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DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Meeting on Friday 15 March 2019

at 1.30pm - 3.00pm

Lockerbie Town Hall, High Street, Lockerbie, DG11 2ES

Members

- Elaine Murray** - Leader
Chair Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Nick Morris** - Vice Chair
Vice Chair NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Jeff Ace** - Chief Executive
NHS Dumfries and Galloway (advisor)
- Colin Cook** - Location Director for Dumfries and Galloway
Scottish Government (observer)
- Rob Davidson** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Archie Dryburgh** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Norma Austin Hart** - Chief Executive
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway (advisor)
- Bill Robertson** - Dumfries and Galloway Housing Sector
- Sue Irving** - Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector
- Brian Johnstone** - Dumfries and Galloway Further and Higher
Education Sector
- Jane Maitland** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Hamish McGhie** - Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Service, Dumfries and Galloway Division (advisor)
- Elaine Morrison** - Scottish Enterprise (advisor)

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Graham Nicol - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council

Linda Jones - Local Commander, Police Scotland,
Dumfries and Galloway Division (advisor)

Gavin Stevenson - Chief Executive
Dumfries and Galloway Council (advisor)

Andrew Wood - Chairman
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**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2019

Lockerbie Town Hall, High Street, Lockerbie, DG11 2ES

1.30pm - 3.00pm

AGENDA

- 1.30PM** 1. **DRAFT MINUTE OF MEETING OF DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2018** (attached)
- 1.35PM** 2. **BREXIT UPDATE** (attached)
- 2.00PM** 3. **PLAYSCOTLAND – PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION** (attached)
- 2.30PM** 4. **CURRENT KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES UPDATE** (attached)
- 2.50PM** 5. **BUSINESS UPDATE** (attached)
- 3.00PM** **CLOSE**

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DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Friday 16 November 2018
Ashwood House, Sun Street, Stranraer

Present

- Elaine Murray** - Leader
(*Chair*) Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Penny Knowles** - Acting Chair
(*Acting Vice Chair*) NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Norma Austin Hart** - Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
(*substitute*)
- David Rennie** - Team Leader Customer Service and Delivery
(*substitute*) Scottish Enterprise (advisor)
- Archie Dryburgh** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Robert Higgins** - Dumfries and Galloway Housing Sector
- Jane Maitland** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Mark Hollis** - Operational Superintendent, Police Scotland,
(*substitute*) Dumfries and Galloway Division (advisor)
- Andrew Wood** - Chair
SWestrans

Apologies

Jeff Ace	-	NHSD&G (advisor)
Colin Cook	-	Scottish Government (observer)
Rob Davidson	-	D&G Council
Brian Johnstone	-	Further and Higher Education
Linda Jones	-	Police Scotland (advisor)
Elaine Morrison	-	Scottish Enterprise (advisor)
Graham Nicol		D&G Council
Gavin Stevenson		D&G Council (advisor)

In attendance

Liz Manson	-	Community Planning and Engagement Manager
Laura Gibson	-	Public Health, NHS D&G (Item 4)
Hew Smith	-	Integration and Inclusion Manager, DGC (Item 5)

9 members and advisors present from 6 partners.

The Chair **WELCOMED** everyone to the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Board which was taking place immediately after the Scottish Rural Parliament had met in Stranraer for three days; and had concluded with the handing over of a Statement from the Parliament about the needs of rural Scotland in relation to Brexit.

**1. DRAFT MINUTE OF MEETING OF DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2018**

APPROVED as a correct record.

ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

2. EXECUTIVE GROUP BUSINESS BRIEFING – NOVEMBER 2018**Minutes**

2.1 **NOTED** the minutes of the Executive Group meeting 15 August 2018;

Membership

2.2 **NOTED** the NHS Chair interviews were taking place this month and an appointment would be announced by the Scottish Government; and the arrangements for the third and community sector appointments would be progressed early next year;

Safer Communities Partnership

2.3 **AGREED** the arrangements for the Safer Communities Partnership with two events each year; an annual report to the Executive Group on the Partnership arrangements; and the co-ordination of Update Reports on related Strategies and Plans to the CPP Board;

Review of Locality Partnerships

2.4 **AGREED** that the Review of locality partnerships be continued to summer 2019 (date to be confirmed as soon as possible) to allow the new third sector arrangements (local Roadshows) to be implemented before there is further discussion about inter-agency locality arrangements. **NOTED** that the four local planning groups (comprise organisations that deliver services relating to the four elements of the TSD&G remit, along with a Council Ward Officer) for the Third Sector Roadshows had now all met; and the topics for the first round of Roadshows include funding, with some of the large national organisations agreeing to participate; and

Financial and business planning

2.5 **NOTED** partners were cascading the Council Budget Simulator and partners were interested in a webinar, being organised by the Council's Graduate Placement on digital engagement.

ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

3. CURRENT KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES UPDATE

3.1 Anti-Poverty Strategy

3.1.1 **THANKED** the volunteers on the Tackling Poverty Reference Group for their support in enabling the Council to win the Gold Award at the 2018 COSLA Excellence Awards current position; **ENDORSED** the performance monitoring report; **AGREED** that future narrative should provide information about the milestones in the projects.

3.1.2 **CONGRATULATED** the Council on recently being awarded Gold Employer Status in relation to Armed Forces which is another group which regularly faces disadvantage; and also Councillor Archie Dryburgh on his nomination for Councillor of the Year for his work as the Armed Forces Champion.

3.1.3 **HIGHLIGHTED** that a recent planning application for the Quayside in Stranraer could make a positive contribution to the Homeless Strategy by providing accommodation for ex prisoners and **REQUESTED** that further information be circulated to the Board.

ACTION: HEAD OF CUSTOMER SERVICES, DGC

3.2 Children's Services Plan

3.2.1 **NOTED** the Children's Services Plan had been approved by key partners and the involvement in a Scottish Government project on Realigning Children's Services; and

3.2.2 **HIGHLIGHTED** that the content of the Children's Services Plan and the membership and work of the Children's Services Executive Group meant they were well placed to lead on the production of the Child Poverty Annual Reports.

ACTION: CHAIR, CSEG/HEAD OF CUSTOMER SERVICES, DGC

3.3 **Community Justice Improvement Plan**

3.3.1 **NOTED** the very positive feedback from Scottish Government on the first Annual Report and **COMMENDED** the officers directly involved;

ACTION: CJP MANAGER, D&GC

3.4 **Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partners' Strategic Plan**

3.4.1 **NOTED** progress in the delivery of the first Plan; and

3.4.2 **ENDORSED** the focus on workforce issues over the coming months to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of reducing staff resources across partners.

ACTION: CLD MANAGER, D&GC

3.5 **Health and Social Care Strategic Plan**

NOTED

3.5.1 the Public Review event on 1 November 2018 had been positively received – tackling inequality and the animated film in particular; and that as the only Health and Social Care Partnership in Scotland to have an open event to discuss its performance, D&G was seen to be leading the way in public accountability;

3.5.2 the recently published Audit Scotland Report on Integration Joint Boards and that Dumfries and Galloway's performance in the key areas of relationships and service integration was seen as positive;

3.5.3 the work ongoing in relation to the shortage of GPs including greater use of advance nurse practitioners and multidisciplinary teams; new GP contract; use of an expert recruitment company; and changes to the locum provision;

3.5.4 increased pace and progress since May 2018 in relation to IT issues, particularly around security and alignment of systems;

3.5.5 arrangements with third sector care organisations are being updated; and

3.5.6 **WELCOMED** a focus on the most disadvantaged groups in recognition of reducing resources and that a report on the Armed Forces Covenant was to be considered by the IJB in December 2018.

ACTION: CHIEF OFFICER, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

3.6 **Local Housing Strategy**

3.6.1 **NOTED** imminent approval of the final Strategy by Scottish Government with further information on activities in remote rural areas and veterans to be included in the next Update.

ACTION: HOUSING MANAGER, DGC

3.7 Regional Economic Strategy (RES)

3.7.1 **HIGHLIGHTED** the importance of an Economic Leadership Group (ELG) meeting taking place as soon as practicable to fulfil its primary function in overseeing the RES and also so that local business and social enterprise leaders are engaged in the developing arrangements for the South of Scotland and Borderlands areas and Brexit;

3.7.2 **AGREED** that the RES Annual Report required additional performance information from other ELG partners to be a complete picture of progress – for example Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway; private sector; Further and Higher Education (especially DAGCOL); and Skills Development Scotland;

3.7.3 **FURTHER AGREED** that the Annual Report should include narrative to explain any areas where performance had not met the target (growth in businesses; and Broadband in particular)

ACTION: HEAD OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, DGC

3.7.4 **NOTED** that work about the implications of the Brexit for our region was underway and **AGREED** that the Executive Group at its meeting on 5 December 2018 should consider all aspects of the Deal/No Deal, including the implications for employment (particularly in NHS, agriculture and hospitality) and emergency planning, with the possibility of a Briefing Meeting of the Board in January 2019.

ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER

3.8 Regional Transport Strategy

3.8.1 **NOTED** the ongoing consultations which will inform the Strategy;

3.8.2 **ENDORSED** the response submitted by SWestrans on the Transport (Scotland) Bill;

3.8.3 **HIGHLIGHTED** the importance of active travel being part of the new Strategy; and

3.8.4 **AGREED** that an Update on the Public Social Partnership be included in the next Update, **NOTING** the success of the initial three pilots.

ACTION: TRANSPORT MANAGER, DGC

3.9 Local Development Plan

3.9.1 **WELCOMED** the addition of the Local Development Plan in the regular Update Report to the CPP Board and its closer alignment with key Strategies and Plans; and the future work on locality planning.

ACTION: TEAM LEADER (LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN), DGC

4. RAISING ATTAINMENT OF LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN

4.1 **SCRUTINISED** the work being undertaken to improve attainment of Looked After Children (LAC) and in particular:

- targeted approaches to improve attendance at school – both in primary and especially in secondary where the problem escalates
- targeted approaches to reduce exclusions from school
- additional learning by tutoring in Children's Homes
- the need for a longer period of time for LAC to achieve the same standards of attainment as other children
- the co-relation between austerity/financial poverty and complex needs, particularly for younger children, which can be evidenced using available research e.g. Free School Meals
- the use of the Pupil Equity Fund to develop some tests of change
- very structured evaluation of the tests of change through an Improvement Framework to determine what is/isn't effective
- the range of family settings where LAC come from, including Kinship Care
- that the different level of formality and structure in schools needs to be assessed in relation to the needs of individual LAC
- the contribution of Health Visitors and Named Persons in early identification of need

4.2 **AGREED** that consideration should be given to increased engagement with Cadet detachments as this offers structure outwith the school environment; and

4.3 **NOTED** that LAC indicators were part of the Children's Services Plan and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and would therefore continue to be monitored by the CPP Board.

ACTION: INTEGRATION AND INCLUSION MANAGER, DGC

Jane Maitland left the meeting – 8 members from 7 partners

5. PUBLIC HEALTH PRIORITIES IN DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

NOTED

5.1 the Priorities for Public Health in Scotland agreed in June 2018 which will guide future health improvement activity at national and local levels;

5.2 how current health improvement activities in Dumfries and Galloway fit with the national priorities, **HIGHLIGHTING** the importance of the Healthy Working Lives initiative and licensing in tackling behaviours; and that new ways were needed to address the issues in the new Priorities as our current approaches do not appear to be making the necessary improvements quickly enough; and

5.3. the legislation for the new national Public Health body is now going through the Scottish Parliament.

Norma Austin Hart left the meeting - 7 members present from 6 partners

6. ANNUAL REPORTS ON THE LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND THE LOCALITY PLAN ON FOOD SHARING

6.1 **AGREED** the first D&G LOIP Annual Report for 1 October 2017 to 31 March 2018 as set out in Appendix 1, **COMMENDING** the contributors and Sandi Conway the co-ordinator of the Personal Testimonies and Case Studies which demonstrated the difference that our actions were making to people's lives, **NOTING** end of year figures for indicators on volunteering were to be included; and

6.2 **AGREED** the first D&G Locality Plan Annual Report for 1 October 2017 to 31 March 2018 as set out in Appendix 2, again **COMMENDING** the contributors of the Personal Testimonies and Case Studies which demonstrated the difference that our actions were making to people's lives and **NOTING** that the geographic element of the Plan would be better reflected in the final version; and

6.3 **NOTED** that the Performance Management Frameworks for the 2018/19 Reports are already in development and **AGREED** that information on Breastfeeding and infant feeding be made available to Members and performance measures included in the Locality Plan on Food Sharing as appropriate, given its importance in giving children a nutritionally good start in life; and **ALSO AGREED** that there should be a project on improving the content of Food Bank donations and parcels.

7. LOCAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW

7.1 **AGREED** the Partnership submission as set out in the Appendix; and

7.2 **NOTED** that there were COSLA events taking place about Part 2 of the Review (Public Sector) which the Council's Policy Officer(s) were to attend; and **NOTED** discussion between the Chair and the Scottish Borders Council Leader about our disappointment that there were no events taking place in the south of Scotland.

ACTION: POLICY AND COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, DGC

8. PROGRAMME AND MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD IN 2019.

AGREED to hold the 2019 meetings of the Board on the last or second last Friday in March, June, September, November (dates to be advised as soon as possible); with the possible venues being Langholm, Wigtown, Sanquhar and Dalbeattie to facilitate liaison with neighbouring CPPs and/or visit strategic projects.

ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER.

Item 2**BREXIT UPDATE – MARCH 2019****1. Current position.**

1.1 The Briefing attached as an **Appendix** provides a position statement on Brexit issues identified by Dumfries and Galloway partners which was considered by Dumfries and Galloway Council at its meeting on 28 February 2019.

1.2 A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

2. Recommendation

The Board is invited to note the position and identify any partnership issues to be taken forward.

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7 March 2019

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The Dumfries and Galloway Council Planning Assumptions have been identified and reviewed through regular meetings with the Heads of Service. The Assumptions take into consideration areas where the Council can control or put in place mitigating actions to support our services, businesses and residents. The Planning Assumptions have been discussed in depth and cover the key areas of concern identified by officers.

Due to the changing situation nationally, this document is refreshed weekly to ensure it takes into consideration decisions by both the United Kingdom Government and the European Union.

There are four sections within the template:

Planning Assumption - this is a working assumption on the potential issue that may occur with a No Deal scenario, however we are planning for the Planning Assumption and we can scale back support if it does not occur.

Potential Impacts - This section indicates where impacts may occur and on whom and how they may impact across Dumfries and Galloway

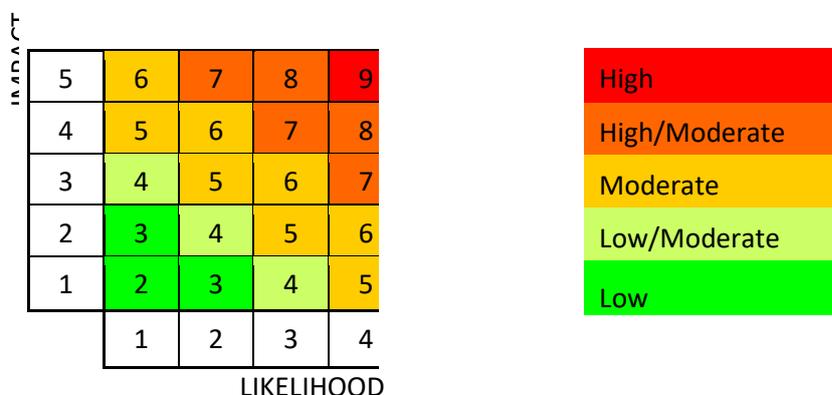
Impact Mitigation - The activity that Dumfries and Galloway Council has and will put into place to minimise the potential impacts which have been identified

Risk Level following mitigation - Officers have reviewed the level of risk associated with Planning Assumptions against likelihood vs impact both before and following mitigation

TOPIC
Environmental Health – Export of locally produced foodstuffs
Import and Export / Food Supplies / Transport
Recruitment and Retention
Returnees
Layering of Impacts
Demonstrations and Disorder
Businesses
Economic Downturn
EU Funding for the region

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Risk Scoring Guidance



The risk score is the total score of a Planning Assumption likely to occur and what level of impact it may have on the region.

The Council has already undertaken some preparation work and will progress other actions as appropriate when the impacts of the UK’s exit from the EU is better understood.

The scoring and actions are kept under review given likely further changes may occur as a result of discussions at UK Parliament and with the EU.

