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20 January

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DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Meeting on Friday 1 December

10.00am – 1.00pm

MS Teams and in the Council Hall, Council HQ,
English Street, Dumfries DG1 2DD

Members

- Gail Macgregor** - Leader
Co-Chair Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Nick Morris** - Chair
Co-Chair NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Jeff Ace** - Chief Executive
NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Richard Brodie** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- John Cairns** - Local Commander, Police Scotland,
Dumfries and Galloway Division
- Joanna Campbell** - Principal and Chief Executive
Dumfries and Galloway College
- John Campbell** - Chairman
SWestrans
- Linda Dorward** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- John Dougan** - Chair
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
- Alan Glasgow** - Dumfries and Galloway Housing Sector
- Professor Russel Griggs** - Chair
South of Scotland Enterprise
- Norma Austin Hart** - Chief Executive
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway

- Sheena Horner** - Dumfries and Galloway Private Sector
- Iain Howie** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Maureen Johnstone** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Andrew Kenna** - Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Service, Dumfries and Galloway Division
- Andy McFarlane** - Chair
Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board
- Shona Mitchell** - Head of Operations
Skills Development Scotland
- Jane Morrison-Ross** - Chief Executive
South of Scotland Enterprise
- Dawn Roberts** - Chief Executive
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Jo Shearer** - Vice Chair
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
- Stephen Thompson** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Colin Cook** - Place Director for Dumfries and Galloway
Scottish Government (observer)

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DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2023
10am-1.00pm
Main Council Hall, English Street, Dumfries
MS Teams/Hybrid
AGENDA

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**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD
Friday 1 September 2023
The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries and by MS Teams -
10.00am**

Item 1**Present**

- Gail Macgregor** - Leader
Co-Chair Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Nick Morris** - Chair
Co-Chair NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Jeff Ace** - Chief Executive
NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- John Campbell** - Chair
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- Colin Cook** - Place Director for Dumfries and Galloway
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- John Dougan** - Chair
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
- Linda Dorward** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Katie Hagmann** - Councillor
(*Substitute*) Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Norma Austin Hart** - Chief Executive
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
- Ian Howie** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Karen Hunter** - Director of Finance
(*Substitute*) Dumfries and Galloway College
- Karen Jackson** - Director of Strategy, Partnership & Engagement
(*Substitute*) South of Scotland Enterprise



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- Andrew Kenna** - Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Dumfries and Galloway Division
- Dawn Roberts** - Chief Executive
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Jo Shearer** - Vice Chair
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway

Apologies

- Joanna Campbell** - Principal and Chief Executive
Dumfries and Galloway College
- Professor Russel Griggs** - Chair
South of Scotland Enterprise
- Shona Mitchell** - Head of Operations
Skills Development Scotland
- Jane Morrison- Ross** - Chief Executive
South of Scotland Enterprise
- Stephen Thompson** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council

In attendance

- Richard Grieveson** - Head of Community Services
- Stephen Jack** - Lifelong Learning Manager (Items 2, 3, 8., 9 and 10)
- Valerie White** - Director of Public Health (Item 3 and 4)

15 members present from 10 partners.

The Chair **WELCOMED** everyone to the meeting.

1. DRAFT MINUTE OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD ON 2 JUNE 2023

APPROVED as a correct record.

ACTION: HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/ LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

2. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP ACTION LOG

2.1 **NOTED** that an update on Community Transport is contained within the Business Brief at Item 8, and a paper on strategic funding will go to the CPSLT on either 3 October or 9 November. Therefore, **AGREED** to keep Action 6 at amber as additional actions to follow.

2.2 **NOTED** no further discussion had taken place with partners around Community Wealth Building although some benchmarking information had been shared. **AGREED** that Third Sector D&G would be involved in discussions going forward.

2.3 **AGREED** that it would be helpful to have an index of acronyms, page numbers on agenda and a column indicating timeframes and when actions should be completed.

ACTION: HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/ LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

3. FINAL DRAFT LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND LOCALITY PLAN ARRANGEMENTS

3.1 **HIGHLIGHTED** that the LOIP will kept as a “live” document so that it can be updated on a regular basis when key new data/intelligence becomes available; an easy read version and BSL video will also be developed; the four localised data profiles have been updated to integrate the key messages from the 10,000 Voices consultation and other areas of the region will be considered going forward; **NOTED** the interest in developing our approach to Anchor Organisations with Skills Development Scotland agreeing to take part in a pilot; work on the more detailed LOIP action plan is ongoing and will be presented to next CPSLT before being presented to the December Board meeting for consideration; and confirmed that an Equalities Impact Assessment had been undertaken on the strategic LOIP and that a further Impact Assessment would be undertaken on the action plan once finalised.

3.2 **THANKED** everyone who had participated in the development of the LOIP and the CPSLT as the driving force.

3.3 **CONSIDERED** and **APPROVED** the final draft LOIP document as discussed at paras 3.1-3.4 and as attached in **Appendix 1** and **NOTED** that our locality approach will determine impact and outcome and defining local actions required; that CP Partners’ digital offer needs to consider the findings of the digital exclusion research in that not all members of the community wish to engage digitally; **REASSURED** that future locality plans will be considered for other areas of rural deprivation in the region; **SUPPORTED** the positive move for the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership to be integrated into the Community Planning model and that emerging issues will be discussed at the December CPPB meeting; recommended focussing on high impact issues in this area, that multiple

resources are aligned around a small number of key objectives with measurable performance milestones so that delivery can be assured and evidenced; acknowledged the multi-agency approach reflected in the LOIP and future action plan; to discuss with the CPSLT the open invitation to attend any of the Partnership management meetings and political groups to help raise the profile of community planning partnership and development of the LOIP; to develop a communications plan to help ensure as wide a reach as possible; and development of a Community Planning information handbook which explains the framework, definitions and membership of the supporting partnerships.

3.4 **CONSIDERED** and **AGREED** the Locality Plan focus, approach and use of localised data profiles as detailed at paras 3.5-3.7;

3.5 **NOTED** the position and interest in developing a collaborative approach to Anchor Organisation's as outlined at 3.8-3.10;

3.6 **NOTED** the position with the LOIP Action Plan as detailed at paragraphs 3.11-3.14 and **CONSIDERED** the feedback from the workshop sessions as detailed in **Appendix 2**; and **HIGHLIGHTED** how valuable the workshop sessions were in exploring the key issues where agencies could work together differently and prioritise in making a difference; and **NOTED** a Locality Hubs workshop would take place on 13 September at which the role of Locality Hubs in the Community Planning Partnership will be re-affirmed, develop a draft set of agreed values and confirm how the Locality Hubs monitor and report their impact;

3.7 **CONSIDERED** the proposed approach to developing a supporting Performance Framework as detailed at paras 3.15-3.16;

3.8 **NOTED** that an Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken on the final draft LOIP document as detailed at para 3.17.

ACTION: HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

Karen Jackson left the meeting.

14 members present from 9 partners

4. 10,000 VOICES CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION

4.1 **RECEIVED** a presentation on the findings of the second 10,000 Voices consultation.

4.2 **HIGHLIGHTED** that this is Dumfries and Galloway's largest collection of young people's voices and includes their insights into the communities they live in and issues that affect them; Youth Work Services ran a project called 10,000 Voices in Action and through this they have been able to establish a Young Person's Steering Group and with external funding were able to distribute £180,000 to various community projects across Dumfries and Galloway that were tackling or addressing issues identified in the consultation; that information gathered can be used by all organisations to inform services; that the findings don't provide answers but act as a starting point for future conversations with young people; that the impacts of the pandemic, cost of living and lots of other factors will likely have influenced young people to answer differently in 2023 compared with 2018; that work will take place through the Youth Council and Youth Participation Groups to delve deeper into the top 5 issues affecting young people; that is it positive that some young people who

intend to leave the region in the future plan to return and therefore important that opportunities are available so that they can bring their qualifications and experience back to the region; work to be done to encourage young people to stay/return; and **NOTED** the full report is available online.

4.2 **DISCUSSED** the findings and **NOTED** the following comments:

- 10,000 Voices is a powerful piece of work which must be considered when planning services, the concerns raised in the various sections and what actions needs to be taken to ensure improvement;
- Need to respond creatively to the challenge of demographic loss and to think carefully about flexible opportunities for employment to allow people to travel; change our model of employment to adapt to the needs of young people so that we can retain people living in the region;
- All organisations need to try and retain young people as a vital asset and help promote D&G as place for the now and the future;
- Consider how can we use the Youth Work Ladder of Participation;
- Youth Council have attended Board meetings a few times which is an annual commitment. Suggested the possibility of exploring how a Focus Group or equivalent could linked back to the CPPB to help inform on a more regular basis;
- How to take the key issue of smoking and vaping forward and collectively make elected representatives in Scotland aware that this is an issue raised by 36.5% of 10,848 young people;
- That it might be more useful for young people to look at the best realistic aspirations for the future and then identify where the biggest gaps are at the moment what Partners could do to help;
- NHS have assessed much of their actions against the key priorities of the 10,000 voices. NHS has specifically sought a young person as a non-exec - and successfully employed a 26-year-old - a model that will be built on in the future;
- Interesting to ask e.g., whether mental health services are disappointed that mental health remains a key issue for young people, would we have expected public transport to be less important; what are our aspirations, more work needs to be done in terms of planning and action; although must remember the significant impact of the pandemic on young people's mental health;
- Interested in how we take conversations into the Partnership to try to identify what we do about the challenges;
- Would be interesting for young people to benchmark about services and rurality experiences with other young people in different countries.

4.3 **AGREED** to capture the key challenge questions and statements posed by the Board and feed back to the CPSLT for consideration.

ACTION: HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

5. WORKFORCE SUMMIT PRESENTATION

Due to the delayed start to the meeting **AGREED** to defer this agenda item to the December Board meeting.

6. DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COMPACT PARTNERSHIP

6.1 **HIGHLIGHTED** Partnership arrangements and understanding could be further strengthened by developing a compact partnership with the third sector, which is a model used in other Local Authority areas and seen as best practice;

6.2 **AGREED** to the development of a Dumfries & Galloway Compact Partnership and consider the Scope of Works and associated timeline as detailed in the **Appendix**;

6.3 **NOTED** the concerns about third sector resource implications and capacity to develop this work which would be raised at CPSLT for their consideration.

ACTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE TSDG/ LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER/CPSLT

7. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

7.1 **HIGHLIGHTED** key messages and areas of focus for how we need to work together to address the challenges we face to improve the health and wellbeing of our population many of which are incorporated into the new LOIP; impact of the pandemic and waiting lists are difficult for our population waiting on care and needs to be addressed; health must be at the heart of what we do and a common goal across our sectors and society; and focus on prevention collaborating with communities;

7.2 **DISCUSSED** the content of the report, noting the significant challenges we now face in relation to population health and health inequalities; the challenges facing dentistry within the region and filling job vacancies;

7.3 **NOTED** the report was presented to the Innovation and Transformation Committee of the Integration Joint Board on 10th of August 2023 to help inform future strategic commissioning plans/ intentions;

7.4 **DISCUSSED** any further action the Board would like to take in light of this report by focussing on prevention in addressing health inequalities with an opportunity to work together differently and **AGREED** for Community Planning Partners to look at what can be achieved through a concerted focus on issues in the LOIP action plan and e.g., about vaping licensing and legislation and how issues of concern be escalated to Scottish and UK Government as appropriate; and for CPSLT to consider.

ACTION: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH/CPSLT

Colin Cook and Iain Howie left the meeting.

12 members present from 8 partners

8. UPDATES ON KEY PLANS AND STRATEGIES

NOTED the updates on the Key Plans and Strategies that support the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan as follows.

8.1 Children's Services Plan

8.1.1 **HIGHLIGHTED** that the Children's Services Plan now available to view online along with an Easy Read version and accompanying short animation with BSL interpretation; and the final joint annual report for year 3 of the 2020-23 Plan was endorsed by DGC and the NHS Board and sent to Scottish Government;

8.1.2 **AGREED** the CPPB to raise concerns why TSDG are not a member of the Children's Services Executive Group of the Children's Services Planning Partnership which makes key decisions and strategic direction on all the children's Services Plan; and to find out what decisions have been made about Family Wellbeing Fund to Dumfries and Galloway which is about transformative change, how the third sector was involved and a commitment they will be involved in future decision making; and add Family Wellbeing Fund update to the Action Log.

ACTION: HEAD OF EDUCATION/ LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

8.2 Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan **NOTED.**

8.3 Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partners' Strategic Plan

CONSIDERED the end of year evidence report for 21/22 in relation to the CLD Plan and the overview position; and noted that there is a national programme of CLD progress visits forthcoming with preparation work being undertaken through the CLD Partnership.

8.4 Employability and Skills Plan **NOTED.**

8.5 Health and Social Care Strategic Plan

HIGHLIGHTED winter planning has started and the development of targeted operating models.

8.6 Local Development Plan 2

HIGHLIGHTED timetable for LDP3 has been approved and interest in place plans is continually growing.

8.7 Local Housing Strategy

HIGHLIGHTED update on affordable housing supply programme, allocation of £61M and implementation of energy efficiency schemes.

8.8 Poverty and Inequality Strategy

HIGHLIGHTED new Chair now in post and currently going through a period of induction.

ACTION: SERVICE MANAGER, YOUNG PEOPLE'S SERVICES

8.9 South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy

8.9.1 **HIGHLIGHTED** UNESCO status for the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere (GSAB) has been confirmed for another ten years;

8.9.2 **HIGHLIGHTED** that whilst there had been progress made on the delivery plan there were some challenges, and **AGREED** to highlight to SoSE that TSDG had not yet been contacted by lead partners in relation to 6 of the identified actions with TSDG having been identified as a key partner;

8.9.3 **AGREED** to ask for feedback at the next meeting on the workshop which took place on 30th August where colleagues from SOSE, Local Authorities, Registered Social Landlords and Colleges discuss the technical challenges and skills needs involved in retrofit of housing stock.

9. BUSINESS BRIEF

9.1 **AGREED** to homologate the decision in relation to the Refugee Resettlement Board as detailed at para 3.3 and as per the report attached in **Appendix 1**; and **COMMENDED** Partners on the clear and concise information about the hotel changeover and individuals being brought into the region under difficult circumstances; and the work of third sector organisations;

9.2 **NOTED** the findings of the national Community Planning review as summarised in para 3.5 and as detailed in **Appendix 2**;

9.3 **NOTED** the findings of the Independent Review of the Skills Delivery Landscape as outlined at 3.6 and as detailed in **Appendix 3**;

9.4 **NOTED** the current position with Community Transport as detailed at paras 3.7-3.9 ; and that a paper on community transport would be taken to the October CPSLT meeting to help take stock of current position and agree collective action;

9.5 **NOTED** the minute from the CPSLT meeting held on 11 May 2023 as attached in **Appendix 4**.

ACTION: LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

10. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT PLAN

10.1 **HIGHLIGHTED** the difference between the Improvement Plan and the LOIP Action Plan;

10.2 **NOTED** the position with the existing Improvement Plan 2022/23 as attached in **Appendix 1**;

10.3 **CONSIDERED** and **AGREED** to adopt the refreshed plan for 2023/24 as outlined in **Appendix 2**; with no additional actions or activities to be included in the proposed new Improvement Plan.

ACTION: LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

11. FORWARD PLAN ARRANGEMENTS

11.1 **CONSIDERED** and **AGREED** the meeting arrangements and current outline programme for 2023 as set out in the Appendix and **NOTING** December meeting had been brought forward to 1 December due to clash with the REP and the additions agreed at this meeting; and to hold a discussion about whether future meetings are fully hybrid or in-person.

11.2 **AGREED** to continue to receive updates on future business at each CPPB meeting.
ACTION: LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER/HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Chair on behalf of the CPPB **THANKED** Richard Grieveson for his invaluable support and input as a valued colleague and friend as he moves on to become Deputy Chief Executive of East Ayrshire Council.

Richard Grieveson **THANKED** Partners and colleagues who have helped and supported him over the past 26 years.



ITEM 2 – CPPB ACTION LOG

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – ACTION LOG – FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2023					
Ref	ISSUE RAISED	RAISED BY	ALLOCATED TO	STATUS/COMPLETION	WHEN
Operational Actions					
1	AGREED that in relation to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the Community Lead Vision Fund that The Chief Executive TSDG and Head of Community Services would work together to develop and present a discussion paper to a future CPEG meeting.	TSDG	Head of Community Services/ Chief Executive TSDG	Paper considered at the November CPSLT meeting and presented to CPPB on 1 December	
2	AGREED to reassess the LOIP against these priority areas and check that existing strategies and plans are tailored to meet the needs of younger people and the way the world is moving and changing.	Agreed by all	Community Planning Office/ Service Manager Young People	Ongoing - Discussion has taken place between Regan Jackson and Lifelong Learning Manager on opportunities going forward. Some initial headlines from the 10,000 voices consultation were shared with Board members at the April LOIP Workshops. The key issues have been included in the draft LOIP Action Plan.	
3	AGREED that a joint press release should be issued to highlight the key issues raised and agreed at this meeting.			Complete - Press release issued + updates featured on Social media.	
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – ACTION LOG – FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023					



4	<p>END OF YEAR REPORT ON THE LOIP 2021/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Table 3.6 where no specific target is detailed it would be helpful to have an arrow to indicate whether trends are going up or down to help assess performance. 		Community Planning & Engagement Manager	To be included within 22/23 end of year report.	
5	<p>DIGITAL SKILLS STRATEGY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGREED to receive the draft delivery plan later in 2023 		Lifelong learning Manager/D&G College	Key partners are working to develop a draft delivery Plan be end of 2023.	
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – ACTION LOG – FRIDAY 2 JUNE 2023					
6	<p>ITEM 2 – Community Planning Partnership – Action Log</p> <p>AGREED that a paper would be prepared for the Community Planning Senior Leadership Team to clarify the current position with Community Transport funding; to highlight synergies between the Community Transport Strategy</p>		Lifelong Learning Manager/ Norma Hart, CEO, TSDG	A positive discussion was held with key partners at the CPSLT meeting held on the 9 November where the CEO TSDG presented an updated proposal for consideration. Further detail is contained within the Business Brief at Item 8.	



	and Regional Transport Strategy and to help support a solution focussed discussion regarding an agreed strategic approach to Community Transport and report back to the CPPB.				
7	<p>ITEM 4 – Community Wealth Building</p> <p>AGREED to hold future discussions about how to integrate a community wealth building approach into the LOIP, particularly around place; to benchmark with other local authorities and supported the suggestion to identify an individual to lead the co-ordination of Community Wealth Building in Dumfries and Galloway and the establishment of a Network of practitioners to develop awareness, best practice and data sharing opportunities; and to receive updates on progress at future CPPB meetings.</p>	Agreed by all following consideration of this item	Director Public Health/Public Health Scotland/ SOSE	A discussion took place at the CPSLT meeting on 9 November to integrate CWB into the LOIP Action Plan and therefore ensuring that this will be taken forward on a collaborative basis involving all key CP Partners.	November 2023
8	Item 5 – D&G Youth Council presentation on current priorities, projects and	Agreed by all following consideration of this item		Consideration of the Youth Matters Conference report took place at the CPSLT meeting held on 3 August 2023 and this was followed up at the October and November	Dec/Jan



	<p>involvement in youth matters steering group</p> <p>AGREED that the recommendations fit within the work of community planning and the CPSLT should take the report into consideration and bring a formal response back to CPPB</p> <p>AGREED CPPB to consider making a pledge to the Youth Matters Steering Group which ensures they keep decision makers and different organisations accountable to the actions they promised following the report</p>			<p>meetings with agreement that the Steering Group would be written to confirm that the actions would be incorporated within the Children's Services delivery plan. Following discussion with Youth Work Services, the Steering Group is going through a transitional phase at the moment due to key members progressing into further education/other areas of interest, so further discussions will take place post the Youth Council elections. A fuller update is contained within Item 8 of the Business Brief.</p>	
9	<p>AGREED to discuss with Jim Brown about connections with the Youth Matters report and the Childrens Services Plan</p>			<p>This matter has been considered and an update sent to Board Members previously.</p>	
10	<p>ITEM - 7</p> <p>REQUESTED further information on the challenges associated with ensuring young people can get a diagnosis/support quickly for issues in relation to Mental</p>			<p>This matter has been considered and an update sent to Board Members.</p>	



	Health noting the knock on impact that this can have on young people, families and future education.				
11	NOTED request for an update on whether funding had been secured from Scottish Government to support the employability and skills delivery through No One Left Behind and anticipated funding for parents via Best Start Bright Futures; and whether CPPB could assist.				It has been confirmed that Scottish Government Funding has been received for these two programmes which are overseen by the Local Employability & Skills Partnership. An update can be provided to a future meeting.
12	NOTED request for an update on appointment of an independent Chair.		Service Manager – Young People		A new Independent Chair has now been appointed.
13	ITEM 9 – Community Planning Partnership Workplan AGREED to add Community Transport to the workplan and to ask CPSLT to consider the workplan and come back new actions for the forthcoming year considering that most of the actions are complete; and RECOGNISED that a lot of work	TSDG	Lifelong learning Manager		An updated Improvement Plan was considered at the August CPSLT meeting and it was agreed that Community Transport would feature within the LOIP Action Plan.



	had taken place to get it to this point.				
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – ACTION LOG – FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2023					
14	ITEM 2 AGREED that it would be helpful to have an index of acronyms, page numbers on agenda and a column indicating timeframes and when actions should be completed	Cllr Hagman	Lifelong Learning Manager	Implemented for the December Board meeting	Dec 2023
15	ITEM 3 3.1 To receive the draft LOIP Action Plan to the December meeting	Co-Chairs	Lifelong Learning Manager	To be considered at the December Board meeting	Dec 2023
16	3.3 To receive a draft Comms Plan to the December meeting	Co-Chairs	Lifelong Learning Manager	To be considered at the December Board meeting	Dec 2023
17	3.3 Develop Community Planning information handbook which explains the framework, definitions and membership of the supporting partnerships	Co-Chairs	Lifelong Learning Manager	To be finalised in the first part of 2024	Feb 2024
18	ITEM 4 4.3 AGREED to capture the key challenge questions and statements posed by the Board in relation to the 10,000 voices	Co-Chairs	CPSLT	Discussed at the November CPSLT meeting with an update contained within the Business Brief at Item 8.	Dec 2023



	presentation and feed back to the CPSLT for consideration.				
19	ITEM 5 Workforce Summit Presentation Due to the delayed start to the meeting AGREED to defer the agenda item to the December Board meeting	Co-Chairs	Employability, Partnerships & Skills Manager	Due to annual leave of the lead officer this will need to be considered at the first meeting in 2024	March 2024
20	ITEM 6 Compact with the 3 rd Sector NOTED the concerns about third sector resource implications and capacity to develop this work which would be raised at CPSLT for their consideration	TSDG	CPSLT/Lifelong Learning Manager	This was discussed at the October CPSLT meeting with a request that due to Winter pressure faced by partners and also the appointment of a new CEO for TSDG due to start mid-December that a revised timeline should be produced along with consideration of the resource required to engage with the Third Sector	Early 2024
21	ITEM 7 AGREED for Community Planning Partners to look at what can be achieved through a concerted focus on issues in the LOIP action plan and e.g., about vaping licensing and legislation and how issues of concern be escalated to Scottish and UK Government as appropriate; and for CPSLT to consider	Co-Chairs	CPSLT/Director Public Health	A suggested action to help address Smoking/Vaping has been included within the draft LOIP Action Plan. The Director Public Health is liaising with Public Health Scotland to develop an evidence brief around vaping which could be used to support an appropriate letter to Scottish Government.	Dec/Jan



22	<p>8.1.2 AGREED the CPPB to raise concerns why TSDG are not a member of the Children's Services Executive Group of the Children's Services Planning Partnership which makes key decisions and strategic direction on all the children's Services Plan; and to find out what decisions have been made about Family Wellbeing Fund to Dumfries and Galloway which is about transformative change, how the third sector was involved and a commitment they will be involved in future decision making; and add Family Wellbeing Fund update to the Action Log.</p>	Co-Chairs	Jim Brown	<p>The CEO TSDG was written to on 31 October 2023 by the Head of Education to offer a place on the Exec Group.</p> <p><u>Update on Family Wellbeing Fund (Update provided by Head of Education)</u></p> <p>How decisions were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposals were brought forward by members of the multi-agency whole family support group. These were evaluated by the Children's Services Executive and decisions made in-line with the funding criteria from Scottish Government. Worth noting that prior to this fund the executive group had not been a body that had administered funding and that the decisions around the formation of the Executive in 2021 were prior to the announcement of this Fund. <p>Recipients to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> D&G Council - to support the upscaling and development of the Family Support Service. In year 1, £35,000 was given to a Third Sector organisation funding and in years 2-4 this increased to £70,000 per annum as part of the Family Support Service delivery model. 	
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS D&G for the development of an App for Parents, Carers and professionals working with children with care needs. • D&G Council to recruit a Life-long Learning Coordinator position with a focus on parenting programmes. • A subsequent proposal was funded regarding a Multi-Agency Inclusion project for Primary aged children and their families who experience barriers to inclusion and are at risk of family breakdown. • Outwith Whole Family Wellbeing Funding there is significant family support related commissions within the third sector in Dumfries and Galloway. This includes four commissioned third sector partners who operate family centres within areas of deprivation, and a variety of other outreach related commissions. <p><u>Future decision making</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With the new position on the Executive this is very much open to us all to understand how we can better make connections between Public and Third Sector to bring forward the voice of TSDG and bring 	
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				forward their views to support collaboration	
23	8.9.3 AGREED to ask for feedback at the next meeting on the workshop which took place on 30th August where colleagues from SoSE, Local Authorities, Registered Social Landlords and Colleges discuss the technical challenges and skills needs involved in retrofit of housing stock	Co-Chairs	Lifelong Learning Manager	An update has been included within the Business Brief at Item 8	Dec

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CPPB	Community Planning Partnership Board
CPSLT	Community Planning Senior Leadership Team
SoSE	South of Scotland Enterprise
TSDG	Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway
LOIP	Local Outcomes Improvement Plan



COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 1 DECEMBER 2023

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN & LOCALITY PLAN ON FOODSHARING ANNUAL REPORTS 2022/23

Item 4

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<p><u>1. Situation:</u> 1.1 The CPPB are asked to consider the Annual reports for the: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2022/23; and • Locality Plan on Foodsharing 2022/23 </p>	
<p><u>2. Background:</u> 2.1 The Dumfries and Galloway Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plan on Food Sharing were both agreed by the Strategic Partnership on 15 September 2017 and published by the statutory due date of 1 October 2017. Final amendments were agreed at the Community Planning Partnership Board on 15 November 2017. 2.2 There is a statutory requirement within the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act to produce an Annual Report on the LOIP and Locality Plan(S) and this is the sixth Annual Report.</p>	
<p><u>3. Key Issues:</u></p> <p>3.1 Annual Reports 3.1.1 The draft end of year reports are being presented slightly later than anticipated this year due to the late publication of a range of partners performance information and other demands on the contributors. Other CPPs have been in a similar position and the submission of Annual Reports has been outwith the usual timetable.</p> <p><u>LOIP</u> 3.1.2 The draft LOIP is attached as Appendix 1. The Report presents a range of quantitative information through performance indicators and projects, with as many as possible being maintained since the beginning for consistency, allowing Board members to assess progress on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>3.1.3 Qualitative information is provided as Case Studies and these are different every year, illustrating positive practice and ensuring that the Annual Report references all the specific target groups identified in the LOIP Outcomes.</p>	

3.1.3 The Outcomes are all closely related to the subsequent Poverty and Inequalities Strategy (agreed in March 2021) and therefore much of the detail relating to the performance is contained in its Action Plans.

Locality Plan

3.1.4 The draft which includes quantitative and qualitative information is attached as **Appendix 2**.

3.1.5 Ongoing engagement with the Regional Food Network and the Local Food Networks has been particularly important and much of the evidence has been provided by them.

3.2 Next steps

3.2.1 Once the reports have been agreed, with any amendments identified by the Board, the document will be designed, published and made available on the Community Planning website.

3.2.2 There will then be a transitional phase as we move to refreshed reporting arrangements for the new LOIP and Locality Plan approach.

4. Recommendation:

Board Members are invited to;

4.1 **Consider** and **agree** the sixth Dumfries and Galloway Locality Outcomes Improvement Plan Annual Report, for 1 April 2022 -31 March 2023, subject to any amendments and

4.2 **Consider** and **agree** the sixth Dumfries and Galloway Locality Plan Annual Report for 1 April 2022 -31 March 2023, subject to any amendments.

