



Thursday, 07 March 2024

Dear Member

South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board

You are requested to attend a meeting of the above Board to be held as follows:-

Date: Wednesday, 13 March 2024
Time: 13:00
Venue: By Microsoft Teams,

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

Members

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

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Wednesday 5 June 2024

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- 16 **Any Other Competent Business**
Any other items of business which the Chair decides are competent.

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SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Note of meeting held via Microsoft Teams and in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 13 December 2023

Chair:

Councillor Joe Fagan, Leader, South Lanarkshire Council

Partners Present:

C Burnett, Representative, Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership
 C Calder, Manager, Seniors Together
 A Comrie, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
 E Foy, Manager, Skills Development Scotland
 M Hill, Chair, NHS Lanarkshire Board
 T Keay, Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
 P Manning, Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
 C Mason, Representative, Seniors Together
 K Morrison, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture
 J Pravinkumar, Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire
 J Quinn, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
 S Sweeney, Chief Executive, VASLan
 A Thomson, Superintendent (Partnerships), Police Scotland

Also Attending:

H Calley, Administration Officer, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
 K McLeod, Administration Assistant, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
 A Murray, Community Planning Adviser, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
 E Paterson, Community Planning Officer, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

Apologies:

J Binning, Principal Policy Officer, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
 S Dolan, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland
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 S Mitchell, Head of Operations South West, Skills Development Scotland
 E O'Reilly, Head of Campus Services, University of the West of Scotland
 S Sengupta, Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership
 C Sneddon, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

1 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

2 Note of Previous Meeting

The note of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 6 September 2023 was submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update

A report dated 15 November 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing the quarterly update on the work of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership, details of which were attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Outcome(s):

- (1) Requests made by the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, noted.
- (2) Partnership's Community Development Officer, with support from the Progress Group, to work with the Partnership to progress the actions outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.
- (3) Content of report noted.

[Reference: Note of 6 September 2023 (Paragraph 3)]

4 Clydesdale Community Partnership Update

A report dated 15 November 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing the quarterly update on the work of the Clydesdale Community Partnership, details of which were attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Outcome(s):

- (1) Partnership's Community Development Officer, with support from the Progress Group, to work with the Partnership to progress the actions outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.
- (2) Content of report noted.

[Reference: Note of 6 September 2023 (Paragraph 4)]

5 Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report

A report dated 15 November 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) budget and expenditure as at 3 November 2023 (Period 8).

As outlined in Appendix 1 to the report, the total available budget for 2023/2024 was £118,511 which included a balance of funding carried forward of £70,161 and a total income of £48,350. Actual expenditure at the end of Period 8 was £22,727.51.

The spending plan for 2023/2024, as approved by the Board at its meeting on 6 September 2023, was outlined at Appendix 2 to the report.

Specific spend within the period related to salary costs, community planning events, learning and development costs, and IT costs.

As previously agreed by the Board, Community Partnerships would be provided with an equal share of £5,500 of the Lived Experience Fund (LEF) which had not been spent during 2022/2023 and had been carried forward to the 2023/2024 budget.

The Board had agreed to continue delegating LEF funding to Community Partnerships and increased the funding available to £8,000 (£2,000 for each area). All 4 Partnership Groups were operating and work continued to build capacity and strengthen the memberships.

Work continued with the successful LEF 2022/2023 groups to submit their consultation feedback.

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

Outcome(s): Noted.

[Reference: Note of 6 September 2023 (Paragraph 5)]

6 Climate and Nature Events Overview

A report dated 15 November 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing an overview of the Climate and Nature Development Session held on 10 October 2023 and the Climate and Nature Event held on 24 October 2023.

On 6 September 2023, the Board agreed that a Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board Development Session be held on 10 October 2023 with young people on Climate and Nature, focusing on the issues facing young people locally and nationally. The session was led by members of the South Lanarkshire Youth Council and the South Lanarkshire School Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability.

On 22 March 2023, the Board also agreed that, following the successful event held in December 2019 which focused on 'Having Community Conversations that Matter', a similar community-led event focusing on 'Having Climate and Nature Conversations that Matter' be held on 24 October 2023. Local community groups from across South Lanarkshire shared their stories with wider communities and topics discussed included active travel, community resilience, food growing, engagement and climate adaptation.

In preparation for the Climate Change and Tackling Poverty weeks, the Council's Community Engagement and Sustainability Teams engaged with schools and community organisations across South Lanarkshire to find out more about the work that they were doing to contribute to the delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The outputs from that work included a communications campaign during the lead up to the events and a new Sustainable Development Section on the CPP website which provided information on the goals, how to get involved and summaries of community activity.

Overviews of both the Climate and Nature Development Session and Climate and Nature Event were detailed in the report as well as the next steps moving forward from those events.

Outcome(s): Noted.

[Reference: Note of 22 March 2023 (Paragraph 9) and of 6 September 2023 (Paragraph 16)]

7 Community Planning Board Bulletin

The Community Planning Board Bulletin of 13 December 2023 was submitted providing information on the:-

- ◆ Children's Services Plan 2023 to 2026 including priority outcomes of Whole Family Wellbeing, Mental Health and Wellbeing and Keeping the Promise
- ◆ Children's Services Planning Structure

- ◆ Alcohol and Drug Problem Solving Court at Hamilton Sheriff Court, its outcomes and objectives, the operation of Court, timeline for implementation and next steps
- ◆ Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP) Annual Review 2022/2023, including key highlights and next steps
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Social Enterprise Strategy 2023 to 2027. including priorities and ambitions.

Outcome(s): Noted.

8 South Lanarkshire Register of Information

A report dated 15 November 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources) was submitted providing a summary of information which had been circulated to Community Planning Partners between 9 August to 14 November 2023, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

Outcome(s): Noted.

[Reference: Note of 6 September 2023 (Paragraph 18)]

9 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Wednesday 13 March 2024 at 1.00pm.

10 Any Other Competent Business

There were no other items of competent business.

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Subject:	Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: jennifer.kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the requests made by the Partnership in Appendix 1, be noted; (2) that the Partnership's Community Development Officer, with support from the Progress Group, works with the Partnership to progress the actions outlined in Appendix 1, be noted; and (3) the content of the report, be noted
Risks/Challenges:	Section 7 provides a summary of the risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register relating to community participation and engagement
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	♦ Ambition 1 - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources ♦ Ambition 2 - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better ♦ Ambition 3 - We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work ♦ Principles: Communication and Empowerment; Embracing Change; and Openness and Trust
Summary of Report:	♦ The progress update for Rutherglen and Cambuslang Community Partnership is set out at Appendix 1

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

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

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the requests made by the Partnership in Appendix 1, be noted;
- (2) that the Partnership's Community Development Officer, with support from the Progress Group, works with the Partnership to progress the actions outlined in Appendix 1, be noted; and
- (3) the content of the report, be noted

3. Background

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

3.2. Rutherglen and Cambuslang Community Partnership has met twice since the last Board meeting.

4. Employee Implications

4.1. Community Partnership activity is delivered by the Partnership Community Development Officer supported by the council's Community Engagement Team.

5. Financial Implications

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

6. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

7. Other Implications

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

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

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

Paul Manning
Chief Executive
South Lanarkshire Council

14 February 2024

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Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership Update Report

General Update

The Community Partnership last met on Tuesday 30 January and Thursday 1 February 2024. The Partnership has decided to continue to host daytime in person and evening online meetings to maximise attendance and choice.

The purpose of the meetings was to progress the discussion initiated with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding the safe disposal of vapes, to continue to discuss content for the Community Planning website and to establish an online 'What's App' group to aid communication outwith meetings.

Written feedback had been received from the Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Prevention, Protection and Preparedness. Efforts have been taken to explore piloting disposal methods at community fire stations across Lanarkshire but this has not got off the ground for a variety of reasons including cost, access issues and fire risk concerns. Other strategies are being pursued including the Community Action Team who has been in contact with LANDED, a young person's volunteer organisation that works with young people across Lanarkshire promoting messages of harm reduction on topics such as drugs, alcohol, cannabis, tobacco and sexual health. It has run workshops relating to vaping within St Trinity High School. It has also contacted peers across Scotland to see if any area has any ongoing projects to mirror and has consulted with high schools within Lanarkshire to ascertain what safe disposable methods, if any, are being used locally. The Partnership will be updated on this.

Separate meetings were scheduled with members who are interested in practically pursuing the web design and a group What's App.

Members asked if South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture's Residents Survey (Phase 3), regarding halls and libraries, could be tabled (1 February 2024) for discussion. There was a lengthy discussion about the far-reaching implications and impacts of any proposed closures, on individuals and the wider community.

Specific concerns include:-

- ◆ the lack of public information concerning the context and rationale for the cuts, or how the options have been determined by South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture
- ◆ the timescales for the consultation are unacceptable as it runs for only 2 weeks
- ◆ 1 February to 15 February, yet the results of the Phase 2 consultation will only become available on 5 February 2024
- ◆ the scale and scope of the proposed closures/rationalisations will be highly damaging. This makes it all the more important that there is sufficient time and proper processes for communities to be fully informed and involved in decision-making; and
- ◆ time to allow discussion on how any decisions for service changes might be managed

Partner Update

In light of the significant financial pressures faced by South Lanarkshire Council and South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture (SLLC) and the requirement to bridge the projected funding gap for 2024/25, SLLC consulted on a number of savings options between November 2023 and February 2024. The consultation set the financial context, referencing the council's £42m budget gap over the next two years, the potential reduction in the management fee paid to SLLC and other financial pressures impacting the organisation.

Consultation survey results were published on the website in a timely manner following each survey and allowing time for collation of results.

Throughout the consultation, views were sought in relation to income generation options and reduced expenditure options including facilities, use of them, views on the importance of different types of facilities operated by SLLC and finally, views on withdrawal from some specific facilities. There was a high level of response from residents with a total of 14,500 responses throughout the consultation. Additionally, SLLC met with the management committees of Eastfield and North Halfway halls to understand implications of the proposals, and possible alternative models of provision.

As part of the council's budget approved on 21 February 2024, a total of £1 million one-off funding will be available to support the potential transition of those facilities that SLLC intends to withdraw from, to community-based operating models through Community Asset Transfer (CAT). The Community Fightback Fund will keep all facilities open for an initial month during April, with further funding available to prolong the period where there is real interest in a CAT from local groups. In addition, a separate £150,000 Future Libraries Fund was agreed as part of the SLC budget to examine re-provision options where SLLC withdraws from libraries.

The Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture will also be in attendance at the Partnership Board on 13 March 2024 to discuss the points raised.

Action Required by Community Planning Partners

The Partnership is asking all CPP members to provide a regular timetable or schedule of all planned or proposed consultation activity. The Partnership would also like to gain a better insight into how consultations are formulated and if and how surveys are tested prior to use and how accessibility is guaranteed.

Partner Update

- ◆ provisional dates are currently being considered by the Community Partnership to meet with the Council's Community Engagement Manager to discuss consultation activity. It is proposed that this meeting will take place in March/April 2024.

Progress

The Partnership hosted a drop-in session in conjunction with the Council's Community Engagement Team and VASLan to promote awareness and uptake of the Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund. Organisations were represented at this session and the format lent itself to individual discussions plus group questions and answers which promoted invaluable networking opportunities. Figures supplied by VASLan for the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area overall, indicate the following:-

- ◆ 27 applications received
- ◆ 13 are awaiting to go to panel (16 February)
- ◆ 9 applications awarded
- ◆ 3 applications rejected
- ◆ total monies applied for £362,681; and
- ◆ total monies awarded so far £56,273

The Partnership has agreed to host similar sessions going forward with partners to help maximise resources being brought into the Cambuslang and Rutherglen locality.

- ◆ the Partnership is continuing to explore the use of the Lived Experience Fund

- ◆ the Partnership and staff representing the CPP continue to work collaboratively to promote wider community awareness of the availability of services, activities and opportunities provided at a locality level; and
- ◆ the Partnership continues to foster good relationships with the Clydesdale Community Partnership and other emerging Locality Partnerships

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: jennifer.kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the progress of the Clydesdale Community Partnership
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-</p> <p>(1) that the Partnership's Community Development Officer, with support from the Progress Group, works with the Partnership to progress the actions outlined in Appendix 1, be noted; and</p> <p>(2) that the content of the report be noted</p>
Risks/Challenges:	Section 7 provides a summary of the risks and challenges as set out in the Partnership Risk Register relating to community participation and engagement.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ambition 1 - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources ◆ Ambition 2 - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better ◆ Ambition 3 - We will invest in our planet by putting local areas at the centre of our work ◆ Principles: Communication and Empowerment; Embracing Change; and Openness and Trust
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ the progress update for Clydesdale Community Partnership is set out at Appendix 1 ◆ the update provides a summary of the last meeting of the Community Partnership which focussed on transport and the next steps for the Partnership

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Clydesdale Community Partnership Update
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2. Recommendation(s)

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

3.3. The most recent meeting of the Partnership focussed specifically on transport as well as discussions on community matters based on the priorities of the Clydesdale communities.

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Clydesdale Community Partnership Update Report

General Update including Partner Update

The last Partnership meeting, which took place on 23 January 2024, specifically focussed on transport within the Clydesdale area. Colleagues from South Lanarkshire Council's (SLC) Roads and Transportation and Economic Development Services, and Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT) attended.

The Engineering Manager from SLC Roads and Transportation delivered a presentation covering the Transport Scotland Act, Community Transport and the Local Transport Strategy which highlighted the following:-

- ◆ SPT is taking forward a strategic review of bus services
- ◆ the Council is undertaking a study with SPT in relation to Community Transport
- ◆ there are plans for 3 pilot study projects within Clydesdale and engagement with communities will be an essential part of this. The Engineering Manager would like the Community Partnership to be involved in the study from the outset
- ◆ alternatives to community transport, including a car sharing model, will also be considered as part of the study
- ◆ no timescales have been set yet and no areas have been identified for these studies
- ◆ discussions will continue with the Council's Programme Manager, Regeneration and Inclusion, SLC Economic Development (who was also in attendance at this meeting) regarding funding for this. Once funding is secured then a consultant can be appointed
- ◆ the approximate timescale for these types of project mean that it could be about 9 months before a report is produced; and
- ◆ extensive work has been completed by the consultant AECOM with regards to the Local Transport Strategy. The text document which has been drafted is currently being reviewed. There will be further consultation and the plan is for the final document to go to a Council committee for publication by May/June 2024.

The Senior Transport Planner from SPT provided an update and highlighted the Transport Scotland Act, which gives powers to alter the bus industry. He stated that the Act is focussing on more of a partnership approach, where the SPT and the Council are working collaboratively with transport operators to support service levels. This is likely to come from SPT's review of bus services. The findings from the MyBus review last year will also tie into the current bus service review. He also stated that SPT no longer receives a capital grant from the Scottish Government. This had been approximately £15 million.

Issues discussed at the Community Partnership meeting and requiring action or feedback

This is a summary of the discussion which took place during the rest of the meeting and a number of issues were raised from representatives from the following areas:-

Quothquan and Thankerton – raised issues with several bus services. The Senior Transport Planner, SPT is going to speak to his colleagues regarding the 91/191, 30 and 31 bus services. He is also going to find out more information about the Wanlockhead MyBus service.