The impact of mitigation has been assessed as follows:

Good (minus 3-4)	The Council can contribute significantly to reduce the impacts from Planning Assumptions
Partial (minus 2)	The Council can contribute to reduce the impacts, however not all areas are within the Councils ability to control
Poor (minus 0-1)	The Council has no control on the wider impacts of the Planning Assumption

Example:

Impact (4) + Likelihood (3) = 7 [High/Moderate]

Mitigation: Good (-3)

Impact following Mitigation = 4 [Low/Moderate]

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Planning Assumption	<p>Environmental Health – Export of locally produced foodstuffs</p> <p>In Dumfries and Galloway the success of our local food manufacturers relies heavily on European exports. Presently they utilise the EU freedom of movement arrangements. Following Brexit there will be a requirement for these companies to provide appropriate Export Health Certification to satisfy the importation authorities. Certification of foodstuffs is currently provided by Environmental Health Officers (EHOs) with clerical support. This will be a significant increase in demand on the EHOs and could lead to delay supporting our local businesses in exporting their products.</p>
Potential Impacts	<p>There are twelve food producers/Shellfish harvesters in Dumfries and Galloway with current/intended exposure to EU markets. Five producers/harvesters currently export in excess of 1,600 consignments per annum into Ireland and Europe which may require export health certification after Brexit. (In 2017/18, 138 Export Health Certificates were issued by EH)</p> <p>Potential loss or reduction of exposure to export markets will have significant economic impacts, particularly for our seafood processors, and will limit growth for them and other food manufacturing sectors. Potential for reputational damage to Dumfries and Galloway Council (DGC).</p> <p>The impact on the Environmental Health Service will be substantial in the short term requiring redeployment of staff from existing statutory duties and additionally recruitment and training of Certification Support Officers. Long term we would have to assess ongoing staffing and resource implications in light of any future regulatory framework.</p>
Impact Mitigation	<p>After 29 March 2019, all exports of foods of animal origin to Europe will require application to be made through the Animal Plant and Health Agency (APHA) Centre for International Trade for an Export Health Certificate which will then be forwarded to the local authority for completion by a designated signatory. At present this arrangement is in place for certain third countries and DGC EH staff are familiar with the process.</p> <p>Worst case scenario presents the potential requirement to oversee each consignment at the production premises. APHA are working with Scottish Government to introduce a training scheme to allow the use of Certification Support Officers to assist EHOs to evidence and sign suitable attestations on the Export Health Certificate to meet this requirement. Mitigation required would be rapid recruitment and training of additional staff to enable the signing off of consignments for export.</p>

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	<p>Dumfries and Galloway Council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identified the companies that currently export to the EU and the number of consignments expected under a No Deal scenario • Identified potential staffing solution to both resolve short- and long-term impacts to continue to support our local businesses to export to the EU following a No Deal scenario Dumfries and Galloway Council will: • Ensure that appropriate resources are in place to manage the increased demand for export consignments • Monitor demand to ensure our response is proportionate
<p>Risk Level following mitigation</p>	<p>Potential Impact – 7 [High/Moderate]</p>
	<p>Mitigation – Good</p>
	<p>Potential Impact following Mitigation – 4 [Low/Moderate]</p>

UK Government No Deal Planning Guidance Papers:

[Exporting animals and animal products if there's no Brexit deal](#)

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Planning Assumption	<p>Travel, Freight and Border Congestion</p> <p>IMPORT AND EXPORT</p> <p>Increased traffic and congestion at major UK ports. This would have residual consequences for a range of sectors that rely on 'just-in-time delivery' of crucial supplies such as animal feed, food ingredients, water treatment chemicals and perishable food and medical supplies.</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway has two ports located at Cairnryan and could be impacted by both Deal and No Deal scenarios.</p>
Potential Impacts	<p>The ability for rural areas to receive and access goods may be impacted due to the supply chains and the impacts of delays of freight traffic through Dover and the Channel Tunnel.</p> <p>Leading retail bosses, including the Chief Executives of Sainsbury's, Asda, Marks & Spencer, the Co-op and Waitrose, have written to the Government warning of significant disruption to food supplies in the event of a No Deal. The letter, backed by the British Retail Consortium trade body, also warns that grocery prices are likely to rise, as nearly a third of the food eaten in Britain comes from the EU and would be subject to import tariffs if the UK exits without a trade deal in place.</p> <p>This could result in wasted stock, public health concerns and media attention and disruptions to small and medium sized enterprises.</p> <p>Delays at the ports in Cairnryan may cause operational disruption on the surrounding road network inclusive of the trunk routes the A77 and A75. This may be due to increased demand or additional operational checks; it therefore may require implementation of 'Operation Stack' on a regular basis, specifically within the initial 12-week period following a No deal.</p> <p>Disruption to animal feed or medicine supplies may lead to increased mortality rates of farmed animals.</p> <p>The impact to 'just in time' production is likely to be significant. Whilst haulage companies will be dynamic and will adjust to the most economic routes, congestion at ports in Scotland and the rest of the UK may lead to delays in the export of time sensitive and economically important goods such as seafood and live animals. This could also result in unviable catch and animal welfare issues in the transport of livestock with potential for protests and media attention.</p>

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Impact	Transport Scotland is working with transport providers and ports
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Mitigation	<p>and airports in Scotland to assess their existing capacity and how they can mitigate disruption and ensure that Scotland's exporters can continue to get their goods to market Dumfries and Galloway Council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised concerns with Scottish Government and COSLA about food supplies and time delays for products both in and out of the UK • Identified our Council's supply chains and continues to liaise with them to ensure they have suitable business continuity arrangements in place to continue to supply to the Council • Liaised and received assurances with NHS D&G that contingency plans are in place for medical supplies and services • Reviewed how we will deal with complaints about farm animal deaths and carcase disposals • All services are reviewing their Business Continuity Plans to identify critical activities and service demands, these include No Deal considerations • Entered into discussion with Transport Scotland to ensure they have suitable plans for operating 'Operation Stack'. The Council has emphasised it is our responsibility to deal with adverse weather and support welfare arrangements. It remains the responsibility of Transport Scotland to manage any 'operation stack' scenario outwith Civil Contingencies. <p>Dumfries and Galloway Council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Business Continuity Plans to ensure the Council's critical services continue to operate • Monitor and enforce any unfair and anti-competitive business practices that emerge • Ensure that appropriate staff are in place to advise and support farmers • Provide support to Local Business through our Economic Development Service and partners from Scottish Enterprise and Business Gateway • Establish a No Deal (Brexit) web landing page to direct people to available support • Monitor and Support operations relating to human and animal welfare around potential stack arrangements
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contribute to the development of appropriate contingency arrangements which minimise disruption to the public and
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	<p>are fair and equitable to all partners</p> <p>□ Deploy the Trading Standards Animal Health and Welfare Officer at the Port of Cairnryan to assist with implementation of agreed Animal Welfare provisions, suspending all other animal health and welfare activities in the short term if necessary</p>
<p>Risk Level following mitigation</p>	<p>Potential Impact – 9 [High]</p>
	<p>Mitigation – Poor</p>
	<p>Potential Impact following Mitigation – 8 [High/Moderate]</p>

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Planning Assumption	Recruitment and Retention Impact on recruitment and retention of employees. The Council directly employs 55 EU Nationals in 75 posts/positions, and there are further EU Nationals working for businesses who deliver work on behalf of the Council.
Potential Impacts	<p>EU Nationals may leave the region to return to their place of birth or live elsewhere in the UK. This may leave a skills gap within Council and/or in the region.</p> <p>The Council and businesses within our region may find their ability to recruit to posts is affected, as employers in other regions attempt to fill jobs vacated by EU Nationals. Our region may be subjected to increased competition for staff, and current employees (both UK and EU Nationals) may secure alternative/improved job opportunities outwith the region.</p> <p>Businesses may find their ability to deliver services compromised and therefore the viability of the business may be impacted. This could lead to them going out of business or relocating to areas / regions which can provide the number and quality of employees they require.</p>

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Impact Mitigation	<p>The UK Government is providing opportunities for EU Nationals to remain within the UK through applying to the EU Settlement Scheme, which will open by 30 March 2019. The UK Government has confirmed that there will be no fee for EU Nationals to apply to the Scheme.</p> <p>EU Nationals who have been living in the UK for 5 or more years are eligible for EU Settled Status, and those with less than 5 years are eligible for Pre Settled Status.</p> <p>Those who choose not to apply or are ineligible to apply, will not be required to leave the UK until 31 December 2020.</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway Council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaken an impact assessment of the Council’s workforce and identified employees within the Council who are EU Nationals and the post(s)/Directorate they are employed • Communicated the ‘pilot’ EU Settlement Scheme to our employees • Developed a communication and engagement plan for the Scheme <p>Dumfries and Galloway Council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and update relevant HR Policies, Guidance and
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	<p>‘FLO’ training with regards to the UK Exit from EU (Brexit)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly engage with EU Nationals working for the Council to provide reassurance, support and information on the Scheme and the application process • Contact all businesses which we currently procure services from to ensure that they are preparing for the EU Settlement Scheme and providing support to their EU National employees • Contact all businesses operating within Dumfries and Galloway to promote the EU Settlement Scheme • Publicly share on social media, any UK Government promotions for the EU Settlement Scheme, to reach the wider D&G population • Develop a Brexit information page on Connect/SharePoint for our workforce and a ‘landing page’ on our Council website for the wider population, which will signpost to relevant and up to date Brexit information • Provide training to Customer Service Staff to be able to support EU Nationals wishing to apply online at Customer Service Centres
<p>Risk Level following mitigation</p>	<p>Potential Impact – 4 [Low/Moderate]</p>
	<p>Mitigation – Good</p>
	<p>Potential Impact following Mitigation – 2 [Low]</p>

UK Government No Deal Planning Guidance Papers: <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-employertoolkit/factsheet-eu-settlement-scheme-overview>

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Planning Assumption	<p>Returnees</p> <p>The potential for UK Nationals to return from the EU and reside in our region. These individuals may require significant support as services are withdrawn for UK Nationals across the EU.</p>
Potential Impacts	<p>Individuals with acute medical and care needs may need to return to the region. These individuals would place additional demand on our care services.</p>
Impact Mitigation	<p>The EU is developing contingency plans of its own at present. Under these preparations, all UK Nationals currently residing in EU countries would continue to receive their current levels of support. This however has not been agreed.</p> <p>Whilst the forecast percentage details older adults, working adults and children, local assumptions would expect this to have minimal impact as people going to a rural area are likely to have family and connections.</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway Council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified the possible number of returnees and liaised with local service providers and the third sector to prepare to support returnees to the region Dumfries and Galloway Council will: Utilise existing frameworks to support the returning UK citizens to our region. This will provide clear signposting - including anticipated national helplines and information - to provide advice and assistance with housing, benefits, health needs and community integration
Risk Level following mitigation	Potential Impact – 4 [Low/Moderate]
	Mitigation – Good
	Potential Impact following Mitigation – 2 [Low]

Healthcare (International Arrangements) Bill:

<https://services.parliament.uk/bills/201719/healthcareinternationalarrangements.html>

European Commission: Preparing for the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union on 30 March 2019: Implementing the Commission's Contingency Action Plan (Citizen Rights) <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legalcontent/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX%3A52018DC0890>

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<p>Planning Assumption</p>	<p>Layering of Impacts</p> <p>As a Category 1 Responder, Dumfries and Galloway Council has Business Continuity plans in place (as required by the Civil Contingencies Act) and Services have been instructed to review these for the potential EU-exit impacts. Whilst many Services have identified no direct impact from a potential EU-exit, there is a risk from having to respond to two or more simultaneous events that response plans are not adequate or effective and we are not able to deliver critical services to the public.</p>
<p>Potential Impacts</p>	<p>Whilst many of the EU-exit impacts will be very hard to assess, and a great many may be relatively subtle, but long lasting, the work Services undertake both directly, and commission, is multisectoral, has multiple interdependencies and / or has complex supply chains.</p> <p>Between February and July 2019 it is not unreasonable that in addition to any or all the scenarios risk-assessed, that Local Authorities' Chief Officers and Resilience Managers could also be involved in extreme weather responses, managing industrial action, implementing cuts in services, running General Elections/Referendum and/or supporting any changes in the UK security level.</p>
<p>Impact Mitigation</p>	<p>The Scottish Resilience Partnership (SRP) Chaired by the Council's Chief Executive established the SRP EU-Exit Sub-Group which in turn has prepared a national contingency plan for Scotland EU-Exit Multi-Agency Co-ordination Centre (MACC). These arrangements set out response arrangements based on graduated and proportionate escalation levels and appropriate Command, Control and Co-ordination (C3) arrangements. The Council's Resilience and Community Resilience officer is representing Scotland 32 Local Authorities on the SRP EU-Exit Sub-Group which has met weekly since early November 2018.</p> <p>Tasked by the SRP EU-Exit Sub Group, the Scottish Resilience Development Service (ScoRDS) is delivering a programme of National (20th February 2019) and Regional workshops (6th February 2019) and COSLA has delivered a national Brexit seminar (23rd January 2019).</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway Council's Chief Officers and the Resilience professionals are well trained and have emergency response experience from; Y2K; Foot and Mouth Disease; G8 Summit; Fire Brigade Union Strike Action; Pandemic-Flu Planning; tanker driver strikes; Icelandic Ash; extreme weather and numerous other local incidents.</p> <p>Scotland's three Regional Resilience Partnerships (RRPs) have</p>

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	<p>been tasked to prioritise EU-Exit preparation over more routine planning, initiatives, training and exercising. Dumfries and Galloway Council sits within the West of Scotland RRP and is both secretariat and a significant contributor to the D&G Local Resilience Partnership (LRP).</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway Council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significantly improved and recently refreshed Service Business Continuity Plans • Significantly improved Service Level Arrangements for responding to extreme weather therefore mitigating the cumulative impact • Refreshed and revised Election and Referendum planning arrangements therefore mitigating the cumulative impact • Continually assessed the range of Brexit and other risks at Senior Leadership Team, Corporate Management Team, Head of Service Group levels, sharing situational awareness and good practice • Well established 24/7 emergency standby arrangements at both Chief Officer and Duty Resilience Officer levels • Well established and resilient command, control and communication arrangements primarily set up to operate from the Council Emergency Centre Dumfries and Galloway Council will: • Continue to co-operate and co-ordinate with national, West of Scotland RRP and D&G LRP partners. • Contribute fully to all relevant Brexit training and workshops • Contribute strategically to the national table top exercise • Enhance our internal C3 arrangements and increase capacity on systems such as the national secure Resilience Direct web-based platform • Temporarily enhance our full time Senior Organisational Resilience capacity to help alleviate the impact of additional planning <p>Notwithstanding this mitigation, the impact on capacity and capability of the layering of multiple impacts could be significant and will very much depend on many factors outwith our control.</p>
<p>Risk Level following mitigation</p>	<p>Potential Impact – 9 [High]</p> <hr/> <p>Mitigation – Good</p>

	Potential Impact following Mitigation – 5 [Moderate]
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Planning Assumption	Demonstrations and Disorder
Potential Impacts	<p>There is the potential for an increase in demonstrations, which may be conflicting, unplanned and at short notice which will absorb police resource and will impact on partners locally.</p> <p>The larger cities such as Aberdeen, Dundee, Glasgow and Edinburgh are likely to be the location of any significant demonstration / protest activity, however there remains the potential for localised impacts.</p> <p>There may be further demonstrations for/against Scottish Independence in the months following the exit of the EU.</p> <p>Police Mutual Aid arrangements may mean that local policing resources are deployed across any part of the UK, including Northern Ireland, in response to demonstrations, resulting in a short term reduction in local policing levels.</p>
Impact Mitigation	<p>Nationally, the public order policing implications will be coordinated through National Police Chiefs Council (NPCC) channels.</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway Council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided the Chair for the Dumfries and Galloway Safety Advisory Group (SAG) that provides a suitable multi-agency vehicle to respond to intelligence which suggest a protest or demonstration will be held locally. This has previously been utilised for short notice events • The SAG has met to consider the risk of demonstrations and disorder in D&G <p>Dumfries and Galloway Council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with SAG partners to horizon scan for emerging issues • Work with SAG partners to carefully consider and analyse MACC situation reports (Situation Reports) • Where possible the D&G SAG will work with the organisers of protests / demonstrations to ensure the safety of those participating, as well as the wider community
Risk Level following mitigation	Potential Impact – 4 [Low/Moderate]
	Mitigation – Good
	Potential Impact following Mitigation – 2 [Low]

www.scotland.police.uk/whats-happening/news/2019/February/Police-Scotland-briefsSPA-on-Brexit-contingency-plans

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<p>Planning Assumption</p>	<p>Businesses</p> <p>Businesses have expressed concern on the implications of Brexit and the potential negative impact such as how they do business; the UK economy; European supply chains; and new legislation.</p>
<p>Potential Impacts</p>	<p>The majority of businesses (96%) in Dumfries and Galloway are small and micro-businesses. The businesses tend to be small with either no employees or a very small compliment of employees, Businesses tend to support a locality and place. Larger businesses in the region tend to be national and global by nature and would have their own contingencies. Due to the current uncertainty as to a Deal or ‘No Deal’, it is unclear as to the scale of mitigation that will be required. Primary producers, forestry, farmers and fishers will have to consider implications for live exports if this is an issue for the short to medium term.</p> <p>Local businesses that have enjoyed free trade within the EU may require certifications or advice on how to demonstrate compliance with standards if they are exporting. They will also become responsible for all goods they import from EU countries and may need advice on how to ensure goods are safe. This may increase demand for Environmental Health and Trading Standards services.</p> <p>Farming in Dumfries and Galloway is a significant industry and may be impacted by and are represented by the National Farming Union.</p> <p>“A no-deal exit would be the worst possible outcome for the UK farming industry. It will generate costs, delays, increased bureaucracy and in the worst cases an effective export ban of our products going to the EU.</p> <p>The UK's trading relationship with the EU is worth £45.5bn. It is the UK food and drink sector’s largest export market with more than 60% of what we export going to EU countries.”</p> <p>EU Funding for farming is covered in the EU funding section.</p>
<p>Impact Mitigation</p>	<p>Additional guidance from the Scottish Government and its national agencies would be beneficial in supporting the local business community. The Council has been working closely with Business Gateway, Chambers of Commerce, Federation of Small Businesses and Community Planning Partnerships to promote timely preparations.</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway Council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Business Gateway to promote and deliver ‘Prepare for Brexit’ workshops for local businesses • Established a Dumfries and Galloway Local Business Investment and Resilience Team, to ensure the Council is

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	<p>best prepared to respond at pace and effectively to support both inward investment and economic incidents Dumfries and Galloway Council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a programme of workshops once a definitive decision on the UK exit from the EU has been announced • Target workshops to businesses where impacts are fully known
Risk Level following mitigation	Potential Impact – 7 [Moderate/High]
	Mitigation – Partial
	Potential Impact following Mitigation – 5 [Moderate]

[Economy, Environment and Infrastructure Committee, 13 July 2018, Item 11, Economic Development Refocus of Resources](#)

NFU Brexit position - <https://www.nfuonline.com/news/brexit-news/eu-referendummust-read/nfu-analysis-technical-notice-planning-for-a-no-deal-brexit/>

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Planning Assumption	Economic Downturn A No Deal scenario could lead to an economic downturn across the country negatively impacting businesses, employment and services.			
Potential Impacts	An economic downturn may result in pressure on local businesses and could result in closures and increased unemployment. This would lead to an increase demand on the Council’s Revenues and Benefits Team to process applications, provide support and increase Scottish Welfare Crisis Grants, along with a reduction in Council tax income. Potential inflation in household costs from utility bills, food bills and transport will negatively impact upon low income families. This could lead to an increase in the use of foodbanks and Scottish Welfare Fund Crisis Grants.			
Impact Mitigation	Dumfries and Galloway Council has: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed our Business Continuity arrangements to be in a position to provide support to people in need and process benefits and grants support timeously • Identified staffing resources and established a process to increase customer support on the front line to support members of the public Dumfries and Galloway Council will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaise with our community partners such as Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advise Service (DAGCAS) to provide support and signposting for further assistance • Consider whether any additional financial support for the Scottish Welfare Fund is required to support the current budget as demand may significantly go beyond the current budget • Implement mechanisms to monitor foodbank usage and support services to people in poverty and reliant on the services • Support businesses to prepare and manage a No Deal scenario 			
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Planning Assumption	EU Funding for the region The EU provides a significant amount of financial support to both Dumfries and Galloway Council directly, local communities and to service sectors. The loss of this financial assistance will take significant finances out of the economy and place a negative impact across the region.
Potential Impacts	The EU funding which is awarded to or managed by the Council is in the region of £14 million. There are also grants allocated across our farming communities through the Common Agriculture Policy (CAP) funding to the Scottish agriculture sector and must not be underestimated, with support payments in 2016 contributing over £490m. This will have a negative impact upon business viability which may lead to unemployment.