Appendices (2)

Appendix 1 - draft LOIP Annual Report for 2022/23

Appendix 2 – draft Locality Plan Report for 2022/23

Dumfries and Galloway Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017-2027

Annual Report
1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023
(Draft as at 11 November 2023)

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Appendices

Appendix – Supporting Plans and Strategies

1. Introduction

This is the sixth Annual Report of the Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP). The Report:

- presents detailed quantitative data, drawn from the supporting plans and strategies across the five statutory partners and Third Sector Interface – indicators and projects that deliver the Outcomes. Most of our Performance Indicators are continuations from previous years; and most of our projects are short term and operational.
- includes qualitative information presented through Personal Testimonies and Case Studies: the Testimonies are from residents who have told us something about our Outcome themes - we are particularly grateful to them as their stories tell us, very powerfully, what it's like to experience inequality and an assessment of how well our local organisations are doing to help them overcome the challenges; and the Case Studies highlight some examples of projects and activities which have been particularly relevant to groups that our LOIP is focussing on.
- The position for our eight Outcomes is as follows:

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23
1	satisfactory	satisfactory	satisfactory	satisfactory	satisfactory	good
2	good	good	good	good	good	satisfactory
3	good	good	good	good	good	good
4	good	good	good	good	satisfactory	satisfactory
5	good	good	good	good	satisfactory	satisfactory
6	satisfactory	satisfactory	good	good	good	satisfactory
7	good	good	good	good	good	good
8	good	good	good	good	good	good








- sets out our contribution to the National Performance Framework (NPF) which is a requirement of the Annual Report; and along with that we have included our position in relation to national performance in a small number of indicators, selected by the Improvement Service, to provide trend and benchmarking information across all 32 CPPs. The Dumfries and Galloway position for these Indicators shows that our performance stayed the same as last year in 11 indicators; we were worse in 6 indicators; and were better in 1 indicator.
- sets out how we have worked with community groups and individuals in our LOIP journey.

2. Our Performance Management Framework

- 2.1 The Scottish Government Guidance on LOIPs and the Performance Management arrangements, including the Annual Reports, is light touch and there is a real commitment to local flexibility.
- 2.2 The LOIP Development Group developed a Framework for Annual Reports which use evidence from quantitative (indicators and projects); qualitative (case studies and personal testimonies) information; benchmarking; and published Impact Assessments.
- 2.3 The Scottish Government NPF was relaunched in June 2018.
- 2.4 The assessment of progress is detailed on page and is based on a standard analysis, previously used for the Single Outcome Agreement and other strategic level Performance Reports.

3. Outcomes

3.1 Outcome 1: Everyone who needs help to work receives the right support – **good progress**

Key Performance Indicators	Value	Target	Status
Total employment	61,800	2.4% of Scotland	- 9,6% over 10 year period (Scotland +4.0%)
Provide progressive skills pathways into two key sectors annually	4	2	
Number of young people in training placements	54	50	
Percentage of new business starts with female ownership	50%	51%	
Percentage of young people who start up businesses (new)	21%	20%	
Young people at risk of not sustaining education, training employment of formal volunteering are supported (new)	356	300	
Unemployed/inactive/disadvantaged participants supported into employment, training and education (new)	277	225	
Proportion of Looked After Children School leavers entering positive destinations	86.21%	93.1%	







Case Study – No-One Left Behind

No-one Left Behind is a key Scottish Government initiative aimed at supporting the most disadvantaged people in Scotland to secure and sustain employment. This Intermediate Labour Market (ILM) programme is designed to support people aged 25+ who have been out of work for 12 months or more to re-join the workplace through a paid work placement.

No One Left Behind is managed by the Scottish Government and local authorities. Local authorities had to ensure that a proportion of funding was directed at third sector employers; Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway (TSDG) supported this locally by engaging with Third Sector Organisations, encouraging participation and providing ongoing support as required.

A range of opportunities have been created across third sector organisations, with each placement featuring a blend of training and on-the-job learning. TSDG have supported 12 third sector organisations across the region to participate in this project, which in turn has so far resulted in 19 individuals to progress into a paid 6-month work placement.

Outcome 2: Learning opportunities are available to those who need them most – **satisfactory progress**

Key Performance Indicators	Value	Target	Status
School Attendance Rate	91.1%	92%	
School Attendance Rate for Looked After Children	88%	87%	
Exclusion rate for looked-after pupils (per 1000 pupils)	91.32	77.80	
Proportion of Looked After Children School Leavers entering positive destinations	90.32	91.29	
Percentage of school leavers with an unknown post-school destination status	0%	0.4%	
Further development the range of curriculum courses, including digital that young people can access	67	n/a	









Case Study – ‘Learners Together’


A voluntary group was formed in Wigtownshire in 2018 and, supported by the Council’s Lifelong Learning Team, the Group worked together to identify and develop areas of skills and learning opportunities for their local community.

The Group raised funds and attracted over £98,000 of external money to provide a range of courses including driving theory, community gardening, cookery, first aid and arts and crafts.

The Group themselves have overcome a range of personal and educational challenges and have achieved individual and personal goals – including three members now having published writings of poems and books and appearing at the Wigtown Book Festival; and winning a national Adult Learning Award, organised through Scotland’s Learning Partnership.

3.3 Outcome 3: Health and Wellbeing inequalities are reduced – **good progress**

Key Performance Indicators	Value	Target	Status
Premature mortality rate amongst people 100,000 persons	451	Scotland 466	
% of young people from D&G who started treatment for specialist Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services(CAMHS) within 18 weeks of their referral	91%	90%	
% young people and adults who report an improvement in their confidence, skills and life following participation in wellbeing activities	91.57%	75%	
Number of adults in Let's Motivate sessions in Care Homes	15,302	15,000	
Number of participants in sessions for those with a disability or additional support needs	10,410	7,500	
Number of Looked After Children and Care Leavers gaining free access to leisure and sport activities	2,218	1,550	
% of people who wait no longer than 3 weeks from referral to appropriate drug/alcohol treatment	100%	90%	
Number of carers supported using an Adult Carers Support Plan	188	Previous year - 203	

Improvement Projects	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	Status
Low level mental health in communities (new)	11-Jan-2021	31-Mar-2023	100%	

Case Study –

Based on feedback received during the community survey, a lack of social activities for young people with additional support needs was identified. A. has attended two of the Social Club events, both of which he really enjoyed. It is very difficult for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) or other SN teenagers and young adults to go out and experience social interaction with other young people.

These sessions have enabled him to do things he wouldn't even think about doing, things that are "normal" for most young people, such as going into a pub ordering a lemonade and having a game of pool, or sitting and playing a game of cards with

people he has never met before. Even going into a strange place without his parent is a massive accomplishment for him. He is also extremely proud when he does these type of things. He is making friends and actually excited about attending- even though it is completely outside his comfort zone.

His mother hopes the sessions are able to continue beyond the pilot scheme as her son, along with all the young people, seem to be gaining so much from them. Making friends, socialising, and learning new social skills are essential to all aspects of life. They're skills that many of us take for granted but someone with any special needs or social inhibitions might never gain them without these kinds of projects





Case Study – a creative approach to improving mental health

Through the administration of the Scottish Government's Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund, TSDG awarded funding to Mossburn Community Farm to assist and support young adults struggling with stress, anxiety, and low self-worth to create a picture book of fictional stories, with the Farm and their animals as the setting and inspiration.

Throughout the process individuals involved gained an understanding of various mental health conditions, as well as how to do mental health self-assessment checks, develop new skills (intrapersonal and interpersonal), and gain an increased appreciation of their own self-worth.





While the art exhibition and book were the products of the project, the focused outcomes were young adults better prepared to manage their own mental health, confidently perform self-assessments, increase perception of self-worth, and a feeling of connectedness to the wider community through the interpersonal skills developed and the two public facing products of the project.



3.4 Outcome 4: There is affordable and warm housing for those who need it most – **satisfactory progress**

Key Performance Indicators	Value	Target	Status
Number of homelessness presentations	1251	1200	
Number of homeless applications received where someone has been looked after child by the local authority more than five years ago	35	30	
Number of successful interventions on tenancy evictions which prevent homelessness	209	100	
Reduce fuel poverty by delivering the HEEPS-ABS project	100%	90%	

Improvement Projects	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	Status
Homeless Strategy 2018-2023	01-Apr-2018	31-Mar-2023	91%	
Tackle Fuel Poverty	01-Apr-2018	31-Mar-2023	100%	
Improving Gypsy Traveller sites – Phase 2	01-Jan-2019	31-Dec-2023	66%	

3.5 Outcome 5 – The money available to people on benefits and low wages is maximised – **satisfactory progress**

Key Performance Indicators	Value	Target	Status
Crisis grants processing time	1.2 days	1 day	
Number of days to process housing benefit (new claims)	28.6days	28 days	
<i>D&G average gross weekly pay</i>	£460.50	£463.10	
Proportion of people earning less than the weekly wage	22.4%	n/a	

Key Performance Indicators	Value	Target	Status
Number of clients assisted with debt advice through commissioned services	3,820	1,395	
Value of additional benefits identified through Financial Inclusion Advice income maximisation service and DAGCAS commissioned service	£12.218M	£11.000M	

Case Studies – Sustaining tenancies through increasing income

Customer 1 lives alone in a 2-bedroom Registered Social Landlord (RSL) property. He came to the attention of the Welfare Housing Options (WHO) team with limited information. His housing officer reported that engagement has always been an issue and if no contact they would be requesting decree for eviction at court on 23/12/23.

He had no active Universal Credit(UC) claim in payment which meant his rent was not being addressed in any way and was accruing with every week. He applied for UC that day, but it meant waiting a further 5 weeks until his Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) could be applied for.



He was awarded SSSC DHP in Feb 2023 and case recalled at court where it was sisted until July 2023. Hardship DHP was applied for and awarded 16 weeks. Housing Officer had also supported with a payment from 'Here for You' fund as well as food & fuel vouchers. WHO case worker assisted with ESA application.


One Off awards - HP DHP £500 CT hold £2,965.24 ESA £77
Weekly awards - DHP £63.57 CTR £17.57

Customer 2 lives alone in a 2-bedroom RSL property. He was self-employed with a well-established business in his local community, but the breakdown of his marriage led to the failure of his business and depression. Customer first came to the attention of the WHO team following a RSL prevention meeting in April 2022 as customer had been served with a Notice of Proceedings which was due to go active in May 2022. It was reported at that time that he was not engaging with his Housing Officer, which was subsequently found to be due to a family bereavement and there was conflicting information regarding his UC. Managed Payment to Landlord and Arrears Direct deductions were applied to avoid the arrears increasing further. The WHO Officer assisted with a Hardship discretionary housing payment application, Crisis Grant application and a hold on the Council Tax arrears. The Housing Officer agreed to request a continuation at court to allow the HP DHP plan time to be implemented assist with a food and fuel voucher, arranged for his gas meter to be uncapped and make a payment from the Here for You fund. She also supported a Bereavement Service application form to allow him to pay the Funeral Director for the family funeral. The arrears have now reduced to such a level that the Housing Officer plans to request the case is dismissed at court when it calls again.

One Off Award - HP DHP £800 + £600 Crisis Grant £100 CT hold £2,025.85
Weekly Award - Hardship DHP £35.96

3.6 Outcome 6 – People are safe and feel safe – **satisfactory progress**

Key Performance Indicators	Value	Target	Status
Community Safety Quality Assurance	91.58%	84%	
Environmental Health safety and public health inspections	150	150	
Percentage of children on the Child Protection Register per 1000 population aged 0-15 years	1.8	n/a	+0.3 from previous year
Number of domestic abuse incidents	1,512	n/a	+11.8% over 5 year average
Detection rates for domestic abuse incidents	68.9%	n/a	+2.1% over 5 year average
Incidents recorded	37,639	n/a	-6.2% over 5 year average
Number of hate crimes and incidents	153	n/a	+32.4% over 5 year average
Hate crime detection rate	70.6%	n/a	-7.3% over 5 year average
Number of accidental dwelling fires	81	n/a	-5 from previous year
Home fire safety visits	1053	n/a	-194 from previous year
Number of people killed on our roads	5	n/a	-6 from previous year

Improvement Projects	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	Status
Increase the number of roads with 20mph speed limits and zones	01-Apr-2018	31-Mar-2023	100%	

Case Study – overcoming homophobic bullying

Jane referred herself to an equality group after experiencing extreme distress caused by a homophobic bullying situation in their workplace. She had worked there for 8 years in a happy and professional capacity without causes for concern. A recent

merger of two teams had led to Jane experiencing prejudicial treatment by a member of the team. This caused Jane to become withdrawn from the team she works closely with, feel isolated and become very anxious about going to work each day. Eventually Jane was signed off work by her doctor for work related anxiety, which is when she asked for support from LGBT Plus.

The client became increasingly anxious until it impacted on all areas of their work and home life, health and sleep. She repeatedly had emotional break downs at work and was eventually sign off by the doctor with work related stress.




The support from LGBT Plus enabled Jane to talk through the emotions this situation had caused. They soon understood the links between the distressing situation, the impact it had on their mood, the knock-on effect this creates to their thinking patterns and the negative impact on her physical and mental wellbeing. Jane was able to uncover, and express deep fears of the bullying occurring again and identified a sense of injustice to the lack of resolution in the workplace.



Jane received practical support in helping prepare for a case conference with their manager and union rep, which Jane managed to attend while implementing coping techniques to manage her anxiety and prepared in advance key points to communicate.

Jane then specifically worked on realigning the thought patterns that were feeding the fear, allowing them the space to cry and uncover the root of the distress and to work towards coping with anxiety symptoms now while looking at techniques to reduce its effect overall.

Jane reported a high level of success in achieving her specific support goals and went on to find a new job which she attributes to her success at defending her rights in this bullying situation in the in the workplace

3.7 Outcome 7 – People are well connected – **good progress**

Key Performance Indicators	Value	Target	Status
Percentage of adults accessing telecare as a % of the total of adults supported to live at home	76%	73%	
Percentage of Dumfries and Galloway Schools engaged in Walk to School Week (new)	30.3%	30%	
DGLocator App (new)	717 organisations	n/a	

Improvement Projects	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	Status
Campaign for the retention of rural bus routes and for appropriate funding and regulation of bus services	15-Jan-2019	31-Mar-2023	100%	
Campaign to improve services from our region's railway stations and improve public transport timetables across the region, particularly connections between services	01-Mar-2018	31-Mar-2023	100%	





Case Study – Getting digitally connected



X contacted DG Voice due to being isolated at home, unable to work and left with no immediate family or friends nearby. They were very anxious to leave the house and consider themselves to be very vulnerable to the ongoing Covid pandemic, with their anxiety heightened since lockdowns ended. They didn't have any digital device, nor the means to purchase a device or connectivity due to lack of income.

One of our digital champions helped identify their needs and created a plan to help them get access to a device and connectivity to the internet. They were also given support in how to use these and together with the volunteer identified options to stay in touch with family and friends who live further away via video chat. They were also able to research online activities and have since joined a social circle and made some new friendships.

Their mental health has improved and while they are still anxious about in-person activities, they now feel less lonely and isolated and say their quality of life has improved immensely.

3.8 Outcome 8 – Individuals and communities are empowered – **good progress**

Key Performance Indicators	Value	Target	Status
Number of children, young people and adults supported to improve their life chances through participation in youth work and lifelong learning activities	17,705	n/a	
Number of people supported to be active in public life	15	n/a	
Number of diversity awareness raising events	31	10	
Percentage of adults who agree that they have a say in how their help, care or support was provided	75%	Scotland 71%	

Improvement Projects	Start Date	Due Date	Progress	Status
Continued support to the management and development of the Tackling Poverty Reference Group	01-Apr-2020	31-Mar-2023	100%	
Develop locality planning (new)	01-Apr-2018	31-Mar-2023	100%	

Case Study – Locality Planning in action









The Annandale and Eskdale Locality Hub works on actions collaboratively as a partnership, striving to assist in the continuous empowerment of community groups in its area and in turn empowering communities and its people. Through the work of the A&E Locality Hub, members (made up of represented members of TSDG, the Council's Ward Officers and South of Scotland Enterprise and the Council's Economy and Development Team), have been working jointly on a key piece of work in Lockerbie to strengthen the partnerships between local community groups and third sector organisations.

This work has involved a collaborative approach with other key stakeholders to work on the longevity of the Ice Rink, and to assist in the discussions of the use of the common ground surrounding Lockerbie Squash Club for new and existing groups on this site. By facilitating joint working there the community is becoming empowered as follows:

1. Through a process of engagement key partners were able to bring the right people around the table for the Ice rink to access a one stop shop of support and expertise to enable them to forward plan for immediate, short, medium and long term goals.

2. Through access to the right partners, collaborative and meaningful experience and specialism brought effective prioritising to this group so that they could focus in on the most concerning need. This ensured that the Ice Rink could provide an ongoing service and facility for the community without worrying about the next steps to their overall operation.

3. Open discussion could take place with other groups to discuss how land could be used and what part they could play such as joint energy strategies and community use. These discussions are ongoing, and all groups have continuing access to the expertise of the Locality Hub and its external partnerships.

Project Status		Indicator Status	
	Overdue; Neglected		Alert
	Unassigned; Check Progress		Warning
	Not Started; In Progress; Assigned		OK
	Completed		Data Only - no targets are set

Data in the Indicators and projects is the latest published

Outcomes assessment

Poor progress –the majority of the Indicators and Projects are red or amber and the Personal Testimonies and Case Studies raise concerns

Satisfactory progress – the majority of Indicators and Projects are amber or green and the Personal Testimonies and Case Studies evidence activity

Good progress – the majority of the Indicators and Projects are green and the Personal Testimonies and Case Studies evidence significant activity

4. National Community Planning Outcomes Profile

The Community Planning Outcomes Profiling (CPOP) tool brings together 18 indicators of outcomes and inequality. Not all of the 18 outcomes link naturally to the Dumfries and Galloway Local Outcomes Improvement Plan but it presents a picture of how our area is doing compared to the Scottish position; and also over time.

The CPOP tool was introduced by the Improvement Service in 2017 and is being continuously refined and improved.

For more information click the [link here](#)

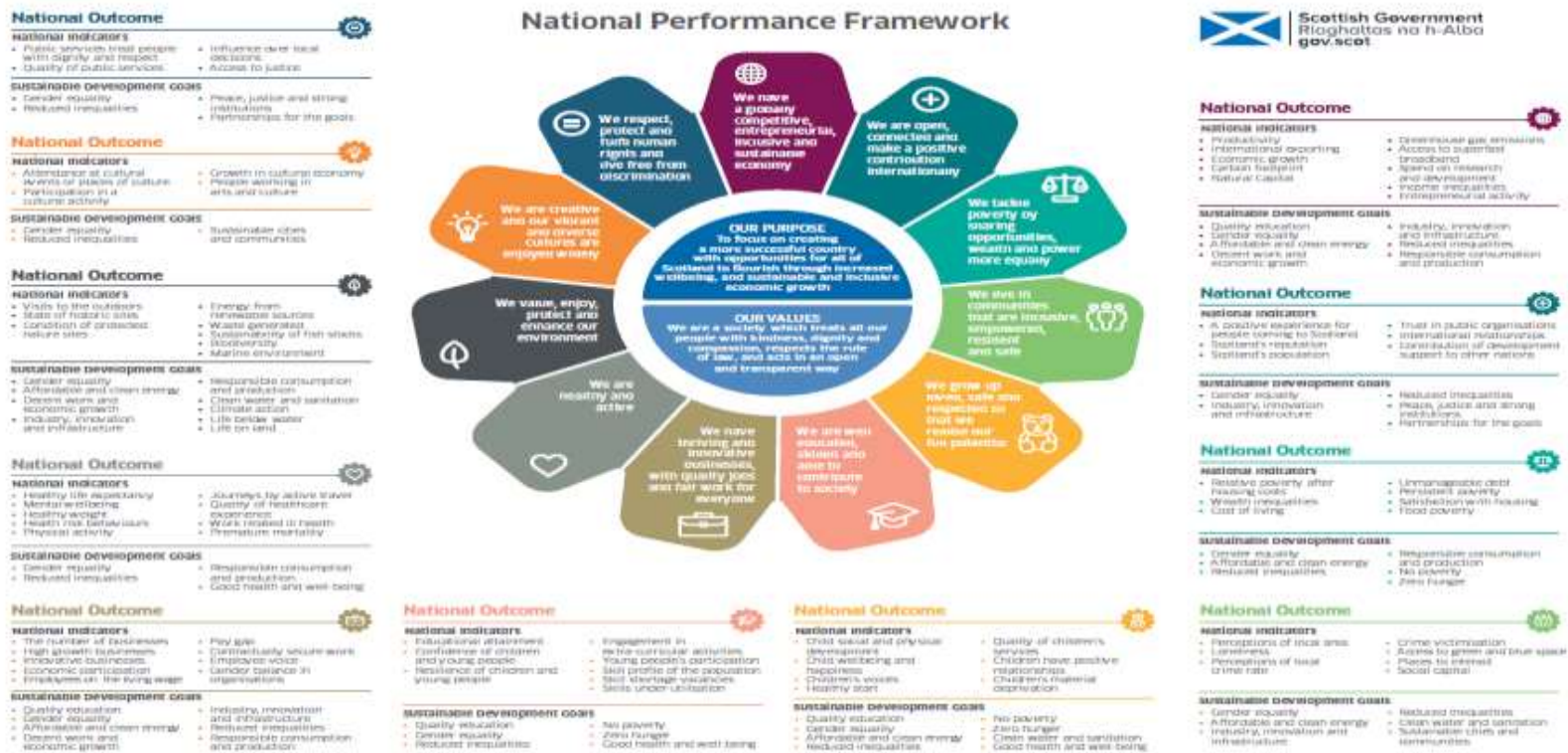
The current performance position is: 2 green - improving; 10 red - decreasing and 6 amber – staying the same throughout the year compared to last year when we had 5 green; 8 red and 5 amber.

National Measure / indicator	2021/22 position	2022/23 position
1. Healthy Birthweight	amber	amber
2. Primary 1 Body Mass Index (BMI)	green	amber
3. Child Poverty	red	red
4. Attainment (formerly S4 tariff score)	red	red
5. Positive destinations	amber	red
6. Employment Rate	red	red
7. Median Earnings	red	amber
8. Out of Work Benefits	red	red
9. Business Survival	green	green
10. Crime rate	amber	red
11. Dwelling Fires	green	amber
12. Carbon emissions	red	red
13. Emergency Admissions	amber	amber
14. Unplanned Hospital Attendances	red	red
15. Early Mortality	green	amber
16. Fragility	red	red
17. Well-being	green	green
18. Fuel Poverty	amber	red

5. Links to the Scottish Government National Performance Framework

5.1 The Scottish Government NPF was first published in 2007. It has been reviewed over the last year through a series of engagement events and the new Framework was launched on June 2018.

Fig 1: Government NPF



5.2 At its meeting on 16 June 2018 the CPP Board noted the new NPF and welcomed its focus on inequality and wellbeing.

5.3 Analysis of the Dumfries and Galloway LOIP contribution to the NPF

NPF	Entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy	Open and connected	Tackle poverty, share wealth and power more equally	Inclusive empowered, resilient and safe	Loved, safe and respected	Well educated and skilled	Thriving and innovative businesses, quality and fair work	Healthy and active	Value, enjoy and protect our environment	Creative, vibrant and diverse cultures	Human rights and free from discrimination
D&G LOIP Outcomes											
1 Everyone who needs help to work receives the right support.	✓		✓			✓	✓				
2 Learning opportunities are available to those who need them most.	✓					✓					
3 Health and Wellbeing inequalities are reduced.				✓		✓	✓	✓			✓
4 There is affordable and warm housing for those who need it most.				✓	✓				✓		✓
5 The money available to	✓		✓	✓	✓						✓

people on benefits and low wages are maximised											
6 People are safe and feel safe			✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	✓
7 People are well connected	✓	✓			✓		✓		✓		
8 Individuals and communities are empowered.	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓				✓	✓

6. Enabling Community Bodies to Shape and influence Community Planning

6.1 Engagement around the supporting plans and strategies, and the second Local Development Plan (LDP2) in particular, comprised structured and well detailed programmes of development and engagement.

Appendix 4 of the LOIP details the activity undertaken – [click here](#) for details

6.2 Participation in the development of the LOIP

The detailed approach to engagement was set out in the Evaluation Report which was agreed by the CPP Board in March 2018 – [click here](#) for details (Item 4 Appendix 1).

A key feature of this work was a focus on the groups which tackle poverty and equality and diversity; and there were high satisfaction ratings from the participants in terms of the approach and opportunity to have their voices heard.

6.3 Contributions to the performance information in the LOIP Annual Report

The performance measures (Indicators and Projects) have been drawn from the published performance information from partners. Case have been obtained from a range of organisations including the Equality Partnership, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Skills Development Scotland and the Health and Social Care Partnership..

7. Implementing the Fairer Scotland Duty (FSD) in Dumfries and Galloway

7.1 The FSD was enacted on April 2018 after the start of LOIPs. However the purpose of the FSD is consistent with and supportive of the LOIP as it places a legal responsibility on particular public bodies in Scotland (in our region this includes the Council, Health Board, Integration Joint Board, Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Police Authority) to consider how they can reduce inequalities when planning what they do.

7.2 The CPEG, at its meeting on 5 March 2018 and the CPP Board at its meeting on 16 March 2018, agreed that partners would evidence their implementation of the FSD by updating our Impact Assessment Toolkit and reporting the policies, strategies and financial decisions that had been considered using the Impact Assessment (IA) in the LOIP Annual Report.

7.3 The updated IA Toolkit was approved by the Equality and Diversity Working Group at its meeting on 25 August 2018. During 2022/23 NHSD&G has adopted a summarised version.

7.4 During 2022/23 there have been over 14 IAs completed.

8. Next Steps

An annual update and a Mid Term Review of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan was agreed by the Board, when the first version was agreed. The Community Planning Partnership Board therefore undertook research and engagement to support the Review of this LOIP and agreed a new LOIP at its meeting on 1 September 2023.

Key Supporting Plans and Strategies

- 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
- Poverty and Inequalities Strategy
- Regional Economic Strategy
- Regional Transport Strategy

Partners' Business Plans

- Dumfries and Galloway College
- Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Health and Social Care Partnership
- NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Enterprise
- Skills Development Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway

**Dumfries and Galloway
Locality Plan on Food Sharing
2017-2027**

**Annual Report
1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023
(Draft as at 21 November 2023)**

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1. Introduction

This Annual Report contains a collection of evidence from a range of sources for our sixth Annual Report on the Locality Plan on Food Sharing from 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023.

Food and energy prices have been rising markedly over the past year, particularly gas prices, partly in response to the conflict in Ukraine. Global recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is putting further pressure on prices.

On top of that the UK began to experience the 'Cost of Living Crisis' causing a real fall in disposable incomes since late 2021.

Despite these challenges, we are satisfied that we are making good progress in all four Outcomes. Communities continue to be the first responders to food insecurity and there are clear benefits of putting communities at the heart of action to tackle the issue.

This report sets out some of the work which has taken place during the reporting period.

2. Development of the Performance Management Framework (PMF)

- 2.1 The Scottish Government Guidance on Locality Plans and the Performance Management arrangements, including the Annual Reports is light touch and there is a real commitment to local flexibility.
- 2.2 CPPs are now into their fifth year of Locality Plans with established arrangements for the Annual Reports with access to the information and support available to provide evidence for these Reports.
- 2.3 Officers developed a Performance Management Framework which would evidence progress through qualitative (case studies and personal testimonies) information, supported by quantitative (indicators and projects) data.
- 2.4 The assessment of progress is based on a standard analysis, previously used for the Single Outcome Agreement and other strategic level Performance Reports.

3.1 Outcome 1: People are able to meet their own food needs – Good Progress (Key groups – food share providers, families on low incomes, individuals on low incomes, supermarkets)

Fruit and Vegetable Consumption

The Scottish Health Survey (SHeS) provides information on the health, and factors relating to health, of adults and children in Scotland.

The purpose of SHeS is to provide information at national level about the health of the population and the ways in which lifestyle factors are associated with health. This level of information is not available from administrative or operational databases, as hospitals and GPs are not able to collect detailed information about peoples' lifestyles and health-related behaviours. In addition, it is crucial that the Scottish Government has information about the health of the population, including people who do not access health services regularly.

The specific aims of SHeS are:

- To estimate the prevalence of particular health conditions in Scotland.
- To estimate the prevalence of certain risk factors associated with these health conditions and to document the pattern of related health behaviours.
- To look at differences between regions and between subgroups of the population in the extent of their having these particular health conditions or risk factors, and to make comparisons with other national statistics for Scotland and England.
- To monitor trends in the population's health and health related behaviour over time.
- To make a major contribution to monitoring progress towards health targets.

There is wide recognition that excessive consumption of foods high in fat, sugar and salt and low consumption of fibre, fruit and vegetables and other healthy foods has wide-ranging consequences for the health of the nation.