Duneaton – looked for clarification regarding the selection of pilot projects. The Programme Manager, Regeneration and Inclusion, SLC Economic Development Section highlighted that they will use the Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) process to ensure that it's evidence based. Reasons for decreasing use of buses over the years would be one of the focusses of the studies. Also imperative to look at existing and previous projects such as the programme which the Rural Development Trust ran.

Rigside - mentioned that the MUGA issue has yet to be resolved. A meeting involving all the relevant parties has still to be arranged. The Community Development Officer, Community Engagement Team, SLC, confirmed that she is getting in touch with various people and services to ensure that support will be in place. Also, requests for training in relation to Community Development and participating in a group of the nature of a Community Partnership. The Partnership's Community Development Officer and SLC Community Engagement Team colleagues to look into this.

The Community Partnership members have also been asked to consider the following:-

Planning of a future Development Session which will focus on the current aims of the group and identifying future priorities. This will include a review of the current Terms of Reference of the Community Partnership and general governance of the group.

Further Partner Updates

An officer from the Community Engagement Team, SLC, identified to meet with the group to increase awareness of the Asset Transfer process. A Development Session could be an ideal opportunity for this input as several members of the Community Partnership are interested in finding out more information about this.

Colleagues from SPT, SLC Roads and Transportation, and Economic Development Sections to be invited to attend future meetings to provide any further updates on planned work.

Partners are asked to note that an action to provide dedicated capacity building and training support to the volunteers of the Community Partnerships was identified as an action in the risk control plan for 2023/2024. This action sits within the Partnership's Volunteering Workstream Group which is led by VASLan.

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure as of 26 January 2024 (Period 11)
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the content of the report, be noted
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Section 4 details the budget for the year, projected spend, and actual expenditure as of 26 January 2024 (also see Appendix 1); and ◆ Section 6 provides an update on the Lived Experience Fund

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure as of 26 January 2024 (Period 11)

2. Recommendation(s)

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

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

3. Background

3.1. Details of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Budget and Expenditure are reported to every Partnership Board meeting. This provides partners with an opportunity to seek clarification on the budget and sums spent during the relevant period.

4. Budget and Expenditure

4.1. The total available budget for 2023/2024 is £118,511. This consists of a funding balance carried forward of £70,161 and the annual income of £48,350.

4.2. The actual expenditure at the end of Period 11 is £22,773.62. Appendix 1 provides a breakdown.

4.3. The projected spend for the year is approximately £80,000. This will leave £38,511 to be carried forward to the 2024/2025 budget.

4.4. The Board is asked to note that committed expenditure of £1,000 for the co-production of the Community Plan Action Plan and £13,500 for Lived Experience activity at the request of the Community Partnerships will be carried over to the 2024/2025 budget. In addition, the Open University project did not require the £4,000 that was set aside for this work.

5. Income and Expenditure during 2023/2024

5.1. Specific spend within this period relates to printing costs.

6. Lived Experience Fund

- 6.1. As previously agreed by the Board, the Cambuslang and Rutherglen and Clydesdale Community Partnerships will be provided with an equal share of £5,500 of the Lived Experience Fund (LEF) which had not been spent during 2022/2023 and was carried forward to the 2023/24 budget. The Community Partnerships are currently considering spend proposals and assistance is being provided by the Partnership Community Development Officer and the Community Engagement Team to progress this.
- 6.2. The Board agreed to continue delegating LEF funding to the Community Partnerships and increased the funding available to £8,000 (£2,000 for each area). All 4 partnership groups are now operating and work continues to build capacity and strengthen the membership.
- 6.3. Work continues to liaise with the successful LEF 2022/2023 groups to submit their consultation feedback.

7. CPP Budget 2023/2024

- 7.1. A further update will be provided at the next meeting of the Partnership Board on 5 June 2024.

8. Employee Implications

- 8.1. At the meeting on 6 September 2023, the Board agreed to extend the contract for the Community Development Officer until September 2024. It was also suggested that the Board considers making this post permanent, which would require further consideration.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1. The financial implications are detailed in Sections 4 and 5 of this report.

10. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

11. Other Implications

- 11.1. There are no risk issues associated with this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

Paul Manning
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14 February 2024

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Community Planning Budget 2023-24

Community Planning Budget 2023-24				
<u>Anticipated Opening Balance April 2023</u>		£70,161	£70,161	£70,161
<u>Income</u>				
Partner Contributions		Budget	Forecast	Actual to Date
NHS Lanarkshire		18,350	18,350	18,350
South Lanarkshire Council		22,000	22,000	22,000
Police Scotland		5,000	5,000	5,000
Fire Scotland		3,000	3,000	3,000
Total Income		£48,350	£48,350	£48,350
Total available funding		£118,511	£118,511	£118,511
<u>Expenditure</u>		£		£
Proposed Expenditure 2023-24		Proposed Expenditure	Projected Expenditure	Current Expenditure
Community Plan Delivery		15,000	8,387.75	0.00
Community Planning Events		6,000	2,686.81	420.03
Learning and Development		15,000	6,471.80	106.99
Lived Experience Fund		13,500	0.00	0.00
Printing/Stationery/General		2,500	2,500	167.16
Reports, Strategies and Plans		1,000	0.00	0.00
Salaries		65,000	59,845.20	22,079.44
Travel		511	0.00	0.00
Total Expenditure		£118,511	£79,891.56	22,773.62

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Subject:	Keeping The Promise: Children’s Services Partnership Thematic Update
Report by:	Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership
Contact for Further Information:	Kevin Mullarkey, Children’s Services Partnership Planning Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 01698 452238 Email: kevin.mullarkey@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ to update the Partnership Board on how we are Keeping the Promise in South Lanarkshire
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	South Lanarkshire Council, NHS Lanarkshire, Children’s Reporter, Police Scotland, Fire and Rescue Service, Children’s Hearings, Skills Development Scotland
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the content of the report be noted
Risks/Challenges:	Lack of resourcing will reduce the likelihood of meeting ‘The Promise’ ambitions
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ambition 1 – We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources ◆ Ambition 2 – We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ the report provides an update on the work happening by corporate parents to embed the vision of ‘The Promise’ which is that ‘Scotland’s children and young people will grow up loved, safe and respected’ ◆ the report underlines the commitment to embed the 5 foundations of the Promise, which are built on what care experienced people said during the Independent Care Review needs to change in Scotland ◆ Family, Voice, Care, People and Scaffolding

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Report by:	Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership

Subject:	Keeping The Promise: Children's Services Partnership Thematic Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the work of the Children's Services Partnership Thematic to Keep The Promise in South Lanarkshire

2. Recommendation(s)

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

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

3. Background

- 3.1. At their meeting on 23 March 2023, the Board approved a revised Thematic Group structure for the partnership followed by the approval of its updated governance arrangements on 6 September 2023. The Board agreed that it would receive and review progress updates and reports from Thematic Partnerships, including statutory plans and annual reports.
- 3.2. As part of the [Independent Care Review](#), Scotland made a promise to care experienced children and young people that, by 2030, they will grow up loved, safe and respected. In South Lanarkshire we are keeping this promise through the work of the Community Planning Partnership's Children's Services Partnership. This work is set out in our Children's Services Plan 2023-26.
- 3.3. As part of this work, we refreshed our governance structure and established a 'Keeping The Promise' Thematic Group to help create the change aspired to by the Independent Care Review.
- 3.4. The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 sets out a list of corporate parents, which is the name given to an organisation or person who has special responsibilities to care experience children and young people. This includes the following Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board partners:-
- ◆ South Lanarkshire Council (SLC)
 - ◆ NHS Lanarkshire
 - ◆ Skills Development Scotland
 - ◆ Police Scotland

- ◆ South Lanarkshire College (responsibilities exclude section 64 of the Act); and
- ◆ Scottish Fire and Rescue

Alongside other partner organisations, they work together to identify improvement and change activity that will help South Lanarkshire to 'Keep The Promise'.

- 3.5. In 2019, the Scottish Government and local authorities were asked to be fully committed to ensuring that all care experienced children and young people receive the vital support they need to improve their experiences and their educational outcomes. The young people who are supported by designated Council Promise staff as part of South Lanarkshire Champions Board, to realise the power of their voice. Through building relationships with their corporate parents, young people are empowered to set the agenda, learn leadership skills and advocate on behalf of their peers. Please see SLC Champions Board on all social media platforms.

4. Current Position

- 4.1. South Lanarkshire's Keeping The Promise Action Plan has 6 priority outcomes, detailed in the Children's Services Plan and informed by our children, young people and families, our children's services workforce and through analysing available data trends provided by partners.
- 4.2. We have worked with our Champions Board and our wider care experienced population to agree the priorities for our work over the next 3 years. By the end of this plan, we aim to achieve the following outcomes:-
- ◆ put voice at the heart of all decision-making processes at all levels
 - ◆ increase the number of care experienced people accessing further and/or higher education opportunities and successful employment
 - ◆ reduce poverty amongst care experience people
 - ◆ improve lifelong support for care experienced people
 - ◆ improve support into long term housing for care experienced people; and
 - ◆ improve the mental health and emotional wellbeing of care experienced people
- 4.3. A range of actions and measures are in place to support these outcomes. The actions are monitored at the regular Thematic Group meetings (a copy of the Action Plan is available on request).
- 4.4. Progress will be reported at the end of each yearly planning cycle and will be featured in our statutory Children's Services Plan Annual Report. This will be published online and submitted to the Scottish Government as per Part Three of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

5. Employee Implications

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

6. Financial Implications

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

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

8. Other Implications

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

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership

14 February 2024

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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Subject:	Rutherglen Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme
Report by:	Place and Wellbeing Partnership Lead and Project Lead, Rutherglen, Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme, Improvement Service
Contact for Further Information:	Andrew Whittet, Project Lead, Rutherglen, Improvement Service Tel: 07768556160 Email: andrew.whittet@improvementservice.org.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on progress of the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme in Rutherglen.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the content of the report, be noted.
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles.
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The report provides an update on progress of the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme in Rutherglen. The programme was established to improve Scotland's wellbeing by reducing inequality in the health of its people while addressing the health of our planet; ◆ Section 4 details the 3-year programme being delivered in Rutherglen by Public Health Scotland and the Improvement Service jointly with local authorities and NHS Boards; and ◆ Section 5 highlights the progress made and provides links to the various progress reports to date.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Report by:	Place and Wellbeing Partnership Lead and Project Lead, Rutherglen, Shaping Places for Wellbeing, Improvement Service

Subject:	Rutherglen Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on progress of the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme in Rutherglen.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

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

3. Background

- 3.1. The offer from Public Health Scotland (PHS) and the Improvement Service (IS) of support from the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme, funded by the Health Foundation and Scottish Government, was agreed by the Board on 24 June 2021.
- 3.2. South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) was invited to submit a proposal to be one of four initial test sites which received funding for 1.5 FTE posts, a Project Lead and Community Link Lead, to provide dedicated support with a place-based, systems change approach to improve the wellbeing of people and tackling health inequalities within a specific local area.
- 3.3. On 29 July 2021, the council approved a South Lanarkshire proposal for the Rutherglen area to be submitted as a potential test site. South Lanarkshire was not selected as one of the four original test sites. However, PHS and IS made an amended offer to provide detailed mentoring through the Local Learning Cohort which would support the activity within Rutherglen and share learning. PHS and IS also indicated an intention to continue to seek further funding for the programme and that should they be successful on this, South Lanarkshire would be the next area selected as a test site. This was approved by both SLC's Corporate Management Team (CMT) and NHS Lanarkshire's CMT and a Memorandum of Understanding signed in February 2022. Again, the CPP Board agreed to sponsor this work at its meeting of 9 March 2022.
- 3.4. PHS and IS secured additional funding for the programme from the Scottish Government, enabling Rutherglen to receive support as a test site with a dedicated Project Lead and Community Link Lead. This updated, amended offer was noted

and the continued work of the Shaping Places for Wellbeing programme was approved at the CPP Board meeting of 22 June 2022.

- 3.5. The purpose of this report is to provide the Board with an update on the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme to date.

4. Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme Overview

- 4.1. Shaping Places for Wellbeing is a 3-year programme, running until March 2024, which is being delivered by Public Health Scotland (PHS) and the Improvement Service (IS) jointly with local authorities and NHS Boards. The programme's aim is to improve Scotland's wellbeing by reducing inequality in the health of its people while addressing the health of our planet. We will attempt to stop problems developing through the use of an early intervention and prevention place-based approach to addressing the social determinants of health.
- 4.2. Our objective is to support those making decisions that will influence a place to consider the consequence of that decision on all the evidenced features of places that impact people's health and wellbeing, and to support our partners in reducing the negative impact of any unintended consequences being brought into the decision-making process.
- 4.3. The programme is taking a citizen-focused approach to addressing specific health inequalities within its Project Towns. We engage with a range of local stakeholders and make use of all the quantitative and qualitative data available to ensure that the work in Rutherglen Project Town is led by what matters most to those experiencing health inequalities.
- 4.4. The programme recognises that much of the ability to make improvements in areas sits with local partners and seeks to embed new approaches and ways of working that improve health and wellbeing outcomes, and from which learning can be drawn and used more widely across South Lanarkshire and Scotland. This systems change approach is key to creating lasting change which achieves the Place and Wellbeing Outcomes, a set of outcomes that every place needs in order to be a healthy and equitable place for people to live, work and play.
- 4.5. The consistent requirements that the programme seeks to work with are:-
- Reducing inequality: a town experiencing bottom 20% in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) and a particular health inequality (or equivalent measure in rural areas);
 - Collaborative, cross-system partnership working: senior leadership level sponsorship within Local Government and public health system to support an authorising environment for system change;
 - Identified manager level project support and governance across Local Government and the public health system; and
 - Capacity to commit and take part in the learning network and local project evaluation process.
- 4.6. Public Health Scotland and the Improvement Service worked with NESTA's People Powered Results Team to co-produce the Shaping Places for Wellbeing Programme.

Designed to provide local support from which to learn, reflect and apply across Scotland, the programme has three key activities where it supports:

- Local activity in a range of Project Towns to focus on the contribution of place. This local activity is supported by a 1.0 FTE Project Lead and 0.5 FTE Community Link Lead;
- A Local Learning Cohort to share learning and information between Project Towns and beyond; and
- Sharing national barriers to local activity and place-based approaches to tackling health inequalities with a National Leadership Cohort.

5. Progress to Date

5.1. The Rutherglen Project Lead started in post on 16 August 2022 with the Community Link Lead starting in November 2022 and they work closely with the project Steering Group to progress the programme in Rutherglen. The Steering Group includes representatives from across SLC, NHS Lanarkshire and the Third Sector, and is currently meeting monthly. A data gathering and reviewing process was carried out in 2022-23 with support from PHS's Local Intelligence Support Team (LIST) and a health inequalities data profile was produced for the Rutherglen area. Five key inequalities for Rutherglen were identified through this process:-

- life expectancy variances across the town;
- poverty, in particular child poverty;
- alcohol-related hospitalisations;
- people on out of work benefits; and
- the proportion of people living close to derelict sites.

5.2. Alongside this data profile, a quantitative and qualitative infographic outlining what we are hearing in our communities were also developed. These along with a series of reports outlining the process taken can be found on our [website](#).