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<p>Impact Mitigation</p>	<p>The UK Government has announced the establishment of a United Kingdom Shared Prosperity Fund to replace EU funding. However, the criteria how this money will be distributed and for what purpose are not clear. It is not possible to identify how much money, if any, will be provided to replace the money the region gains from current EU funding streams. It is anticipated that once a withdrawal agreement has been reached the details of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund will be announced.</p> <p>The UK Government has pledged to continue to commit the same cash total in funds for farm support until the end of this Parliament, expected in 2022: this includes all funding provided for farm support under both Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 of the current CAP. This commitment applies to the whole UK.</p> <p>Scotland's Finance Secretary Derek Mackay and Welsh Finance Minister Rebecca Evans (15/2/19) have asked the UK Government to explain replacements for EU cash streams post-Brexit</p> <p><i>"With just weeks to go until the planned EU exit day, we remain deeply concerned about the lack of detail regarding replacement arrangements for EU funding streams given their importance to individuals, businesses and communities across Scotland."</i></p> <p>Farming is specifically supported through CAP funding. On the 16 February 2019 a Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) spokesman said: "We have already confirmed that we will maintain the same cash total funding for the sector until 2022 - this includes all EU and Exchequer funding provided for farm support under both Pillar 1 and Pillar 2 of the current CAP.</p> <p>"This is a clear demonstration of our ongoing support for the farming sector as we leave the EU, providing them with further security on future funding than our European neighbours."</p>
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	<p>Defra has said it would pay direct payments for 2019 on the same basis as for 2018.</p> <p>In a statement, it added: "We also plan to allocate the money paid in direct payments for 2020 in much the same way that we do now."</p> <p>"Farmers will then be supported over a seven-year transition period from 2021 - 2028 as we leave the CAP."</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway Council has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlighted the potential impacts for the region on reduced funding to Scottish Government and at UK Government workshops on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund • Lobbied through COSLA for greater financial support to Local Authorities to prepare and manage a No Deal Brexit <p>Dumfries and Galloway Council will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor the developments of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and engage with the UK and Scottish Governments to lobby for continued financial support to our region
<p>Risk Level following mitigation</p>	<p>Potential Impact – 6 [Moderate]</p>
	<p>Mitigation – Poor</p>
	<p>Potential Impact following Mitigation – 5 [Moderate]</p>
<p>The risk level for EU Funding is a long-term risk to the region. This is not expected to impact in the immediate short term but will require regular monitoring and intervention where possible.</p>	

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/farm-payments-if-theres-no-brexitdeal/farm-payments-if-theres-no-brexit-deal>

PLAYSCOTLAND

1. Background

1.1 PlayScotland was formed in 1998 with the vision 'to ensure that all children and young people in Scotland have daily access to diverse and quality play opportunities that meet their individual needs at home, in early years and childcare settings at school and in the community.

1.2 PlayScotland's first Priority is the delivery of the National Play Strategy Vision and Action Plan ([click here](#)). One of the Actions in the Action Plan is:
8.7 Explore with Community Planning Partnerships, Community Safety Partnerships and Community Councils how child friendly community assessment processes and indicators (see UNICEF <http://childfriendlycities.org/research/finaltoolkit-2011/>) can be incorporated into existing practice.

1.3 The Children's Play Policy Forum recently issued a policy statement (**Appendix**) identifying a crisis in childhood and calling for more children's play issues.

2. Links to Dumfries and Galloway activities

2.1 Our Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) includes:

Outcome 3: Health and wellbeing inequalities are reduced.... We want to see our younger generation physically active and eating well and so we will encourage opportunities for them and their families to be better informed and supported to do this.

2.2 Our Children's Services Plan includes;

Priority Outcome 3: We will deliver the best possible health and wellbeing for all children and young people, with increased physical activity and good mental health being part of the Action Plan.

2.3 Dumfries and Galloway Council allocated £500k in 2017/18 for the development of three inclusive play areas in Dumfries, Stranraer and Annan; and a further £500k for four inclusive play areas in Castle Douglas, Lockerbie, Newton Stewart and Upper Nithsdale in 2018/19. Local third sector organisations are being supported to take the lead role in each project.

3. Recommendation

The Board is invited to receive a presentation from Marguerite Hunter Blair, Chief Executive of PlayScotland and discuss the issues for Dumfries and Galloway.

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5 March 2019
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Children's Play Policy Forum statement

Play builds children

A crisis in childhood is happening every day, all around us.

Almost 80% of 5 to 15 year olds aren't getting enough physical activity to keep themselves healthy.

Evidence shows that children are physically weaker than previous generations.

10% of children and young people are affected by mental health problems.

Fewer children are allowed to travel on their own to places within walking distance other than school. The figure has reduced from 55% in 1971 to a maximum of 33% in 2010.

More than 20% of children are overweight or obese when they begin school. This increases to more than 30% by the time they leave primary school.

The cost to society of allowing these trends to continue is huge. It includes the human cost of ill health (physical and mental), an increased demand on public services, and damage to the economy through lost productivity and skills gaps.

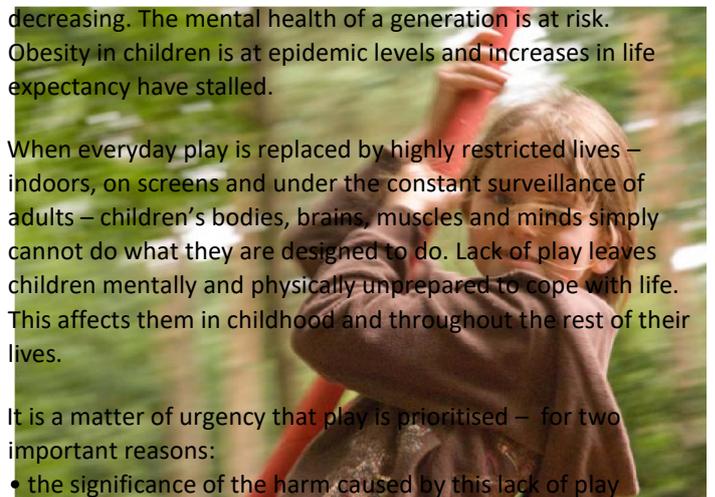
Modern life is squeezing play – especially outdoor play – to the margins of children's lives

Our everyday environments and lifestyles mean that the natural growth and development that occurs when children play isn't happening. Although children in the UK are now generally taller and heavier, their physical strength is decreasing. The mental health of a generation is at risk. Obesity in children is at epidemic levels and increases in life expectancy have stalled.

When everyday play is replaced by highly restricted lives – indoors, on screens and under the constant surveillance of adults – children's bodies, brains, muscles and minds simply cannot do what they are designed to do. Lack of play leaves children mentally and physically unprepared to cope with life. This affects them in childhood and throughout the rest of their lives.

It is a matter of urgency that play is prioritised – for two important reasons:

- the significance of the harm caused by this lack of play
- the huge benefits that will be gained if we develop environments and everyday lifestyles that support children's play.



Children need play to survive and thrive

It's difficult to imagine a childhood without play. When we remember our own childhoods, many of us recall having the freedom to play outdoors in streets, parks and playgrounds, getting up to mischief and enjoying all sorts of adventures.

Building dens and sandcastles, spending hours on swings, slides and roundabouts, even making campfires – all of these helped build our confidence, cement our friendships and encourage us to have a go at things and persevere.

Many of our most important life lessons came from the experiences we had playing – and the ones that involved a few bruises or a good laugh possibly taught us the most. The freedom to take risks is crucial to children's development.



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Why has play changed since we were children?

The fun we have when we play – and the motivation to play in the first place – comes from being able to choose what to do, how to do it, when to start and when to stop. Playing is very different to sport and other adult-organised activities, even though they may seem similar. Freedom and choice are what make playing unique. When children play, the rules aren't set by adults and there is freedom to explore, discover and learn from mistakes. However, for today's children, playing is different than it was for previous generations.

So, what has changed?

- The volume of traffic has increased.
- Technology and social media are replacing real-life activities.
- Public playgrounds are being neglected and closed.
- Educational pressure, homework and organised activities have increased.
- Parents' anxiety about children's safety has intensified.

More play is part of the solution

When they play, children drive their own development.

Play has a critical role in building:

- the structures of the brain
- stronger, healthy bodies
- resilience – children's ability to cope with stress, challenges and setbacks
- skills such as creativity, problem-solving and critical thinking.

Playing also builds:

- children's sense of identity
- close family relationships
- strong connections within communities.

Our vision for children

All children are entitled to play every day. In fact, it is essential. Playing is a fundamental and vital part of being a child, as recognised in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Governments have a responsibility for play and leadership is needed. Children's play deserves a broad and comprehensive approach, involving crossdepartmental collaboration and accountability.

Government, the devolved administrations and local authorities can together make sure that children and society are not fundamentally damaged by the lack of play in children's everyday lives – and that we all gain the unique benefits of children playing more.

Play is a powerful builder of happy, healthy, capable children. It also benefits families, communities and society.

CURRENT KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES UPDATE – MARCH 2019

1. Background

1.1 The Board has identified eight key Strategies and Plans that support the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP):

- Anti Poverty Strategy
- Children's Services Plan
- Community Justice Improvement Plan
- Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partners' Strategic Plan
- Health and Social Care Strategic Plan
- Local Housing Strategy
- Regional Economic Strategy
- Regional Transport Strategy

1.2 The Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) is also related to the LOIP and updates on its progress are therefore also reported here.

1.3 At its meeting on 16 November 2018 the Board agreed that an update on the progress of the Public Social Partnership be presented to the Board and so this is attached as an Appendix to the Regional Transport Strategy update.

2. Update reports

Lead officers for all the Plans and Strategies have provided progress reports for this meeting and they are detailed in the **Appendices**.

3. Recommendation

Board Members are invited to scrutinise and note the progress being made in the key Strategies and Plans that support the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan

Liz Manson, Community Planning and Engagement Manager and lead officers
7 March 2019

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- 2 - Community Justice Annual Report Newsletter
- 3 - Justice Analytical Services
- 4 - Public Social Partnership on Social Transport – update report

UPDATES ON KEY STRATEGIES AND PLANS**Anti-Poverty Strategy****1.1 Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group**

The Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group agreed its new Action Plan at its meeting on 13 December 2018 and continues to work towards each of the projects included.

The new Financial Harm Strategy and Action Plan was discussed at the meeting on 28 February and will ensure that partners and agencies will work together collaboratively and efficiently to tackle financial harm wherever and whenever it occurs within our communities.

1.2 Dumfries and Galloway Council Tackling Poverty Budget for the Anti-Poverty Strategy Action Plan to be decided by Participatory Budgeting (PB)

1.2.1 A report on the outcomes of the £250k Anti-Poverty funding for 2017/18, allocated to address the Findings of the Mapping Project and determined by PB, will be delivered in September 2019 and it will include detailed Case Studies from each of the projects which received funding. The Case Studies will highlight the impact and outcomes which the funding for each project has made to both individuals and families.

1.2.1 A total of 40 Projects have now passed the assessment stage of the 2018/19 round of the £250k Tackling Poverty funding which is to be allocated through Participatory Budgeting to 'Make Ends Meet' and to tackle Child Poverty. As well as the four Public Voting Events, all residents within our region can now vote for their chosen projects online. The Public Voting Events will be held on the following dates and times:

Wigtown - School, Castle - Stewartry - Kirkcudbright - Nithsdale - Thornhill - Annandale & Eskdale -	11.00am – 3.00pm, Saturday 9 th March, Castle Kennedy Primary Kennedy 11.00am – 3.00pm, Saturday 16 th March, Kirkcudbright Academy, 11.00am – 3.00pm, Saturday 23 rd March, Wallace Hall School, 11.00am-3.00pm, Saturday 20 th April, venue to be confirmed.
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1.2.3 The Council Budget agreed on 28 February 2019 has allocated a further £200k to be determined by PB in 2019/20. A report on the Steering Group to be established and the purpose of the funding will be considered by the Council's Communities Committee on 11 June 2019.

1.3 Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 Action Plan Annual Reports

Following the Community Planning Partnership Board meeting in November 2018, the lead for the delivery of the Annual Reports is the Children's Services Executive Group.

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A new Project Group of senior nominated officers from NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council has been formed to compile all of the information which the Scottish Government are requesting to be completed jointly on an annual basis and this group is due to meet in March 2019 to finalise the draft Report for Consultation.

1.4 Third Sector Tackling Poverty Forum

The next meeting of this Forum will be held on Wednesday 27 March 2019 at Castle Douglas Community Centre. The main theme of this meeting is 'In Work' Poverty and a presentation is being delivered by one of the Council's Economic Development Officers who is leading on the new European Funded Project of the same name.

The Council's Anti-Poverty Officer will also attend to deliver a strategic update on tackling poverty within our region; and the Council's Community Empowerment Manager (Participatory Budgeting) will also be attending to present an update on the Council's 'Making Ends Meet' and Child Poverty PB exercise.

1.5 Poverty Alliance Get Heard Scotland Event

The Poverty Alliance will be hosting a one day "Get Heard Scotland Event" on Friday 8 March 2019 at Locharbriggs Community Centre in Dumfries. The main theme of this event is the Scottish Government's Child Poverty Scotland (Act) 2017 Child Poverty Targets. 41 organisations have already confirmed their attendance.

Lead Officer: Harry Hay, Head of Customer Services, Communities Directorate, Dumfries and Galloway Council.

2. Children's Services Plan

2.1 We have started the process of compiling our 2nd Joint Annual Report to Scottish Government on our Children's Services Plan for 2018-19. To date, we have held workshops for Lead Officers to discuss lessons learned from last year's reporting process and to agree the process for this year.

2.2 In May, the Scottish Government will be visiting Dumfries and Galloway to meet with senior managers and discuss our children's services planning. As a result, we have started our reporting process early and we aim to have at least a draft version of our annual report ready in time for this visit.

2.3 Last year's final report was very long - 120 pages in total, including 80 pages of action plan updates. The Children's Services Plan is a large plan: it contains 6 priorities, each one with its own action plan and one of these is our Corporate Parenting Plan. The annual report therefore, is never going to be short, however, we have considered the learning from last year's reporting process and our aim this year is to produce a shorter report with less narrative and more data on delivery of actions and impact.

2.4 We are currently compiling progress updates from Lead Officers. The next step will be for Lead Officers to meet and consider the compiled evidence and jointly agree evaluative statements about the extent of our progress. Following this, we will hold 2 multi-agency stakeholder events (East and West) where practitioners and other stakeholders will consider the statements agreed by Lead Officers and agree or moderate these. We will communicate the dates of these workshops in a CSEG briefing shortly. All our multi-agency CSEG briefings are available on the children's services [partnership website](#).

Lead officer: Dr Gillian Brydson, Chair Children's Services Executive Group (CSEG)

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3. Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Improvement Plan

3.1 The first local Community Justice Outcomes Annual Report was published in November 2018 and the Newsletter is attached (**Appendix 2**). This followed the format of successful newsletters and has received positive feedback from all partners. This followed submission of official first Annual Report on activity for 2017/18 to Community Justice Scotland in September 2018.

3.2 Trauma informed practice training has continued with sessions delivered in November 2018, January 2019 and March 2019. All sessions were well attended with good representation from partners from Scottish Prison Service, Police, Education and all areas of Social Work. The training has evaluated well with almost 200 local people attending. Dumfries and Galloway has been one of the first areas in Scotland to take this approach. Thanks to partners in health and other community justice partners all training has been provided at zero cost.

3.3 At a national level Community Justice Scotland (CJS) have continued to lead on work on linking Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) to future life outcomes including involvement in the justice system. Scottish Government have also produced an infographic factsheet highlighting 'What have ACEs got to do with Justice' (**Appendix 3**). CJS have also been delivering trauma training to criminal justice social work staff across Scotland.

3.4 Dates have been identified for Emotional Unstable Personality Disorder. This will be supported and coordinated by Community Justice Partnership Manager and delivered by colleagues from the IDEAS team in health.

3.5 As agreed a joint conference between Community Justice and the Violence Against Women and Girls Standing Group of Public Protection is taking place on Wednesday 13th March 2019. The conference called 'From Hurt to Hope: Moving from blame and shame to understanding' has attracted attention from across the country with 250 completed registration forms returned; people are attending from as far a field as Peterhead and London. The conference key note speakers and workshops are a mix of local and national and a press release has been prepared.

3.6 Following the success of this training the Community Justice Partnership has purchased the license for the 'Resilience' film, highlighting the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences on future life outcomes. ACEs impact on all areas and interest from education has already been increased. We delivered a joint workshop using the film with colleagues in public health at the recent Collabor18 Moving Forward event for Youth Workers in Newton Stewart on Saturday 3rd November.

