



Wednesday, 10 June 2026

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, 17 June 2026

Time: 13:00

Venue: By Microsoft Teams,

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

Members

Councillor Maureen Devlin

Paul Manning, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

John Binning, Principal Policy Officer, **Strathclyde Partnership for Transport**

Cheryl Burnett, Representative, **Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership**

Christine Calder, Manager, **Seniors Together**

Fiona Cook, Lead Manager, **sportscotland**

Lynne Cooper, Regional Director, **VisitScotland**

Julie Coyle, Area Manager, **Skills Development Scotland**

Stephen Frew, Partnerships (West), Place Directorate, Scottish Economic Development, **Scottish Enterprise**

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, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council

Hisashi Kuboyama, Development Manager, West of Scotland, **Federation of Small Businesses**

Tom Little, Head of Communications and Strategy, Chief Executive's Service, South Lanarkshire Council

Louise Long, Chief Executive, **NHS Lanarkshire**

Catriona Mason, Chairperson, **Seniors Together**

Stella McManus, Principal and Chief Executive, **South Lanarkshire College**

Nick Lansdell, Chief Executive, **South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture**

Stephen Nesbit, Area Commander, **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

Elizabeth O'Reilly, Head of Campus Services, **University of the West of Scotland**

Josephine Pravinkumar, Director of Public Health, **NHS Lanarkshire**

Soumen Sengupta, Director, **South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership**

Callum Smith, Operations Manager, **NatureScot**

Vicky Watson, Chief Superintendent, **Police Scotland**

Jimmy Wilson, Interim Chief Executive, **VASLan**

BUSINESS

1 Declaration of Interests

- 2 **Note of Previous Meeting** 5 - 14
Note of the meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Board held on 18 March 2026 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

Monitoring Item(s)

- 3 **Community Partnerships Update** 15 - 32
Report dated 27 May 2026 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council. (Copy attached)

Item(s) for Discussion/Decision

- 4 **Community Planning Partnerships Collaboration and Accountability Deep Dives 2026/2027**
Presentation by K Brown, Engagement Manager, Community Planning, Public Service Reform and Early Learning and Childcare.
- 5 **Marmot 7 Principle: Tackle Racism, Discrimination, and their Outcomes**
East Kilbride Integration Network Presentation
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Community Learning and Development Partnership English for Speakers of other Languages Presentation
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- 10 **Community Planning Board Bulletin** 71 - 82
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- 12 **Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday 9 September 2026**

Any Other Competent Business

- 13 **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 Teams and in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 18 March 2026

Chair:

Councillor Joe Fagan, Leader, South Lanarkshire Council

Partners Present:

P Manning, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
 C Burnett, Representative, Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership
 F Cook, Lead Manager, sportscotland
 S Frew, Partnership (West), Place Directorate, Scottish Economic Development, Scottish Enterprise
 M Hill, Chair, NHS Lanarkshire Board
 T Keay, Group Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
 J Kerr, Community Engagement Manager, Chief Executive's Office, South Lanarkshire Council
 T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy, Chief Executive's Service, South Lanarkshire Council
 S McManus, Principal and Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire College
 J Pravinkumar, Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire
 S Sengupta, Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership
 C Smith, Operations Manager, NatureScot
 V Watson, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland
 J Wilson, Interim Chief Executive Officer, VASLan

Also Attending:

L Cunningham, Administration Officer, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
 S Jessop, Administration Assistant, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
 L McRoberts, Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
 K Mullarkey, Children's Services Partnership Planning Manager, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
 A Murray, Community Planning Adviser, Chief Executive's Service, South Lanarkshire Council
 E Paterson, Community Planning Officer, Chief Executive's Service, South Lanarkshire Council
 N Riches, Acting up Consultant, NHS Lanarkshire
 H Robertson, Community Development Officer, Chief Executive's Service, South Lanarkshire Council
 F Thomson, Locality Manager (Clydesdale), Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
 L Williamson, Community Development Officer, Chief Executive's Service, South Lanarkshire Council

Apologies:

J Binning, Principal Policy Officer, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
 L Cooper, Regional Director, VisitScotland
 J Coyle, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland
 H Kuboyama, Development Manager, West of Scotland, Federation of Small Businesses
 N Lansdell, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture
 L Long, Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire

Order of Business

The Board agreed that the items of business be dealt with in the order minuted below.