5.3. From December 2023, the Community Link Lead engaged with local community groups, Third Sector organisations and local people to get their thoughts on Rutherglen, to ensure that the lived experience of those most impacted by health inequalities feeds directly into work on the systems change required to tackle these inequalities. We recognise that this qualitative data and lived experience is key to targeting interventions most appropriately and effectively. The Community Link Lead developed a qualitative data report and infographic to outline local thoughts whilst building relationships with organisations and departments within South Lanarkshire Council such as the Community Engagement Team and Planning Team. The Qualitative Report outlining the processes taken and key findings can be found [here](#). A combination of quantitative and qualitative data was used to inform on current policy context with the Place and Wellbeing Outcomes used to influence policy and decision-making and embed these through a Place and Wellbeing Assessment process.

5.4. Based on a model piloted in 2020-21, the Place and Wellbeing Assessment process involves a session pulling together attendees with a range of expertise and perspectives to consider a specific plan, policy or decision and how it impacts on delivering a place that enables wellbeing. It asks attendees to consider the impact of the plan, policy or decision on achieving each of the Place and Wellbeing Outcomes, and includes consideration of who is experiencing the most significant impact from inequality in that place. The process is captured in a paper recording the impact and any recommendations on how to improve impact on a place so that it can exhibit more of the features that make up the Place and Wellbeing Outcomes. The programme delivered its first Place and Wellbeing Assessment in October 2022 on

the South Lanarkshire Economic Strategy. Following this, Place and Wellbeing Assessments were carried out on the Local Development Plan 2; Burnhill Neighbourhood Plan and the Rutherglen Town Centre Action Plan. These assessments can be found [here](#).

5.5. The Project Lead is also sharing learning from the Rutherglen project with the Local Learning Cohort: recent Learning Cohort sessions including an All Towns session in which learning was shared between Rutherglen, Alloa, Ayr, Dalkeith, Dunoon, Clydebank and Fraserburgh, and themed sessions on place-based approaches to Child Poverty, Employability, Climate and Trauma Informed Practices.

5.6. A copy of the Improvement Service Place and Wellbeing Outcomes Briefing Paper can be found [here](#).

6. Employee Implications

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

7. Financial Implications

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

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

9. Other Implications

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

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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14 February 2024

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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Subject:	Family Support Strategy – Family Support Hubs
Report by:	Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership
Contact for Further Information:	Sharon Grant, Service Manager, Social Work Resources, South Lanarkshire Council Phone: 07795455161 Email: sharon.grant@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Family Support Strategy within Social Work Resources to deliver earlier, more preventative, strengths-based help and support to families, preventing escalation to care and protection proceedings • update the Partnership Board on national and local drivers informing the strategy including the Promise Plan 2021 to 2024 and the Whole Family Wellbeing Strategy which aim to develop and enhance earlier help and family support services • update the Partnership Board on the first year of service delivery from Social Work’s Family Support Hubs and outline the priorities for future service developments; and • outline these developments in the broader context of shared priorities of the Children’s Services Partnership and Children’s Services Plan
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners.
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-</p> <p>(1) that the progress made in delivery of the Promise Plan 2021 to 2024 and the development of a Whole Family Wellbeing strategy, be noted; and</p> <p>(2) that the year 1 annual report, attached at Appendix 1 and the progress made in shifting resources to community-based support that aim to enhance earlier help and family support services, be noted</p>
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ambition 1 - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources ◆ Ambition 2 - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better ◆ Priority - Putting learning at the centre ◆ Priority - Our children and young people thrive

<p>Summary of Report:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the service priorities and improvement measures of the family support hubs are aligned to the Children’s Services Planning Partnership’s implementation of the Whole Family Wellbeing Strategy • the aim of the Whole Family Wellbeing Strategy is that holistic whole family support will be more readily available to families at the time of need rather than crisis. The ambition is that this will create a transformational system change within Children’s Services that will reduce the need for child protection or looked after procedures and allow a shift in investment towards prevention and early intervention • the Whole Family Wellbeing Strategy is a partnership approach between health, education, social work and the third sector. Most families will receive the help and support they require from universal services and third sector but for some children and young people there will be a need for social work to respond in accordance with the local authority’s duty under section 22 of the (Children (Scotland) Act 1995), to safeguard and promote the welfare of children
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Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Report by:	Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership

Subject:	Family Support Strategy – Family Support Hubs
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Family Support Strategy within Social Work Resources to deliver earlier, more preventative, strengths-based help and support to families, preventing escalation to care and protection proceedings
- ◆ update the Partnership Board on national and local drivers informing the strategy including the Promise Plan 2021 to 2024 and the Whole Family Wellbeing Strategy, which aim to develop and enhance earlier help and family support services
- ◆ update the Partnership Board on the first year of service delivery from Social Work's Family Support Hubs and outline the priorities for future service developments; and
- ◆ outline these developments in the broader context of shared priorities of the Children's Services Partnership and Children's Services Plan

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the progress made in delivery of the Promise Plan 2021-24 and the development of a Whole Family Wellbeing strategy, be noted; and
- (2) that the year 1 annual report, attached at Appendix 1 and the progress made in shifting resources to community-based support that aim to enhance earlier help and family support services, be noted

3. Background

3.1. The Promise identified the need to significantly upscale family support services and identified whole family support as a priority in the Promise Plan 2021 to 2024. There is a clear ambition that children and families should be able to access preventative, needs-based support when they need it, for as long as they need it. By supporting families at their time of need rather than at crisis point, will enable them to flourish and reduce the chances of family breakdown and of children entering the care system.

3.2. In response to this, the Scottish Government committed to investing £500m Whole Family Wellbeing Funding (WFWF) over the lifetime of the Parliament to support the whole system transformational change required to reduce the need for crisis intervention and to shift investment towards prevention and early intervention. The funding awarded to South Lanarkshire is £1.827m per annum.

- 3.3. South Lanarkshire's implementation of the Whole Family Wellbeing Strategy is progressing well to build capacity to improve preventive services and early support to families. The model is part of our delivery commitment for Keeping the Promise- holistic family support and ensuring connectivity to other relevant policy areas; Community Access to Mental Health, Child Poverty, Alcohol and Drug Whole Family Support and Shaping Places for Wellbeing. See Appendix 1 which highlights the progress and successes of year 1.
- 3.4. A key feature of our approach so far has been the reconfiguration of our social work family support workforce to create 4 locality family support hubs. The community facing hubs have assisted in creating a 'no wrong door approach' to family support and facilitated a means to strengthen Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) pathways between social work and universal, community and third sector partners to, as far as possible, divert families from statutory intervention. When required, family support is provided from hub staff to prevent escalation to our local office teams and divert from care and protection proceedings.

4. Family Support Hubs

- 4.1. Social Work in South Lanarkshire formally launched locality-based Family Support Hubs in September 2022 following a year of testing the model on a smaller scale. The service priorities and improvement measures are aligned to the Children's Services Planning Partnership's implementation of the Whole Family Wellbeing Strategy.
- 4.2. The Whole Family Wellbeing Strategy is a partnership approach between health, education, social work and the third sector. Most families will receive the help and support they require from universal services and the third sector but for some children and young people there will be a need for social work to respond in accordance with the local authority's statutory duty under Section 22 of the (Children (Scotland) Act 1995), to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.
- 4.3. Family Support Hubs have been established in South Lanarkshire to provide the early social work response to pregnant women, babies, children and young people up to 18 years of age to prevent an escalation to statutory teams by providing intensive whole family support.
- 4.4. The Family Support Hubs are community facing and accessible provisions based in Hamilton, East Kilbride, Lanark and Cambuslang localities. The Hub Teams consist of social workers and family support staff. Each hub also has peer workers and Children 1st workers co-located to offer families a wide range of different types of support, with a shared remit of providing whole family support that prevents crisis, reduces inequalities and improves child development, family functioning and wellbeing.

5. Impact

- 5.1. In the first year of operation, the Family Support Hubs have responded to 61% of the total referrals to Children and Family Social Work. This significantly decreases the volume of initial assessments being undertaken by Local Office Teams and has created more capacity within this part of the system to respond to child protection referrals and care experienced children. Allocations to our local office teams in 2023 were reduced by almost 6,800 compared to allocations in 2021.

- 5.2. All vulnerable pregnancy referrals are held by the Family Support Hubs unless older siblings have open cases in Local Social Work Offices. The aim is that by positioning the pregnancy related work within the Family Support Hubs there will be less babies cared for away from family either at birth or in early infancy, as more timely assessment and holistic whole family intensive support can be offered that will reduce risk and strengthen protective factors for the families.
- 5.3. In an effort to reduce the use of child protection procedures, the Hamilton Family Support Hub has introduced a parent plan approach for vulnerable pregnancies. This approach still ensures there is early identification and response to risk and safeguarding concerns through a robust assessment and review process using a GIRFEC approach. This has been successful with only 4 out of `5 parents' plans escalating to child protection procedures in the last year. This approach will be upscaled across the other 4 hubs in year 2.
- 5.4. Twenty-five pre-birth child protection assessments have been undertaken by the Family Support Hubs in the first year, 3 have progressed to alternative care arrangements. This is compared to 10 pre-birth child protection assessments undertaken by the Local Office Teams where 7 have progressed to alternative care arrangements. The care arrangement data for babies is being tracked until babies turn 1 year old, to help us understand the longer-term outcomes of the child protection pre-birth work, being undertaken within the Family Support Hubs and Local Offices.
- 5.5. Family Group Decision Making has been aligned to the vulnerable pregnancy work within the Family Support Hubs. This was following a period of testing to determine where this approach would have most impact. Family Group Decision Making is offered to families that are at risk of their situation escalating to child protection or looked after procedures, at the earliest stage possible. This approach is expected to empower families to make their own plan to safeguard their child.
- 5.6. During consultation, families said that staff with relevant lived experience should be embedded within the Family Support Hubs. An application was submitted to the Corra Foundation's Child and Family Fund and £487,340 was awarded to recruit 3.5 full time equivalent peer workers for a minimum of 5 years with the overall aim of reducing the impact of parental drug or alcohol use. The initial ambition was that the peer workers would support 50 parents within the first year but have already exceeded this number within 6 months due to it being received positively both by parents and social work colleagues.
- 5.7. A reflective Practice Co-ordinator is aligned to the hubs to support trauma informed practice amongst staff. In year 2, a Trauma Recovery Counsellor will be aligned. This provision will contribute to the realisation of delivery of preventative whole family support. Families will have access to this specialist intervention before the situation has escalated. The counsellor will work directly with families, as an early intervention approach in line with local and National priority.
- 5.8. A Parenting Support Groupwork Pathway has been expanded to include support for parents with children aged 0-18 years. These programs include evidence-based and accredited programs and for those parents not requiring additional or intensive groupwork programs, the pathway has been expanded to include Family Support Hub specific groupwork programmes to provide general parenting and wellbeing support, a positive social experience and an opportunity for parents to engage with their local Family Support Hub.

5.9. Engagement and feedback from families has been a clear indicator of impact. Families have shared their positive experiences of support delivered from the family support hubs. This feedback is detailed in Appendix 1, the Annual Report. Notably families reported that supports were available at the right time for them, that the approach was caring and supportive and assisted them in overcoming obstacles and trauma to improve their situation.

6. Employee Implications

6.1. There are no employee Implications of associated with this report.

7. Financial Implications

7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report and the £1.827m funding for the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund is utilised to pay for the additional posts associated with the Family Support Hubs.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

9. Other Implications

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

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

10.1. There is no requirement for an equality impact assessment and consultation arrangements.

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Family Support Hub Annual Report (Sept 22 – Sept 23)

Background:

Social work in South Lanarkshire formally launched locality-based Family Support Hubs on 27 September 2022 following a year of testing the model on a smaller scale. The service priorities and improvement measures are aligned to the Children's Services Planning Partnership's implementation of the whole family wellbeing strategy.

The aim of the whole family wellbeing strategy is that holistic whole family support will be more readily available to families at the time of need rather than crisis. The ambition is that this will create a transformational system change within children's services that will reduce the need for child protection or looked after procedures and allow a shift in investment towards prevention and early intervention.

The whole family wellbeing strategy is a partnership approach between health, education, social work and the third sector. Most families will receive the help and support they require from universal services and third sector but for some children and young people there will be a need for social work to respond in accordance with the local authority's duty under section 22 of the (Children (Scotland) Act 1995), to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

The Family Support Hubs have been established in South Lanarkshire to provide the social work response to babies, children and young people in need because local office teams are unable to provide this service due to other competing statutory demands. Instead, the Family Support Hubs respond to the referrals to social work for families in need and try to prevent an escalation to statutory teams by providing intensive whole family support.

The Family Support Hubs are community facing and accessible provisions based in Hamilton, East Kilbride, Lanark and Cambuslang localities. Each locality area has 3 social workers, 7 family support workers, 2 parenting support workers, 1 peer worker and 1 Children 1st staff who offer families a wide range of different types of support with a shared remit of providing whole family support that prevents crisis, reduces inequalities and improves child development, family functioning and wellbeing.



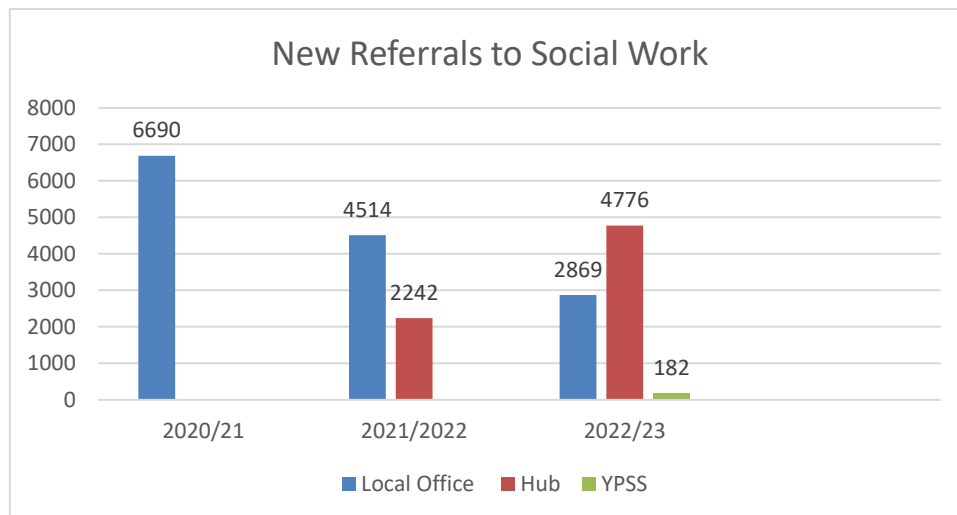
(East Kilbride Family Support Hub)

Service Priorities in Year 1:

1. Reduce the number of families requiring a service from Local Office Child and Family teams.

Referral data:

Figure 1.1



*YPSS – Young Person’s Support Service

Figure 1.1 details the referral rates to Social Work for babies, children and young people over the past 3 years and demonstrates that the Family Support Hubs have successfully reduced the number of new referrals to Local Office Teams.

Since the whole family strategy was introduced, there has been an increase in the number of referrals to social work, which is likely due to social work assessment and intervention now being more readily available to families.

In the past year, the Family Support Hubs have responded to 61% of the total referrals. This significantly decreases the volume of initial assessments being undertaken by Local Office Teams and will create more capacity within this part of the system to respond to child protection referrals.