3.7 A key challenge remains in regard to year on year funding. The funding allocation remains static and only allows for one member of staff to lead on this area and drive work with no administrative support. The next Community Justice Partnership meeting will take place on 29th November to monitor progress to date and drive the work forward.

Lead Officer: Vikki Binnie, Community Justice Partnership Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Council

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4. Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partners' Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021

4.1 The focus of recent Partnership meetings (22 November 2018 & 24 January 2019) has been working with partners to explore opportunities and drive forward the short-term actions outlined in our new plan.

4.2 Attendance at meetings has also increased following the launch of the new plan with 16-18 representatives attending each of the last two meetings. Some key early progress is detailed as follows:

Performance Framework**Outcome 4 – “The involvement of learners and community organisations in shaping CLD priorities has increased and is leading to positive change”**

- The Stove were invited to the meeting held on 22 November 2018 to share their plans with partners and as a way of increasing awareness of the key work that they were involved in. This was well received with partners highlighting areas where they could add value to this work.
- The Chair met with Kerry Riddle from LGBT who are commissioned to develop a Strategic Youth Work Partnership and associated Youth Work area forums. Kerry presented at the meeting held on the 24 January 2019 and confirmed that several outcomes from the new CLD Plan are now forming the main focus of work for the Youth Work Partnership. The Youth Work Partnership will now report through the CLD Partnership.
- Discussions have also taken place with the Chief Executive of Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway on how the key themes/messages emerging from the recently launched Third Sector Area Partnerships (TSAP's) can be fed through the CLD Partnership.
- Work is underway to re-vamp and re-launch the CLD Partnership website which includes the development of a new logo to assist with promotion and awareness. A draft “easy read” version of the plan has been prepared and will be shared with partners shortly.
- As part of best practice, a Strategic Self-evaluation was undertaken with partners on Thursday 7 February 2019. This focused in on the following key quality indicators from “How good is the learning and development in our community?”:
 - 2.1 Impact on learners
 - 4.2 Improving impacts from sharing wider practice
 - 8.1 Partnership working
 - 9.4 Securing improvement of the quality and impact of services
- An improvement plan will now be drawn up to take forward the key actions.

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Outcome 5 – “Our CLD Sector workforce has the necessary skills to deliver on the ambitions of our plans”

- The CLD Partnership contributed to the national workforce survey which has been undertaken by “Rocket Science” and commissioned through the CLD Standards Council. The results of this should be available towards the end of March 2019.
- The sharing of cross sector workforce development opportunities is working well with a number of practitioners signed up to the following opportunities for early 2019:-

Foundation Apprenticeship Insight Events: Care and STEM sectors	The Bridge, Dumfries (14 February) 4.30pm-5.45pm&6.15pm-7.30pm -Barstobrick, New Galloway (18 February) 4.30pm-5.45pm&6.15pm-7.30pm
Education Scotland Event –Family Learning/Learning at home	21 Feb –The Bridge Dumfries, 26 Feb – Stranraer Academy
Delivering STEM in a Community & Family Learning Context Conference Event	Tuesday 26 Feb 2019 -Glasgow Clyde College –Cardonald Campus Business Centre 9.30am –3pm

- Membership of the CLD Standards Council in Dumfries and Galloway is quite healthy compared to the national picture with the Council having 14 associate and 15 full members at the current time and third sector partners having 5 associate and 6 full members.
- The CLD South West Network (Dumfries & Galloway Council & the three Ayrshires) is planning to host their first practitioner networking and upskilling day in Spring 2019 with further plans to have a further 3 sessions later in the year. The initial event will focus on “change management.”

Lead Officer: Stephen Jack – Lifelong Learning Manager, Chair CLD Partnership

5. Health and Social Care Strategic Plan

- 5.1 After a formal review, as required in The Public Bodies (Scotland) Act 2014, the Integration Joint Board decided on 5th April 2018 to retain the current Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board Strategic Plan for Health and Social Care.
- Some of the figures were refreshed, taking note of the recommendations as agreed by the IJB
 - This extends the period of relevance of the Strategic Plan to March 2021
- 5.2 The IJB has approved the Integration Workforce Plan 2016-19 (2018). This update on progress includes the NHS Workforce Statement. This Plan reflects the ambition to have the right people with the right skills in the right place at the right time. It describes the challenges faced and identifies strategic actions needed to deliver. The workforce plan highlights that across the Partnership we are winning national awards.
- 5.3 The Dumfries and Galloway, Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) are funded by the Scottish Government and are accountable to their local Integration Joint Board. Highlights of the ADP report include:
- Dumfries and Galloway drug related deaths were lower than the previous year
 - Nearly double the Alcohol Brief Interventions were delivered this year compared to last year, however the target number was not achieved
 - The IJB approved the ADP Annual Reporting Template 2017-18 for submission to the Scottish Government
- 5.4 The Winter Plan for 2018/19 was approved. This report primarily focuses on the challenges and potential disruptions of increased winter illness and staffing resiliency over holiday periods. Highlights include:
- New governance structures established, the Unscheduled and Scheduled Programme Boards, to oversee activity
 - A discharge lounge to be piloted to increase capacity on the wards
 - Enhanced communications to support the community to 'Get Ready for Winter'
- 5.5 The Draft Advocacy Plan for Adults was approved. The Mental Health (Care & Treatment) (Scotland) Act 2003 gives anyone with a mental disorder a right of access to Independent Advocacy. The IJB also approved the completion of the direction 'Development of a Strategic Advocacy Plan for Adults', reference number IJBD1801
- 5.6 The Integration Joint Board agreed to issue a Direction to both Health Board and Local Authority to provide a 5 year strategy for the provision of Day Services, following the recommendations contained within the Day Services Review.
- 5.7 The IJB approved the new Locality Report Template that will replace the current template used for Locality Reports for Area Committee. The new template will be structured around the 9 national health and wellbeing outcomes. These new reports will be seen at Area committee in May 2019.

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- 5.8 The IJB approved the issuing of a direction to Dumfries and Galloway Council and NHS Dumfries and Galloway to progress to the development of a local Learning Disability Strategy.
- 5.9 Following a review of the Dumfries and Galloway Health and Social Care Partnership Performance Framework, the IJB agreed to move to bi-annual performance reporting. The quarter 2 performance report for July – September 2018 will be the last quarterly report. Indicators required to be reported to the Ministerial Strategic Group (MSG) will continue to be reported quarterly.
- 5.10 The quarter 2 performance report on the Strategic Plan (to 30 September 2018) underwent scrutiny by the Senior Management Team and was considered at the Performance and Finance Sub Committee of the Integration Joint Board on 14 January 2019 where it was approved. Report available here: <http://dghscp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Agenda-Item-5-2018-19-Quarter-2-Integration-Joint-Board-Performance-and-Ministerial-Strategic-Group-Update.pdf>

Highlights from the report include:

- Acute emergency admissions for 2017/18 have risen; the rate is higher than for Scotland.
- Number of days people aged 75 or older spent in hospital when they are ready to be discharged were lower than anticipated, but these have been rising in the last 6 months.
- Treatment time guarantee (TTG) was below target in the quarter ending September 2018, 84.3% of people were treated within 12 weeks of referral against a 100% target.
- SDS Options - as of September 2018, there were 12 people receiving care through the new SDS Option 2.
- In the quarter ending September 2018, 72.9% of people referring a Duty to Inquire case to Adult Support and Protection (ASP) received feedback within 5 days of receipt of referral against a 75% target. This is the third consecutive quarter of movement towards the target.
- The average number of emergency department attendances in the year ending August 2018 was 3,779 people each month. This is lower than anticipated.

Lead Officer: Julie White, Chief Officer, Health and Social Care

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6. Local Housing Strategy

6.1 'The Housing (Scotland) Act 2001 places a statutory requirement on local authorities to produce a Local Housing Strategy, which sets out its strategy, priorities and plans for the delivery of housing and related services. Increasing the supply of affordable homes is a national performance indicator and a high-profile policy objective for the Scottish Government. The LHS should set out the strategic approach of the Local Authority and its partners to delivering high quality housing related services across all tenures, to meet identified need in its area. The LHS has a key role to play in contributing to the effective integration of adult health and social care and sets out clearly the contribution that housing can make to this agenda.

6.2 Early engagement with key partners and stakeholders has been key to identifying the outcomes and actions contained in the LHS. The Strategic Housing Forum played a leadership role in the development of the LHS by providing an opportunity for a range of stakeholders to participate in the policy development process. Political input and ownership of the LHS has been achieved by each group in the Council being represented on the Forum, which is chaired by the Vice Chair of the Communities Committee. Strategic Housing have met with a number of groups including the Tackling Poverty Reference Group, D&G LGBT Plus and LGBT Youth, the Third Sector and the Poverty Alliance. Representatives from these stakeholders were invited to take part in the Impact Assessment and highlighted that clear changes have been made in response to the feedback they had provided. In addition, the production of the LHS received the support of a wide range of services from within the Council and each of these played a valuable role in preparing the final draft. Public consultation was also carried out to allow the residents of Dumfries and Galloway an opportunity to influence the LHS. A draft of the document was placed on the Council's website and in customer service centres and libraries.

6.3 The 5 June 2018 meeting of Communities Committee agreed the final draft Dumfries and Galloway Local Housing Strategy 2018-23 and this has been submitted to the Scottish Government for final assessment. The Council has now received feedback setting out the strengths and areas for improvement. A meeting of the Strategic Housing Forum has been arranged for the 18 April 2019 and the response received has been put on the agenda to be shared with key partners and stakeholders. Strategic Housing will then make the required adjustments prior to re-submission of the final version to the Scottish Government. In general terms, the Scottish Government are seeking greater detail to support the information included in relation to some areas. This material is already available which means producing the final draft will not be a significant piece of work. Much of the feedback received locally has been positive and we will continue to strike a balance between ease to read and the required technical detail. It is normal practice for further refinement of Local Housing Strategies to be required following feedback from the Scottish Government.'

Lead Officer: Jim O'Neill, Housing Services Manager, Communities Directorate, Dumfries and Galloway Council

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7. Regional Economic Strategy (RES) 2016-2020Regional Economic Strategy

7.1 In November 2018 the Regional Economic Strategy Annual Report was submitted to the Community Planning Partnership prior to being approved by the new reinvigorated Economic Leadership Group (ELG).

Economic Leadership Group

7.2 The ELG met in December 2018 to review economic priorities and consider commenting in to the providing evidence towards the need for the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill. The ELG met again in January 2019 at the Bridge in Dumfries to consider the draft South of Scotland Regional Skills Investment Plan and in reviewing and defining economic priorities into the future. It is seeking to appoint a new Chair and also now a Vice-Chair.

South of Scotland Enterprise Agency

7.3 The South of Scotland Economic Partnership (SOSEP) the interim body continues to meet and allocate the £10M funding for 2018/19. One of the Dumfries and Galloway representatives has changed – from Fred Murray to Neale McQuistin – The full membership is here:

<https://www.gov.scot/groups/south-of-scotland-economic-partnership/>

7.4 The Council along with the South of Scotland Alliance, of which the Council is a member, provided evidence the South of Scotland Enterprise Bill in January 2019.

https://www.parliament.scot/S5_Rural/Dumfries_and_Galloway_Council_SSE.pdf The Council also responded to the Financial Memorandum associated with the Bill. The evidence identified the fact that the new agency will be a member of the Community Planning Partnership and strongly supported the needed for local accountability.

7.5 The Scottish Government's Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee, as part of its evidence gathering process came to Easterbrook Hall at the Crichton Campus. After informal meeting with interested parties heard evidence from key parties, including Dumfries and Galloway Council's Leader Councillor Elaine Murray and Chief Executive Gavin Stevenson and representatives of Scottish Borders Council. The Committee said there was "no doubt" the body was needed and had "overwhelming support".

Impact of Brexit on our Economy

7.6 The shape of Britain leaving the European Union (Brexit) continues to be of prime importance to the region. Until a decision is made in Westminster by the UK Government, uncertainty will continue. The UK Government, up to the date of writing is still to provide information pertaining the potential shape of a UK Shared Prosperity Fund which would replace European Structural Funds will take. The region's leadership can influence the development of the plans for a UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Lead Officer: Jan Falconer, Head of Economic Development, Dumfries and Galloway Council.

8. Regional Transport Strategy

8.1 The South West Scotland Transport Study which is identifying issues and opportunities for the transport network within the study area, and how these link to key markets in Central Scotland and the rest of the UK is nearing completion.

8.2 The Study has been managed by Transport Scotland with a project steering group comprising Dumfries and Galloway Council, the Ayrshire Roads Alliance, SWestrans and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport and has examined the rationale for improvements to road, rail, public transport and active travel on the key strategic corridors defined as:

- Gretna - Stranraer
- Dumfries - Cumnock
- South of Ayr - Stranraer
- Dumfries - Lockerbie and Moffat

8.3 A draft of the Initial Appraisal report and supporting Consultation Report will be discussed at a final steering group meeting at the end of the March.

8.4 The Initial Appraisal report, when published, will highlight where the Study has identified the need for further investigation of issues, and is likely to include recommendations setting out transport options which could be subjected to more detailed appraisal in the national Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2).

8.5 The full review of the National Transport Strategy (NTS) continues. This full review of the NTS and the development of the STPR2 will have significant impact on the refresh of the SWestrans Regional Transport Strategy as it will be required to align our regional delivery to the national vision, strategy and outcomes.

8.6 Correspondence from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity, Michael Matheson MSP has requested Regional Transport Partnerships to defer any refresh of their RTS until the NTS is complete.

8.7 Complementary to the RTS development, a Public Social Partnership on Social Transport has been established and a progress report is attached as **Appendix 4**.

Lead Officer: Douglas Kirkpatrick, Transportation Manager/Lead Officer SWestrans

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9. Local Development Plan

9.1 The Local Development Plan (LDP) guides the future use and development of land in towns, villages and the rural area. It also indicates where development, including regeneration, should happen and where it should not. The LDP provides the planning framework for Dumfries and Galloway and takes account of the Local Housing Strategy, Regional Economic Strategy and Regional Transport Strategy. The LDP should be a corporate document for the Council as planning authority and its Community Planning Partners. The LDP should apply the land use elements of the Community Plan (LOIP) and other Council and Government strategies into an overall spatial plan for the local area providing a means to join up messages about place and delivery.

9.2 The current LDP was adopted in September 2014 and is replaced every five years. Work on LDP2 is well advanced (the plan is currently at examination which is progressing well) and should be adopted by September 2019. The contents of both plans have been informed through extensive public consultation and engagement with members of the public, key agencies, elected members, developers and planning agents.

9.3 The LDP is supported by several pieces of statutory supplementary guidance and non-statutory planning guidance. The guidance provides more detail on a policy or site allocation in the plan. The guidance cannot be adopted until after LDP2 is adopted.

9.4 An Action Programme is published alongside the LDP which lists all the actions needed to deliver the policies and proposals contained in the LDP, when they are expected to be delivered and who will take the lead in delivering them. It is proposed to set up an LDP2 Delivery Working Group comprising relevant officers from the Council and the key agencies to help prepare the Action programme and regularly monitor its progress.

9.6 The Scottish Government is currently reforming the planning system with the aim of strengthening the planning system's contribution to inclusive growth, housing and infrastructure delivery and empowering communities. Their proposals will maintain the Government's commitment to a strong, high-performing system that enables housing and infrastructure delivery and supports quality of life of all our communities by promoting quality of place. The Planning (Scotland) Bill is currently at stage 3 of the parliamentary process although no timetable has been set.

Lead Officer: Shona McCoy, Team Leader (Local Development Plan), Dumfries and Galloway Council



Just Communities Birthday Edition



We're a year old! Happy Birthday to us and welcome to our first Annual Report.

As a local partnership we have just submitted a reporting template to Community Justice Scotland covering the activities and progress we've made over the last year. Not a partnership to do things by halves we thought it might be useful to produce our local Annual Report using the same format as our Newsletter. We decided to present things in this way because of all the really good feedback we had from partners, staff and communities who all thought the information was easier to read and understand, which also makes it more relevant and interesting. We hope you agree and enjoy reading about the work of your local Community Justice Partnership over their first year!

Annual Report 2017/2018

Special points of interest:

- What's changed?
- Multi agency training
- What our partners say
- Information for families
- Partnerships working together
- Save the date!
- Paying back to communities
- Throughcare and aftercare
- Final words

Remind me again...what is Community Justice in a nutshell?!



Community Justice is not just about criminal justice, police, courts and prisons.

We know that many things can impact on the way people behave and on their communities including education (schools and further education), employment services, jobs and employers including emergency services; health, income, housing and lots of third sector/voluntary organisations

BUT

The most important thing that influences people are their families and the communities within which they live.

The justice system is very complicated, with different options available at each stage of the journey.

There are lots of decisions to be made from the point of arrest to the decision to charge, whether to proceed to court or **divert** and what type of sentence to give.

Yet there are lots of things we as communities can and could do **before** people even get to the stage of formal involvement in the system.

Strong, connected communities working together can have a much greater effect on the lives of people than services alone ever could.



Just Communities:

strengthening relationships, building resilience and reducing reoffending

What changed and who are our partners?

Under the old model for community justice Dumfries and Galloway was part of South West Scotland CJA, alongside North, South and East Ayrshire. The new local model was established under the Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 with a much greater focus on Dumfries and Galloway.

Our statutory partners are:

- D&G Council
- NHS
- Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- Police Scotland
- Skills Development Scotland
- Integrated Joint Board
- Scottish Courts & Tribunals Service
- Scottish Prison Service
- Crown Office Procurators Fiscal Office

We also have people from the third/voluntary sector on our Partnership, locally this includes Victim Support, Families Outside, Apex and Turning Point; other third sector partners are invited and welcome to get involved to deliver targeted pieces of work. We also work with the homeless team, education, DWP, criminal justice and children and families social work. This multi agency approach helps us to reach our goals as a partnership and everyone brings something different; they also have different relationships with those they work with whilst also often working with exactly the same people!