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 9 December 2025 was submitted for approval as a correct record.

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

3 Marmot Place Programme – Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES) – Data Update Report

A report dated 25 February 2026 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the progress made by the Marmot Place Programme Data Group.

Information was provided on the:-

- ◆ background to the Marmot Place Programme where South Lanarkshire was 1 of 3 Scottish areas participating in the Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES) pilot
- ◆ 3 phases of the CHES pilot, with Phase 1 focusing on data and evidence analysis
- ◆ work of the multi-agency group established to collate, analyse and present local and national data to support local prioritisation and action
- ◆ decision to prioritise child poverty and family support in early years
- ◆ findings of the data analysis under the following headlines, which showed that people living in more deprived circumstances generally had poorer outcomes:-
 - ◆ give every child the best start in life
 - ◆ enable all children, young people and adults to maximise their capabilities and have control over their lives
 - ◆ strengthen the role and impact of ill health prevention
 - ◆ tackle racism, discrimination and their outcomes
 - ◆ pursue environmental sustainability and health equity together

Infographics were provided at appendices 1 and 2 to the report which showed child poverty data and life expectancy data at intermediate zone level at various junctions along the M74 within South Lanarkshire.

The Chair thanked all Council officers and partners who had been part of the Marmot pilot.

Outcome(s):

- (1) Progress of the South Lanarkshire Marmot Data Group, and the work completed to date in developing the local evidence base, noted.
- (2) Headline findings from the analysis to date, including that there was an overall pattern which demonstrated how people living in more deprived circumstances generally had poorer outcomes, noted.
- (3) Infographics, attached as appendices 1 and 2 to the report, approved for wider publication, to illustrate the gaps in outcomes experienced between local communities.

4 Marmot Place Programme – Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES) – Programme Update Report

A report dated 25 February 2026 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted on the progress made on the Marmot Place Programme and proposing participation in an Early Years Transformation Pilot.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the development of the South Lanarkshire Marmot Framework which would be applied to pilot projects
- ◆ a range of actions proposed by the Leadership Group following consideration of the results of the data phase and the principles of the Marmot Framework under the following 3 workstreams, progress of which was outlined in the report:-
 - ◆ data and intelligence
 - ◆ strategic alignment
 - ◆ action
- ◆ the Early Years Transformation Pilot Model, based on the Sure Start approach which:-
 - ◆ was based on focusing investment in neighbourhoods with the highest rate of child poverty
 - ◆ enabled access to family support services for all families within a geographical area
 - ◆ integrated services to give children a strong start in life and reduce a fragmented service experience
- ◆ the establishment of a multi-agency steering group which would:-
 - ◆ consider the development of an early years family support approach
 - ◆ consider current models of early intervention and family support currently operated through the successful South Lanarkshire Family Support Hub model
 - ◆ work with the Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES)
- ◆ the next steps to develop and progress the programme, as outlined in section 6 of the report
- ◆ the funding allocated by partners to support the Marmot Place Programme

The Executive Director (Education Resources) responded to questions in relation to the 0 to 5 age group for the Early Years Transformation Pilot being too narrow, advising that this allowed focus on early years centres which contained the most data. However, this could not be seen in isolation from the Family Support Hubs and, although this was a starting point, the intention was that it would become a model for whole family support.

The Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council highlighted the importance of including community planning partners in this initiative as it progressed and undertook to make contact with Community Planning Partners. Members welcomed this.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Contents of the report and work undertaken to date noted.
 - (2) Proposals for Community Planning Partners to participate in an Early Years Transformation Pilot with the Council approved.
 - (3) Next steps, as outlined in section 6 of the report, in terms of developing and progressing the programme, noted.

5 Community Partnerships Update

A report dated 25 February 2026 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the progress of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen, Clydesdale, East Kilbride, and Hamilton Community Partnerships.

Issues raised by each partnership, together with partner updates to those issues were outlined in section 4 of the report. Common areas of activity across the 4 partnerships were detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Appendix 2 to the report set out progress on activities to deliver the Community Planning Partnership Development Plan and Appendix 3 to the report detailed named case studies within Cambuslang and Rutherglen.

A request was made for improved partner attendance at both the Clydesdale and Hamilton Community Partnership meetings to allow a better understanding of local issues.