Re-referrals:

There have been 1281 re-referrals to the Family Support Hubs in the past year. The main reason for re-engagement with the service was under the category of childcare concern at 45%. The second largest re-engagement reason was due to domestic abuse at 6% of the total. However, this is viewed positively as the model promotes the principle that families can re-engage at points of need and for as long as is needed to ensure that they can get the right help, at the right time to avoid a situation escalating and there is an expectation that there will continue to be families that re-engage at different points of need.

Furthermore, given that over 60% off all referrals were consistently diverted from Local Offices at each quarterly review, this indicates that re-engagement was not due to escalation in concern that resulted in an increase in child protection referrals to our local office teams in the next period.

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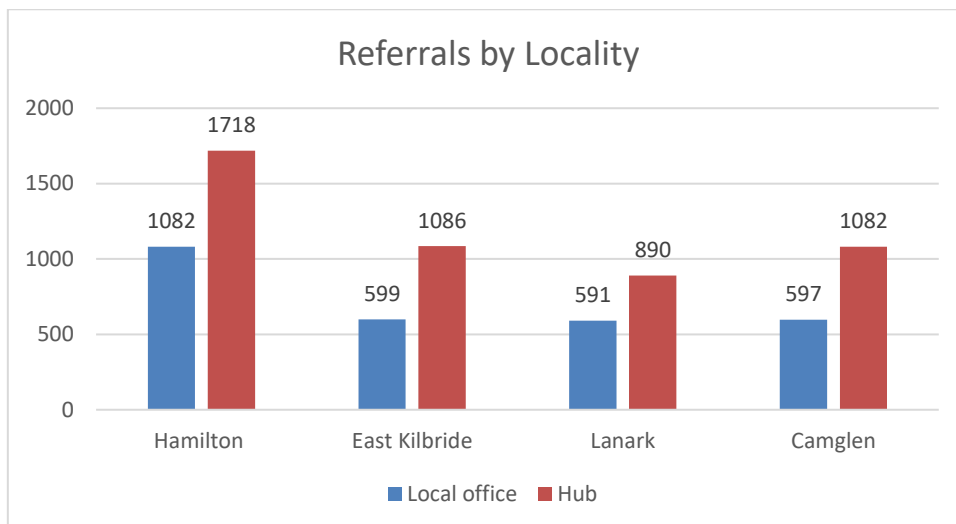


Figure 1.2 provides referral data for each locality. Please note that the Hamilton teams cover two locality areas and have higher staffing ratios.

In all localities the number of new referrals dealt with by the Family Support Hubs was at least 60% but in East Kilbride and Cambuslang the largest impact was seen with them both responding to 64.5% of new referrals.

Allocation data:

Figure 1.3

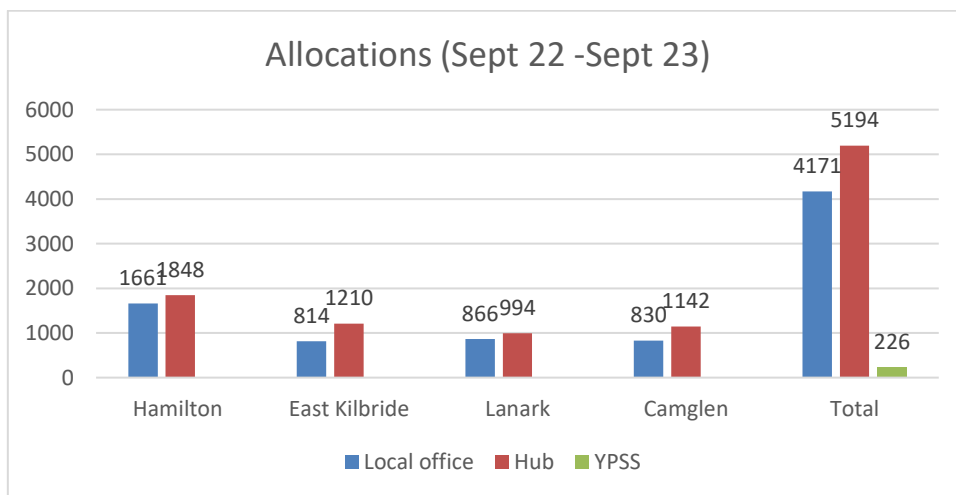


Figure 1.3 illustrates the number of children and young people allocated to the various social work teams for assessment and/or intervention and support. Allocation numbers are higher than referral figures as these include allocations to second workers and cases that have been transferred between the teams when there has been an escalation or a reduction in concern. The current system does not monitor the exact number of cases that have moved between the teams, but manual data collection has commenced to inform future service planning.

The data in Figure 1.3 demonstrates that the Family Support Hubs have allocated a higher number of cases in the last year than other teams, which has led to a significant reduction in the number of allocations to locality statutory teams compared to previous years. See below Figure 1.4.

Figure 1.4

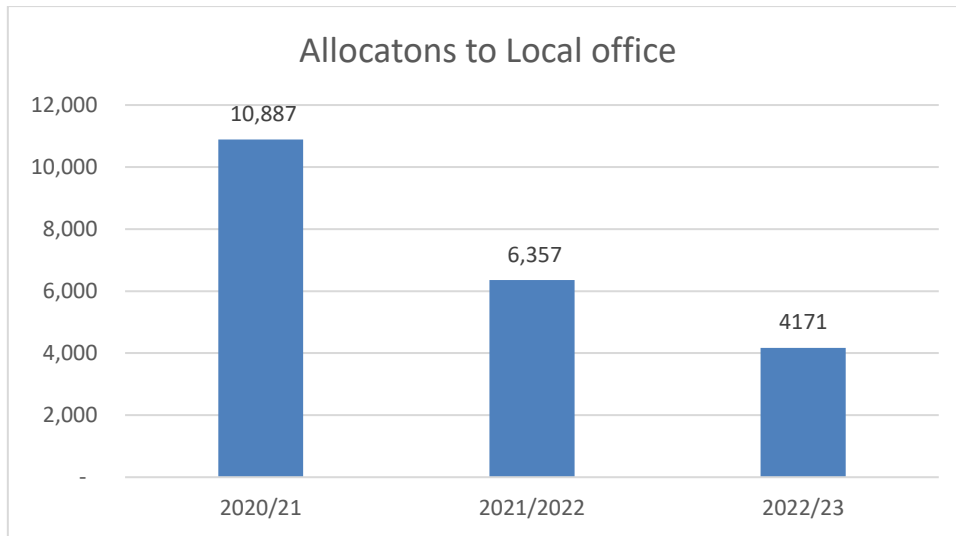


Figure 1.5

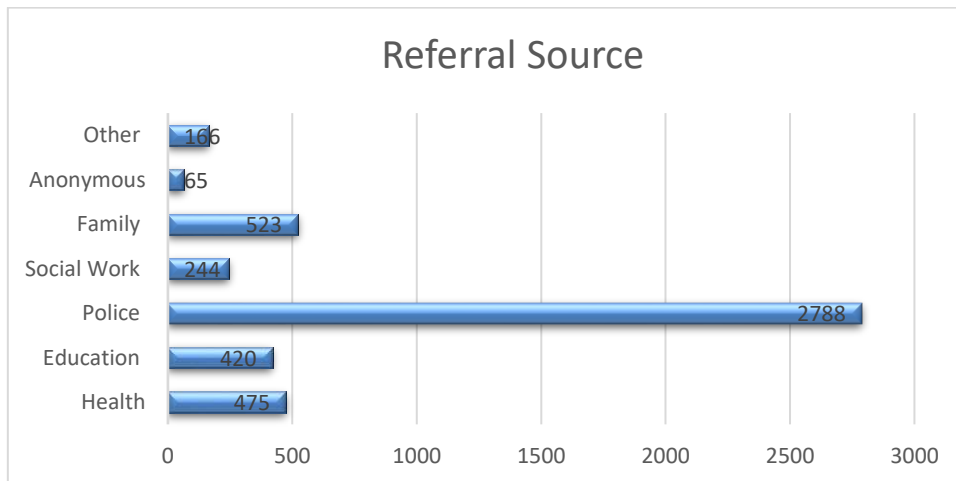


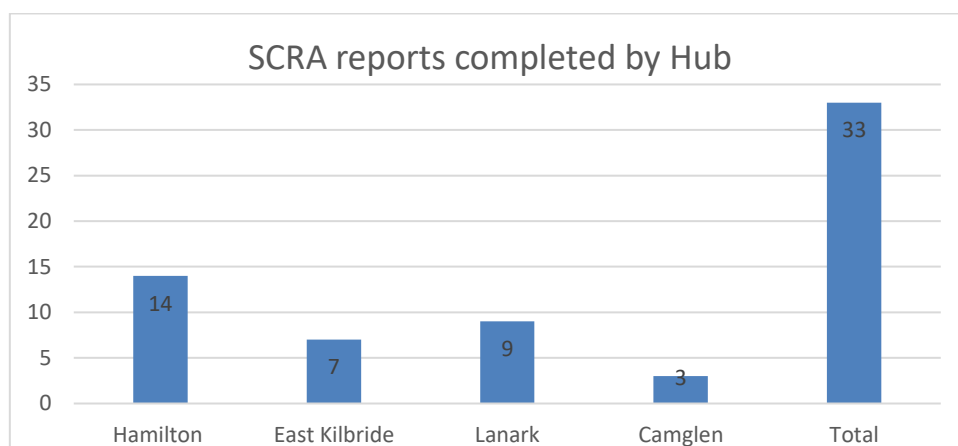
Figure 1.5 reflects the source of referrals to the Family Support Hubs. It is very encouraging that 523 families have referred themselves and are the second largest referrer to the Family Support Hubs following the Police.

The total number of Police referrals made to children’s services was 3,928. 71% of these were responded to by the Family Support Hubs, 26% by Local Offices and 3% by the Young Person’s Support Service.

68% of referrals made by the Police to the Family Support Hubs were under the category of childcare concern. 23% of referrals were due to domestic abuse.

This data indicates that most vulnerable families identified by the Police are being responded to by the Family Support Hubs, which evidences some initial success in diverting police concern reports away from crisis intervention to family support.

Figure 1.6



The Family Support Hubs work with families to try to prevent the need for compulsory measures. The data above details the reports submitted to the Children’s Reporter to inform decision making for children and young people open to the Family Support Hubs. These have been both Initial Assessment Reports and Social Background Reports.

An area of development being tested in one Family Support Hub currently is new Scottish Children’s Reporter Administration (SCRA) report requests being diverted to the Family Support Hubs. The aim is that this will ensure that early help and family support has been offered to a family before compulsory measures are put in place.

The Family Support Hub team leaders attend all Joint Assessment Team meetings (JATs) convened by the council’s education service. The aim of this representation is to ensure that social work services are offered to families before a referral is made to SCRA for non-attendance or disengagement from school.

2. Improve the pathway for vulnerable unborn babies.

A multi-agency audit of vulnerable pregnancy cases and process mapping of the current system was completed in year 1.

A partnership steering group has been established to oversee the implementation and review of the pregnancy related improvement work.

In January 2023, it was decided that all pregnancy referrals will be held by the Family Support Hubs unless older siblings have open cases in Local Social Work Offices. The aim is that by positioning the pregnancy related work within the Family Support Hubs there will be less babies accommodated either at birth or in early infancy as more timely assessment and holistic whole family intensive support can be offered that will reduce risk and strengthen protective factors for the families.

The Mellow Bumps groupwork programme is offered by hubs to pregnant mothers, which aims to promote the wellbeing of the mother during pregnancy. There are also a number of post birth group work options available to both mothers and fathers that promote family wellbeing and parents understanding of child development.

Family Group Decision Making (FGDM) is offered to all pregnancy cases that are allocated for assessment and intervention.

Additional support from newly appointed peer support workers is also now available. This support can be offered to pregnant mothers and their partners when there are drug and/or alcohol issues present.

All Family Support Hub resources can be utilised by the Social Work Local Office teams during pre-birth work to ensure there is a consistent offer of whole family support to all vulnerable pregnancies.

Figure 2.1

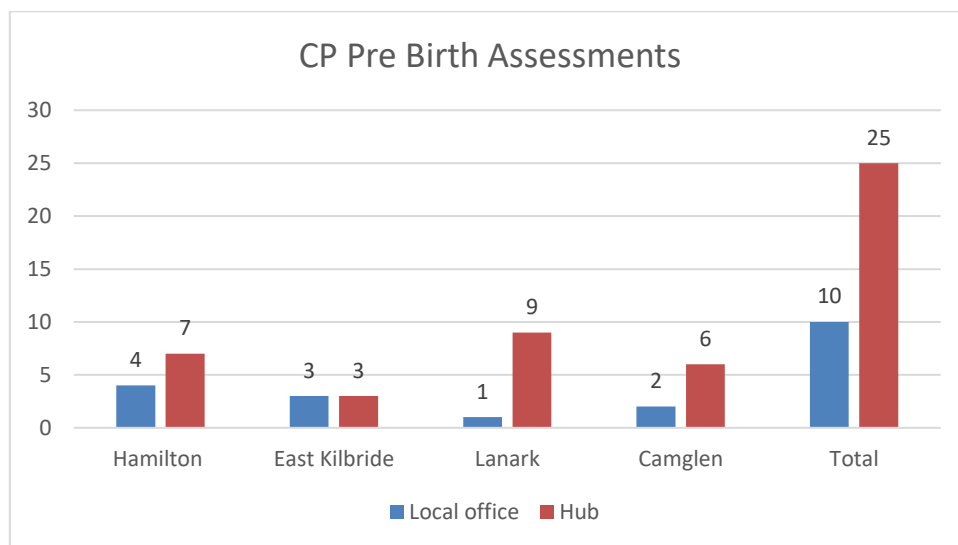


Figure 2.1 demonstrates the proportion of pre-birth work undertaken by the Family Support Hubs in the first year of operation.

From the 25 pre-birth child protection assessments undertaken by the Family Support Hubs in the first year, 3 have progressed to alternative care arrangements.

From the 10 pre-birth child protection assessments undertaken by the Local Office teams 7 have progressed to alternative care arrangements.

The care arrangement data for babies is being tracked until babies turn 1 to help us understand the longer-term outcomes of the child protection pre-birth work being undertaken within the Family Support Hubs and Local Offices.

Parents Plan

In an effort to reduce the use of child protection procedures, the Hamilton Family Support Hub have introduced a parent plan approach for vulnerable pregnancies. This approach still ensures there is early identification and response to risk and safeguarding concerns through a robust assessment and review process using a GIRFEC approach.

This approach has been successful in reducing the need for child protection procedures in the Hamilton Locality. The team undertook 15 parent plans in the past year that would normally have met the threshold for child protection procedures. Only 4 escalated to child protection procedures and the remaining 11 continued to be supported using the parents plan approach pre and post birth.

In year 2, the parents plan approach will be implemented in all Family Support Hubs and will be regularly reviewed by the oversight group to ensure it is achieving the desired outcomes for children and their families.

3. Introduce Family Group Decision Making (FGDM)

Family Group Decision Making has been aligned to the vulnerable pregnancy work within the Family Support Hubs. This was following a period of testing to determine where this approach would have most impact.

Family Group Decision Making is offered to families that are at risk of their situation escalating to child protection or looked after procedures, at the earliest stage possible. This approach is expected to empower families to make their own plan to safeguard their child. Children 1st provide this commissioned service utilising whole family wellbeing funding.