Key findings from the report in 2021 show that:

- Around one in five of all adults consumed five or more portions of **fruit and vegetables** a day (22%). This was similar to levels since 2003 (21% in 2003).
- One in five children (20%) aged 2 to 15 met the five-a-day recommendation for consumption of fruit and vegetables. This was significantly higher than in the years 2008 to 2019.
- Almost half of all adults (48%) met the Scottish Dietary goal to reduce **total fat** intake to no more than 35% of food energy. Around one in five adults (22%) met the Scottish Dietary Goal for **free sugars** intake to not exceed 5% of total energy.

People in our region averaged 3.2 portions per day which is the same as last year. The Scottish average has reduced and is now also 3.2.

Evidence within the report also suggests that there have been varying impacts on diet and physical activity following the pandemic, which have been both positive and less beneficial.

Other reports have highlighted the impact of food insecurity and the widening of existing inequalities with an 89% increase in demand for emergency food parcels being required in the UK in April 2020 compared with the same period in 2019, with foodbank demand more than doubling during the same period.

Across all adults in 2021, a lack of money or other resources in the previous 12 months resulted in:

- 9% worried about running out of food
- 6% ate less
- 3% ran out of food

In 2021, younger adults were more likely to be worried that they would run out of food.

- 14% 16–44
- 8% 45–64
- 1% 65+

In 2019/2021 combined, the highest levels of food insecurity were among single parents and single adults under the age of 65.

Free School Meals

Primary Schools

All Primary 1 to Primary 5 children are entitled to free school meals. Pupils from Primary 6 upwards may also be eligible for free school meals. Meals in Primary Schools currently cost £1.90.

Secondary Schools

Dumfries and Galloway Council made changes in accordance with Scottish Government legislation in relation to school meals. These changes took place on 8 April 2021 that saw variations to several food groups throughout the school day. We know that providing free school meals to all children has wide ranging benefits, including:

- access to healthy and nutritious food
- increase attention and concentration
- gains in cognitive function and learning
- Improve educational outcomes

Meals in Secondary Schools currently cost £2.00.

The Council's Welfare, Revenues and Benefits Team continue to support the administration of Free School Meals (FSM)/School Clothing Grants and the Family Pandemic payments/Scottish Child Payment Bridging Payment and Holiday Food payments. A Ward breakdown of the School and Nursery children who are currently receiving FSMs on financial grounds and Holiday Food payments is included in the table below.

	Nursery			Primary			Secondary			School and Nursery				Percentage in receipt of.
	##No identified eligibility	**Eligibility identified	In Receipt of FSM	##No identified eligibility	**Eligibility identified	IRO FSM	##No identified eligibility	**Eligibility identified	In Receipt of FSM	##No identified eligibility	**Eligibility identified	In Receipt of FSM	Total Children	
Abbey	110	10	23	473	6	109	481	2	70	1064	18	202	1284	15.7%
Annandale East and Eskdale	130	5	36	486	3	164	415	3	100	1031	11	300	1342	22.4%
Annandale North	194	10	46	770	6	204	717	2	137	1681	18	387	2086	18.6%
Annandale South	188	9	53	737	11	267	632	6	143	1557	26	463	2046	22.6%
Castle Douglas and Crocketford	132	2	21	548	5	91	447	6	62	1127	13	174	1314	13.2%
Dee and Glenkens	106	2	20	516	8	89	449	7	74	1071	17	183	1271	14.4%
Lochar	225	2	25	860	2	126	701	2	100	1786	6	251	2043	12.3%
Mid and Upper Nithsdale	143	2	24	501	6	162	437	3	129	1081	11	315	1407	22.4%
Mid Galloway and Wigtown West	152	4	32	650	16	177	553	7	117	1355	27	326	1708	19.1%
Nith	181	8	34	655	5	132	586	5	94	1422	18	260	1700	15.3%
North West Dumfries	190	9	93	736	12	372	637	12	251	1563	33	716	2312	31.0%
Stranraer and the Rhins	227	10	85	792	10	336	630	6	225	1649	26	646	2321	27.8%
-	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0.0%
#N/A	17	0	12	33	0	41	75	0	23	125	0	76	201	37.8%
Grand Total	1,997	73	504	7,757	90	2,270	6,760	61	1,525	16,514	224	4,299	21,037	20.4%

Please note: this includes children who receive free meals on discretionary criteria. These children do not receive Holiday food or Pandemic Support Payments. ##No identified eligibility – child /household financial circumstances not known
**Eligibility identified – household in receipt of Means tested Council Tax Reduction. From this information, would satisfy the financial conditions for an award of Free School Meals and associated payments.

Payments totalling £2.6m have been made to families in relation to school year 2022/23.

On 6 April 2021 Dumfries and Galloway Council agreed to provide Holiday Food payments over school breaks, to all eligible children who are registered in Nursery education, in addition to the children in P1 to S6. In the 2022/23 school year, five holiday food payments have been made. (The Queens Funeral, October, Christmas, February and Easter Holidays).

Confirmation has been received from the Scottish Government of the financial criteria for FSM and Holiday food payments from April 2023. The Council website and application forms have been updated with the current information. Eligible families were contacted mid-June 2023 about School Clothing Grants for the new school year along with re-assessment for financially assessed FSM and Holiday Food payments if required.

The £25 per week, per child, Scottish Child Payment, administered by Social Security Scotland, is now available for all children in Scotland (up to age 16) where their parent/guardian receive certain benefits. This payment is actively promoted to increase the uptake of this with all families since its roll out in November 2022.

3.2 Outcome 2: Support is available to people who need help with food where, when and how they need it – good progress

(Key groups – food share providers, families on low incomes, individuals on low incomes, Revenues and Benefits Team, FIAT Team, DWP)

The cost of living has been rising in recent months in the UK and across the world.

As of January 2023, 92% of UK households reported that their cost of living had increased compared with a year earlier. In the same month, 67% of households had experienced monthly increases in their cost of living, down from a peak of 91% in the Summer of 2022. The households in question mainly attributed this increase to higher food, electricity, and fuel costs. The crisis is even more acute for the poorest UK households, which typically spend a higher proportion of their income on food and housing costs.

In the UK, prices of consumer goods and services rose by 9.6% in the year to October 2022 – the fastest rate in four decades. Since then, the annual inflation rate, as measured by the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupier's housing costs (CPIH), has slowed.

An increase in the cost of living can have a negative impact on existing disadvantage and vulnerability and put households at greater risk of severe hardship.

Scottish Welfare Fund

During 2022/23 Scottish Welfare Fund (SWF) supported customers in Dumfries and Galloway to the value of £1,648,039. 8,030 applications for a Crisis Grant (CG) were received from 3,937 customers. This equates to an average of two applications per customer. 2,591 applications for a Community Care Grant (CCG) were received from 2,176 customers. This equates to an average of 1.2 applications per customer.

During the year 1,119 CG applications were refused, as the customers application history (where the applicant had already received three awards in the previous 12 months or had applied within the last 28 days for the same reason) excluded them. For any case that is refused, checks are made to ensure customers are signposted to other supports available. The guidance does permit Authorities to make awards in exceptional circumstances in these refusal cases. There have been 53 cases where customers have had more than three awards due to exceptional circumstances in 2022/23

Following the Council's agreed budget at Full Council on 28 February 2023, the new SWF budget for 2023/24 have been applied including the remaining unspent balance of £361,554, giving a total available spend of £1,678,102. In order to ensure SWF spend remains within the annual allocated budget, priority levels for CCG have been raised to high.

Level of applications and spend in April 2022/April 2023

	Crisis Care Grant		Community Care Grant	
	April 2022	April 2023	April 2022	April 2023
Applications Received	649	530	161	181
Awards Made	437 (67%)	356 (67%)	75 (47%)	101 (56%)
Value of Awards	£46,255	£32,249	£87,074	£64,350

The Scottish Welfare Fund can help with things like food or heating costs if people find themselves in a crisis or need help to carry on living outside of care.

Crisis Grant awards are limited to three awards per customer in any rolling 12-month period any further awards are only available in exceptional circumstances. There has been an increase in the number of customers making repeated applications for Crisis support, citing increased food and fuel costs. A number of these customers are reaching or have already reached the three-award limit. Support continues to be provided at the maximum level available and unsuccessful customers are directed to any supports available.

Community Care Grant awards are currently made based on priority with awards made for all goods which are deemed 'medium' priority. During the reporting period there was an agreed commitment to the continuation of awards at medium priority to meet ongoing demand.

Dumfries and Galloway Community Food Providers

Community Based food providers are a vital supporting mechanism in our fight against poverty and food insecurity within Dumfries and Galloway.

Below is a list of Food Providers located throughout our region including contact details.

Food Provider	Location	Area Covered	Opening Times	Contact Details	Details for Donations
<i>Apex Scotland</i>	77-79 Friars Vennel, Dumfries, DG1 2RF	Nithsdale and Stewartry	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10am to 4pm	Crystal Soltys or Fiona Dalgleish Call: 01387 256310	Drop off any time within the opening times
<i>Apex Scotland</i>	2 Back Rampart, High Street, Stranraer DG9 7LW	Wigtownshire	Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm	Alison Graham or Aynsley Balfour Call: 01776 700973	Drop off any time within the opening times
<i>A' the Airts</i>	8-12 High Street Sanquhar Dumfriesshire Scotland DG4 6BL	Sanquhar	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am to 4pm Closed Sundays	Yvonne Barber 01659 50514 or 07849 196 772 Yvonne.Barber@atheairts.org.uk	Drop off any time within the opening times

Food Provider	Location	Area Covered	Opening Times	Contact Details	Details for Donations
<i>Dalbeattie Foodbank</i>	71 high street Dalbeattie	Stewartry	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 6-7pm and Friday 3.30- 5.30pm	Emergency calls 07444 3328 59 email: donnamck.dci@gmail.com	Drop off any time within the opening times
<i>Kate's Kitchen</i>	The Old Bank, 52 High Street, Annan, DG12 6AN	Annandale and Eskdale	Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am to 5pm	Call: 01461 206444 email: info@kateskitchen.org	Drop off any time within the opening times
<i>Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust</i>	KKDT Office, Hillview, Kirkland Drive, Kelloholm DG4 6ST	Kirkconnel and Kelloholm	Every day 11am onwards	Tel: 01659 66911 email: michelle@kkdt.org.uk	Drop off any time within the opening times
<i>Lochside Community Association</i>	Rankine Avenue, Dumfries, DG2 9NS	Dumfries and all surroundin g areas	Every day 11am onwards	Call: 01387 250 582 email: Karen.Wylie@lochsideca.org	Drop off any time within the opening times
<i>Machars Churches Basics Food Bank</i>	11a Albert Street, Newton Stewart DG8 6EF	Machars - Newton Stewart, Wigtown Kirkinner, Sorbie, Port William, Whithorn, Isle of Whithorn, Creetown, Kirkcowan	Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9am to 12noon	Call: 07884370419 email: marlaneg690@btinternet.com	Donations point at Sainsbury, Co-op Newton Stewart, Port William Community Shop and the following churches: Penninghame, St Ninians, Kirkmabreck, Wigtown, Kirkcowan, Mochrum, Sorbie, Whithorn Priory or tel 07884370419 to arrange pick-up.
<i>Rhins Basics Bank</i>	The Royal Bank of Scotland 15 Bridge Street, Stranraer, DG9 7JA Halifax / Bank of Scotland, 64-66 George Street, Stranraer, DG9 7JN	Stranraer and all surroundin g villages	Flexible hours	Call: 07715 677 204	

Food Provider	Location	Area Covered	Opening Times	Contact Details	Details for Donations
<i>River of Life Church</i>	Dumfries Station, Lovers Walk, Dumfries DG1 1LU	Dumfries	Every day 6.30pm to 7.30pm	Call: 01387 264646 email: food@riveroflife.org.uk	Drop off any time within the opening times
<i>South Machars Community Fridge</i>	Castlehill, Whithorn, DG8 8PN			Call: 01988 500364 e-mail: info@smccwhithorn.org	Sainsbury, Coop, Aldi in Newton Stewart
<i>Stepping Stones Food Bank</i>	198 King Street, Castle Douglas, DG7 1DB	Castle Douglas and surrounding areas	Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 10am to 12noon	Call: 07730788335 email: steppingstones@castledouglas.info	Drop off any time within the opening times
<i>Summerhill Community Centre</i>	Ballochmyle Terrace, Summerhill, Dumfries, DG2 9EF	Dumfries and all surrounding areas	11am to 8pm	Call: 01387 247 344 Mob: 0774 392 4609 email: https://www.summerhillcentre.com/contact	Drop off any time within the opening times
<i>The Fed Up Community Cafe</i>	12 Bridge Street Stranraer DG9 7HY	Stranraer & The Rhins	Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 2.30pm	Call: 01776 706159 email: info@fedup.org.uk fedup.org.uk	Drop off any time within the opening times
<i>YMCA Café</i>	YMCA – Lochside Road Lochside, Dumfries DG20EA	North West Dumfries with a focus on Lochside	Monday – Thursday 9am – 3pm	Anne Mclauchline - Cafe Coordinator Contact via email: Dumfries.ymca.cafe@gmail.com	Drop off any time within the opening times
<i>Dumfries & Galloway Multicultural Assoc DGMA</i>	DGMA Shop, High Street Dumfries	Dumfries & Galloway	Every day 9am – 5pm	Email: info@dgma.org.uk DGMA office number 01387 25462	Drop off any time within the opening times
<i>First Base</i>	6 Buccleuch St, Dumfries	Dumfries & Galloway	Monday – Friday 12pm – 2pm	Mark Frankland Tel - 01387279680 / 07770443483	Drop off any time within the opening times
<i>Queen Of the South</i>	Palmerston Football Ground	Dumfries	Monday /Wednesday/ Friday 6pm – 8pm -	dan.armstrong@qosfc.com or admin@qosfc.com Tel: 01387 254853	Drop off any time within the opening times

Food Provider	Location	Area Covered	Opening Times	Contact Details	Details for Donations
<i>Football Club</i>	SNAQ Cafe		Tuesday/Thursday 6pm – 7pm		
Thornhill Food Initiative	c/o DG Customer Services Townhead Street Thornhill DG3 5NW	Thornhill	Sundays 11,00am – 12.00pm Donation box -Thornhill CO-OP	Jan Clark Thornhill Community Food Initiative Old School Thornhill 07963467932 Jjanclarkthepost@gmail.com	Drop off any time within the opening times

Below are a few examples of how the local groups across Dumfries and Galloway are ensuring appropriate support is available to people who need help with food where, when and how they need it.

A' the Airts Community Art Centre

A' the Airts Community Art Centre

A' the Airts welcome everyone to join our weekly classes and activities, there is something for all ages and abilities.

There are weekly after school clubs and classes for adults, as well as activities for health and wellbeing.

In addition, A' the Airts is the Local Agent in Sanquhar for FareShare, working in partnership with Sanquhar Primary School. Three dedicated their time volunteering to prepare and deliver bags of shopping to local people, are in the centre to meet and greet people who come in to pick up provisions at A' the Airts and then they go back out to almost 20 people with a little tea for each person.

Parents pick up food directly from the school on Wednesday morning after the bags,etc, are sorted out.

We also open on Christmas day, not using food share food, but give Christmas lunch to around 20 people all free of charge.

A' Airts is also a Period Dignity Collection Point.

We think this work is a great example of how a community can work together.

Apex Scotland

Through our "Time 2 Chat" drop in we have helped so many old and new clients with budgeting, making and amending CV's, phoning electric and gas companies and working out which benefits the client may be entitled too. The most important part to the "Time 2 Chat" is making sure our clients have a safe space to feel listened to if it's just popping in for a general chat with friendly faces ❤️



Fed Up Community Café – Stranraer

The Fed Up Café in Stranraer was set up in 2018 to offer free food, drink and support services to local people who need it.

Our goal is simple; to help reduce poverty, social isolation and loneliness by offering a place for people to come and feel welcomed. A place to get a good meal and not have to worry about the bill. A place where we work with local organisations to direct anyone in need of support or help, to be able to get the help they need.



Everything we do is given for free in hope that we can make a difference. If it is a meal or a bit of advice or even to know you have been listened to... that's why we are here.

On top of that we are aiming to help train anyone needing it, in life skills, cooking, serving and socialising. These skills are perfect to take home to be able to cook a healthy meal or to have the confidence to apply for a job, or even have an input as to how the community café runs.

We have been delivering free 6-week cookery classes which are aimed at giving individuals the basic knowledge on how to cook. This could be on a limited budget or minimal ingredients.

At the end of the course people leave with an increased confidence in cooking tasty meals from scratch at home.

The Fed Up Café are now also teaming up with The Hub in Kirkcolm to open a spin off Fed Up Cafe, called "Fed Up @ The Hub".

Since opening in November 2018, we have served over 69,394 Hot Meals and delivered over 880 food parcels.

Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust's - Good Share Food Share

Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust's Good Share Food Share Project is a holistic health and well-being project that both distributes food to those suffering food poverty and food insecurity and uses food as the catalyst to engage with, and meet the wider health and wellbeing needs of the community.



Indeed, from a project that was initially set up, along with our partner Food Spokes – Brown Brothers; Kelloholm Primary School and A; the Airs in Sanquhar - just prior to the COVID pandemic, to distribute food from FareShare that was otherwise destined for landfill, we have extended our partnerships and services in response to the identified and emerging needs of the community and created a coordinated approach to managing how best to deliver to our services.

In supporting people to access to food, where and when they need it, we provide both a collection service and a delivery service; take referrals from partners in Health, Social Work and Housing to deal with newly identified or emergency needs, and utilise the knowledge and experience of our Food Spoke partners to ensure that we reach different priority groups within the community.

In practice, Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust collect 3 Full Shares of food from the Fare Share distribution Centre in Glasgow each Wednesday for distribution across Kirkconnel and Kelloholm. Thereafter, we deliver one Full Share to Kelloholm Primary School for them to both provide for families in need and support wider activity within the school that meets the needs of the children – breakfast club, cookery classes and availability of snacks in each classroom. Two Full Shares are then taken to the Good Share Food Share premises and, along with Food provided by First Base Dumfries and additional supplies provided by Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust, sorted into bags for either collection and or delivery to those on our register (and not already supported by Kelloholm Primary School).

In addition, we work closely with local Health practitioners, Social Work Services and Registered Social Landlords to deal with new referrals and emergency food parcels as and when required. We also work with the Dumfries and Galloway Council Resettlement Team to provide start up packs for Migrants and Refugees re-housed within the Upper Nithsdale area.

3.3 Outcome 3: Involvement in food sharing helps with other aspects of people's lives – Good Progress

(Key groups – food share providers, families on low incomes, individuals on low incomes, lifelong learning and Employability and Skills Service)

The benefits of community food sharing is wider than just food. Getting involved in projects can increase access to healthy meals, help individuals to develop life skills such as growing of fresh food, budgeting, meal planning, cooking and social skills and support members of the community to connect and start new friendships and involve themselves in volunteering.

Volunteering is a great way for individuals to develop their skills to help others whilst learning. It provides opportunities to bring a change in the people around you, and in the process, it also changes you. What makes a good volunteer is their passion and enthusiasm to bring some kind of positive change through their work.

Above all, volunteering is a way of giving back to the community while also developing essential social skills and gaining valuable experiences.

Summerhill Community Centre

Summerhill Community Centre now has a pool of over 60 volunteers who collectively give over 10000 volunteer hours each year and are the essential ingredient of our success.

We rely on the contribution of all kinds of people to create ideas, to plan and help deliver activities and projects.

From paid Staff and Commissions, Members, Trustees and Volunteers, in addition to the wider community, everyone is needed.

It is this rich range of experiences at a very grassroots local level, that enables us to promote, develop and support new opportunities and our wider communities.

We do our best to ensure that all volunteers enjoy positive experiences at Summerhill. Volunteers are introduced to a wide training programme; supported to develop their own skills; use their own experiences, skills and initiative to help others and we have many opportunities to explore.

All our present staff have also experienced volunteering at Summerhill and understand the importance of peer mentoring and community support. Some volunteers have developed their leadership skills to become the facilitators and group leaders.

We have an excellent track record of volunteers moving onto further or higher education, training placements and employment.

We currently have roles for volunteers in the following areas:

- Events support
- Advice and Information

- Office and Admin support
- Home activities
- Health and Well being activities
- Youth Work
- Youth, Adult Sports and Gym Activities
- Environmental Projects
- Community Food Pantry, cooking and Fareshare Projects

Apex Scotland

Our wonderful volunteers always go above and beyond for our amazing charity shop and Foodbank area. Without these super stars we would simply not be able to do what we do and everyone at Apex would like to say a very big thank you for everything that our volunteers do for us. Our volunteers put in every single bit of their effort, time and dedication into Apex and for that we are very thankful ❤️ All of our current volunteer have said that due to volunteering here with us their confidence and motivation have increased, and they simply feel like we are all just one big family 🍷🍷



Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust

Whilst the provision of additional food has enabled us to deal with food poverty and food insecurity and help those receiving food to free up funds to deal with other household expenses, we are acutely aware – through both engagement with the community and strong partnership working- that there are many more issues that impact on the health and wellbeing of our residents.



Indeed, during the COVID pandemic we found that many of our older residents who were shielding/self- isolating and living alone with no family close by were suffering from isolation and loneliness. To help combat this and ensure that their basic needs were met, we set up a Check and Chat Service. This consisted of a Sunday afternoon Tea delivered to their home by a friendly volunteer who was able to check on them and spend some time chatting with them.

Whilst many of those receiving the Check and Chat Service did not necessarily require the additional food, we were able to use food as the catalyst for reaching out to and engaging with our most vulnerable residents. This is a service that we continue to provide and that is still valued by many of our residents, albeit numbers are much reduced from the peak of the pandemic.

Linked to the above, we have found that many of our mainly older residents, despite the lifting of any restrictions linked to COVID, are still afraid to go out and mix with others. In order to tackle this and deal with rising energy costs that were impacting on people who are at home all day, we set up a Warm Hub/Welcome Inn. This consists of an opportunity for people to come to the Good Share Food Share premises for lunch in a warm, safe and friendly environment – enabling them to save on heating their homes and socialise with friends and neighbours. The success of the Warm Hub/Welcome Inn has now extended to people attending having an increased confidence and desire to go further afield and

engage in other activities. We, therefore now organise and run Free Day Trips/Shopping Trips to other areas using the Community Minibus but still retaining the need for residents to feel safe.

In addition to our older, more vulnerable residents, we are also acutely aware of the needs of children and families. Indeed, whilst we utilise the skills and knowledge of our partners in Kelloholm Primary Schools and Action for Children to support the food needs of children and families across Kirkconnel and Kelloholm, we, also work closely with partners, including DGC Lifelong Learning Service and Kello Rovers Football Club during School Holidays to support holiday activity programmes and alleviate issues of holiday hunger. A service that is much appreciated and valued by families and children during school holiday periods. In addition to issues, such as social isolation and loneliness and fear of re-integrating into community life that impact on people's health and well-being, the cost-of-living crisis is impacting on many residents. Therefore, to ensure people have access to information and support on financial matters, energy saving schemes and other issues that affect them, we have brought in the support of Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service and Social Security to Scotland to provide surgeries and generally engage with people who use our Food Provision services. This has been well received and works well as an enhanced service linked to Food Services within the local community.

In summary, Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust take a whole community, place-based approach to both the sharing of food and the use of food to deal with the wider fears and anxieties that impact on the health and wellbeing of our residents. This approach has resulted in effective partnership working; efficient use of resources and the trust of the community.

Note: Sanquhar's share historically for A' the Airts is now delivered directly to Sanquhar Primary School for distribution in Sanquhar, via both A; the Airts and Sanquhar Primary School.

3.4 Outcome 4: Food sharing arrangements are as efficient and effective as possible **Good Progress**

(Key groups – food share providers, families on low incomes, individuals on low incomes)

Dumfries and Galloway Sustainable Food Partnership

Dumfries and Galloway Sustainable Food Partnership is a cross sector, multi stakeholder approach to co-creating a better food system in D&G.



A food system describes all the processes needed to feed a population, including growing or producing food, distribution, and getting rid of waste. It influences – and is influenced – by society, the economy, health, the environment, and political factors.

Members of the Partnership include various directorates from D&G Council, NHS Public Health, National Farmers Union Scotland, Third Sector D&G, South of Scotland Enterprise, D&G Community Food Network, Galloway and Southern Ayrshire UNESCO Biosphere, Propagate, Dumfries and Galloway College, and EAT SW Scotland.

The **4 goals** of the Sustainable Food Partnership are that:

- Everyone should have equal access to affordable, good, healthy food – regardless of social, economic or cultural factors.
- Our food should be produced in a way that is good for the environment and biodiversity, plants and animals.
- We should have a vibrant and resilient local food economy.
- People working in the food system should be respected and paid a fair wage

The Sustainable Food Partnership works across **6 Key Issues**:

Food Governance and Strategy - putting systems in place to foster a strategic and collaborative approach to good food governance and action.

Healthy Food for All - tackling food poverty, diet related ill-health and increasing access to affordable healthy food.

Catering and Procurement - transforming catering and procurement and revitalizing local and sustainable food supply chains.

Good Food Movement - building public awareness, active food citizenship and a local good food movement.

Sustainable Food Economy - creating a vibrant, prosperous and diverse sustainable food economy.

Food for the Planet - tackling the climate and nature emergency through sustainable food and farming, and an end to food waste.

The Sustainable Food Partnership was awarded the **Silver Sustainable Food Places Award** in November 2023. This national, prestigious award demonstrates a there is particularly diverse, robust, and sustainable cross-sector food partnership is in place with strategic long-term plans. These include a range of local authority policies and food access initiatives as well as effective promotion and access to sustainable and healthy food for all. Also evidenced is a diverse and connected local good food movement. Sustainable food enterprises have a significant role in our local economy, backed by local catering and procurement practices and systemic responses are addressing the negative climate and nature impacts of the local food system.

Key achievements during 2023 have been:

- **Finalised and agreed a 3-year Action Plan.** This has 25 actions covering the 6 themes:
- D&G Council have committed £145,000 towards their **Good Food Nation Act** duties, via the Economy and Resources Committee.
- We merged the Food Education Group with the **Learning for Sustainability Partnership** – bringing a more joined up and holistic approach to food education and learning.
- Supported a large number of **local food festivals** across the region, including the Glenkens Food Month and South Machars Food Festival, which in turn has helped to grow a Good Food Movement.
- Connected projects working around **food inequalities and access to food** – via the work of the Locality Home Teams and the Food Providers Networks, and also the D&G Community Food Network, enabling connections between community growing projects.
- Supported the development of the **Galloway Food Hub**, a short, local producer led but community focussed supply chain. This enables access to nature friendly local food direct from producer to consumer.
- Collaborated to support **food businesses aiming to be more sustainable** – by supporting the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere’s Proud Support and Biosphere Mark schemes.
- Grown the **SW Scotland Regenerative Farming Network** to over 200 members. This is a farmer to farmer knowledge sharing group that enables learning around sustainable and regenerative farming.
- Started conversations around **transforming public food**, with D&G Council school food team, HMP Dumfries, D&G College and other procurers of public food.

Propagate Scotland – Connecting People and Communities in the Glenkens

Funding secured through Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway allowed Propagate Scotland to connect people and communities in the Glenkens area around food. Food strengthens and grows bonds in communities, builds confidence, restores mental health and enables wellbeing. The project organised and facilitated ways for people to come together to share skills and knowledge around gardening and growing, to share produce, seeds and tools, and to share food together through a series of events and meetups connecting growers across the Glenkens, building an informal support network.



This network supported, enabled and encouraged participants to grow more food, cook and eat together, and share produce. In addition, these food connections encouraged resilience, strengthened communities and reduced social isolation. Event themes included seed and produce swaps, community meals and grower's skill shares.

The project looked to enable people to be more healthy in their own homes by providing support around growing and cooking healthy produce. Evidence shows that involvement in community food, community gardening and community health activities can contribute to better mental wellbeing, better physical wellbeing and improved confidence.

FareShare

FareShare Glasgow & The West of Scotland redistributes quality surplus food to groups working with vulnerable people in and around Glasgow and the West of Scotland.

The Tackling Poverty and Inequalities Policy Development Funding Funded FareShare Memberships for Community Groups at the cost of £39,000 from April 2022 – March 2023.



FareShare is the UK's national network of charitable food redistributors. They take surplus food from across the food industry and get it to local frontline community groups.

Minimum amounts guaranteed for our region were 91.8 Tonnes of Food to be delivered and 218,565 Meal Portions.

The total amount of food delivered by FareShare to the 19 member organisations supported in 2022/23 is as follows:

- 169 tonnes of food delivered into Dumfries and Galloway.
- 402,389 meal portions
- £603,583 value of meal portions
- 162 tonnes of CO2 saved

This volume of food delivered far exceeds the minimum amount which is guaranteed per year by FareShare and is continuing to have an incredibly positive an impact on food poverty within Dumfries and Galloway.