There was extensive discussion on various aspects of the report.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Community Partnerships progress updates, as outlined at section 4 of the report, noted.
 - (2) Intention to continue to progress those areas highlighted with the Partnership's Community Development Officer and Progress Group noted.
 - (3) Request for improved partner attendance at meetings of the Clydesdale and Hamilton Community Partnership meetings supported.

6 Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report

A report dated 25 February 2026 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council was submitted providing an update on the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) budget and expenditure for 2025/2026, as at 23 January 2026 (Period 11), and to advise partners of the intention to issue invoices for the annual partnership contribution for 2026/2027.

As outlined at Appendix 1 to the report, the total available budget for 2025/2026 was £89,651. This included a carry-forward of £44,301 from the 2024/2025 budget and annual income of £45,350.

Appendix 1 also showed projected spend for the year of £70,440, which would result in an underspend of £19,211.

As part of the annual budget setting process, the Board was asked to note that all partners had been contacted to confirm their contribution for this financial year and advised that there were no proposed changes to the contribution levels from 2025/2026.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Content of the report noted.
 - (2) Intention to issue invoices from South Lanarkshire Council for partnership contributions to the shared budget for 2026/2027 noted.

[Reference: Note of 9 December 2025 (Paragraph 4)]

7 Age Friendly South Lanarkshire Update Report

A report dated 25 February 2026 by the Chairperson, Seniors Together in South Lanarkshire was submitted providing an update on the development of the Age Friendly South Lanarkshire approach.

In March 2023, South Lanarkshire became the first Age Friendly Community in Scotland. It had been agreed that this project would be delivered in partnership between South Lanarkshire Council and Seniors Together in South Lanarkshire, which was a South Lanarkshire Council project in association with the South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership. The project aimed to improve the quality of life for older people living in South Lanarkshire, connected older people to their peers and provided information events with links to other services and organisations that might help people age well and prevent loneliness and isolation.

An Age Friendly Community was defined as one in which people of all ages could actively participate in activities and where everyone was treated with respect, regardless of age. It was community-led, with older people at the centre of service design and development.

There were 8 domains that made up an Age Friendly Community, which linked with the current work of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) at both local and strategic level, including the Marmot Place Programme. The Age Friendly approach also considered how health was shaped by social factors and the conditions in which people were born, grew, lived, worked and aged, and therefore aligned well with the 8 Marmot Principles.

The 8 Age Friendly domains were:-

- ◆ community and health care
- ◆ transport
- ◆ housing
- ◆ social participation
- ◆ outdoor spaces and buildings
- ◆ respect and social inclusion
- ◆ civic participation and employment
- ◆ communication and information

To support the delivery of an Age Friendly approach in South Lanarkshire, an Action Plan, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, had been developed using the World Health Organisation's (WHO) implementation guidance. The draft Plan set out a range of actions relating to the meaningful engagement of older people; key steps for partnerships, leadership and strategic thinking; and building capacity. It also included a process implementation assessment. The Seniors Together Community sought the support of the CPP to embed the delivery of age friendly practices across South Lanarkshire.

A key part of the development of the Age Friendly approach would be the identification of Ageing Well Ambassadors to communicate key messages and help shape activities, services and strategies in their workplace. An invitation was extended to all Services, Resources and partners to identify Ageing Well Ambassadors.

The Chair commended Seniors Together for all the work they had undertaken since the Council had received the age friendly status.

- Outcome(s):**
- (1) Age Friendly South Lanarkshire Action Plan, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, endorsed.
 - (2) Ongoing delivery of the Action Plan supported.
 - (3) Role of Ageing Well Ambassadors in delivering the success of Age Friendly South Lanarkshire and request for nominations from Board members approved.

8 Local Child Poverty Action Report

A joint report dated 25 February 2026 by the Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership and Executive Director (Education Resources) was submitted providing an update on the content of the South Lanarkshire Child Poverty Action Report for 2024/2025.

The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 introduced a requirement for local authorities and relevant health boards to prepare Local Child Poverty Action Reports (LCPARs), the purpose of which was to describe any measures taken in the local authority area during the reporting year, and planned activity for the year ahead, that sought to address and mitigate child poverty.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the role of the Child Poverty Working Group
- ◆ the use of funding from the Scottish Government's Child Poverty Accelerator Fund (CPAF), secured by the Working Group
- ◆ the content of the LCPAR for 2024/2025, attached as Appendix 1 to the report
- ◆ the next steps

Outcome(s): Progress in developing the latest Child Poverty Action Report noted.

