programmes aimed at building business growth and sustainability of organisations.

Procurement Workshop – this half day workshop in partnership with the Supplier Development Programme introduced organisations to public sector tendering and how they can do business with the council.

South Lanarkshire Social Enterprise Network – SLC resourced the development of a refreshed South Lanarkshire Social Enterprise Network to encourage networking, peer support and provide an opportunity for meaningful engagement and collaboration across the sector.

Climate Confident South Lanarkshire Pilot – a series of bespoke interventions including the opportunity for organisations to receive expert help, peer learning and access to a digital tool, aimed at supporting organisations to take significant steps towards net zero and positive climate action.

Social Enterprise small grants – match funding to start and/or increase income through trading and work towards sustainability through income generation. Grants available up to 50% of eligible project costs (excluding VAT) and up to a maximum total grant award of up to £2.5k for single organisation applicants and up to £7.5K for consortia applications.

### **Priority Next Steps**

There are several key areas of work underway to directly support the sustainability and growth of local Social Enterprise. Delivering on the objectives set out in the South Lanarkshire Social Enterprise Strategy going forward, we will:

- Explore delivery of a Young Entrepreneur’s Programme in all secondary schools in South Lanarkshire;
- Test new forms of democratic finance and pilot a Community Bond Initiative;
- Build on the work that has taken place with colleagues in the Improvement Service on Shaping Places for Wellbeing and pilot a Community Wealth Building Exchange in the Cambuslang/Rutherglen areas to build supply chain opportunities with Social Enterprises; and
- Deliver a range of additional capacity building and business support e.g. workshops, events, and programmes.

### **What people have said about the Business Accelerator Programmes:**

“I just want to thank you for the delivery of the Leadership Programme. I have found it immensely useful at exactly the right time for me. The mix of group discussion and theoretical sessions to underpin the 1:1 coaching has been of great value”.

“I have found the experience to be quite revelatory! Both in the communicating with peers about shared issues, to the real deep thinking the sessions...”.

“The Programme has exceeded my expectations. I wasn't sure what to expect coming into this but I'm really enjoying it. Not only the Expert's knowledge but also how the group has been facilitated in a way that creates safety for everyone to share. The 1-1 was brilliant”.

### **Further information**

- [Support for Business - Social Enterprise Support](#)

## Caring, connected communities – Climate and Nature

### Why is this important?

The Community Planning Partnership through working with and supporting communities, aims to ensure in its work that steps are taken to mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change and nature change whilst ensuring that no one is left behind. As well as rapidly reducing greenhouse gas emissions (known as 'mitigation'), it is also important to improve resilience to the unavoidable impacts of climate change (known as 'adaptation'). The [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) is the framework which the partnership uses to track and monitor progress. These are a comprehensive set of global goals to end poverty, protect our planet, and improve living conditions for all. Achieving each goal depends on the success of another, for example ending poverty and reducing inequalities must go hand in hand with a healthy economy, whilst protecting the planet. Making sure no one is left behind is critical to the success of delivering on the SDGs. To create stronger, more resilient communities, and support transformational change, residents, community groups, organisations and businesses across South Lanarkshire need to be at the heart of climate and nature change.

### How are we doing?

Community based climate and nature activity during 2023/24, included, increasing the awareness of all of the SDGs including through Community Planning events.

In the lead up to national Climate Change week in September/October 2023, staff visited local community groups and volunteers, businesses, schools/college, an eco farm and a cycle park to learn about the amazing work that they are doing in and around communities across South Lanarkshire and to share their stories with the wider community. You can learn more here: [Climate and Nature Community Action stories](#).

Members of the South Lanarkshire Youth Council and the South Lanarkshire School Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability invited Community Planning leaders to learn more about the climate and nature issues facing young people locally and nationally. These issues included topics such as reducing, reusing and recycling; fast fashion; transport; education; and social media. The young people also shared some of the excellent work that they are doing at school and where they live to tackle some of these issues such as Conference of Schools (COS) events; waste recycling pilots in High Schools; a mobile phone app project; and further exploration of travel and travel habits.

As part of the national Climate Change week and Tackling Poverty week, a community-led event which focussed on 'Having Climate and Nature Conversations that Matter' was held. Community groups and schools from across South Lanarkshire shared their stories with the wider community through various conversation cafes which focused on the themes of green travel, communities in action, nature-based solutions, food growing and engagement. Key speakers were Laura Young (Less Waste Laura) who is an award-winning climate advocate and environmental scientist and Alex Cameron-Smith of Sniffer, which is an environmental charity, working across Scotland on the three key themes of leadership, placemaking and innovation. Those attending were asked to submit a personal pledge. These highlighted the need for a stronger focus on doing more locally, through community led action and personal actions to reduce our impact on the environment. Commitments included the following themes: air quality and emissions; education; energy; food; greenspace; nature and biodiversity; recycling; resilience; transport and waste.

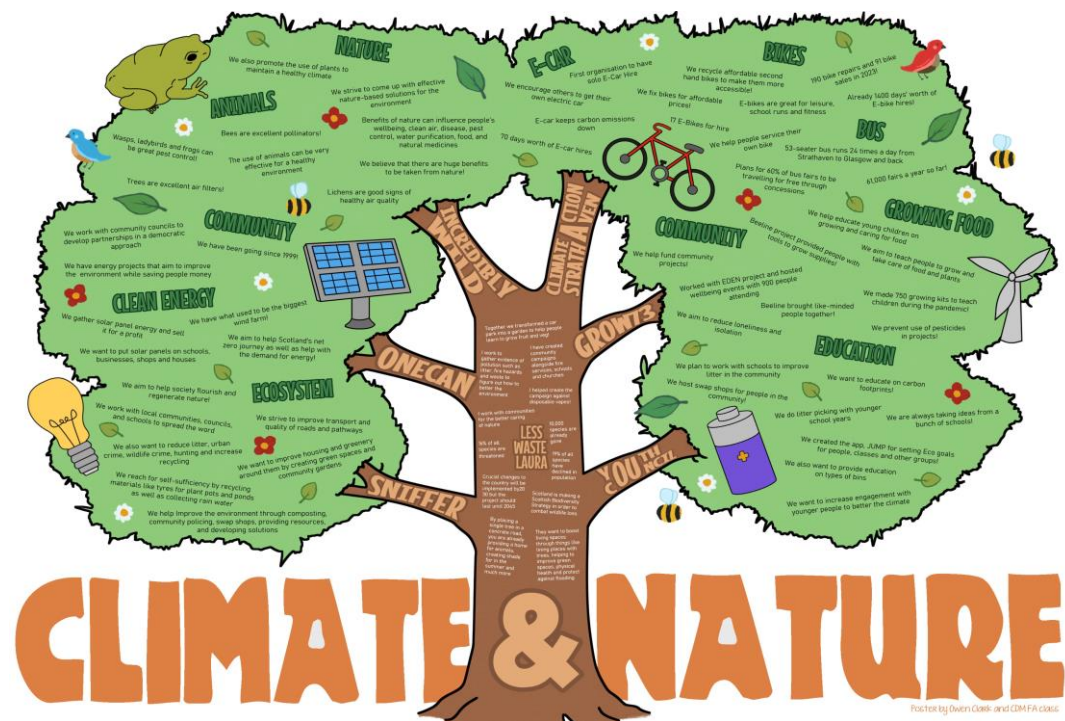
Students from South Lanarkshire College were also in attendance for the purposes of furthering their studies and using their skills to develop a pictorial representation of the discussions and learning from the day as shown below.

## Priority Next Steps

- The council’s Youth Family and Community Learning Team will support young people to continue the dialogue on what matters to them about Climate and Nature with Community Planning leaders.
- The partnership will continue to work with communities to deliver on the “Planet” ambition set out in the Community Plan, and the Partnership’s commitment to ‘invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work’ and ‘to work together to develop local solutions to protect nature and to take action on climate change and support young people to lead the way’. This includes a key area of work to co-produce and co-deliver actions with our communities.

## Further Information

- [Community Planning Partnership - Community Planning Events](#)
- [South Lanarkshire Community Learning and Development Partnership](#)
- [South Lanarkshire Council - Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy](#)



Graphic by South Lanarkshire College Students

## People live the healthiest lives possible – Promoting early intervention, prevention, and health improvement - Telehealth and Telecare

### Why is this important?

South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership is committed to promoting early intervention, prevention, and health improvement so that people can remain independent and live their healthiest life possible. Innovation and change play a key role and we have seen an increase in the use of technology to assist people and promote their independence and help them to remain in their own homes.

Technology Enabled Care (TEC) supports people to maintain essential links with the wider community and live safely and independently at home. Key services include the use of assistive technology and demand for this continues to increase. The redesign of the community alarm service from analogue to digital for 7,000 service users has been successful. Training in TEC for Health and Social Care staff, third party organisations and service users is a key area of focus.

### How are we doing?

There is a range of telehealth and telecare options which people can access, and the following case study provides an insight into the real benefits to people who use them in terms of service and convenience while offering transformational and sustainable options in service delivery. 6,580 digital alert alarms have been installed as of 31 March 2024. The main reason telecare is requested is to improve a person's safety and reduce risk of harm.

There is a dedicated TEC team to support this work. The team is situated in the award-winning Blantyre LIFE Care Campus, where visitors can try out assistive technology such as kettles, virtual assistant technology, personal GPS tracking systems, etc. and speak to the team about how these solutions can support them and their loved ones at home. The TEC zone at Blantyre LIFE is a first of its kind health and social care collaboration with the Glasgow Science Centre. The innovative and interactive TEC zone plays an important role in supporting residents and service users to live independently and well.

**Near Me** is a video consulting service that enables people to attend appointments from home or wherever is convenient. The service is already widely used across NHS Scotland for health and care appointments. The service is now being rolled out across a wide range of public services. All you need is a device for making video calls like a smartphone and an internet connection. Instead of travelling to their appointment, NHS Lanarkshire Near Me allows patients or service users to enter an online waiting area from their computer, smartphone or tablet. The service is notified when they arrive, and a health or care provider joins the virtual consultation. There are also Near Me, Near You community spaces in South Lanarkshire at Biggar Library, Blantyre LIFE, Larkhall Lighthouse, The Old Schoolhouse, Abington, Whitlawburn Community Centre, Forth Valley Community Centre and Coalburn One-Stop Shop.

### Case study – Technology Enabled Care

Karen has progressive Multiple Sclerosis (MS) and lives with her husband Kevin who works full time. Until recently Karen was managing well with support from the Care at Home Service, however, Karen recently experienced several falls. Kevin is very concerned about Karen's safety and wellbeing when at home on her own. A community alert alarm was recommended following assessment and was installed in Karen and Kevin's home. The community alarm alert responders respond to alert alarm activations when Kevin is at work. The Care at Home Coordinator also showed Kevin how to use Amazon Alexa Show's video call "drop-in" function to keep in contact with Karen while he is at work. Kevin purchased smart bulbs to allow Karen to control the lighting in their home from voice commands to the Amazon Alexa device. Karen advised the introduction of technology improved her health, wellbeing and independence. Kevin noted the drop-in feature is invaluable to him in his caring role and provides him with peace of mind when at work.

**Priority Next Steps**

Lanarkshire's Technology Enabled Care (TEC) Team will continue to provide an integrated approach to sustaining people to live independently at home and within their community. The focus of the team is to promote early intervention, prevention and self-management empowering Lanarkshire citizens to use technology to live their best lives, have choice, control and reduce the risk of harm. The team are actively involved with colleagues to identify ways to transform services and provide solutions to make services more sustainable for the future.

**Further information**

- [Assistive Technology](#)
- [Sensory Support](#)



## Putting learning at the centre – Pathfinders Programme for Young People

### Why is this important?

Pathfinders is an alternative intervention initiative with an overarching aim of embedding a Community Learning and Development (CLD) approach within the core of mainstream education to improve outcomes for young people identified as being 'on the edge of care'. The initiative was developed through multi-agency planning to offer appropriate and meaningful support to identified young people and their families. Pathfinders has adopted the attachment theory principles to develop positive and consistent relationships.

The aim of the programme is to deliver support in a non-statutory way, which is provided holistically across a range of settings, school, community and the home. Pathfinder support is bespoke, tailored to each young person and family, and takes the form of both individual and group support. Home visits and parental engagement are key elements of the work. Pathfinder staff are well connected to key partners in the wider community to ensure appropriate referrals into and out of the provision.

### How are we doing?

The Pathfinders Programme is currently embedded within seven schools in South Lanarkshire, with 14 Youth, Family and Community Learning Pathfinder workers. These are: Cathkin High School; Trinity High School; Stonelaw High School; Lanark Grammar School; Calderside Academy, Blantyre; St Andrew's and St Bride's, East Kilbride, and Carluke High School. This is funded through a mix of Whole Family Wellbeing Funding (WFWF) and Pupil Equity Funding. In 2023-24 the programme set a target to engage with 350 young people and families, providing support and sustained engagement that meets identified needs. At the end of March 2024, Pathfinders had worked with a total of 534 young people and families, exceeding our target by 52.5%.

Impact and participation levels are recorded through agreed measures that are reported through the South Lanarkshire Community Learning and Development Plan. The following data demonstrates progress against targets set for the year 2023-24:

- 5% increase in meaningful participation in school or learning in their social skills. Actual increase 88%.
- 5% increase in young people who recognise a positive adaptation in their behaviour. Actual increase 18%.
- 5% increase in young people who identify positive development in their Health and wellbeing. Actual increase 24%.
- 5% increase in meaningful participation in school or learning. Actual Increase 12%.

### Priority Next Steps

The Pathfinders Team have successfully secured funding from the Scottish Government's UNCRC Innovation fund to develop a youth led consultation process that will allow young people to be the catalyst for change in relation to areas that affect their lives. This funding will support the further development of youth voice in relation to developing appropriate interventions and support and has enabled us to create rich opportunities for a committee of 21 young people participating in the Pathfinders programme to directly influence the service that they receive and be involved and influence decisions affecting them/the programme and other young people in South Lanarkshire.

This element of the programme has three distinct phases:-

1. Skills development – to allow the participants the opportunity to develop the key skills and knowledge to actively influence the programme and services they receive.
2. Consultation - the participants will develop and deliver a series of consultation events with their peer groups.

3. Conference/Youth Summit – young people involved will host a conference for key partners, sharing life experiences, barriers to participation and evidence of need to shape future policies.

### What people have said about the programme

“Work placement has given me the opportunity to go do something I like and want to do as a job when I leave school”.

“Football is a hobby and has given me something to do during the holidays. Pathfinders have included me in the Football events during summer. I have met people and friends there”.

“The different opportunities Pathfinders have given me I have been more open to go and trying new things than saying I don’t want to do the stuff. I have done that before”.

“Pathfinders have helped me talk to people more about how you feel helping with my feelings. I can go round there when I am having a bad day or need someone to talk to”. **Young Person**

“Karis and Pathfinders have had an enormously positive impact on my daughter’s life. To have someone who will always be there to support and reinforce that she has talents has been very important to my daughter, to have someone who can provide opportunities which fit her needs, talents and interests has been life affirming for her. Karis has been pivotal in bringing my daughter back to a place of happiness after the struggles she has had, and my husband and I are eternally grateful to Karis”. **Parent of Young Person**

### Further information

- [Youth, Family and Community Learning - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

## **Our children and young people thrive – Family Support Hubs**

### **Why is this important?**

Central to South Lanarkshire's vision for whole family support, is for families to flourish and get the right help at the right time, supporting a child's right to be raised safely within their own families for as long as they need it. Within South Lanarkshire, four Family Support Hubs are now open and provide easier access to help families. The hubs provide an early social work response to pregnant women, babies, children and young people up to 18 years of age to prevent an escalation to statutory teams by providing intensive whole family support. In the first year of operation, the Family Support Hubs have responded to 61% of the total referrals to Children and Family Social Work. The hubs are community facing and offer better access to support for families in Cambuslang, East Kilbride, Hamilton and Lanark. The hubs have had such a positive impact on families, that families themselves are now the second largest referrer to this support in the past year.

### **How are we doing?**

To reduce the number of babies, children and young people who have to live away from their families, we have been supporting all families identified by our Early Years Multi Agency networks as needing extra help during pregnancy with Family Group Decision Making sessions. This approach is expected to empower families to make their own plan to safeguard their child.

In an effort to reduce the use of child protection procedures, the Hamilton Family Support Hub have introduced a Parent Plan approach for vulnerable pregnancies. This approach still ensures there is early identification and response to risk and safeguarding concerns through a robust assessment and review process using a Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) approach. This has been successful, resulting in positive outcomes for families. This approach will be scaled up across all four of the Family Support Hubs in 2024.

A Parenting Support Groupwork Pathway has been expanded to include support for parents with children aged 0-18 years. This includes evidence based and accredited programmes. For those parents not requiring additional or intensive groupwork programmes, the pathway has been expanded to include Family Support Hub specific groupwork programmes. These provide general parenting and wellbeing support, a positive social experience and an opportunity for parents to engage with their local Family Support Hubs.

### **Priority Next Steps**

A reflective Practice Coordinator is aligned to the hubs to support trauma informed practice amongst staff. In year two, a Trauma Recovery Councillor will support families. The counsellor will work directly with families, as an early intervention approach before a situation has escalated and in line with local and national priorities.

During consultation, families said that staff with relevant lived experience should work in the Family Support Hubs. In 2023, 3.5 individuals with lived experience were recruited. They work across all four Family Support Hubs. Their remit within the team is to try to reduce the impact of parental substance use by providing support to parents to address any barriers to their recovery. Evaluating and building upon the initial successes of peer support remains a priority. The support has been received positively by parents, Social Work colleagues and partners.

### **Peer Support Worker Case study – Sharon's Story (name has been changed)**

Sharon was referred to me following a period of emotional crisis. She uses cannabis to deal with her mental health and is significantly affected by her partner's alcohol use. Establishing the relationship from the start was slightly difficult as Sharon didn't feel she could trust services due to being let

down with her previous service from Social Work. I had initially formed a relationship over the phone with Sharon for about two weeks, as her having someone to speak to when she was feeling most on edge and anxious was reassuring for her to feel comfortable and understood before I managed to visit her in her home.

I had shared my lived experience with Sharon, we had so much in common with certain life events growing up which we could relate together, we could then navigate the emotions and triggers to a point of acceptance to allow Sharon to move forward with life again, being able to relate to Sharon has helped strengthen the working relationship between ourselves.

I helped Sharon link in with the Clydesdale Resource Network – Mental Health Team in Lanark, also supporting Sharon to contact the doctor for referrals to her Community Psychiatric Nurse (CPN) and councillor for ongoing support. There was quite a lot of barriers at the start as Sharon has felt misunderstood in the past from her CPN and counsellor, the experience had caused her to disengage from the services and her mental health had spiralled into an emotional dark place.

Working together to build up Sharon's confidence and self-assurance has improved her mental health and day to day living. Sharon is more driven and motivated to embrace day to day tasks and follow through with her routines for the children and herself. Her confidence has now increased, and she is learning to play the ukulele and piano and going to join a local music group.

Levels of stress within the family home have reduced significantly, Sharon is more confident in lifting the phone and seeking appropriate supports from Mental Health Services, family and friends and social work. Relationships with family members have also improved.

I have learned in this experience that crisis can come at any time but so can solutions, and being able to problem solve with Sharon has been effective. I feel pointing out Sharon's strengths and talents crossed out her negative self-concept and gave me great fulfilment knowing what work I was putting in was being reciprocated as both Sharon and I were reaching goals together.

Feedback from Sharon:

"Carol has been amazing. When we started, she said her goal was to help me get to a point where I don't feel like I need to move away to solve my problems. Didn't think that was likely but was wrong. It's helped to have someone safe to talk to and to feel like I have someone on my side. It's been easier to maintain the house and focus on moving forward again instead of feeling overwhelmed and frozen. I'm almost grateful for what happened before now because I doubt anyone else would have been able to help as much as she has".

### **What people have said about the Family Support Hubs**

"The support helped me to improve mine and my children's situation, not only their environment but wellbeing too. My perception of Social Work has changed as a result".

The support from the hub has helped me overcome all obstacles in my way and helped get my confidence back as their kind words has reminded me of the person who I truly am throughout my healing process".

“I have found the approach to be more supportive than my previous experience of Social Work and I’m planning to also take up the option of attending the parenting groups offered”.

“My hub worker helped me and my daughter get through a traumatic experience of domestic abuse by spending time with us, being available when we needed her and having a caring and supportive approach”.

“I would not have managed over the past few months without having the emotional support. It has got me through a very difficult period, and even if I didn't call one week, just knowing someone was there for me if I needed it was great”.

**Further information**

- [Family support hubs - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

## Good quality, sustainable housing for everyone – South Lanarkshire ECO4 Scheme

### Why is this important?

The South Lanarkshire Local Housing Strategy 2022-2027 aims to ensure everyone has access to a home that they can afford and meets their needs. This includes the ability to heat and maintain their home, with the higher cost of energy alongside other cost of living pressures having impacted on the affordability of heating and maintenance, putting them in or at risk of fuel poverty. Private home owners on lower incomes or with residents who are vulnerable to the effects of a cold home may be particularly affected, including homes with very young children, older people, and people with health problems.

The Scheme also aligns with the Scottish Government's Climate Change Plan that sets out a pathway for achieving Net Zero. Also, with the Scottish Government's Heat in Buildings Strategy, that includes proposals to create a new Heat in Buildings Standard, requiring people who own their home to meet a minimum energy efficiency standard by 2033 and private rented home owners, by 2028.

### How are we doing?

Recognising these challenges, in 2023 South Lanarkshire Council was amongst the first local authorities in Scotland to fully launch a new 'Energy Company Obligation Scheme'. This allows national energy company funding to be used by locally based contractors to make energy efficiency improvements to eligible private tenure homes at no cost to the homeowner or landlord.

Administered through Ofgem, the current version of the Scheme is known as ECO4 and runs until March 2026. Local authorities participate play a significant role working with contractors to ensure that the funding reaches households who will benefit the most.

The South Lanarkshire ECO4 Scheme launched in July 2023 and so far, 128 private tenure households have benefited from the installation of retrofit energy efficiency measures. Within these, 326 measures have been installed over that period, surpassing the 300 annual target set out in the council's Local Housing Strategy and Community Plan. A range of 18 different measures have been installed, with the most common installations being new Solar Power systems (23% of installations) and boilers being upgraded to a renewable energy heating system (21% of installations). Twenty properties have benefited from first time central heating and 77 properties have benefited from a variety of home insulation measures (23%). Each of these will contribute to making homes being easier to heat and reduced bills for residents.

### Priority Next Steps

The scheme can be targeted to areas assessed as having poor property conditions, or where particular customer groups and household compositions reside. By working in partnership with the Fuel Poverty Group and contractors, we aim to ensure that the scheme reaches those most in need and at risk of fuel poverty.

#### Case study - ECO4 Scheme by South Lanarkshire Council

A resident who had issues with her boiler contacted Retrofit Group who are one of several approved ECO installers in South Lanarkshire. After gathering some more information, she was advised that the household could be eligible for ECO funding as the household income was less than the £31,000 threshold.

The old heating system was temperamental, so the company prioritised a surveyor's visit to carry out an assessment of the heating system. From this, the recommended energy efficiency measures were to replace the boiler with a new condensing boiler and to upgrade the heating controls.

Once the company submitted all the paperwork, an assessment of eligibility was completed by the council within one week, and the installation was completed by the engineer within a single day, minimising the disruption to the resident.

The resident told Retrofit, “I have just had the hottest shower since I moved into the property in August last year. This has taken away a lot of anxiety for me! I now know that when I turn on the tap or shower that I have hot water and I don’t have to continually boil my kettle. Thank you so much”.