Fareshare and all of the organisations supported reduce food waste on a huge scale contributing to the saving of Co2. Through all of the food products and supplies which have been received in, an extra 162 tonnes of Co2 has been saved which will greatly contribute to our Dumfries and Galloway Council's Carbon's Emissions Target.

This Project continues to make a significant difference to all of the Community Food Providers supported and each and every client whose lives are enhanced through the provision of these essential supplies.

Funding

In March 2022 Dumfries and Galloway Council agreed to invest £180k of Policy Development funding to Area Committees to support the Tackling Poverty and Inequalities budgets. The Fund was promoted to interested community groups and organisations across the region by local Members, TSDG and Ward Officers. It was also publicised on our Council website and social media channels and through partner sites and communication channels, including Locality Hub members and in November 2022 the following awards were made.

Annandale and Eskdale

Name	Amount Awarded (£)
Hecklegirth Fundraisers /Parent Council	490
DG Handy Van	3,750
Newstart Recycle	3,750
Eastriggs Primary School Parent Council	2, 850
Hecklegirth Fundraisers/ Parent Council	2,193.75
Gretna Supporters Society	1,875
Black and Gold Foundation	3,750
The First Base Agency	2,500
DG Voice	2,500
Upper Eskdale Development Group	2,500
All Saints Episcopal Church	1,750
Annan Athletic Football Club	1,859.19

Nithsdale

Name	Amount Awarded (£)
Summerhill Community Centre	10,000
Apex Scotland	7,500
First Base	7,500
Dumfries YMCA	7,275
Old School Thornhill	5,625
LIFT D&G	6,840
The Hub DG (Getting Connected Project)	3,584

Dumfries Baptist Church	5,250
Inspired Community Enterprise Trust	7,500
Heathhall Community Centre	1,275
Nith Valley LEAF Trust	524
Include US	4,000
DG Voice	5,000
D&G Handyvan	5,000

Stewartry

Name	Amount Awarded (£)
Dalbeattie Community Initiative	8510
The First Base Agency	1250
Wheatley Foundation	3900
Local Initiatives in New Galloway	7500
Castle Douglas IT Centre	7500
DG Voice	5000

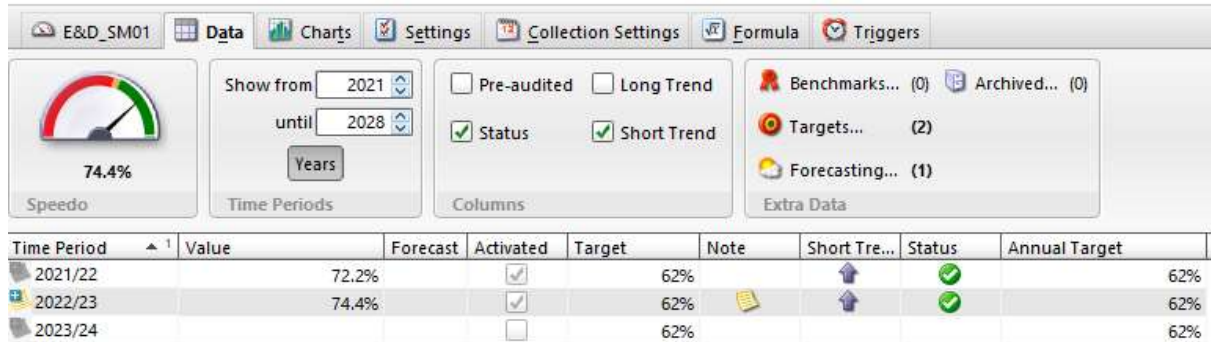
Wigtown

Name	Amount Awarded (£)
Machars Basic Food Bank	11,250
Apex Stranraer	13,500
Park Primary School	500
The Hub	3,126
The Wheatley Foundation	7,500
DG Voice	5,000
Stranraer Millennium Youth	3,911
Cairnryan Village Hall	1,940
Coronation Day Centre	4,979

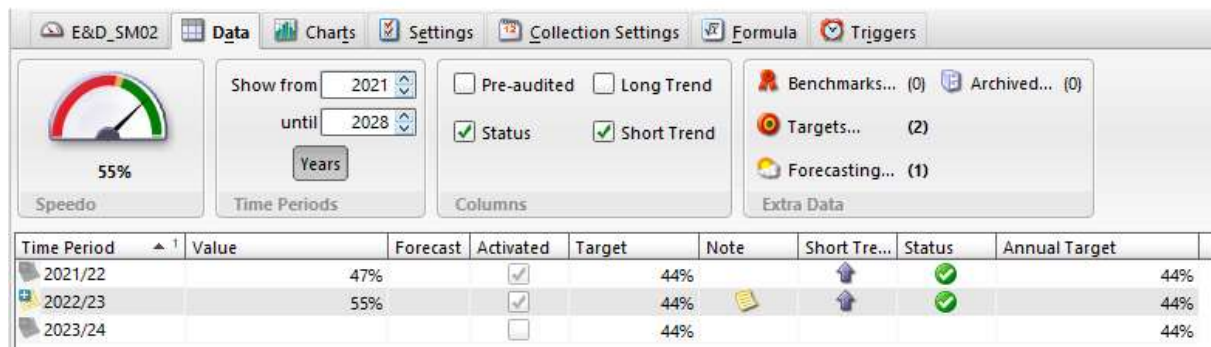
3.5 Performance measures that support the four Locality Plan Outcomes

There is a number of performance indicators and projects that contribute to more than one of the Outcomes.

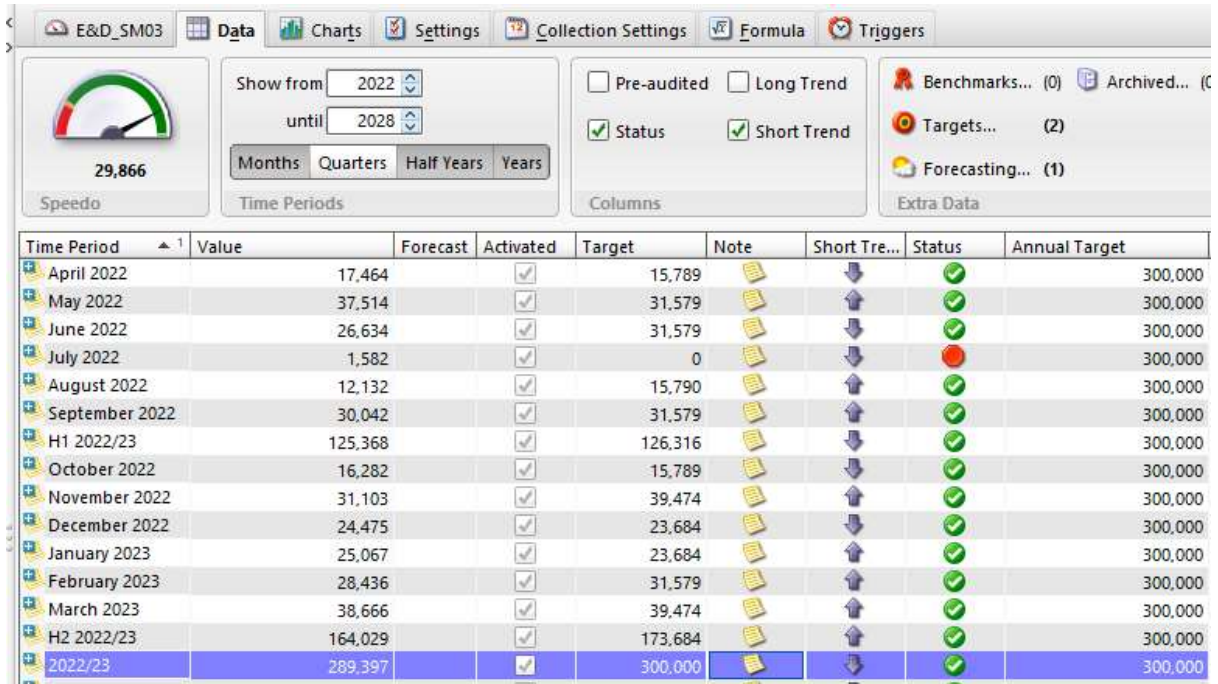
E&D_SM01 – School Meals Uptake – Primary Schools



E&D_SM02 – School Meals Uptake - Secondary Schools



E&D_SM03 — Number of Nursery Meals provided through 1140hrs settings in Local Authority and Private Nurseries that participate



4. Next steps

The activities of Community Food Providers across the region continue to move forward in a more co-ordinated way.

Through the further development of the regional and local food networks we continue to support the transition of local groups from providing emergency food aid as the primary response and to develop more dignified models which promote choice, participation and community development and support pathways out of crisis.

These locality partnerships are building in strength and are creating joint opportunities for food based projects, providing support to those most vulnerable within our communities.

Particular areas of interest continue to be:

- Consistent recording of volunteers' journeys and sharing learning and practice
- Mapping of new food providers and sharing locations
- Facilitate regular engagement between third sector providers, especially through the Community Food Providers Network
- Capturing the good practice and transferrable practice from food related projects
- Being aware of supports and signposting for wider issues such as fuel poverty supports, debt and money advice, benefits advice and housing and homelessness.

An annual update and a Mid Term Review of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan was agreed by the Board, when the first version was agreed. The Community Planning Partnership Board therefore undertook research and engagement to support the Review of this LOIP and agreed a new LOIP at its meeting on 1 September 2023.



COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – FRIDAY 1 DECEMBER 2023

ITEM 5

<p>Author: Stephen Jack – Lifelong Learning Manager</p>	<p>Responsible Senior Officer: Liz Manson, Interim Head of Community Services</p>
<p>Report Title: Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2023-2033, LOIP Action Plan and Locality Plans</p>	
<p><u>1. Situation:</u> 1.1 The report provides an update on the development of the LOIP Action Plan along with the various ongoing workstreams linked to the implementation of the new LOIP.</p>	
<p><u>2. Background:</u> 2.1 At the Community Planning Partnership Board held on 1 September 2023, Board Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved the new LOIP and agreed that this would be kept as a “live” document and updated as and when important new data and intelligence becomes available such as key messages from the Census; and • Agreed that a more detailed discussion would take place around the four Localised Data Profiles at the next CPPB meeting to be held on 1 December 2023. <p>2.2 At the Community Planning Senior Leadership Team (CPSLT) meeting held on 9 November 2023, further discussion was held in relation to the draft LOIP Action Plan and also the summary data profile overview developed through Public Health Scotland.</p>	
<p><u>3. Key issues</u> <u>LOIP Action Plan</u> 3.1 Following the September CPPB meeting and October CPSLT meeting, it was highlighted that finalising the LOIP Action Plan was the next immediate priority and that work was required in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduce the current number of proposed actions previously developed through earlier workshops; • ensure that actions are more focused and specific; • Identify a lead partner for each action and that these should be measurable and timebound. <p>3.2 A small working group met in advance of the November CPSLT to re-visit the initial draft action plan and scope out some revised proposed, focused actions, and this took place on Friday 13 October involving representation from the Council, NHS and TSDG.</p> <p>3.3 Our Community Planning model identifies 12 key partnership Plans/Strategies which contribute to the LOIP, each with a detailed Delivery/Action Plan and this is where the majority of Community Planning activity takes place on a day to day basis. To help support the ongoing analysis work an initial mapping has been undertaken around the key Plans/Strategies which contribute to our Community Planning model and how these link with the new LOIP Outcomes and this is attached in Appendix 1.</p>	

3.4 Following further discussions at the November CPSLT meeting it was felt that a key action needs to be mapping out the individual actions contained within the associated delivery plans to bring closer cohesion across these Plans, ensure there are no areas of duplication and support lead Officers in partner organisations to identify any critical gaps. This would also give assurance that resources are being aligned to the priority critical activities. In addition to this and on reflecting on outcomes from workshops and recent discussions with partners, the CPSLT believe that the focus for the first LOIP Action Plan should be:

1. Community Wealth Building (CWB) including Climate Change
2. Securing a sustainable Community Transport model for D&G
3. Supporting the implementation of the key actions in the Digital Exclusion research
4. Supporting actions to address the top 5 issues in the 10,000 voices Report (particularly the no.1 issue in relation to smoking/vaping)
5. Embedding locality planning
6. Undertaking a detailed assessment of delivery Plans

3.5 Community Wealth Building and Community Planning Partnerships

3.5.1 A particular recent issue for the CPP is the development of Community Wealth Building, and partners on the Board are all developing their respective approaches. The findings from the Scottish Parliament post-legislative scrutiny of Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 identified that there is a clear role for CPPs in CWB.

3.5.2 Some of the key opportunities identified for CPPs in relation to CWB were identified as

- Developing a shared understanding of Community Wealth Building and what the partnership possibilities are;
- Mapping what is already being delivered by partners which can be the foundation for CWB locally;
- Reflecting CWB in LOIPs;
- Exploring opportunities for collaboration around joint processes for procurement, asset management and targeting recruitment;
- Exploring opportunities to work better with CPP partners to manage all the estates collectively/in partnership, and engagement with communities;
- Partners working with FE/HE to influence courses on offer to meet demand in partner organisations;
- Supporting local co-operatives and social enterprises through procurement and asset transfer.

3.5.3 There has been a keen interest from the Board in developing a CWB approach which dovetails with existing work ongoing in relation to strengthening the role of Anchor Organisations. Initial discussions have already been held with the Council's Head of Economy & Development and SoSE's Strategy Manager for Community Wealth Building to ensure avoidance of duplication.

3.5.4 Through the current support being provided to Dumfries & Galloway by Public Health Scotland as part of the national Pathfinder Pilot, national resource is already available to help support work linked to CWB, Anchor Organisations, Community

Transport and Locality Planning which would be helpful in terms of some of the areas being proposed for the LOIP Action Plan.

3.5.5 It should be emphasised that this is still “work in progress” and it is acknowledged that some work still needs to be done on confirming the most appropriate lead partner and that this will have to be taken through respective CP Partners’ decision making processes and structures for approval when finalised. The draft LOIP Action Plan is attached in **Appendix 2** for consideration.

3.6 Census

3.6.1 Some key information stemming from the most recent Census in relation to Population profiles for Dumfries & Galloway has also just been released and is attached at **Appendix 3** for interest. This emphasises the projected concerning picture in relation to an increase in those aged 65+ and a decrease in our future working age population. It has been agreed to pick up with the Employability, Skills and Partnerships Manager what key initiatives are currently in progress or may require additional support to help address the future issues surrounding our working age population.

3.7 Locality Plan(s) and data profiles

3.7 As previously reported, four Locality data profiles have been produced through Public Health Scotland (PHS) and this information has been utilised to inform our Locality Planning approach. A fifth profile covering the Stewartry area has also been completed within the last few weeks. These profiles contain an in-depth range of detailed statistical information informed through national and localised data sets. To assist with ease of understanding, PHS are producing short summary infographic type overviews to help identify, at a glance, the key issues for each of the localities identified. It was also suggested at the November PHS-NHS Localised Working Group that short supporting videos could be developed to further enhance the key messages stemming from these profiles. A summary overview for the Mid and Upper Nithsdale area is attached in **Appendices 4A** and **4B** where two different styles are presented for consideration. Thereafter, all profile information will be available on the Community Planning website.

3.8 Following the October CPSLT meeting, further discussions have taken place to firm up our proposed way forward regarding an initial pilot approach to work with an identified community as part of our Locality Plan approach and with Upper Nithsdale emerging as the preferred option to take forward this work. This would see CP Partner resources in this area being aligned to work with the community around addressing the 12 new Outcomes identified in the LOIP on a Localised basis. Further consideration and discussion is required, however we would plan to firm this up by the end of the year.

Community Planning Stakeholder Group

3.9 The long-standing Stakeholder Group, which mainly operated as an e-network, was refreshed in its membership earlier in the year. A further opportunity arose at the October CPSLT meeting when considering the annual report on the Equality & Diversity Working Group (EDWG) to invite those who make up the representatives from Diversity Groups to also join the CP Stakeholder Group which would significantly strengthen this group going forward. This proposal will be considered at the next EDWG to be held on 5 Dec.

Locality Hubs

3.10 A workshop for all members of the four Locality Hubs was held on 13 September 2023 with a view to:

- Affirming the role of Locality Hubs in the Community Planning Partnership
- Developing a set of agreed values that underpin all of the Locality Hubs activities
- Discussing how the Locality Hubs monitor and report their impact

3.11 The facilitated session allowed for open and honest debate and discussion with some real energy, creativity and enthusiasm in the room. A draft value statement action plan has been prepared and a follow up session was due to be held on 2 November but had to be postponed due to competing operational pressures facing a number of attendees. This will help set the renewed foundations for Locality Hubs as part of the refreshed model for Community Planning and a verbal update following the 2 November session will be provided at this meeting. This session will be rearranged for late 2023/early 2024.

LOIP and next steps

3.12 The minor final amends have now been made to the data and intelligence section of the new LOIP and the document is now ready for formal publication. We would Plan to do this alongside the launch of the five new Localised Data Profiles. It was agreed at the September CPPB meeting that a Communications Plan would be produced and this is attached in **Appendix 5** for consideration.

4. Recommendation:

The CPPB are requested to:

4.1 **Consider** and **approve** the draft LOIP Action Plan as outlined in paras 3.1-3.5 and as detailed in **Appendix 2** subject to Partners' agreeing their respective commitment through their own decision-making processes;

4.2 **Consider** some of the key initial messages from the Census as detailed in **Appendix 3**;

4.3 **Consider** the summary profiles for Mid and Upper Nithsdale as detailed in **Appendix 4**; and

4.4 **Approve** the Communications Plan as attached in **Appendix 5**.

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Lifelong Learning Manager
 23 October 2023

Appendices (5)

Appendix 1 - LOIP Outcomes Mapping

Appendix 2 - Draft LOIP Action Plan

Appendix 3 - Census information on population

Appendix 4A+B – Mid and Upper Nithsdale summary profiles
Appendix 5 - Draft Communications Plan

Item 5 Appendix 1

	HWB1	HWB2	HWB3	HWB4	WO1	WO2	WO3	WO4	WWL1	WWL2	WWL3	WWL4
Children's Services Plan	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓						
Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan		✓	✓				✓					
CLD Partners' Strategic Plan	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓		✓	
Employability & Skills Plan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Health & Social Care Strategic Plan		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		✓		✓	
Local Development Plan 2		✓						✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Local Housing Strategy	✓	✓	✓	✓							✓	✓
Poverty & Inequalities Strategy	✓	✓	✓	✓			✓					
Regional Transport Strategy			✓			✓				✓	✓	
South of Scotland		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Economic Strategy												
Alcohol & Drugs Strategy	☑	☑	☑	☑			☑					
D&G Cultural Strategy			☑		☑	☑	☑	☑			☑	

HWB 1	Help mitigate the impacts of the Cost of Living for those who are affected most
HWB 2	Reduce health inequalities in the areas of our region which experience the greatest negative impacts
HWB 3	Improve the health & wellbeing of our citizens through targeted approaches
HWB 4	Work together as partners to eliminate child poverty
WO1	Grow and maximise the potential of the working age population to help increase employability
WO2	Address the skills and recruitment gaps in key sector specific posts to increase capacity, capabilities and ease workforce pressures
WO3	Increase volunteering opportunities to help develop skills, build capacity and support progression into local employability
WO4	Work with our local communities to develop an inclusive, thriving economy and to promote Fair Work
WWL1	Capitalise on opportunities to collaborate digitally and eliminate digital exclusion for those who wish to engage digitally
WWL2	Improve transport connectivity across our region to increase opportunities to access employment, education and leisure, particularly in our most rural areas
WWL3	Work with our communities to help reduce Carbon Emissions and positively combat Climate Change through education, behavioural change and supporting initiatives which will make a positive difference
WWL4	Develop high quality, affordable homes to help meet identified demand and improve the quality of lives of our communities

DRAFT LOIP ACTION PLAN

Action	Outputs	Outcome Measures	Milestones	Possible Lead CP Partner(S) - TBC	Est. Timescales
<p>1.0 Develop a co-ordinated approach to Community Wealth Building (CWB) across D&G Community Planning Partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Build on initial work undertaken through SoSE and DGC to map the full range and number of activities ongoing across the region which contributes to CWB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a co-ordinated approach to Community Wealth Building The CPP has an improved awareness and understanding of the range of work that is contributing to CWB and how this is impacting on our communities and outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Confirm existing work undertaken Mapping work completed with partners Detailed overview prepared, broken down into geographical areas Examples of best practice highlighted and shared Existing impact on communities assessed 	<p>SoSE/ DGC</p>	<p>(S) 1 Year</p>
<p>Maximise the role that Anchor Organisations can play through their respective contributions to key CWB activities:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake a self-assessment against the PHS framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Partners have completed a self-assessment against the PHS framework and which has helped ensure CP Partners have a greater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All CP Partners familiarise with the framework PHS engaged for support Sharing of outcomes takes 	<p>NHS</p>	<p>(S) 1 year-18 months</p>

<p>Public Health Scotland's Progression Framework for Anchor Organisations Areas covered by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employer - Procurement - Environment, Sustainability and assets - Service design and delivery - Becoming an exemplar anchor organisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work/ Employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CP Partners are providing an increased number of work placements/ volunteering opportunities and are assisting those 	<p>understanding of their role as an Anchor Organisation through shared learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CP Partners have secured an increase in the number of people benefitting from placements/volunteering and securing employment to help fill identified 	<p>place across partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement actions agreed and implemented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline of current position established • Identify where opportunities can be increased/ expanded • Liaise with relevant partners 	<p>DGC</p>	<p>(S) 2 Years</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate/ Environment 	<p>identified as target groups through the LEP to gain meaningful employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake an exercise to confirm each CP Partners' annual carbon emissions to help establish a baseline for comparison/ benchmarking purposes Investigate funding to support cross partner Carbon Literacy training 	<p>workforce gaps and grow our working age population.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CP Partners have a clearer understanding of their carbon footprint and are evidencing annual reductions in their CO2 output which is positively contributing to the environment At least one cross partner training cohort has been secured and which has helped increase capacity and awareness 	<p>to help support those identified as falling within the target groups to secure work</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish an initial baseline across CP Partners Capture examples of best practice which are making a positive difference and share across Partners Funding identified Initial cohort confirmed Training facilitated Learning shared 	<p>SoSE/ DGC</p>	<p>(S) 1 year</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify opportunities across CP Partners to co-locate/share office space/release assets for Community purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least one joint opportunity has been identified and which is leading to efficiencies being achieved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scoping of potential option/s with partners SLWG formed to explore feasibility/progress realistic option(s) 		<p>(S) 1 year</p>
<p>2. Secure a D&G Community Transport model for the future</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A range of different models and options have been considered as part of a scoping exercise All key CP Partners have been engaged in discussing and agreeing on the future model including confirmation of funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A more sustainable and efficient model for Community Transport is in place which meets the needs of our communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case presented to partners Funding secured from partners to support a dedicated resource SWOT analysis of existing Community Transport provision Assess viability of potential solutions Consider legal position in terms of developing a Social Enterprise 	<p>TSDG/DGC/SoSE/NHS</p>	<p>(M) 3 years</p>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Business Plan • Secure further funding to support the initial establishment of a Social Enterprise 		
<p>3. Implement the findings from the TSDG Digital Exclusion research and accompanying CP Partner Digital Action Plan</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each key action has been taken forward by the identified lead officer in conjunction with partners with a progress/evidence report being produced. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The digital exclusion research has informed individual CP Partners' Service design, which in turn is leading to reduced digital isolation for those who wish to engage digitally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-form SLWG • Assess initial progress already made • Consider work on-going through CP Partner Boards • Identify the priority areas to take forward • Assess and monitor impact 	<p>TSDG* *Consideration needs to be given in relation to Council, NHS & College Digital Boards</p>	<p>(S) 1 year – 18 months</p>
<p>4. Support the top issues from 10,000 voices findings - Deliver across the region a targeted Tobacco and Vaping training programme to all partners involved in early intervention, care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the correct partners are represented in the training and have been given the opportunity to understand and discuss the following key components of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Effective partnerships built around the need to address the concerns of young people expressed in 10,000 Voices Consultation • Young peoples' representation and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure involvement of all key partners • Develop the training programme ensuring engagement and involvement from young people 	<p>NHS</p>	<p>(S/M) TBC</p>

<p>and protection of children and young people in Dumfries and Galloway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ensure engagement of young people and developmental opportunities for young people to participate in the roll out of the training 	<p>the training and how it relates to their work with children and young people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smoking • Pharmacological Dependence • Behavioural Dependence • Second-Hand Smoke • Inequalities and Smoking • Smoking and Pregnancy • Smoking and Mental Health • Smoking and MH medications • Vaping • Vaping and young people • Nicotine Addiction • Very Brief Advice • Quit Your Way Service Information 	<p>participation in tobacco and vaping programme developments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased profile of the risks associated with tobacco and vaping with all partners involved • Increase in the commitment to create smoke and vape free spaces where children spend time • Reduction in prevalence of vaping in Children and Young People • Continued reduction in prevalence of smoking in Children & Young People 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a schedule to roll out the programme • Assess impact of the training • Assess impacts on young people 		
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<p>5. Implement our Locality Plan approach through an initial test of change within an identified community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new approach to the statutory requirement for Locality Plan(s) has been piloted in one area and which takes into account: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Place Plans - Localised data Profiles - Discussions and agreement with key stakeholders and local communities - Involvement of Locality Hubs - Alignment to LOIP new Outcomes • Localised performance targets and measures have been developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Localised CP Partner resources are working in a more efficient and effective way leading to increased impact on our communities • Initial progress/improvement is being evidenced against a minimum of 2 LOIP outcome areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community identified to undertake a pilot • Mapping of local resources completed • Assessment of key local issues and Localised data profile • Work with community to understand strengths/weaknesses against LOIP Outcomes • Identify a test of change that would look address a small number of key areas in the local community • Formalised Plan developed and agreed 	<p>NHS/ DGC</p> <p>Place Planning Partnership</p>	<p>(S) 1 year – 18 months</p>
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<p>6. Undertake an assessment of the delivery plans of the key plans/strategies which contribute to the LOIP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An assessment has been undertaken to help identify any overlap, gaps and immediate priorities • The range of performance information already being captured is fully understood and mapped back to the 12 LOIP outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CPSLT has a clearer understanding of the range of multi-agency work being delivered and any gaps/critical issues which require escalation/focused attention. • There is better co-ordination across the 12 key Plans and Strategies and their performance reporting is improved • There is a clear performance framework in place to support LOIP reporting which demonstrates reporting and impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of delivery plan actions contributing to the Community Planning model • Assessment of performance data already being captured • Identify any collective gaps for elevating to the board • Develop a refreshed performance framework with a focus on evidencing impact/monitoring progress 	<p>DGC</p>	<p>(S) 3 months</p>
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APPENDIX 3

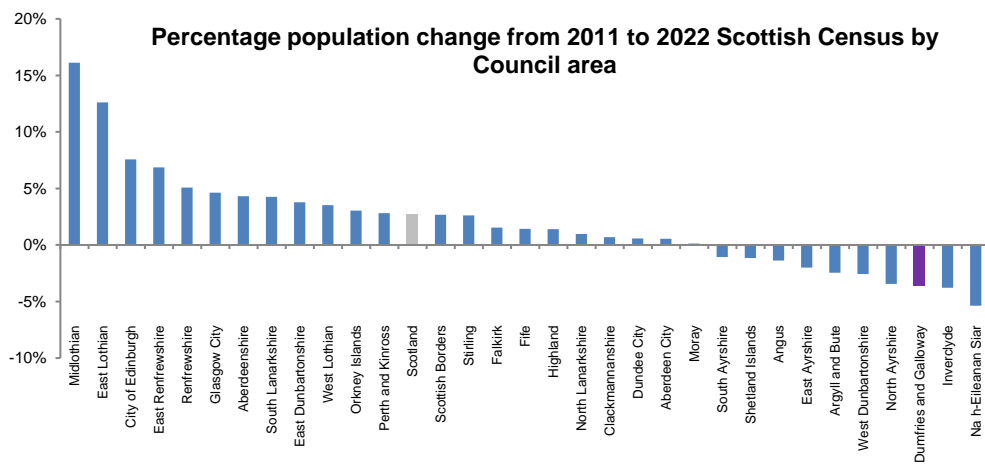
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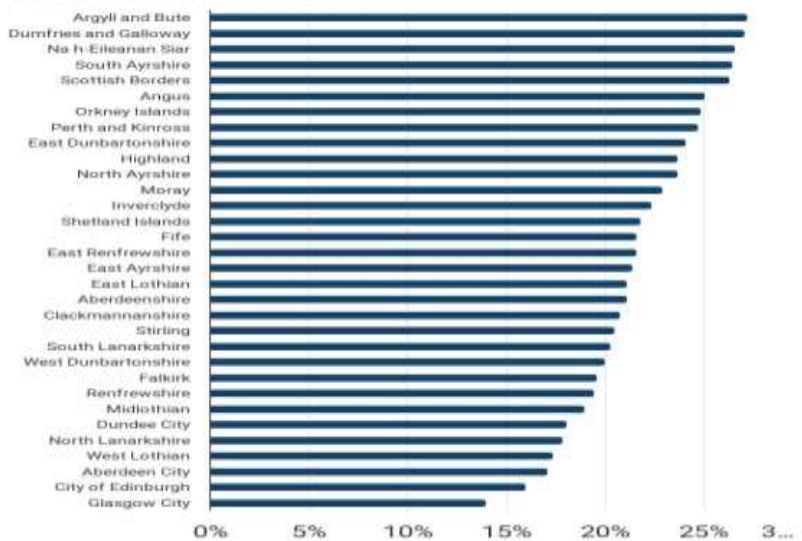
Measure	Rank out of 32 Council areas
Population change since 2011 Census	30th
Proportion of population aged 65 and over	2nd
Proportion of population aged 15-64 years old	32nd
Proportion of population aged 0-14 years old	28th
Population density	27th

- Results from the 2022 Scottish Census show that Dumfries and Galloway has a population of 145,900 people. Dumfries and Galloway had the 3rd lowest population change since the 2011 Census (4% decrease) when compared to other 31 Council areas. Compared to Scotland which had a population increase of 3% and Scottish Borders, who we regularly compare against, which had a 3% increase.