[Reference: Note of 4 December 2024 (Paragraph 14)]

9 'The Voice' – Engaging Children and Young People Report

A report dated 25 February 2026 by Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council was submitted advising of work to engage children and young people as part of South Lanarkshire Council's budget setting process and to help inform other strategic planning processes.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024 which included new requirements for public sector bodies, including a requirement to ensure that the views of children and young people were included in all relevant planning processes
- ◆ the Child Voice project which involved children and young people helping to design an engagement tool
- ◆ initial findings report attached as Appendix 1 to the report
- ◆ next steps that would be taken to further progress the children's rights-based approach to engagement and participation

There was discussion on various aspects of the report and members expressed their thanks to the Children's Service Partnership Manager for the report and for all work undertaken to date.

Outcome(s): Content of the report noted.

10 Youth Forum on Climate Change and Sustainability Update

A report dated 25 February 2026 by the Executive Director (Education Resources), South Lanarkshire Council, was submitted advising of:-

- ◆ the progress of the Youth Forum's action plan
- ◆ outcomes from the development session held on 22 October 2025

Information was provided on the topics discussed at the development session on 22 October 2025 which were:-

- ◆ the walk to school campaign
- ◆ environmental action and school-led initiatives
- ◆ uniform recycling

- ♦ youth engagement in national and local events
- ♦ future engagement and partnership development
- ♦ the Conference of Schools 3 (COS3) event held from 25 to 27 March 2026

F Thomson, Locality Manager (Clydesdale), Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council:-

- ♦ thanked the Board for its continued commitment to the Forum and the recognition from all Partners
- ♦ extended an invitation for Board members to attend COS3

Outcome(s): Content of the report noted.

[Reference: Note of 17 September 2025 (Paragraph 13)]

11 Place Director and Community Planning Partnership Charter

C Hicks, Director of Education Reform, Scottish Government, and Place Director for South Lanarkshire gave a presentation on the Place Director and Community Planning Partnership Charter.

Information was provided on how Place Directors and Community Planning Partnerships would work together to build trusted and effective relationships between the Scottish Government and local leaders to support the delivery of Local Outcome Improvement Plans to reduce inequalities in communities across Scotland.

The shared commitment was to maintain clear, regular and open communication to ensure information flowed both ways.

Outcome(s): Presentation noted.

12 Population Health Framework Action Plan

A joint report dated 25 February 2026 by Director of Public Health and Health Policy, and Acting up Consultant in Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire was submitted:-

- ♦ providing an update on the implementation of the Population Health Framework (PHF)
- ♦ outlining the proposed approach aligning NHS Lanarkshire (NHSL) and Community Planning Partnership (CPP) activities for implementing the PHF

Scotland's Population Health Framework 2025 to 2035 set a clear national direction to improve life expectancy and reduce health inequalities through a prevention-focused, whole-system approach. It recognised that improvements in health outcomes required coordinated effort across public services, communities, the third sector and national policy, sustained over time.

The PHF identified the following 5 interconnected drivers of health and wellbeing:-

- ♦ a prevention-focused system
- ♦ social and economic factors
- ♦ places and communities
- ♦ enabling healthy living
- ♦ equitable health and care

There were 32 key actions identified, along with 2 'super priorities', as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

Information was provided on:-

- ◆ the proposed development session, which was detailed in a separate report on this agenda, in relation to the Marmot Programme
- ◆ the cross-cutting themes and system priorities that had been identified during the joint CPP event
- ◆ the PHF Action Plan structure

Outcome(s):

- (1) Strategic intent, scope and structure of the PHF Action Plan noted.
- (2) Ongoing alignment of NHS and CPPs' prevention activity with national PHF drivers supported.
- (3) More detailed plan, including refined actions and an agreed monitoring approach, to be brought to NHSL and CPP Board meetings.