Through ECO4, this resident who lives on a low-income, now has an improved heating system providing better energy efficiency, a warm home and safe access to warm water.

### **Further information**

More information on eligible households and approved contractors for South Lanarkshire ECO4 can be found in the links below:

- [ECO Flex for suppliers - South Lanarkshire Council](#)
- [ECO Flex approved contractors - South Lanarkshire Council](#)
- Contact: [ECO4Flexscheme@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:ECO4Flexscheme@southlanarkshire.gov.uk)

## Section 6 – Working with Communities: How you can get involved

### Community Participation and Engagement

#### Why is this important?

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

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

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



## Working with Communities: Neighbourhood Planning

### Why is this important?

Neighbourhood Planning is where both residents, local agencies and organisations are committed to working together to develop local plans for their communities. This work aims to reduce the inequalities that exist in our most deprived communities and improve outcomes for residents. Key to this is supporting communities to drive the process and work alongside partners and service providers. Together they build a shared understanding of local needs and priorities and respond to these making the most of our shared resources.

Neighbourhood Planning involves communities in real and meaningful ways and has created positive change in these communities. For more information on the progress that has been made in these areas please see the communities' Annual Reports:

[www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/info/26/community\\_matters](http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/info/26/community_matters)

### How are we doing?

We are working with nine communities to progress Neighbourhood Planning and a further one area is in progress. The following is a snapshot of current activity in some of the areas that are currently developing new plans.

#### Hamilton South

The Hamilton South Plan includes the areas of Eddlewood, Fairhill, Low Waters and Laighstonehall. Local people and the Stakeholder Group have created a plan that includes actions that recognise both the individual and collective communities of their area. The Stakeholder Group meets every six weeks and is growing all the time, with both officers and community representatives attending regularly from across the whole area.

#### East Kilbride South

In East Kilbride South, the first Stakeholder Group meeting was held in August 2023. This was well attended by local groups and organisations. At that meeting, it was agreed to proceed with a whole ward plan and start the consultation to find out more about the hopes and aspirations of local people to inform the plan. An online consultation was held in October 2023 followed by door-to-door consultation within the priority area in November. The door-to-door work and visits to five local schools were completed in March 2024. The information will be analysed at the end of April 2024 with the plan on track to be in draft in Summer 2024 and to be completed and ready to present to the CPP Board in September 2024.

In East Kilbride South, the first Stakeholder Group meeting was held in August 2023. This was well attended by local groups and organisations. At that meeting, it was agreed to proceed with a whole ward plan and start the consultation to find out more about the hopes and aspirations of local people to inform the plan. An online consultation was held in October 2023 followed by door-to-door consultation within the priority area thereafter. Engagement work was also carried out at the 5 primary schools. The consultation closed on 2 May 2024 with 782 survey responses. Next steps are to develop the Stakeholder Group, to build its capacity and carry out further consultation to conclude the engagement activity and identify local priorities.

#### Case study – Burnhill Neighbourhood Plan

A local group in Burnhill have developed a derelict piece of land they call the “High Backs” to use as a community space as there is a lack of facilities in the area to host community activity. This includes space for community growing in raised beds, a potting shed and a poly tunnel and three outhouses/sheds within the garden to be used as a coffee hut, community pantry, a space for activities and a stage for the young people in the area.

The main issues being addressed are the top 10 priorities highlighted by local people in the Neighbourhood Plan which are: more social and recreational

opportunities, housing and environmental improvements, play park and sports park improvements, stronger and better communities, better education training and employment opportunities, greater community safety, health improvements, better financial wellbeing, easier to get about and move around, and more variety of shops and businesses.

Some of the activities and projects designed to address these issues are Wellbeing Hubs, Family Hubs, Citizen's Advice Drop in, Parent Café, Youth Action Group, Cooking Courses, coffee mornings. Throughout the year they also organise free themed community events such as summer fun days, Easter egg hunts, Halloween events and a Christmas Elf Trail for the whole community. The group are currently working on creating a community pantry to allow local people access to free food and other household essentials, becoming a free sanitary product outlet and working to create a project plan with a developer to explore the potential for further development of the community space.

Some of the highlights from this year's Neighbourhood Planning Progress Report are:

- 254 local people took part in the Participating Budgeting process, allocating funding to local projects.
- Over 50 people accessed free sanitary products.
- £50 vouchers for 100 residents to help with the rise in the cost of living.
- 8 adults took part in a healthy 'on a budget' cooking class.
- 15 cold weather packs given out to elderly residents.
- Coffee mornings with over 25 people present at each one.
- 950 residents attended the free big community events Easter, Summer, Halloween and Christmas.
- 1,000 people following the What's On in Burnhill social media page – the average post reach is 4.4k.
- 50 pumpkins, 100 advent calendars and 100 Easter eggs were given out for free to families.
- Burnhill Young Volunteers recognised with a volunteering award.
- 50 residents attended bingo in the High Backs.
- 100 residents were involved in outings/trips.
- 35 residents attending weekly Family and Wellbeing Hubs.
- 60 young people took part in the football summer club arranged by Glencairn Football Club 2006s.

**Link to High Backs Youtube video:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-eBGdIXqZwY>

### **How can you get involved?**

If you have an interest in any of the communities that already have a Neighbourhood Plan, you can get involved by supporting delivery of the plan. If you would like more information or would like to get involved in Neighbourhood Planning in your community, please contact the Community Engagement Team. You can call us on 0303 123 1017 or email us at [communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk)

### **Further information**

- [South Lanarkshire Community Plan 2022-2032](#)
- [Neighbourhood Plans - Annual Progress Reports](#)
- [South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership](#)
- [Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015](#)
- [National Standards for Community Engagement](#)

## Working with Communities: Community Partnerships

### Why is this important?

South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership is wholly committed to ensuring that communities are fully engaged in the process of Community Planning.

To achieve this, and to strengthen local democracy and community led decision making, locality-based Community Partnerships are being developed. Two have already been formed in the Cambuslang/Rutherglen and Clydesdale locality, and a further two are currently in development in the East Kilbride and Hamilton localities. The Community Partnership will act as an intermediary between the Neighbourhood Planning Stakeholder Groups, Community Councils and the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board.

There are 3 key commitments highlighted within South Lanarkshire's Community Plan. These are supported and delivered in the work of the Community Engagement Team in partnership with Community Planning Partners, and other key stakeholders. These include the following:-

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

### How are we doing?

The Community Planning Partnership Community Development Officer supports the meetings of the established Partnership groups in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale localities. Both groups identify priorities and needs from within the localities, work with partners and communities to deliver on these and present updates on their progress to the strategic Community Planning Partnership Board. Since June 2022, a representative from each Partnership has attended the Board on behalf of their groups.

Both established Community Partnerships are currently focussing on how they will share information about their work within their local communities. One way to do this is using the Community Planning website to highlight action points from meetings, as well as future planning and priorities. This will further emphasise their essential roles in the Community Planning process and will publicise them more within the local areas. They are also focusing on the allocation of Lived Experience Funding, which will assist in their aim to reduce deprivation and tackle poverty.

Partnerships in the East Kilbride and Strathaven and Hamilton localities (Hamilton includes Blantyre, Bothwell, Hamilton, Larkhall, Stonehouse, Uddingston) are currently being developed. Work will continue to strengthen the new Community Partnerships in these areas and there will be further meetings with Community Councils and Stakeholder Groups.

### How can you get involved?

Community Partnerships maximise opportunities for local people to be more involved, and influential in decision making that affects them in line with the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership strategic priorities. Community Councils, Neighbourhood Planning, and other area stakeholders such as Community Led Planning Groups are currently involved in Community Partnerships. If you or your group would like to get involved, or require further information, please contact [communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk) or 0303 123 1017.

You can also visit the following website for more details and information regarding community planning, and Community Partnerships in South Lanarkshire:- [https://www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org/info/1/what\\_is\\_community\\_planning/136/community\\_partnerships](https://www.southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org/info/1/what_is_community_planning/136/community_partnerships).

“I am really enjoying working alongside representatives from the four Community councils across Cambuslang and Rutherglen and the four Our Place Our Plan Stakeholder Groups. Although we are still relatively new, our role is to act as an intermediary to ensure that communities are properly and meaningfully engaged, involved and influential in Community Planning and the work of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board”.

Cheryl Burnett, Springhall and Whitlawburn OPOP Stakeholder and Chair of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership.

#### **Further information**

What is Community Planning?: [The Community Planning Partnership in South Lanarkshire and what it could mean to you \(youtube.com\)](#)

## Working with Communities: Sustainable Development and Climate Change

### Why is this important?

Climate change and sustainable development are important considerations for community planning because they have significant implications for the well-being of communities, the environment, and future generations. This has been identified as a priority in the new Community Plan and can only be delivered through working together, with our communities. Community Planning Partners can help to ensure that development is resilient, sustainable, fair, and that legal requirements are met.

Empowering communities to take climate action and be more environmentally sustainable is one of the council's priority actions and work in this area reflects wider understanding of community participation in tackling climate change. Recognising that public engagement is central to tackling the impacts of climate change, the Scottish Government set out a framework for engaging the people of Scotland in a transition to a net zero nation by 2045. The three objectives underpinning the framework which set out the importance of community planning are noted below:

- **Understand** – Communicating climate change and how it relates to people's lives;
- **Participate** – Enabling participation in shaping just, fair, and inclusive policies that promote mitigation and promotion of climate change; and
- **Act** – Encourage taking climate action in households, communities and places.

### How are we doing?

As communities are central to creating a just and fair transition to net zero, over the past year we have undertaken community place-based climate action across South Lanarkshire to support and empower communities to become sustainable, inclusive and thriving places. Led by the council's Sustainable Communities Engagement Officer (SCEO), work has focused on building relationships between communities, council services and external partners to help support and encourage climate action at a community level. The officer has been involved in several community-based initiatives during 2023/24 aimed at supporting engagement on climate and sustainability focused issues across South Lanarkshire. Direct engagement with community groups has helped them to achieve their aspirations with regards the sustainable development and climate change agenda. Examples include:

- Supporting delivery of the ONECAN Carluke Community Climate Conference;
- Supporting community networking and learning exchanges directly within communities; and
- Supporting grant applications to help realise community aspirations.

### How can you get involved?

South Lanarkshire Council will continue to administer the Climate Emergency Fund over the coming year which will be made available to community groups who are looking to pursue environmental, sustainability, or climate change projects. These grants will allow communities to implement activity that is important to them and will better enable them to respond to the unique challenges areas face in tackling climate change and its local impacts. You can get involved by applying for a grant to help deliver activities in your communities. Grants of up to £2,500 are available to community groups and partner organisations and information on how to apply can be found by following the link below.

### Further Information

- Sustainable development and climate change strategy:  
[www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200303/climate\\_change\\_and\\_sustainability/2100/sustainable\\_development\\_and\\_climate\\_change\\_strategy](http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200303/climate_change_and_sustainability/2100/sustainable_development_and_climate_change_strategy)

- Climate Emergency Grants:

[www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200168/getting\\_involved\\_in\\_your\\_community/2023/climate\\_emergency\\_and\\_social\\_enterprise\\_grants](http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200168/getting_involved_in_your_community/2023/climate_emergency_and_social_enterprise_grants)

## Working with Communities: Community Led Planning

### Why is this important?

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

### How are we doing?

Communities across South Lanarkshire in the Clydesdale, East Kilbride and Larkhall areas have created their own Community Action Plans. These plans have been developed through extensive community engagement activity delivered by local people, for the benefit of the whole community to take ownership of and work together to achieve the priorities set out in the plan. You can find more information about the communities that have their own plans and view their latest plans on the Community Planning website: - [https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/458/local\\_community\\_plans](https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/458/local_community_plans).

### Case Study – Crawford Community Led Plan Engagement Work

In 2023, community representatives in the village of Crawford came together to consider how they understand their community and collectively decided to undertake a community led planning exercise to get to know their community better, enhancing their understanding of the priorities of the people within the village and moving forward towards having stronger collective action for the future.

A Steering Group of 10 local members was created, with representation from six local community groups and some local residents who were not part of a community group. To truly get the value out of this experience, the group decided to lead every element of the community planning exercise themselves instead of appointing any contractors to ensure full attention to detail from the onset. They designed a survey to find out the views of the community. This was delivered to every property in the area (including 51 rural remote properties). The response rate from this survey exceeded the 40% target the group had set.

The Steering Group hosted a community event to share the survey feedback and identify key projects for action, using this engagement session to fully understand how these priorities would be achieved. They used interactive stalls, for example in the village shop, community café, village hall to show physical examples of how to achieve the priorities in the community's plan. This is a unique engagement method, created to encourage active participation from community members in supporting the next stages of the Community Plan once launched.

Whilst this process has been ongoing, the Village Hall was listed for closure. As a result of their engagement work, the Steering Group were able to identify that the village hall is an important asset within the community and is valued by local residents. The Steering Group has taken steps to become a registered charity Crawford, Elvanfoot, Dar Action Resource (CEDAR) so that they can apply for a Community Asset Transfer to retain the village hall as a community asset.

### How can you get involved?

If you have an interest in any of the communities that already have a local action plan, you can get involved by supporting delivery of the plan. If you live or work in a community that would like to create their own action plan, please see our local Community Planning Toolkit for further information. If you would like more information, please contact the Community Engagement Team. You can call 0303 123 1017 or email us at [communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk).

**Further information**

Community Planning Toolkit: [www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/365/community\\_led\\_planning\\_toolkit](http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/365/community_led_planning_toolkit)

If you would like a copy of the toolkit, including template documents, please email: [contact@southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org](mailto:contact@southlanarkshirecommunityplanning.org)



## Working with Communities: Participatory Budgeting

### Why is this important?

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

### How are we doing?

The PB process has been adopted across nine Neighbourhood Planning areas who are sharing a bigger budget than usual thanks to match funding from the national lottery. £286,000 (allocation based on population size) was shared between these neighbourhoods and a variety of approaches are being used to allocate this funding, based on local circumstances. Three neighbourhoods had undertaken their PB processes in 2022/23 while our other communities have completed their own this year.

2,996 local people have had their say on how money should be spent within their community. Example of projects funded across all areas include: youth activities including, youth clubs, football, skateboarding, and a playscheme; family activities and community events; mental wellbeing support; food growing; emergency food aid; keep fit classes; and a child and family programme. The Hamilton South area participated in its first Participatory Budgeting (PB) exercise, and after doorstep, online and community voting, £21,000 was allocated to groups and organisations who operate locally and benefit local residents. The beneficiaries of the funding have participated in training, promoted sustainability through environmental based projects and contributed to supporting local groups to assist with the current economic challenges being faced in communities.

“Hamilton South Church would just like to say a huge thank you for the recent grant award of £2,000 which will allow us to purchase new integrated ovens and hobs for our kitchen. This new kitchen equipment will help us extend our work and widen our partnerships across Hamilton South. We intend to link with local community groups and organisations in terms of offering our facilities for cookery classes, improving skills, and promoting healthier eating. Our weekly lunch club will also benefit as we can now offer a wider variety of hot food”. Hamilton South Church Volunteer

### How can you get involved?

If you would like more information or would like to get involved in Neighbourhood Planning in your community, please get in touch with the Community Engagement Team. You can call us on 0303 123 1017 or email us at [communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:communities@southlanarkshire.gov.uk).

### Further information

- [PB Scotland - Participatory Budgeting in Scotland](#)
- [The PB Charter for Scotland - PB Scotland](#)
- [South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership - Community Matters](#)

## Working with Communities: Volunteering

### Why is this important?

During the economic crisis, volunteers within South Lanarkshire continue to give their time, energy, and commitment every day to support their communities. Relieving pressure on statutory services, volunteering is an essential for the delivery of life saving interventions the Third Sector offer. The benefits of volunteering are evident, volunteers have a direct impact on improving mental health, reducing social isolation and an increase in wellbeing for themselves and those they support.

### How are we doing?

The benefits of a collaborative approach to volunteering are as apparent now as they were when the “post COVID learning and evaluation exercise” was carried out. To build on the positive effect partnership working has on communities, Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan) and South Lanarkshire Council’s Employability Services have been working together to create a smoother journey into volunteering. The new employability pathway is a streamlined referral path, working closely with key workers across four employability programmes. Key workers aim to remove barriers to volunteering by offering support in areas such as confidence building, life, and social skills. At the point where these barriers are reduced, a VASLan Volunteer Support Officer offers a tailored approach to volunteering placement, working with the key worker and volunteer. The Development Officer will link potential volunteers with opportunities throughout South Lanarkshire ensuring a stable, secure, and successful placement.

2022 saw the creation of the South Lanarkshire Volunteering Strategy, endorsed by all partners through signing a Volunteering Pledge. VASLan took the lead on the creation of the strategy and the partnership continues to utilise the strategy to promote good practice and strengthen the volunteering offer to South Lanarkshire. Continuing to support and guide partners and voluntary organisations in good volunteering practice remains one of VASLan’s main priorities. Working in partnership with Volunteer Scotland they will continue to promote the Quality Standards Pipeline and to support organisations to sign the Volunteer Charter, achieve Volunteer Friendly or Investing in Volunteers accreditation. VASLan are proactive in promoting good volunteer management, supporting organisations to apply and gain the quality standard their organisation is eligible for.

Coming out of the COVID pandemic, and facing daily cost of living challenges, it is vital that VASLan work with partners and the Third Sector to support the delivery of services by creating a strong volunteer network. Supporting the creation of flexible, inclusive, and diverse volunteering opportunities will remain to be an essential part of their work, by doing so VASLan will support volunteers into meaningful opportunities while supporting the Third Sector to thrive.

The following are some of the highlights of 2023/24:

- **728** new volunteers registered;
- **80** volunteers given tailored pre-volunteering support;
- **1,591** volunteering placements facilitated;
- **82** new volunteering opportunities created;
- **11** organisations have achieved a quality standard. **21** are currently working towards a Quality Standard and an additional **14** have indicated an interest;
- **377** new Saltire volunteer registrations;
- **20,088** Saltire hours logged;
- **5** Saltire Group Administrators approved; and
- **274** Saltire Certificates issued.

**Further Information:**

- [Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire \(VASLan\)](#)

## Working with Communities: Community Asset Transfer

### Why is this important?

Local councils, the Scottish Government and other public authorities, own or rent lots of land and buildings, like schools, hospitals, parks and forests. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 gives community organisations a right to ask to take over control of land or a building. If the community organisation's plan is better for people, they will be allowed to buy, rent or have the use of it. This is called Community Asset Transfer (CAT). The Act sets out specific criteria that needs to be met by community organisations. The ownership or control of community assets is a powerful tool for communities to drive change and achieve their goals.

The CAT process allows statutory partners including the council to work closely with their communities to develop local services and provision that are responsive to the needs of residents. By capitalising on the local knowledge and expertise of those who live in these communities we can assist in the flexible usage of public sector assets and work together to make the greatest impact possible in the communities in which we serve.

### How are we doing?

In 2023-24, South Lanarkshire Council was the only Community Planning Partner that dealt with Community Asset Transfer requests. South Lanarkshire Council's CAT Officer continues to work with a high degree of interest from local residents and community groups to take advantage of the legislation by using land and property owned by the council. During 2023/24, SLC received and validated seven CAT requests. Three of these were for the purchase of land, the remaining four for lease. Four were approved, one declined, one temporarily withdrawn, and one continues to be negotiated. The number of ongoing enquiries, which have been supported, has also grown, with over 50 organisations working on proposals from community growing spaces to community football pitches. In addition, due to potential closures of buildings because of funding pressures in South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture, the CAT Officer has been supporting 27 potential transfers to interested parties.

### How can you get involved?

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

#### **Blantyre Soccer Academy – Larkfield Hall and Stonefield Pitches**

"The CAT Officer supported Blantyre Soccer Academy with their approach to purchase both land and a former community centre from the council to develop these into an asset worthy of the Blantyre community which they serve.

The group developed and submitted a comprehensive business plan and have already worked with the Scottish Football Association to receive funding which will support the pitch development aspect of this property.

Everybody involved is excited about the potential of this project". Jimmy Whelan, Chairperson Blantyre Soccer Academy

## Further information

- [Community Asset Transfer](#)

## Working with Communities: Participation Requests

### How are we doing?

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

In 2023-24, no participation requests were received by Community Planning Partners.

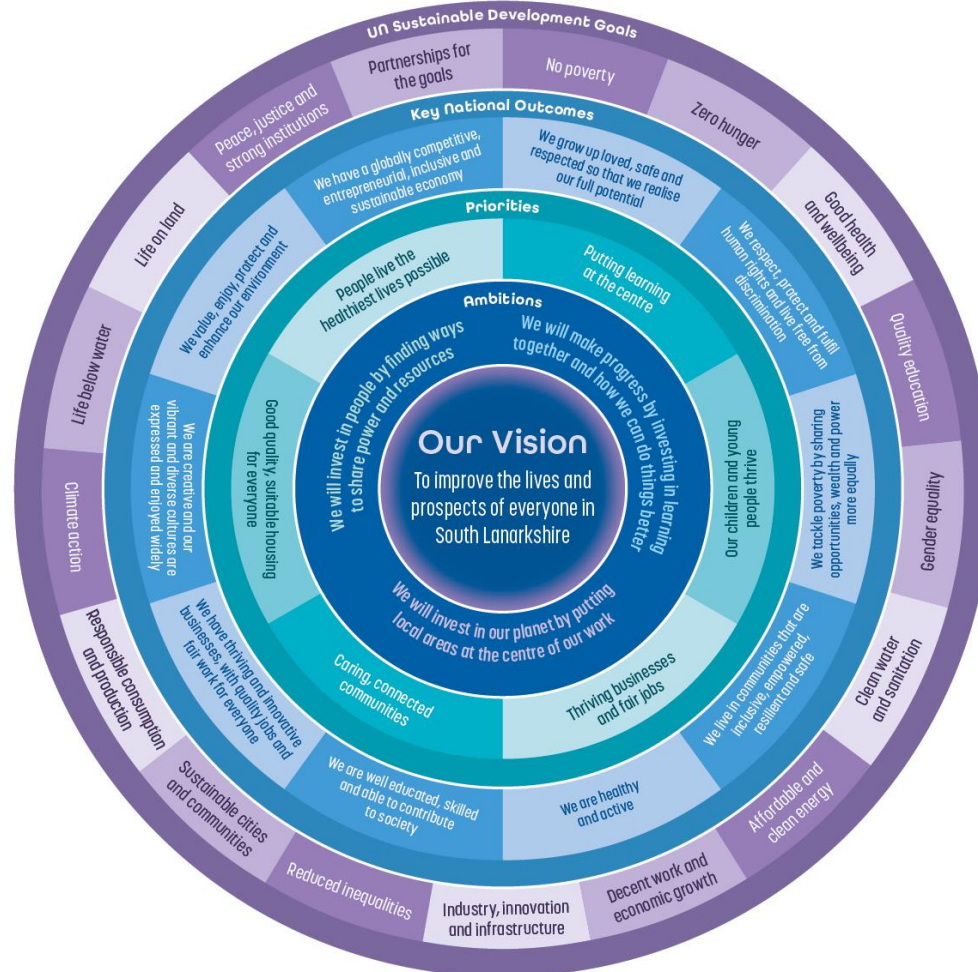
To make a participation request, your group must meet some requirements including having a membership open to your community and working for community benefit. Your first step should be getting in touch with the public body you would like to work with for assistance in getting started.