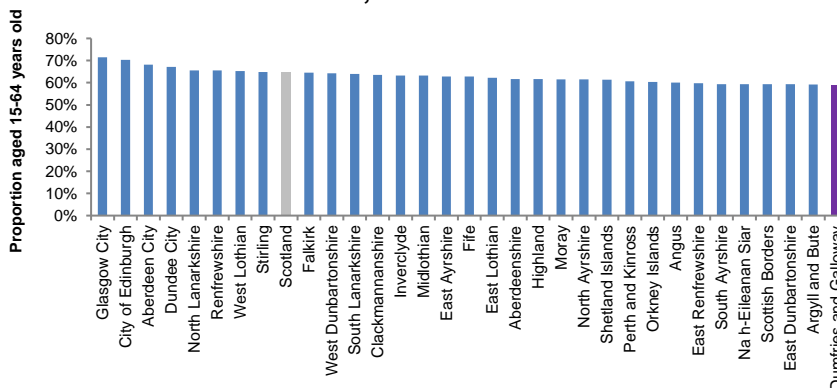
- Dumfries and Galloway’s proportion of population aged 65 and over is 27.1% (39,539 people), this is the 2nd highest population aged 65 and over out of all the 32 Council areas. It is 7% higher compared with Scotland and is 2nd to the Argyll and Bute Council area. Compared to Scottish Borders, Dumfries and Galloway are 0.8% higher in population aged 65 and over.

Figure 5: The percentage in older age groups varies across council areas
 The 65 and over age group as a proportion of the population, 2022, council areas in Scotland



- Dumfries and Galloway also has the 5th lowest proportion of population aged 0-14 years old, 14.1% (20,572 people). This is 0.8% lower compared with Scotland and 0.3% lower than Scottish Borders.
- Dumfries and Galloway is the lowest in terms of proportion of population aged 15-64 years old with 58.7% (85,643 people). This is 5.9% lower than Scotland and 0.6% lower than Scottish Borders.

Proportion of population aged 15-64 years old by Council area; Scottish Census 2022

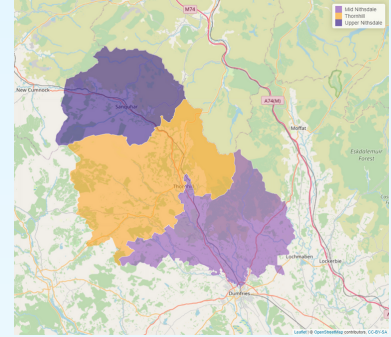


- Since the 2011 Census the population of Dumfries and Galloway;
 - aged 65 and over has increased by 20%
 - aged 15-64 years old has decreased by 10%
 - aged 0-14 years old has decreased by 12%

- The number of households with at least 1 person in Dumfries and Galloway increased by 2,620 in the 2022 Census (67,980 households in 2011, 70,600 households in 2022)
- The population density of Dumfries and Galloway in the 2022 Census was 22.7 number of usual residents per square kilometre. This is approximately a third of Scotland's 69.8 number of usual residents per square kilometre.
- Previous mid year population estimates for 2021 estimated that the population of Dumfries and Galloway was 148,790 people. This was 3,070 more people than recorded in the 2022 Census (145,900). There is always an expected discrepancy between the estimates and latest Census results.

Mid and Upper Nithsdale Locality Profile

Locality encompassing zones of:
Mid Nithsdale, Thornhill and Upper Nithsdale
2021 Population estimate: **13,000**



45%

of residents of Upper Nithsdale live in the 20% most deprived areas of Scotland (SIMD 2021)

47%

Babies in Mid Nithsdale exclusively breastfed at 6-8 weeks *+ (2019/20 - 2021/22)

80.8

life expectancy for males in Mid Nithsdale *+ (2017-2021)

89%

of children in Primary 7 in Mid Nithsdale with Good Dental Health *+ (2019/20)

22%

of residents of Upper Nithsdale in receipt of out of work benefits (2021)

53%

of children in Primary 7 in Upper Nithsdale with Good Dental Health *- (2019/20)

36%

of residents of Upper Nithsdale live within 500m of a derelict site (2021) *+

485

COPD Hospitalisations per 100,000 in Upper Nithsdale (2019/20 - 2021/22) *+

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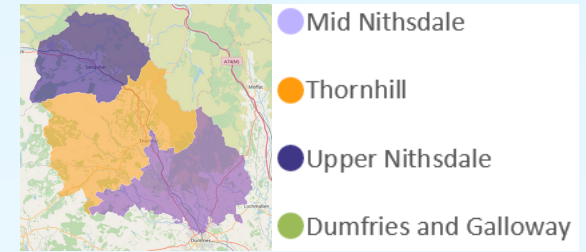
Statistically significant compared to Dumfries and Galloway

To access more resources relating to Nithsdale, go to:

www.URL.com

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These indicators are a selection taken from a detailed profile of the Mid and Upper Nithsdale area.
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45%

of Upper Nithsdale live in relative deprivation (SIMD 2021)



47%

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Life Expectancy (2017-2021)



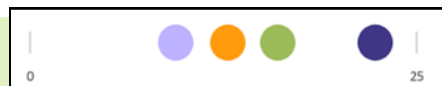
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Primary 7 Children Good Dental Health in Mid Nithsdale (2019/20)



22%

Unemployment in Upper Nithsdale (2021)



485

COPD Hospitalisations per 100,000 in Upper Nithsdale (2019/20 - 2021/22) *+



36%

of Upper Nithsdale live near derelict sites (2021) *+



* +/-

LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN – DRAFT COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

REF	ACTION	WHO	WHEN
1.	Update the Community Planning Partnership website to promote agreed new LOIP and provide public access to the five new Localised data Profiles	Lifelong Learning Manager (LLM)	December 2023
2.	Arrange Social Media launch/press release utilising a variety of different platforms/partner social media pages in liaison with the Co-Chairs	LLM	December 2023/January 2024
3.	Individual partners to endorse the LOIP through their own respective governance arrangements as appropriate	CP Partners	December 2023-March 2024
4.	Include a feature in Community Newsletter/Partner newsletters		January/February 2024
5.	Utilise existing e-contact mailing lists through the existing CP Partnerships to help reach a wide audience including Community Councils	LLM/CP Partners	January/February 2024
6.	Discussions with representational groups/ those with lived experience	LLM/CP Partners	January – March 2024
7.	Develop “easy read” version and accompanying BSL video translation	LLM/CP Partners	March 2024
8.	Discussion with key groups such as Poverty & Inequalities Partnership, D&G Youth Council, etc, to help ensure understanding/awareness	LLM/CP Partners	January – March 2024
9.	Offer presentations to CP Partner Management Teams	LLM/CP Partners	January – March 2024
10.	Develop a CP newsletter	LLM/CP Partners	March/April 2024



COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 1 December 2023

ITEM 6

<p>Author: Stephen Jack, Lifelong Learning Manager</p> <p>Norma Austin-Hart, CEO Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway</p>	<p>Responsible Senior Officer: Liz Manson, Community Planning & Engagement Manager</p>
<p>Report title: Alignment of Strategic funding streams which could contribute to the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2023-2033</p>	
<p><u>1. Situation:</u> 1.1 This report outlines the main external funding streams which are currently available/in-progress and which could align closely to support the delivery of the new LOIP.</p>	
<p><u>2. Background:</u> 2.1 As part of the development of the LOIP, Community Planning Partners previously requested an overview and update on the current external strategic funds available within Dumfries & Galloway with a view to identifying potential opportunities to strengthen impact against our new LOIP.</p>	
<p><u>3. Key Issues</u> 3.1 As part of a scoping exercise, a range of external funding streams have been considered as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dumfries & Galloway Coastal Benefit Fund • No One Left Behind • UK Shared Prosperity Fund • Regionwide Community Benefit Fund <p>A summary of progress/successful applications approved through these funding streams to date and how they potentially fit and map against the new LOIP Outcomes is detailed in the Appendix.</p> <p>3.2 Additional funding streams which are currently inviting applications at the moment or where they have recently closed include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Led Local Development Fund (administered through Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway) • Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund for Adults Round 3 (administered through Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway) • Local Place Plan Grants Scheme (allocation from UK Prosperity Fund) <p>3.3 Additional information and criteria in relation to these funds is also included at the end of the Appendix for interest.</p>	

3.4 Evidencing the impact of some of these funding awards on our communities could be captured to help support and strengthen the annual reporting requirements for the LOIP.

Next steps

3.5 Through the CPSLT there is interest in continuing the mapping of relevant funding streams including:

- Whole Family Well Being fund
- Widening consideration of those funding streams available through the Shared Prosperity Fund
- Summer of Play
- What is available through SoSE

4. Recommendation:

The CPPB is invited to:

4.1 **Note** the main external funding streams available from the scoping work undertaken to date, the awards made and how these potentially align with our new LOIP Outcomes as detailed at 3.1;

4.2 **Note** and **consider** the further opportunities currently available at 3.2; and

4.3 **Consider** extending the scoping to cover the areas outlined at 3.5.

9.10.2023

Appendix (1) – Summary of funding awards

Stephen Jack – Lifelong Learning Manager

APPENDIX

Dumfries and Galloway Coastal Benefit Fund		
(Funding available: £762,342.24)		
Summary of criteria/purpose:		
<p>FUND OBJECTIVE The Dumfries and Galloway Coastal Benefit Fund has been established to invest funds from the region's annual allocation of net revenue from Scottish Crown Estate marine assets out to 12 nautical miles, to deliver direct benefit to coastal communities across Dumfries and Galloway.</p> <p>CRITERIA All applications must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be for new/added value projects which demonstrate tangible benefits for coastal communities. • evidence support from coastal communities for the project at time of application. (eg letters of support, community consultation etc). • demonstrate its contribution to the Themes from the Council Plan 2023-2028. • demonstrate its contribution to supporting the 'blue economy' through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Environmental enhancement o Emissions reduction or removal of waste o Jobs o Tourism o Skills development o Diversification projects o Investment for community purpose o Climate change adaptation <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Sector organisations are required to demonstrate that the project/activity is in addition to its statutory duties and is not filling any funding gap/pressure. <p>ELIGIBILITY Applications must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • detail the full eligible project costs which can include capital and/or revenue costs. • be for projects that will be delivered and use the funding award by 31 March 2024. • directly benefit coastal communities. • be submitted by the organisation which will incur the expenditure and be responsible for project delivery. No third-party applications can be accepted. 		
Current Position/Progress:	Award amount:	Links to LOIP
15 projects were funded at the Communities Committee on 6 June 2023:		
-Top o the Toon – the other Whithorn (Whithorn Trust) - £77,760	£77,760	WO2 WO4
Isle of Whithorn Community Boatshed (Wigtown Bay Coastal Rowing Club)	£80,000	HWB2 WO4
New Abbey Playpark (New Abbey Play Park Group)	£19,357.63	HWB2 WO4
Stranraer Water Sports Activity Programme – Supporting Get Wet (Stranraer Water Sports Association)	£25,020.00	HWB2 WO4
Powfoot Beach Access Path (Cummertrees & Cummertrees West Community Council)	£9,907.20	HWB2 WO4
Stranraer Oyster Festival (Stranraer Development Trust)	£50,000	WO2 WO4

South West Scotland Coastal Way (Southern Uplands Partnership)	£35,893.82	HWB2 WO4
Major capital equipment replacement and 10 year refit (Nith Inshore Rescue)	£76,555.00	WO2 WO4
Gatehouse Primary School MUGA (Gatehouse Development Initiative)	£80,000.00	HWB2 WO4
Gatehouse of Fleet Affordable Community Homes (Gatehouse Development Initiative)	£35,546.00	WO4
Dunragit Community Hub (Old Luce Development Trust)	£80,000.00	WO4
Annan Harbour Regeneration – Advancement and Development (Annan Harbour Action Group)	£24,794.00	WO2 WO4
Community Mobile Trailer Stage (Driftwood Cinema)	£12,508.59	WO4
Whithorn Playpark Development (DGC Community Assets)	£75,000.00	HWB2 WO4
Boyach Playpark Isle of Whithorn upgrade - Phase 1 (DGC Community Assets)	£80,000.00	HWB2 WO4
TOTAL	£762,342.24	

No One Left Behind		
Funding available: £2,152,000 (£825,000 for 16-67 support; £1,327,000 for parental employability)		
Summary of criteria/purpose:		
<p>FUND OBJECTIVE</p> <p>Employability funding plays an essential role in delivering the Scottish Government's aims of tackling poverty, promoting inclusion and social justice and creating a fair and prosperous Scotland. It is a key component of the National Strategy for Economic Transformation (NSET), contributing to delivering the vision for a strong economy where good, secure and well-paid jobs and growing businesses have driven a significant reduction in poverty and, in particular, child poverty.</p> <p>No One Left Behind is Scottish and Local Governments partnership approach to transforming employment support in Scotland. It has a crucial role in achieving the vision for economic transformation and tackling child poverty; and aims to deliver a system that is more tailored and responsive to the needs of people of all ages who want help and support on their journey towards, into and in work - particularly people with health conditions, disabled people and others who are disadvantaged in the labour market.</p> <p>CRITERIA</p> <p>The main objectives/expected outcomes of the funding are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reduce levels of child poverty by supporting parents from the priority family groups to increase their income from employment. • To reduce inequality in the labour market by supporting those further from the labour market to increase their income from employment. • To maximise the role that employability plays in delivering national and local aims of tackling poverty, promoting inclusion and social justice, and creating a fair and prosperous Scotland. <p>ELIGIBILITY</p> <p>Eligible costs may include only activities designed and delivered to support progression towards, into and to sustain employment, and for parents from the priority family groups to increase income in-work.</p> <p><i>A detailed breakdown of eligible costs associated to the funding is available.</i></p>		
Current Position/Progress:	Award amount (£)	Links to LOIP
Programme Management costs to deliver LEP interventions	260,000	WO3
Employability Manager within Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway	40,000	WO3 WO4
Employer Recruitment Incentives	240,000	WO3
Moving into work support for clients	17,500	WO3 WO2
Support for Project Search programme	5,000	WO3 WO2 HWB2

HGV Training for clients	40,000	WO3 WO2
Employability training and capacity building within the third sector	30,000	WO3 WO2 WO4
Awareness raising and capacity building with employers	10,000	WO3
Employability Training courses	140,000	WO3 WO2
Support for Disabled individuals	80,000	WO3 WO2 HWB2
Six month paid placements (ILM)	200,000	WO3 WO2 HWB1
Partner Key Workers	70,000	WO3
Client Driving Lessons	30,000	WO3 WO2
Closing the Disability Gap research	18,000	WO3 WO2 HWB2
Ex-Offender Programme	3,000	WO3
Pilot for neurodivergent young people	3,000	WO3 WO2 HWB2
Care Experienced Young People Pilot	5,000	WO3 WO2
Early Engagement and Intervention Workers	123,000	WO3 WO2 HWB2 HWB1
20-minute neighbourhood – place-based service design and innovation fund. (NPF4 Policy 15)	125,000	WO3 WO2 HWB2 HWB1 WO4
Employer Led Sector Training Fund	240,000	WO3 WO2

Better off In Work Calculations	18,000	HWB1
Parental Enterprise (Business Gateway)	47,500	WO3 WO2

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

Funding available:

Allocation 2023/2024* (£)		Indicative allocation 2024/2025 (£)	
UKSPF Core	Multiply	UKSPF Core	Multiply
£2,394,386	£408,134	£3,564,370	£408,134

*Includes underspend from 2022/23

Summary of criteria/purpose:

FUND OBJECTIVE

The overarching aim of the fund is to “build pride in place and increase life chances” across the UK which aligns with the Levelling Up White Paper missions. Under this aim are three investment priorities: communities and place; supporting local business; and people and skills.

- **Communities & Place** – Investment in activities to improve physical, cultural and social ties and access to amenities, for example, community infrastructure and community-led projects. Investment in targeted improvements to the built and natural environment to support the building of resilient, healthy and safe neighbourhoods.
- **Supporting Local Businesses** – Investment in the creation of jobs and boosting community cohesion, through investments that build on existing industries and institutions, and range from support for starting businesses to visible improvements to local retail, hospitality and leisure sector facilities. Promoting networking and collaboration. Increasing private sector investment in growth-enhancing activities.
- **People & Skills** – Investment in boosting core skills and support adults with no or low level qualifications to progress in work. Reducing levels of economic inactivity through investment in employment support tailored to local need. Supporting people furthest from the labour market to overcome barriers to work.
- **Multiply** – This element of UKSPF funding is ringfenced by the UK Government and is to be used to help transform the lives of adults across the UK, by improving their functional numeracy skills through free personal tutoring, digital training, and flexible courses. Multiply provision should complement but not duplicate existing provision.

CRITERIA

Projects under this fund must fit with the strategic objectives of the UKSPF and the Regional Economic Strategy. Funding is distributed through the Local Employability Partnership and Place Planning Partnership.

ELIGIBILITY

Current Position/Progress:	Award amount:	Links to LOIP
Borderlands Place Programme and Local Place Plans Grant Funding	£177,000.00	WO4
Climate Resilience Support	£134,800.00	WO4
AIMS	£540,000.00	WO3 WO4

25+ Condition Management	£70,000.00	WO3 HWB2 WO4
Place regeneration and improvement capital grants	£422,400.00	WO4
Support/improve Community Assets & Infrastructure projects	£180,000.00	WO4
Capacity Building	£48,000.00	WO4

Regionwide Community Benefit Fund		
Funding available: £100,946.25		
Summary of criteria/purpose:		
An annual source of small grant funding (up to £5k) open to constituted community benefit groups working anywhere in D&G.		
Current Position/Progress:	Award amount:	Links to LOIP
33 Projects have been offered funding in the latest round (decisions by Fund Management Committee 30 May 20223). Successful applicants are:		
Portpatrick Community Development Trust	£4,000.00	HWB 3
Moniaive Initiative	£3,750.00	WWL2
Nith Valley LEAF Trust	£4,000.00	WWL2
Kirkconnell and Kelloholm Development Trust	£3,750.00	WWL2
KPT Development Trust	£3,750.00	WWL2
The Royal Burgh of Lochmaben & District Community Council	£3,750.00	HWB 3
The Pamela Young Trust (PYT)	£3,750.00	WWL4
Building Futures Galloway	£3,750.00	WO1
All roads lead to Whithorn	£3,750.00	WWL4
Food Train Limited	£3,750.00	HWB 1
Creation Mill	£3,750.00	WO4
Knockengoroch Festival	£3,750.00	WO3
Dumfries & Galloway Hard of Hearing Group	£3,000.00	HWB 2
Whithorn PlayPark Projects	£3,750.00	HWB 3
Auchencairn Initiative	£900.00	WO4
The Stove Network	£3,300.00	HWB 3
Cree Valley Development Trust Limited	£3,598.20	WO4
Balmaclellan Village Hall Trust	£2,849.25	HWB 2
Happy Hooves Sanquhar CIC	£3,750.00	HWB 2
Inter Galloway AFC & community youth hubs	£3,750.00	HWB 4
New Abbey Playpark Project	£3,750.00	HWB 3
Upland Arts Development CIC	£3,703.50	WO4
Dumfries Partnership Action Group (DPAG)	£3,750.00	WO4
Young Enterprise Scotland	£1,275.00	WO1
Kirkmaiden Community Harbour Trust	£3,375.00	WO4
Kirkcudbright Development Trust	£1,500.00	HWB 4
Sanquhar Enterprise Company	£3,750.00	WWL4
Glenkens Community and Arts Trust	£1,500.00	HWB 4
Kirkcudbright Summer Festivities	£3,225.00	WO4
Ae Bike Association	£375.00	HWB 3
Southern Uplands Partnership	£992.25	WWL2
Glenkens Community and Arts Trust	£2,025.00	WO4
Moffat Water Hall	£1,328.05	HWB 3

Community Led Local Development Fund (Administered through Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway)

Funding available:

- Small grants programme: £60,000 revenue funding for applications up to £3000
- Main grants Programme: £56,000 capital funding and £450,531 revenue funding available for applications from £3001 to a maximum of £60,000

Summary of criteria/priorities:

- Supporting community facilities and eligible organisations to contribute to the achievement of net zero.
- Sustaining, improving, and adding initiatives in fragile communities.
- Helping communities to address the cost-of-living crisis and eradicate poverty for individuals and families.
- Enabling communities to carry out research, community needs assessments and feasibility studies as part of local place plan development.

Current Position/Progress:	Award amount:	Links to LOIP
<p>Call for applications closed 25/9/2023</p> <p>37 applications were made grant offers on 30 October 2023</p>		

Communities Mental Health & Wellbeing Fund for Adults (Round 3)		
Funding available: – £440,217 available within Dumfries & Galloway		
Summary of criteria/purpose: To support community-based initiatives that promote and develop mental health & wellbeing in the south of Scotland.		
<p>The fund is open to projects supporting those aged 16 and over with a strong focus on prevention and early intervention. Aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackle mental health inequalities through supporting a range of ‘at risk groups (as outlined in the Equalities section). • Address priority issues of social isolation and loneliness, suicide prevention and poverty and inequality with a particular emphasis on responding to the cost-of-living crisis and support to those facing socio-economic disadvantage. • Support small ‘grass roots’ community groups and organisations to deliver such activities. • Provide opportunities for people to connect with each other, build trusted relationships and revitalise communities. 		
Current Position/Progress:	Award amount:	Links to LOIP
Call for applications closed 23/10/2023		

UKSPF – Local Place Plans Grant Scheme		
Funding available:- £34,000 during 2022/23 with a further £11K for 23/24		
Summary of criteria/purpose: Dumfries and Galloway Council's Local Place Plans Grant Scheme has received funding from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. The aim is to provide grant funding to community led organisations who are in the process of developing a Local Place Plan. The purpose of the fund is to support the development of place plans with a small grant of up to £500.		
<p>Funding must be used towards activities which support community-led Local Place Plan development, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Consultation and Engagement costs. • Facilitation costs. • Design and Printing costs. • Other costs associated with developing your Local Place Plan. <p>You must have your Expression of Interest received and acknowledge by Dumfries and Galloway Council.</p> <p>Applications are welcomed from not-for-profit groups within Dumfries & Galloway who must be formally constituted, with a clear governance and financial structure and have their own bank account.</p>		
Current Position/Progress:	Award amount:	Links to LOIP

NEW LOIP OUTCOMES 2023-2033	
HWB 1	Help mitigate the impacts of the Cost of Living for those who are affected most
HWB 2	Reduce health inequalities in the areas of our region which experience the greatest negative impacts
HWB 3	Improve the health & wellbeing of our citizens through targeted approaches
HWB 4	Work together as partners to eliminate child poverty
WO1	Grow and maximise the potential of the working age population to help increase employability
WO2	Address the skills and recruitment gaps in key sector specific posts to increase capacity, capabilities and ease workforce pressures
WO3	Increase volunteering opportunities to help develop skills, build capacity and support progression into local employability
WO4	Work with our local communities to develop an inclusive, thriving economy and to promote Fair Work
WWL1	Capitalise on opportunities to collaborate digitally and eliminate digital exclusion for those who wish to engage digitally
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WWL4	Develop high quality, affordable homes to help meet identified demand and improve the quality of lives of our communities



**COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 1 September 2023
CURRENT KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES UPDATES**

ITEM 7

Author: Stephen Jack, Lifelong learning Manager	Responsible Senior Officer: Richard Grieveson, Head of Community Services
<u>1. Situation:</u> 1.1 This report provides the quarterly updates on the Plans and Strategies which contribute to the LOIP.	
<u>2. Background:</u> 2.1 The Board has identified twelve key Strategies and Plans that support the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Alcohol and Drugs Strategy - Children’s Services Plan - Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan - Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partners’ Strategic Plan - D&G Cultural Strategy - Employability and Skills Plan - Health and Social Care Strategic Plan - Local Development Plan 2 - Local Housing Strategy - Poverty and Inequalities Strategy - Regional Transport Strategy - South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy 2.2 Reporting on the Child Poverty Action Plan is now incorporated within the work of the Poverty & Inequalities Partnership.	
<u>3. Key issues:</u> 3.1 Lead officers for 9 of the Strategies and Plans have provided more detailed progress updates for this meeting and these are detailed in Appendix 1 . 3.2 For this quarter, leads were asked to map key work against the new LOIP Outcomes detailed below and this is reflected within their respective reports for interest.	
HWB1	Help mitigate the impacts of the Cost of Living for those who are affected most
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3.3 Some key issues to bring to Board members attention include:

Alcohol and Drugs Strategy

- The record number of drug related deaths recorded during 2022 (37). A 6% increase from 2021.
- The record number of alcohol related deaths (36). A 44% increase from 2021.
- The range of positive work being undertaken through the partnership; including work with colleagues and Naloxone champions in the Third Sector and the Dumfries and Galloway Recovery Together (Recovery Communities group), where various pop ups were set up to raise awareness of overdose, provide Naloxone training and helping to reduce stigma across communities in Dumfries and Galloway.

Children's Services Plan

- The clarity provided in relation to all priorities that sit within the Children's Services Plan all contributing to the LOIP Health & Wellbeing theme which includes;
- Family Support
- Disabled Children with Complex Care Needs
- Mental Health & Wellbeing
- Care Experience
- Child Poverty
- Getting it Right for Every Child

Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan

- That the Community Justice Scotland Outcome Annual Activity Return template 2022/23 that all local Community Justice Partnerships are required to complete was submitted as required on 29th September.
- A local delivery plan is being consulted on.

Community Learning & Development Partners' Plan

- That the 22/23 Evidence Report is being finalised.
- That preparations have commenced to prepare a new Plan by September 2024.

Employability & Skills Plan

The positive quarter 2 performance figures (July – Sept 2023) there were 273 individuals registered with the local employability skills pipeline with 71 new clients registered in the quarter. There were 34 outcomes:

- 10 moved into work
- 21 progressed to accredited training
- 3 moved onto volunteering / work experience.

Place based focus within areas of highest deprivation:

Priority area	Postcode	Clients registered
Lochside and Lincluden/ Summerville	DG2	52 (19%)
Dumfries Central	DG1	36 (13%)
Stranraer (West)	DG9	26 (9.5%)
Annan (East and West)	DG12	24 (8.7%)
Upper Nithsdale	DG4	31 (11.3%)

Local Development Plan

- Progress is being made by the consultants appointed to prepare the Housing Needs and Demand Assessment, a key evidence base for the Local Development Plan and the Local Housing Strategy. A session was held early November with the Housing Market Partnership to present current findings and discuss the approach with regards to determining future housing need.
- Local Place Plans – the Council has received 29 expressions of interest from community groups; 13 of those groups are currently working on preparing a Local Place Plan for their area. Work is ongoing to secure the additional resources needed to raise awareness of Local Place Plans with Council Services and Community Planning Partners if communities are going to be able to deliver the ambitions set out in their plans.

Local Housing Strategy

- Development of the next Local Housing Strategy is currently underway, with work being carried out to put in place the required evidence bases, referred to as the Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA). The 2nd November 2023 meeting of the Strategic Housing Forum was expended to allow for consultation with relevant stakeholders on the current draft outputs of this work. An Elected Members seminar also took place on the 10th November 2023, with a range of other consultation exercises also being progressed.
- A 3-year AHSP allocation of £61.841m is available for Dumfries and Galloway, and the report recommended the inclusion of a further development pipeline project for 56 new homes in Leswalt, near Stranraer.