13 Community Planning Partnership Board Development Session – Marmot Place Programme and Population Health Framework

A joint report dated 25 February 2026 by Chief Executives, NHS Lanarkshire and South Lanarkshire Council was submitted:-

- ◆ providing an update on the proposed Partnership Board 'Marmot Place Programme and Population Health Framework' development session, which was scheduled to take place on 13 May 2026
- ◆ seeking approval for this proposal and the draft programme, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report

The purpose of the development session was to:-

- ◆ provide the national context for the national Collaboration for Health Equity (CHES) programme and consider how it should be applied locally through the principle of proportionate universalism
- ◆ provide the local context for the programme, data and the early years approach
- ◆ set out the proposed next steps for the South Lanarkshire Marmot Place Programme through considering how the work could complement delivery of the Population Health Framework (PHF), including prevention and reducing health inequalities across the drivers of health, the outcomes of which would be used to develop the future Community Plan Outcomes Framework and Delivery Plan

A draft programme for the session was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

Outcome(s): Proposed approach to the "Marmot Place Programme and Population Framework" development session approved.

14 Community Planning Partnership Board Bulletin

The Community Planning Partnership Board Bulletin of 18 March 2026 was submitted providing information on the following:-

- ◆ Community Planning Partnership Risk Register Update
- ◆ Community Planning Partnership Website Update
- ◆ Joseph Rowntree Foundation - UK Poverty 2026 Report

- ◆ Public Health Scotland's New 10 Year Strategy - 'Together we can'
- ◆ Winter Wishes 2025 Update

Outcome(s): Noted.

[Reference: Note of 9 December 2025 (Paragraph 14)]

15 Community Planning Partnership Board – Register of Information

A report dated 25 February 2026 by the Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council, was submitted providing a summary of information which had been circulated to Community Planning Partners between 14 November 2025 to 22 February 2026, as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report.

Outcome(s): Noted.

[Reference: Note of 9 December 2025 (Paragraph 15)]

16 Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting of the Board would be held on Wednesday, 17 June 2026 at 1.00pm.

17 Any Other Competent Business

There were no other items of competent business.

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	17 June 2026
Subject:	Community Partnerships Update
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Heather Robertson, Community Planning Community Development Officer, South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Tel: 0303 123 1017 Email: heather.robertson2@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the four Community Partnerships' status and provide solutions and partner updates that are responsive to local communities and members priorities.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:- (1) that the Community Partnerships progress updates outlined at section 4 and in Appendices 1 to 4 and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Community Partnership's Community Development Officer and Progress Group, be noted.
Risks/Challenges:	Section 8 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:	♦ Section 4 provides an update on current activity of the Community Partnerships. ♦ Appendix 1 provides an update on current Neighbourhood planning themes and priorities ♦ Appendix 2 provides an update on common areas across the four locality partnerships for information. ♦ Appendix 3 provides an update on engagement activity and work carried out to progress the Community Partnerships Development Plan. ♦ Appendix 4 provides a case study encapsulating the work of a local community.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 June 2026
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Community Partnerships Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to: -

- ◆ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the four Community Partnerships' status and provide solutions and partner updates that are responsive to local communities and members priorities.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the Community Partnerships progress updates outlined at section 4 and in Appendices 1 and 2, and its intention to continue to progress these areas together with the Community Partnership Community Development Officer and Progress Group, be noted.

3. Background

3.1. There are four locality partnerships (Cambuslang/Rutherglen, Clydesdale, East Kilbride and Hamilton) where community representatives Neighbourhood Planning areas, community councils and other community bodies come together to discuss common issues and solutions, and report to the Community Planning Partnership on the discussions and look at improvement actions/options. An update on activity is detailed at section 4.

3.2. Following the previous meetings of all Community Planning Partnership Groups (CPPG), it was agreed that one volunteer who currently chairs the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership is providing mentoring support to new members through chairing all meetings to help build trust and help volunteers to understand the value of being part of a partnership in their locality and the benefits of this. This arrangement will be put in place until locality partnerships have their own local chairs. The Community Partnership Community Development Officer (CDO) will oversee, coordinate and link directly with all organisations and individuals prior to and follow on from meetings.

4. Current Update

- 4.1. The latest updates on activities within the four Community Partnership areas are as follows:-

Across all four localities, an update on the Marmot Place Programme in South Lanarkshire was provided by the council's Community Engagement Team Manager.

Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership:-

The purpose of the meetings of the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Community Partnership which took place in April and June 2026 were to provide updates, discuss progress to date and agree the next steps for moving forwards.

Future Actions

The Community Engagement Manager provided responses to various questions regarding the Marmot Place Programme, including population size for data collection, how this will benefit communities, what tangible outcomes will be achieved, and how the data will be used and shared by partners.