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

### Further information

- [Participation Requests](#)
- [Annual report 2023-2024 - South Lanarkshire Council](#)

## Links to the National Performance Framework and UN Sustainable Development Goals



### CPP Structure Diagram





## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 September 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Marmot Place for South Lanarkshire
<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>◆ inform the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) members of the Marmot approach to place and establish a rational for a South Lanarkshire application for support to have a local Marmot Place</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 South Lanarkshire Council, in partnership with NHS Lanarkshire, host and submit an application to participate in the Scottish Marmot Place Pilot on behalf of the CPP;</li> <li>(2) note that the Hamilton locality is the Marmot Place area within which we will apply to the Marmot Place Model; and</li> <li>(3) Agree to incorporate the CPPs planned whole systems working project into the Marmot Pilot.</li> </ol>
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ All ambitions/principles.</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This report sets out the Marmot approach to place and establish a rational for a South Lanarkshire application for support to have a local Marmot Place;</li> <li>◆ Section 4 summarises the eight Marmot Principles which have evolved from an evidence-base of social determinants of health;</li> <li>◆ Section 5 details the CPP whole systems approach, the process involved and aligning to the CPP's Community Plan;</li> <li>◆ Section 6 highlights the Place Planning for Economic and Social Impact work which is taking place through the preparation of the Local Development Plan 3;</li> <li>◆ Section 7 details the Marmot Place Scottish Programme which will operate as a 2-year partnership between IHE,</li> </ul>

	<p>Public Health Scotland and three Scottish local authorities to foster a whole system collaboration; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Section 8 highlights the proposed Marmot approach and the various proposals to be considered by the Partnership Board, timelines involved for the application process and the application criteria.</li></ul>
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# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>18 September 2024</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Marmot Place for South Lanarkshire</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ inform the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) members of the Marmot approach to place and establish a rationale for a South Lanarkshire application for support to have a local Marmot Place

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that South Lanarkshire Council, in partnership with NHS Lanarkshire, host and submit an application to participate in the Scottish Marmot Place Pilot on behalf of the CPP;
- (2) note that the Hamilton locality is the Marmot Place area within which we will apply to the Marmot Place Model; and
- (3) agree to incorporate the CPPs planned whole systems working project into the Marmot Pilot.

## 3. Background

3.1. 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.

3.2. Public Health Scotland (PHS) and three local areas in Scotland have an opportunity to collaborate with the University College London Institute of Health Equity (IHE), led by Professor Sir Michael Marmot. A leading global health institute, the IHE has worked with more than 45 local authorities, the NHS, businesses and the community and voluntary sector to improve health and reduce inequalities.

3.3. 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 Towns in reducing health inequalities.

3.4. Based on eight 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.

3.5. A whole systems approach to health recognises that our health is shaped by many things: 40% social and economic factors, 30% health behaviours, 20% health services, 10% physical environment.<sup>1</sup> No one service or agency controls all of these factors and indeed some of them are beyond control of public services, but many are not.

3.6. A copy of Public Health Scotland’s ‘Collaborating to reduce inequalities’ Marmot Places Scotland information document is attached at Appendix 1 for information.

#### 4. The 8 Marmot Place Principles

4.1. The Marmot Place Principles evolved from an evidence-base of social determinants of health, which can influence health equity in positive and negative ways. **A Marmot place work across all of the 8 principles:**

1. Early Years: Give Every Child the Best Start in Life;
2. Education: Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and control their lives;
3. Work: Create fair employment and good work for all;
4. Living standards: Ensure a healthy standard of living for all;
5. Places: Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities;
6. Ill health prevention: Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention;
7. Discrimination: Tackle discrimination, racism and their outcomes; and
8. Just transition: Pursue environmental sustainability and health equity together.

#### 5. CPP Whole Systems Approach

5.1. At the meeting on 14 September 2022, the CPP agreed to develop a project concept for a whole systems approach to place that would be tested in an area.

5.2. Community Planning Partnerships have duties under the Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015 to produce 'locality plans' at a more local level for areas experiencing particular disadvantage. All partners must take account of these plans in carrying out their functions and must contribute appropriate resources to improve the priority outcomes. CPPs must furthermore support community bodies to participate in all parts of the process, in the development, design and delivery of plans and in review, revision and reporting of progress. We currently meet these duties through Neighbourhood Planning work, but we believe implementing a whole systems place approach would greatly improve the impact of locality planning.

5.3. The project would follow a whole systems model that therefore seeks to understand the contribution of all partners and sectors, including community partners, local residents, patients, clients, service beneficiaries.

5.4. The whole systems project would examine the key priorities of the CPP’s Community Plan to do address inequalities which is outlined in figure 1. The key priorities and ambitions of the Community plan align closely to the Marmot Principles.

#### Community Plan 2022- 2032 Priorities

##### People:

We will share power to create lasting change.  
We will work together to design, deliver and buy in services.

##### Progress:

We will work together to plan quality local areas where people can live, learn, play and work.  
We will look after our areas for future generations.

##### Planet:

Young people will lead the way on actions to tackle climate change and nature loss.  
We will work together to help people do things that matter most to them where they live.



<sup>1</sup> Adapte

- 5.5. The CPP whole systems project will attempt to identify inequalities in a place and shift the conditions that are holding that problem in place.
- 5.6. Much like the Marmot approach and the Shaping Places for wellbeing model, the partnership views a 'whole system' as a set of interconnected parts, where each part is dependent on the other, like an ecosystem. In a place approach, systems can include policies, routines, relationships, resources, power structures, values and beliefs. Systems are complex and dynamic, therefore difficult to change.
- 5.7. We would work to implement the tools and learning from our participation in the [Shaping Places for Wellbeing](#) project which advocates collaboration, evidence and a place approach to health improvement to address the social and economic factors of inequality that affect health. [Rutherglen](#) was a [project town](#) and we will incorporate the [Place and Wellbeing Assessment](#) process and the [Place and Wellbeing Outcomes](#) wheel into any approaches we develop.
- 5.8. The CPP Outcomes Leads Group have been reviewing profiling data for the Hamilton area across a range of variables which have been aligned to the Community Plan priorities. This has been used to identify the Burnbank area of Hamilton for the application of a partnership approach to whole systems working. The SIMD 2020 shows that in relation to health deprivation in South Lanarkshire, Burnbank South is the most deprived and is ranked as the 45<sup>th</sup> most health deprived area in Scotland. The area also ranks the highest in South Lanarkshire for income deprivation; and is the 64<sup>th</sup> most income deprived area in Scotland. In South Lanarkshire, it is also ranked second for employment deprivation; and 9<sup>th</sup> for crime deprivation.
- 5.9. NHS Lanarkshire's Public Health Consultant is currently assisting partners to compile and assess health inequality data for Burnbank. This work is in progress.
- 5.10. The project would also explore taking a Community Wealth Building/wellbeing economy approach to place planning in the area as part of a place governance framework. It will explore and pilot practical ideas to building, retaining, monitoring and growing local wealth in the area. The Community Wealth Building Commission Strategy would be a key document in the strategic evaluation for the area and support the Child Poverty Action Plan in its family employment initiatives.

## **6. Place Planning for Economic and Social Impact**

- 6.1. SLC's Planning Service is presently preparing its next Local Development Plan (LDP) which will represent the spatial strategy of the area. Among other things, the plan must take account of the Community Plan and will consider the health needs of the population. The plan will incorporate a place-based approach to deliver change and development in a particular place including supporting improved health outcomes and reducing health inequalities.
- 6.2. LDPs can help create healthier places and support active lifestyles by providing opportunities for play and open space and supporting active travel. The Marmot Place approach would contribute to the preparation of LDP3 by helping to understand the reasons for health inequalities in an area and develop a spatial response where appropriate. Five of the Marmot Place Principles described above have direct links to several policy topics that will be addressed in the LDP i.e. work, living standards, places, ill health prevention and just transition.
- 6.3. Hamilton's town centre is undergoing a Master Planning exercise. It has strong assets and a definable place quality. This is evident though the strong civic presence, business

base, historical architecture, and investment to date. These provide the foundations for Hamilton to reassert its role as a strong and vibrant town centre, that will be re-designed to have a positive impact on the economic, social and physical wellbeing of its residents and the surrounding communities.

- 6.4. Recognition of the change in retail requirements in the town allows focus on other key aspects of the town centre including leisure and cultural offering, services, and town centre living. The town has been steadily expanding over recent years and has an ever-increasing population base which can support a multifunctional town centre. As one of Lanarkshire's largest towns, Hamilton is well placed to provide a variety of functions to a large catchment area.
- 6.5. The masterplan is detailed and complex bringing together a range of solutions which balance the ambitions of the community with the challenging commercial environment. It will be a 15+ year project but the impact on the health and wellbeing can be considered at the planning stage and in early developments.

## **7. Marmot Place Scottish Programme**

- 7.1. The Marmot Place Programme will operate in Scotland as a 2-year partnership between IHE, Public Health Scotland and three Scottish local authorities to foster a whole system collaboration (Health & Social Care Services, national and local government, private sector, third sector, civic society, communities, academia) around a place with health equity at its core.
- 7.2. The process in 3 local authorities will take just under 2 years and the place-based work will have 4 main components:

### **1. Analysis of data**

- Working with local data analysts and national and local data to provide data packs identifying inequalities in health and the social determinants of health with focus on particular groups and places.
- Production of data and relevant advocacy for stakeholders within the place including, across local government and the Community Planning Partnerships, healthcare, social care and public services, business and the economic sector, the community and voluntary sector, communities.
- Prioritisation of specific issues, places and population groups.

### **2. Understanding enablers and barriers to action**

- Working with stakeholders across the 'Health Equity System' within the place to assess opportunities and barriers to action.
- Workshops with various stakeholders on specific areas, identified as priorities. There will be a focus on commissioning and resource allocations within the place.
- Working with the Health Equity System to identify ways forward for a long-lasting health equity system.

### **3. Development of recommendations for action**

- Based on stages 1 and 2, IHE will work with key stakeholders to develop recommendations to support better health and wellbeing.
- Following development of recommendations, an implementation plan will be proposed.

### **4. Work with other places and the national system in Scotland**

- Based on the work within places, places will be asked to share their experiences and learning with other places and with the national system in Scotland.

- IHE will support places to do this with briefings and relevant analyses.

## 8. Considerations

- 8.1. The Marmot Place approach incorporates the evidence-based approach to inequality that we currently use in Neighbourhood Planning processes and are going to improve through implementing the Shaping Places to Wellbeing model learning. This will widen the scope of evidence we draw on and it will improve our joint analysis skills.
- 8.2. The Marmot Place Principles mirror the key priorities and aims of South Lanarkshire's CPP Community Plan and both can incorporate the Shaping Places for Wellbeing approaches. We are committed to working within this model.
- 8.3. Stage 2 of the Marmot Place Programme is the unique difference in the Marmot approach that we wish to learn. It recognises the inbuilt and unconscious resistance within a system to maintain its status quo and can provide evidence and experience as tools to change the factors that are holding problems in place.
- 8.4. Stage 2 focuses on resource allocation and works to identify a case for 'disproportionate universalism' which means, to redirect resources from universal services into effective prevention and support for inequalities. This is also referred to as integrated or joint resourcing in other policy areas and would be the key aim of any place project the CPP enters into.
- 8.5. IHE offers a wealth of research and experience in other Marmot Towns to learn from and apply in South Lanarkshire.
- 8.6. We could consider a Marmot Place at any level. We could apply the work to all of South Lanarkshire, to one town, to a locality or a neighbourhood. Given the geographic size and variation of density across south Lanarkshire, we would suggest that a locality boundary would be the highest level to look at a whole system of place in a detailed way.
- 8.7. If the Hamilton locality were considered, it would be possible to expand the CPP project concept from current to include other Hamilton locality Neighbourhood Plans and the town centre master planning exercise.
- 8.8. Key Dates for Applications:-
  - Expressions of Interest - 23 September 2024;
  - Shortlist notifications - 3 October 2024;
  - Shortlisted meetings - 15 to 20 October 2024
  - Three areas announced - 4 November 2024.
- 8.9. **Criteria for Applications:-**
  - Leadership and stakeholders' willingness to prioritise action on health, wellbeing and reducing health inequity over the next two years
  - Evidence that participation in this programme will enhance existing work already being progressed locally through the CPP or other local leadership forum
  - Inclusion of the place complements the contexts of the other two places and as such will help generate learning useful more broadly across Scotland

## 9. Employee Implications

- 9.1. There are employee implications associated with this report for all resources working with the geographic area of a Marmot Place.
- 9.2. All resources within the Marmot Place are part of a system and would be expected to be open to participating in the programme, examining their current resources and staff and be open to considering adapting these resources to support any proposed changes.



## **10. Financial Implications**

- 10.1. At this stage, there are no financial implications.
- 10.2. However, there are likely to be financial implications associated with participating in a Marmot Place as it aims to provide an evidence base for investment in inequality through a disinvestment in universal services. Without a commitment to review resourcing arrangements against a new evidence base and the Marmot Principles, the project would not realise the changes it seeks.
- 10.3. Any implications would be considered, negotiated and agreed within phase 3 of the project. Any recommendations would have a strong evidence base and seek approvals as required.

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

- 11.1. It is expected there would be positive environmental impacts to a Marmot Place. It is one of the 8 principles to address in the programme.

## **12. Other Implications**

- 12.1. There are risks associated with this report because success depends on factors in a whole system that are outwith the control of the council. Our ability to facilitate collaboration and be systems leaders mitigates this risk.
- 12.2. The Marmot Principles, which aim to reduce inequality and improve health outcomes for all, would have to be embedded across all of the core functions of the Council and its partners". The approach would be transformative but would need to be integral to how the council and its partners works. This has practical operational considerations for all.

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

- 13.1. If approved, this report would introduce a new policy approach and review and change existing policy, function or strategy and at this point EIAs would be required.

**Paul Manning**  
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28 August 2024

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# Collaborating to reduce inequalities

## Marmot Places Scotland

### Scotland's challenge

- People in Scotland die younger than in any other country in western Europe. People in our poorest areas die a decade before their neighbours in the wealthiest areas.<sup>1</sup>
- Both life expectancy and health inequalities are getting worse. Scotland needs collective action to change course.<sup>1</sup>
- National action – like the smoking ban or minimum unit pricing for alcohol – needs to be combined with local action to improve the nation's health.

### Opportunity for collaboration

- Public Health Scotland (PHS) and three local areas in Scotland have an opportunity to collaborate with the University College London Institute of Health Equity (IHE), led by Professor Sir Michael Marmot. A leading global health institute, the IHE has worked with more than 45 local authorities, the NHS, businesses and the community and voluntary sector to improve health and reduce inequalities.
- This collaboration will address Scotland's challenges and share insight and expertise to apply learning from Marmot Places in Scotland. This work will be done collaboratively, supporting work that is already underway at a local level.
- We invite leaders at a local, regional and national level with a passion for improving health and tackling health inequality to help shape the approach we take.

### Delivering change

- Since 2013, Coventry has been a Marmot City. It has seen:

Improved life expectancy by 6 months.

Reduction in number of areas rated in England's poorest neighbourhoods.

Improvements in school readiness at age 5.

Positive changes in health outcomes.

Enhanced life satisfaction.

Employment gains.

Reductions in crime in priority locations.

<sup>1</sup> <https://publichealthscotland.scot/our-areas-of-work/public-health-approach-to-prevention/scotlands-public-health-challenges/>

## Becoming a Marmot Place

- 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.

### 'Marmot Eight' principles

- Based on eight 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.

<b>Discrimination</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tackle discrimination, racism and their outcomes.</li> </ul>	<b>Early years</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Give every child the best start in life.</li> </ul>	<b>Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and control their lives.</li> </ul>	<b>Work</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Create fair employment and good work for all.</li> </ul>
<b>Just transition</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pursue environmental sustainability and health equality together.</li> </ul>	<b>Living standards</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ensure a healthy standard of living for all.</li> </ul>	<b>Places</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Create and develop healthy and sustainable places and communities.</li> </ul>	<b>Ill health prevention</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention.</li> </ul>

## About Sir Michael Marmot

Sir Michael Marmot is a leader in improving population health. He has been Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health at University College London (UCL) since 1985. He currently serves as the Director of the UCL Institute of Health Equity.

For nearly 50 years, Sir Michael has led research groups dedicated to understanding and addressing health inequalities. His influential work includes the groundbreaking 'Fair Society, Healthy Lives' (known as 'The Marmot Review'), published in 2010.

Sir Michael played a pivotal role as the chair of the Commission on Social Determinants of Health (CSDH), established by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 2005. In 2008, he authored the report 'Closing the Gap in a Generation' for the CSDH.<sup>1</sup>

## About PHS

PHS is an NHS board with a mission to improve health and tackle health inequality, working both nationally and in support of local partners.



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1 [www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-IER-CSDH-08.1](http://www.who.int/publications/i/item/WHO-IER-CSDH-08.1) 84

## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 September 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Hamilton South Neighbourhood Plan
<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 present the Hamilton South Neighbourhood Plan to the Partnership Board.</li> </ul>
<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:- <b>(1)</b> that the content of the report be noted.
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ All ambitions/principles</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Section 5 provides an outline of the planning process.</li> <li>◆ Section 6 details the next steps</li> <li>◆ The appendices present the Neighbourhood Plan and its corresponding two-year action plan.</li> </ul>



# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>18 September 2024</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Hamilton South Neighbourhood Plan</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ present the Hamilton South Neighbourhood Plan to the Partnership Board

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

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

## 3. Background

3.1. 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 Hamilton South ward and the council's Community Engagement Team was asked to consider the areas of inequality that should be included.

## 4. Data Analysis

4.1. Guidance suggests it is best to work at less than 10,000 per head of population when working with a community on a plan so that the plan and the work remains relevant and purposeful to the people involved.

4.2. The plan takes into account the areas of Fairhill, Lighthstonehall, Eddlewood and Low Waters, all of which have data zones in the worst 20% according to the SIMD. This equates to a population of roughly 7,000 residents.

- 4.3 The Hamilton South 'Our Place Our Plan' (OPOP) was developed in 2023-24 and incorporates an original plan which was based only in Fairhill that was completed in 2020-2021.

## **5. Neighbourhood Planning Process**

- 5.1. The Hamilton South stakeholders started meeting in July 2023 and began as a small core of people made up of residents who are part of groups and professionals from across Community Planning partners.
- 5.2. In August 2023, two workshops were held to identify whether the priorities in the original plan for Fairhill were relevant to the wider area of Hamilton South. The consensus was that due to the broad nature and extensive engagement behind the priorities of the Fairhill Plan, they were still very relevant and should be used as the foundations of a wider area plan. Each neighbourhood would have its own distinct area within the action plan around these priorities.
- 5.3. During 2023, the Community Engagement Team extended the engagement beyond Fairhill to the whole of Hamilton South. Another 480 people were asked their views on the improvements they would like to make in their community, 25% of whom made specific comments which were incorporated into the plan's priorities.
- 5.4. This information was analysed and triangulated with the previous data and 20 improvements were presented to the stakeholders and prioritised into an Our Place Our Plan which is attached as Appendix 1.
- 5.5. The first Hamilton South Participatory Budgeting process took place between December 2023 and February 2024, to increase awareness of the plan and participation from local residents and begin delivering on their priorities.
- 5.6. An action planning workshop was then held, where stakeholders identified projects and tasks they could lead on or contribute to, that would begin to meet the identified priorities. This workshop created an Action Plan 2024-2026, which is attached as Appendix 2.

## **6. Next Steps**

- 6.1. The stakeholder group will continue to meet every 6 weeks until the end of the year to ensure momentum behind the delivery of the action plan.
- 6.2. The digital design of the plan will be agreed by the stakeholder group for publishing to the Community Planning Partnership website in autumn 2024.
- 6.3. A second Participatory Budgeting programme is currently open across all Neighbourhood Planning priority areas which will invest in community action to deliver their planned activities and projects.
- 6.4. Partners will support groups who need capacity building to take forward their actions.
- 6.5. The stakeholder group will continue to engage with professionals relevant to the action plan.

## **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. 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 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:-

Risk Card Reference	Risk Classification	Risk Summary
CPP/2018/001	Very High	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032
CPP/2018/002	Very High	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

## 11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

**Paul Manning**  
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28 August 2024

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## Hamilton South Our Place Our Plan

### Introduction

Hamilton South Our Place Our Plan (OPOP) was developed in 2023-2024 from the original plan which was only based in Fairhill (2020-2021). The plan takes into account the areas of Fairhill, Laighstonehall, Eddlewood and Low Waters, all of which have datazones in the worst 20% according to the SIMD.

The Neighbourhood Plan in Fairhill was created after extensive community engagement work, which spoke to 51% of local households and involved local schools. In 2023, the Community Engagement Team extended the engagement to the whole of Hamilton South and another 480 people were asked their views on the improvements they would like to make in their community, 25% of whom made specific comments. The plan was informed by carrying out the following engagement activities between July 2023 and March 2024:

- Producing a draft asset map of the community to highlight the great work already happening in the community.
- A number of stakeholder meetings with local residents and representatives from key organisations in the area.
- A community survey delivered door to door, which targeted the most deprived data zones in Hamilton South.
- Drop-in sessions to established groups which operate locally.

All of the information gathered has been collated and informed the proposed improvements set out below:

Rank	Priority	Improvements/opportunities
1	Physical environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Better use of local green spaces.</li> <li>2. Cleaner/tidier communities i.e. less graffiti, fly tipping.</li> </ol>
2	More leisure and social opportunities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote more physical activity sessions available within Hamilton South.</li> <li>2. Opportunities in each distinct community for socialising/connection with others.</li> </ol>
3	Greater Community Safety	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Engagement with emergency services i.e. Police, Fire.</li> <li>2. Neighbourhood Watch based scheme.</li> </ol>
4	Easier to get about/moving around	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Investment in roads/paths/cycle lanes.</li> <li>2. Seating in areas to rest as they go about in the area.</li> </ol>
5	More variety of shops/businesses	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local market initiatives i.e. fruit/veg.</li> </ol>
6	Housing improvements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improve general housing repairs.</li> <li>2. Communal garden/fencing repairs.</li> </ol>

7	Stronger and better communities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Roadshow/workshop of all activities available i.e. Credit Union, leisure activities, shops, transport, health programmes etc.</li> <li>2. Community based events in recognised communities to build cohesion.</li> </ol>
8	Better financial wellbeing	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Signposting to help for income supplements, support services etc.</li> <li>2. Accessibility to information on services i.e. formats.</li> </ol>
9	Health improvements	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local initiatives i.e. support for new parents, wellbeing support.</li> <li>2. More social prescribing to local community based groups/activities.</li> </ol>
10	Better education, training and employment opportunities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote/develop access to active IT/ library access.</li> <li>2. More community spaces for people to pass on their skills to others and volunteer.</li> </ol>



**Title:** Hamilton South Action Plan  
**Dates:** June 2024 – March 2026  
**Date agreed:** 5 June 2024

Notes: this is a working document where progress can be updated using column six. It is recommended that this be carried out quarterly as the work develops, until the tasks are complete.