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4. Develop a parenting group work pathway across the localities.

The parenting groupwork pathway has been developed as a direct response to need identified in the parent survey. The pathway will provide consistency and accessibility in all four localities and will be delivered by a range of partners.

Eight Parenting Support Workers were recruited using Whole Family Wellbeing funding to deliver parenting support groupwork programs in collaboration with partner agencies, including Education, Health, third sector partners and Social Work. Their role will provide holistic support to parents through the completion of parenting support needs assessments and ensuring parents have access to appropriate support, including engagement in groupwork programs and provision of ongoing support to parents during and following their involvement in groupwork programs.

Regular Parenting Support Pathway Planning meetings have been implemented with key partners to ensure a coordinated approach to supporting parents via groupwork programs, and robust evaluation of impact. Parents will be invited to contribute to this process to ensure 'lived experience' is included in the ongoing evaluation of the Parenting Support Pathway. The Parenting Support Pathway is supported by the NHS Education for Scotland (NES) Psychology of Parenting Project (PoPP) through regular PoPP Coordinator meetings and accessing staff training in accredited evidence-based programs including Incredible Years Pre-School, Incredible Years School Age and Group Teen Triple P.

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

5. Embed peer support within the model

During consultation, families said that staff with relevant lived experience should be embedded within the Family Support Hubs. An application was submitted to the Corra Foundation's Child and Family Fund and £487,340 was awarded to recruit 3.5 full time equivalent peer workers for a minimum of 5 years with the overall aim of reducing the impact of parental drug or alcohol use.

In 2023, 3.5 peer support staff were recruited and are based across the 4 Family Support Hubs. Their remit within the team is to try to reduce the impact of parental substance use by providing support to parents to address any barriers to their recovery.

The initial ambition was that the peer workers would support 50 parents within the first year but have already exceeded this number within 6 months due to it being received positively both by parents and social work colleagues.

The first year is currently being evaluated and the report will be available before the end of the financial year in April 2024.

6. Family support buildings to be accessible within each locality

Adapting four sites has brought significant challenges in the first year of operation, but in each of the localities a Family Support Hub is now open and accessible to families and partner agencies.

Each site is well used by families, social work staff and partner agencies and feedback is that they provide a welcoming, psychologically informed environment that is accessible to the local community.

7. Support the workforce during a period of transformational change

The creation of the Family Support Hubs has necessitated large scale, systemic change in how children's Social Work services are organised and delivered in South Lanarkshire. The vision promoted by the whole family wellbeing strategy and adopted by the Hubs is one of transformational early action system change to create better outcomes for children and their families.

During the first-year, communication with our workforce has been a key priority. The transformation process and rationale for change ideas has been communicated to the workforce and reassurance given that they will be supported to build confidence in new tasks and delivery methods. Regular updates have been shared with staff teams, senior managers, and partners to ensure change has been transparent and inclusive. It has been important to ensure regular opportunities for staff to share the challenges they've faced at the frontline and their ideas for improvement. Staff have been included in planning and have made valuable contributions to the development of the service.

Staff report being invested in the vision of providing responsive and holistic family support that prevents escalation in risk and concern and report that they can see the positive impact being made for families already.

A challenge for staff has been managing transitions smoothly for families when support provision is moving between the Family Support Hubs and the Local Social Work Office. This has particularly been when there has been an escalation in risk and concern or looked after procedures are required. Therefore, a significant amount of work has taken place in year 1 to ensure that the interface between the teams is positive and transitions are managed in the best interests of children and their families. The team leaders in the localities meet regularly to discuss case transfers and an interface meeting also takes place regularly to consider ideas for further improvement.

Reflective and Trauma Informed Practice

To continue to support the workforce and ensure trauma informed practice is embedded, funding has been used from the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund to recruit a Reflective Practice Co-ordinator. The Reflective Practice Initial Evaluation report below outlines the progress of this provision for staff, which commenced in June 2023.

Recruitment of a Trauma recovery Counsellor is currently being progressed using community mental health funding to work directly with children and families who have experienced trauma. This provision will contribute to the realisation of delivery of preventative whole family support. Families will have access to this specialist intervention before the situation has escalated. The counsellor will work directly with families, as an early intervention approach in line with local and National priority.



Reflective Practice
Initial Evaluation Repc

Feedback from families in Year 1:

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

I have found the approach to be more supportive than my previous experience of social work and I'm planning to also take up the option of attending the parenting groups offered.

"You were there at the right time when I needed someone to talk to and you have helped me get the right support for him"

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

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

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

"I have noticed a massive improvement in my daughter's attendance in school and her emotional and mental health. Before she was very withdrawn and hardly spoke to myself. Since working with the hub worker she has become more open to express how she feels and seems happier. I also received a lot of help regarding my issues within my home."

Plan for Year 2:

- An evaluation framework to be developed that ensures that evidence of impact is consistently gathered and there is a sound evidence-base for improvement actions for all aspects of the Family Support Hub provision.
- Quality assurance to be embedded within the model to ensure service standards are consistently high.
- Improvement actions identified for the vulnerable pregnancy pathway to be implemented and reviewed.
- Increase Hub capacity to respond to SCRA referrals with the aim of diverting more families from Children's Hearings and reducing the application of statutory orders.
- A trauma counsellor to be recruited and begin to offer therapeutic interventions to children and families.
- Further develop partnerships with other agencies that promote access to earlier help and support for families in their local communities.

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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Subject:	East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Phone: 0303 123 1017 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Plan
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the content of the report, be noted.
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	♦ All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ Section 4 provides an update on progress of neighbourhood planning activity within the East Kilbride South area. ♦ Section 5 highlights the various responses to the consultation. ♦ Section 6 details the next steps in the consultation process.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Report by:	Chief Executive Officer, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Neighbourhood Planning – East Kilbride South Area
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

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

2. Recommendation(s)

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

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

3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a statutory duty on Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) to identify smaller areas within the local authority area which experience the poorest outcomes and to prepare and publish locality plans to improve outcomes on agreed priorities for these communities. These plans are required to set out clear priorities for improving local outcomes and tackling inequalities which are agreed by the CPP and the community.
- 3.2. The guidance makes it clear that participation with communities must lie at the heart of Community Planning and that the partners must engage with the communities identified. This must be more than just consultation and should involve active engagement and empowerment. We meet these duties through collaborative Neighbourhood planning with local residents.
- 3.3. At its meeting on 3 March 2021, the Board agreed to develop new neighbourhood planning arrangements within the East Kilbride locality and the council's Community Engagement Team were asked to consider the areas of Crosshouse, Greenhills and Whitehills. The Board also agreed that this plan would have a Child Poverty focus too, and the team are also working with the Local Child Poverty Action Group.

4. Data Analysis

- 4.1. Datazone analysis across East Kilbride highlighted that the areas proposed are the highest ranked on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation in East Kilbride.
- 4.2. While East Kilbride South ward will be the boundary for the plan, the community stakeholder group agreed that door-step engagement should focus on the more deprived area in Whitehills. Residents in these areas would be least likely to engage in other consultation methods; and the Neighbourhood Plan should understand and address the impact of inequalities in the area.

4.3. In relation to the Child Poverty aspect of this plan, the following provides a data summary of poverty levels:-

- Almost two thirds (64% or 14 out of 22) of the datazones that make up the East Kilbride South ward have a rate for child poverty (before housing costs) above the Scottish average (approx. one in five or more children in the datazone living in poverty);
- Almost two thirds (65%) of children living in poverty in the East Kilbride locality area live in a household where one or both parents work, the highest percentage of the 4 locality areas in South Lanarkshire, greater than either the South Lanarkshire (63%) or Scottish (64%) averages;
- Although the East Kilbride locality typically has a lower rate of unemployment, compared to the other four South Lanarkshire localities, the area has a higher rate of in work poverty (measured as people on Universal Credit in employment). While only one of the six East Kilbride wards has a rate for unemployed/ inactive Universal Credit claimants above the Scottish average (9.6%), four of the six wards in East Kilbride (including East Kilbride South) have a rate of UC claimants in employment higher than the Scottish average (4.9%);
- Families with three or more children have been identified as one of the six child poverty priority family types, as defined by the Scottish Government's Tackling Child Poverty Delivery Plan 2022-2026. East Kilbride South has the highest percentage of large families (with three or more children) in receipt of low-income benefits such as Child Benefit and Universal Credit in South Lanarkshire. Around 15% of families with children in the East Kilbride South ward are in receipt of child benefit and have three or more children, while one in four households with children in receipt of Universal Credit in East Kilbride South (24%) have three or more children, in both cases higher than either the Scottish (12%/19%) or South Lanarkshire (12%/8%) averages;
- East Kilbride locality has the highest number of families with disabled children (as measured by households with children on Disability Living Allowance) of the 4 locality areas. The presence of a higher concentration of children with disabilities is also evidenced by information held by the council's Money Matters Advice Service which indicates that this ward records the second highest number of enquiries/cases from families with disabled children of the 20 South Lanarkshire wards during 2022/23; and
- East Kilbride locality recorded the highest number of families with children referred to local foodbanks of the 4 locality areas across South Lanarkshire, accounting for just under two thirds (62%) of the South Lanarkshire total for children fed by emergency food parcels during 2022/23. Evidence from East Kilbride Community Foodbank (one of three foodbanks operating in East Kilbride) indicates that their Greenhills drop-in (covering the East Kilbride South ward), recorded the largest increase in demand of the six local hubs operated by the foodbank, with the number of emergency food parcels issued to local residents increasing by 67% between 2021/22 and 2022/23.

5. Progress to Date

5.1. A stakeholder group was established in August 2023 and includes local community groups and third sector organisations alongside a range of local public sector partners. The group agreed to the East Kilbride South ward boundary and the process outlined in Appendix 1.

5.2. The online survey opened on 31 October 2023 and door-to-door consultations in the Whitehills area took place between November and December 2023. Further doorstep conversations will take place in February and March 2024. To ensure a

representative plan, the team will knock on 575 doors in the Whitehills area. Various pop-up events have also taken place across the area.

- 5.3. Partners will also engage with children and young people in the local Primary Schools and High Schools to gather their experiences of living in the area and what they would like to see in the future.
- 5.4. A total of 156 consultation responses have been received to date which includes 45 individuals taking part in the survey through the door-to-door engagement in Whitehills; and 92 responses completed through pop-up events across East Kilbride South Ward; online engagement and group visits with 19 young people in a school setting.
- 5.5. Trends in the data collated so far have highlighted what people like about their area and some suggested improvements:-

What people like already	Improvements suggested
There is a high level of community spirit in the area, people are nice and have good neighbours	Improvements to greenspace, repairs to paths and walkways, playpark equipment improvements
People feel it is a safe and quiet community	Parked cars, improved roads, better lighting
Access to greenspaces and walking routes	More groups and clubs for local people (Young People, Families, sports, older people). Investment in Community Centres
Groups and clubs, social activities, community Centres	More shops and a better variety of shops

6. Next Steps

- 6.1. Next steps include the completion of the engagement exercise: finishing the doorstep dialogues; further engagement with local groups, organisations and partner agencies to reach more people and their networks.
- 6.2. Analysis of the findings, and a presentation of the priorities to the stakeholder group for discussion and agreement, then drafting the plan during summer 2024 with presentation to the Board for its commitment in September 2024.

7. Employee Implications

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

8. Financial Implications

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

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

10. Other Implications

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

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

11. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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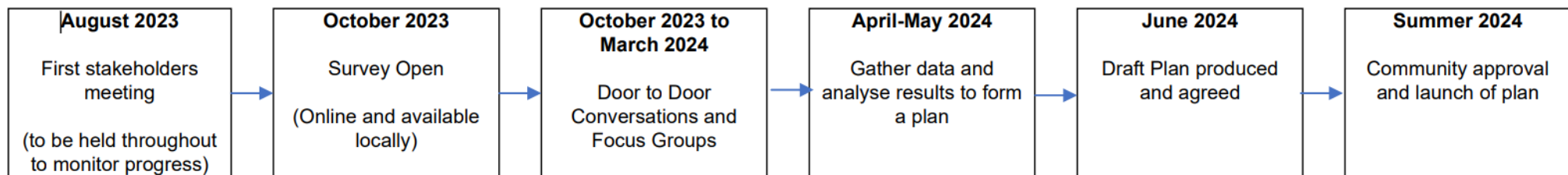
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South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership

East Kilbride South Neighbourhood Planning Process and Timeline 2/26/2024



Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

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Subject:	Local Governance Review Community Engagement
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
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Purpose of the Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ present to the Partnership Board, the findings and draft report of the community engagement exercise ‘Let’s Talk Democracy’ on shared decision-making through the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) which was carried out in the context of the Scottish Government’s completion of the jointly commissioned (with COSLA) Local Governance Review
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	<p>The Partnership Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) that the findings of the Let’s Talk Democracy Engagement Exercise as set out in the draft Engagement Report in Appendix 1 be noted. (2) that the Engagement Report ‘Let’s Talk Democracy South Lanarkshire’ in Appendix 1 be approved for submission to the Scottish Government’s Local Democracy Review Consultation. (3) that the draft Engagement Report be approved for publication on the CPP website. (4) that partners commit to support implementation of the findings of the report through co-design with locality Community Partnerships.
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks associated with this paper.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ambition 1 - We will invest in people by finding ways to share power and resources ◆ Ambition 2 - We will make progress by investing in learning together and how we can do things better ◆ Principles: Communication and Empowerment; and Embracing Change
Summary of Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The draft engagement report is set out at Appendix 1

Report

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Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ present to the Partnership Board, the findings and draft report of the community engagement exercise 'Let's Talk Democracy' undertaken on behalf of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) which was carried out in the context of the Scottish Government's Local Governance Review.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the findings of the Let's Talk Democracy Engagement Exercise as set out in the draft Engagement Report in Appendix 1 be noted.
- (2) that the Engagement Report 'Let's Talk Democracy South Lanarkshire' in Appendix 1 be approved for submission to the Scottish Government's Local Democracy Review Consultation.
- (3) that the draft Engagement Report be approved for publication on the CPP website.
- (4) that partners commit to support implementation of the findings of the report through co-design with community partnerships.

3. Background

- 3.1. In 2014, the Commission for Local Democracy published its report challenging Scotland's democratic system to "open up" democracy, ensuring it was more deliberative, more collaborative, and more than party political.
- 3.2. In May 2019, the Scottish Government published the first phase findings of its Democracy Matters engagement within the Local Governance Review. The Local Governance Review was jointly commissioned and governed by the Scottish Government and COSLA, and was explicitly intended to consider the entire public sector and not just local government. These findings indicated a Scottish Government commitment to re-invigorate representative and participative democracy.
- 3.3. The Scottish Government's Local Governance Review, 'Democracy Matters' restarted post pandemic in 2023 with a third and final phase of public engagement taking place to conclude this section of the review.

3.4. In September 2023, the CPP Board approved a South Lanarkshire wide engagement exercise to take place under the CPP engagement banner called 'Let's Talk Democracy' and requested an engagement report for submission to the Scottish Government's consultation and for consideration of local views by partners.

4. Highlights of the Consultation Results

4.1. A public survey was open between 11 September 2023 and 10 November 2023 and six, in person presentations and discussion workshops were held across South Lanarkshire in October 2023 plus two online evening workshops.