The group highlighted concerns surrounding:-

- ◆ Demonstrating the real impact of the Marmot Place Programme;
- ◆ Ensuring the work leads to meaningful change, not just analysis;
- ◆ A clear communications plan across different phases of the programme;
- ◆ Keeping stakeholders and communities regularly informed and engaged with the process; and
- ◆ Why the Burnbank area was selected, when members of the group had a perception that Rutherglen had previously been identified in relation to the Marmot work. A perceived lack of communication and transparency around how this decision was made.

Partner Update:-

- ◆ A communications plan is currently being developed;
- ◆ Early years and child poverty are the priorities;
- ◆ Burnbank was selected because it has the highest levels of child poverty in the area;
- ◆ Additional areas will be identified over time through Neighbourhood Planning (NP) processes;
- ◆ Education Services are currently leading this strand of work, reflecting that:-
 - ◆ Child poverty is at its highest levels; and
 - ◆ Early intervention through education is seen as critical to improving outcomes.

Partner Attendance at Meetings

There was a shared view that:-

- ◆ Key partners such as Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and NHS Lanarkshire are no longer consistently attending meetings;
- ◆ Early expectations that all partners would be 'around the table' are no longer being met; and
- ◆ Updates and reporting have become infrequent.

Partner Update:-

- ◆ There has been changes to local operational staff and discussions have taken place with Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service regarding representation at future meetings. All operational staff email addresses have been added to mailing lists for future meetings.

Group Membership

The group discussed how to strengthen the diversity of the membership of the partnership and better communicate opportunities to participate. This would ensure that a diverse range of voices are heard. The role and responsibilities of current members and the CDO in ensuring that local voices are heard was discussed. It was agreed that members would have smaller, local conversations with people and groups and share their feedback through the wider partnership.

4.2. Clydesdale Community Partnership

Clydesdale Community Partnership has met twice since the last CPP Board meeting. The purpose of the meetings which took place in April and June 2026 was to update, discuss progress to date and agree the next steps for moving forward.

Future Actions:-

Transport Issues and Updates

- ◆ Issues were raised regarding bus services from Leadhills to Lanark which are due to be reduced and there has been no consultation with local people on the impact. This will significantly impact connectivity and make linking routes difficult or impossible.
- ◆ Members highlighted that the last bus from Lanark to outlying villages is late afternoon, preventing residents from returning home from work in the evening. This has a detrimental impact on commuting as no other provision is available unless you have access to a car.
- ◆ As Lanark Train Station is not fully accessible for all, many residents now must make way to Carstairs Station which has a lift. As a result, it is felt that Carstairs requires more frequent train services.

Suggestion from the Community Partnership:

Quothquan and Thankerton Community Council have contacted Scotrail suggesting areas to further improve train services and connectivity between buses and trains in the Symington and Abington areas.

Partner Update: SPT

Bus Services

- ◆ Transport authority SPT has reviewed and re-awarded the contract for local bus services as part of its regular renewal process. A new three-year contract will begin on 12 July 2026, operated by Shuttle Buses.
- ◆ This reduced timetable was chosen as the most cost-effective way to keep the service running.

Why the service has been reduced:-

- ◆ SPT advised passenger numbers on some journeys have been extremely low. For example, early morning and evening trips often carried fewer than 2 passengers on average and some journeys had almost no passengers at all, despite being long-distance routes (over 30 miles).
- ◆ Because of this low usage, certain trips were removed in 2023, including early morning departures from Lanark and late afternoon/evening services from Leadhills, Lanark and Wanlockhead.

Current situation:-

- ◆ The last bus from Lanark has been late afternoon since July 2023.
- ◆ Demand for earlier and later services has remained low.

Additional changes being considered:-

- ♦ SPT is discussing bringing back an early Saturday morning journey on another route (Service 191) to help maintain a morning connection to Lanark via Thankerton and Symington.

Planning/Roads and Infrastructure

The industrialisation of farming was discussed with Roadhead Farm Feeds at Quothquan given as an example, as it has gone from a small operation into a business generating lots of lorry movements, mainly through 'permitted development' or retrospective planning applications. It has brought no new jobs to the local community but has increased traffic from outwith the area to and from the site.

