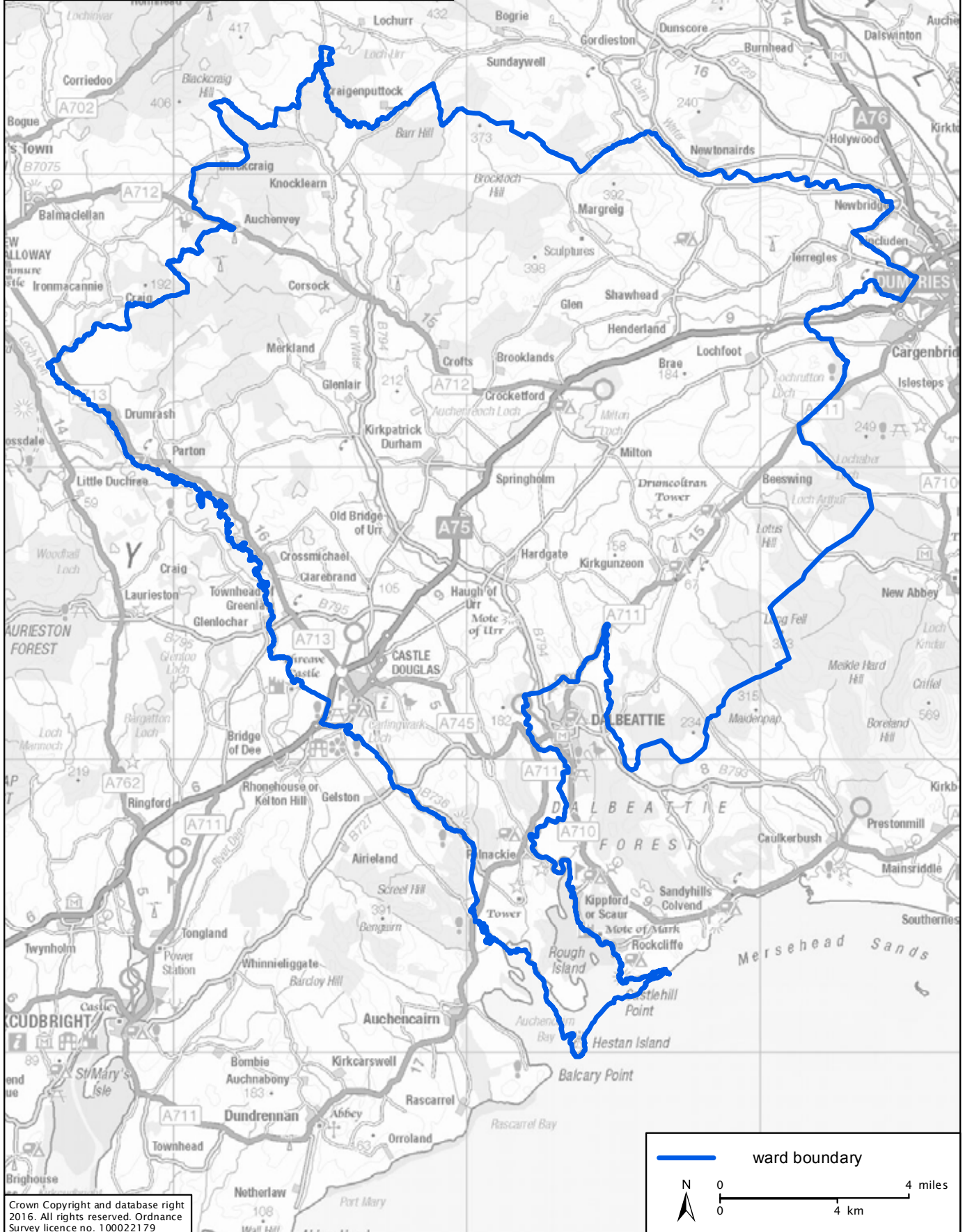


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Final Recommendations
Dumfries and Galloway Council area
Ward 4 (Castle Douglas and Crocketford)



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Key statistics - Settlements

Some details about the main towns and villages in the Castle Douglas and Crocketford Ward are given below

Castle Douglas is identified as a District Centre within the Stewartry Housing Market Area. It serves as a market town for the surrounding area and has a number of shops, services and other facilities, including tourist attractions. It is an important strategic location for employment and contains business and industrial land within the town and just off the A75 to the north. The population in 2011 was 4,174. The town is bypassed by the A75, which creates a boundary to the north and west, has open countryside to the east and Carlingwark Loch to the south. The loch is important to the setting of the town providing an attractive gateway when approached from the south. This area is also important for biodiversity as it is a part of Threave. The town is also characterised by a series of small hills such as Erne, Dunmuir and Garden Hill which provide visual enclosure and setting.