Over the next year we really want to involve our local community more so please get in touch if you want to get involved, you might just enjoy it!

What were our local priorities for 2017/18?

Work was carried out early last year which identified six key themes. These themes were high level and enabled us to further develop eight improvement actions with each having a number of small targets underneath; you can see these areas on the right.

This helped us really focus on the work we needed to do, identify the right partner to lead on the actions and keep track of activity and progress.

Whilst we had our plan in place we also recognised that this first year had to be focussed on establishing a really strong and effective partnership, building trusted and good relationships and identifying areas of crossover between our own work and that of other local partnerships to make sure there was no duplication. Whilst we had our own work to do we had to add value to what was already there, taking in to account all the really good work taking place locally.

Governance and partner engagement

Develop Quality Principles for Justice Services

Review Public Protection and increase effectiveness

Increase a Community Justice identity and improve communication

Early Intervention and Prevention

Health and Justice

Contribute to and help ensure our young people are safe and free from harm

Support multi agency approaches including mentoring and through the gate models

Raising Awareness: D & G Community Justice Partnership - listening, talking and responding to consultations



As a new partnership we understood that it was important for us to raise the profile of Community Justice in Dumfries and Galloway at both a local and a national level. Since January 2017 we've held six Community Justice Partnership meetings across the region; making sure these were held in both Dumfries and Stranraer.

Our Community Justice Partnership Manager has been out and about giving presentations to the local branch of SASO, a local Tactical Reference Group who are part of the wider Anti Poverty Group, Health and Wellbeing Groups in Stranraer and Dumfries, youth justice teams within Children and Families Social Work, colleagues from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Social Work Managers and Elected Members on the Social Work Committee.

We coordinated and responded to nine consultations, both local and national to both support and influence. These included:

- ◆ Scottish Prison Service Plan
- ◆ Police Scotland 2026
- ◆ Sentencing Council for Scotland
- ◆ Electronic Monitoring in Scotland
- ◆ Community Justice Scotland Corporate Plan
- ◆ Community Justice Scotland Learning and Development Plan
- ◆ D&G Alcohol and Drug Strategy
- ◆ D&G Domestic Abuse, Violence Against Women Action Plan (this now sits within Public Protection)
- ◆ D&G Local Fire and Rescue Plan

We also did some service user engagement with people in HMP Dumfries and people in the community which let us hear the voices of those involved, as well as two stakeholder events attended by over 80 people from either end of the region. BBC Radio Scotland also interviewed our CJP Manager with items being broadcast in relation to ACEs and employability for those undertaking Community Payback Orders.



We need to start thinking differently and stop doing what we've always done, giving people labels that we never let them leave behind; ultimately many of those who get caught up in the system are:

"A person like you and me: with intelligence, with dreams, with hopes, with ability. Not a person apart"

FACT

1 in 3 men in Scotland and 1 in 10 women have been involved in the justice system and if we consider the wider family impact it's probably much higher than that; so people in the justice system are in fact just like you and me, with intelligence, dreams and ability. Perhaps by working together we can give people the hope they need to thrive.

We work better together —Multi agency training and events

Those involved in the justice system, including victims and the children and families of both those harmed and those who have caused harm, often work with lots of different agencies. Although organisations work together they don't often get the opportunity to train together and this has been an area of particular success over the last year and thanks to the generosity of partners all training has been offered free of charge.

So what have we done? Early last year we held a multi agency event Community Justice—Moving From Partnership to Collaboration to Reduce Reoffending with 28 people attending from 17 different agencies.

This started to look at the way we work together to see if there were ways to make it easier and better for those going through the system.

In the Autumn we supported Families Outside to deliver three sessions of Out of the Shadows focussing on the experiences and needs of families and children affected by the criminal justice system and prison. The New Year saw us supporting Victim Support to deliver The Ripple Effect training highlighting the impact of crime on victims and the wider community. Almost all training has been delivered in both Stranraer and Dumfries using facilities provided by our partners from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Stranraer Library.

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- Moving from Partnership to Collaboration Workshop

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- Out of the Shadows training

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- Ripple Effect Training

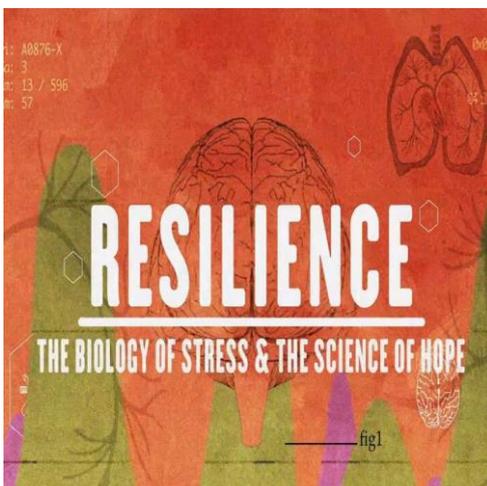
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- Resilience Screening

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- Trauma Informed Practice Training

248 training places filled with over 18 organisations represented!



In March we held a screening of the film Resilience: The Biology of Stress & The Science of Hope underlining the impact of Adverse Childhood Experiences or **ACEs**. This was followed by a lively and informative panel discussion.

Tickets for the screening were booked out within days which was really encouraging!

Due to the continued interest in ACEs from every area from childcare to education, prison and police the partnership have now purchased the license and a programme of screenings will be offered over the coming months.

In April we started our programme of Trauma Informed Practice training, this linked really well with the work around ACEs but understanding trauma is even broader. Sessions are delivered by Rab McColm, Psychological Therapist and NHS Dumfries and Galloway Psychological Therapies Training Coordinator. This fantastic work remains ongoing.

A huge thanks go to Rab for delivering and Jackie McDonnell, Senior Forensic Nurse Practitioner for her support.



What people said after attending training....

Ripple Effect Training

'Better awareness of how crime impacts on not just the victim'.

'I've learned more about Victim Support Scotland and will pass this on to service users'

'I'll now be mindful of the potential that young people are/can be victims before and after involvement in offending'.



Thanks to Joyce Cooke and her team from Victim Support Scotland for delivering.

'Out of the Shadows Training

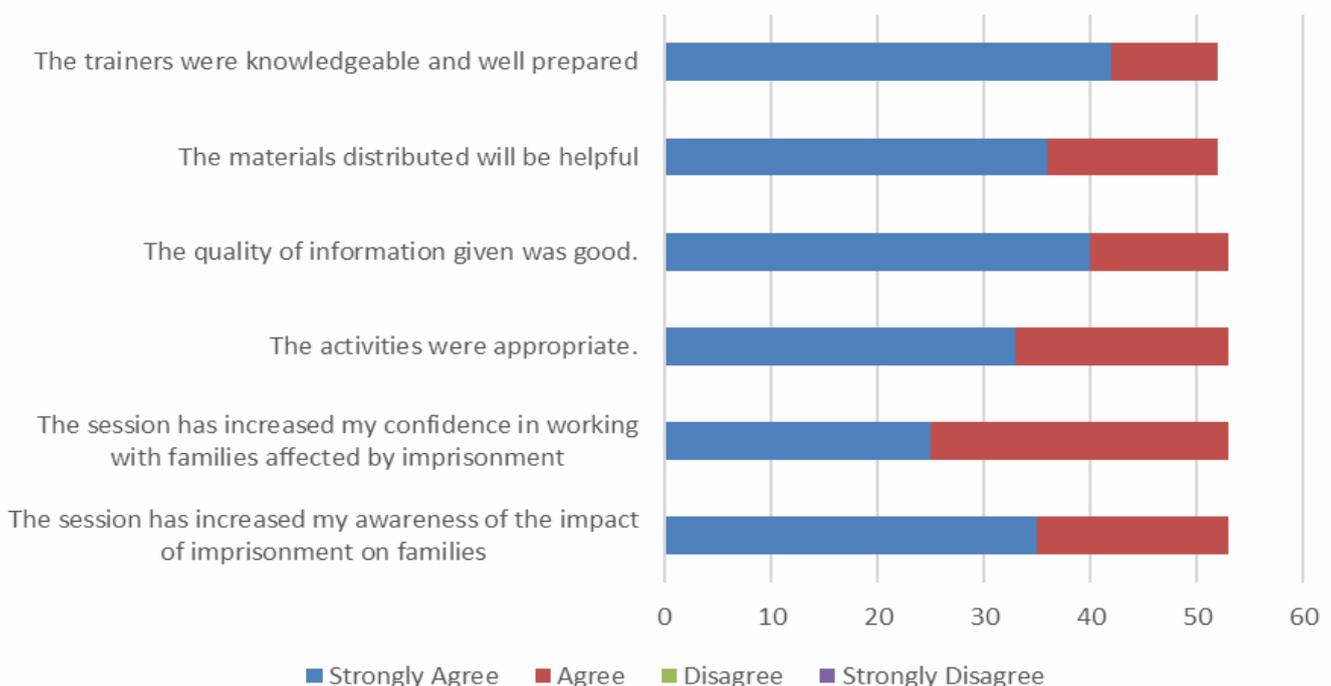
'Will help me understand the complex issues families face when a member of their family faces imprisonment. I now have contact details and agencies they can contact'.

'Thanks really enjoyed this session. It's good to share information/able to signpost staff who might be monitoring pupils who are affected by imprisonment.'

Thanks to Susan Cross and Nadine from Families Outside for delivering



Out of the Shadows Evaluation Results



What our partners say

Time is precious for all of us. That being the case it is important that partners see the value of this new approach to Community Justice and feel that we add value to work that many of them are already doing across the region, as well as feeling like they are adding value by being involved in this partnership and having opportunities to try out new ways of working. We value each and every partner involved and asked them what they thought of their involvement so far. Here is what they had to say:



I feel that I have made new contacts and improved relationships with existing contacts since the formation of the partnership.

I feel as a third sector representative that we are not treated any differently than the statutory ones and our voice is heard equally. I know Apex staff have accessed the training including the trauma training, Resilience screening and the Ripple Effect. Access to this training is invaluable especially with budget constraints, and staff get to network with a wide range of partner organisations.

Mhairi Ross, Apex Scotland



Third Sector Partners said "Our voice is heard equally"



Scottish Courts
and Tribunals Service



From the SCTS perspective, I would suggest that partners have benefitted from a greater insight into the role of SCTS, clerks of court and the processes involved in, for example, the throughput of a Community Payback Order. Likewise, we now have added appreciation of what happens thereafter, albeit this, in itself, cannot impact upon our role in the process. We have also gained an insight into the work of Partnership agencies and organisations in terms of early intervention and support to prevent offending and reoffending

They've been sent to prison.

families
outside

Don't know where to turn?
Need support or information?

0800 254 0088

Families Outside offers support and information
to families affected by imprisonment.

Helpline 0800 254 0088
Email support@familiesoutside.org.uk
Chat private webchat service
Text text FAMOUT then your message to 60777
Website www.familiesoutside.org.uk



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- all levels
- The CJP manager has engaged and promoted our training for professionals, and partners have provided venues free of charge
- The CJP manager has been in regular contact as the role develops and extremely helpful in sharing knowledge of the region, contacts and general expertise and encouragement
- The CJP has funded posters and cards advertising our service and helpline for families, and displaying the CJP logo

As a small third sector organisation multi-agency working is key to enable us to provide the best service to our clients and to raise awareness of our service and their needs. The CJP actively fosters and develops this multi-agency approach which will mean better experience for everyone involved and more efficient use of all our resources.

Mary Smith, Family Support Coordinator,
Families Outside



Families Outside is a national charity that provides support to families affected by imprisonment in Scotland.

Support and Information Helpline:

Freephone 0500 83 93 83

Email: support@familiesoutside.org.uk

Text: FAMOUT followed by your message to 60777



Families Outside works to raise awareness of the needs of families affected by the criminal justice system and to mitigate the effects of imprisonment on families. We are a small, specialised national organisation represented in Dumfries and Galloway by a Regional Family Support Coordinator. This is a 16 hour post covering whole of the region, providing direct family support, training and awareness raising and representing the needs of families at a strategic level locally. The post is new, and the support it has received from the CJP manager and the partnership has been invaluable to establishing the service within the region.

- Attending the CJP meetings has generated valuable contacts and put us 'on the map' locally, especially with the statutory services
- Meetings have also given us an ongoing opportunity to highlight the needs of families affected by imprisonment and have it recognised at a strategic level
- Information shared at meetings has increased knowledge and insight into a wide variety of aspects of the criminal justice service and associated services, as well as a greater understanding of issues faced by those in contact with it at



999 What's Your Emergency?

Our Local Scottish Fire and Rescue Service



From the launch of Community Justice in Edinburgh, our Local Senior Officer, Hamish McGhie was very enthusiastic to fully engage with Community Justice reference holders. We have promoted this subject locally, heightened awareness to staff and are ensuring that as a statutory partner we do everything possible to support CJ activities including attending meetings, training events and potential messaging/information delivery sessions.

Locally, the SFRS has provided support in terms of facilities to carry out meetings and training events.

The Local Senior Officer has given his continued commitment to support this in 2019.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, as a Statutory partner has encouraged the development of its own staff locally in Community Justice awareness training events including initial awareness events and specific training such as 'Out of the Shadows', 'Ripple Effect' and 'Trauma' training.

The SFRS leads on The Early learning and Intervention sub-group in which we are developing opportunities to deliver CJ messaging to all those young people in our local community. At the moment CJ has been included as a partner for 'Operation Safety' a region wide education session for Primary 7 pupils from Stranraer to Langholm. The events take place in the West (1 week in Stranraer during May) and East (3 weeks from September and October) CJ messaging will be delivered to approximately 1800 primary 7 pupils each year with the emphasis on engagement and early intervention.

With ACES training now taking place and previous Community Justice input I think the penny is starting to drop in terms of how our young children are affected growing up and how the choices and routes taken can lead to more issues and impact on our communities.

David Jardine, Group Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service



Belonging to the Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Partnership has further strengthened collaborative working and is invaluable for increasing the opportunity to share good ideas, knowledge and experience to develop initiatives to make a difference to people within our region.

Working together in this way has allowed us to identify and focus on local issues and develop joint solutions as to which partners are best placed to drive objectives forward. The strong partnership that is in place has allowed us the opportunity to successfully arrange and deliver

multi-agency training with our Community Justice partners, particularly in relation to Operation Safety, the implementation of the Crisis Assessment and Treatment Service/Police Triage pilot scheme, the development of the Herbert Protocol and most recently Trauma Informed training.

Ultimately it is about achieving better outcomes for individuals and communities and I believe strongly that the Community Justice Partnership is allowing us to understand and tackle issues in an innovative way, through a new collaborative approach.'

Superintendent Graeme Galloway

Police Scotland - Poileas Alba | Dumfries & Galloway Division

Police Scotland — Dumfries & Galloway Developments:

Dumfries & Galloway Crisis Assessment and Treatment Service (CATS)/ Police triage pilot training was delivered to police officers from February 2018 onwards. The pilot was designed to provide a safe outcome for people of concern in a community setting with a potential mental health issue who come to the attention of police; this is achieved by CATS working in partnership with Police Scotland locally.

The aim is to ensure people receive access to relevant treatment or support as quickly and appropriately as possible. Community Psychiatric Nurses (CPN`s) based within CATS aid the decision making process of operational police officers around managing risk when dealing with any suspected mental health incident.

If Police officers come into contact with someone they fe concerned about who may require CATS input, assistance can be requested from a CPN with the team through the NHS switchboard 24 hours a day. The nurse discusses concerns with the attending officers, triages the incident and can make a clinical decision regarding the best course of action for the individual.

There are a number of anticipated improved outcomes including;

- Persons receiving treatment at the earliest opportunity.
- Consideration given to the least restrictive alternative.
- Reduced stigma associated with potential detention in custody or police escort to hospital for assessment.
- Reduced costs to health, police and the justice system.

An evaluation is due to be carried out soon.

YOUTH JUSTICE PILOT; Making adifference

An early intervention pilot has taken place at Annan Academy supported by Children and Families Social Workers within the local Youth Justice team. Again this is very much an early intervention, prevention and partnership approach with teaching and support staff.

Early results have been positive, and this is now being considered for wider roll out.

We look forward to hearing more updates soon!



DEMENTIA: THE HERBERT PROTOCOL

Developments and working practices implemented between the Police and NHS IDEAS which collectively have developed and delivered a process to enhance our ability to recognise and react to situations when dealing with persons diagnosed with dementia. The joint project has two strands, one to provide training to ensure Police staff recognise and respond more effectively to people with dementia and the other was the launch of the Herbert Protocol, a Vulnerable Adult Missing Person Incident Form.

The localised approach to this has been strengthened by the inclusion of additional statutory and non-statutory agencies. The initiative demonstrates the ongoing commitment of work between key partners to safeguard those who suffer from dementia in our community. As a result of the success and confidence in the initiative within Dumfries and Galloway, it has now been rolled out to other divisions within Police Scotland.

MULTI AGENCY SAFEGUARDING HUB

In Dumfries and Galloway we have strong relationships with our partner agencies and the creation of a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) located within Police Headquarters, Cornwall Mount, Dumfries enhanced our joint co-ordinated approach to protect and safeguard children and vulnerable adults through information sharing and effective decision making. Dumfries and Galloway led the way in being the first division within Police Scotland to have a fully resourced MASH and with all principles co-located within a Police building. Dumfries and Galloway were also the first division to have adult protection as well as child



Information for Families

One of the first things we did was try to support families more effectively by providing them with the information they might need at a time when they feel particularly vulnerable. Using a template previously developed by the old South West Scotland CJA our partners at HMP Dumfries spent some time updating artwork and information for a new Information for Families poster. The poster is now displayed at both courts across Dumfries and Galloway, at HMP Dumfries visits area as well as being shared widely with partners who support families locally. If you would like a copy of the poster for your own organization or to display in a waiting area or community hall please get in touch.



INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES



Just Communities – strengthening relationships, building resilience and reducing reoffending

Everyone, including children can be affected when someone is involved in the justice system. You may feel alone and that you are being punished too. It can be a hard time for children and you may all need help and support. Below is a list of Community Agencies who may be able to help. Please feel free to contact them, they are there to support you.

<p style="text-align: center;">Families Outside Support and Information for Families of those affected by the justice system</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Freephone 0800 2540088 www.familiesoutside.org.uk</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Social Work</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dumfries & Galloway 030 33 33 3000 (9am- 5 pm)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Social Work Standby Service D & G 5pm-9am Freephone 0800 328 7758</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">If you need information about visits or someone in prison, the prison can help.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ask for the Family Contact Officer (FCO) www.spps.gov.uk</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> HMP Dumfries 01387 261 218 01387 274 619 (FCO) HMP Barlinnie 0141 770 2000 0141 770 2037 (FCO) </td> <td style="width: 50%; border: none;"> HMP Greenock (Men and Women) 01475 787 801 (Ask Reception for FCO) HMP YOI Polmont (Young People Under 21) 01324 711 558 01324 722 374 (FCO) </td> </tr> </table> <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 10px auto;"/> <p style="text-align: center;">HMP Cornton Vale (Women Only) 01786 832 591 01786 835 325 (FCO)</p>	HMP Dumfries 01387 261 218 01387 274 619 (FCO) HMP Barlinnie 0141 770 2000 0141 770 2037 (FCO)	HMP Greenock (Men and Women) 01475 787 801 (Ask Reception for FCO) HMP YOI Polmont (Young People Under 21) 01324 711 558 01324 722 374 (FCO)	<p style="text-align: center;">Samaritans Freephone 116 123 www.samaritans.org</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs Mon– Fri 9am- 5 pm Weekends 5pm - 11pm Freephone 08080 101011 www.sfad.org.uk</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Parentline Scotland Freephone 0800 028 2233 www.children1st.org.uk/parentline</p>
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Framework for the support of families affected by the criminal justice system

As a partnership we have also supported and encouraged partners to use the Framework for the support of families affected by the criminal justice system. The Framework alerts professionals about how their work applies to families in the justice system and what they can do to mitigate any negative impacts. This was produced before our local partnership was in place but we recognized its value and the importance of raising awareness of this to help ensure we all consider the needs of the wider family when someone is involved in the justice system.

“ my family are doing the sentence with me. They just want the good son back that they know I am when I’m not taking drugs and committing crime to fund it....I need help”

Service user, HMP Dumfries



Partnerships working together



Whilst we are a new partnership in Dumfries and Galloway there are other partnerships that are crucial to our success. We know that many of the women involved in the justice system have been victims of trauma and abuse with approximately 57% of women in prison experiencing domestic abuse which links us closely with the violence against women and girls agenda. We need to continue to work together to stop girls getting involved in cycles of abuse which in turn make them more vulnerable.

The new Public Protection Partnership has

been in place since 1st April 2018 bringing together Violence Against Women and Girls, Adult Protection and Child Protection. It is important that we work alongside this partnership, again recognizing the vulnerability of those involved. A third of young offenders, and almost a third of the adult

prison population, self-identify as being Care Experienced (SPS, 2016). Due to the need for prisoners to identify themselves as Care Experienced, these statistics fail to represent reality (Who cares? Scotland). We need the reality to change, identifying further areas of crossover and working more effectively towards early intervention and prevention

can have a huge benefit

action on
drugs+alcohol
DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

People who experience child abuse or witness domestic violence in childhood are more likely to be abused by a partner in adulthood than those who did not experience abuse/witness violence, particularly women. (CSEW, 2017)

Over the last year we have also established strong links to the local Alcohol and Drug Partnership. Statistics tell us that 56% of those involved in violent crime in Scotland have been under the influence of alcohol with drug addiction also a factor in offending behaviour. In 2016-2017 76% of those in prison tested on admission as part of the Addiction Prevalence Test tested positive for illegal drugs. However addiction often masks

other issues, again including trauma and adverse childhood experiences. By continuing to work together we can create efficiencies and more effective outcomes for individuals and communities across Dumfries and Galloway.

Substance misuse, parental imprisonment and witnessing domestic abuse are all identified ACES; this is why it's crucial we work together!

56% of those involved in violent crime have been under the influence of alcohol

Feedback from Community Justice Scotland on our local Annual Report

All examples included of what went well over the last year truly reflect good practice, which is actually evident across all the activity outlined in Dumfries and Galloway. All good practice examples included highlight the theme of relationships as of key importance to the development of successful partnership activity. This is something other local areas can learn from, particularly in leveraging resources for the greater good.

A huge thanks for pulling it together, and being so honest and reflective across all your practice. There is much to be learned from the Dumfries and Galloway partnership approach.





**SAVE
THE
DATE**



Removing labels & stigma

More Trauma Informed Practice Training sessions are taking place on **9th January 2019 and 4th March 2019**. At the moment both dates are fully booked but if you're interested why not add your name to the waiting list!

We're having a conference!

We are working hard to plan and host a joint Community Justice and Violence Against Women and Girls Conference on the **Wednesday 13th March 2019** with a possible second day on Thursday 14th to focus on Child Sexual Exploitation. Some exciting speakers have already been confirmed so please leave a space in your diary to attend and save the date.

The Violence Against Women and Girls Group planned lots of events for the 16 Days of Action from 26th November until 10th December. Please support if you can. Have a look out for more details of activities and how to get involved.

What's next?!

The hard work continues for the Community Justice Partnership with a packed diary between now and next April to try and achieve as much as possible and work towards the outcomes in our new three year plan. Future editions of the Newsletter will highlight ongoing pieces of work, new activity and partnership developments.

The next Community Justice Partnership takes place on 27th November.

We're delivering a session to UWS Social Work students on Criminal Justice Multi Disciplinary Working on 26th November

We will continue to link more with Social Work teams to further raise awareness of community justice.

We are putting together a timetable of Resilience 'screenings across the region

The launch of the new Public Protection website will have a dedicated space for Community Justice news and information.



**SECOND
CHANCERS**

Community Justice Scotland asks 'Who deserves a second chance?'

Community Justice Scotland launches its first national campaign aimed at changing perceptions of what justice should look like in 21st century Scotland.

Second Chancers is centered around the voices of those whose lives have been touched by the justice system. Comprising of a series of short documentary films and a touring audio exhibition, the campaign tells authentic and raw stories of success and failure, change and transformation, obstacles and helping hands. It paints a warts-and-all picture of what works, what doesn't and what we should be doing better.

The campaign aims to increase awareness of community justice and grow public support for a smart justice system that is evidence-based, innovative and focused on solving people's problems in the most effective way.

The people sharing their stories include someone from a background of crime; who has made a one-off mistake; who has been a victim of crime; who has battled with addiction and mental health issues; as well as showcasing unpaid work projects which have restored pride to their community.

Some are a million miles away from their past, some are still walking the road to recovery – all demonstrate the importance and effectiveness of recognizing and responding to the human and their particular needs. And all tell the story of people who, through hard work, support and sheer grit, have grabbed a second chance and changed everything.

The first three films in the Second Chancers film series, are available to watch at <http://secondchancers.tv/stories/>

Paying back to local communities

There is now a general presumption that people who commit low level offences will be sent out to do some Unpaid Work in order to pay their dues to the communities they may have harmed; this is more effective than a short term prison sentence. This is backed by actions to address any underlying problems that may be fuelling the crime including; alcohol, drug or mental health problems.

Before Sheriffs can sentence someone to a Community Payback Order (CPO), they must first get a report from a criminal justice social worker. The report will give the Sheriff background information about the person such as any offences they have committed before, their risk of offending again, their need to change their offending behaviour, and their health and living situation.

Courts can then impose one or more of a range of requirements as part of a CPO on the person who committed the offence.

These requirements are as follows

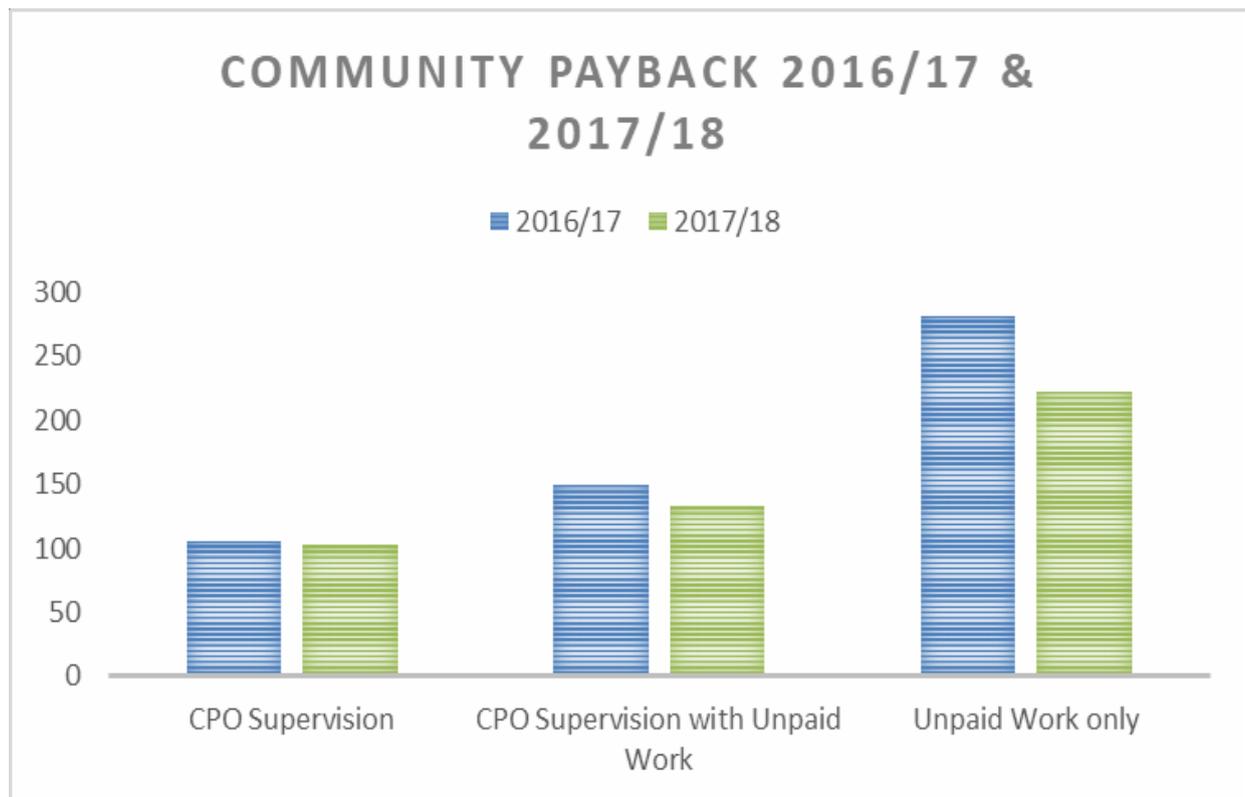
1. Alcohol Treatment
2. Compensation
3. Conduct Requirement
4. Drug Treatment
5. Mental Health Treatment
6. Offender Supervision
7. Programme Requirement
8. Residence Requirement
9. Unpaid Work & Other Activity

Once someone has been given a community payback order criminal justice staff will often involve partners to help an individual tackle their issues and gain skills to lessen their likelihood of reoffending.

Unpaid work continued to develop a wide range of projects across the region, with 69 open projects and 35 individual placements on offer across Dumfries and Galloway.

FACT

Did you know that currently, 6 in 10 of those given a short prison sentence reoffend within a year compared to 3 in 10 of those given a community sentence?



What happens when someone leaves prison? Throughcare and aftercare support options in Dumfries and Galloway

Just Communities Birthday Edition



Through care is intended to reduce reoffending by addressing the needs of people as they re-enter the community after being in prison.

In Scotland, statutory through-care and after care is provided by Criminal Justice Social Work for all those serving sentences of four years or longer, and voluntary through-care is available for those serving sentences of less than four years. Over the last few years we have also seen the Scottish Prison Service introduce Throughcare Support Officers and national mentoring services, New Routes for young men and Shine for women.

During 2017/18 Criminal Justice Social Workers supported 86 people with voluntary throughcare and 120 with statutory throughcare. Unfortunately the New Routes Service was not available for young men returning to Dumfries and Galloway during 2017/18, due to pressure from the local Community Justice Partnership this issue has been resolved with Apex Scotland picking up men who meet the criteria; numbers remain low.

Our local SPS Throughcare Support Officers worked with 54 people during 2017/18; 49 of these were liberated from prison at which point 25 continued to engage with support. Of those who engaged with Throughcare Support Officers 18 presented as homeless on release, all were referred to and supported to attend the job centre and 8 presented for GP registration.

The Shine Women's Mentoring Service received 10 community referrals in the last year and 16 prison referrals. Whilst prison referral numbers have stayed the same since the previous year, community referrals have almost halved which may need to be examined further; although this does reflect an overall decrease in court business.



Jane had been working with Apex on the Shine program since November 2017. Jane had been referred by her supervisor at unpaid work. She had been given a community payback order for benefit fraud with 120 hours of community service which she had completed. Jane presented with low confidence and her worries around her children who were removed from her care to a foster family dominated most of her sessions. While on Shine Jane attended several children's panels and was helped through the appeal process and signposted legal aid services to help her get her views across at the panel meetings. Jane is hopeful she can work up to getting her children back home. Jane suffered from mental health issues but after going to her GP is now on medication which she says is helping. As part of Jane's time on Shine she was referred to Venture Trust Next Steps program, Jane found this of great benefit saying it was a great help with her confidence. This is their feedback:

Jane was very polite and respectful towards staff and other participants from the start. Although she was not initially particularly outgoing, she responded appropriately and politely, taking time to consider her answers. Jane showed a strong sense of fairness and was able to come to staff to voice concerns that other members of the group had brought drugs onto the course. In spite of having been less active in recent years, Jane proved herself to be physically confident and competent, finding the abseil, hill-walk and other physical parts of the course relatively straightforward. Her powerful singing voice was also used to great effect on several occasions, seeming to be a source of pride and confidence for her. Jane was dedicated to the course and determined to complete it. She was initially intimidated by some other members of the group but persevered in spite of this to engage fully with all of the group sessions and activities. Her determination shone through again in some of the conversations that she had with staff and participants that were clearly difficult or painful for her to have. In spite of this continued to make sure to share her thoughts in the interests of getting the most that she could from the week. Jane has now completed the Shine program and has started volunteer work at local charity shop and has not re-offended.

A final word from our Chair

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As chair of the Community Justice Partnership, I am proud that this Annual Report is able to illustrate the progress and work by all partners involved and engaged with Community Justice since inception. The commitment to the CJP and related agenda by all partners has made my role as chair, rewarding to both see the collaborative advantage that has been established so quickly and the potential in our region being realised.

There are and will always be significant challenges as we travel on the road to achieve "Just Communities", and I hope that this Annual Report illustrates the multi-agency drive and developments undertaken to establish a base to overcome and reach that aim.

I must thank Vikki Binnie, as Community Justice Partnership Manager, for her drive, commitment and determination without who much of the progress established would not be achieved. In working tirelessly by providing guidance and support to partner agencies, members, staff and public, Vikki has been the focal point for much of the progress made, and the reason behind the over achievement of the partnership in its first year. Ambition levels in our next CJOIP, have been subsequently raised!



Finally, no progress would be possible without the commitment shown by all partners, and as chair I wish to thank them all.

To achieve our goal of strong and fair communities, a long term commitment is required, and I am happy to endorse this Annual Report as evidence of the strong foundation partners have made and on which the future for Community Justice in Dumfries and Galloway can be established.

Gordon Pattinson, Public Protection Manager



Finally thank you. To all the partners, organisations and people across Dumfries and Galloway who have supported the development and work of the partnership to date. None of this could have happened without you and your enthusiasm to do things differently (if that's what's needed) or simply tweak things to make them work that little bit better. We can only achieve real change and the best results by working together.

Challenging but exciting times ahead!

What have ACEs got to do with Justice?

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Everything. This paper sets out a summary of the evidence on the links between childhood adversity and victimisation and criminality in adulthood. It makes a strong case for preventing crime by targeting those most at risk of experiencing adverse childhoods, and supporting people in the Justice System whose lives have been affected by adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) in order to reduce reoffending and prevent intergenerational crime and victimisation. It argues that this will require a coordinated and collaborative effort across government.

Most of the recognised ACEs (and other adversities) impact on the Justice System.

Children and adults with experience of ACEs may come into contact with the criminal justice system - both as victims or witnesses and perpetrators of crime. They may also interact with the civil justice 'family law' system.

The justice system therefore has a key role in preventing and, in particular, mitigating the impact of ACEs.

Preventing ACEs could provide a significant opportunity to reduce crime in Scotland. Some studies have estimated that preventing ACEs could halve violence perpetration and incarceration. (Bellis et al., 2014)

Research consistently shows a strong association between ACEs and crime. People who experience multiple ACEs are more likely to engage in risk taking behaviours which are harmful to health and - significantly for Justice - sometimes associated with criminal behaviour. The Welsh ACEs Study (Public Health Wales NHS Trust, 2015) reported that compared with people with no ACEs, those with 4+ACEs were:

- ×14** times more likely to be a victim of violence in the last 12 months
- ×15** times more likely to be a perpetrator of violence in the last 12 months
- ×20** times more likely to have been incarcerated in their lives



How can a harsh childhood lead to criminal behaviour?