4.2. In addition, the Community Engagement Team attended public venues and a selection of schools to raise awareness of the survey and to target survey responses from members of the public that don't normally participate in civic life. Focus groups were hosted in several youth groups around the area to ensure a youth perspective.

4.3. We had 256 survey respondents and 19 workshop participants. Notably, 56% of the survey respondents are local residents who do not participate in civic society in any other way, which is who we were targeting.

4.4. The conversations provide the partnership a degree of insight into the realities of the barriers of representative and participative democracy for most people and our systems.

4.5. It was clear overall that this is not a topic that immediately inspires the public. However, when we did manage to get someone into a conversation nearly all had strong, vocal views and were pleased to have had the opportunity to share them.

4.6. Key outcomes include:-

- 73% said they want more influence on the decisions that affect them and their community;
- 44% would like influence over decisions taken by all public bodies;
- 72% think decision-makers should be elected; and
- 63% of respondents said they'd like to be more involved and provided their contact details at the end of the survey.

4.7. Common themes ran across most questions and workshops: -

- Most respondents don't have the time to participate but would if it were easier and more convenient;
- Most would like to be better informed before sharing their views; and
- There was consistency in highlighting a lack of understanding of how decisions get made and general agreement that this could be more open and transparent and encourage more participation.

4.8. There were a range of ideas on ways people would like to see local decision making take place:-

- better consultation and engagement;
- more opportunities to get involved;
- more evidence of taking views into account and listening;
- increased information available to the public before decisions are made;
- advance notice of upcoming decisions and service redesigns;
- time and space to understand the financial constraints around a decision;
- the opportunity to vote on things that affected them locally; and
- involvement in options appraisals and not just sharing their views on one option.

- 4.9. As noted at 4.5. above, democratic governance is not a topic that everyone finds easy to engage with. However, an important additional observation from the Let's Talk Democracy South Lanarkshire exercise is that if we are to strengthen that engagement there appears to be a case for additional public information sharing and explanation of how the local democratic process works.
- 4.10. This need is indicated by the high proportion of "don't knows" and blank responses given to a number of the questions posed in the consultation, as laid out in Appendix 1. In addition, a number of misperceptions are signposted, such as the role of Elected Members and council officers, and how local authorities are audited and have their performance measured and reported.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 7.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment arising from this report.

8. Other Implications

- 8.1. There are no other implications arising from this report at this stage.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 9.1. As the report is not a new policy, there are no requirements to assess the equalities impact of this report.

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**South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership
‘Let’s Talk Local Democracy’ Community Engagement Exercise
Consultation Report – 13 March 2023**

Introduction

Thank you to everyone who participated in the consultation for your time, your considered thoughts and for sharing what democracy means to you and your community.

This report contains the collated responses of local participants in the survey and workshop discussions.

Why we did this?

In 2014, the Commission for Local Democracy published its report challenging Scotland’s democratic system to “open up” democracy, ensuring it was more deliberative, more collaborative and more than party political.

In response to the Commission, the Scottish Government established The Local Governance Review. The review is intended to consider the entire public sector and not just local government in this work.

In May 2019, the Scottish Government started the first phase of its ‘Democracy Matters’ consultations with the public and published the following findings:

Citizens of Scotland expressed that they wished: -

1. To be treated better by public authorities;
2. To be better connected – both within communities and with decision-makers;
3. To be able to participate in decisions about their community; and, for some communities, that meant to have more local control over decisions, with the resources necessary for those decisions; and
4. For decisions that affect their community to be based on knowledge and experience, and for those decisions to lead to action that improves their lives.

The report on the findings on phase one of the review outlined a Scottish Government commitment to re-invigorate representative and participative democracy. However, the progress of the review was paused due to the Covid-19 lockdown period and re-started again in Summer 2023.

Locally, this consultation exercise will provide an official response to the Scottish Government’s third and final phase of consultation on Local Democracy on behalf of South Lanarkshire’s Community Planning Partnership and the local residents of South Lanarkshire.

We will also work with our local partners and communities to test and develop some of the ideas found in this report.

What we did?

- A public survey was open between 11 September 2023 and 10 November 2023.
- Six in person presentations and discussion workshops were held across South Lanarkshire in October 2023 plus two online evening workshops.
- The Community Engagement Team attended public venues and a selection of schools to raise awareness of the survey and to target survey responses from members of the public that don’t normally participate in civic life.
- Focus groups were hosted in several youth groups around the area to ensure a youth perspective.

Summary of Public meetings and Focus Groups

We publicised seven public meetings offering face to face sessions during working hours and four online sessions in the evenings.

These sessions were not well attended, and some were cancelled due to a lack of registrations. Where sessions took place, the smaller groups of attendees offered deeper discussion and insight into the things that people wished to raise and speak about. While not large in volumes, the richness of their discussions is invaluable to this consultation's considerations.

Themes of Public Conversations

- **Fairness by area** – for example, participants asked how is funding shared across areas? There should be transparency on this to ensure that some communities don't feel left out or isolated. This should be understood by people involved across South Lanarkshire. *'It's not just about our area.'*
- **What would be 'local'?** - Local Authorities have statutory responsibilities, would the rest go to communities? Who would decide what is local and what is not?
- **Clear Topics** - How will people know where they are interested in something? Where it is relevant to them to be involved? Plan targeted focus on groups depending on topics e.g. play parks would be different groups and people to that of care provision.
- **How are priorities set** - Through evidence, local community engagement or by political manifesto? Or by consensus at different levels?
- **Non-party political** - Care should be taken that party politics don't seep into local decision making.
- **Improve communication** - people need to know how and when to get involved and it needs to be easy and convenient for all the population.
- **Improve trust in local politicians and the council** - Councillors are elected to represent people. They should have awareness of local people and issues that affect their communities. The current system could be improved and make more room for localised decisions and involve local people and provide them with influence. One participant said they did not feel listened to. Officers should involve and inform people earlier on changing services.
- **Other democratic spaces**- some would prefer not to rely on a representative person or a few people to have influence over a system. They would like to have more influence through lobbying, public petitions, deliberation to develop ideas, more transparent input points and local referendum type voting on ideas.
- **Knowledge and skills to make decisions** – community activists are involved as they are keen, conscientious and have local knowledge, but they don't always have knowledge of how the council works or the processes that decisions get made within.
- **Representation** - residents were not definitive on who should represent them locally. Most agreed that any representation should be inclusive of all but acknowledged that not all had time, skills, or confidence to be involved. Some had experience of participating in community councils and did not find it encouraged consensus. Some felt personalities and self-interest were a concern. Accountability should be transparent.
- **Responsibility** – participants did not voice any definitive views on if they would take on representative responsibilities for their community or who else should. Most felt, if someone does, they should be elected. Not clear views on if they should be paid.
- **Influence** - most participants felt they didn't have a lot of influence over the decisions made by others. Participants who felt they were making a difference on things that mattered to them, were often active in their community. Those that were dissatisfied gave examples of raising an issue and not feeling it was listened to.

Analysis of Survey Results

11 September 2023 and 10 November 2023.

250 Survey Respondents

Analysis note: Most questions in the survey were open text box answers only. When analysed, most responses contained two or more topics of discussion. The analysis of the open comments demonstrates frequency of topics raised by respondents. Therefore, response numbers sometimes add up to more than 250.

Questions 1-3

Q1. Do you currently get involved in processes, groups or decisions that affect your local community? 1a. Why or why not?

Q2. Would you like to be more involved? 2a. Why or why not?

56% of respondents <u>do not</u> get involved in processes, groups or decisions that affect their local community.	The reasons cited include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Awareness ▪ Time ▪ Apathy and frustration ▪ Not interested or not asked
44 % of respondents <u>do get involved</u> in processes, groups or decisions that affect their local community.	The reasons cited include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Part of a group ▪ Part of their social values ▪ Voice is important ▪ When relevant to them personally
62% would like to be more involved - Most said they would participate if asked.	

Question 3

How can we make it easier for you to express and share your views on the services you receive?

43	More communication of opportunities to be involved
40	Surveys (preference higher with those that don't participate)
27	Local Discussion
25	Offer more methods and ways to get involved at suitable times.
20	Don't know
9	Provide more information on the topic
8	Provide feedback and reports on what decision was made and why
8	1-1 chats with workers
6	More, planned schedule and frequency of local meetings - consistent
6	Be inclusive – involve everyone
5	Expressed complete apathy that it would make no difference to decision making
3	Listen to what people say
3	Plain English surveys and feedback reports
2	Go through Community Councils
1	Hold out of hours events, evenings and weekends.

Sample of Comments

- Communicate better as to how we can be involved. It is only by chance I stumbled across this on social media.
- Keep it local. Opportunities for local discussions. Both surveys and discussion groups important.
- Online consultations.
- A Swiss style referendum system. We would not need councillors; it would ensure that the majority got their way (not noisy minorities).
- Regular consultation.
- Consistent way to where we express and share.
- Organise locally based surveys/polls and opportunities for local people to express themselves. Use locally known groups to head up these events/initiate as they know the demographic best. But create the surveys/polls so information can be amalgamated.

- Accept community engagement as a key part of the decision-making process, tailoring information to be person centred. Otherwise, it feels like a tick box exercise and communities being used and then cast aside.
- More contact with local community councillors.
- More frequent network events and outreach.

Question 4

What are good ways that decisions are made now?

83	Don't know
43	Blank
43	Views expressed there are no ways currently
26	Consultations
16	Local discussions
9	In partnerships, collaboratively
9	Voting on decisions/Participatory Budgeting
8	Council and Councillors
3	When local people are included, jointly collaborate
3	Communicating with communities on social media
3	Community Councils
2	Community Groups and Clubs

Question 5

Are there new ways that could work well?

47	Blank
24	Improved Communication on how to get involved.
24	Local networks, groups, and forums – including third sector
21	Don't know
19	Involve those affected
18	There are none, I'm not interested
18	Online forums and meetings and social media options to share views
16	If people understood how decisions are made, transparency
14	Yes, there are new ways – but no further comment
12	More consultation
8	More contact/visibility with Councillors
8	Feedback and demonstrate views considered / more influence
7	Listen and react
6	Localised decision making and autonomy to do so
6	Make more opportunities to be involved, earlier in decisions
5	Reach quieter voices and more young people
5	If local people had a better understanding of the information needed for decisions, plain English and infographics
4	Make more use of multidisciplinary front line, trusted staff to engage locally
4	Use a wider variety of consultation methods, pop ups, infographics
3	Accessible: keep it interesting, less bureaucratic
3	Make more use of Community Councils
2	Make time for discussion and debate, thinking and learning

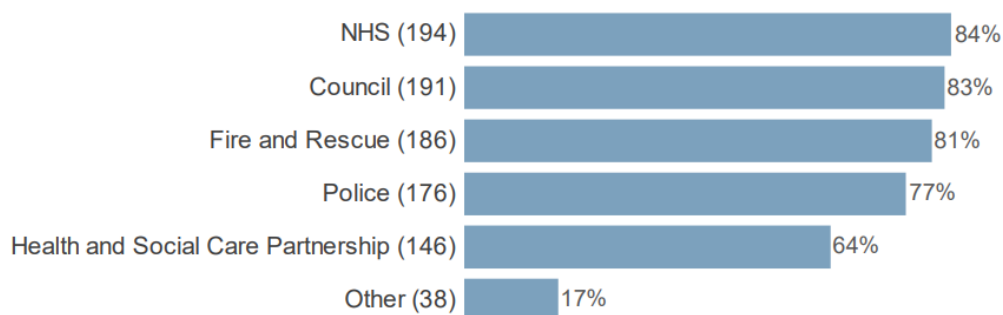
Question 6

What information would you need to learn more about to be involved in decision making?

63	Blank
36	Communicate opportunities to be involved and involve earlier
29	All relevant information, including good and bad news, to take part
23	Don't know
20	Information on how decisions are made, processes to make decisions with
18	Options Appraisals, consult on all options, what has not worked, constraints
18	Financial information, budget, costs, available resources, area budgets
16	Nothing, none, no
13	The views of local people
11	Follow through and feeding back, transparency
10	Needs, evidence base, impact information
10	Professional Guidance
7	Information on what affects my community, community council minutes
6	Timescales and commitment involved
6	Existing priorities, strategic vision, plans for service changes
6	Training, conflicts of interest, purpose of involvement, groups in my area
5	How the Council works, how to access people and professional guidance
4	What are the statutory duties to be met
3	Who is my representative?
1	I don't want to be involved
Sample of Comments	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A comprehensive but plain English version of the relevant information. For example, roles, responsibilities, recompense, time commitment, constraints, training, etc. ▪ I would need to know where to access help and who to speak to for different kinds of issues, if there was a central point of contact for all kinds of issue where people could be directed and signposted to make their options known. I think people are intimidated by layers of council officials and processes. It needs to be made friendly and accessible to all, for people to engage without fear of being judged. 	

Question 7

What Public Bodies do you think participate in your neighbourhood?



Sample of Comments for 'other'	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ SEPA; Scottish Water; Skills Development Scotland ▪ Scottish Water, Scottish Environment, VisitScotland, Historic Scotland ▪ Charities which support a lot of the above public bodies ▪ University and colleges, Scotrail, South Lanarkshire Leisure, Children's Panel Ambulance Service, Careers Service, Social Security Scotland, Regulators like SSSC and Housing commission ▪ Carluke Development Trust, various voluntary sector agencies (for example in Care and Debt /financial management) and I would imagine a lot more than I'm aware of ▪ Local groups like Men's Shed, fitness classes, dance groups, youth clubs 	

Influence and Control

Questions 8-10

Q8. Do you want more influence on decisions that affect your life and community?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 73% said they would like to have more influence over decisions that affect them. ▪ 13% said they would not be interested in having more influence. ▪ 14% did not answer. 	
Q9 What would you/your community like to have more influence over?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 35% would like influence over local issues. ▪ 44% would like influence over decisions that have a wider than local affect and those made by all public bodies, not just the Local Authority. ▪ 21% did not answer or didn't know. All of these respondents also answered that they do not participate. (see question1). 	
Q10. What do you mean by influence?	
Analysis of open text responses:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 46% wanted to be listened to and their views taken into account - 41% wanted to be consulted more - 34% wanted to be involved in co-production of solutions and decisions - 28% wanted to see their input affect decision and change - 28% didn't know - 28% asked for referendums/PB on local decisions and more deliberation

Questions 11

Do you think there should be more public scrutiny of decisions made by others that affect you and your community?



Q12. What this might look like? Sample of Comments-
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ True accounts of the actions being taken and why. ▪ Full review of the impact decisions made. ▪ More consultation before a decision is made especially with the local community that it concerns. ▪ Concise and simple reporting. ▪ Access to where this information could be found. ▪ More public voice in local choices. ▪ Clear reports available that detail decision making, and clear explanation on where public funds are used and why. Opportunity to question the use of public funds directly and not through anonymous emails. ▪ A joint scrutiny group of some sort involving community members from different age groups. ▪ Maybe more council newsletters explaining thinking. ▪ Online proposals that we could comment on [before they final options are consulted on]. ▪ Compulsory voting - including a 'none of the above' option. ▪ Off the top of my head, I would say that it might be beneficial if the council were routinely and regularly audited in relation to good practice, their own values and principles and that lay members are increasingly involved in the process.