Crossmichael is identified as a Local Centre in the Stewartry Housing Market Area. It is located adjacent to Loch Ken, on the A713 between Castle Douglas and New Galloway. The settlement has a number of facilities including a primary school, shop / post office and public house. The focal point of the settlement is the eighteenth century parish church to the northern end of the village, the setting of which should be protected from development. Crossmichael also lies within the Galloway Hills Regional Scenic Area, this landscape designation is an important consideration when considering future development.

Springholm is identified as a Local Centre in the Stewartry Housing Market Area. It has a range of facilities including shops, a hall and a public house. Springholm is located on the A75 with development fronting this on either side. The older core of the settlement consists of a long ribbon of development with additional residential development to the west at Reoch Park. Construction of houses at Cameronian Place has also expanded the town.

Palnackie is identified as a Local Centre in the Stewartry Housing Market Area. The settlement contains a number of facilities including a primary school and shop, as well as other businesses. Palnackie is an historic port town located within the East Stewartry Coast National Scenic Area, an indicator of the local landscape quality and a factor when considering future development. A Palnackie Village Design Statement has been prepared for the village and this should be taken into account when designing any new development.

Council and Partners Facilities

Secondary Schools

Castle Douglas High School	518
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Primary Schools

Castle Douglas Primary School	358
Crossmichael Primary School	72
Kirkgunzeon Primary School	41
Palnackie Primary School	20
Lochrutton Primary School	37
Hardgate Primary School	58
Shawhead Primary School	39
Springholm Primary School	73

Customer Service Centres

Castle Douglas Customer Service Centre and Library
Castle Douglas Town Hall

Burial Grounds

Castle Douglas Cemetery, Castle Douglas
Crossmichael Cemetery
Kelton Cemetery, Castle Douglas
Parton Cemetery, Castle Douglas
Lochrutton Cemetery, Dumfries
Kirkpatrick Durham Cemetery, Castle Douglas
Urr Cemetery, Haugh of Urr, Castle Douglas
Corsock Church Yard, Castle Douglas
Kelton Cemetery, Castle Douglas
Kirkland Cemetery, Gelston
Kirkpatrick Durham Churchyard, Castle Douglas
Urr Churchyard, Haugh of Urr, Castle Douglas

Parks and Open Spaces

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Anderson Ave, Castle Douglas

Birkland Road Park, Castle Douglas

Dee Ave, Castle Douglas

Douglas Terrace, Castle Douglas

Lochside Park, Castle Douglas

Market Hill, Castle Douglas

Whitelaw, Castle Douglas

Cullgruff Woods, Crossmichael

Loch Ken, Crossmichael

Templand, Crossmichael

Craigadam Woodland, Crocketford

Maiden Row, Crocketford

Haugh of Urr

Kirkpatrick Durham

Kirkgunzeon

Lochfoot

Glen Road, Palnackie

Kirkennan View, Palnackie

Springholm

NHS Facilities

Gardenhill Medical Centre

Castle Douglas Community Hospital

Police Scotland Facilities

Castle Douglas Police Station

Scottish Fire and Rescue Service Facilities

Castle Douglas Fire Station

Key Projects

Stewartry Change Programme

The Change Programme is a response and proactive approach to altering current ways of working due to the increased demand on our health services. For this to happen there must be an introduction of new models of care and new ways of working for the new hospital build and our community services.

Health and Social Care colleagues will be working closely with partners in relation to the new hospital design and Health and Social Care Integration to make sure we are using a joined up approach to make the necessary changes across the system.

A programme is underway which involves 18 workgroups looking at a whole series of changes, including new profiles for our Wards, improved patient pathways, introduction of integrated teams, clinic and theatre scheduling and the development of Cottage Hospitals.

Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership

“The Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership is connecting the people living and working in the area with its heritage and landscape in a drive to secure a prosperous future for the communities around the Water of Ken and River Dee, right from their source to the sea.”

The region, based on the Ken and Dee catchment and linked by the waterway, has reinvented itself throughout history and includes a wide range of habitats and land uses. The primary settlements of Castle Douglas and Kirkcudbright are linked to a more rural environment heading north through what is locally termed ‘the Glenkens’.

Now better known as an area of farming, forestry, energy generation, attractions such as ‘the Dark Sky Park’ and a relaxed pace of life, it cannot be forgotten that this region has been at the cutting edge of progress in a number of sectors throughout history. This includes the development of a pioneering hydroelectric scheme, the birthplace of James Clerk Maxwell and S.R. Crockett, a significant role in Robert the Bruce’s story and Covenanter activity, inspiring Robert Burns and a whole range of other points of international significance.

The Galloway Glens Landscape Partnership resulted from local interest in the area and a wish to better understand the heritage contained therein, making use of the unique natural and built heritage of the area to encourage sustainable communities now and into the future.

The Partnership consists of a range of organisations including, amongst others, Dumfries & Galloway Council, local community organisations, The Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere, Forestry Commission Scotland and Historic Environment Scotland.