- ACEs theory is consistent with theories of crime which have proven links between childhood factors and adulthood criminality and victimisation (e.g. Agnew, 1985; Farrington et al, 2006)
- Prolonged exposure to stress in childhood disrupts healthy brain development. This can manifest as emotional and conduct problems in childhood, and risk-taking and criminal behaviours in adulthood. (Levenson et al, 2016)
- The more ACEs someone experiences the more detrimental the effect on their well-being (known as a 'graded dose-response'). (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2015)
- ACEs have been linked to many 'criminogenic' risks (factors that increase risk of offending) including substance and alcohol abuse, deprivation, poor educational attainment, and mental health problems. (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2015)

10 most commonly measured Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)

-- ABUSE --



Physical



Verbal



Sexual

..... NEGLECT



Physical



Emotional

- HOUSEHOLD ADVERSITIES -



Mental Illness



Incarcerated relative



Domestic violence



Parental Separation



Substance abuse

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

The evidence does not prove causality. Not all children who experience multiple ACEs become victims or perpetrators of violence in adulthood, but they are statistically more likely to than people with no ACEs.

What is predictable is also preventable.
(Dr R. Anda)

What do we know about the childhoods of justice 'users'?

2

Although Scottish data is limited, international evidence consistently shows high levels of childhood trauma and maltreatment in adult perpetrators and victims of certain crimes. Both criminality and victimisation can be intergenerational which points to the need to support families at the earliest stage possible. The list of 10 ACEs which is used in many ACEs studies does not cover all childhood factors associated with crime. There may therefore be merit in policy responses aimed at reducing crime to consider a wider range of other childhood adversities.

People who offend are more likely to experience traumatic childhoods than the general population.

US studies report a higher incidence of ACEs in various offending groups (Leitch, 2017). Whilst equivalent research does not exist in the UK, prison surveys in the UK and in Scotland report high rates of childhood abuse, family violence, experience of being in care and school exclusion in people in prison. (MOJ, 2012; SPS, 2015)

Having a convicted family member and being excluded from school have been reported as risk factors for reoffending in adulthood. (MOJ, 2012)



Did you know that in Scotland...

45%

Adult prisoner survey respondents reported that they had been physically abused in their home as a child

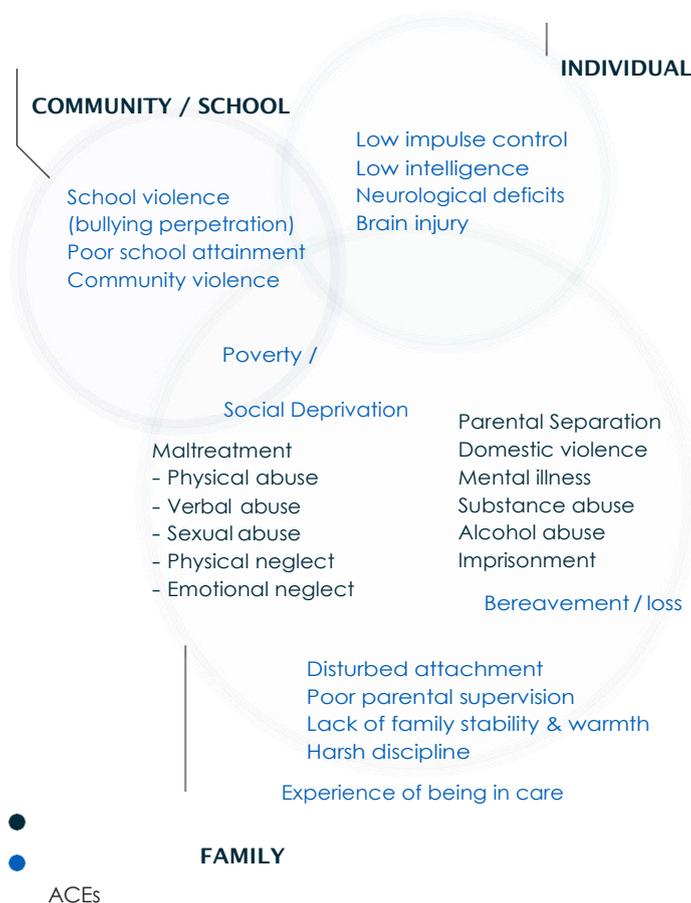
61%

Adult prisoner survey respondents had been bullied at school or somewhere else

56%

Young people in custody said they had been sworn at, humiliated, or put down by an adult in their home

ACEs and childhood risk factors for Criminality



Many childhood adversities, including those not included in the standard ACEs framework, tend to co-exist which makes it hard to identify which risk factors best predict criminality - some risk factors may be the result of early childhood trauma e.g. neurological deficits. However,

some ACEs research has drawn links between specific ACEs (e.g. child sexual abuse) and specific types of crime (e.g. sex offending).

Further research is needed to understand the causal mechanisms between childhood adversity/trauma and different types of criminality and victimisation in adulthood.

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

Much less is known about the incidence and effect of childhood trauma on male offenders and victims.

Given that men are more likely to be a victim of violent crime and that the rate of conviction is higher for men, further research is needed.



People who experience multiple ACEs are more likely to be a victim of violence in adulthood than people who have no ACEs. Research shows that people who are abused as children are more likely to be abused as an adult. As ACE scores increase, so too does adult sexual victimisation (Ports et al, 2016). People who experience child abuse or witness Domestic violence in childhood are more likely to be abused by a partner in adulthood than those who did not experience abuse/witness violence, particularly women. (CSEW, 2017). These studies point to the importance of understanding the role of childhood maltreatment in preventing and addressing victimisation in adulthood.

Why are some children more resilient than others?

3

Not all people who experience adverse or traumatic childhoods become victims and/or perpetrators of crime. Understanding why some children do well despite early adverse experiences is crucial. Identifying which buffers, or 'protective factors', can mediate the effects of childhood adversity and trauma can inform policy and practice to help more children reach their full potential and reduce crime and victimisation.

Protective factors against offending.

LOW LEVELS OF POVERTY & SOCIAL DEPRIVATION



- Live in safe neighbourhoods with opportunities for positive activities
- Low neighbourhood economic deprivation
- Higher family socioeconomic circumstances

BEHAVIOUR & COPING MECHANISMS



- Low hyperactivity & impulsivity
- Pro-social behaviour
- Good social skills

POSITIVE ATTITUDES & SELF-ESTEEM



- Positive / hopeful about the future
- Good self-esteem
- Pro-social attitudes
- Positive school attitude
- Religion

EDUCATION / INTELLIGENCE



- Resilient young people tend to be more intelligent & flexible
- Higher level of school attainment

POSITIVE PEERS & NEIGHBOURHOOD CONNECTIONS



- Connections with pro-social peers
- Involvement in positive organisations, activities, sport
- Low social isolation

TRUSTED ADULT & EFFECTIVE PARENTING

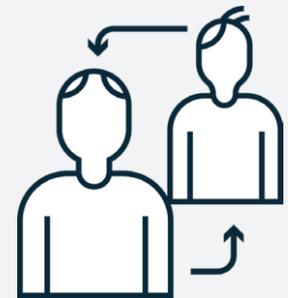


- Strong attachment with parent/ carer
- 'Always available adult'
- Stable family structure
- Parental supervision
- Parental interest in education
- Parental style/discipline (non-harsh)

Research is limited in some areas. There is a lack of ACEs population studies which examine resilience in the context of offending and/or victimisation. Criminological research on resilience tends to focus on youth offending. That being said, resilience factors identified in ACEs research (in relation to mental health) and criminological research are remarkably similar. For example, social support is consistently identified as a protective factor for mental health, offending and victimisation.

The single most common factor for children who develop resilience is "at least one stable and committed relationship with a supportive parent, caregiver, or other adult"

(Harvard University Center on the Developing Child).



Research suggests that resilience is built at an individual, family and community level. Policy responses should target all three domains to be most effective.

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

- One of the criticisms of trauma-informed care is an over-emphasis on risks. It is argued that ACE-informed practice (and research) could be enhanced by identifying protective or strength-based factors in people's lives.
- Some protective factors fall out with the reach of the justice system. Policy responses will therefore need to be cross-government.

A call for compassion? How to build resilience to reduce crime. 4

Building resilience in children and young people, and their families and communities, is crucial to reducing crime and victimisation. Cross-cutting policies are needed to identify and support children and their families at risk of early adversity at the earliest stage possible. The justice system is well placed to identify such families, and support victims and people who offend to promote their resilience and well-being, and reduce reoffending. There is an emerging body of evidence pointing to the value of trauma-informed approaches which advocate a more compassionate and strengths-based justice system.

Trauma-informed Care in Youth Justice

Common themes from US approaches to young people in custody



ACEs screening-

All children in custody are screened for ACEs.

Highly skilled professional staff -

trauma-informed training for staff (intensive training & input from psychologists)

Family engagement-

children and their families are involved in the treatment planning process

Caring culture - shift from a sterile approach to a humane one

Partnership working with child welfare, education and health

New custodial environments - some states have replaced traditional prisons with 'group homes'

A trauma-informed approach asks 'What happened to you?' not 'What is wrong with you?'

Trauma-informed approaches in other countries tend to target women and young people in the justice system. Examples include ACEs screening in probation, community police hubs (similar to the Whole Systems Approach), trauma-informed case management for young offenders, problem-solving courts and trauma recovery programmes. Although there is strong support for a trauma-informed approach in justice settings, there is a lack of robust evaluations and limited empirical evidence of its effectiveness, particularly in relation to men who offend.

What works to build resilience in children:

- Facilitating supportive adult-child relationships;
- Building a sense of self-efficacy and perceived control;
- Providing opportunities to strengthen coping skills and self-control;
- Mobilizing sources of faith, hope, and cultural traditions. (Harvard Center of the Developing Child)

What works to reduce crime



The most successful programmes for preventing youth offending are early intervention preventative programmes which focus on the family. These include:

Parenting programmes

that focus on early parenting methods to improve children's self-control (e.g. effective discipline), and to increase parental involvement in children's education.



School-based programmes

aimed at addressing truancy and exclusions, and improving self-control and social skills.



Home-visiting and pre-school education programmes

which target at-risk children.



This evidence summary was undertaken by Tamsyn Wilson of Justice Analytical Services, Scottish Government between Nov 17-Jan 18. Evidence is drawn from a range of academic disciplines including criminology, health and psychology academic databases. Full references are available on request. Justice Analytical Services, Scottish Government, Victoria Quay, Leith, EH6 6QQ.

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- <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Research/by-topic/crime-and-justice>.

POINTS FOR REFLECTION

Although building resilience should be done at the earliest opportunity, it is never too late to support people affected by childhood adversity.

We need to test out approaches and build our evidence about 'what works' in relation to a trauma-informed justice system.

"It changes how you look at a person – whether you look at them as just a criminal or someone who had trauma in their background"
(acestoohigh.com)



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DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY TRANSPORT PUBLIC SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP

Briefing on progress to date –
January 2019

This briefing paper provides an outline of the Dumfries and Galloway Community Transport Public Social Partnership, an update on progress and the suggested way forward.

The background

A State of the Sector Report and Improvement Plan for Community Transport (CT) in Dumfries and Galloway was undertaken by Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway in April 2016 on behalf of the Community Planning Executive Group.

The report recommended the development of a Public Social Partnership to achieve the step change required for the provision of community, demand responsive, health and social transport throughout the region.

In November 2016 the Community Planning Executive Group approved the development of a Public Social Partnership (PSP). A PSP is a strategic partnering arrangement that involves third sector more deeply in the commissioning and design process. The model builds on the opportunity to pilot innovative services and ensure effectiveness. It builds

clear sustainable routes for procurement and service delivery contracts and ensures that wider social benefits, such as assistance for passengers who are frail are factored into the equation.

The ability to continue to deliver community, demand responsive, health and social transport for the communities of Dumfries and Galloway currently faces significant challenges.

Part of the work of the PSP will focus on the design and development of innovative transport solutions that can be tested and piloted.

Input from third sector CT and service users is vital to this process as it will ensure that services are able to deal with the increased demand; resulting from demographic change and other factors such as access to health and social care, leisure and social activities.

What is CT?

CT, and transport in general, is an enabler and has an impact across a number of policy areas such as:

- Access to health
- Preventative measures in relation to health and social care
- Rural economy
- Education
- Employability
- Social isolation and loneliness.

CT is designed, specified and developed by the communities it services, and which is provided on a not-for-profit basis in direct response to the identified needs of those communities.

Transport, though a major element of the work, is a means to an end, rather than an end in itself. CT is first and foremost about people and their needs, not transport.

The types of transport CT provides are:

- Car schemes using volunteers
- Group transport using minibuses
- Demand responsive transport/ Dial a Ride
- School transport, patient transport
- Community bus services
- Wheels to work

The need for CT

CT plays an important part in the overall transport mix and it is anticipated that the need for CT is only going to grow, particularly due to:

- Financial constraints in public expenditure
- Shrinkage in Commercial Bus provision
- 286 million unfulfilled trips in Scotland each year – Mobility and Access Committee for Scotland Report

- Ever increasing elderly population - Over 60 population will increase by 31% in 20 years
- Changing Healthcare Provision:
 - Scottish Ambulance Service Patient Transport – Patient Need Assessment
 - Healthcare – centralisation of acute services and localisation of community care service

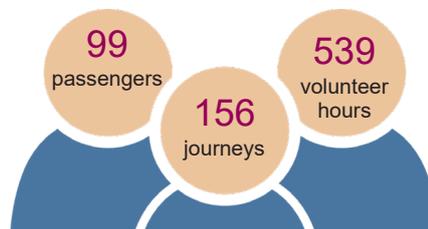


The progress to date

The aims of the Dumfries and Galloway CT PSP are to develop and design transport services to maximise the benefits to the community and develop the capacity of the community transport sector. The progress to date in delivering on these aims has seen four transport services being redesigned/piloted:

■ Out of area Hospital Appointments – Annandale Community Transport Services (ACTS) and Glenkens Transport Initiative (GTI) delivering pilot making use of volunteer drivers, activity to date:

- 63% of passengers aged 70+
- 54% attending Glasgow Hospitals



■ Local Hospital Appointments – ACTS and GTI delivering pilot making use of volunteer drivers, activity to date:

- 73% of passengers aged 75+
- 58% cannot access/use Public Transport



■ Borgue and Brighthouse Bay (517) Service:

- Being operated by GTI
- 3 drivers employed went through D1 Training Programme
- Consultation complete with local community - re-design of service
- Further consultation on re-design options with local community
- New re-designed service in place February 2019, operated by GTI

■ Waterbeck and Middlebie (384) Service:

- Consultation complete with local community - re-design of service
- Further consultation on re-design options with local community
- New re-designed service in place early 2019, operated by CT

Lifeline to users

'I couldn't face it with the worry over breast cancer.'

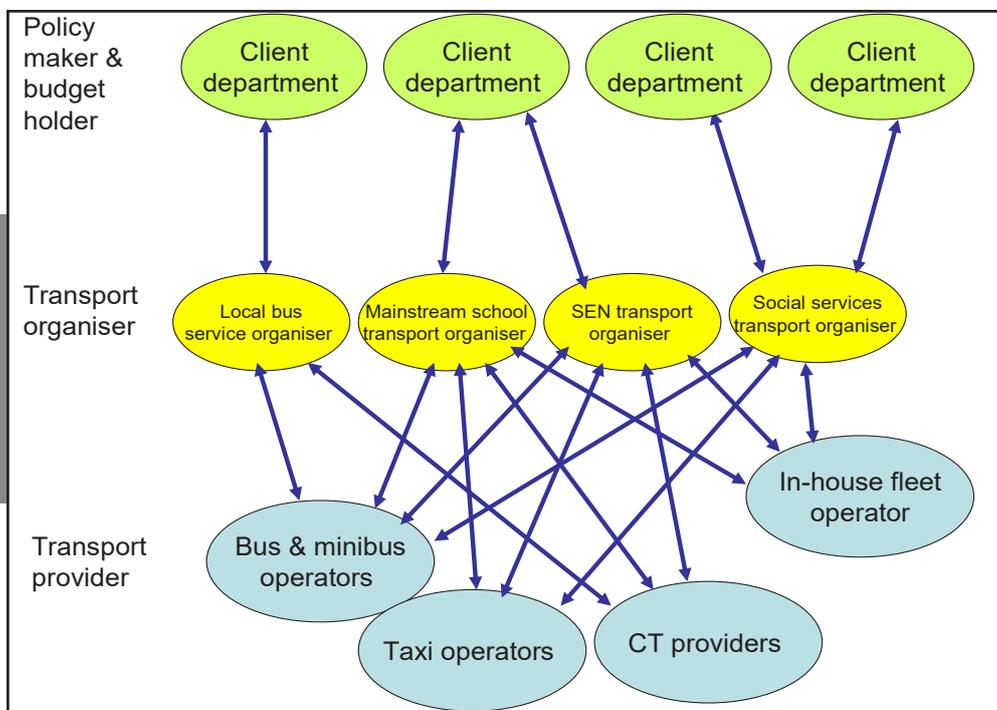
'It enabled me to avoid an increase in blood pressure by having to travel to the Golden Jubilee Hospital, Clydebank.'

Development of a Health and Social Care Transport Hub

Transport to hospitals and other health and social care facilities is a key issue for patients, relatives and staff. Therefore it has been agreed to develop a transport hub that will initially focus on non-emergency patient transport provided for NHS Dumfries and Galloway.