Quothquan and Thankerton Community Council also reported a surge in planning applications for large-scale industrial farming units, including one for poultry and another for cattle.

It was highlighted that the Local Development Plan (LDP) should be reviewed considering potential detrimental impacts associated with these developments.

Partner Update: SLC Planning Service

The service has advised that they are currently working with the community council on these matters.

Funding Opportunities:-

- ♦ A question was raised regarding how Development Trusts could be involved in discussions between the council and developers about how windfarm monies are distributed at an earlier stage in the process.
- ♦ It was highlighted that the council do not have any input with the distribution of windfarm monies.
- ♦ The CDO to liaise with the council's Economic Development Officer to discuss the distribution and allocation of funds.

Partner Update: SLC Economic Development Team

There are currently two council administered Wind Farm Funds, Renewable Energy Fund (REF) and Clyde Wind Farm. Communities can check their eligibility and criteria for REF which can cover revenue up to 3 years as well as capital costs.

Distribution and allocation of funds are defined through Section 75 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 agreements, consolidated in the planning stages of any wind farm, which the developer is obliged to consult with local communities. As such, they will be reviewed upon any repowering plans.

Local Development Trusts Role

The Community Partnership feel that there are issues getting community voices heard in Clydesdale given the size of the area. There was a question regarding Development Trusts paid staff members participating; and attending the group to contribute local knowledge and share issues gathered through their community engagement work.

Future Events and Partnership Working

It was proposed that a rural event for the Clydesdale area would be beneficial, like other rural events. The event could bring together local groups and partners, offering opportunities to 'meet the partners' and improve engagement and buy-in to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP).

Discussions will continue with group/partners regarding an event.

4.3. East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership

East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership has met twice since the last CPP Board meeting. The purpose of the meetings which took place in April and June 2026 was to update, discuss progress to date and agree the next steps for moving forward.

Future Actions:-

Jackton and Thorntonhall Community Council - issues discussed:

- ◆ There is limited availability of after-school clubs and extra-curricular activities.
- ◆ There are currently over 200 children without access to after-school provision.
- ◆ Further clarification is required regarding charging structures for non-profit organisations for hall lets (Community Council to investigate). This has led to a discussion regarding the transparency of all let costs and where they could access the correct information for example, community let, company rate and non-profit organisations.
- ◆ Eaglesham Primary School is currently providing support through transportation of children; however, this arrangement is not sustainable due to capacity constraints.

Partner Update: South Lanarkshire Council

A [formal proposal](#) regarding After-School Provision in South Lanarkshire was submitted to the meeting of South Lanarkshire Council on 11 March 2026. It was agreed that a review of this provision would be carried out and a report on the findings be reported to a future meeting of the council's Executive Committee.

Partner Updates: South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture (SLLC)

SLLC advised that school halls can be let for a predetermined fee. Twelve complimentary two-hour lets are given to the community council each year, from August to June.

Transport issues for young people:-

- ◆ Lack of bus provision for schools identified as a key gap.
- ◆ The need to understand building development phases to determine when transport provision will be put in place.

Partner Update: SPT

- ◆ SPT have confirmed that Section 75 funding is available to support a new bus service within the East Kilbride Community Growth Area (EKCGA). Discussions are ongoing with South Lanarkshire Council; however, no implementation timescale has been confirmed.
- ◆ Extending existing routes into Lindsayfield or via Benthall is not currently viable due to potential negative impacts on service reliability and increased operational costs.
- ◆ Current provision includes access to bus stops on Greenhills Road for Benthall Farm residents.

- ◆ Home-to-school transport remains the responsibility of the local authority. Recent policy changes by South Lanarkshire Council (increase to a 3-mile walking distance) may be contributing to reported issues.
- ◆ Outside of local authority provision, JMB Travel operates the S11 Service within Lindsayfield.

Partner Update: SLC Education Resources (School Transport)

Since the change in mileage criteria for school buses, Whitelaw's Buses have operated an additional service in the Hamilton area to assist in pupil transport to high schools.

JMB have put on two additional services to St John Ogilvie HS, an additional service to Holy Cross and an additional service to Duncanrig HS. Further dialogue is taking place with JMB to consider other bus services across the council area.

Environmental Issues

Ongoing issues with sewage flooding affecting access to the only pavement on Eaglesham Road. Jackton Community Council has shared photographs with the council's Planning and Roads Services. It was noted at the meeting that the flooding covers the only pedestrian pavement that connects all communities.