If there were a formalised neighbourhood level of local decision making:

Question 13 - What might be the pros and cons of this approach?

Pros include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Everyone gets a say. ▪ Local knowledge and experience involved. ▪ Ownership and local accountability. ▪ Opportunity to affect meaningful change. ▪ Reach more people. ▪ Focus on local issues and no area overlooked.
Concerns include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Possible lack of accountability. ▪ Time of local people to get involved locally. ▪ Resources - pay for body member? ▪ Knowledge to participate. ▪ Individual agendas and self-interest. ▪ Controlling personalities.

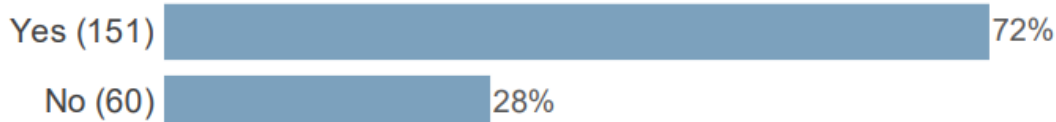
Question 14 - How should decision makers of local decision-making bodies be accountable to you and your community?

61	Blank
47	Have a wide range of transparency measures in place
36	Communication opportunity to be involved/influence and feedback
34	Don't know
14	Consult Community
12	Public scrutiny in place
12	Elected to their role
7	Sanctions for bad behaviour, poor performance etc.
5	Hold public meetings
5	Participatory community voting on decisions
3	We should not have these bodies, this is other people's/group's role: Community Councillors, Councillors, Council Officers.
3	This is not possible
2	They should have integrity
1	Ensure they are informed and appropriately skilled
1	Scrutiny by Councillors
1	They should be volunteers
1	Ensure safe space for debate
2	Behaviours, act with integrity
1	Clear lines and boundaries of authority

Sample of comments:

- They must show transparency. They must be visible and actively involved with the people. They must be accessible. They must be open and less defensive, and they should be trustworthy.
- They should be named in an easy to access public directory and easily contactable.
- They should field regular reports direct to the community.
- The needs of a community should be defined, prioritised over a specified timeline and any issues or deviations arising should be brought to the community as soon as they are known.
- We need to develop a co-operative engagement where problems are made known, and solutions sought together. There needs to be more thinking outside the box and not just same old same old. We need transparency.
- Trust and reputation need to become important to the public sector and we need to lose the 'we'll do it our way' mentality!
- We should know who they are, and they should come and meet us before finalising decisions.
- Regular updates and full transparency on reasoning.
- Meetings, targets, community awareness, inclusion, accountability.
- Recorded and televised meetings.

Question 15- Do you think decision makers should be elected?



Question 16

When thinking about who might be part of new decision-making bodies, what would be the best ways to ensure they truly reflect their communities and enhance equality?

Number of responses by frequency	Suggestion
51	Blank – no answer
35	Ensure diversity of backgrounds, involve everyone and anyone
21	Local People only
12	Involve local community groups
11	Community Councils should be the body
10	Ensure transparency of who is on the body
9	Target demographics, positive action selection for less included
9	Abilities and skills to be involved - rational decision making
9	Target demographics, positive action selection for less included
8	Increase consultation so more people can be involved
8	Elections
5	Ensure non-political
4	Don't know
4	Involve other public bodies - police and social work
3	More PR so more people are aware
3	Ensure lots of opportunity to be involved, and is accessible
3	Councillors are in place, no need for another body
3	Ensure all members value diversity
2	Recruitment process, local nominations, interviews
2	Ensure members have lived experience
2	Reflect local demographics on body
2	Have rules on diversity being achieved
2	Training on equalities
1	Not possible
1	Limit the term of service
1	Ensure scrutiny of diversity
1	Citizen Assembly model

Sample of Comments

- People who actually come from the community they represent so they can see their decisions first hand. Equality is too much of a buzz word. I believe it should be based on merit and whether or not the person has the best interest of the community in mind and that they are good at what they do. It should not be a case of having someone in place just so it can be branded equal.
- Disability is usually poorly represented, so actively seeking ideas from this group of citizens would be good.
- Positive discrimination to ensure everyone is represented.
- I think that community spokes people Should be nominated by local people. People encouraged to gain the skills necessary to represent their peers.

Question 17

What resources and powers should a local level of decision making receive?

Resources - numbers of times suggested:	
15	Paid Coordination
13	Information around decision to help local people make decisions
10	Professional inputs and advisors from council
6	The ability to communicate with the wider community/local meetings
6	Ensure participation of the harder to reach voices
4	Values - inclusion, fairness, equity
3	Digital Access and resources
2	Paid Participation
Powers - numbers of times suggested:	
26	Devolved budget (for local services and activities)
19	Devolved power to make local decisions
18	Powers that are sufficient to discharge the duties - no more, no less
9	Local Voting for all residents on all local issues
8	Veto over other decision-making body decisions
5	Participative and deliberative local democratic systems
5	Scrutiny and or alignment of local decisions by higher decision-making bodies (avoiding duplication)
3	Anyone can put forward an idea
1	Independent from the council
1	Local Mayor
Not needed or did not answer - numbers of times suggested:	
71	Blank - no response
26	Don't know
13	Voice and Influence rather than power Note: all the responses suggesting this came from individuals who do not normally participate.
4	Not needed - Improve existing democratic structures to be more accountable
3	Cannot answer - don't have enough information
Suggested areas of responsibility: 14 responses:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Safety and environmental management ▪ Road cleaning and pavement maintenances ▪ Local buildings usage ▪ Decide locally on road closures ▪ Decide locally on improvements to an area ▪ Education ▪ Transport ▪ Planning ▪ Health Services ▪ Public space regeneration ▪ Parks ▪ Ensuring local gardens are tidy 	

Question 18

Would you have any concerns or reservations about decision making taking place at a very local level?

38% of respondents had some concerns or reservations. The most cited concerns were:

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|---|--|
| An informed community | Decisions were local and at the right level |
| Majority benefited and democratic | Personal character, issue activism and self-interest |
| Structures were representative | Processes were robust and supported by advisors |
| Structures included marginalised voices | Fairness across SL and alignment to wider priorities |
| Local bodies lacking influence or power | |

Those who do not participate were more concerned than those that do with representative, robust processes and structures, majority benefit and including marginalised voices.

Sample of comments:

- It's important to gain views from everyone in society. And in engaging with everyone, people in low-income households will feel more part of communities rather than feel ostracised.
- The main concern is that all residents to be kept informed of decisions and that all opinions to be considered. This again could be through votes.
- The concern would be that the more local the level then potentially the smaller the voice and influence.
- Depends what decisions were. Might have concerns if groups did not have proper advice and legal controls. Small renegade groups could form and be problematic. Some decisions might be more relevant if made by local people who might understand issues a bit better. It is difficult to determine how the cascade of power downwards can be effectively managed.
- Could be dominated by the loudest voices in the community and be affected by personal relationships rather than professional.
- Sometimes there can be prevarication and endless discussion with no meaningful decisions being made. A framework to help with decision making in an efficient and time effective way needs to be put in place.
- Not making use of economies of scale when it comes to getting the best prices and differences/inequalities between different areas due to different decisions being made at different places.
- Without an overseeing public body, there is the danger of not seeing the wider goals and challenges.
- Inertia is also a cause for concern at local level. I'd also have concerns about the opposite - those persons who have a one-track mind getting into positions of power at a very local level and potentially hijacking the agenda to suit only themselves. How to guard against that will probably be very difficult given the need for local people to get involved.

37% of respondents had no concerns or reservations

81% of respondents that had no concerns, also did not share any additional comments on why.

Some qualified their lack of concerns:

- I think most people who would take part would do so responsibly.
- I believe if the people are held accountable for what they say, then it will affect what they say and do.
- Not really but I think it is important to make sure local does mean local, the people that these decisions affect people involved.
- If the right people are involved and advisers are involved.
- It does potentially allow for new ideas to be generated and piloted, but these would need to be shared with the wider community and other decision-making groups to allow for good practise development and shared learning.

25% of respondents did not answer this question or replied 'did not know'

Question 19

Would you get involved in this type of decision making either as a representative, participating in discussions or voting on your preferred local solutions and initiatives?

Yes	60%
No	11%
Possibly	10%
Blank	19%

Sample of Comments:

Yes

- Yes, but not as a representative because as I said I don't feel that the average person is equipped to take on these roles.
- I would consider being involved if it was done in a just and fair manner.
- Possibly, if I felt it was a serious attempt at improvement.
- I would get involved as a member of the community but not as a representative of the community.
- Might go to meetings. Might provide views/comments. However, I would need to have access to information, clearly signposted.
- It depends how much time these things take up. I wouldn't want it to take over my life.
- Yes, if I was aware of it and able to participate.
- Yes, if I felt my time was not being wasted.
- I would want to firstly know in detail what would be the nature of the decision-making process, but in principle yes.
- Yes. I would be prepared to assist in my community, as a representative, participating in discussions and voting on preferred local solutions and initiatives. I am a broad-minded person who is interested in people in general. If I could be of assistance, then I would be willing to participate.

Possibly/No

- No, I would find it too stressful.
- Possibly. I wouldn't say no, but my involvement would depend on how much of my free time I'd need to commit to giving up. And the frequency of committee meetings and the like. I'm a bit reluctant to say a clear "yes" given the very slow progress (and ultimate cul-de-sac) our small community committee experienced last time we tried to do something local. Call me a sceptic if you like.

Voting

- Yes. I don't think I would get involved as a representative however, I would like the chance to become involved in discussion and voting. I would vote on preferred local solutions and may get more involved when I have more time to spare.
- Voting online, if possible, preferably. In fact, that would need to be a requirement.
- I would vote if it affected me. Would vote, but age and health prevents more
- Possibly voting on preferred local solutions
- I would vote

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of meeting:	13 March 2024
Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Board Development Session Proposal
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Phone: 0303 123 1017 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose:	♦ provide the Partnership Board with the proposed agenda for the Development Session due to be held on 21 May 2024, focussing on performance and impact
Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the proposed content for a Development Workshop for the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board and Outcomes Leads on Performance and Impact, be approved
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks/challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	♦ all ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	♦ performance and impact proposal for the focus of the next CPP Board Development Session

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Board Development Session Proposal
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with the proposed agenda for the Development Session due to be held on 21 May 2024, focussing on performance and impact

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) the proposed content for a Development Session for the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board and Outcomes Leads on Performance and Impact, be approved

3. Background

3.1. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, requires each Community Planning Partnership to prepare and publish a local outcomes improvement plan progress report for each reporting year, setting out the following:-

- a. the Community Planning Partnership's assessment of whether there has been any improvement in the achievement of each local outcome referred to in section 6(2)a during the reporting year, and
- b. the extent to which:-
 - (i) the Community Planning Partnership has participated with community bodies in carrying out its functions under this Part during the reporting year; and
 - (ii) that participation has been effective in enabling community bodies to contribute to community planning

3.2. The New Community Plan was approved by the CPP Board on 22 June 2022 with an agreement that governance, delivery structures, delivery plans and performance frameworks would be subsequently developed.

3.3. The new Governance Framework was completed and agreed by the CPP Board in September 2023. This lays the foundations to now proceed with completing the delivery and performance frameworks.

- 3.4. The first Annual Report of the Community Plan was presented and approved by the CPP Board on 6 September 2023 to ensure the CPP Board met its minimum statutory duties for reporting against the Community Plan. However, it is acknowledged that further work continues to better demonstrate how the Partnership is collectively improving outcomes.
- 3.5. The next Board Development Session is scheduled to take place on 21 May 2024.

4. Current Position

- 4.1. The first Annual Report provided a full year's performance monitoring data against the 'priorities areas of action' outlined in the plan and an Annual Outcomes Improvement Report for each of the priorities. The Outcomes Improvement Report provided both qualitative and quantitative information and identified improvements were being achieved across all themes and topics. Furthermore, it established baseline information to compare and define improvement against subsequent years.
- 4.2. The work to compile the monitoring data for this report is a solid foundation to build on and represents a key step in the development of a comprehensive, outcomes-focused performance framework for the Community Plan.
- 4.3. Our next challenge is to more clearly define the Community Plan's outcomes and align the annual monitoring data to them to more clearly demonstrate where our collective action is leading to impact.
- 4.4. At the CPP Board's Development Workshop in December 2023, Board members highlighted the importance of meeting this challenge and requested a further Development Workshop on performance of the South Lanarkshire CPP.
- 4.5. In the meantime, as previously agreed, work continues to develop other parts of the performance framework including the Community Plan delivery plan and outcomes reporting for the Neighbourhood Plans.
- 4.6. This work is mapping existing plan actions into Community Plan priority areas of action and Delivery Plans where relevant and identifying where collective action is taking place and which partners are contributing to it. As expected, this is a large task and will take more time to complete and agree with the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group.

5. Proposed Development Session Aims and Agenda

5.1. Aims:-

- ◆ provide the Board with an overview of our collective responsibility and accountabilities in relation to performance within the context of a CPP's core purpose of tackling inequality
- ◆ provide an overview for the Board on the evidence based, monitoring frameworks already in place for the new plan and our outcomes (impact) framework that is in development; and
- ◆ provide space for debate and discussion within the Board to set a direction for the CPP's performance and the outcomes it wishes to deliver with communities, within the scope of the new Community Plan

5.2. Proposed Agenda:-

- ◆ what is the CPP accountable for? (Brief presentation)

- ◆ our Performance Monitoring Framework to date: Monitoring performance of the new Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans (Brief presentation)
- ◆ impact reporting – phase 3 of the CPP review – developing outcomes and what difference are we making? How should we measure this? (group work on Community Plan Outcomes, this section will include case studies from the thematic groups); and
- ◆ whole system/CPP tools, culture and behaviours for performance and reporting intervals (group work on ‘the how’)

6. Employee Implications

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

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1. The cost of this event will be funded from the CPP Budget.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. Failure to evidence how we collectively deliver upon outcomes in a Local Outcome Improvement Plan would put the South Lanarkshire responsible bodies of the CPP in breach of their statutory duties under the Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has already been undertaken for the Community Plan to which this report refers. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore, no impact assessment is required. Should changes to the Community Plan result from this development workshop, a further EIA would be required at that point.

Paul Manning
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14 February 2024

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Community Planning Board Bulletin

13 March 2024

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Overview and contents

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

March 2024 Update Contents

- Update on the outcomes from the CPP Board Development Session and Event on Climate and Nature (slide nos. 3-8)
- South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee Annual Report 2022-2023 and Business Plan 2023-2024 (slide nos. 9-13)
- The Open University – Unlocking Potential (slide nos. 14-15)
- Community Planning Partnership – Risk Register Update (slide nos. 16-17)

Update on the outcomes from the CPP Board Development Session and Climate and Nature Event

Background:-

- A Climate and Nature Development Session with the Board and Young People representing the South Lanarkshire Youth Council and the South Lanarkshire School Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability was held on 10 October 2023.
- 90 people attended the community-led Climate and Nature Event which took place on 24 October 2023. Six conversation cafes were held on green travel; communities in action; nature-based solutions; food growing; engagement and community climate adaptation.
- Community groups, primary and secondary schools, students from South Lanarkshire College, and the Community Planning Partnership Board attended.