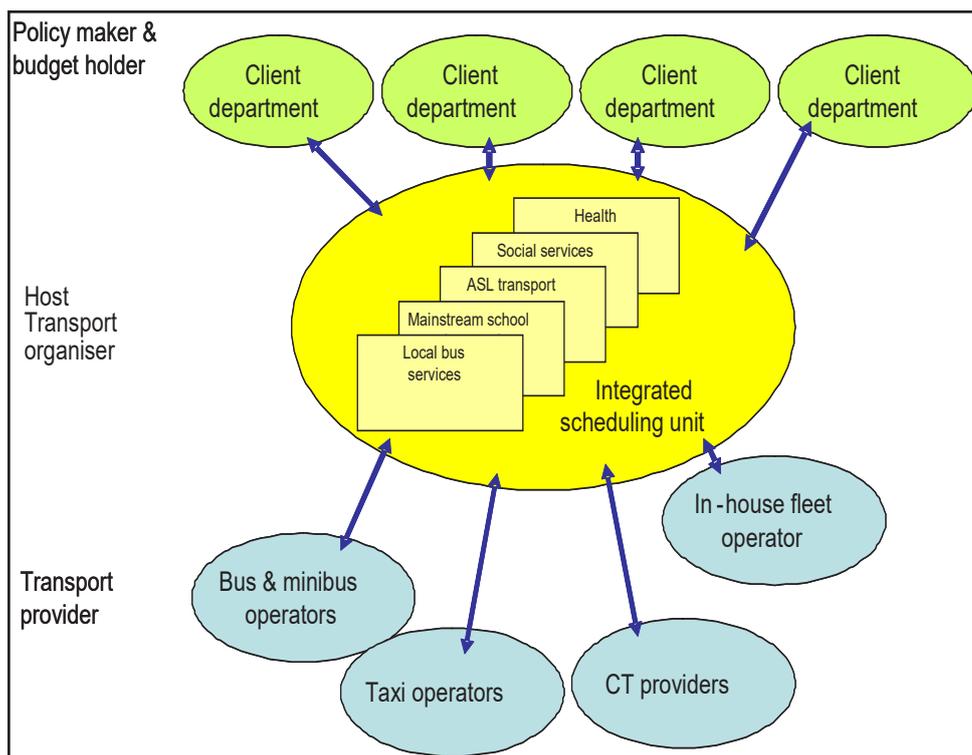
Within the statutory sector, there is currently a lack of integrated and co-ordinated transport provision. Below outlines an overview of how transport currently works:

CURRENT – Transport being booked by different departments within organisations. Leading to inefficient use of resources and budgets through duplication of trips.



The development of a transport hub, through the booking, scheduling and planning of transport resources and journeys, will

enable transport to be more efficiently and effectively planned. Outlined below provides an overview of how it would work.



FUTURE – through a single point of contact, making use of scheduling software, will improve the allocation of transport resources and journeys through better co-ordination

CT capacity growth

■ Development of a CT Network:

The establishment of a CT Network that is a partnership between SWestrans and the Community Transport Sector throughout Dumfries and Galloway has been established to assist in bringing:

- co-ordination;
 - enhanced quality;
- and
- better use of resources within the sector

■ Introduction of CT Quality Framework

- Standards that support the development of a professional and accountable CT sector and are appropriate to the legal and practical framework of the CT sector
- Main Quality Areas:
 - » Vehicle Management
 - » Governance
 - » Finance/Planning
 - » Operations
- There are currently 2 Members (ACTS, GTI) with discussions on-going with 2 other CTs about joining.
- Membership will be widened out in 2019.
- Support and training is available to CT organisations experiencing difficulties in achieving or maintaining standards

■ D1 Driver Training Programme:

- 7 candidates been referred by member organisations to date, 4 passed, 3 going through training
- 3 candidates now in employment – driving the 517 Service
- Early indications - reduction in costs of training – D1 training costs through commercial trainer between £1000 - £1300 per person – this will assist with the long-term affordability of training to the CT sector

Benefits of PSP model

■ Breaks down barriers and builds trust and understanding through a partnership between statutory and third sector.

■ Potential cost-savings associated with service changes.

■ Allows the piloting of redesigned or new designed services to identify need

■ Creates a more dynamic market-place for services, offering greater choice

Future and next steps ... only the start of the journey



The Dumfries and Galloway Community Transport Public Social Partnership has made great progress to date.

However, to enable the

delivery of a fit for purpose, sustainable social and community transport provision, this is only the start of the journey.

For 2019/20, it is recommended that the PSP is continued. The key activities will be:

■ **Develop a Social and Community Transport Strategy for Dumfries and Galloway, including sustainability and funding**

■ **'Mainstream' the Volunteer Car Schemes as part of the solution to accessing healthcare**

■ **Continue to pilot current and new transport projects**

■ **Develop a driver training pathway programme, building on the current D1 Training**

■ **Develop and implement Transport Hub**

■ **Widen the CT Network Membership to all CT Organisations – including introduction of the Quality Framework**

The total funding required for 2019/20 is £245,000. Approximately £35,000 will be carried forward from the current budget and £95,000 has already been allocated from Dumfries and Galloway Council Transport Department and SWestrans to cover the costs of the transport services.

There is a shortfall of £115,000 for 2019/20, of which £55,000 will be required from the NHS Dumfries and Galloway/Integrated Joint Board for the health-related activity - the volunteer car scheme and to implement the Transport Hub.

To achieve the long-term objective for a co-ordinated, sustainable social

and community transport provision in Dumfries and Galloway, it will be important that the PSP model is "mainstreamed" to be the model for the design of transport solutions.

It is also vital that pooling of budgets and resources in relation to transport across the Statutory and Third Sector is investigated; sustainable funding for the CT sector is explored; and that there is a commitment to better co-ordinate, schedule and plan transport journeys and resources to maximise utilisation.

Therefore it is important that these are taken forward in 2019/20 in conjunction with the PSP activity.

The future success of PSP and its integration into mainstream provision relies on a stable and vibrant CT sector and it should be recognised that CT cannot be fully self-sustainable for several reasons - the non-profit aspect of CT prohibits profit-making, which creates barriers to sustainability, and the complexity of the transport provided by CT and through the PSP is more expensive than passengers can afford.

Therefore, CT groups across the region are likely to need access to a funding mechanism that provides for their core costs to enable their continuation.

BUSINESS UPDATE – MARCH 2019

1. Background

This Briefing provides an update on recent developments and issues since the last meeting of the Board on 16 November 2018.

2. Membership

2.1 Nick Morris has been appointed as the new NHS, D&G Chair (and therefore this Board's Vice Chair); Bill Robertson has replaced Robert Higgins as the Housing Sector representative; the vacant Third Sector representative is to be agreed at the next Third Sector, D&G Board meeting; and engagement with Community Councils about the Community representative is to take place at four 'Community Council Gatherings' in spring 2019.

2.2 In light of the refreshing of the Dumfries and Galloway Economic Leadership Group (see Item 4) it is proposed that a renewed approach be made to the Group for the appointment of a private sector representative to the CPP Board.

3. CPP Improvement Plan

At its meeting on 5 December 2018 the Executive Group updated the Improvement Plan and it is attached here as **Appendix 1** for approval.

4. Work Programme

In addition to the Work Programme agreed at the last meeting, a request for participants from the 'Amaze Me' LEADER programme to come to the CPP Board has been received and in consultation with the Chair, the June meeting has been identified as a suitable date. A copy of the Work Programme is attached as **Appendix 2**.

Liz Manson
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Appendices – 2

- 1 – Dumfries and Galloway CPP Improvement Plan as at 6 December 2019
- 2 – CPP Board Workplan 2019

**Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning
Improvement Plan progress as at 22 November 2018**

Item 5 Appendix 1

Issue	Improvement Action 2017/18	Achievements 2017/18	Next action 2018/19
1. Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First Annual Report on the LOIP. 	<p>The LOIP was agreed by the CPP Board at its November 2017 meeting and has focused directly on tackling inequality.</p> <p>The End of Year Performance Report for the LOIP 2017/18 was agreed by the CPP Board in November 2018.</p>	<p>Develop the performance framework for 2018/19</p> <p>People with lived experience of inequality are to be involved in the analysis (the CPP Board has agreed a Conference style event in spring 2019 to do this)</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a fuller picture of partners' resources, in particular financial resources, and identify where and how discretionary spend can be aligned. 	<p>Some limited financial information on the five statutory partners and Third Sector Interface is detailed in Appendix 5 of the LOIP.</p> <p>Sessions on the Budget and Business Planning challenges and timetable of the five statutory partners and Third Sector Interface have been included in the work programme of the Executive Group 2018/19.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish baselines and targets to measure the impact of actions that are designed to reduce inequalities in Dumfries and Galloway. 	<p>The development of the LOIP has identified some initial performance measures, drawn from the eight supporting Strategies and Plans.</p>	<p>NHS Dumfries and Galloway has developed a Social Capital Index and this will be developed during 2019.</p> <p>Impact Assessments which cover Fairer Scotland Duty are to be included in the 2018/19 LOIP Annual Report.</p>

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		<p>In addition to Indicators and projects, personal testimonies and case studies are part of our performance management of the LOIP and Locality Plan;</p> <p>The Improvement Service Community Planning Outcomes Profile has assisted by making trend and comparator information easily accessible and is included in the LOIP Annual Report.</p>	<p>Ensure that the Public Health Priorities and Public Health Reform feature strongly in the CPP Board programme to maximise the opportunity of the new 'whole system approach' in our partnership arrangements.</p>
<p>2. Improve the operation of the Community Planning Partnership Board.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the membership of the Community Planning Partnership Board reflects its role and remit by considering its size and appropriate representation from all key sectors. 	<p>The CPP Board has representatives from key partners sectors being elected or appointed members; and the Executive Group acting as advisors.</p> <p>Mechanisms to identify community and private sector representatives for the Board have been agreed.</p>	<p>Appointment of community (identified from within our Community Councils) and private sector (to be identified once the new South of Scotland Enterprise Agency is in place) representatives to the CPP Board.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the membership, role and remit of the Executive Group. 	<p>The membership of the Executive Group is now those five organisations with the same statutory responsibility for community planning (as detailed in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015); and the Third Sector Interface (as detailed in the associated Guidance).</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the arrangements for Thematic Partnerships and in particular the relationship with the Community Planning Partnership Board and Executive Group. 	<p>Individual thematic partnerships report to the Executive Group with their Annual Report/future work programme. The Executive Group then provides an update in its Business Briefing to the CPP Board on key issues and areas receiving attention.</p> <p>The strategic level Safer Communities Partnership has been agreed.</p> <p>Executive Group members are now advisers to the CPP Board.</p> <p>Guidance has been produced and promoted for effective partnership working, drawing on work by the Improvement Service, Audit Scotland and Getting It Right for Every Child.</p>	<p>The Employability Partnership/Economic Leadership Group arrangements and relationships are to be 'reinvigorated' in light of the new South of Scotland Economic Partnership/Enterprise Agency and Borderlands Initiative.</p>

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		Annual Reports on all partnerships other than the IJB have been received and scrutinised by the Executive Group during 2017/18.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set out how communication takes place from the Community Planning Partnership Board. 	The minute of each meeting is publicly available on the community planning webpages; an e-newsletter is produced after each meeting communicating the key decisions; and a press release is issued where appropriate.	More active promotion of the CPP Board events in local communities and the issues being discussed.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the Community Planning Partnership Board set out how they communicate decisions of the Partnership within their own organisations/ Sectors. 	<p>Members of the Community Planning Partnership Board have established arrangements with their sector/organisation e.g. feedback at Management Team meetings; housing sector representative has an item on a forum where the Chairs of all local housing providers attend to give an update on the previous Strategic Partnership meeting. The FE/HE sector representative meets on an individual basis with local University Principals.</p> <p>The Community Planning team provide assistance on request e.g. attendance at meetings for general update.</p>	Changes within partners' management arrangements indicate that there is no longer 'standing items' on agendas in the same way and so new approaches are required to ensure an effective cascade throughout organisations.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure the programme of meetings and formats reflect the role and remit of the Community Planning Partnership Board. 	<p>The CPP Board agreed in November 2017 that its meetings are to be open to the public and will move around the region to be more accessible to local people and partners, scrutinising local major developments when in the locality.</p>	<p>Identification of local issues to be scrutinised when in different localities.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update CPP risk register and set out how the Community Planning Partnership Board will manage the risks. 	<p>An updated Risk Register was developed and agreed by the Executive Group in May 2018 and then the Community Planning Partnership Board in September 2018.</p>	<p>The updated Risk Register is to be monitored on a six monthly basis by the Executive Group.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage with neighbouring strategic level Boards to identify best practice and any shared issues and activity. 	<p>Material and information from neighbouring Boards was brought to the Executive Group and Strategic Partnership as part of reports and particularly in relation to the LOIP and Locality Plans.</p> <p>The CP Manager was elected Chair of the Scottish Community Planning Network and is therefore has been in a good position to bring to the local partners information from the other 31 CPPs.</p> <p>At its November 2017 meeting, the CPP Board agreed to have a joint meeting with the Scottish Borders CPP.</p>	<p>Updates on other CPPs activities will be identified at Network events and reported to the CPP Board and Executive Group.</p> <p>Arrange a joint event with Scottish Borders and Ayrshire CPPs during 2019.</p>

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		Participation in the Improvement Service Action Learning Programme did not prove possible but the feedback is being shared with CP partners.	
3. Improve the empowerment of individuals involved in Community Planning forums.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set out expectations and behaviours of individual members in championing Community Planning and the LOIP within their own organisations/sectors. 	<p>The role of Board members as leaders/champions of the region was highlighted at LOIP Workshops and are set out during Induction discussions. The Operating Protocol sets out the remit for the CPP Board and Executive Group.</p> <p>The Executive Group has a 'Collaboration Project' to develop their shared leadership approach which involves both a thematic issue; and a geographic issue and has received three updates on the geographic element during the last year.</p>	Progress the Collaboration Project (shared property asset register between NHS and Council and development of Moffat as The Access Town.)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify support for individual members to assist them in fulfilling their role in collective decision-making and being held accountable for decisions made by the Community Planning Partnership Board. 	The CP 'office' provides ongoing support for members	Required support identified through the What Works Scotland second CP Survey; the new CP Improvement Board; and Improvement Service/SCDC Action Learning Programme.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the capacity building of the Third Sector, in particular for its contribution to the CPPB, EG and other CP partnership groupings. 	<p>The Third Sector representatives on the Community Planning Partnership Board are Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway Board members and the Chief Executive of Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway is a member of of the Executive Group.</p> <p>All thematic partnerships and Working Groups have third sector representation in their membership.</p> <p>The CPP budget and staff team gives sponsorship and has display material at Third Sector conferences and events as required and there is representation by the team, and other community planning partners, in the new Area Partnerships and Roadshows .</p>	<p>TSD&G continues to review third sector representation on partnerships.</p> <p>Reflect on the outcomes of the first round of Roadshows.</p>
4. Improve the Community Planning Partnerships Board's approach to using evidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure all reports contain robust and sufficient evidence to support proper consideration by the Community Planning Partnership Board. 	<p>All reports are signed off by a Chief Officer and have a clear recommendation and sufficient information on which to make a sound judgment.</p> <p>Council Governance standards and consultation processes are applied to ensure high standard of reports.</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a programme of stakeholder engagement taking into account the activity of individual organisations/sectors of the Community Planning Partnership Board and the CPP collectively to understand the needs of individuals/communities . 	<p>The Participation and Engagement Working Group (PEWG) was established in December 2016 and the WorkPlan for 2018 was agreed by the Executive Group.</p> <p>The Evaluation of the Stakeholder engagement in the LOIP was agreed by the CPP Board in March 2018.</p> <p>The LOIP and Locality Plan were developed with extensive stakeholder involvement and the initial feedback has evidenced a high degree of satisfaction with the arrangements. The performance information for the LOIP and Locality Plan includes personal testimonies from people with lived experience of inequality; and case studies of partners' activity.</p>	<p>The monitoring and reporting of the LOIP and Locality Plan 2018/19 will include stakeholders with lived experience of inequality.</p> <p>The PEWG shared engagement programme for 2019-2021 was agreed by the Executive Group on 5 December 2018.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a programme of research and data analysis to ensure the CPP has up to date and complete information to guide its decision making including area profiles. 	<p>Ward Profiles have been developed for the 12 Wards of the Council;</p> <p>A number of community plans are in development, supported by a range of organisations, and these are being collated and collected by the Ward Officers.</p>	<p>Continue to develop expertise in using the Local Outcomes Improvement Profiling Tool through training sessions for officers; and develop expertise and a shared approach to community capacity building.</p>

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<p>5. Improve the Community Planning Partnership Board's influence on the national agenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Set out the collective activity and contributions of individual organisations/sectors particularly liaison with MPs, MSPs and Scottish Government. 	<p>MPs, MSPs, MSYPs are part of the CPP Stakeholder Group and therefore, as set out in the Operating Protocol, they receive invitations to CPP activities and updates on activities including the e-newsletter and events.</p> <p>The CP Manager leads the Scottish Community Planning Network and Reference Group; and is a representative on the Oversight Board for Public Health Reform.</p> <p>Members of the CP Team are involved in national networks and events including the Syrian Resettlement Programme.</p> <p>A new 'Guide for handling consultations' was issued by DGCouncil in November 2017 and sets out when and where there should be a partnership response. There have been three shared responses submitted by the CPP during 2017/18 including to the Local Governance Review.</p>	<p>Opportunities for engagement with national groups and key individuals are sought on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>Partnership responses are encouraged where there is value in promoting a shared position; and a more efficient use of resources in preparing one response.</p>
<p>6. Improve local community planning focus.</p>	<p>Develop local community planning approaches, building on current area based work.</p>	<p>The scope for the Review of locality partnerships has been agreed by the CPP Board.</p>	<p>The Local Rural Partnerships will be invited to present to the Executive Group in the meantime.</p>

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		The Health and Social Care Partnership; Police Scotland; and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service report their performance to Area Committees and Local Plans have been agreed.	



DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

As at 6 March 2019	Work Programme 2019
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Group Update • Current Key Strategic Issues • Amaze Me LEADER feedback • Local Governance Review • Locality Partnerships Review and next steps
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Group Update • Current Key Strategic Issues • LOIP and Locality Plan - End of Year Performance Reports (1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019)
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Group Update • Current Key Strategic Issues

Note: the current Key Strategic Issues report covers:

- Anti-Poverty Strategy
- Children's Services Plan
- Community Justice Improvement Plan
- Community Learning and Development Partners' Strategic Plan
- Health and Social Care Strategic Plan
- Local Development Plan 2
- Local Housing Strategy
- Regional Economic Strategy
- Regional Transport Strategy

Future venues are planned to be: Dalbeattie, Sanquhar and Wigtown to accommodate visit/joint sessions to the Learning Campus, Ayrshire CPPs and the Wigtownshire Health and Social Care Pilot.