Poverty and Inequalities Strategy

- The Dumfries & Galloway Poverty and Inequalities Partnership is now overseen by a new, independent Chair, who undertook induction during August and September, meeting with key partners involved in the Partnership and its Sub-Groups and other key officers and Elected Members, and who chaired the September meeting of the Partnership.

Winter Planning:

- Significant risk that ongoing high prices for domestic energy, coupled with broader inflationary pressures on household budgets, faced most acutely by those on low incomes, will exacerbate the issue of fuel poverty for local residents this Winter.
- The Partnership is currently developing a Winter Warmth Programme, seeking to ensure that local residents are able to minimise and afford to pay their household energy bills over the Winter without compromising comfort, and that residents vulnerable to the health consequences of fuel poverty, can afford, are able, and feel confident, to heat their homes appropriately.

South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy

- As reported in the last update, the members of the Regional Economic Partnership (REP) agreed to prioritise three key areas over the next two years (2023-2025): housing, transport infrastructure and skills. The current actions in the Delivery Plan are being reviewed over the coming weeks, with an updated version being presented to the REP for approval at their next meeting in December.

4. Recommendation:

Board Members are invited to;

4.1 Note the progress being made in relation to the key Strategies and Plans that support the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan as detailed in **Appendix 1**; and

4.2 Provide any constructive comments, feedback and observations that will be fed back to lead officers.

Stephen Jack – Lifelong Learning Manager

Appendices (1)

1 - Updates on key Strategies and Plans

UPDATES ON KEY STRATEGIES AND PLANS**1. Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) Strategy and Delivery Plan****1.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your current Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members?**

1.1.1 The Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Standards programme is a national programme to help reduce deaths and other harms related to use of drugs and to promote recovery. Each Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) and Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) is required to take forward a substantial change programme to implement the ten MAT Standards and make them sustainable within services over a five-year period to March 2026.

1.1.2 To date, MAT implementation has focussed on people who are using opioid drugs, with substitute prescribing. The need is now to expand MAT implementation to include people using street benzodiazepines and stimulants including cocaine. This reflects the frequency of use of these drugs and their identification among the causes of death in those who suffer a drug-related death. No substitute prescribing is currently available for people using these classes of street drugs; however, the rest of the MAT Standards would apply.

1.1.3 There are substantial challenges with funding to fully implement the MAT Standards and make them sustainable. An amount of annual MAT funding is made available by the Scottish Government until 2025-26, which has been used to appoint front-line staff and recruit to fixed term posts to collect numeric and experiential evidence for MAT implementation. The fixed term posts are due to end in 2024 which if no funding available will cause a significant impact on the ability to report on progress.

1.1.4 Details of the MAT Standards can be seen at:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/medication-assisted-treatment-mat-standards-scotland-access-choice-support/>

1.1.5 There was an increase in the drug death figures in 2022 for Dumfries and Galloway with 37 drug deaths recorded; an increase of 6% (2 deaths) compared with 2021. This is the highest figure ever recorded for Dumfries and Galloway.

Latest local suspected figures for 2023 as at 01/11/23 is 23. Out of the 23 suspected DRDs, 4 have been confirmed by the ADPs local drug deaths review group as DRDs, 4 have been locally deemed not to be DRDs and 15 are awaiting toxicology reports. The final national published figures for 2023 will be confirmed in summer 24 by National Records for Scotland.

1.1.6 There was an increase in the alcohol specific death figures in 2022, with 36 alcohol specific deaths in Dumfries and Galloway, an increase of 44% (11 deaths) compared with 2021. This is the highest figure ever recorded for the region. As part of the ADP Delivery Plan, work is underway around establishing the best way forward to look at the circumstances around alcohol related deaths.

1.1.7 A Residential Rehabilitation Pathway has been implemented in Dumfries and Galloway for an entire year (April 2022-April 2023). As of the end of April 2023 the panel has received 32 referrals into the pathway.

1.1.8 ADP receives funding from the Scottish Government to cover residential placements. In 2022-23 ADP provided additional funding due to the demand for placements. Funding for placements for 2023-24 has already been used up, with no additional funding available, no further places can be supported during this financial year. The NHS Specialist Drug and Alcohol Service has applied for funding from a national fund to provide wrap around community-based support for those waiting for a placement.

1.1.9 There is a substantial body of national and international evidence that has shown there is a direct link between high levels of alcohol availability and high levels of alcohol related harm. Independent research carried out in 2018 has shown that this link was evident in Dumfries and Galloway. Alcohol related harms include (list not exhaustive):

- hospital admissions
- deaths
- crime
- domestic violence
- drink diving

1.1.10 The Licensing (Scotland) 2005 Act (the Act) places a duty on local authorities to consider the overprovision of alcohol and the impact this has on improving public health and preventing crime when developing their licensing policy. Under the Act, each local authority is required to review and re-issue licensing policy within 18 months of the most recent local elections.

1.1.11 The overprovision statement submitted indicates that Annan West, Dumfries Central, Stranraer East and Rhins North are experiencing overprovision of alcohol and that licensing boards should restrict additional applications for on and off sales licenses on the grounds of protecting and improving public health and preventing crime and disorder.

1.1.12 In relation to this, it should be noted that around 1 in 5 Dumfries and Galloway residents live in poverty. Whilst poverty is broadly spread across the region, there are pockets of concentrated poverty in North West Dumfries, Stranraer and the Rhins, Mid and Upper Nithsdale, Annandale South and Nithsdale, which includes areas which are experiencing overprovision.

1.1.13 The Licensing committee were concerned by the trends in the overprovision report, but they did not feel there was enough evidence to conclude overprovision. They felt the standard required for concluding over provision was very high and that because of the potential for online purchase or purchase from England they didn't feel able to conclude the overprovision was due to the provision in those areas.

1.1.14 A copy of the report can be viewed here [An Assessment of Overprovision in Dumfries and Galloway in 2023](#)

<p>1.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the current key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?</p>	<p>Which LOIP Outcome/s does this contribute to?(see below ref)</p>
<p>1.2.1 <u>Health and Wellbeing</u> (i.e. contribution to mitigating Cost of Living impacts; addressing health inequalities, improving the health & wellbeing of our citizens, tackling poverty)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of the MAT Standards • Expanding the Naloxone programme • Recovery communities • Buvidal Project • Gender based service provision • Family Inclusive Practice • Reducing Stigma • Trauma Informed Approaches 	<p>HWB2</p>
<p>1.2.2 <u>Work</u> (i.e. contribution to economy, skills, local employability, volunteering)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Sector commissioned drug and alcohol services provide local employment. One contract with 4 lots is currently in development. These include: <p>Lot 1. A regionwide drug and alcohol service which supports and complements the NHS Specialist Drug and Alcohol service (SDAS) Lot 2. A Talking Therapies service Lot 3. A Family Support Service Lot 4. An Assertive Outreach Service</p> <p>N.B. All the contracts are for over 18s.</p>	<p>HWB3</p>
<p>1.2.3 <u>Where We Live</u> (i.e. Place Planning, Connectivity (digital, transport) contribution to Climate, Housing, positive action taken to address key local issues identified by Communities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working in partnership with colleagues and Naloxone champions in the Third Sector and the Dumfries and Galloway Recovery Together (Recovery Communities group), various pop ups were set up to raise awareness of overdose, provide Naloxone training and helping to reduce stigma across communities in Dumfries and Galloway. 	<p>HWB3</p>
<p>1.3 What are your main issues, risks and proactive initiatives going into the Winter Resilience Planning period:</p> <p>Over the festive season, ADP supports local campaigns around safer drinking and also overdose awareness. Social media messaging is used to support this, as well as radio campaigns.</p>	

Lead Officer: Jackie Davis

2. Children’s Services Plan

<p>2.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your current Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members?</p>	
<p>2.1.1 Over the last few months, there has been a review of the existing multi-agency groups that are involved in delivering the 2023-26 Children’s Services Plan. We have had over 20 multi-agency groups, either directly or indirectly involved in delivering the priorities in the plan. These have varied in scope and remit, but there has been duplication between groups, and staff members involved in multiple groups.</p> <p>2.1.2 A lack of shared understanding of the role of short-life working groups and differentiation between those and long term workstreams has resulted in too many groups, and this has placed too much of a burden on the relatively small group of multi-agency staff who attend and have responsibility for delivering the plans. During the development process for our 2023-26 Children’s Services Plan, it was agreed that we needed to review our multi-agency groups and identify an effective, streamlined structure that would deliver the priority action plans, and also allow us to develop a consistent approach to quality assurance and reporting. The review has been carried out, and proposals for a streamlined group structure are being presented to CSSaPP Executive on 14 November.</p> <p>2.1.3 Those leading the six priorities in the plan will report on progress with delivery of the priority action plans at the December meeting of CSSaPP Executive.</p>	
<p>2.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the current key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?</p>	<p>Which LOIP Outcome/s does this contribute to?(see below ref)</p>
<p>2.2.1 <u>Health and Wellbeing</u></p> <p>All the priorities in the 2023-26 Children’s Services Plan contribute to Health and Wellbeing. The priorities are:</p> <p>2.2.1.1 Family Support – this contains 4 workstreams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Family Support workstream is essentially about what used to be known as ‘Child In Need’. This is led by Social Work and involves provision of information to families about what supports/services are available; how they access these; and how they can be involved in developing services. More work is needed on how families access services. - The Service Integration Workstream links closely with GIRFEC implementation. A recent multi-agency Practice Sharing Event was well-attended by over 500 people. Feedback from this event is shaping the delivery of the workstream, including development of a new Children’s Services Website which will contain information for 	

both professionals and public about supports/services and how to access these. Service mapping is in progress in order to develop the service directory. The plan is that this event will be followed up with smaller, localised events within communities across Dumfries and Galloway, and smaller local community organisations will be involved in this.

- **The third workstream is Peer and Communities**
 This reflects what we do along with the third sector within communities, and will seek to deliver on the national ambition to have places in every community for parents of young children to get support and advice.
- **The fourth workstream is Parenting Programmes**
 Parents have been surveyed to find out what they want with regard to parenting programmes. The analysis from this will be used to determine next steps with a view to expanding the current offer.

2.2.1.2 Disabled Children with Complex Care Needs

This contains 3 workstreams:

- **The first workstream is Healthcare in Schools.**
 This is a small group with a needs-driven workplan. The group needed to update guidance for supporting children and young people with health-care needs in Education. The previous document had been produced in 2014 and there was more recent guidance in 2017 which needed to be set into a Dumfries and Galloway context. A draft has been produced and this is now being finalised.

The group are looking at local Service-Led Agreements to manage specific health-care needs in education settings.

A quality-improvement approach is being taken, with quality assurance information derived from monitoring of Child's Plans will be used to identify further improvement aims over the course of the planning period.

- **The second workstream is Neurodevelopmental disorders**
 The group has third sector involvement from Quarriers and Carers Centre. Group are using a Quality Improvement methodology for work, with driver diagrams for all outcomes. Small Tests of Change are taking place, and further updates on these will follow. The first Family Engagement event took place on 9 October. This sub-group has been liaising with the Lead on the Education consultation on ASD provision in Dumfries and Galloway.
- The third workstream is Transitions
 The initial focus was on transition to adulthood, but this workstream is now looking at children with complex care needs across the lifespan of the child's journey from early years to adulthood.

2.2.1.3 Mental Health and Wellbeing

Mental Health and Wellbeing workstreams are as follows

- **Development and implementation of Mental Health Pathway**

The Pathway work is pretty much completed and is now at the point of communication and dissemination. The majority of school clusters are now aware of this. More work has to go on with Social Work and Third Sector.

- **Single Point of Access**- this has been implemented. Work has been successfully implemented that has resulted in a reduction of duplicate mental health referrals. This has been very effective within Health and has ensured that families get to the right service at the right time. The ambition is to extend this approach through Youth Services and Social Work. This will require some information-sharing protocols. Despite the improvement, 27% of those referred are still being redirected at the point of referral. This is still too high a proportion, and further work is needed to reduce this.
- **Community Mental Health funding** is managed within the Council and subject to high-level scrutiny
- **Engagement and awareness-raising** – The CAMHS Participation Officer has worked with young people in a co-productive approach to develop a website that is now available. However, the focus of engagement needs to be wider than CAMHS.
- **Peri-natal Mental Health** – the group have developed a Trauma Pathway, and have got good lived-experience participation in this. There are targets around being seen within 6 weeks of referral. The aim is to reduce number of women being admitted to bed-based care.

2.2.1.4 Care Experience

The current Corporate Parenting Plan has over 30 actions, each with sub-actions. The Corporate Parenting Plan is being refreshed, with the four priority areas remaining the same (Housing and Accommodation; Interaction with Young People; Raising Attainment; and Access to Health). However, the review of the plan will acknowledge that the landscape has changed in terms of complexity of children's needs since the development of the current plan with the impact of, and recovery from Covid, and the development of the Promise. For example, it is known that there are many more children who are not fully accessing curricular provision and this has a big impact on our most vulnerable families with parents who are already struggling. In refreshing the plan, there will be a focus on the interfaces between services, and service pressures, and prioritisation accordingly.

2.2.1.5 Poverty

2.2.1.5.1. Most up-to-date data from the nationally-recognised measure tells us that over 26% of children in Dumfries and Galloway are living in poverty and 69% of families in poverty are in work. In-work poverty is an issue for Dumfries and Galloway. Statistics don't tell the wider story about deprivation in our region with the challenges of travel, transport and access to services.

2.2.1.5.2 The Council and Health Board have a statutory responsibility to publish a Child Poverty Action Report each year that sets out what we have done in the previous year to address child poverty and also provides a forward plan. This is incorporated into the Children's Services Plan in order to have a cohesive approach and avoid two plans and reports.

2.2.1.5.3 The current plan – 2022-26 – cuts across the life-time of our Children's Services Plan and contains 55 actions – many of which are operational actions that services would already be delivering. Because the plan was developed over a year ago, it doesn't take account of emerging issues such as the cost-of-living crisis. The plan would benefit from streamlining of actions, and a focus on the main drivers of child poverty. The Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) has been agreed by NHS Board and DG Council. However, there is agreement that the Action Plan itself can be reviewed, and workshops will take place for this purpose.

Child Poverty is a sub-group of the Poverty and Inequalities Partnership, and there are 3 other sub-groups which all contribute to the wider agenda.

2.2.1.6 Getting it Right for Every Child

2.2.1.6.1 Last year, Scottish Government published a range of statutory and non-statutory guidance regarding Wellbeing; Role of Named Person, Information-Sharing, and other elements of GIRFEC. Since then, work has been underway on a refresh of our local GIRFEC approach in Dumfries and Galloway. This has been shaped by a programme of multi-agency workshops at which local priorities were identified. The four GIRFEC locality groups have each been progressing action plans on our 4 local priorities, these being:

- Child's Planning and Lead Professional
- Referral Processes and Pathways
- Locality Groups
- Learning and Development

2.2.1.6.2 There is close overlap between GIRFEC and the work of the Family Support Group, and proposals for streamlining this work will be considered at CSSaPP Executive Group in November.

Work (i.e. contribution to economy, skills, local employability, volunteering)

Where We Live (i.e. Place Planning, Connectivity (digital, transport) contribution to Climate, Housing, positive action taken to address key local issues identified by Communities)

2.3 What are your main issues, risks and proactive initiatives going into the Winter Resilience Planning period:	

CSSaPP Executive will continue to monitor progress, with all 6 Leads reporting in December on progress/issues.	
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Lead officer: Jim Brown, Chair Children's Services Strategic and Planning Partnership

3. Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan

3.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your current Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members?

3.1.1 The Community Justice Scotland Outcome Annual Activity Return template 2022/23 that all local Community Justice Partnerships are required to complete was submitted as required on 29th September. The focus of the work over the reporting period was much more on collaborative work and added value of the partnership rather than single agency activity. The return focused on strategic needs and strength assessment work in development of the new CJOIP and supporting development of lived experience work through the two Lived Experience Peer Mentor posts funded by Justice Social Work. Information from the local return will be used in the CJS Annual Report which should be available early next year.

3.1.2 Work continues around the new plan with a local Delivery Plan being consulted upon to ensure the identified improvement actions can be progressed. Improvement actions over the five year period of the plan are broken down into short, medium and long term actions. This work is being supported through the development of a monitoring tool identifying leads, progress and appropriate measures. There is also a requirement to report to Scottish Government using their Community Justice Performance Framework and baselining where we are currently in relation to this. That work is now completed and has been incorporated into our own locally identified priority areas. Please note that the five priority areas have been amended slightly since the previous report following consultation and development work with partners.

<p>Priority 1: We will maximise the availability of, and evidence access to holistic support for people whilst in police custody and on release¹.</p>	<p>Priority 2: More people are diverted from custody if appropriate and receive the right support delivered collaboratively.</p>	<p>Priority 3: We will support people involved in justice in the community²by maximising peer support & multi agency input</p>	<p>Priority 4: We will support community reintegration by reducing the barriers people face when leaving custody³</p>	<p>Priority 5: Strengthen leadership and governance, and support engagement and partnership working across community justice partners</p>
<p>People are offered the support they need as early as possible following arrest through adopting a welfare approach, ensuring distress brief interventions and alternatives to custody are considered and an Arrest Referral Service is available across the region⁴.</p>	<p>Information from police custody is shared with Justice Social Work and COPFS at the earliest opportunity to enable consideration to be given to assessment for bail supervision and bail with electronic monitoring.</p>	<p>Learn from those with lived/living experience and maximise peer support.</p> <hr/> <p>Develop and implement the recommendations from the Joint Review of Diversion from Prosecution and develop a CJP Action Plan</p>	<p>Ensure the right help and support is available for people returning to their local communities from across the whole prison estate.</p>	<p>Undertake self-evaluation of the partnership to establish effectiveness and added value as well as gaps and improvements.</p>

¹ This includes consideration being given to health, wellbeing, substance use, and wider needs.

² Including people being diverted from prosecution.

³ This is also an ADP priority.

⁴ This is also an ADP priority.

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<p>Safeguarding duties are consistently met for people leaving police custody or prison remand through developing mechanisms to ensure they return home safely on release from court.</p>	<p>Continue to develop and build on multi agency involvement and support for those people released on bail supervision or subject to bail with electronic monitoring.</p>	<p>Increase multi agency involvement and support for those on community sentences.</p>	<p>People leaving custody have access to appropriate housing. Consideration should be given to the SHORE standards.</p>	<p>Work with all relevant partners/partnerships to support and create a consistent knowledge base and understanding in relation to trauma, domestic abuse, mental health and wellbeing and substance use.</p>
<p>All partners are aware of activity that takes place in police custody through data capture and having processes in place to share this information more effectively.</p>	<p>Development work will be undertaken to map mental health pathways for people, both forensic and non forensic.</p>	<p>Improve health, wellbeing, mental health and access to support for substance use.</p>	<p>More people have access to and continuity of health and social care following release from a prison sentence⁵</p>	<p>Work with other strategic partnerships on joint outcomes, areas of interest and shared populations.</p>
<p>3.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the current key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?</p>				<p>Which LOIP Outcome/s does this contribute to?(see below ref)</p>
<p>3.2.1 Health and Wellbeing (i.e. contribution to mitigating Cost of Living impacts; addressing health inequalities, improving the health & wellbeing of our citizens, tackling poverty)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting Priority 1 of the new CJOIP a Safeguarding Working Group has been established to ensure safeguarding duties are consistently met for people leaving police custody or prison remand through developing mechanisms to ensure they have the means to return home safely on release from court. This is particularly relevant to those appearing in court from out with the region. The main aims of the group are Reduce risk both to the individual and the local community (reoffending, overdose, crisis) <p>Streamline and agree a local process ensuring that all partners know and understand the role they play.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A Working Group is being developed to improve the life choices of those undertaking community sentences, increasing their options for employability and future life chances. The group will be chaired by Skills Development Scotland and a pilot project will take place in Stranraer in the first instance. This also contributes to the LOIP Work outcome below. 				
<p>3.2.2 Work (i.e. contribution to economy, skills, local employability, volunteering)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning from people with lived experience of justice is a thread that runs through the CJOIP. Whilst funding is in place to support this work until March 2024 there is no guarantee this will continue. The projects 				

⁵ This is a nationally determined outcome under priority action 7.

<p>are now identifying themes using feedback from those involved which will benefit justice services but may also be beneficial to other areas of work, such as CFSW, Employability and Skills etc.</p>	
<p>Where We Live (i.e. Place Planning, Connectivity (digital, transport) contribution to Climate, Housing, positive action taken to address key local issues identified by Communities)</p>	
<p>What are your main issues, risks and proactive initiatives going into the Winter Resilience Planning period:</p>	
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Lead Officer: Vikki Binnie, Community Justice Partnership Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Council

4. Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partners' Strategic Plan 2021 -2024

4.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your current Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members?	
<p>The key focus of Partnership activities has been:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collating performance information including statistics, qualitative narrative and case studies to support the finalising of the 2022/23 evidence report. • Continuing work to prepare for the national CLD Progress visits which includes finalising self-evaluation activities and preparing draft timetables for a future two and a half day visit. • Commencing preparations for a new CLD Plan to be in place for September 2024 as part of the 3 yearly cycle of CLD Planning required through the CLD (Scotland) Regulations 2023. A report is being taken to the Council's Communities Committee in early December to agree a consultation mandate in order that consultation and engagement activities can commence in the first quarter of 2024. 	
4.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the current key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?	Which LOIP Outcome/s does this contribute to?(see below ref)
4.2.1 <u>Health and Wellbeing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Public Health Improvement team undertook Health & Wellbeing Engagement in partnership with Newton Stewart Initiative in Douglas Ewart High School (613 students in total) which has led to a report being produced and additional youth groups being available in the local area. • 24 Community Food Provider orgs/groups represented and receiving support from NHS CD Practitioners across Nithsdale. • Community Link service offer opportunities for individuals to form individual health & wellbeing plans, Behaviour change / lifestyle Change Plans, Confidence, motivation etc. Taking a holistic consideration of needs to identify what matters to a person using evidence-based approaches such as Good Conversations, Motivation Action Planning, Psychological skills practise etc. • A range of Health & Wellbeing activities being offered across the region through CP Partners including Tai Chi, Arts & Crafts, Mental Health supports, conversation classes, Community Activist Programme • 150 Wigtownshire health & wellbeing services/activities are being promoted on the NHS inform Directory of Services • The Lifelong Learning service provides adult learning support groups for adults with additional support needs. Additional support is provided through third sector partners such as Better Lives Partnership; Wigtownshire Stuff and DG Voice. Staff now delivering new Dyslexia Awareness training through Dyslexia Scotland modules. 	HWB 2,3,4

<p>4.2.2 Work</p> <p>NHS Community Development Volunteer Programme –Regular 1 to 1 support and group peer support provided to 24 NHS CD volunteers throughout Nithsdale.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partnership work with Education continues to highlight the issues of language developmental delays. Literacy is addressed through key Family Learning programmes such as Ante-natal Peep; Peep developmental programme; Families Connect and Roots of Empathy programmes delivered from pre-birth to Primary 1. • Lifelong Learning offers full package of support services through family learning, including key target areas of literacy, numeracy, health & wellbeing, developmental stages & STEM, including accreditation through Adult Achievement Awards (16+), CREST & Hi5 Awards. These programmes are a mixture of link school delivery, community delivery and online options. These awards are provided in partnership with Youth Scotland and Newbattle Abbey College. • Lifelong Learning is a key partner in D&G Learning for Sustainability group incorporating key national actions through the new national action plan - "<u>Target 2030</u>" <u>A movement for people, planet and prosperity: Scotland's Learning for Sustainability Action Plan 2023-2030</u> (www.gov.scot) which supports the involvement of adult learners in relation to LfS. This will be considered as part of ongoing consideration on the expansion of LfS in Community Learning and Development. • A full range of Lifelong Learning accredited and non-accreditation opportunities throughout the region – • Literacy support • Numeracy support • Accredited learning - SQA Core Skills courses in Literacy, Numeracy, ICT, Problem Solving & Working with Others at Levels 2,3,4, &5. Beyond that Level we would refer to the college. SQA Volunteer Award at Levels 3 & 4 & the SQA Award in Mental Health & Wellbeing. • Adult Achievement Awards at Levels 2 (only for those with learning need), 3,4,5 & 6. • Digital Learning - ECDL and Advanced ECDL • Health and Wellbeing groups • ESOL/New Scots learning • Adult Challenges • Climate Change • Financial Wellbeing course • Family Learning programmes from pre-birth to Primary 3, incorporating Peep SCQF; CREST Awards; Hi5 Awards and Adult Achievement Awards. 	<p>HWB 2,3,4</p> <p>WO2&3</p>
<p>4.2.3 Where We Live</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported Kirkconnel & Kelloholm Decide Participatory Budget in Nov 2022 x 11 local organisations received Lottery Community Funding and contributed to the Borderlands Kirkconnel Parish Place Plan engagement processes and Officers Group • Wigtownshire PHI continues to provide 1 to 1 digital support 	<p>HWB2&3</p> <p>WWL1,2&3</p>

- Stewartry and Wigtonshire PHI working with local community partners who offer refurbished digital devices free of charge and ongoing support to people in need
- Lifelong Learning have secured £15,000 through Scottish Government's CLD Device Fund to support the purchase of digital devices/lending scheme with our communities
- Versus Arthritis Community Volunteers now trained to deliver 10 week digital Health & Wellbeing Model based on isolation/loneliness, back pain, sleep and fibromyalgia
- Lifelong Learning have delivered specific Climate Awareness Course for adult learners and family learning learners across schools and communities. LLS facilitated Climate Change training for practitioners in partnership with The Science Centre in Glasgow to ensure upskilling of staff to effectively deliver on Climate Change priorities.

4.3 What are your main issues, risks and proactive initiatives going into the Winter Resilience Planning period:

- Continuing support for positive mental health & wellbeing
- Financial/money advice to support the Cost of Living
- Pre-employability support and accredited work to help support employability

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

5. Employability and Skills Partnership Delivery Plan 2022 - 2027

5.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your current Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members?

5.1.1 Overall performance

In Q2 (July – Sept) there were 273 individuals registered with the local employability skills pipeline with 71 new clients registered in the quarter. There were 34 outcomes:

- 10 moved into work
- 21 progressed to accredited training
- 3 moved onto volunteering / work experience.

Our performance over the quarter in supporting the D&G Local Employability & Skills Partnership (DGLEP) Delivery Plan priority groups is as follows:

5.1.2 Young people most at risk of not participating in education, training or employment especially those who have care experience.

Of the 273 individuals being supported 56% were under 25 and 6.4% were care experienced. There continues to be support offered, in partnership with Education, to those at risk of not progressing from school to a positive destination. Pilot programmes are underway to offer tailored programmes to young people who are care experienced and those who have autism.

5.1.3 Those with physical and mental health conditions, including disabilities and additional support needs.

48.7% of the current caseload of clients recognise themselves as having a disability or long-term health condition. In this quarter DGLEP commissioned an independent consultant to develop a two-year investment plan to commission employability support for disabled people in the region and a longer-term strategy for reducing the Disability Employment Gap in the region. This work is in part to prepare for phase 3 of No One Left Behind when Local Authorities will take over the statutory responsibility devolved to the Scottish Government through the Scotland Act, to provide a minimum of 12 months employability support to those with a disability or long term unemployed. The LEP have approved the content of both papers and will begin exploring next steps and funding.

5.1.4 Those who are long term unemployed.

18% have never worked and 9% have been unemployed for more than 2 years. Work continues in partnership with DWP to provide support for those who have been unemployed for prolonged periods of time. The LEP are providing complementary funding to the DGC Placement Plus programme and have utilised the Scottish Government NOLB funding to provide a similar 6 month paid placement opportunity for individuals with third and private sector employers. Individuals also continued to be supported on a one-to-one basis by the Council's Employability & Skills Team's Key Workers.

5.1.5 Families, with children, experiencing poverty.

25.6% of those registered are parents, a 5% increase from Q1. As the Scottish Government has provided the LEP with a significant amount of funding to target support at this client group a range of initiative are being developed. These include early intervention support to engage parents and help remove their barriers to work, targeted paid work placements and Employer Recruitment Incentives, projects to support upskilling to progress parents into and in work. Further work will be focused on parents in the coming quarters.

5.1.6 Employers and SMEs in D&G, especially those facing skills shortages.

Employers in the region are supported through Employer Recruitment Incentives (up to £6,000 for employing and eligible individual for 12 months) and Placement Plus (salary costs for up to 30 hours per week for six months to provide an eligible individual work experience). In addition, the LEP have approved funding, via the Chamber of Commerce to build capacity in employers to offer advice and guidance on a range of topics including employing those with convictions and support for neuro divergence.