Priorities	Task/Objective	Specific steps	Lead and/or partners	Projected timescales	Progress to date - June 2024
<b>1. Physical Environment</b> 1.1. Better use of local green spaces 1.2. Cleaner/tidier communities i.e. less graffiti, fly tipping	Create community garden in Low Waters	Become a SCIO  Obtain a lease for land from SLC Housing in a phased manner as agreed verbally  Develop garden space  Apply for funding to take forward identified plan  Work with local people partners to get volunteer time  Develop programmes that support local participation, promote social	Lead: Low Waters Lot Community group  SLC Community Engagement Team  SLC Housing Dept.  VASLan  Growing Scotland  Eddlewood Football Association  Low Waters Community Group  Other Our Place Our Plan Stakeholders	12 months  Project work has started and will continue till end of action plan.	Constituted group created  Presentation to SLC Housing Dept.  Garnered community interest via survey  Visited similar project to gain support, advice and ideas  Currently running a community growing project via PB funding  Verbal agreement to tidy up land

		prescribing and improve wellbeing			
	Create sports facility and community space in Eddlewood Park	Secure lease through Community Asset Transfer  Secure funding  Improve drainage  Install artificial pitch	Eddlewood Football Association  SLC Community Engagement Team  VASLan  Scottish Football Association  Sport Scotland  Procast  Scottish Land Trust  Other Our Place Our Plan Stakeholders	Sept 2024  Completed within 18 months	Business Plan written  Community engagement work carried out  CAT Process almost complete  Funds obtained for more community engagement via an event.
	Cleaner/tidier Hamilton South	Social media campaign to highlight reporting procedures/penalty notices  Signposting to reputable organisations who can assist	SLC Comms Team –  SLC Land Services  Local Elected Members  SLC Community Engagement Team  VASLan	July 2024 – March 2025	Initial discussion around tangible actions

		Recycling centres	SEDA		
<b>2. More leisure and social opportunities</b>  2.1. Promote more physical activity sessions available within Hamilton South  2.2. Opportunities in each distinct community for socialising/ connection with others	No actions identified for 2024/25, although some other priorities can be cross referenced here. This priority will be considered in 2025/26.				
<b>3. Greater Community Safety</b>  3.1. Engagement with emergency services i.e. Police, Fire.  3.2. Neighbourhood Watch based scheme	Implement a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme	Arrange initial meeting  Hold joint councillor meeting to promote  Discuss and agree objectives  Social media campaign	Community Police  Community Wardens  Councillors  SLC Anti-Social Behaviour Team  Local people  SLC Comms Team	Initial meeting in autumn 2024  Remaining tasks ongoing till end of action plan	Initial discussion to identify action points
<b>4. Easier to get about/moving around.</b>  4.1. Investment in roads/paths/ cycle lanes  4.2. Seating in areas to rest as they go about in the area	No actions identified for 2024/25, although some other priorities can be cross referenced here. This priority will be considered in 2025/26.				

<p>No actions identified for 2024/25, although some other priorities can be cross referenced here. 4.3. This priority will be considered in 2025/26.</p>					
<p><b>5. Housing improvements</b></p> <p>5.1. Improve general housing repairs</p> <p>5.2. Communal garden/fencing repairs</p>	<p>No actions identified for 2024/25, although some other priorities can be cross referenced here. This priority will be considered in 2025/26.</p>				
<p><b>6. Stronger and better communities</b></p> <p>6.1. Roadshow/workshop of all activities available i.e. credit union, leisure activities, shops, transport, health programmes etc.</p> <p>6.2. Community based events in recognised communities to build cohesion</p>	<p>Host a community day for the area</p>	<p>Gather interest</p> <p>Seek partner orgs</p> <p>Obtain funding for event</p>	<p>Hamilton South Parish Church</p> <p>SLC Community Engagement Team</p> <p>VASLan</p> <p>Growing Scotland</p> <p>Eddlewood Football Association</p> <p>Low Waters Community Group</p> <p>Other Our Place Our Plan Stakeholders</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>None</p>
	<p>Develop the church garden</p>	<p>Secure funding</p> <p>Grow produce</p>	<p>SLC Community Engagement Team</p> <p>VASLan</p>	<p>18 months</p>	<p>None</p>



			Growing Scotland Other Our Place Our Plan Stakeholders National Lottery		
	Create a series of information roadshows	Base on priorities develop plan or information to be rolled out  Get venues for roadshow  Develop an annual plan  Implement Hamilton South information leaflet – links to organisations websites	SLC – several depts  SLLC  NHS  VASLan  Credit union  Local shops  Church group  Other Our Place Our Plan Stakeholders	Within lifetime of action plan – March 2026	Connection of networks existing – joined up working
<b>7. Better financial wellbeing</b>  7.1. Signposting to help for income supplements, support services etc.  7.2. Accessibility to information on services i.e. formats.	Facilitate access to information on financial support	Contact support organisation  Promote services signpost help	Hamilton South Parish Church  SLC Community Engagement Team  VASLan  Other Our Place Our Plan Stakeholders  CAB	March 2026	Network through OPOP meeting built  Roadshow is on the plan

			CAP Credit unions Dementia Scotland		
<p><b>8. Health improvements</b></p> <p>8.1. Local initiatives i.e. support for new parents, wellbeing support.</p> <p>8.2. More social prescribing to local community based groups/activities.</p>	<p>Promoting existing initiatives</p> <p>Developing new initiatives based on identified gaps</p>	<p>Link to roadshow in priority 7.1</p> <p>More joined up working</p> <p>Signposting</p> <p>Mapping of initiatives</p> <p>Researching needs of local people – data collection</p> <p>Producing communications via leaflet or other means</p> <p>Resources for mapping</p>	<p>SLC – several depts.</p> <p>SLLC</p> <p>NHS</p> <p>VASLan</p> <p>Credit union</p> <p>Local shops</p> <p>Church group</p> <p>Other Our Place Our Plan Stakeholders</p>	<p>Promotion of local initiatives – short term</p> <p>Mapping – longer term</p>	<p>Existing networks</p> <p>Data about current initiatives exists</p> <p>Model in place for mapping</p>
<p><b>9. Better education, training and employment opportunities</b></p> <p>9.1. Promote/develop access to active IT/Library access</p>	<p>Cooking skills on a budget programme</p>	<p>Establish needs for initiative</p> <p>Seek volunteers</p> <p>Seek facilitator</p> <p>Secure funding</p>	<p>Hamilton South Church</p> <p>Other groups who have run similar projects</p> <p>Facilitator</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>None</p>

9.2. More community spaces for people to pass on their skills to others and volunteer			Other Our Place Our Plan Stakeholders		
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## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 September 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	CPP Board Development Session Proposal – 23 October 2024
<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>◆ To provide the Partnership Board with the details, date, time and venue of the planned development session to progress and develop ongoing dialogue between young people 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) that the date, time and location of the session be noted; and</li> <li>(2) that the planned content of the session outlined within this report is noted.</li> </ol>
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	Section 8 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 details of the planned development session on the 23 October 2024, Holy Cross High School, Hamilton, at 4:30pm to 6:30pm.</li> </ul>



# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>18 September 2024</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>CPP Board Development Session Proposal – 23 October 2024</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with the details, date, time and venue of the planned development session to progress and develop ongoing dialogue between young people and the Board

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the date, time and location of the session be noted; and
- (2) that the planned content of the session outlined in this report be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. At the Partnership Board on 5 June 2024, Partnership Board agreed to add a separate development session from planned Board work, to take place on a yearly basis with members of the South Lanarkshire Schools Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability. This was following the successful Board Development Session that took place at Holy Cross High School, Hamilton on 10 October 2023, where 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. The Board were presented the rationale for the timing and format of sessions going forward at the Board meeting on 5 June 2024, where agreement was given to progress.

## 4. Climate Change and Sustainability development session

4.1. The development session is planned for 23 October 2024 from 4:30pm – 6:30pm, at Holy Cross High School, 51 New Park Street, Hamilton, ML3 0BN.

4.2. The South Lanarkshire Schools Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability has identified a plan of work for 2024–2025 and is attached as Appendix 1.

4.3. The session on 23 October 2024 will focus on key elements of the work plan of which the Forum members are currently identifying their top five priorities to take forward.

These priorities will be circulated to the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board ahead of the session to assist preparation.

4.4. Membership of those attending the session from the Youth Forum is drawn from the following schools and includes the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary and new members of the Youth Forum:

- Calderglen High School
- Trinity High School
- Duncanrig Secondary School
- John Ogilvie High School
- Strathaven Academy
- Holy Cross High School

## 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. 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.

## 8. Other Implications

8.1. 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:-

Risk Reference	Card	Risk Classification	Risk Summary
CPP/2022/001		Very High	National and Global Challenges relating to Biodiversity Loss; Climate Action Failure; and Extreme Weather Events
CPP/2018/003		Very High	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		High	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032
CPP/2018/002		High	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

## 9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangement

9.1. There are no Equality 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.

**Carole McKenzie**  
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28 August 2024

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# SLC YOUTH FORUM ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY 2024-2025



### Celebrations/ School Events

- Earth Day/ Earth Hour
- Sustainability Fair

### COS3 Event

- Smaller COS events in schools
- In school workshops
- Induction day/ transition event for new S1 students

### School Gardens

- Increasing biodiversity in school grounds
- Tree planting
- Gardening days
- Planters
- Bug hotels/ bird house made through Technology dept.

### Forum Trip

- Whitelee Windfarm to increase understanding of renewable energy
- Tree planting day

### Primary Schools

- Deliver Teach the Teacher to primary/ nursery staff
- Give forum members opportunity to present to children in primaries and nurseries

### Forum Meetings

- Reduce frequency of forum meetings to every 5 weeks
- Mix schools to work together more
- Make forum meetings more interactive

### School Participation

- Mini forums within schools
- Eco Committee groups
- School assembly opportunities
- Mock climate conference in school
- IDL and climate change & sustainability taught within subjects
- Cross curricular learning
- Engage more S1 -S3 students
- YF pupil led displays boards
- Outdoor learning programme in schools
- Raising awareness of grants available to schools

### Travel

- Create no pollution zones around schools
- Walk to school campaign
- Electric school buses
- Making school transport more sustainable
- Active travel- more cycle lanes
- Promoting Young Scot card

### School Uniforms

- Council wide recycling and donation of uniforms
- Sustainable proms initiative across all SLC secondaries

### Food

- Sustainable food tasting opportunities
- Meatless Mondays

### Cost of Living Crisis

- raising awareness and understanding of what small steps can be taken to reduce day to day costs whilst being more sustainable

### Recycling

- More recycling bins available to schools and within the community
- Recycling challenges
- Extend current waste pilot to all secondaries
- Toothbrush recycling
- Recycling workshops for staff and students

### Local Businesses

- Seek funding available from local businesses
- Collaborate with local businesses
- Visits to schools from local businesses to talk about how they make their business more sustainable

### Communication

- Social media presence
- Poster campaign/ competition (similar to Road Safety competition)
- Termly YF update newsletters
- Increase communication with council staff and students

### Connections

- Increase connections with local Councillors and MPs
- Community Planning Partnership meetings

### Community Events

- Litter picking and community clean ups
- School clear ups
- Tree planting
- Youth Work
- Terminal One





## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 September 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Update on Neighbourhood Planning Across South Lanarkshire
<b>Report by:</b>	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
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<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	Update on Neighbourhood Planning and Participatory Budgeting activity 2023/2024.
<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:- <b>(1)</b> that the content of the report is noted; and <b>(2)</b> note the progress made across reports for each area.
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	Achieving buy-in from key communities and specifically from young people in Greenhills, Whitehills and Crosshouse and community groups across East Kilbride South.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ambition 1 - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources;</li> <li>• Ambition 2 - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better;</li> <li>• Ambition 3 - We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work; and</li> <li>• Principles: Communication and Empowerment; Embracing Change; and Focused Delivery.</li> </ul>
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	Update on Neighbourhood Planning activity across South Lanarkshire and participatory budgeting spend in priority areas.

# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>18 September 2024</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Update on Neighbourhood Planning Across South Lanarkshire</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 Neighbourhood Planning activity across South Lanarkshire

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the content of the report is noted; and
- (2) note the progress made across reports for each area.

## 3. Background

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

for the communities involved to see and understand what has happened in their areas. The guidance accompanying the legislation states that annual reports should be published in an accessible and easy to understand way which enables communities to understand the direction and scale of progress. As a result, the manner in which reports are produced for communities will vary from the way in which partners may usually report. This report presents the yearly reports for 2022-2023 as attached at appendices 1 to 9.

#### 4. Roll out of Neighbourhood Planning

- 4.1. In October 2017, the South Lanarkshire CPP Board agreed to test a new collective approach to tackling local inequalities and improving the lives of local people through the use of neighbourhood planning. 3 plans were produced for publication in January 2019. These covered communities within 5 out of the 9 wards which had been identified as experiencing the greatest inequality of outcomes within South Lanarkshire, detailed in the table below:-

Neighbourhood Planning Wards	Priority Communities Involved
Ward 11 – Rutherglen South Ward 13 – Cambuslang West	<a href="#">Springhall and Whitlawburn</a>
Ward 17 – Hamilton North and East Ward 18 – Hamilton West and Earnock	<a href="#">Whitehill</a> <a href="#">Hillouse, Udston and Burnbank</a>
Ward 20 - Larkhall	<a href="#">Strutherhill and Whitlawburn</a>

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

Neighbourhood Planning Wards	Priority Communities involved
Ward 12 – Rutherglen Central and North	<a href="#">Burnhill</a>
Ward 14 – Cambuslang East	<a href="#">Circuit, Halfway, and Westburn</a>
Ward 15 – Blantyre	<a href="#">Auchinraith, Blantyre, High Blantyre, Springwells</a>
Ward 19 – Hamilton South	<a href="#">Fairhill</a>

- 4.3. The final roll out of neighbourhood planning is currently taking place:-

Neighbourhood Planning Wards	Priority Communities involved
Ward 19 – Hamilton South <i>– due to be published Sept 2024</i>	Fairhill, Laighstonehall, Eddlewood and Low Waters
Ward 07 – East Kilbride South <i>– in development due for publication in 2025.</i>	Whitehills and Greenhills, Crosshouse

#### 5 Neighbourhood Plan Priorities and Progress

- 5.1. Progress has been made on delivering actions against the top priorities of all areas in 2023/2024.
- 5.2. Key progress in all areas has seen the increase in the number of local people participating in Neighbourhood Planning processes, in particular Participatory Budgeting (PB) approaches which are outlined in the annual reports.

5.3. Highlights of the work which are detailed within the reports attached at appendices 1 to 9 for each area are as follows:-

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Springhall and Whitlawburn</li> </ul>	<p>Progress has continued to be made against all of the identified priorities. In particular, the PB funding has increased outdoor play, holiday, youth and family activities and opportunities to keep fit and improve wellbeing. Community safety, environmental improvements and building community connections are key.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank</li> </ul>	<p>The community hub and cafe have continued to thrive and offer outreach for services like Money Matters and health promotion. This has increased support available for vulnerable families. More young people and children have had free access to more activities and opportunities. Food support has expanded and housing providers are now more working with the stakeholder group to address concerns and enhance tenant opportunities.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strutherhill and Birkenshaw</li> </ul>	<p>PB has enabled the stakeholder group to work in partnership with others to deliver a range of projects addressing neighbourhood planning priorities. A bike initiative, the development of a community garden and Radworx offered young people an extreme sport programme, professional instruction in skateboard and BMXing. Providing young people with the opportunity to access free tuition, protective equipment and an introduction to wheeled sports</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burnhill</li> </ul>	<p>This community continues to move forward at pace in the development of the 'Highbacks'. They have worked on becoming a charity this year, have secured funding for a few food pantry, youth work and health improvement activity in the site.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambuslang East</li> </ul>	<p>Stakeholders from all sectors worked together to delivery on priorities in the area: Halfway Park improvements were completed as were various resurfacing projects in the area. More activities were available for families and children including cycling, bowling, outdoor play, firework displays and holiday events.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blantyre</li> </ul>	<p>Blantyre Soccer Academy had a successful asset transfer in 2023 which will provide space for young people to participate. Many</p>



	groups and activities took place: women and men's wellbeing groups and lunch clubs. A memorial garden group has started, wildflower meadows were planted, and stakeholders are working with the Town Centre Planning Action Plan to take forward some priorities.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fernhill</li> </ul>	This plan's top 3 priorities have progressed successful this year with over 50 young people involved in free football sessions, a new playscheme in place, a gala day and numerous community events and holiday trips for young people. Housing and amenity priorities have also seen significant progress and 6 weekly walkabouts are taking place.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whitehill</li> </ul>	More partners got involved in the Stakeholder Group and are Neighbourhood Board this year. More activities took place for families, young people and other residents, many with a focus on physical activity and fitness. More bins have been installed and are being monitored by the community.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hamilton South</li> </ul>	This report incorporates the previous Fairhill Plan which has progressed this year.

5.4. The East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Planning process is in progress and we are working towards a completion by December 2024. Partners have submitted an application to the Child Poverty Practice Accelerator Fund to further investigate the in-work poverty data uncovered during the process.

## 6. Participatory Budgeting

6.1. PB was significantly developed in 2023/2024 with full PB processes taking place in 9 neighbourhood planning areas across the year. The results of each exercise are outlined in each report.

6.2. Additional council investment of £200k was added to the usual £40K. The full amount was spent during 2023/2024.

## 7. Employee Implications

7.1. The employee implications associated with this report relate to the time for employees across the partnership to deliver Neighbourhood Planning activity.

## 8. Financial Implications

8.1. There are no financial implications.

## 9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

## 10. Other Implications

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

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

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

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28 August 2024

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# Our Neighbourhood Plan for Springhall and Whitlawburn

Annual  
Progress  
Report

2023-  
2024



South Lanarkshire Council

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Community

# Introduction

Springhall and Whitlawburn is one of three neighbourhoods identified in 2017 by the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership to test a new approach to Neighbourhood Planning. This work has its roots in the Community Empowerment Act which requires Community Planning Partnerships to develop Neighbourhood Plans with communities to make positive changes and to improve outcomes where this is needed the most.

Neighbourhood Planning is being delivered using a solution focused, asset based approach, building community confidence, increasing participation and bringing lasting improvements through community led decision making.

The area has datazones in the top 5% most deprived in Scotland (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020).

Community assets include:

- 1 Community Resource Centre
- 1 Community Centre with integrated library
- 1 standalone Nursery and 1 Nursery in a school setting
- 3 MUGA's
- 2 Play areas
- 1 community garden
- 1 state of the art recreational space with integrated community growing facility
- A community shop
- A food co-op
- A warm place initiative
- A Digital Hub
- A bespoke youth space
- A community growing space

The area is well served by a thriving community and voluntary sector that provides a range of support and services bringing significant benefits to local people.



From a Housing Services perspective, it is good to be kept informed of the needs and aspirations of residents and to be involved where we can. I am looking forward to more collaborative working and responding to the needs of the community. Keep doing what you are doing, be inclusive and consult with the residents to help make them value their community and environment, to want to work together to make the area a better place to live.

**Local Housing Provider**



**i** Area population is around **3,297** people

Male  
**1,672**

Female  
**1,625**

Under 16  
**645**

16 to 64  
Population  
**2,107**

65+  
**545**

## Schools within the area

St Anthony's and Loch Primary Schools and Cathkin High School. Some young people may also attend Cathkin Primary School, Stonelaw and Trinity High Schools which are nearby.

## Housing

The Whitlawburn area has benefited from a significant housing investment and rebuild programme. South Lanarkshire Council and Whitlawburn Housing Co-op are the main housing providers. There are a mix of tenure types in both Springhall and Whitlawburn.

## Households

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

## History

- October 2017** – the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership agreed to test a new approach to Neighbourhood Planning.
- November 2017** – workshops held to initiate discussions involving groups and partner organisations working in the neighbourhood.
- Several meetings take place and the community help to co-design the engagement process.
- Survey takes place November 2017 to 2018, 271 households participated.
- 10 priority themes form the basis of the plan. Working groups formed.
- March 2018** – the Stakeholder Group was formed.
- £20,000 Lottery funds awarded matching South Lanarkshire Council's investment. A Participatory Budgeting approach is used to allocate funds. 378 residents took part in a public vote. 8 new projects delivered.
- May 2018** – early actions were agreed. Deliberative priority setting is a key feature of Neighbourhood Planning.
- Four rounds of Participatory Budgeting follow
  - 2019-2020 – 350 votes were cast.
  - 2020-2022 – 446 votes.
  - 2022-2023 – 522 votes.
  - 2023-2024 – 666 votes.
- The Stakeholder Group continues to work collaboratively to bring the plan to life.
- The Community Safety Group responds to local issues.
- Let's Talk About weekly online sessions continue.
- Community "conversations" established.
- Residents are more connected and working in partnership with those delivering services.

## Priority

## Progress that has been achieved

# 1

### More leisure, recreational and social opportunities



- Nine community led projects received Participatory Budgeting funding. This investment supports the delivery of outdoor play activities, Easter and summer youth programmes, a woman's wellbeing group, therapeutic activities for families, play equipment, family fun days and keep fit classes.

# 2

### Building stronger and better communities



- Stakeholder members have proactively promoted community-based activities and services. Maximising opportunities and increasing participation levels by residents.
- The group continues to be represented at the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership and the Community Planning Partnership Board.
- A funding roadshow took place to promote the Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, 27 groups attended.

# 3

### Better financial wellbeing



- Participatory Budgeting funded projects are free at the point of delivery, reducing the pressure on family income. Providing food has become an integral part of many community activities.
- St Anthony's foodbank has expanded its services to meet local need. In 2023, 5,341 families were supported.
- Money Matters and Citizen's Advice (CAB) offer regular inputs at the Let's Talk About sessions. The Stakeholder Group promote the outreach services delivered locally by CAB.

# 4

### Housing improvement



- Area walkabouts are being introduced, involving residents and staff working locally, to help identify areas for improvement.
- Housing Services contribute to the "community conversation" and offer updates at Let's Talk About sessions.

# 5

### Greater community safety



- The Community Safety Group continues to address community issues, strong and effective partnerships have been built while achieving this.

6

## Physical environmental improvement



- Improvement work at the cage continues. Additional play equipment is added to the site due to an underspend on the project, £3,000 from Participatory Budgeting and a further £3000 was invested by Cambuslang Construction Group (CCG).
- Initiatives to combat fly tipping are being considered by the group.

7

## Better employment and business opportunities



- Employment opportunities are promoted on the Facebook page.
- Skills Development Scotland are represented on the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership, opportunities and events are promoted by the Stakeholder Group.

8

## Health improvement



The representative from South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture provides detailed updates at each stakeholder meeting, promoting social prescribing, and new health/physical activity programmes. Other partners do the same, including Healthy 'n' Happy.

- Health improvement staff offer inputs at Let's Talk About Sessions.
- Several community led projects focusing on health and wellbeing, received Participatory Budgeting funds.

9

## Better education and training



- The Stakeholder Group actively promotes opportunities supported by Skills Development Scotland, Routes to Work South and South Lanarkshire Council's Employability Team, including events like apprenticeship week.

10

## Easier to move around



- Access to public transport, including timetabling/availability of service remains a concern for Stakeholder Group members.



# Information on Participatory Budgeting

Participatory Budgeting is recognised internationally as a way for people to have a direct say in how public money is spent. Participatory Budgeting is a key feature of Neighbourhood Planning and helps to deliver the priorities in the plan. The Our Place, Our Plan Stakeholder Group designed the Participatory Budgeting process using the Participatory Budgeting charter.

- Fair and Inclusive
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- Creative and Flexible
- Transparent
- Part of our democracy

The Participatory Budgeting process is reviewed annually, learning is used to make improvements.

In 2023-2024, £4,200 Place Based Participatory Budgeting was available for the area. A small grants model was used. To maximise participation, voting was online, via pop's, and targeted engagement in key settings such as schools and formed groups.

## 666 residents voted.

13 project proposals were received. 8 were fully funded, 1 was partially funded. 666 residents took part in the public vote, an increase in last year's participation levels.

The following groups received £500:

- Springhall and Whitlawburn Youth Development Team
- Springhall Youth Club
- Women's Wellbeing Group – Health and Wellbeing sessions
- Freewheeling Family Fun Days – Family focused outings and activities
- Whitlawburn Community Resource Centre – Keep Fit programme
- St Anthony's Parent Partnership
- Friends of Loch Primary – Outdoor resources
- Project 31 – Outdoor opportunities, play for children under the age of 8

# Development plans

As part of a Participatory Budgeting public vote in March 2024, residents were asked to re-rank the Our Place, Our Plan priority themes for the year ahead. Early discussions have taken place, and an action plan is in development.