Update on the outcomes from the CPP Board Development Session and Climate and Nature Event

Young people continue to progress their ideas and actions. These include:-

- A school recycling pilot in Trinity High School and Larkhall Academy;
- ‘Teach the Teacher’ training for Youth Forum members;
- Design and launch of the ‘Save Our World’ programme which can be accessed via the JUMP mobile app; and
- Organising a second conference of schools’ event (COS2) in February 2024 focussing on the themes as set out in the banner that they have created.



Update on the outcomes from the CPP Board Development Session and Climate and Nature Event

Climate Change Survey Results: How relevant is Climate Change?

- Just under 50% of people attending completed the survey. Of those people who responded:-
 - 65% said that Climate Change was very relevant to them.
 - The top three areas of concern were: Energy – 69%; Greenspace – 69%; Waste - 69%.
 - 83% felt that their actions could reduce the impact of Climate Change.
 - 86% said that they would like to learn more about Climate Change with the top three topics being: Ideas for action – 67%; What others are doing in the area - 63%; Tools to help you take action - 60%.
 - The top three methods of learning were: Local events – 69%; Local groups – 55%; Social Media – 52%.
 - 87% said that they would take part in future conversations about Climate and Nature.

Update on the outcomes from the CPP Board Development Session and Climate and Nature Event

Next Steps

- We will continue to deliver the Planet ambition of the Community Plan to work together to develop local solutions to protect nature and to take action on climate change and support young people to lead the way;
- The outputs from the event will be used to shape and inform partnership action, give partners a better understanding of current community action and what matters most to them;
- Further follow-up engagement activity will be used to develop actions for the Partnership Delivery Plan; and
- Young people would like continued dialogue with the Partnership Board and the opportunity to present and progress challenges and to report on progress towards the goal of reducing the impact on the environment. A further report will be presented to the Board in June 2024.

A full summary can be accessed here:



Climate and Nature
Events Overview.pdf



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South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee Annual Report and Business Plan

Background

The South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee (SLCPC) is the local strategic planning partnership responsible for developing and implementing child protection policy and strategy across and between agencies as described in the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland (2021) – Updated 2023. This includes publishing an Annual Report and Business Plan.

- SLCPC and its partners support community planning partnerships and key strategic multi-agency groups by working together in the delivery of services for babies, children and young people in need of care and protection.
- The core business function of SLCPC is linked to continuous improvement in preventing or responding to abuse, harm, neglect or exploitation.
- The Annual Report and Business Plan demonstrates how SLCPC has embedded the National Minimum Dataset for CPCs in Scotland into our programme of work. This dataset provides information on trends and emerging issues in the protection of children. The analysis of this data informs multi-agency child protection strategy.
- The SLCPC meets four times per year and has two development sessions. The work is further supported by several Task Groups.
- SLCPC routinely report to the Public Protection Chief Officers Group (PPCOG), the Integrated Joint Board (IJB), the Children's Planning Partnership (CPP) and the GIRFEC Partnership Board to ensure outcomes are being achieved and Article 12 (UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, 1989) is applied in all our work.

South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee Annual Report and Business Plan

- The annual report highlights a number of key achievements including:-
 - an audit of **Housing Services** and its contribution to the child protection landscape;
 - a large-scale quality assurance activity with multi-agency partners looking at children and young people living with **Emotional Abuse**;
 - a further focus on improving practitioner skills in supporting families where **Neglect** is prevalent; and
 - The CPC has also assisted services to plan and prepare for a move to a **Contextual Safeguarding** model through audit and analysis.
- Children and young people always remain at the centre and we ensure the importance of VOICE. In all activities we found areas of strength and evidence of where improvements were required. Multi-agency commitment remains strong in ensuring actions are completed and changes made.

South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee Annual Report and Business Plan

The Business Plan includes evidence of:-

- Our multi-agency work across public protection
- Individual and collective leadership in the continuous improvement of child protection services.
- The development of policies, procedures, and protocols
- The delivery and impact of learning and development
- Our work in raising public awareness
- How we involve children, young people and families
- Our application of the Getting it Right (GIRFEC) principles
- Our application of child protection processes and how we work together to keep children safe
- How we use self-evaluation and quality assurance in affecting change
- Our commitment to the use of management information
- How we support to the work of CPCScotland





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The Open University in Scotland – Unlocking Potential

Background

- The Community Planning Partnership has been working with the Open University (OU) and the Community Planning Partnership to trial supporting potential adult learners in South Lanarkshire.
- In 2022, findings from independent research into the barriers and challenges accessing informal and formal education for those living in disadvantaged areas in Scotland was undertaken
- The findings were used to co-create interventions, which were tested in collaboration with the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership. Springhall and Whitlawburn areas were selected in which to test and evaluate the interventions. This area is one of the higher SIMD areas in South Lanarkshire and already a focus for Neighbourhood Planning. There were three key stages to the ‘test and learn’:
 - Stage 1 – Building and Supporting a Network of Open Learn Champions;
 - Stage 2 – Space to Explore – Tasters for Informal and Formal Study; and
 - Stage 3 – Access Course – Psychology, Social Science and Wellbeing.

The Open University in Scotland – Unlocking Potential

- Key Outcomes include:
 - A network of qualified OpenLearn Champions was created;
 - Full-Time Employment;
 - Highlighting the need for adult educational opportunities within deprived communities;
 - 33 event participants;
 - Engagement and feedback from those attending was high;
 - 265 enrolments on OpenLearn Courses and over 100 course completions;
 - Strength of the relationship with local intermediaries; and
 - One attendee registered directly on the Access Course.
- Further activities include the creation of a bespoke South Lanarkshire landing page on the OU OpenLearn website to promote the events and curated courses and the development of a strategy to support local authorities and Community Planning Partnerships across Scotland.

A copy of the report can be found here:



Open University
Update.pdf



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Community Planning Partnership Risk Register Update

- This report provides a summary of the current Community Planning Partnership (CPP) risks and an update on progress in the delivery of the risk control plan;
- The CPP risk register and Risk Control Plan is maintained to formally record, assess and aid management of strategic risks for the Partnership;
- It was agreed by the Partnership Board on 12 February 2020, that a report on the monitoring of the risk register and control plan be a standard agenda item at the Partnership Board meetings;
- Appendix 1 provides an update on the progress of the delivery of the actions in the 2023-24 risk control plan. Of the 20 actions in the plan: 9 actions are complete; 4 are on target to deliver; 3 have not started; 4 have minor slippage and there are no actions with major slippage.

A copy of the report can be found here:



CPP Risk Register
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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Subject:	CPP Governance Update – Board Membership
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: Jennifer.Kerr1@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose:	♦ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the membership of the Board.
Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the membership of the Community Planning Partnership Board is extended to include South Lanarkshire College be noted.
Risks/Challenges:	No risks or challenges associated with this report.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	♦ Section 4.1. outlines the current governance arrangements relating to the membership of the Board; and 4.2. sets out the legislative requirements and the proposed amendment for approval.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	CPP Governance Update – Board Membership
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with an update on the membership of the Board.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the membership of the Community Planning Partnership Board is extended to include South Lanarkshire College be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. At the meeting of the Board on 6 September 2023, following the approval of the revised Community Planning structure, the Board approved its revised Governance Framework and a request to review its membership. The Board were also asked to note that the Scottish Government's scrutiny of Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 was considering a review of the current list of designated statutory organisations who are required to facilitate and participate in Community Planning.
- 3.2. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 sets out a list of partners who should facilitate and participate in Community Planning and the Community Planning Team contacted all partners to enquire about joining the Partnership when the legislation was first enacted.
- 3.3. This report provides an update on the current Board membership and seeks to extend this to include South Lanarkshire College.

4. Board Membership

4.1. Current Governance Arrangements

- 4.1.1 In addition to the eight statutory partners who facilitate/participate in Community Planning in South Lanarkshire, the Business Community, Community Partnerships, Seniors Together, Leisure and Culture, the local Third Sector Interface (representing the voluntary sector) and the local University are members of the Community Planning Partnership Board. For more information on the organisations and their representatives who attend the Board see:-

[Meet the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board](#)

The Scottish Government is also represented through a 'Place Director'. Their role is to: understand, promote and support how public services work together and with communities; and improve wellbeing and outcomes on local and national priorities.

4.2. Proposed Amendment to the Membership of the Board

4.2.1 Appendix 1 sets out a list of all partners represented/not represented on the Board by classification i.e. Statutory/Non-Statutory duty as set out in the Community Empowerment Act.

4.2.2. Schedule 1 of the [Community Empowerment Act](#) (introduced at Section 4(1)) lists all Community Planning Partners. In relation to colleges, it sets out the following statutory requirements:-

- The board of management of a regional college designated by order under section 7A of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005 which is situated in the area of the local authority; and
- A regional strategic body specified in schedule 2A to the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005 which is situated in the area of the local authority.

4.2.3. As South Lanarkshire College forms part of the Lanarkshire Regional Strategic Body and are situated in the local authority area, they have a statutory duty to participate in Community Planning in South Lanarkshire.

4.2.4. As a statutory partner set out in the Community Empowerment Act, the Board is asked to note that South Lanarkshire College are to be invited to join the Board.

5. Employee Implications

5.1. There are no employee implications associated with the content of this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1. There are no financial implications associated with the content of this report.

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

7.1. As a priority of the Partnership, the work outlined in this report will consider these (and nature as agreed through the Strategic Environmental Assessment) with a view to identifying and maximising opportunities. Any potential impacts will be outlined with mitigation/adaptation actions.

8. Other Implications

8.1. There are no other implications associated with the content of this report.

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

9.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment implications associated with this report. Consultation has taken place with representatives of the Outcomes Leads Group. Further communication and consultation are required with partners, Thematic Groups and our communities to progress the recommendations contained in this report.

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14 February 2024

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CPP Board Membership Review

List of all partners represented/not represented on the Board by classification (Statutory/Non-Statutory) according to the Community Empowerment Act

Organisation/Group	Statutory/Non-Statutory	Board Member?
Community Partnerships	Non-Statutory	Yes
Federation of Small Businesses	Non-Statutory	Yes
Historic Environment Scotland	Statutory duty to participate	No
NHS Lanarkshire	Statutory duty to facilitate	Yes
Police Service of Scotland	Statutory duty to facilitate	Yes
Scottish Enterprise	Statutory duty to facilitate	Yes
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service	Statutory duty to facilitate	Yes
Scottish Natural Heritage	Statutory duty to participate	No
Seniors Together	Non-Statutory	Yes
Skills Development Scotland	Statutory duty to participate	Yes
South Lanarkshire College	Statutory duty to participate	No
South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Statutory duty to participate	Yes
South Lanarkshire Council	Statutory duty to facilitate	Yes
South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture	Non-Statutory	Yes
Strathclyde Passenger Transport	Statutory duty to participate	Yes
The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency	Statutory duty to participate	No
The Scottish Sports Council	Statutory duty to participate	No
University of the West of Scotland	Non-Statutory	Yes
VASLan (Third Sector Interface)	Non-Statutory	Yes
VisitScotland	Statutory duty to participate	No

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of meeting:	13 March 2024
Subject:	South Lanarkshire Register of Information
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Jen Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: jennifer.kerr@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ provide the Partnership Board with a summary of the information that has been circulated to Community Planning Partners
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):- (1) that the content of the report, be noted
Risks/Challenges:	There are no risks or challenges associated with this report
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles
Summary of Report:	Details of information circulated to Community Planning Partners which gives partners an opportunity to seek clarification or an update on any matters contained therein

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	13 March 2024
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	South Lanarkshire Register of Information
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide the Partnership Board with a summary of the information that has been circulated to Community Planning Partners

2. Recommendation(s)

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

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

3. Background

3.1. This report provides a summary of the information circulated to Community Planning Partners and gives partners an opportunity to seek clarification or an update on any matters contained therein.

4. Period Covered – 15 November 2023 to 13 February 2024

4.1. Appendix 1 provides a summary of the information circulated from 15 November 2023 to 13 February 2024.

5. Employee Implications

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

6. Financial Implications

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

7. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

8. Other Implications

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

9. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

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

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Register of Information circulated to the Partnership

15 November 2023 to 13 February 2024

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
22/11/23	Financial Inclusion Network News	South Lanarkshire Council	Circulation of the latest Financial Inclusion Network News Bulletin (22 November 2023) and inviting the Progress Group to provide any news items and updates for inclusion in the bulletin.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
14/12/23	Invitation to respond to the Wellbeing and Sustainable Development (Scotland) Bill Consultation	Scottish Government	<p>The Scottish Government is gathering views to help inform the scope of any legislation for a proposed Wellbeing and Sustainable Development Bill. The Bill aims to further improve decision making and the implementation of the National Performance Framework to ensure that all policy and delivery is focused on increasing the wellbeing of people living in Scotland, both now and in the future. This consultation also explores scope for further improving accountability and scrutiny of the National Outcomes including the case for a Future Generations Commissioner. The consultation will run until 14 February 2024.</p> <p>https://consult.gov.scot/national-performance-framework-unit/wellbeing-and-sustainable-development-scotland/</p>	<p>Circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board for information.</p> <p>A partnership consultation response has been prepared by the Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group.</p>
20/12/23	Equally Safe Strategy	Scottish Government/ COSLA	Publication of the Scottish Government/COSLA's ' Equally Safe: Scotland's Strategy for Preventing and Eradicating Violence Against Women and Girls '	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
08/01/24	Learning to inform Scotland's recovery from COVID-19/ Equality Evidence	Scottish Government	Circulation of the Scottish Government's report on 'Leading to inform Scotland's recovery from COVID-19' and 'Equality Evidence' data set: Learning to inform Scotland's recovery from COVID-19 (www.gov.scot) ; and equalityevidence.scot	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
08/01/24	Statutory Consultation - Secondary School Mainstream Transport	South Lanarkshire Council	Details of South Lanarkshire Council's statutory consultation on the proposal to alter the qualifying distance for free secondary school mainstream transport to those living over 3 miles from their catchment secondary school. (Current entitlement is more than 2 miles). The proposal will be open to statutory public consultation from 15 January to 1 March 2024 and public meetings will take place during the week of the 29 January 2024.	As statutory consultees, circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board for information.
30/01/24	Our focus on economic transformation	Scottish Enterprise	Scottish Enterprise publication of ' Our focus on economic transformation ' which focuses on supporting the most transformational opportunities and raising their performance in targeted areas with the most potential to impact on prosperity, productivity, net zero ambitions and wellbeing.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
01/02/24	Consultation Updates	Scottish Government	Details of Scottish Government consultations: Guidance on inclusive design for town centres and busy streets consultation – closes 29 March 2024; National Good Food Nation Plan Consultation – closes 22 April 2024; and Climate change - Draft Scottish National Adaptation Plan 3 Consultation – closes 24 April 2024.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
06/02/24	Children's Rights and the UNCRC	South Lanarkshire Council	Circulation of the new Children's Rights and the UNCRC webpage on the South Lanarkshire CPP website.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
13/02/24	Statutory Consultation - Secondary School Mainstream Transport	South Lanarkshire Council	Update advising that the South Lanarkshire Council's statutory consultation on the proposal to alter the qualifying distance for free secondary school mainstream transport has been extended to 15 March 2024.	As statutory consultees, circulated to the Community Planning Partnership Board for information.