5.1.7 Place based focus

4.1.7.1 Within the Delivery Plan there is a focus on specific parts of the region which have the highest levels of deprivation. Client registrations for these regions is as follows.

Priority area	Postcode	Clients registered
Lochside and Lincluden/ Summerville	DG2	52 (19%)
Dumfries Central	DG1	36 (13%)
Stranraer (West)	DG9	26 (9.5%)
Annan (East and West)	DG12	24 (8.7%)
Upper Nithsdale	DG4	31 (11.3%)

5.1.7.2 Place based user research, with parents, has taken place over the last quarter in Stranraer. The objective of the work has been to improve employability provision in the area

<p>based on feedback from those with lived experience. Engagement has included door knocking, community engagement and targeted outreach.</p> <p>5.1.7.3 The work is also, where possible, being aligned to relevant place plans. Based on feedback on the Gretna place plan regarding Customer Service Skills the ESS, in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce and Caledonia Park are developing training for parents to develop customer service skills.</p> <p>5.1.7.4 Due to delays in issuing 2023/24 funding by the Scottish Government the LEP has focused their attention in creating robust and varied investment plans. They have moved to a more open, competitive commission-based model with plans to develop this further in 2024/25.</p>	
<p>5.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the current key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?</p>	<p>Which LOIP Outcome/s does this contribute to?</p>
<p>5.2.1 <u>Health and Wellbeing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work together as partners to eliminate poverty – by focusing on a place and person-centred approach to improving employment outcomes for people the LEP plan contributes to wider initiatives to reduce poverty across the region. • The plan is underpinned by the principles of Fair Work. Ahead of the Scottish Government fair work conditionality the LEP approved the increase of the Employer Recruitment Incentive Funding requirements and the minimum requirements for the paid placements to be set at the Scottish Real Living Wage to ensure that those being supported by such projects are paid the RLW as a minimum. Additionally, the LEP are focusing additional investment provided by the Scottish Government on interventions to support low-income families through employment and skills support. 	<p>HWB4</p>

Lead Officer: Lynne Burgess, Employability, Skills & Partnerships Manager, Leona Seaton, Employability & Skills Team Leader

6. Local Development Plan 2

6.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your current Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members?

6.1.1 The Development Planning team are working on gathering the evidence needed to prepare the Evidence Report, the first stage in preparing LDP3. It is proving challenging to gather some of the evidence needed particularly around health care infrastructure. The Evidence Report will be structured round the themes, spatial principles and policies in National Planning Framework 4 and will set out what the Councils next Local Development Plan (LDP3) needs to plan for. It will also have regard to the LOIP and explain how the LOIP vision relates to development and land use so the alignment between the two documents is strong. It is therefore important that Community Planning Partners engage in the process.

6.1.2 Progress is being made by the consultants appointed to prepare the Housing Needs and Demand Assessment, a key evidence base for the Local Development Plan and the Local Housing Strategy. A session was held early November with the Housing Market Partnership to present current findings and discuss the approach with regards to determining future housing need.

6.1.3 Local Place Plans – the Council has received 29 expressions of interest from community groups; 13 of those groups are currently working on preparing a Local Place Plan for their area. Work is ongoing to secure the additional resources needed to raise awareness of Local Place Plans with Council Services and Community Planning Partners if communities are going to be able to deliver the ambitions set out in their plans.

6.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the current key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?

Which LOIP Outcome/s does this contribute to?(see below ref)

6.2.1 Health and Wellbeing (i.e. contribution to mitigating Cost of Living impacts; addressing health inequalities, improving the health & wellbeing of our citizens, tackling poverty)

- The Evidence Report is gathering information on the size, composition, health and distribution of the population of the region; the health needs of the population; the infrastructure (including health care facilities); and how that infrastructure is used. This information will be used to inform the spatial strategy in LDP3 which should seek to tackle health inequalities in those places experiencing the most disadvantage. The plan should also identify the health and social care services and infrastructure needed in the area, including potential for colocation of complementary services, in partnership with Health Boards and Health and Social Care Partnerships.
- LDP3 should also seek to create healthier places for example through opportunities for exercise, healthier lifestyles and land for community

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<p>food growing and allotments. This will be informed by a play sufficiency assessment which records the location, quality and accessibility of formal and informal play provision across the region, the open space strategy and audit.</p>	
<p>6.2.2 Work (i.e. contribution to economy, skills, local employability, volunteering)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDP3 should allocate sufficient land for business and industry. In order to do that the team are gathering information and evidence to improve our understanding of what the market needs and demand is for business and industry land and units across the region, how effective the land allocated in the current LDP is for business and industry, what infrastructure is needed for the sites to be developed and how attractive the current LDP2 allocations are to the market. Will be working with SoSE on this area of work. • Publish the traditional building skills audit and work with partners to progress and deliver the recommendations. • LDP3 should be aligned with any strategy for community wealth building for the area. The spatial strategy should address community wealth building priorities; identify community assets; set out opportunities to tackle economic disadvantage and inequality; and seek to provide benefits for local communities. This could be achieved by prioritising reuse of brownfield, vacant and derelict land and empty buildings and directing development to existing centres to support sustainable communities. 	
<p>6.2.3 Where We Live (i.e. Place Planning, Connectivity (digital, transport) contribution to Climate, Housing, positive action taken to address key local issues identified by Communities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of the Evidence Report for LDP3 gathers information and evidence on a range of topics – climate change, mitigation and adaptation, the nature crisis, housing provision, economic development, rural development, transport, infrastructure provision, renewable energy, retail and town centres, flooding, open space and play provision, trees and forestry, etc all of which impact on where we live. The purpose of the Evidence Report is to pull the information together and set out what it means for LDP3. • The audits of the larger towns across the region using Scotland’s Town Partnership toolkit are largely complete. The results provide an understanding of the town by gathering data on a number of key indicators. The data can then be used to visualise how towns interrelate and depend on other around them for different services and functions. It will also form a key part of the evidence base for LDP3. • Continue to work with community groups on Local Place Plans. The next big challenge with regards to LPPs will be making sure they do not sit on the shelf. Community Planning Partners will have a role to play in helping communities to deliver what is in their plan. • Working with the consultants who are preparing the Housing Needs and Demand Assessment for LDP3 and the LHS. 	

6.3 What are your main issues, risks and proactive initiatives going into the Winter Resilience Planning period:

Continue gathering information and evidence to inform the Evidence Report. Engage with relevant Council Services and Community Planning Partners to gather that information but also to understand what it means for the next plan.

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

7. Local Housing Strategy

7.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your current Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members?

7.1.1 Development of the next Local Housing Strategy is currently underway, with work being carried out to put in place the required evidence bases, referred to as the Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA). The 2nd November 2023 meeting of the Strategic Housing Forum was expended to allow for consultation with relevant stakeholders on the current draft outputs of this work. An Elected Members seminar also took place on the 10th November 2023, with a range of other consultation exercises also being progressed.

7.1.2 A report was presented to the 5 September 2023 meeting of Economy and Resources Committee seeking agreement of the 2023 review of the Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP). It supports the priorities and outcomes set out in its Local Housing Strategy (LHS) and is the key document for identifying proposed projects which require Affordable Housing Supply Programme (AHSP) funding support.

7.1.3 A 3-year AHSP allocation of £61.841m is available for Dumfries and Galloway, and the report recommended the inclusion of a further development pipeline project for 56 new homes in Leswalt, near Stranraer.

7.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the current key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?

Which LOIP Outcome/s does this contribute to?(see below ref)

7.2.1 Health and Wellbeing (i.e. contribution to mitigating Cost of Living impacts; addressing health inequalities, improving the health & wellbeing of our citizens, tackling poverty)

- Rent affordability plays a crucial role in tackling the cost-of-living crisis, with high housing costs being one of the biggest drivers of poverty, especially affecting single adults and families with children. Increasing the provision of affordable housing helps by providing high quality homes at lower cost to residents.
- New properties developed via the SHIP will also meet high energy efficiency standards, supporting work to lower levels of fuel poverty.
- A Care and Support Needs Housing Strategy Group provides a platform for strategic discussion and decision making in partnership with NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Adult Social Work Services. Membership of this group includes Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and the Council's Homelessness and Housing Options Service.
- The latest HNDA has identified there is a need to provide additional social rented wheelchair accessible properties through SHIP developments. Physical features of these homes would include low level appliances, wider door openings, barrier free bathrooms and ramped access. During 2021/22 and 2022/23 a total of 56 units of this type were built, in excess of the target of 8 per annum.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tackling child poverty is at the heart of the Affordable Housing Supply Programme. By strengthening our housing planning processes to increase the focus on housing needs by size and location to ensure that larger family homes are delivered where they are required, including through the targeted purchase of appropriate 'off the shelf' properties. 	
<p>7.2.2 Work (i.e. contribution to economy, skills, local employability, volunteering)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment in affordable housing has significant economic impacts which include promoting inclusive growth by creating jobs, increasing GVA and providing large multiplier effects. The £multi-million projects being delivered via the SHIP support the local construction sector, while RSL procurement activated aim to secure new apprenticeships and training opportunities. The LHS and the SHIP offer opportunities to support the recruitment and retention of key workers through the provision of suitable housing. As part of the HNDA, local employers will be consulted on their requirements through a survey that has been developed with input from the South of Scotland Enterprise. 	
<p>7.2.3 Where We Live (i.e. Place Planning, Connectivity (digital, transport) contribution to Climate, Housing, positive action taken to address key local issues identified by Communities)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council has made an annual commitment through the Council Plan to invest £1million a year in a Town Centre Living Fund. It has adopted a policy of increasing the availability of affordable residential accommodation in these locations by seeking to bring empty properties and vacant sites back into use. All developments agreed through the SHIP should support sustainability, including the reduction of carbon and other greenhouse gases to ensure they have a positive impact on climate change. There are a number of ways that construction of new affordable housing can contribute to the delivery of this commitment. These include through the provision of energy efficient homes, developments located within walking distance of services and remediation of vacant and derelict sites. The Council continues to seek to identify further opportunities to support the regeneration of sites with a former use to meet a range of strategic objectives. 	
<p>7.3 What are your main issues, risks and proactive initiatives going into the Winter Resilience Planning period:</p> <p>Registered Social Landlords in the region continue to work closely with the Council's Resilience team to ensure that effective responses can be delivered in events such as severe weather events. This is recognised as crucial by partner organisations, particularly given the number of vulnerable residents living in socially rented homes. Emergency contacts are now in place for all organisations to ensure effective response co-ordination.</p>	

Lead Officer: Jamie Little, Strategic Housing Investment, Economy and Resources Directorate, Dumfries and Galloway Council

8. Poverty and Inequality Strategy 2021-26

8.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your current Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members?

8.1.1 The Dumfries & Galloway Poverty and Inequalities Partnership is now overseen by a new, independent Chair, who undertook induction during August and September, meeting with key partners involved in the Partnership and its Sub-Groups and other key officers and Elected Members, and who chaired the September meeting of the Partnership.

8.1.2 It did not prove possible to submit proposals for funding under the Scottish Government's Child Poverty Accelerator Fund or the its Cash First Partnership Fund, with the one month timescale from find launch to proposal submission preventing proposals from gaining the necessary formal approval by key partners.

8.1.3 A varied programme of events was successfully delivered during October's Challenge Poverty Week, including work targeting people affected by poverty and organisations working on the issue.

8.1.4 areas for progress on over the next three months are:

- A review of the operation, membership and governance of the partnership and its five Sub-Groups (including our Communications Sub-Group), including how they relate to the work of the Equality and Diversity Working Group.
- A review of the involvement of communities/ people with lived experience of poverty.
- A review of the action plans for each of the Sub-Groups, identifying those actions set out within the plans which have been completed, those which should be newly prioritised, and those which should be jettisoned, and further areas for action that have come to the fore since the creation of the plans.
- Identification of partner organisations prepared to undertake a process of poverty auditing with the aim of identifying areas in which they might enhance their response to the needs of patients/ clients/ service users living in poverty.
- Understanding of the lessons of current research underway into the experiences of young people of poverty and the experiences of 'hard to reach' clients.
- Updating the evidence base on the cost of living in Dumfries and Galloway's rural communities as a starting point to developing a more effective approach to the relevant issues.
- Exploring how the Partnership can be more agile in the accessing of external funding, and act to increase the level of trust and statutory external funding targeted at poverty coming to the region.

8.1.5 The key practical new initiative being undertaken is the Winter Warmth campaign, described in detail in the Winter Resilience section within this Report.

<p>8.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the current key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?</p>	<p>Which LOIP Outcome/s does this contribute to</p>
<p>8.2.1 <u>Health and Wellbeing</u> Every part of the work set out within the Partnership's Strategy and Action Plans is intended to impact on the LOIP's health and wellbeing outcomes.</p> <p>Work that has now been completed includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The distribution of 'Worrying About Money' Leaflets providing information on cash and advice first approaches to people experiencing poverty and destitution. • The mapping of foodbank and pantry provision by the NHS Public Health Partnership Community Development Team with information shared on the TSDG Locator Map. • The putting in place of additional drop-In advice provision targeted at those most vulnerable to experiencing poverty, and those experiencing the most severe poverty and destitution, including those using foodbanks, with further developments involving a greater range of advice providers to come. Agencies involved include DAGCAS, Lemon Aid Fuel Poverty, Home Energy Scotland and Social Security Scotland. • Provision to the public of information on more organisations working on poverty issues via the TSDG Locator Map. • Promotion of credit unions to Loreburn and Wheatley tenants. <p>Projects in progress include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of Understanding & Tackling Poverty Training for frontline staff based on pilot work, alongside online child poverty modules accessed through the Child Poverty Learning Hub. • Consideration of the value of, and options for the development of, an Advice Service Referral Portal. Benchmarking of other local authorities' work in this field has been carried out, and detailed demonstrations from local authorities which have taken this approach will take place in January. • The production of a new leaflet focused on advice, building on the template of the cash first leaflet, with drafts currently being finalised. The information collated will also be available through the council's Cost of living website. • Work linking DAGCAS and Job Centre Plus, increasing access to outreach provision for clients of the latter, is underway. • A partnership with the Share Foundation to support young people to access unclaimed Child Trust Fund is being developed, with data sharing agreements, operational protocols and other legal issues now under consideration by the council. • Targeting children claiming free school meals to encourage uptake of the Scottish Child Payment, with initial discussion held between Social Security Scotland and the Council's Revenue and Benefits Team to guide this. 	<p>HWB1, HWB2, HWB3, HWB4.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussions are underway with the region’s windfarm trusts focused on the potential for the use of some community benefit monies to support people living in poverty in the areas they serve. • D&G Council’s Revenue and Benefits team continues to develop its proactive use of the data it holds on households to promote benefit take up. • Work is being undertaken to increased registration for free school meals, even amongst families with children of an age when they are already provide free, to support further targeted benefit take up work and increase PEF allocations. • The further development of school uniform banks, with 10 free pick up and donate points across the region, and information in the form of our Worrying About Money Leaflet provided to everyone accessing uniforms. 	
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<p>8.2.2 Work</p> <p>8.2.1 There has been increasing joint work between the Partnership and council officers from our Employability & Skills Service responsible for the delivery of the Local Employment Partnership’s Strategy.</p> <p>8.2.2 In particular, the Partnership submitted a number of proposals for consideration by the LEP in relation to PESF funding allocated to the region by the Scottish Government to tackle child poverty through increasing parental employment. These included proposals for direct financial support for job seeking parents to meet costs associated with the costs of travelling to work for the first three months, uniforms, safety clothing & office wear, and job placements aimed at enhancing capacity within the voluntary sector, and the advice and energy advice sector in particular.</p> <p>8.2.3 The LEP was supportive of the proposals, recommending some for other partnerships to progress, proposing investment in some proposals aligned with existing actions, and linking other proposals to actions funded outside this Scottish Government stream of funding.</p>	<p>WO1, WO2.</p>
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<p>8.2.3 Where We Live</p> <p>Work is continuing to collate and share information on current digital inclusion provision, including relating to where people can access free products/connectivity, across front line statutory, including NHS, and third sector staff, so that it can be promoted/ disseminated to clients/ people using their services.</p>	<p>WWL1.</p>
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<p>8.4 What are your main issues, risks and proactive initiatives going into the Winter Resilience Planning period:</p> <p>8.4.1 There is a significant risk that ongoing high prices for domestic energy, coupled with broader inflationary pressures on household budgets, faced most acutely by those on low incomes, will exacerbate the issue of fuel poverty for local residents this Winter, particularly in the absence of previous central government support. This may present many local residents with unpalatable and unacceptable choices around</p>

heating their homes and feeding themselves and their families. Many local residents of all ages are at risk of significant short and long term impacts on their mental and physical health as a result, with older residents and those with relevant and severe long term health conditions at particular increased risk of morbidity and mortality.

8.4.2 The Partnership is currently developing a Winter Warmth Programme, seeking to ensure that local residents are able to minimise and afford to pay their household energy bills over the Winter without compromising comfort, and that residents vulnerable to the health consequences of fuel poverty, can afford, are able, and feel confident, to heat their homes appropriately.

8.4.3 The Project will build on existing work and will involve:

- An enhanced multi-channel information and promotional offering, encompassing information about when to seek support, how to access relevant services and direct advice about reducing bills.
- Community based outreach led by the council and built around the offer of warm winter clothing and involving a range of key voluntary and statutory sector partners.
- Building the capacity of key frontline staff who may engage with people vulnerable to fuel poverty and its consequences within their homes, focusing initially on HSCP teams and the TSI's Home from hospital service, so that they can:
 - Communicate simple messages about appropriate use of energy in a household, including encouraging older people to heat their homes properly.
 - Identify people facing fuel poverty or difficulties with their energy bills and make referrals to services as appropriate.
- Increasing access to existing cash grant schemes targeting people in fuel poverty.
- Potentially, enhanced investment through job placements in advice and energy advice services locally.
- Potentially, subject to external funding, the distribution of energy saving devices to people vulnerable to fuel poverty.

Lead Officer: Nick Hopkins, Chair of Dumfries and Galloway Poverty and Inequalities Partnership

9. South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy

9.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your current Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members?	
<p>Good progress is being made in implementing the ambition of the South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy through actions captured in the Delivery Plan. As reported in the last update, the members of the Regional Economic Partnership (REP) agreed to prioritise three key areas over the next two years (2023-2025): housing, transport infrastructure and skills. The current actions in the Delivery Plan are being reviewed over the coming weeks, with an updated version being presented to the REP for approval at their next meeting in December. A more detailed update of the activities will be provided for the next meeting of the Community Planning Partnership.</p>	
9.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the current key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?	Which LOIP Outcome/s does this contribute to?(see below ref)
9.2.1 <u>Health and Wellbeing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme 5, “Green and Sustainable Economy”, includes an action on community wealth building. As part of this, a workshop took place on 30th August where colleagues from SOSE, Local Authorities, Registered Social Landlords and Colleges discussed the technical challenges and skills needs involved in retrofit of housing stock. Retrofit in social housing stock will benefit tenants by improving energy efficiency and reducing fuel poverty. 	HWB1
9.2.2 <u>Work</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Education and Strategic Skills Group has taken on the role of investigating how Green Skills can benefit the South of Scotland. The most recent workshop examined the opportunities in the land-based sector, including agriculture, forestry and peatland restoration. The group identified the biggest skills challenge (and opportunity) was in the forestry sector, where there will be demand both for timber and for tree planting for carbon credits. 	WO2
9.2.3 <u>Where We Live</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Theme 5, “Green and Sustainable Economy”, encompasses actions such as the development of a Regional Land Use Framework (RLUF). The draft RLUF was endorsed by REP members at the meeting in September and will be taken to Dumfries & Galloway Council and Scottish Borders Council for approval to consult in November. It is hoped the RLUF will go out for public consultation in December. 	WWL3
What are your main issues, risks and proactive initiatives going into the Winter Resilience Planning period:	

Lead Officer:



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Report Title: BUSINESS BRIEF	
<p><u>1. Situation:</u> This Briefing provides the CPPB with an update on the following key areas;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress on Community Transport • Progress on Young People and the 10,000 Voices Consultation • Feedback from the SoSE Workshop held on 30th August in relation to Housing and de-carbonisation • Membership update (John Cairns + TSDG) • Key issues stemming from the recent national CP Network meeting • CPSLT minute 	
<p><u>2. Background:</u> 2.1 The business brief is used to update CPPB Members on key local and national projects/initiatives which have key relevance to Community Planning along with relevant Governance matters as appropriate.</p>	
<p><u>3. Key Issues:</u></p> <p><u>3.1 Current position with Community Transport within Dumfries & Galloway</u></p> <p>3.1.1 The ongoing development work in relation to the existing Community Transport model was discussed at the November Community Planning Senior Leadership Team (CPSLT) meeting with a proposal prepared for consideration through the Chief Executive of Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway. This presented the business case for Partner funding to help secure a dedicated resource over the next 3 years to help develop a Social Enterprise model for Community Transport. The actions identified were detailed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An appointed project manager to deliver the community transport social enterprise. This can be achieved by a consultant or an employee. • A SWOT assessment of the existing CT provision • An assessment of the public transport strategy for D&G and the potential role of CT to deliver outcomes. • Based on this assessment, consultation to assess viability of CT solutions, for example in group hire, door to door solutions, hub and spoke model, first and last mile solutions and other innovative CT options • Researched options for the legal status of the CT social enterprise with recommendations based on consultation with stakeholders • Engagement with existing and potential CT operators on capacity, capability, and willingness to participate in the social enterprise 	



- Development of a business plan for the longer-term future of the CT social enterprise. This would be built up from an evidence-based analysis of the role of CT in the health, well-being, environment, and economy of D&G. The business plan would be developed in the context of the LOIP, the regional economic strategy and the health and social care objectives for the people of D&G.
- Secured funding for the early years of the CT social enterprise.

3.1.2 The expected costs of a post to take forward the above key actions would be £45,000 per annum and the post would be recruited through TSDG. It was outlined that the CT social enterprise would eventually deliver:

- Improved access for local people to employment, services, health care and well-being amenities
- Reduced isolation
- Improved mental health and well-being
- Reduction of CO2 emissions
- Increased employability for those accessing the job market
- Better value for public money via increased use of public services

3.1.3 Representatives from the Council, SoSE and NHS/Health & Social Care agreed “in principle” to support this proposal and go back through their respective decisions making bodies to help identify an equal financial contribution over the next 3 years and which was welcomed as a positive outcome.

3.2 Young People and the 10,000 Voices Consultation

3.2.1 The CPSLT discussed some of the follow up issues raised at the September CPPB with the Senior Youth Development Officer. It was highlighted that:

- Both the D&G Youth Council and Youth Matters Steering Group were going through a transitional phase with some key young people progressing onto other things and the implications of the imminent Youth Council elections.
- It was felt that rather than making a “pledge” that it would be more appropriate for the Head of Education to write to the Youth Matters Steering Group to confirm that the actions stemming from the Youth Matters Conference report are being integrated into the Children’s Services Delivery Plan to provide re-assurance.
- It was also discussed that continued “check in’s” with representative groups such as the Youth Council should be considered as best practice in terms of the continued development of services by policy makes which young people will take a keen interest in such as mental health services and when considering the “Ladder of Youth Participation” ideally Service providers should be aspiring to a position of where key services should be co-designed with young people albeit that it was acknowledged that reaching the top of the ladder could take years to achieve.
- It was noted that the top issue identified in the 10,000 voices as smoking/vacancy would be subject to a dedicated action being taken forward through new LOIP Action Plan.



3.3 SoSE Workshop on de-carbonisation – retrofit of housing stock

3.3.1 At the CPPB held on 1 September, Board Members asked for feedback at the next meeting on the workshop which took place on 30th August where colleagues from SoSE, Local Authorities, Registered Social Landlords and Colleges discuss the technical challenges and skills needs involved in retrofit of housing stock. A summary of the key action points stemming from the workshop is attached in **Appendix 1** for interest.

3.4 Membership update

3.4.1 Following the recently retiral of Carol McGuire, previous Chief Superintendent, John Cairns has recently taken over as the Temporary Chief Superintendent and will be the Police Scotland representative on the Board with Jim McMillian, Temporary Superintendent taking up position on the Community Planning Senior Leadership team.

3.5 Key issues stemming from the recent Scottish Community Planning Network meeting

3.5.1 A meeting of the Scottish Community Planning network took place on Monday 23 October at Verity House, Edinburgh. Key matters discussed which have been of recent interest to our Community Planning Partnership were:

- Inquiry into Community Planning
- Verity House Agreement 2023
- Community Planning Board Workplan
- National Suicide Prevention Strategy 2022-2032
- Community Wealth Building and Community Planning

3.5.2 A brief summary is attached as **Appendix 2**.

3.6 Community Planning Senior Leadership Team (CPSLT)

3.6.1 The approved minute of the CPSLT meeting held on 3 October is attached in **Appendix 3** for noting.

4. Recommendations:

The CPPB is invited to:

4.1 **Consider** the updates provided at paragraphs 3.1-3.6 and as detailed in the Appendices.

Appendices (3)

Appendix 1 – Feedback from SoSE Workshop

Appendix 2 – Key issues from Scottish Community Planning network meeting

Appendix 3 - Minute of the CPSLT meeting held on 3 October 2023



APPENDIX 1 – SoSE Workshop Feedback

What would a viable retrofit pilot look like?

Create process (mapping exercise?)

What does success look like?

- Gather and share data; look at archetypes and different standards
- Applicable dataset for replicating positive outcomes and avoiding negative consequences
- Work with contractors (succession planning; skills; procurement support). Private sector and RSLs need to work together where possible
- Programme of different pilots with different approaches; include area-based approach and owner-occupied housing
- Funding - develop a range of potential retrofit projects 'ready to go' depending on fund criteria; need extended/ realistic funding deadlines and completion dates (possibly SoS funding manager?)
- Ensure benefits (cost, carbon savings, comfort of occupants) outweigh the costs
- Measurable project for scalability

What actions should we take to overcome the obstacles to local procurement of retrofit?

- Process map; need to set objectives
- Data analysis
- Work with contractors, split procurement into smaller lots and use local frameworks where possible
- Provide training and advice/ webinars to encourage local business to apply to be included on procurement frameworks
- Digital platform to help demonstrate demand
- Collaboration with other housing associations to promote economies of scale
- Capture good examples from pilots where CWB has been successful
- Work with local SMEs, social enterprises and start-ups to provide training and apprenticeships in the necessary skills, including funding cost of courses and compensation for time lost to the business
- Break down stereotypes/ gender balance – more work needed in schools
- Additional funding to expand the apprenticeship offer in SoS
- Local capacity building; retrain existing workforce
- Training manager and funding expert to coordinate across the South of Scotland

What archetypes should we start with?

Funding - significant public sector investment needed to unlock and use collective buying power

- Focus on both volume (target the easiest to let tenants see the benefit and spread the word) and fuel poverty
- Good baseline data needed across the South of Scotland
- Consider scale and process:
 - Replicability
 - Representative
 - Development of best practice



APPENDIX 2 - Key issues from Scottish Community Planning network meeting

1. Community Planning Inquiry – evidence: Key themes:

- The challenges facing communities
- Community empowerment
- The role of the third sector
- Local Outcome Improvement Plans ('LOIPs') and locality plans
- Measuring outcomes and using data
- Culture change amongst partners
- Leadership and accountability

Recommendations:

- Investment in CPPs
- Address variation in performance
- Refreshed guidance
- TSIs/third sector should be invited partners
- Business involvement
- Economic regionalisation
- Collaboration between CPPs
- Audit effectiveness of partners
- Improve empowerment and participation
- Inclusion of communities of interest
- Investment in community engagement officers
- Research impact of CPPs on inequalities
- Better alignment of outcomes across partners
- Clear role for CPPs in community wealth building
- Local Governance Review

2. Verity House Agreement 2023

What is it?

A high-level framework for our partnership

- it does not create legal obligations but is a public commitment to the principle of regular and meaningful engagement;
- respect for each other's democratic mandate, in order that we can work together more effectively to improve the lives of the people of Scotland.

A clear commitment to working towards 3 shared priorities:

- tackling poverty (esp child poverty);
- transforming our economy through a just transition to deliver net zero;
- delivering sustainable, person-centred public services.


The articulation of our commitments around the way we work together, how we will approach our shared priorities, and how we engage with each other in a positive and proactive manner.





Context- why are re rethinking our approaches?

- Despite significant funding and policy interventions, levels of poverty are still too high in Scotland;
- Net zero targets will not be achieved unless we rethink our approach collectively;
- Public services as they are currently configured are not affordable and in many cases are not addressing the needs of our communities, especially the most vulnerable.