## Actions for 2024-2025

<b>1 More leisure, recreational and social opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Stakeholder Group will continue to promote awareness of existing leisure and social opportunities to increase participation.</li> <li>● To avoid duplication and enhance participation, stakeholder members will coordinate summer activities.</li> <li>● Building community connectedness and reducing social isolation is a priority for stakeholder members.</li> </ul>
<b>2 Building stronger and better communities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A concerted effort will be made to recruit new stakeholder members, encouraging wider community participation in local decision making and Neighbourhood Planning.</li> <li>● A further round of Participatory Budgeting will deliver group priorities and community ambitions.</li> <li>● A funding fair will take place to help sustain existing groups and bring funding into the neighbourhood.</li> </ul>
<b>3 Housing improvements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Housing Services and Whitlawburn Housing Co-op are represented at the Stakeholder Group.</li> </ul>
<b>4 Greater community safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The Community Safety Group will continue to promote public reporting and public reassurance and respond to local concerns.</li> </ul>
<b>5 Better financial wellbeing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Actions will be determined to help mitigate the current and future impact of the financial crisis.</li> </ul>
<b>6 Physical environmental improvements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Action will be taken to address fly tipping.</li> <li>● Regular multi-agency area walkabouts will take place to identify areas for improvement.</li> </ul>
<b>7 Health improvements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Participatory Budgeting funding is being used to deliver a six month long Keep Fit programme, mental health and wellbeing groups, complimentary therapies, and physical activity.</li> </ul>
<b>8 Better employment and business opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Actions still to be decided.</li> </ul>
<b>9 Better education and training opportunities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Actions still to be decided.</li> </ul>
<b>10 Easier to move around</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Actions still to be decided.</li> </ul>



# Case study

The story of the Cage development is a long and amazing one. The project is an incredible example of how community led action, and strong partnerships can deliver positive and lasting change in a neighbourhood.

Back in 2014, Springhall and Whitlawburn benefited from a huge cash injection from the Lottery Our Place initiative. A £1.5 million investment programme backed up with five-year community capacity building provided by Healthy n' Happy and supported by partners. The aim of Our Place was to empower the community and to revitalise the area by encouraging local people to develop a vision for their own neighbourhood.

In 2014, extensive community consultation identified the importance of the Cage and the support for its redevelopment. Springhall Community Resource Group agreed to lead on the project, successfully involving over 500 residents in influencing the design and plans for the Cage.

In 2018, following an incredible amount of planning £465,000 was awarded to revamp the Cage. Local ambitions included creating a new multi games area, interactive fitness area, an allotment space, play area and recreational green space. The project was supported by Healthy n' Happy Community Development Trust, South Lanarkshire Council, and several other partners. The plans were hailed as a huge step forward for the area.

The work began in 2019, with a 12 month timescale for delivery. Unfortunately, the Covid pandemic halted progress however, work resumed and was completed in September 2021. South Lanarkshire Council Amenity Services coordinated the project, when some savings were identified, after community consultation, additional play equipment was purchased. The budget was enhanced by £3,000 from Participatory Budgeting, and a further £3,000 from Cambuslang Construction Group (the company responsible for the housing rebuild programme in Whitlawburn).

A celebration event will be held soon to acknowledge the investment, partnerships and the legacy that has been created by local people.



Our foodbank received Participatory Budgeting funds, enabling us to organise our storage facility and offer a wider range of food items and healthier options for families. We can also provide toiletries, household cleaning products, clothing items and some books for children. The purchase of a fridge freezer, will mean we can offer fresh and frozen products. We would not have been able to do any of this without Participatory Budgeting. We are extremely grateful for Our Place Our Plan support.

**Frances Swinburn**  
Volunteer St Anthony's Foodbank

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“ The partnerships and the networking are valuable to understand what is going on in local communities and what is important to those living in those communities. Thinking ahead, I hope Our Place Our Plan continues to grow and build on relationships and opportunities to best suit the needs of the community. How can we work together to build a stronger and better community? Communication and sharing of good practice to best suit local needs, partnership events – so not one statutory group delivering, having a host of partners delivering to the community to meet/cover all needs for those within our communities.

**Lindsay Meighan**

South Lanarkshire Leisure  
and Culture

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# Our Neighbourhood Plan for Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank

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# Introduction

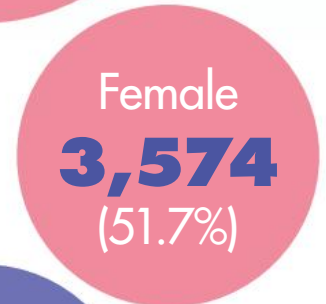
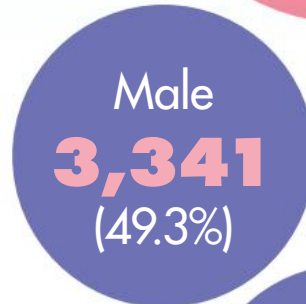
Neighbourhood Planning in Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank first began in November 2017. Since then, residents have been working alongside partner organisations, bringing the Neighbourhood Plan to life by addressing priorities and making positive improvements.

The Stakeholder Group is leading the way in taking forward priorities that form the plan, ongoing community consultations and dialogue is making sure the wider community are involved and informed of progress.

The area is known for its strong sense of community and benefits from a vibrant voluntary sector, creating positive opportunities and providing essential support. Many groups have a firm focus around tackling poverty and inequality.

Physical assets in the HUB area include:

- 2 Community facilities with integrated libraries
- 4 Primary schools and 1 High School
- 1 Daycare centre for older people
- 1 Family centre
- 2 Nurseries
- 1 Medical centre
- 1 Recreational sports facility
- 1 Sheltered housing complex
- 1 Urban woodland
- 1 Community garden
- 1 Outdoor recreational space
- Outdoor sports pitches
- 3 Play areas
- 4 MUGA's
- 4 Churches, 3 with lettable space
- 2 Select Digital Hubs
- 3 Money Matters Advice Service, outreach service



## Schools within the area

St Ninians, Udston, Glenlee and St Cuthbert's Primary Schools and John Ogilvie High School and some young people attend Calderside Academy which is located in Blantyre.

## Households

The total number of households is 3,349. (-5% from 2011)

- 1,361 Lone adult households (+38% from 2011)
- 515 Households with dependent children
- 482 Lone adults with dependent children
- 628 Children aged under 16 in lone parent households.

# History

- ▶ **October 2017** the Community Planning Partnership agree to test a new approach to tackling inequalities and improving the lives of local people.
- ▶ **November 2017** workshops held, initiating resident and partner discussions around Community Planning. Several meetings follow, stakeholders co-designed the engagement process.
- ▶ **March 2018** The Community Action Group was established, 10 priorities theme are identified, forming the basis of the plan.
- ▶ **March 2018** £60,000 Community Choices Fund is secured from Scottish Government, matched by the NHS, Community Planning Partnership and South Lanarkshire Council.
- ▶ **May 2018** funding is invested in early actions.
- ▶ Participatory Budgeting is aligned to the delivery of the plan, community led ideas are generated and delivered.
- ▶ 5 rounds of PB follow.
  - 2019 – 368
  - 2020 – 868
  - 2021 – 1,228
  - 2022 – 1,640
  - 2023 – 577
- ▶ Priorities are re-ranked annually to ensure the plan reflects local aspirations.
- ▶ The group continue to work collaboratively.
- ▶ Residents are more connected and working in partnership with those delivering services.

# Information on Participatory Budgeting

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**577** residents took part in the public vote with 13 proposals received, 10 received funding.

- 1. Hillhouse Youth Club and Burnbank Youth Club** – 2 summer programme £1,000
- 2. Hillhouse Tenants and Residents Association** – Community food pantry £500
- 3. Stakeholder Group and Hillhouse Tenants and Residents** - Flexible budget aimed at helping new groups with lets and running costs £1,000
- 4. Udston Primary School** – school and community outreach IT support / learning £1,000
- 5. Childcare in the Community** – Delivery of a health and wellbeing programme £500
- 6. 17th Hamilton Girl Guides** – Residential Activity Weekend £500
- 7. 17th Hamilton Brownies** – Residential Activity Weekend £500
- 8. St Cuthbert's Primary School and Nursery** – Care and Share Initiative £1,000
- 9. Adultrafteria** – Arts material £500
- 10. Hamilton Universal Connections** – Summer Programme £500

Participatory Budgeting funded activity is monitored annually, and most projects far exceed their targets.



## 1

## More leisure, recreational and social opportunities



- Participatory Budgeting investment has ensured that a wide range of community led projects, activities and opportunities are being delivered for all sectors of the community. This includes youth clubs and bespoke youth programmes, a physical activity and emotional wellbeing project for children, resources for the Hillstop community café, provision of emergency food, an IT project, an art group, and two activity weekends.
- The Burnbank and Hillhouse Hubs and the Hillstop café continue to provide invaluable opportunities for local people to come together, to build connections and to become more aware of, and involved in community life.
- Between April 2023 and March 2024, **4,309** visits to the Hillstop café, **3,238** visits to Burnbank Community Hub, and **917** visits to Hillhouse Hub take place.

## 2

## Greater community safety



- The group continue to promote community safety by encouraging public reassurance and public reporting.
- A range of youth programmes provided by Terminal 1 continue to have a positive impact for young people and the wider community.

## 3

## Health Improvement



- NHS Health Improvement Team regularly attend the community HUB's and Hillstop Café providing information sessions, advice, and signposting to services.
- The Hub's and Café are distribution points for Healthy Start Vitamins.

## 4

## Stronger and better communities



- Two Community Hub's and Hillstop community café continue to offer a one stop shop enabling ease of access to information, support, and services.
- There is greater evidence of joint working and co-production across group members and service providers.
- New community groups have been formed and more activities are delivered using Participatory Budgeting funds.

## 5

## Physical environmental improvement



- Hillhouse Link Tenants and Residents continue to deliver their ambitions for the Hillhouse Recreational Space. Food growing on site is successfully engaging the school community, local groups, and individuals. Some produce is now being used to supply the Hillstop café.
- The group are hoping to establish an apiary (collection of bee hives), with assistance from John Ogilvie High School and other partners.

## 6

## Better financial wellbeing



- Money Matters provide outreach services at the Hub's and Hillstop Café. Between April 2023 and March 2024, 208 new cases were opened. In addition to this service, staff have signposted several people to other services.
- Established community led initiatives continue to ensure that emergency food aid is available across several locations, new initiatives include St Cuthbert's Caring Sharing Room, which provides food, clothing and other items to the school and nursery families and the wider Burnbank community. Between April 2023 and March 2024, the Burnbank Community Hub provided **1,716** food bags.
- **142** online applications were made for free period products, **220** people benefited in total.

## 7

## Housing improvement



- Consultation on the plan's priorities has led to housing improvements becoming the top priority, and several housing issues have been identified. The Stakeholder gGroup and three housing providers are working together to address them.
- Housing providers have committed to attend the Hub's and café – they are attending regularly and successfully engaging with tenants.
- Joint "housing swap" noticeboards are established, housing providers and members are also planning to develop a shared leaflet outlining residents rights and landlord's responsibilities.

## 8

## Better education and training opportunities



- 1 Activate course is delivered.
- Early discussion has taken place with South Lanarkshire Council's Employability Team to determine ways to promote education and training opportunities to help maximise uptake at a neighbourhood level.

## 9

## Easier to get about/move around



- Details of SPT Strathclyde Regional Bus Strategy is widely distributed.

## 10

## Better employment and business opportunities



- A neighbourhood-based job fair is being considered.
- Members of the business community are actively involved and contributing positively to the delivery of the plan's priorities.

# Development plans

The annual re-ranking of the plan's priorities has taken place. The group have devised an early action plan based on issues raised and are working to identify realistic and achievable goals for 2024/2025. Celebrating community spirit and increasing community participation remains a key priority for the OPOP Group.



Participatory Budgeting funding has been amazing and ensured that young people living in poverty have the same opportunities as their peers such as free youth clubs, dancing, football, and school holiday programmes. The young people's voices are being heard and Participatory Budgeting funding has given them the chance to bring their wonderful ideas to life.

**Joanne Tierney**

Project Coordinator Terminal 1 Youth Centre  
and Stakeholder Group Member



# Actions for 2024-2025

## 1 Housing improvements

- Actions will be taken to address housing issues raised during the re-ranking consultation.

## 2 More leisure, recreational and social opportunities

- A "what's on where" guide will be produced to highlight existing activity/opportunities.
- The need to develop activities for under 5's will be explored.

## 3 Greater community safety

- The group will continue to liaise with partners to address any emerging concerns.
- Social media messages promoting public reassurance and reporting have been developed and distributed to stakeholders.

## 4 Better financial wellbeing

- Action to help mitigate the current and future impact of the financial crisis.

## 5 Physical environmental improvement

- Action will be taken to combat fly tipping and graffiti.

## 6 Better education and training opportunities

- A neighbourhood event will take place to promote available opportunities.

## 7 Health improvement

- The group will work with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture and the Health Improvement Team to develop health and wellbeing activities identified during the re-ranking consultation.

## 8 Stronger and better communities

- Identify ways to support and sustain existing activities.
- Promote wider participation within the group.

## 9 Better employment and business opportunities

- A community event will take place promoting opportunities

## 10 Easier to move / to get about

- Actions still to be decided.



# Case study

First established in January 2023, the Caring Sharing Room at St Cuthbert's Primary School and Nursery offers a welcoming place for parents to access food, clothing and other essential items.

Supporting families and offering a discreet environment where they can access nutritious food for their households is what this venture is all about. Those involved really believe in fostering a sense of community and care.



“We are so thankful for the support and sense of community this initiative has provided.”

“Having access to the Caring Sharing Room has been a lifesaver for our family.”

The Caring Sharing Room, offers a variety of groceries to help ease the burden of food insecurity and regular consultations makes sure that what's on offer is meeting everyone's needs and is also making a difference.

“The variety of groceries available has really helped us make ends meet each week.”

Expectant parents can rely on Caring Sharing for baby food, nappies, and clothing. The service initially ran one afternoon a week for a couple of hours. Increased demand has meant that opening times had to be extended to two and then three days.

With the help of Participatory Budgeting funding Caring Sharing will soon be open five days a week, as funding will be used to purchase and construct a walk-in shed in the nursery grounds, allowing all-day access to support.

The Caring Sharing Room was initially set up for nursery parents and the service has grown to include school parents and the wider community too. The What's on Offer has been met with overwhelming gratitude from parents and residents alike.

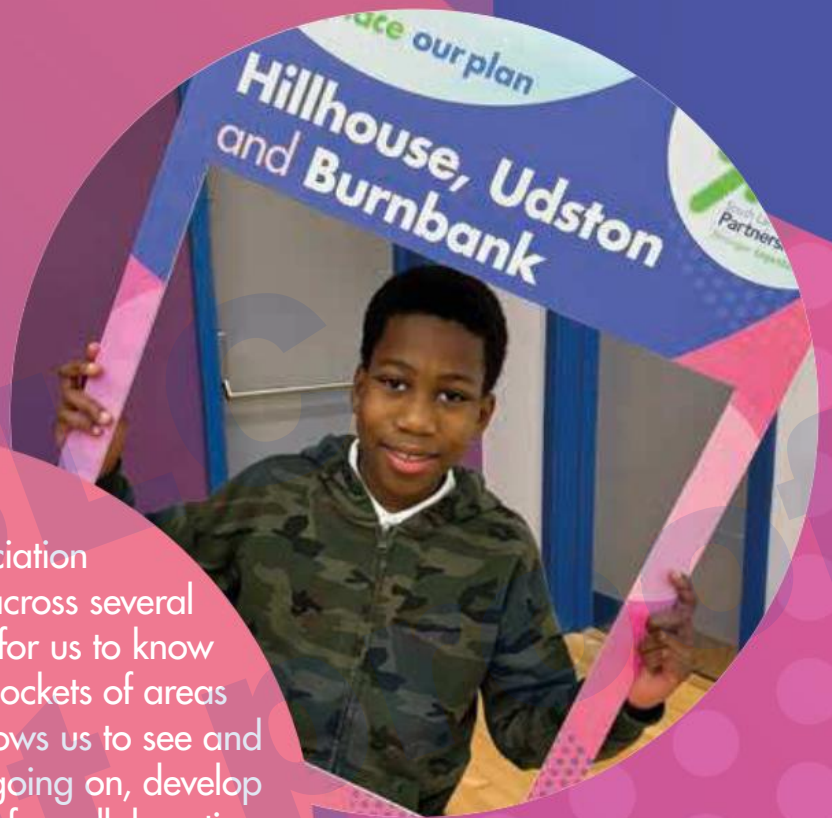
“Everyone's opinion counts in Our Place Our Plan, as residents know what their community needs. This in turn is translated into the amazing work we have seen being delivered in our community. The plan gives residents a voice and the opportunity to make a difference in their local community. It empowers residents to think about what matters to them.”

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As a Housing Association that has many properties across several communities, it is beneficial for us to know what is happening in small pockets of areas where we have homes. This allows us to see and hear all the good work that is going on, develop partnerships and opportunities for collaborative working and also allows us to hear the challenges that our communities face. Being involved and kept informed about OPOP also enables us to signpost our tenants to groups and organisations that they may not be aware of.

**Clyde Valley  
Housing Association**

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# Our Neighbourhood Plan for Strutherhill and Birkenshaw

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# Introduction

Strutherhill and Birkenshaw is one of three neighbourhoods identified by the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) in 2017 to test a new approach to tackling inequalities, taking action and improving the lives of local people. This work was established through the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 which requires the CPP to develop Neighbourhood Plans with communities to improve outcomes where these are needed the most.

Neighbourhood Planning is being delivered using a solution focused, asset-based approach to build community confidence, increase community capacity and participation.

Community assets in the area include:

- 2 primary schools (1 community wing)
- 2 nurseries
- 1 church with lettable space
- 2 play areas
- 3 MUGA's and playing fields
- Access to Morgan Glen, a natural woodland and a Friends of group
- An Our Place Our Plan Community Group (Stakeholder Group)
- 2 youth projects
- Women's Guild
- Scouts and Army Cadets
- Breakfast clubs and afterschool care
- Pre-five and family focused groups



Area population is around

**3,690** people

Male

**1,707**  
(46.3%)

Female

**1,983**  
(54.7%)

Under 16

**726**

16 to 64

**2,313**

65+

**651**

Households

**1,667**  
(+4%)

- 604 are one adult households (+88%)
- 259 households with dependent children
- 209 lone adults with dependent children
- 209 children aged under 16 in lone parent households

## Schools within the area

- Robert Smillie and Craigbank Primary Schools
- Catchment area covering (St Mary's Primary, Larkhall Academy and Holy Cross High School)

# History

- ▶ **November 2017** – workshops held to start discussions about community planning involving groups and staff.
- ▶ Several meetings follow with the plan’s engagement process co-designed with local residents.
- ▶ The survey took place from November 2017 to February 2018 with 106 households participating.
- ▶ **March 2018** – the OPOP Stakeholder Group is established. 10 priorities themes identified through the survey forming the basis of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- ▶ **March 2018** – £10,000 is secured from the Lottery, matching South Lanarkshire Council’s investment. Funding is used to support the delivery of early actions in the plan
- ▶ Planned priority setting has been a key feature of the Neighbourhood Planning activity.
- ▶ A Participatory Budgeting approach is used to allocate funds. 101 residents voted with 6 community led projects receiving funding. A further 4 rounds of Participatory Budgeting followed.
- ▶ Invest in play development with South Lanarkshire Council’s Amenities Service to co-deliver the project. Participatory Budgeting funds are invested in play area improvements.
- ▶ Place Based Participatory Budgeting in 2021/2022 is deferred. After community consultation funding is allocated to the bike initiative in early 2023. The bike initiative was formally launched in July 2023.
- ▶ **July 2023** – plan priorities have been re-ranked.
- ▶ The Stakeholder Group continues to work collaboratively to address community priorities.

## Information on Participatory Budgeting

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a key feature of neighbourhood planning, helping to deliver priorities identified by local communities in the plan. The OPOP Stakeholder Group designed and delivered the Participatory Budgeting model using the PB charter.

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£27,000 was allocated in 2023/2024, this included Lottery funding.

13 proposals were received, 8 were fully funded, 1 was part funded. No upper limit was put on awards. To maximise participation voting was undertaken online and by a pop-up. 488 residents took part in the public vote. Year on year participation levels have increased.

- ▶ **Machan Trust - £5,000**  
An extensive programme of activities for children and families, holiday club, afterschool care, health and wellbeing activities
- ▶ **Craigbank Primary - £1,500**  
Playground equipment
- ▶ **Skylark Early Learning Centre - £4,300**  
Development of a “secret garden” promotion of outdoor learning and community growing
- ▶ **Robert Smillie Memorial Primary Parent Council - £5,000**  
Whole school visit to Five Sister’s Zoo including transport and entrance fees
- ▶ **Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Stakeholder Group - £1,584.02**  
Brew and Blether Community Drop-In and ookery course
- ▶ **Strutherhill and Birkenshaw Youth Project - £5,814.86**  
A programme of activities creating new experiences and opportunities for young people
- ▶ **Birkenshaw Welfare Guild - £4,800**  
Weekly transport to the Guild plus 2 outings
- ▶ **Radworx – £1,001.12**  
Instruction in skateboarding and BMXing

The Participatory Budgeting process is reviewed annually with learning used to make improvements, activity is monitored annually with most projects exceeding their targets.



## Priority

## Progress that has been achieved

# 1

### More leisure, recreation and social opportunities



- Participatory Budgeting investment of £27,000, has enabled several community led projects to be delivered. Activities include the purchase of play equipment, the development of a community garden, a whole school outing, a child and family programme, transport costs, a community hub, cooking classes, Easter and summer youth programmes and skateboarding and BMXing instruction.
- The Bike Initiative was launched in July 2023.
- Play on Pedals sessions are delivered to pre-five's attending Skylark Early Learning Centre.

# 2

### Greater community safety



- The Stakeholder Group raised concerns about street lighting. Working in partnership with the Police, Problem Solving Group and Roads and Lighting the issues are resolved.
- Community concerns were raised about speeding. Locations of concern are now routinely checked by the Police and issues addressed.
- The Our Place Our Plan Facebook group is used to share messages about public reporting.

# 3

### Stronger and better communities



- The Stakeholder Group are working in partnership with others and bringing about positive improvement. There is increased evidence of co-production.
- July 2023, the plans priorities are re-ranked by extensive community consultation.
- Participatory Budgeting investment supports the delivery of 8 new community led projects, strengthening the community infrastructure and creating opportunities for local people.

# 4

### Health improvements



- The Bike Initiative will bring health, well-being and social benefits.
- Participatory Budgeting funding is enabling a "Brew and Blether" Community Hub to be developed. The aim is to reduce isolation and promote connectedness. Partners will contribute by offering ease of access to information and signposting to services.

# 5

### Physical environment improvements



- Skylark Early Learning Centre receive Participatory Budgeting funding to develop a community garden. The Unpaid Work Team will assist with the project.
- Issues of dog fouling, litter and fly tipping and access to bins was raised with South Lanarkshire Council's Environmental Initiative Officer on behalf of residents.

## Priority

## Progress that has been achieved

# 6

### Better education and training opportunities



- 1 'Activate' course takes place.

# 7

### Housing improvements



- Area walkabouts are being reintroduced.
- The Stakeholder Group liaise with Housing Resources regarding repairs and planned works. They are advised of priorities in line with the Scottish Housing Quality Standard survey results.

# 8

### Better employment and business opportunities



- Job opportunities continue to be actively promoted by the Our Place Our Plan Facebook page.
- Job fairs organised by employability partners are promoted at a neighbourhood level throughout the year.