Dumfries and Galloway Carers Strategy 2017-2021 Consultation

- There are just over 24,000 people in Stewartry.
- Currently 1 in 4 people are over 65 years old.
- There are more people over 65 years than in anywhere else in Dumfries and Galloway.
- There are less people under 25 years than elsewhere.
- About 4 out of every 10 people in Stewartry live in remote rural places
- Nearly 2 out of every 10 people have no car or van.
- In the Stewartry, about 1 in every 10 people are Carers and about a third of these Carers are providing more than 50 hours of care a week. Many Carers need extra support or have health issues themselves.
- Around 1200 people aged over 75 are living alone.
- About 1 in every 12 people are living with a physical disability.
- Nearly 4 people in every 100 have a long term mental health problem.
- Last year nearly 2000 people went to hospital in an emergency.
- Over 300 people receive a care at home service.

In Stewartry we have:

- 5 doctor's surgeries
- 6 community pharmacies
- 2 opticians
- 4 dental surgeries
- 2 cottage hospitals
- 8 care homes
- 155 sheltered housing flats

The current Dumfries and Galloway Carers Strategy expires in 2017. A draft strategy has been developed for 2017 – 2021 following consultation with Carers, Carers Organisations and Partners.

A Carer is defined by the Scottish Government as "a person of any age who provides unpaid help and support to a relative, friend or neighbour who cannot manage to live independently without the Carers help due to frailty, illness, disability or addiction". In Dumfries & Galloway, Carers make up 10% of the population and of this group, 29% provide more than 50 hours of support a week.

Carers are a vital component of the health and social care system. Unpaid Carers are the largest group of care providers in Scotland, providing more care than the NHS and Councils combined, avoiding costs of over £10bn per annum (University of Sheffield 2015).

Community Councils and Community Associations

Buittle Parish - Established

Castle Douglas - Established

Corsock and Kirkpatrick Durham - Established

Crossmichael and District - Established

Irongray - Established

Lochrutton - Established

Parton - Established

Terregles - Established

Community Asset Transfer

Castle Douglas Community Centre March 2019

Community Windfarm Benefit Monies

Plascow Farm – Approx £10,000 to Kirkgunzeon
Community Windfarm Fund

Robin Rigg – Approx £50,000 between Kirkbean,
Southernness, Auchencairn, Buittle Parish, Colvend
and Southwick, Dundrennan.

Elected Members

Iain Howie
Independent

David James
Scottish Conservative and Unionist

John Young
Scottish National Party

MSPs and MPs

MP Alister Jack
Scottish Conservative and Unionist

MSP Finlay Carson
Scottish Conservative and Unionist

MSYP	Emma Currie	Galloway and West Dumfries
	Neal McCulloch	Galloway and West Dumfries

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Castle Douglas and Crocketford

Electorate 7,467



Electorate does not equal population. Source - Boundary Commission

Employment and Economic Growth

% of adults receiving out of work benefits



Adults aged 16 to 64 - 3 year trend

% of children living in poverty

4 year trend



Rate of depopulation



10 year trend (inverse indicator)

	Current	Trend	Current	Trend	Current	Trend
Castle Douglas	15.40%	+0.4%	15.80%	-3.20%	97.20%	+2.80%
Crocketford and Carsphairn	11.50%	-0.8%	14.90%	-0.20%	96.70%	-1.60%

Positive Destinations



Positive destinations

The percentage of school leavers who, within three months of leaving school, enter higher education, further education, employment or training - 5 year trend

	Current	Trend	Current	Trend
Castle Douglas	96.10%	+13.10%	214	+10
Crocketford and Carsphairn	95.30%	+5.60%	206	+22



S4 Tariff

Scottish average 298

National benchmarking focusing on attainment of pupils following S4 S5 or S6. Qualifications are awarded tariff points based on its SCQF level, credit points and the grade achieved by the pupil - 10 year trend.

Health and Wellbeing

Early mortality rate

Rate of death for persons under the age of 75 - 5 year trend



Unplanned hospital admissions

Accident and Emergency attendances per 100,000 head of population - 10 year trend



	Current	Trend	Current	Trend
Castle Douglas	374	-10	20152	-924
Crocketford and Carsphairn	277	-78	16144	-5345

Safer, Stronger Communities

Crime Rate

Number of crimes per 10,000 head of population - 3 year trend



	Current	Trend
Castle Douglas	264	-73
Crocketford and Carsphairn	137	+39

The statistical information presented for each of the detailed outcomes is sourced from the Community Planning Outcome Profiling tool (CPOP). Slight anomalies may exist as intermediary data zones do not match identically the geographic nature of electoral wards.

In such cases, the statistical information cannot be disaggregated further to allow the information to be presented differently. The statistical information may therefore include areas which are out with the Ward boundary.

If you would like some help understanding this or need it in another format please contact 030 33 33 3000

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Agreed

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