3. Community Planning Improvement Board – Work Plan

Source	BARRIER	Action	How we will deliver	Who	Timescales
Systemic Issue across all 3 SLWG	Sustainable Funding for the Third Sector	1. CPIB to support implementation of new and existing local models relating to Third Sector funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will establish a new SLWG to collectively identify the role for CPP and what action the CPIB would wish to take to support this issue, including for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Signing up to Fair Funding Principles ○ Use the VHA partnership agreement to look at the role of the third sector & need for sustainable funding ○ CPP partners consider how they provide sustainable/flexible funding ○ Lobby for more preventative funding 	Anna Fowle & CPIB members	Dec 2023
SLWG Climate Change  Good, green jobs and fair work	Strategic co-ordination of Procurement	2. CPIB to work with Scotland Excel to bring greater co-ordination in procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will hold a CPIB workshop with Scotland Excel & other procurement providers to explore the potential to widen access to existing procurement frameworks and consider how procurement providers might work closer together to reduce fragmentation in procurement in relation to climate change. 	CPIB Chair	Dec 2023
	Co-ordination of funding landscape	3. CPIB to support co-ordination and streamlining of funding at a local level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share good practice of where different funding streams have been merged and applicants have been encouraged to submit solutions to broad issues (see Annex 2). • Share good practice with CP partners nationally to encourage good practice. • Share with Scottish Government to demonstrate value of this approach 	DCC CPIB Chair CPIB Chair	Aug 2023 Oct 2023 Oct 2023
		4. CPIB/CPPs to encourage greater focus of City Deal money on Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify those Climate change initiatives currently prioritised within City or Growth Deal programs (See Annex 3). • Ask CP partners to review and update the list to address any gaps (identifying funded projects that have the potential to make a strategic difference) • Encourage CP Partners at a City or Growth Deal level to prioritise these funded opportunities before other smaller, unfunded ideas that may distract 	SDS SDS/CPIB Chair SDS/CPIB Chair	Aug 2023 Oct 2023 Oct 2023



SLWG Financial Security  Financial security for low income households	Data Sharing	5. CPIB to promote good practice & learning on local progress in data sharing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPIB to widely promote the good practice examples collected through SLWG in relation to data sharing. • Edinburgh Third sector interface to share their approach to data sharing. 	CPIB Members Edinburgh TSI	Dec 2023 Dec 2023
		6. CPIB to develop national principles on data sharing and risk levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPIB members to identify a specific cross-sector example/use case that could be used to help progress work on data sharing principles & minimum standards and common understanding of risk. • Develop a template approach to help prime stakeholders to participate and allow testing and confirmation of the process. • Carry out an environmental scan to identify and engage with those bodies/groups who can provide support/guidance to resolve issues across a broad spectrum of areas including data quality, information security and technology (involve ICO for regulatory view). • Build an index or catalogue of data sharing agreements (consider role for LG Data Standards Board). • Share existing toolkits with CPPs/CP partners that allow the testing of potential data sharing requirements to provide support. • Work with the SG to look at what they are doing across all areas of government and what they already have in place re principles and risk. 	IS/NHS/PS – with support from CPIB members	Mar 2024
SLWG Wellbeing CYP  Wellbeing of Children and Young People	Building & facilitating relationships	7. CPIB to encourage partners to recognise, resource and sustain the places (inc. 3rd Sector) where nurturing relationships happen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Write to CPPs/CP Partners to emphasise the importance of 3rd sector having equal place within Childrens Service Partnerships as part of delivery of whole family wellbeing approaches. • Write to CPP's/CP Partners to promote the support and resources available from the National Trauma Training Programme. 	CPIB Chair & CPIB Members	Dec 2023
	Collective prioritisation and decision making in relation to funding	8. CPIB to encourage CPPs to put in place mechanisms for collective prioritisation and decision-making in relation to allocating funding.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify and promote examples of collective funding approaches that work well that could be put in place quickly • Explore level of collaboration taking place at CSP/CP level in relation to WFWF and share best practice examples where collaboration is working well across sectors. • Analyse the use of WFWB throughout Scotland, drawing on TSI audit currently underway on use of this funding. 	CPIB Members CPIB Members TSI	Mar 2023

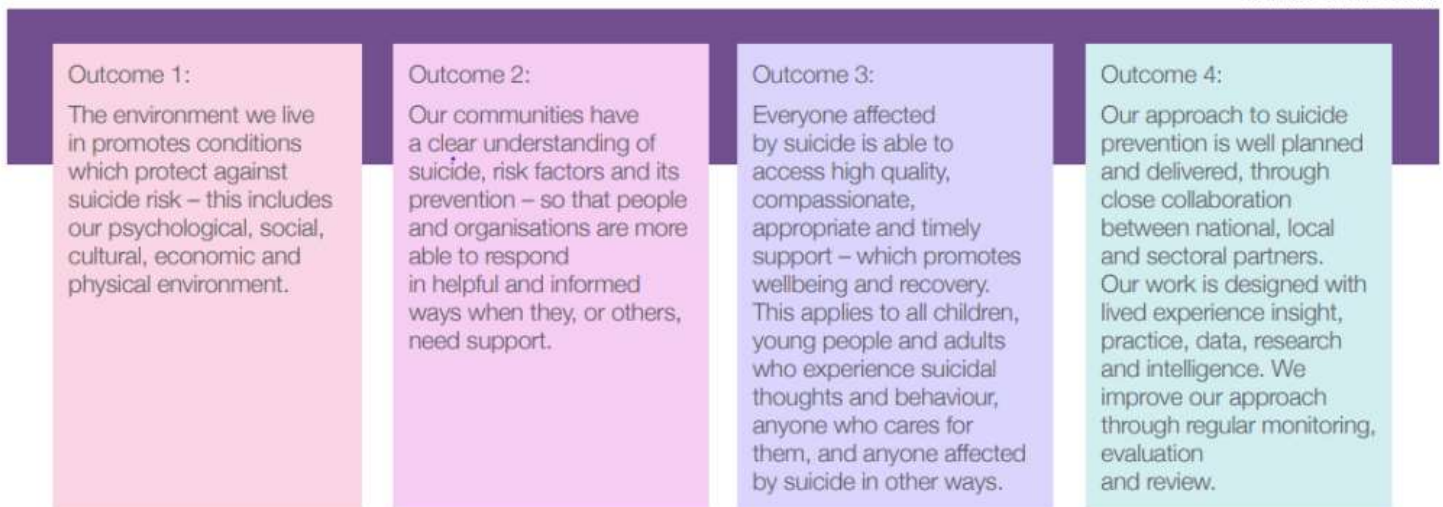
4. National Suicide Prevention Strategy 2022-2032

Vision

- Our vision is to reduce the number of suicide deaths in Scotland, whilst tackling the inequalities which contribute to suicide.
- To achieve this, all sectors must come together in partnership, and we must support our communities so they become safe, compassionate, inclusive, and free of stigma.
- Our aim is for any child, young person or adult who has thoughts of taking their own life, or are affected by suicide, to get the help they need and feel a sense of hope.



Outcomes



Guiding Principles

- Inequalities & diversity addressed;
- Co-develop alongside people with lived, and living, experience;
- Voices of children and young people central to work to address their needs;
- Provide opportunities for people across sectors at local and national levels to come together, learn and connect;
- Time, Space and Compassion principles central to support people's wellbeing and recovery;
- Reduce the stigma of suicide through our work;
- Work will be evidence informed and we will build the evidence base through evaluation, data and research – use quality improvement approaches, creativity and innovation to drive change.



5. Community Wealth Building and Community Planning

Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee recommendations:

- SG should consider refreshing Community Planning Guidance ... In particular this should include future-proofing the guidance so that it reflects new national priorities such as Community Wealth Building and what CPPs' role will be in this;
- CPPs may have an important role to play in new priorities such as Community Wealth Building and SG should ensure they are sufficiently resourced before creating any additional statutory requirements;
- In its development of a Community Wealth Building Bill, the Scottish Government should give early consideration to the role of CPPs in delivering the policy ambitions, whether any legislative changes to their role would be required to facilitate that, and should ensure sufficient guidance is provided to CPPs about their role in community wealth building.

Scottish Examples of CWB

- North Ayrshire Council pioneered CWB in Scotland, and the Ayrshire Growth Deal includes a £3m Scottish Government funded project to support implementation;
- Scottish Government supported the development of CWB action plans in Tay Cities Region (Fife Council), Glasgow City Region, Clackmannanshire, South of Scotland and Eilean Siar (Western Isles);
- South Lanarkshire has a CWB strategy;
- Argyll and Bute sustainable school meals, reducing food miles;
- The NHS, Universities, Colleges, the housing sector and Police Scotland are considering how they can play their part in CWB.

Possible role for Community Planning Partnerships

- Develop a shared understanding of community wealth building and what the partnership possibilities are;
- Map what is already being delivered by partners which can be the foundation for CWB locally
- Reflect CWB in LOIPs;
- Explore opportunities for collaboration around joint processes for procurement, asset management and targeting recruitment;
- Grow the influence of communities on the local economy;
- Pool resources/capacity focussed on pillars/share services?;
- Can all partners become real living wage employers?;
- Credit Union support across all local organisations;
- Develop joint procurement opportunities to enable local businesses to deliver contracts (can be broken into lots)/regional approaches for smaller areas;
- Support local co-operatives and social enterprises through procurement and asset transfer;
- Are there ways to jointly use assets/tackle vacant and derelict land?;
- Opportunity to work better with CPP partners to manage all the estates collectively/in partnership, and engagement with communities;
- How are partners' pensions invested?;
- Role for partners working with FE/HE to influence courses on offer to meet demand in partner organisations.

COMMUNITY PLANNING SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM
Room 2, Council HQ, Dumfries
1.00pm – 3.30pm Tuesday 3 October 2023

Item 1**Present**

- Shona Mitchell** - Head of Operations
(Chair) Skills Development Scotland
- Jim Brown** - Head of Education
Dumfries & Galloway Council
- Norma Austin Hart** - Chief Executive
TSDG
- Scott Irving** - Group Commander
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)
- Garry Legg** - Head of Strategy, Planning and Partnerships
(Substitute) South of Scotland Enterprise
- Valerie White** - Director, Public Health Scotland
NHS Dumfries & Galloway

Apologies

- Paul Cameron** - Superintendent
(Vice Chair) Police Scotland
- Karen Hunter** - Executive Director of Finance and Strategic
Planning, Dumfries & Galloway College
- Jane Morrison-Ross** - Chief Executive
South of Scotland Enterprise
- Julie White** - Chief Officer
Health & Social Care

In attendance

- Stephen Jack** - Lifelong Learning Manager
- Linsey Little** - Development Officer – Poverty and Inequalities

1. DRAFT MINUTE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING – 3 AUGUST 2023

1.1 **APPROVED** as a correct record.

1.2 **NOTED** as a matter arising the following updates:

- At Item 1.2 Richard Grieveson and Norma Austin-Hart had not had a chance to work on a joint paper in relation to the alignment of Strategic funding streams, however noted that scoping of the key funds that require to be included had commenced and SJ and NAH will meet to discuss what has been gathered to date with a view to taking this to the November CPSLT meeting. **ACTION: NAH/SJ**
- A successful workshop on further development of Locality Hubs and to improve collaboration across Community Planning Partners took place on 13 September with good progress was made. A follow up session is planned for early November.

1.3 **AGREED** that an action log would be helpful for future meetings. **ACTION: SJ**

2. UPDATE ON KEY ISSUES FROM 1 SEPTEMBER CPPB MEETING

2.1 **HIGHLIGHTED** key issues discussed within the paper following the September CPPB meeting; and

- **NOTED** the correction required in the paper in relation to the actions identified in the Regional Economic Strategy Delivery Plan where TSDG had been identified as a partner and that the key issue was that in six of these actions the lead partner had not yet reached out to TSDG to discuss; and
- **NOTED** that Jim Brown had confirmed that the request from TSDG to be invited to join the Executive Committee of the Children's Strategy & Planning Partnership would be considered on 10 October.

ACTION: ALL/SJ

3. LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN, LOIP ACTION PLAN AND LOCALITY PLAN ARRANGEMENTS – NEXT STEPS

3.1 **HIGHLIGHTED** that updated data and intelligence had been received from NHS colleagues and this would now allow the document to be published on the Community Planning website;

3.2 **CONSIDERED** and **DISCUSSED** the role of the CPSLT as outlined at para 3.2; and **NOTED** that the CPPB stressed the important role that CPSLT needs to play and **AGREED** that sub-group type work may be required in between CPSLT meetings to help drive forward key actions on behalf of the CPSLT;

3.3 **NOTED** the current position with the LOIP Action Plan as detailed at paras 3.3-3.6; **AGREED** actions should be reduced to 5 or 6, be smart, accountable and measurable and with a key lead; and a smaller group to meet on Friday 13 October

from 10am-2pm to discuss what CPSLT can do to move this work forward at pace and to be clear on the added value.

ACTION: SM/JB/VW/SJ

3.4 **CONSIDERED** and **DISCUSSED** the next steps for Locality Plans as detailed at 3.10-3.14 and attached in Appendix 2.

4. COMMUNITY TRANSPORT – UPDATE, DISCUSSION AND NEXT STEPS

4.1 **NOTED** the current position with funding for 2023/24 and the various key projects as detailed at 2.4;

4.2 **NOTED** the current partner funding received as detailed at 3.1 along with current mitigations, future outlook and next steps;

4.3 **DISCUSSED** the current position and associated opportunities, **HIGHLIGHTED** that securing funding for community transport had proved challenging and **ACKNOWLEDGED** that community transport had been brought before the CPPB by the CEO TSDG several times;

4.4 **CONSIDERED** the funding ask of CP Partners as presented by the CEO TSDG at this meeting; and

4.5 **AGREED** that CP Partners would take to their respective Boards the ask to help fund a Full Time Development Officer post to develop a Social Enterprise and progress other key projects; the Council would investigate whether there was anyone who could potentially be seconded to assist; and an update on progress would be brought to the CPSLT meeting on 9 November at which if no solution found the issue can be elevated to the CPPB.

ACTION: JB/ VW/ GL

5. D&G COMPACT PARTNERSHIP WITH THE THIRD SECTOR

5.1 **NOTED** the Scope of Works and associated timeline agreed at the September CPPB and as outlined in the **APPENDIX; HIGHLIGHTED** the concern from the Council Senior Leadership Team around high level engagement taking place around December which is already looking like a busy period;

5.2 **DISCUSSED** suggestions to support the key discussion items as outlined at para 3.3.

5.3 **AGREED** to encourage SLT and the CPPB to be ambitious and have an outcome focussed document; **NOTED** the suggestion from TSDG that that independent consultants may be required to develop a brief so that a draft document could be developed for consideration as part of the consultation; and to re-consider timelines for this work to take into account expected Winter pressures/challenges that will be faced by CP Partners and the imminent retiral of the existing CEO of Third Sector and transitional period that will be required for a new CEO to become familiarised with this work.

ACTION: SJ/NAH

6. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY WORKING GROUP

6.1 **HIGHLIGHTED** the good representation from diversity groups and that a few more public sector organisations have joined the group; good attendance at meetings; success of the awareness days calendar and taking part in awareness raising campaigns; the positive contribution to stakeholder Impact Assessments and contribution to Strategies, Plans and policies that impact on people within the Protected Characteristics; and ongoing work through the new commission for representation and engagement which comes into effect on 1 April 2024 and that the work plan will be refreshed and updated to make it more relevant;

6.2 **SCRUTINISED** the work of the EDWG during 2022/23;

6.3 **PROVIDED** guidance and direction for the future; and **RECOMMENDED**

- that 3.4 on the workplan remain;
- the dates at 1.6 be amended to show 1 April 2022- 31 March 2023;
- to develop more measurable outcomes and demonstrating how the work is positively contributing to improving people's lives;
- what is the impact and how does it link into the LOIP?;
- useful to share learning and themes coming through NHS and Council staff networks;
- consider how information from Focus Groups can help inform Community Planning;
- refine and define KPIs
- to consider a formal request at next EDWG to invite representatives from diversity groups to join the Community Planning Stakeholder Group;
- invite a representative from SDS to join the EDWG;

ACTION: EDWG

7. CHILDREN'S STRATEGY & PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

7.1 **CONSIDERED** the effectiveness of CSSaPP Executive to date in their operation as a multi-agency partnership group;

7.2 **HIGHLIGHTED** that the Partnership had operated effectively since its inception in June 2021; that the new Children's Services Plan had been developed; and commended the work of Darren Little and Jane McMillan in developing this; the priorities of the CSSaPP over the coming year; and that the Partnership was working well and improving;

7.3 **DISCUSSED** the role of CPSLT in scrutinising annual reports and **NOTED** that their prime focus is undertaking governance checks, monitoring progress with the implementation of accompanying Plans/Strategies contained within the quarterly Strategic Plans Updates to the CPPB; and **RECOMMENDED** CPSLT at their meeting on 13 October discuss how the action plan is linked to the LOIP themes and the connection between plans to priorities to avoid overlap/ duplication.

8. FORWARD PLAN

8.1 **CONSIDERED** and **AGREED** the proposed items of business for the remainder of 2023 as detailed in the **Appendix** with an addition on CPSLT forward plan item on electing a new Chair and Vice- Chair for the next 6 months and; to delay the Children's Rights item from the December CPPB meeting; Third Sector representation and "The Voice" and that the Director Public Health would have further discussions about a presentation to the December CPPB meeting on the key priorities stemming from Alcohol & Drugs Strategy; and **FURTHER AGREED** the proposed dates for meetings during 2024 as detailed at 3.2;

8.2 **AGREED** to continue to receive updates on future business at each CPPB meeting.

ACTION: SJ

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COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD– 1 DECEMBER 2023

ITEM 9

Author: Stephen Jack, Lifelong Learning Manager	Responsible Senior Officer: Richard Grieveson, Director Communities
Report Title: COMMUNITY PLANNING RISK REGISTER	
<p><u>1. Situation:</u> The CPSLT monitors the Risk Register; agrees any updates to the likelihood and impact; and reports any changes to the Community Planning Partnership Board (CPPB).</p>	
<p><u>2. Background:</u> 2.1 The CPSLT considered the Community Planning risk register at its meeting held on 9 November 2023 where it was agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not to amend the risk ratings at the current time as it was deemed too early in the implementation process of the new arrangements for Community Planning; and • concern over financial pressures facing the public sector and partners during 2024 onwards and how that may impact on resources and capacity. <p>2.2 It was agreed that the Risk Register would be monitored and updated by the CPSLT on a six-monthly basis and reported to the Board on the same frequency.</p>	
<p><u>4. Recommendations:</u> 4.1 The Community Planning Partnership Board is invited to consider the updated Register in the Appendix and agree any amendments or additions.</p>	

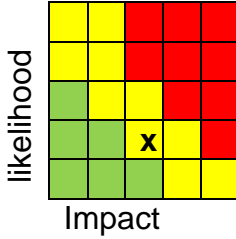
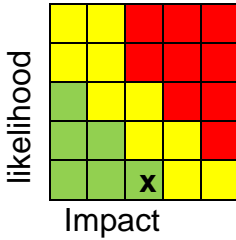
10 November 2023

Appendix (1)

Risk Register as at 25 October 2023.

Appendix 1 Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership Risk Register

CPP01 Delivery of Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plan
There is a risk that the CPP fails to meet the annual targets and outcomes within the specified timeframe

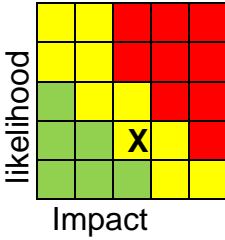
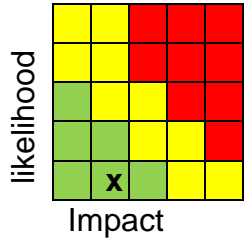
Cause	Effect	Current risk assessment	Current Mitigations	Target Risk Matrix
Narrative/position as at 25 October 2023				
<p>Reduced resources (people and money) of individual partners means that the original targets cannot be achieved</p> <p>Lack of prioritisation means that limited resources not targeted at issues of greatest need/ importance</p>	<p>The Ambitions of the LOIP and Locality Plan are not achieved.</p> <p>The priorities outlined in the LOIP/Locality Plan become outdated due to a range of external factors not being taken into account including Cost of Living and War in Ukraine.</p> <p>Annual performance reporting data being published late.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>likelihood</p> <p>Impact</p> </div> <p>No change since the last report</p>	<p>Monitoring of the LOIP Indicators and Projects and engagement to check progress by the CPSLT and CPPB on an annual basis.</p> <p>The annual reports for 2021/22 were considered by the CPPB on 17 March 2023, however these were published late for the second year running due to a range of Partners' annual performance information not being available and this is directly linked to the operational pressures that partners are facing. The final reports for 2022/23 will be presented to the 1st December CPPB.</p> <p>The scrutiny of performance of the twelve key Partnership Strategies and Plans by the CPP Board on a quarterly basis has included contribution to Public Health Priorities, Youth Council Priorities and the Themes to support the new LOIP.</p> <p>The impact of the Cost of Living is being monitored closely through both the CPSLT and CPPB with the aim of ensuring a single focus is being given to this by partners and co-ordinating our collective efforts.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>likelihood</p> <p>Impact</p> </div>

Cause	Effect	Current risk assessment	Current Mitigations	Target Risk Matrix
			<p>Updated arrangements for tackling poverty and inequalities are now embedded along with the incorporation of the Local Child Poverty Action Report Action Plan into this model.</p> <p>The mid-term review of the LOIP, Locality Plan and Community Planning model has now been completed with a new LOIP agreed at the CPPB on 1 September 2023 and partners moving into the implementation phase.</p>	

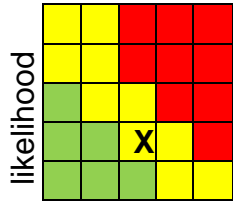
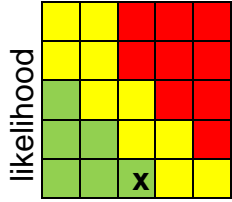
CPP02
There is a risk that there is lack of participation in our community planning activities

Cause	Effect	Current risk assessment	Current Mitigations	Target risk matrix
Narrative/position as at 15 March 2023				
<p>There is much reduced capacity in terms of people's time and energy to contribute to partnership activities and shared leadership.</p> <p>This covers elected and board members, community representatives and public and third sector officers</p> <p>Significant operational pressure facing CP Partners, particularly linked to Cost of Living.</p>	<p>Inefficiencies, missed opportunities and poor relationships across partner organisations and with communities</p> <p>Return to "silo" working and risk of duplication.</p>	<div data-bbox="667 485 900 724" style="text-align: center;"> <p>likelihood</p> <p>Impact</p> </div> <p>No change since last report</p>	<p>Advance scheduling of meaningful engagement and meetings. Substitutes are encouraged.</p> <p>Use of technology to join meetings via MS Teams to help overcome transport barriers.</p> <p>Annual review of strategic, thematic and locality partnerships to ensure they are effective and efficient, with rationalisation where possible.</p> <p>Induction of new people (Board and management levels) about community planning in D&G.</p> <p>Shared responsibility for different aspects of the community planning framework.</p> <p>The review of the LOIP, Locality Plan and CP Operating model has brought partnership work closer together across the three new overarching LOIP themes and 12 new outcomes leading to an improved understanding of the Community Planning landscape and how Partner can work together more efficiently and effectively.</p>	<div data-bbox="1688 549 1921 788" style="text-align: center;"> <p>likelihood</p> <p>Impact</p> </div>

CPP03
There is a risk that there is a disconnect between different elements of the CPP structure and activities

Cause	Effect	Current risk assessment	Current mitigations	Target Risk Matrix
Narrative/position as at 25 October 2023				
<p>There is a lack of understanding of roles and responsibilities between the different aspects of partnership working:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Strategic (CPP Board and Executive Group) -Thematic (service specific partnerships and Working Groups) and -Locality (Locality Hubs) 	<p>The Community Planning vision and principles are not achieved</p> <p>Community Planning activities are not informed by community engagement/ up to date intelligence.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>likelihood</p> <p>Impact</p> </div> <p>No change since last report</p>	<p>Scrutiny of key partnerships by CPSLT takes place on an annual basis; and reported to the CPPB.</p> <p>New arrangements for poverty and inequalities are now embedded and are providing a clear focus to help co-ordinate partner's efforts against mitigating the impacts of the Cost of Living.</p> <p>CP Partners have "bought into" and helped inform the new model for Community Planning with a focus on a bottom up-evidence based approach with Locality Hubs playing a key role in this.</p> <p>The refreshed Membership for the CPPB has re-integrated Skills Development Scotland and D&G College back into the full membership of the board.</p> <p>The new Governance and Operating Framework has been agreed with the new Community Planning Senior Leadership Group starting to build relationships and help to identify and drive forward key actions stemming from the LOIP.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>likelihood</p> <p>Impact</p> </div>

CPP04
There is a risk that there is insufficient integration of shared activities across partners to support community planning

Cause	Effect	Current risk assessment	Current Mitigations	Target Risk Matrix
Narrative/position as at 25 October 2023				
<p>Partners are unaware or unwilling to participate in a joint approach to undertaking support activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -- financial and business planning -participation and engagement - tackling inequality - support for locality groups 	<p>Inefficiencies, missed opportunities and poor relationships across partner organisations and with communities.</p> <p>Communities experiencing poorer outcomes at a local level due to a lack of joined up working.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>likelihood</p> <p>Impact</p> </div> <p>No change since last report</p>	<p>Work has been undertaken through the previous Executive Group around shared financial and business planning approaches, however this work needs “refreshed” with new opportunities emerging around Community Wealth Building and the role of Anchor Organisations.</p> <p>The role and remit of Locality Hubs has been further updated in line to the review of the Community Planning Governance and Operating Framework with workshops taking place with the members of all four Locality Hubs.</p> <p>The Public Health Reform Whole Systems Approach has been welcomed and utilised to support a number of key projects.</p> <p>Following agreement of the new LOIP, Partners have started to identify where the “added value” focus for the CP Partners should be in order to make a key difference within our communities and therefore helping to clarify responsibilities, secure collective “buy in” and avoid duplication.</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>likelihood</p> <p>Impact</p> </div>



COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 1 DECEMBER 2023

ITEM 10

Author: Stephen Jack, Lifelong Learning Manager	Responsible Senior Officer: Liz Manson, Interim Head of Community Services				
Report Title: Community Planning Partnership Board and Community Planning Senior Leadership Team – Forward Programme for 2023					
<p><u>1. Situation:</u> 1.1 This report updates the Community Planning Partnership Board on proposed arrangements for 2024 in relation to both the CPSLT and Community Planning Partnership Board meetings along with a proposed schedule of meeting dates for 2024.</p>					
<p><u>2. Background:</u> 2.1 Frequency of meetings for the CPSLT and CPPB for 2023 were confirmed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPPB (4 times per year) • CPSLT (6 times per year) 					
<p><u>3. Key Issues</u> 3.1 The proposed dates/months for CPPB and CPSLT meetings to be held during 2024 are detailed below and which take account of school holiday periods to help maximise attendance:</p>					
Community Planning Partnership Board					
8 March	7 June	13 September	4 December		
Community Planning Senior Leadership Team					
Mid Jan	Mid-March	Mid-May	End June	Mid/late September	Mid November
<p>3.2 Securing suitable venues for the quarterly CPPB meetings has proved challenging and the main Council Hall has been booked provisionally at the moment to secure a venue for the dates currently available.</p> <p>3.3 Room 2 at English Street has been used for CPSLT meetings and which is appropriate in size to accommodate a smaller group and also has virtual technology, however, due to nature of dynamic discussions that are required an in person attendance has been preferable wherever possible and this was further agreed at the CPSLT meeting held on 9 November.</p> <p>3.4 An updated forward Plan for the first quarter of 2024 is attached in Appendix 1 for consideration.</p>					
<u>4. Recommendation:</u>					

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| <p>4.1 The CPPB is invited to consider and agree the proposed meeting dates and arrangements for 2024 as detailed in the Appendix and the proposed business for the first quarter of 2024; and</p> <p>4.2 Continue to receive updates on future business at each CPPB meeting.</p> |
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Appendix (1) – Forward Plan

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APPENDIX – FORWARD PLAN 2023**COMMUNITY PLANNING SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM**

JANUARY 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Strategic matters for discussion • LOIP and Locality Plan updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resettlement Board • Strategic Housing Forum • Place Planning Partnership
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward Plan

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MARCH 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Themed discussion – Children’s Rights – • Workforce Summit (deferred from 1 September meeting)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resettlement Board update
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOIP Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LOIP Action Plan - Performance framework - Place Planning - Locality Plans - Locality Hubs - Stakeholder Group
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital updates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic reporting on key plans/strategies linked to new LOIP/Locality Plan (includes update on Cost of Living)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Brief
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPPB Improvement Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward Plan arrangements