# 9

### Better financial wellbeing



- Participatory Budgeting investment enables several activities to be offered locally, free at the point of delivery to help reduce pressure on family incomes. This includes activities during school holidays and afterschool care, reducing the need for paid childcare.
- Activities include afterschool care, homework support, cookery classes, youth programmes during school holidays, holiday clubs for younger children and activities for families with pre-fives.
- Back to school events now take place annually. Several partners work together to make this happen.

# 10

### Easier to get about/moving around



- The shopping bus continues to provide an invaluable service to older people and those with mobility issues.

# Development plans

The Stakeholder group have begun to develop an action plan for the next year.



# Actions for 2024-2025

## 1 More leisure, recreation and social opportunities

- Participatory Budgeting projects funded in 2023/2024 will continue to ensure that a range of new opportunities are delivered to residents.

## 2 Greater community safety

- The Group will continue to raise community concerns on behalf of residents.

## 3 Physical environmental improvements

- The group will continue to offer support in the development of the secret garden at Skylark Early Learning Centre and promote wider community involvement in this project.
- Improving vacant land remains a priority, but building community participation is needed prior to embarking on this.

## 4 Housing improvements

- Area walkabouts will highlight areas for improvement.

## 5 Health improvements

- The Bike Initiative will continue to be delivered.

## 6 Building stronger and better communities

- A Communication Strategy will be developed for projects and a concerted effort made to recruit new group members to widen community participation in local decision making.
- The plan's priorities will be re-ranked to ensure the plan continues to reflect local needs and aspirations.
- Building community connectedness to and reducing social isolation.
- Participatory Budgeting will take place to deliver the plans priorities and community ambitions.
- Funding opportunities will be explored to help sustain existing groups and activities.

## 7 Better education and training opportunities

- Actions yet to be determined.

## 8 Better financial wellbeing

- The Brew and Blether Community Drop-in will provide a focal point for the delivery of services including money advice and debt. A consultation will determine the format of the drop in.

## 9 Better employment and business opportunities

- Actions still to be decided.

## 10 Easier to move around

- Actions still to be decided.

The benefits of being involved in Our Place Our Plan is that we get to have a say in how our area is shaped and how the Participatory Budgeting money we receive is spent. It also lets us get closer to our council representatives and partners so they can hear firsthand the concerns and issues of those they represent. Participatory Budgeting funding has made a great difference to the area and the groups that operate here. I would encourage all residents to join the group.

**Davy McAinsh**  
Group member



# Case study

Participatory Budgeting funding enabled Radworx to involve young people in professional instruction in skateboarding and BMXing. An extreme sport programme was designed to provide young people with the opportunity to access free tuition, protective equipment and an introduction to wheeled sports. Radworx instructors provided a safe space to help build young people's confidence. An integral component of Radworx Extreme Sports philosophy is encouraging a healthy and active lifestyle. A four week programme of taster sessions was delivered on Sunday afternoon in Strutherhill and Birkenshaw, the response from young people was simply amazing.

Young people were able to come along and try 2 weeks of skateboarding using mobile ramps and 2 weeks of BMXing using balance tracks. The aim of the taster sessions was to teach young people basic skateboarding and BMX skills, how to ride safely and skatepark etiquette. Motivating participants to challenge themselves and hopefully develop a passion for extreme sports that will continue beyond the taster sessions. Extreme sports can be extremely beneficial in getting young people outdoors in their community, improving mental health and being active and engaged in a positive activity.

Radworx has a proven track record in engaging some of the most hard to reach young people in sport and by using the Radworx ethos of combining sport and youth work practices they have successfully assisted in the development of young people's personal and social skills while helping them to choose a more healthy lifestyle through their participation in sporting opportunities. Taking the equipment and tuition into this community really mattered, because it broke down very real barriers that can sometimes stop young people from taking part in the first place such as cost, travel and territorial issues. Young people got the chance to participate in a very positive opportunity. Participatory Budgeting funding has made a huge impact.



I'm looking forward to having the opportunity to volunteer in my local community. Making a difference to where I live alongside like-minded volunteers. I moved back to Larkhall last year and the group has helped me find out about what's happening in my neighbourhood. As a new volunteer, I'm keen to understand how the plan gets involved in place-based decisions.

Discussing the Participatory Budgeting bids alongside other residents was hugely inspiring. There is lots of great work going on in our community which bring benefits to all.

**Lauren Bennie**  
Group Member

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“ As a partner, Our Place Our Plan provides another avenue to engage directly with members of the community and gain insight into the needs and wants of the people in the area. Being involved with the group has allowed us to ‘join the dots’ with an existing cycling programme that was happening within schools that was able to help satisfy one of the needs of the group. Through the group we have been able to raise the profile and showcase some of the work we already do.

**Keith Glendinning**  
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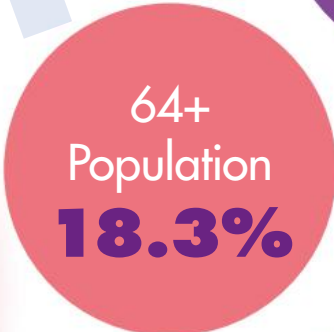
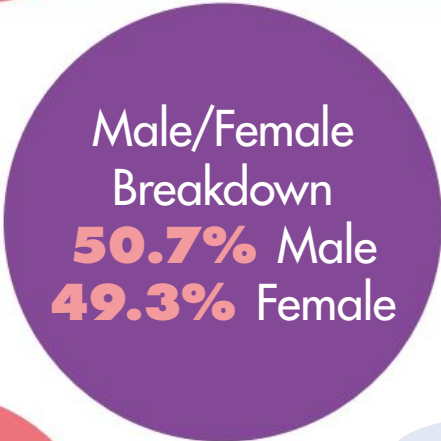
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# Introduction

Burnhill is a small community in Ward 12 of Rutherglen Central and North, situated on the border of South Lanarkshire and Glasgow City Council. The local housing which comprises of a combination of houses and flatted properties, accommodates a population of 1,500 people. Burnhill boasts an incredible Community Action Group who continue to empower and transform the community by facilitating a variety of projects and activities that local residents can feel part of and enjoy.

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

Since the plan was published, a local Community Action Group has been working to achieve the priorities set out in the plan. The Community Action Group members are local residents however are joined by representatives from key local agencies and organisations.





# History

- ▶ **October 2019**, our first stakeholders meeting was held.
- ▶ **November to January 2020**, we launched a consultation within the area involving door-to-door conversations alongside school and group visits to encourage young people to participate. 230 residents shared their hopes and aspirations for their area through this consultation.
- ▶ **February to October 2020**, the Neighbourhood Plan was produced and shared with residents in the Burnhill community.
- ▶ **May 2021**, we launched our Participatory Budgeting fund which allocated £8,400 to two local projects.
- ▶ **September 2021 and June 2022**, our annual progress reports were published and shared with the community.
- ▶ Since the launch of the plan in **2020** £40,878 has been invested in the Burnhill area to deliver Participatory Budgeting. Allowing local people to directly influence how public money is spent. (£8,400 in 2021/22, £28,278 in 2022/23 and £4,211 in 2023/24)
- ▶ We also meet regularly with local stakeholders to discuss future plans.

# Information on Participatory Budgeting

In 2023/24, £4,211 of Participatory Budgeting money funded by South Lanarkshire Council was open to local groups and organisations in Burnhill. Local groups and organisations applied to the fund and over 300 people voted on which projects they would like to see funded. See results below:

- 1. Rutherglen Glencairn 2006's** (244 votes, £4211)
- 2. The Highbacks** (93 votes, £500)
- 3. SLLC – Sports Programme** (63 votes, £2500)
- 4. Universal Connections Family Lego Group** (42 votes, £4000)
- 5. Burnhill Youth Activism Group** (38 votes, £500)



## 1

**More leisure and social opportunities**

- Community outings to the Pantomime, Salt Caves and Ayr beach. Over **100** people attended.
- Local volunteers from Rutherglen Glencairn provide training, free football camps and competitive league opportunities.
- 16 young people took part in a 6 week cooking course and were all provided with a cook book to continue to learn at home with their families.

## 2

**Stronger and better communities**

- **4** big annual free community events - Christmas, Easter, Halloween and Summer Colour Run.
- Youth Activism Group – Young people are taking the lead and making positive changes within their community.
- Working in partnership with the local primary school to bring young people to the Highbacks for risky play, environmental workshops and food growing.

## 3

**Physical environment and housing improvements**

- A shredding lorry visited the community to allow people to dispose of sensitive documents free of charge with roughly three tonnes of waste shredded.
- The Youth Activism Group hosted a fly tipping and recycling campaign where they distributed flyers to over **300** residents with useful information, hosted an event to promote the campaign and shared their experiences of the issue.
- Planting a small woodland block on the open space near the motorway around **980** whips (small trees) planted. This will increase tree cover, improve the wildlife corridor, and add to the landscape value of the area.

## 4

**Play park and sports park improvements**

- The development of the Highbacks – food growing opportunities and more opportunities to socialise outdoors.

## 5

**Easier to get about/moving around**

- Rutherglen Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan has been drafted and will open for public consultation in 2024/25.

6

## Greater community safety



- Youth initiative targeting offending/offenders through proactive engagement in hot spot areas.
- Community Officers continue to attend Community Council meetings to engage and update.
- Temporary CCTV camera in place in Burnhill.

7

## More variety of shops/businesses



- Rutherglen Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan has been drafted and will open for public consultation in 2024/25.

8

## Better education, training and employment opportunities



- Young people were offered training for hair styling and to gain skills as a make-up artist.
- Volunteers had the opportunity to train as climate action facilitators and forest school leaders.
- Mental health first aid training undertaken by **eight** adult learners.

9

## Better financial wellbeing



- **11** online applications have been made for free period products, **21** people benefited in total.
- **62** single use and **10** reusable products have been ordered.
- Support for young people to access school uniforms; **15** families were supported through this.

10

## Health improvements



- Carbon monoxide alarms given out to local residents.
- **Six** Out of Hours appointments to support people to attend cancer screening appointments per month offered and **18** people attended.
- Information on screening awareness regularly posted on the "What's on in Burnhill" social media pages.



# Development Plans

- The Burnhill Stakeholder Group will continue to work on the priorities highlighted by local people.
- A new Participatory Budgeting exercise will be planned and delivered to provide investment to projects related to the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Host a community voting event to re-prioritise the top 10 priorities and identify actions for the year ahead.



The progress that has been detailed in this report shows the amazing work going on in the Burnhill area and the majority of this has been achieved by local volunteers who are passionate about improving the area.

**Heather Robertson**  
(Community Engagement Assistant)

# Actions for 2024-2025

## 1 More leisure and social opportunities

- Deliver free fun community events throughout the year.
- Continue to deliver free football sessions during school holidays.

## 2 Stronger and better communities

- Strengthening the Burnhill Action Group to become a registered charity to open up new opportunities in the area.
- Work with local groups to access funding, training and networking opportunities.

## 3 Physical environment and housing improvements

- Continue environmental projects such as clean ups.
- Continue working to protect and enhance the area to increase biodiversity.

## 4 Play park and sport park improvements

- Continue investment in the Highbacks to allow more community activity to take place.

## 5 Easier to get about/moving around

- Promotion of Rutherglen Town Centre Action Plan consultation.

## 6 Greater community safety

- Continue to work with local community Police Officers.

## 7 More variety of shops and businesses

- Promotion of Rutherglen Town Centre Action Plan consultation.

## 8 Better education, training and employment opportunities

- No plans identified relating to this priority for 2024/25.

## 9 Better financial wellbeing

- The Highbacks to become a free sanitary outlet for local people to be able to access products locally.

## 10 Health improvements

- No plans identified relating to this priority for 2024/25.



## Case study

The Highbacks project has grown from strength to strength since the start of the development in 2021. The community garden known as the Highbacks now hosts four big community events per year (Easter, Summer, Halloween, and Christmas) as well as smaller events throughout the year. The space also hosts weekly wellbeing groups, youth activism groups and family hubs to promote socialising with neighbours and community members. Local primary schools have also been making use of the area to learn about the environment and take part in outdoor activities as their playground has limited space.

The area has been supporting local people through the cost of living crisis by offering free activities, school uniforms, food parcels, sanitary products, and cooking on a budget courses.

The area is promoting biodiversity which has been inspired by the local young people planting flowers to attract pollinating insects and they have also recently installed a small pond that is home to some frogs and tadpoles. These young people have also hosted a fly tipping and litter campaign in the Highbacks where they welcomed local people and key services to give information and resources to help local people dispose of their waste responsibly.



Our team is more than football for most of our players as this has kept them away from gang culture, alcohol, and drugs. We've been able to support these young men into further education, employment and apprenticeships with the partners and sponsors who worked alongside us over the years. The PB (Participatory Budgeting) funding we received will allow us to pay for park fees for training, and games allow us to pay for bus hire when we play away games. As a way to give back to the community we provide free football camps for local young people with over 100 attending.

**Tony**  
(Rutherglen Glencairn  
Football Club Coach)

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“ Neighbourhood Planning has helped Burnhill Action Group shape the work that has been delivered in the last year. Re-evaluating the theme process allowed us to deliver the needs of our local people. Helping with the cost of living, which was high in the agenda, we supported this by becoming a period product outlet, offer free clothes swap shop for school uniforms etc, the idea of running a community larder which has just been finished and our projects tackling all the other issues surrounding the theme outcomes. Family Hub, Children’s Activism Group, isolation/mental health groups, community garden and events four times a year to help the community come together. All this was achieved and identified by the votes from local people feeding into our Neighbourhood Plan.

” **Burnhill Action Group**

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# Cambuslang East

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# Introduction

Cambuslang East is made up of different areas such as Halfway, Overton, Cairns, Westburn, Flemington, Lightburn, Circuit, Drumsagard, Newton, Hallside, and Gilbertfield. Among these areas there are three Community Planning Partnership priority areas in Circuit, Halfway and Westburn. Cambuslang East has a lot of active groups and organisations that work in the community. The population of this area is over 18,000 and it's a lively, diverse community that sits within Ward 14.

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

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

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





# History

- ▶ **October 2019** our first stakeholders meeting was held.
- ▶ **November to January 2020**, we launched our survey in the area, and held door to door conversations with the local community. We also visited schools and local groups to encourage everyone to take part. 1,044 local people shared their hopes and aspirations for Cambuslang East through the survey.
- ▶ **February to October 2020**, Cambuslang East neighbourhood plan was printed and delivered to residents.
- ▶ **September 2021**, our first annual progress report was published and shared within the community followed by another in 2022 and 2023.
- ▶ Since the launch of the plan in 2020, **£57,801** has been invested in the Cambuslang East area to deliver Participatory Budgeting. Allowing local people to directly influence how public money is spent. (£6,300 in 2021/22, £6,300 in 2022/23 and £45,201 in 2023/24)
- ▶ We also meet regularly with local stakeholders to discuss future plans.



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Area population is around

**17,418**  
people

Male

**8,419**  
(48%)

Female

**8,999**  
(52%)

Under 16 population

**4,087**

16 to 60 Population

**10,761**

60+ Population  
**2,781**

Households  
**7,054**

**7**

Primary schools within area

1

## Play park and sports park improvements



- Halfway Park improvements completed in April/May 2023 with new equipment, fence and surfacing being installed through a joint project with Halfway Community Council and South Lanarkshire Council.
- Cambuslang Community Sports Club SCIO are aiming to secure the Peter Brownlee Red Ash Pitch as part of the Community Asset Transfer process. They hope to upgrade the pitch to 3G standard, making the park exclusively available to teams from within the Cambuslang area and are looking to expand their remit to make use of the wider Peter Brownlee Park for other sports and recreational activity.

2

## More leisure and social opportunities



- South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture are working with Clyde Cycle Park in Cambuslang to run a targeted cycling programme for primary children and their families.
- Halfway District Bowling Club are designing programmes to enable more people, especially children, to take up a new sport and hobbies that will have social and health benefits.
- Project 31 are delivering a new programme of outdoor play activities in the Halfway area giving the children who live locally the opportunity to experience all the benefits of outdoor play.

3

## More variety of shops/businesses



- This action will continue into 2024/25.

4

## Stronger and better communities



- The Halfway Fireworks Display is the community's largest annual event, gaining a crowd of around 3,500 people each year. Spectators come from all over South Lanarkshire and Glasgow to experience the show.
- The Halfway Christmas Lights Switch On, operated by Particip8, offers a Santa visit to eight primary schools and a Santa Drive By, where Santa travels around Cambuslang East in a festive grotto trailer handing out over three hundred chocolate Santa gifts.

5

## Physical environment and housing improvements



- This action will continue into 2024/25.

6

## Easier to get about/moving around



- Carriageway resurfacing complete – Hamilton Road, Gilbertfield Road, Hallside and Drumsagard
- Footway resurfacing complete – Woodlands Crescent.

7

## Better education, training and employment opportunities



- Circuit Youth Club support local young people by providing opportunities to help them gain the necessary skills and confidence they need to achieve positive outcomes through identifying their goals. By attending the Youth Club, the young people enjoy experiences such as, trips, forest school education, baking and cooking skills and fitness classes.
- Family Fun Time offer family members of all ages free sessions which cover a range of topics and activities such as health and wellbeing, arts and crafts, outdoor sports, literacy and numeracy.

8

## Greater community safety



- Youth initiative targeting offending/offenders through proactive engagement in hot spot areas.
- Community Officers continue to attend Community Council meetings to engage and update.

9

## Health improvements



- Me Time, which is a new group in Cambuslang East aims to provide a safe space for Mums to focus on themselves for a few hours each week away from the responsibility of parenthood.

10

## Better financial wellbeing



- **149** online applications have been made for free period products, **249** people benefited in total.
- **765** single use and **72** reusable products have been ordered.



# Information on Participatory Budgeting

A total of 817 individuals voted. Please see the table below that shows the breakdown of votes and allocation of funds.

**Circuit** – Total no. of individuals voted 129, £6,300 available:

1. **Particip8 – Fireworks** (93 votes, £1500)
2. **Particip8 Overton – Christmas** (84 votes, £750)
3. **Circuit Youth Club** (83 votes, £3000)
4. **Cambuslang OSC** (47 votes, £735)
5. **SLLC Bike Initiative** (30 votes, £1500)
6. **Me Time** (26 votes, £1500)
7. **He Time – YFCL** (24 votes, £1500)

**Westburn** – Total no. of individuals voted 126, £6,300 available:

1. **Particip8 – Fireworks** (121 votes, £1500)
2. **Particip8 Overton – Christmas** (99 votes, £750)
3. **Circuit Youth Club** (51 votes, £735)
4. **Cambuslang OSC** (44 votes, £1500)
5. **Me Time** (36 votes, £1500)
6. **He Time – YFCL** (27 votes, £1500)

**Halfway** – Total no. of individuals voted 474, £6,300 available:

1. **Project 31 SCIO** (317 votes, £3000)
2. **Halfway and District Bowling Club** (254 votes, £3000)
3. **Family Fun Time** (229 votes, £3000)
4. **Halfway CC – in Bloom** (181 votes, £1000)
5. **Halfway CC – Park Bench** (156 votes, £2000)
6. **Particip8 Overton - Gala Day** (149 votes, £735)
7. **Cambuslang OSC** (136 votes, £735)

**Cambuslang East Wide** – Total no. of individuals voted 817, £26,300 available.

1. **Cambuslang Community Sports Hub SCIO** (558 votes, £10,000)
2. **Circuit Youth Club – Moving the Goalposts** (382 votes, £3000)
3. **Circuit Youth Club – Community Centre Clean Up** (358 votes, £5000)
4. **Particip8 – Westburn Hall** (336, votes £5300)

# Development plans

- ▶ The Cambuslang East Stakeholder Group will continue to work on the priorities highlighted by local people.
- ▶ A new Participatory Budgeting exercise will be planned and delivered to provide investment to projects related to the Neighbourhood Plan.
- ▶ Host a community voting event to re-prioritise the top 10 priorities and identify actions for the year ahead.

1	<b>Play park and sport park improvements</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cambuslang Community Sports Club SCIO are aiming to secure the Peter Brownlee Red Ash Pitch as part of the Community Asset Transfer process. They hope to upgrade the pitch to 3G standard, making the park exclusively available to teams from within the Cambuslang area and look to expand their remit to make use of the wider Peter Brown-lee Park for other sports and recreational activity.</li> </ul>
2	<b>More leisure and social opportunities</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local groups and volunteers are working hard to secure local facilities for Community Asset Transfer to increase social opportunities within the area.</li> <li>• Moving the goalposts programme to be delivered in the Circuit</li> <li>• South Lanarkshire Leisure &amp; Culture are working with Clyde Cycle Park in Cambuslang to run a targeted cycling program for primary children and their families.</li> </ul>
3	<b>More variety of shops and businesses</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No plans identified relating to this priority for 24/25</li> </ul>
4	<b>Stronger and better communities</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community events – Fun Day, Fireworks and Christmas to continue</li> </ul>
5	<b>Physical environment and housing improvements</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community clean up events to continue.</li> <li>• Halfway in Bloom – continuing to brighten up the main street.</li> </ul>
6	<b>Easier to get about/moving around</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Lanarkshire Leisure &amp; Culture are working with Clyde Cycle Park in Cambuslang to run a targeted cycling program for primary children and their families.</li> </ul>
7	<b>Better education, training and employment opportunities</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free childcare places funded through Participatory Budgeting through Cambuslang Out of School care.</li> </ul>
8	<b>Greater community safety</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work with local community police officers.</li> </ul>
9	<b>Health improvements</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No plans identified relating to this priority for 24/25</li> </ul>
10	<b>Better financial wellbeing</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No plans identified relating to this priority for 24/25</li> </ul>

## Case study

The 'Family Fun Time' group runs every Wednesday in the North Halfway Hall. Families from Halfway and surrounding areas have been attending each week and taking part in a variety of informal family learning activities such as team building exercises, STEM activities as well as various fun games which help with literacy and numeracy such as family quizzes and bingo. The families have also participated in a range of health and wellbeing activities such as outdoor sports, mindfulness exercises and a vast range of craft activities. In addition to this we have had information sessions from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. We will also be looking to have future inputs from NHS and Leisure Services, etc too.

Thanks to the Participatory Budgeting funding, the sessions have been going from strength to strength and are now enabling many families from the local community to build new and strengthen current relationships. The sessions have also given many local kids the opportunity to form new friendships with their peers from different local primary schools too. The parents have stated that coming to this group with their kids each week gives them the opportunity to spend quality time with their children that they otherwise wouldn't have the chance to. They love feeling that they can support their child's learning in a fun and informal way each week.



My daughter looks forward to attending every week and I also really look forward to meeting some of the other local Mum's each week too! Because of this group, I have noticed massive positive changes in my daughter such as socialising and mixing more with her peers.

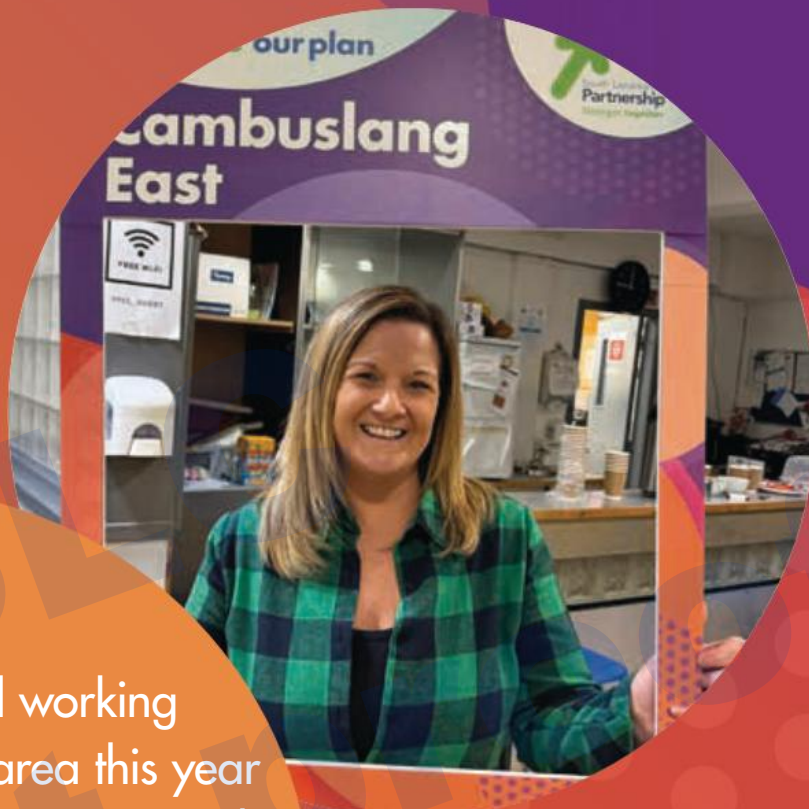
**Parent**  
(who attends  
Family Fun Time)

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I have really enjoyed working  
in the Cambuslang East area this year  
as I have had the opportunity to work  
with so many amazing groups who  
are improving their local community  
as highlighted in this report.

**Alice Roy**

Community Engagement Assistant

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Our Neighbourhood Plan



# Blantyre Futures

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# Introduction

Blantyre is a town which has a population of just under 17,000 residents and has a mix of social housing, privately rented and owned homes.

Blantyre is continually growing with new housing developments expanding towards East Kilbride and Cambuslang and is well served by rail and road due to the proximity of both the A725 and M74, allowing for easy commuting to Glasgow and Edinburgh.

Blantyre has various active community and voluntary organisations that work within the town. These groups and organisations focus on providing opportunities for residents of all ages including social, recreational and activity based initiatives. The strong sense of community is clear and many residents have given years of commitment to contribute to the continued growth and vibrancy of the town. Blantyre has a well established town centre with a variety of independent shops and businesses. The town has been subject to a town planning consultation recently and the town planning actions are still ongoing in 2023-2024.

Blantyre has a wealth of community assets including:

- 2 youth organisations
- 1 Miners Welfare
- 7 nurseries (mix of public and private)
- 5 primary schools
- 1 secondary school and KEAR Campus
- 1 library
- 1 Blantyre Life Care and Community Facility
- 1 leisure centre
- 1 soccer academy
- 1 skate park
- 1 museum with public park
- 2 public parks
- Multiple churches and associated halls
- Plus a wide range of community groups and organisations such as various community gardens, that contribute to the vibrancy of the community and the wellbeing of its citizens.



Area population is around

**16,790**  
people

Male

**7,981**

Female

**8,819**

Under 16

**2,819**

16 to 64

**10,532**

65+

**3,449**

Households

**7,701**

## Schools within the area

- Blantyre has a good selection of schools including St Joseph's Primary, Auchinraith Primary, St Blane's Primary, High Blantyre Primary and David Livingstone Memorial Primary.
- Calderside Academy is the town's only secondary school.
- KEAR Campus School is also hosted in Blantyre.



# History

In 2021-2022, the Blantyre Futures plan was created through engagement led by local stakeholders, community members, community groups and South Lanarkshire Council's Community Engagement Team where a list of priorities were created.

The top three priorities were youth activities, community safety and community activities which formed the basis of the first year of the plan. Stakeholders were able to apply for Place Based Participatory Budgeting to help them achieve their identified outcomes in line with the priorities.

In May 2023, the stakeholders came back together after a period of absence due to staffing changes and felt that a focus on getting to know the community would be useful for the Community Engagement Team. The group met again in October 2023 with the focus of asking people about the priorities and if they think they should be re-ranked for the coming year. This led to local community engagement over a four week period, where 111 locals produced 155 individual ideas under 12 main themes. The most talked about themes were young people and children, play parks, football pitches, mental health and wellbeing and activities for pre-school children.

Place Based Participatory Budgeting took place in December 2023 and £45,473 from the National Lottery Community Fund and South Lanarkshire Council was distributed to community groups and organisations who covered the main themes outlined through the community engagement work.



# Information on Participatory Budgeting

In October 2023, we asked 155 members of the community to share with us their ideas on how to spend £45,453, which has been made available for Blantyre by South Lanarkshire Council and the National Lottery's Community Fund.

Those community members wanted support for children and young people, mental health, toddlers and parents, play park improvement and access to sport, particularly football, among other things.

As a result, the £45,453 has been made available through grants of up to £4,000 and each project or proposed activity must address at least one of the Blantyre Futures plan priority themes and be community led.

- ▶ 13 proposals were received
- ▶ 387 people voted, totalling 1398 votes
- ▶ All proposals full or part funded

## The following projects were funded:

1. Bonnie Blantyre
2. Blantyre Community Council
3. Blantyre Community Trust
4. Blantyre Soccer Academy – Young People's Holiday Programme
5. Blantyre Soccer Academy – Keep the Heid Men's Wellbeing Group
6. Memorial Garden Group
7. Blantyre Queen Bee's Ladies Wellbeing Group
8. St John's Parent Council – Exam Project
9. Terminal 1 – Music Project
10. Terminal 1 – Awards Project
11. Winter Warmer Group
12. Scouts
13. Tiny Tots Toddlers

All projects have set outcomes and are subject to evaluation once the activities are fully delivered. The Stakeholder Group also voted to carry out an audit process, so random groups will take part in this process in early 2025.

## Priority

## Progress that has been achieved

# 1

### Youth activities



- Blantyre Soccer Academy have been successful with an Asset Transfer which will provide spaces for young people to take part in sports and social activities.
- Terminal One continue to run targeted and universal youth work, in addition to supporting homework, cost of living issues and volunteering.

# 2

### Greater community safety



- Police Scotland update the Community Council regularly on community safety issues.

# 3

### Community activities



- Queen Bee's Women's Group have supported each other to improve their mental wellbeing.
- The weekly Warm Welcome Lunch Club continues to thrive at Blantyre Old Parish Church.
- Blantyre Soccer Academy have created a new group to support men's mental wellbeing.

# 4

### Covid recovery



- All groups and organisations in Blantyre are promoting recovery by targeting specific groups and reducing social isolation.

# 5

### Older people's activities



- Blantyre Old Parish Church have created a group focusing on building a memorial garden in the church grounds.
- St Joseph's Drop In Club meets on Mondays between 1pm – 3pm and is open to anyone who wishes to come along.



## 6

**Environmentally friendly**

- Bonnie Blantyre's work is centred around supporting the environment through the introduction of wildflower meadows and community growing at the Miner's Welfare garden.
- Friends of the Calder continue to involve local schools in looking after the environment via regular litter picks.
- 365 people accessed free sanitary provision, 19% of these were reusable products.

## 7

**Community transport**

- This action will be carried over to 2024/25.

## 8

**Glasgow Road and shopping facilities**

- Bonnie Blantyre continues to decorate Glasgow Road with seasonal plants and hanging baskets which look beautiful and support the environment.
- Actions under this theme are ongoing as part of the Town Centre Planning Action Plan.

## 9

**Civic pride**

- 1,898 votes were cast for the Place Based Participatory Budgeting.
- Friends of Calder continue to promote the area by showing people what they have on their doorstep and by facilitating community events.

## 10

**Roads, traffic and parking**

- Actions under this theme are ongoing as part of the Town Centre Planning Action Plan.

# Development plans

The actions to be carried out in the next year will focus on getting to know the town of Blantyre and building capacity of residents to participate and make change happen.

- Continue to map the town to learn more about what is happening within Blantyre.
- Support groups with Asset Transfer options in partnership with the Community Asset Transfer Officer and others.
- Work alongside the Community Council and others to reinvigorate community engagement and participation.
- Continue to develop the Stakeholder Group so local people/groups can shape and influence the Neighbourhood Planning process.
- Start the Participatory Budgeting process as soon as possible.



The Winter Warmer Project at High Blantyre Parish Church has recently joined the Blantyre Futures Group. Being part of a wider network is helping us develop the project and making life a bit easier for the many volunteers who help make it a success.

**Winter Warmer  
Volunteer**

# Actions for 2024-2025

## 1 Youth activities

- New music project in Terminal One for local children and young people.

## 2 Greater Community Safety

- Continue to work alongside Emergency Services and South Lanarkshire Council to tackle local issues.

## 3 Community activities

- Continue to support the mental wellbeing of adults through gender-based groups.

## 4 Covid recovery

- Continue to provide opportunities for people to leave their homes and build connections in their community.

## 5 Older people activities

- Support older people's activities via funding support and awareness raising.

## 6 Environmentally friendly

- Community gardens continue to thrive to support wildlife, insects and the environment.

## 7 Community transport

- Gather more information about the current picture of local transport.

## 8 Glasgow Road and shopping facilities

- Actions under this theme are ongoing as part of the Town Centre Planning Action Plan.

## 9 Civic Pride

- Bonnie Blantyre to continue to brighten up the town with plants, flowers and baskets.

## 10 Roads, traffic and parking

- Actions under this theme are ongoing as part of the Town Centre Planning Action Plan.



## Case study

The Keep the Heid Project at Blantyre Soccer Academy provides a safe space for men to share their own personal struggles with like-minded others. As well as sharing their experiences through table talks, the group, with an age range from 18-65, provide guided meditation, walks around the local area, attend recovery gigs and take part in cold water therapy. Below is a real-life story of the impact attending the group has had on one participant and his family.

“I am writing to say a massive thanks to the Keep the Heid Group on behalf of my family. My husband has not been feeling himself recently and opened up to me about suicidal thoughts coming into his mind, so I suggested to him to go along to your group to talk to other men.

I had never heard of your group till I seen it on Facebook and the work you all do. My husband came home from his first meeting absolutely buzzing and it was all he could talk about was Keep the Heid and all the nice men he met who were going through the same as him, as he thought he was unique. He said he felt as if he knew everyone from the minute he walked through the door with the welcome you all gave him. I thank you once again for giving me my husband back”.

**Anon Group Member.**



“

Being part of Blantyre Futures has opened doors to new partnerships and access to funding and support we didn't know existed.

**The Queen Bees Group**

”



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Local, broad-based criteria with plenty of scope for new ideas and testing new approaches is fundamental to the success of Neighbourhood Planning and Participatory Budgeting grants. We must now find ways to deepen community engagement and be more aspirational with mainstream Participatory Budgeting.

**Councillor  
Maureen Chalmers**



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Our Neighbourhood Plan for

# Fernhill

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# Introduction

Fernhill is a small community in Rutherglen that sits on the South Lanarkshire side of the border to Glasgow City Council. Fernhill is part of Ward 11 – Rutherglen South

The housing in the area is made up of a mixture of houses and flatted properties. Rented properties are split between local authority and West of Scotland Housing Association.

The area has a very strong network of community volunteers who deliver a variety of activities for the community. Fernhill has a population of roughly 1887.

Our Place Our Plan, Fernhill sets out priorities and highlights the positive things going on for our community. Priorities identified by residents between November 2020 and March 2022.

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

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

**i** Area population is around **1,887** people

Male **864** (45.8%)

Female **1,023** (54.2%)

Under 16 **366** (19.4%)

16 to 64 **1,172** (62.1%)

65+ **394** (18.5%)

Households **1,293**





# History

This neighbourhood plan has been informed by extensive community engagement carried out between November 2020 and March 2022 the process involved:

- An asset map of the community was produced to highlight the great work already ongoing within the community.
- A number of meetings with local residents and representatives from key organisations in the area to design the engagement.
- A community survey delivered door to door which covered all households within the Fernhill area.
- **March 2022**, the neighbourhood plan was produced and shared with residents in the Fernhill community.
- **June 2022**, our annual progress reports were published and shared with the community.
- Since the launch of the plan in 2020 £30,772 has been invested in the Fernhill area to deliver Participatory Budgeting. Allowing local people to directly influence how public money is spent. (£2,800 in 2021/22, £2,800 in 2022/23 and £25,172 in 2023/24)



# Information on Participatory Budgeting

In 2023/24, £25,172 of Participatory Budgeting money funded by the Big Lottery and South Lanarkshire Council was awarded to local groups and organisations in Fernhill. The stakeholder group identified projects by gathering ideas for projects from around 100 local residents, local groups and organisations then applied to the fund to deliver the projects identified. Over 300 people voted on which projects they would like to see funded. See results below:

**1. Fruit for Football/Pitch Hire**  
(£1,402.75 costs, 172 votes, £1,402.75 allocated)

**2. Gala/Seasonal Parties**  
(£4,500 costs, 104 votes, £4,500 allocated)

**3. Youth Activities**  
(£1,860 costs, 77 votes, £1,860 allocated)

**4. Playscheme**  
(£4,000 costs, 76 votes, £4,000 allocated)

**5. Park Improvements**  
(£26,000 costs, 75 votes, £13,409 allocated)

**6. Seniors Group**  
(£1,400 costs, 71 votes)

**7. Moving the Goalposts**  
(£6,000 costs, 58 votes)

**8. Park Improvements (smaller)**  
(£21,980 costs, 54 votes)

**8. Toddler Activities**  
(£1,200 costs, 37 votes)

**10. Bowlers**  
(£648 costs, 33 votes)

**11. Newsletter**  
(£600 costs, 19 votes)



1

## More leisure and social opportunities



- Fernhill Playscheme ran a number of outings with **30 people** attending.
- The O'Hana Club provided trips for young people throughout the school holidays with over **150 people** attending regularly.
- Soccer School providing free football sessions for young people. Over **50 young people** attending weekly.

2

## Stronger and better communities



- **300 local people** voted in a participatory budgeting exercise increasing local decision making.
- Gala day funded through participatory budgeting will be organised later in the year.

3

## Physical environment and housing improvements



- Housing improvements by South Lanarkshire Council some of the work included derelict lock ups being demolished, new fencing installed, new bin cages installed, landscaping improvements, entrance stairs up-graded, new controlled entry systems installed.
- Six weekly walkabouts with housing, MP and local councillors to discuss and action any concerns.

4

## Play park and sports park improvements



- Local people voted to use some of this years Participatory Budgeting money to upgrade the playpark at sheildaig drive. This action will continue in to 2024/25.

5

## Easier to get about/moving around



- Kenmure Way resurfacing to footpath completed.

6

**Greater community safety**

- Youth initiative targeting offending/offenders through pro active engagement in hot spot areas.
- Community officers continue to attend community council.

7

**More variety of shops/businesses**

- This action will continue in to 2024/25.

8

**Better education and training opportunities**

- This action will continue in to 2024/25.

9

**Better financial wellbeing**

- Local groups and organisations are providing free outings and trips for young people and their families.

10

**Health improvements**

- This action will continue in to 2024/25.

# Development plans

- The stakeholder group will continue to work on the priorities highlighted by local people.
- A new Participatory Budgeting exercise will be planned and delivered to provide investment to projects related to the neighbourhood plan.
- Host a community voting event to re prioritise the top 10 priorities and identify actions for the year ahead.



# Actions for 2024-2025

- 1 More leisure and social opportunities**
  - Funding through Participatory Budgeting will support more activity such as Soccer School, Youth Project and Playscheme.
- 2 Stronger and better communities**
  - Fernhill Gala day being organised to take place in August 2024.
- 3 Physical environment and housing improvements**
  - Continue six weekly multi agency community walkabouts to address any concerns.
- 4 Play park and sport park improvements**
  - 2023/24 Participatory Budgeting money will be used to improve the play park at Sheildaig.
- 5 Easier to get about/moving around**
  - No plans identified relating to this priority for 24/25.
- 6 Greater community safety**
  - Community officers to continue to attend local community meetings when they can.
- 7 More variety of shops/businesses**
  - Rutherglen Town Centre Strategy and Action Plan has been drafted and will open for public consultation in 2024/25.
- 8 Better education and training opportunities**
  - No plans identified relating to this priority for 24/25.
- 9 Better financial wellbeing**
  - No plans identified relating to this priority for 24/25..
- 10 Health improvements**
  - No plans identified relating to this priority for 2024/25.



# Case study

Fernhill Bowlers has benefitted from a donation of £250 towards the cost of transport to take members on trips, days out, or to a special event.

Their 'wish' was granted by SSI Schaefer Plastics UK Limited, one of several local and national businesses signed up to respond when applications to the Community Wish List come in.

The cash boost will help the group continue to tackle issues of social isolation experienced by many of their 40 or so mostly older and retired members and widen the opportunities for all involved.

Fernhill Bowlers' Janette Oliver explained: "The club runs every Monday and creates a chance to socialise and learn new skills while playing a sport we all enjoy, having a natter entertaining one another, sharing our knowledge and stories.

"We would like to take a trip to other events or just enjoy a day away, but the cost of a bus is something we struggle with. That's why this donation is so welcomed, as it allows us to continue to tackle loneliness and isolation which is something we pride ourselves on.

"The ability to offer something as simple as a community day out to the seaside can make all the difference to so many."

A spokesperson for SSI Schaefer Plastics UK Limited said the company was privileged to be able to fulfil a community wish, adding: "We have a down-to-earth attitude, and our ambition is to be a long-term partner for customers and employees – embodying the characteristics that define our corporate DNA.



The development and engagement within the Fernhill area has grown with relationships flourishing, meaning that it is an exciting time to be part of the local neighbourhood planning process.

**Heather Robertson**  
Community Engagement Assistant

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Fernhill soccer school use most of the Participatory Budgeting funding on football kits and paying our park and hall, this again is a lifeline to local families as it means we can let kids have fun and mixing for free, parks had went up so much recently so this funding made it possible for Fernhill soccer school to carry on with our group for free, hopefully we can continue to do this for many years.

**Davy O'Neil**  
Fernhill Soccer School

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# Introduction

Whitehill is an area in North Hamilton with a population of around 2,500 people. The area has benefited from a lot of development over the past 20 years or so but still faces socio-economic challenges.

Recent developments within the area include the replacement of social housing, an introduction of a care/retirement facility and a community and sports centre which includes a Universal Connection project offering opportunities for people of all ages.

Despite having a small population, the area has access to local services such as three schools and a small number of shops. There is a retail park on the outskirts of Whitehill that offers employment opportunities for locals, as well as places to eat and shop.

Whitehill has a small number of vibrant community groups and organisations and access to support and services from South Lanarkshire Council, charities and South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture. Whitehill also benefits from a lot of outdoor spaces, including community woodlands.

Whitehill has a number of community assets, which include:

- A community facility with integrated library and community learning and development services.
- A secondary school
- An urban woodland
- A MUGA
- A public park
- Various community groups and organisations
- A football stadium and a retail park on the area's periphery
- Small number of local amenities/shops

**i** Area population is around **2,524** people

Male **49.2%**

Female **50.8%**

Under 16 **543**

16 to 64 **1,619**

65+ **362**

## Housing

- Whitehill has a mix of social, private and privately rented properties, these are mostly semi-detached houses or flats with gardens.

## Schools within the area

- Two primary schools, one denominational and one non-denominational
- One denominational secondary school which has a catchment area wider than the situated community

# History

Our Place Our Plan in Whitehill started in 2021/22 when 420 Whitehill residents shared their priorities for improving the area. The residents completed an online survey and participated in conversations on door steps and in established groups and activities in the area. Residents highlighted what they liked about their area, what assets they had and what their priorities are for improvements for Whitehill. The priorities were shared with the community of Whitehill which included local residents, volunteers and local organisations that have been working hard to meet the priorities.

In 2023, the Community Engagement Team spoke to a further 121 residents and new priorities we added to the eight already in the Whitehill Plan. The plan now includes **better financial wellbeing** and **more variety of shops and businesses**.

The new top three priorities 2024/25 focus will be:

- ▶ Play park improvements
- ▶ Physical environment and housing improvements
- ▶ Financial wellbeing

Despite some of the top three priorities changing, the same range of work will keep going across the stakeholder group because all of it would indirectly help financial wellbeing. For example, access to free or low-cost, community-based activities can support financial wellbeing for families. The group felt that much work needed to be done to achieve all of the outcomes and that one year wasn't long enough to achieve it all.

# Information on Participatory Budgeting

In 2023/24, **£28,736** of Participatory Budgeting money funded by the Big Lottery and South Lanarkshire Council was awarded to local groups and organisations in Whitehill over two rounds of public voting.

The stakeholder group agreed that grants of £4,000 and £2,000 per application would be accepted, with groups and organisations being able to apply more than once, if a different project was proposed in each application. The stakeholder group assessed and approved the applications and local people voted by doorstep dialogue, online and during community pop up events, using a three-vote system.

## The funded projects are:

1. **Whitehill Activity Group**
2. **Whitehill Fun Day Steering Group**  
Fun Day event
3. **Universal connections**  
young people's project
4. **Beckford Primary Parent Council**
5. **Universal Connections** – Community activities
6. **St Paul's Primary Parent Council**
7. **Whitehill Fun Day Steering Group**  
football project
8. **Bothwell Road Action Group**
9. **Childcare in the Community**
10. **Hamilton Judo Club**
11. **OPOP Stakeholders Volunteering event**
12. **Whitehill Activity group** – Pantomime
13. **Universal Connections**  
adult cooking classes
14. **Whitehill activity group**  
cost of living support
15. **Childcare in the Community**

All projects have agreed what they want to achieve and will be evaluated once the activities are fully delivered. The stakeholder group voted to carry out an audit process so a sample of award recipients will be selected at random for an audit in Spring 2024.

1

## Play park and sports park improvements



- Local community groups continue to clean up the woods on a quarterly basis

2

## More leisure and social opportunities



- Whitehill Activity Group run a programme of activities for families and local residents during school holidays, engaging with 100s of local residents across all age groups.
- Universal Connections have provided a programme of activities and leisure opportunities to local young people.
- **380** local people took part in the Childcare in the Community's Well Fit Hub activities throughout the year.

3

## Stronger and better communities



- Hamilton Judo club are now using the centre four evenings per week, catering for between 50 and 100 adults and children each week.
- The Community Corner is providing opportunities for local older people to come together weekly in Universal Connections, the group has grown steadily and now has 15 regular members.

4

## Physical environment and housing improvements



- More bins were installed in early 2023, with continued monitoring from South Lanarkshire Council and feedback from the community through the Whitehill Neighbourhood Board and Stakeholder group.

5

## Easier to get about/moving around



- No change to bus service has taken place.

6

## Better education, training and employment opportunities



- Universal Connections are providing more opportunities for adults to learn in their local community i.e. first aid.
- Hamilton Judo Club are providing classes for adult, children and those with additional support needs.

7

## Greater community safety



- Scottish Fire and Rescue have joined the Whitehill stakeholder group
- Police Scotland have started to attend the Whitehill Neighbourhood Board meeting, to engage with local residents on the issue.

8

## Health improvements



- St Paul's Primary have been providing free afterschool dance activities for 150 children between P1 – P5.
- A free Easter sports programme for P1 – P7 was held in Holy Cross School for local children.

9

## Better financial wellbeing



- Whitehill activity group are supporting local people through the voucher scheme.
- Money Matters have attended the community corner to offer advice and support to 15 local people.
- **81** local people benefitted from free period provision.

10

## More variety of shops and businesses



- Whitehill stakeholder group will take up this action in 2024/25.



# Development plans

- The Whitehill stakeholder group plans to grow and develop through more community engagement work.
- The merging of the Whitehill Neighbourhood Board and Whitehill stakeholder group is taking place, meaning that staff from other council departments and other services will have more contact with local residents.
- The stakeholder group have agreed that the priorities created from the resident engagement carried out in May 2023 should be made into an action plan that will categorise what can be achieved in the short, medium and longer term. The stakeholder group understand that budgets are tight and that working together to solve the problems they've identified with local residents, can have a positive impact on the Whitehill community.
- In the year ahead, the stakeholder group will focus on the everyday challenges that the high cost of living puts on local families and the group hopes to increase the supports in place. In addition, they will focus on building a stronger community by organising community events and activities targeted at all members of the community.
- Some of the Whitehill group members have signed up to the Activate course which is being hosted by the Community Engagement Team and run by Glasgow university. This course provides community leadership training.

For the first time this year, Whitehill Activity Group opened up our activities to the whole community, instead of just to families with children. It was wonderful to see all of the older people come along to our bus trip to Burntisland last summer.

**Whitehill Activity Group**

# Actions for 2024-2025

## 1 Play park and sports park improvements

- Create an action plan with Grounds services, to look at what can be achieved in Whitehill.

## 2 Better financial wellbeing

- Support food and fuel costs for local families with a community held fund.

## 3 Physical environment and housing improvements

- Merge Whitehill Neighbourhood Board and stakeholder group, enhancing contact with Housing services.
- Build links with more local housing providers.

## 4 More leisure and social opportunities

- Low cost or free programme of holiday activities for all community members

## 5 Greater community safety

- Stronger links between the stakeholder group, Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

## 6 Better education, training and employment opportunities

- More adult learning opportunities.

## 7 Health improvements

- Access to health improvement activities from a community corner.

## 8 Easier to get about/moving around

- No actions identified under this priority for 2024/25

## 9 Stronger and better communities

- Local opportunities to come together and build a sense of community, for example a community fun day.
- Local groups will work together to provide more opportunities to get involved for Whitehill's residents.

## 10 More variety of shops and businesses

- The stakeholder group will build links with local businesses to support community needs

# Case study

The Community Corner is a weekly group that meets in Universal Connections at Whitehill centre every Friday. The group was established in response to a consultation that identified there were many isolated and lonely people living in the community, who would benefit from the opportunity to socialise and make new friends in a warm and safe environment.

Since the group started in Winter 2023, it has grown from a couple of members to 15 people attending each week. The sessions include an activity and provides lunch for its members, as well as human connection.

The group have taken part in information workshops, had help and advice from the Money Matters service and have taken part in the campaign to save Whitehill Neighbourhood Centre from closure.

Here is what the members have said about coming to the Community Corner:



“It’s changed my life,  
it’s like my second home.”

“The group gives me a reason  
to leave the house.”

“The group has helped me  
through a tough time.”

Finally, the group members have started to take part in other community based activities, including community meals, adult learning and bus trips.

Adult learners are starting to benefit from the programme that they requested through the engagement with local residents. We have completed first aid and food hygiene courses and the feedback from participants has been very positive.

**Lynn Ruddock**  
Youth, Family and  
Community Learning



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“ The confidence of our  
pupils who attended has increased  
greatly. All children participated in whole  
school performances and performances  
for our parents. Something that many  
have never done before or would have  
done if they had not attended this club.  
The children really enjoyed displaying  
their newly developing dance skills and  
many were confident enough to enter our  
Talent show at the end of term also.

**Louise Quinn,  
Acting Head Teacher**

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# Introduction

Hamilton South is a ward with a population of around 22,000 people, that covers a number of areas, some of which are a priority for the Community Planning Partnership. Low Waters, Fairhill, Laighstonehall and Eddlewood are priority areas and subject to Neighbourhood Planning, which was started in summer 2023 with a local Stakeholder Group representing all areas, as well as staff from the NHS, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture and other partners. Since starting the Stakeholder Group has grown in number, with the biggest increase in representation coming from Eddlewood.

Our Place Our Plan Hamilton South has set out its priorities using the previous plan created for Fairhill by widening its scope to cover all areas and beginning to identify clear outcomes that will benefit both the individual and collective communities.

Hamilton South has a number of community assets and some local groups who work with key organisations for the benefit of their community and beyond. The plans model will give all stakeholders the opportunity to widen networks, share resources and work together to influence and shape their communities from within.

## Schools within the area

There are six primary schools, some which have early years establishments attached, one other early year's establishment and some privately run nurseries within Hamilton South. The area has one secondary school which has a catchment outwith the ward. Finally, there are two further primary schools on the area boundary which educates a small number of Hamilton South's children.

- ▶ Hamilton Grammar School
- ▶ St John's Primary School
- ▶ St Elizabeth's Primary School
- ▶ Chatelherault Primary School and Nursery
- ▶ Woodside Primary School
- ▶ Our Lady and St Anne's Primary School
- ▶ Woodhead Primary School and Nursery
- ▶ Hollandbush Nursery



## Housing

Hamilton South has a mix of social, private, and privately rented properties. The social housing is mostly semi-detached houses or flat with gardens.

There are many new homes in the area, most of which are private homes, this means that Hamilton South is growing both in population and geographically.

Community assets Hamilton South has a number of assets which can be utilised by the local community, these include a Lifestyles Centre in Fairhill with a gym, library and community café, green spaces for recreation and sports, churches offering community activities and support, and many community groups and organisations providing a variety of activities and opportunities.

## History

The Hamilton South Neighbourhood Plan originally only covered Fairhill but was expanded to include Low Waters, Laighstonehall and Eddlewood. The Hamilton South Stakeholder Group was formed in July 2023 and has expanded in number, with groups and residents attending from all target areas.

The current plan is in draft form with a final one to be published later this year. The Community Engagement Team used the recent Participatory Budgeting exercise as an opportunity to explore the priorities further with local residents, and the general consensus was that the priorities are broad, so most identified actions could fit into one of them.

The Stakeholder Group are working to explore what can be achieved in the short, medium, and longer term under the plan's priorities, and will create an action plan containing achievable and realistic goals for the area.

So far, the group have achieved coming together, deciding upon their priorities, and carrying out their first Participatory Budgeting exercise. The feedback from the stakeholders is that they still have a lot to learn and lots of work to do, but they are keen to learn from the experiences of others and use these to contribute to making Hamilton South a better place to live for everyone.

## Information on Participatory Budgeting

The first ever Hamilton South Participatory Budgeting exercise has taken place with money from The Big Lottery, the Community Planning Partnership and South Lanarkshire Council totalling £21,003.

The ideas stage of the process took place in December 2023 with 69 people telling us that they wanted to support families, children and young people, older people, and a community garden, amongst other things.

The Stakeholder Group opted for grants of £3k per application with groups and organisations being able to apply more than once, if a different project was proposed. The stakeholders assessed and approved the applications and local people voted via doorstep dialogue, online and during community pop up events.

- ▶ Nine proposals were received.
- ▶ 411 people voted, totalling 1,226 votes.
- ▶ All proposals full or part funded.

### The following projects were funded:

1. Eddlewood Activity Group
2. Low Waters Lot Community Group – community growing project
3. Hamilton Guides
4. Low Waters Lot Community Group – dead hedge project
5. Eddlewood Football Association
6. Hamilton South Church
7. Hamilton Brownies
8. Low Waters Community Group
9. St Elizabeth's Primary School

Some of the local activists are to be applauded for stepping up to help the Community Engagement Team get to as many residents as possible. The groups who received money are now focusing on their own priorities, whilst supporting the wider goal of a ward wide plan for Hamilton South.

All projects have set outcomes and are subject to evaluation once the activities are fully delivered. The Stakeholder Group voted to carry out an audit process also, so randomly selected groups will take part in this process in late 2024.

## 10 Priorities

# 1

### Physical environment



- Low Waters Lot Community Group have worked alongside the councils Grounds Department to clean up the area they wish to manage in the future.
- Eddlewood Football Association have applied to manage Eddlewood Park under Community Asset Transfer.

# 2

### More leisure and social opportunities



- Eddlewood Activity Group are running school holiday programmes for families in partnership with Hamilton South Parish Church.
- Hamilton South Parish Church run a weekly community lunch and reuse shop for all members of the community.
- Hamilton Universal Connections runs a variety of activities for both adults and young people.

# 3

### Greater community safety



- Scottish Fire and Rescue have joined the Hamilton South Stakeholder Group, allowing for better communication and links to local people.

# 4

### Easier to get about/moving around



- This priority will be actioned in the coming year.

# 5

### More variety of shops/businesses



- Community Action Fairhill started a weekly community food stall in Fairhill Lifestyles Centre.

## 10 Priorities

# 6

### Housing improvements



- This priority will be actioned in the coming year.

# 7

### Stronger and better communities



- This priority will be actioned in the coming year.

# 8

### Better financial wellbeing



- Community Action Fairhill started a weekly community food stall in Fairhill Lifestyles Centre.
- 60 local people benefitted from free sanitary provision.

# 9

### Health improvements



- Fairhill Lifestyles facilitates the Weigh to Go programme in partnership with NHS Lanarkshire every Friday.
- The Health Improvement Team are active stakeholders in the Hamilton South Stakeholder Group.

# 10

### Better education, training and employment opportunities



- Hamilton Universal Connections support local adults to improve their reading, writing and number skills.



# Development plans

The main actions for the next year are to finalise the plan with clear priorities and share with the Community Planning Partnership. In addition, an action plan will be created with short, medium, and longer terms goals which are realistic, achievable and involve as many stakeholders as possible. The Stakeholder Group are planning a workshop in May/June 2024 to start the process of creating an action plan.

The individual groups have plans to meet or get closer to their goals too, these include becoming a Scottish Charitable Incorporate Organisation (SCIO), taking over land through the Community Asset Transfer process, tapping into training to build skills and knowledge and to take forward the projects that they received Participatory Budgeting money to carry out.

Finally, some of the Stakeholder Group members have signed up to the Activate course. Activate is flexible learning programme designed by the University of Glasgow and delivered in communities throughout Scotland. Activate attracts local community activists, volunteers and others who want to make a difference in their communities and learn more about the values and principles of community development.



# Actions for 2024-2025

- 1 Physical environment**
  - Better use of green spaces.
- 2 More leisure and social opportunities**
  - Support the development of the Low Waters Hall and Community Group.
- 3 Greater community safety**
  - More awareness of what goes on in the community.
- 4 Easier to get about/moving around**
  - Improved paths and walkways.
- 5 More variety of shops/businesses**
  - Forge links with local businesses, so they can support the community.
- 6 Housing improvements**
  - Build relationships with South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) Housing and other providers.
- 7 Stronger and better communities**
  - Provide opportunities for local people to connect and come together.
- 8 Better financial well being**
  - Provide low cost and free activities/services for community members.
- 9 Health improvements**
  - Improve wellbeing through reduction in social isolation and increased community participation.
- 10 Better education, training, and employment opportunities**
  - Provide educational based opportunities that support skills development.

## Case study

We are a group of Hamilton residents who are passionate about promoting everything to do with community growing, biodiversity and sustainability. Our committee, known as "Low Waters Lot Community Group", aims to care for the site of Hutchison Street Park locally known as "Hutchy Park". We are working alongside the Community Engagement Team to secure a lease through Community Asset Transfer so we can fully develop the site into a community garden. Our future is to create a safe space in Hutchison Street Park for all the surrounding community to enjoy.

The Community Engagement Team have also supported us to receive two amounts of Participatory Budgeting funding. The funding will firstly invite the people of Hamilton South to grow food and flowers in their own house and/or garden. We will begin with sunflowers and potatoes which will be part of a competition where prizes will be given out to competitors. This will give us an opportunity to network with the local community and chat about what we are planning for the future and encourage them to become involved in the community garden.

Secondly, we will purchase garden tools, plants, and equipment to develop a community greenspace area on Hutchison Street, Low Waters. We will also secure the boundary by building a dead hedge to promote wildlife such as butterflies and birds. We are really looking forward to creating the hedge on the south of the park and having other groups within the community involved. We are delighted to have gained PB funding as it will not only secure the boundary and benefit nature but will enhance the community aesthetically pleasing to visitors who visit the garden.

### Low Waters Lot Community Group





If you would like to find out more  
or to get involved please contact:

Community Engagement Team

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“ We create a safe space where young people grow in self-confidence, make new friends, and acquire skills to be proud of. The children and young people develop resilience and understand the importance of a growth mindset.

We are also delighted to receive a funding grant from the South Lanarkshire Council Participatory Budgeting process. We are very thrilled to be able to provide new supplies to the girls, replace some of our old equipment and support families with their annual Girl Guiding census payment.

**10th Hamilton Brownies**

If you need this information in another language or format, please contact us to discuss how we can best meet your needs.

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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.**

## **September 2024 Update Contents**

- South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership 2024 Update
- Community Planning Partnership Impact Performance Framework Update

# South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (SLADP)

- The SLADP continues to work towards the achievement of effective prevention, treatment and sustained recovery outcomes to those who are experiencing harms due to alcohol/substance use or are impacted by a loved one's substance use.



# South Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership : Annual Reporting/Strategy

- Annual Report submitted – Report can be circulated upon request.
- Strategy Consultations – Throughout mid-late 2023.
- Strategy launch - Whole Family Approach Conference to be held on 20 September 2025 with guest speaker Minister for Drugs and Alcohol.
- Events - Alcohol Week/International Overdose Awareness/Get to know your ADP/consultations and two larger events.

# SLADP Commissioned Services

**Beacons** – Blantyre, Cambuslang, East Kilbride, Lanark

- Awarded July 2024
- Liber8
- 3 years

## **Advocacy**

- Awarded June 2022
- Equal Say
- 2 Years

## **Justice**

Peer support in Problem Solving Court

## **Whole Family Approach**

- Awarded Dec 2022
- My Support Day/Liber8
- 3 years

## **Justice Support**

- Awarded May 2022
- SACRO
- 3 years

## **Prison Liberation**

- Awarded Jan 2024
- SACRO
- 2 years

## **Adult Intensive Outreach**

- Awarded Dec 2021
- Turning Point Scotland
- 3 years

## **Navigator**

- Awarded May 2021
- Medics Against Violence
- 4 Years

## **Housing**

SHORE worker maximising access to housing on release from prison.

## **Young Persons Intensive Outreach** –

- Awarded Dec 2021
- RegenFX
- 3 years

## **Peer Education**

- Awarded Oct 2021
- Glasgow Council on Alcohol
- 3 years

# SLADP Innovative Harm Reduction Approaches

- Scottish Government presentation to First Minister and Minister for Drugs and Alcohol.
- Nyxoid distribution expansion - training of Social Work staff/groups/community members and families.
- Harm reduction specialist post for young people due to varying use of substances.
- Nitazene testing via strips funded by SLADP/data gathering.
- Assertive outreach out of hours response to Near Fatal Overdose.
- Café Connect.

# SLADP Residential Rehab

- Consultation Events – held throughout the months of November and December 2023.
- Health Improvement Scotland (HiS) - Co-hosted an event with HiS to gather evidence to produce pathway and action plan (March 2024).
- Residential rehab pathway finalised April 2024.
- Training offer to statutory and Third Sector partners to disseminate the residential rehab pathway (May 2024).
- Action Plan – Underway, with recognition that some of the recommended actions sit nationally and not locally.
- National Implications - Gender and age-appropriate residential rehab.



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Strategic Lead

# Community Planning Partnership CPP Board Development Session Update



- Session held on 15 May 2024
- Coincided with the Community Learning and Development Partnership Progress Visit
- Agenda:
  - Overview of the statutory remit of the Board
  - A review of the outcomes of the South Lanarkshire Community Plan Priority Areas of Action
  - Case studies highlighting priority areas of work
  - Contribution Analysis
  - A discussion on how the partnership moves forward



# Community Planning Partnership CPP Board Development Session Update

Feedback and further questions from the session focused on the areas of data, monitoring and evaluation; and Community Planning priorities.

- Next steps include: presentation of a discussion paper to the Outcomes Leads Group; with a further update being presented to the Board at the meeting on 4 December 2024.
- A fuller summary can be found in the report below:



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## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	18 September 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Community Planning Partnership Board 2025 Meeting/ Development Session Dates
<b>Report by:</b>	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
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<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	Provide the Partnership Board with the proposed meeting and Development Session dates for 2025.
<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:- <b>(1)</b> that the Partnership Board and Development Session dates for 2025 be noted.
<b>Risks/Challenges:</b>	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.
<b>Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:</b>	All ambitions/principles.
<b>Summary of Report:</b>	Paragraph 3.2. sets out the proposed dates for Board meetings and Development Sessions during 2025.





# Report

Report to:	<b>Partnership Board</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>18 September 2024</b>
Report by:	<b>Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Planning Partnership Board 2025 Meeting and Development Session Dates</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with the proposed meeting and Development Session dates for 2025

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the Partnership Board and Development Session dates for 2025 be noted.

## 3. Meeting/Development Session Dates 2025

3.1. At the Partnership Board on 9 September 2020, it was agreed that the number of annual board meetings should be reduced from six to four and that two development sessions should be scheduled in advance.

3.2. The proposed Partnership Board/Development Session dates for 2025 are as follows:-

- Wednesday, 5 March 2025 (Board Meeting);
- Wednesday, 14 May 2025 (Board Development Session);
- Wednesday, 18 June 2025 (Board Meeting);
- Wednesday, 17 September 2025 (Board Meeting);
- Wednesday, 22 October 2025 (Board Development Session); and
- Tuesday, 9 December 2025 (Board Meeting).

## 4. Development Sessions – Proposed Themes

4.1. Consideration is being given to the proposed themes for the two Development Sessions due to be held on 14 May and 22 October 2025 and proposed agendas will be provided to the Board at a later date.

## 5. Venue and timings

5.1. At the Partnership Board on 14 September 2022, it was agreed to continue holding the Board Meetings online and that the Board would meet in person for the Development Sessions. Accommodation has been arranged for the two Development Sessions.

5.2. All meetings and Development Sessions will commence at 1pm except for the Development Session on 14 May 2025 which will commence at 2pm.



- 5.3. The Board is asked to note these dates in their diary and invitations will be circulated in due course.
- 6. Employee Implications**
- 6.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.
- 7. Financial Implications**
- 7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.
- 8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**
- 8.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability, or the environment in terms of the information contained within this report.
- 9. Other Implications**
- 9.1. There are no issues in terms of risk associated with this report.
- 10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**
- 10.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or consultation arrangement implications associated with this report.

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

28 August 2024

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## Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	18 September 2024
<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>18 September 2024</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 – 14 May 2024 to 23 August 2024

4.1. Appendix 1 provides a summary of the information circulated from 14 May to 23 August 2024.

## 5. Employee Implications

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

## 6. Financial Implications

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

## 7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

## 8. Other Implications

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

## 9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

**Paul Manning**  
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28 August 2024

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Register of Information circulated to the Partnership

14 May 2024 to 23 August 2024

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
15/05/24	Consultation with Parliament in connection with the Review of National Outcomes	Scottish Government	Publication of the submission by the Scottish Ministers to the Scottish Parliament regarding proposed changes to the National Outcomes for Scotland following consultation. <a href="#">Consultation with Parliament in connection with the Review of National Outcomes   National Performance Framework</a>	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
27/05/24	Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Analysis Report 2022/23	Sustainable Scotland Network	Publication of the <a href="#">Public Bodies Climate Change Reporting - Analysis Report 2022/23</a> by the Sustainable Scotland Network.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
13/06/24	Scottish Community Planning Network Presentations	Scottish Community Planning Network	Circulation of the presentations provided at the Scottish Community Planning Network meeting held on 10 June 2024 including Scottish Government and Improvement Service support for Community Planning; National CPP Assessment and Enabling Local Change – Place and Wellbeing Programme.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
20/06/24	Place and Wellbeing Movement Briefing Launch	Improvement Service	On behalf of the Place and Wellbeing Collaborative, Public Health Scotland and the Improvement Service are working on a series of documents outlining the evidence behind each theme of the <a href="#">Place and Wellbeing Outcomes</a> . Policymakers and decision makers can use this evidence to prepare plans and strategies with greater benefits that would support those experiencing inequalities.  The launch of the first briefing covers the Movement theme which draws on evidence to set out the ways in which aspects of the transport system impacts on health and health inequalities: <a href="#">Place and Wellbeing: Movement Theme</a> .	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.



Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
25/06/24	Scottish Emergency Mental Health Care Survey	NHS Lanarkshire	See Me, Scotland and the Scottish Ambulance Service are seeking people's experiences of support and stigma during a mental health emergency. This information will enable the creation of a stigma-free mental health emergency response that works for everyone in Scotland. The survey will close on 1 July 2024.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
01/07/24	Commendation for Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme	Improvement Service	Details of the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme commendation received at the Royal Town Planning Institute Scottish Awards.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
02/07/24	Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) – Heatwaves/ Hot Weather Mini Toolkit	Water Safety Scotland	PAWS Heatwaves/Hot Weather Mini Toolkit provided by Water Safety Scotland together with a press release for circulation via social media platforms for information.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
03/07/24	Education Scotland Community Learning and Development Inspection Progress Visit	South Lanarkshire Council	Circulation of the published inspection report by Education Scotland following the South Lanarkshire Community Learning and Development Inspection Progress Visit held in May 2024. <a href="https://education.gov.scot/inspection-and-review/find-an-inspection-report/find-an-inspection-report/details?id=5313">https://education.gov.scot/inspection-and-review/find-an-inspection-report/find-an-inspection-report/details?id=5313</a>	Circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board for information.
10/07/24	Your Police Survey	Police Scotland	Circulation of a 'Your Police Stakeholder Toolkit' to assist in the completion of the 'Your Police Survey' which is running until 31 March 2025.  Police Scotland would also like to hear from young people to help inform and shape policing in their area. They have joined up with Young Scot to provide those who complete the survey with reward points, and they will be entered into a prize draw (closing date 19 August 2024).	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
17/07/24	Health Improvement Monthly Flash Report	NHS Lanarkshire	Publication of the Health Improvement Monthly Flash Report which focuses on activity delivered by locality teams with partners to reduce health	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
			<p>inequalities in cancer screening. If you would like a copy of this, please contact:  <a href="mailto:NHSLHealth.ImprovementTraining@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk">NHSLHealth.ImprovementTraining@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk</a></p>	
17/07/24	Child Friendly Complaints Handling Principles	Scottish Public Services Ombudsman	<p>Publication of the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman's 'Child Friendly Complaints Handling Principles' detailing how to handle and investigate complaints from or involving children:  <a href="https://www.spsso.org.uk/child-friendly-complaints-handling-principles">Child Friendly Complaints-handling Principles (spso.org.uk)</a></p>	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
17/07/24	Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill - Consultation	Scottish Government	<p>Publication of the responses and analysis from the Scottish Government's Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill Consultation:  <a href="https://www.scotland.gov.uk/topics/consultations/citizen-space">Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill - Scottish Government consultations - Citizen Space</a></p>	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
13/08/24	Health Improvement Flash Reports 2023/24	NHS Lanarkshire	<p>Link provided to access the Health Improvement Flash Reports detailing the work of health improvement which has been delivered during 2023/24: <a href="https://www.scot.nhs.uk/health-improvement">Health Improvement   NHS Lanarkshire (scot.nhs.uk)</a></p>	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
14/08/24	New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy 2024	Scottish Government	<p>Publication of the New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy 2024 led by the Scottish Government, COSLA and the Scottish Refugee Council: <a href="https://www.gov.scot/new-scots-refugee-integration-strategy-2024">New Scots Refugee Integration Strategy: 2024 - gov.scot (www.gov.scot)</a></p>	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
14/08/24	Neighbourhood Watch Scotland – Alert System	Water Safety Scotland	<p>Details of Neighbourhood Watch Scotland's Alert System which is a secure, online messaging platform where people can register to receive alerts regarding various topics including crime prevention, safety, scam alerts, and community events.  <a href="https://www.neighbourhoodwatch.scot.nhs.uk/sign-up-for-alerts">Neighbourhood Watch Scotland   Sign-up for alerts - Neighbourhood Watch Scotland</a></p>	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.