Partner Update: SLC Planning Service

The service advised that a variety of Council Resources, Private Companies and Statutory Bodies must contribute to this complex and long-standing challenge. Since the meeting, the community council and local residents have provided an update stating that the sewage and drain water have been cleared.

Environmental Safety Concern

Trees behind 14 McArthur Drive, Stewartfield have been identified as a risk due to their height and condition. Concerns have been raised about potential damage and lack of insurance coverage for fallen trees.

Partner Update: SLC Grounds Maintenance Service

The service has advised that the trees were last assessed in August 2025, and residents were advised they were healthy and stable. A further assessment will be carried out but the trees will not be removed solely because they are too tall. Enquiries about trees can be shared with the council using the following link: https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/info/200191/conservation/646/tree_arboriculture_and_preservation_orders).

Local Democracy Education

The Community Partnership have emphasised the necessity of simplifying what democracy looks like in the centre of a community after listening to a presentation on local democracy from the Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council. The request was to raise awareness and encourage community involvement and the group recommended that local politics and democracy be taught in schools if they aren't currently. For example, what is the role of a councillor, MP and what is a community council.

Partner Update: SLC Youth, Family and Community Learning

The Council's Youth Family and Community Learning Service advised:-

- ◆ Young people learn about politics and local structures through a mix of settings e.g. Modern Studies which provides structured knowledge about politics and current affairs

- ◆ Youth organisations like the Scottish Youth Parliament and Scottish Local Youth Councils Network offer hands-on experience and participation in decision-making
- ◆ Youth work settings provide informal, discussion-based learning that happens naturally during activities
- ◆ Online and community sources such as community councils raise awareness through information and promotion
- ◆ Overall, learning is spread across formal, practical, informal, and digital spaces, but these are not always well connected

Healthcare Access Concerns

There is limited access to GP surgeries with many having to travel to Hunter Health Centre despite an overwhelming number of new homes with no additional transport and public services. Patients travelling from Hairmyres to Monklands face significant transport barriers due to the lack of public transport. This can take approximately 1.5 hours travel time by public transport.

Partner Update: South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership

Transport and access have been consistently raised as key issues by communities. These have been extensively considered through the Monklands site selection and planning processes. Work continues with partners to support public transport access, road infrastructure, and parking provision.

Up-to-date information is available on the website sections dedicated to [public transport and parking](#) and [new road provision](#) and will continue to be refined as the project develops. Links to social media channels can also be found on the website.

The group shared their worries about accessing Health and Social Care Partnership services as well as the absence of health services and community hubs for smaller support groups (e.g. young mothers). The group has suggested that in remote areas, a mobile service could be an alternative. When designing new developments, health service delivery needs to be more clearly defined. There have been complaints about the disappearance of green space areas for new builds and the failure to expand services to keep up with municipal growth.

Partner Update Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP)

General practice across Scotland is under significant pressure, and for historical reasons there is a significant (30%) gap between the number of GPs per 10,000 patients in Lanarkshire and the Scottish average.

This means that within Lanarkshire over recent years, the emphasis has been on ensuring the sustainability of our GP practices. This has meant some consolidation, with an approximate 20% decrease in the number of GP practices over the last decade due to mergers between practices. This focus has secured ongoing access to general practice in Lanarkshire for all of our patients and provides a platform on which to build in terms of improving access for patients. There is a tension between geographic access and accessibility, and increased availability of appointments.

The Scottish Government has announced over the last six months that it will be investing £500 million over three years in general practice in Scotland. NHS Lanarkshire is currently looking at ways it can help practices to maximise the impact of that funding for patient care.

The HSCP are also undertaking a review across NHS Lanarkshire of community accommodation and recognise that there has been significant new housing

developments across the Health Board area and will be including a focus on this in their review.

Healthy and Active Update

Healthy and Active (H&A) have access to a community transport bus but lack funding and volunteers. H&A are seeking funding for community transport and are working in partnership with the NHS, in particular to supporting children. They will continue to provide a shopping and delivery service, the only one of its kind in South Lanarkshire.

Partner Update: VASLan

VASLan advised that they have offered to support by helping to secure funding and recruit volunteers for hospital transport activity and will assist with this request.

NHS Lanarkshire Update

Volunteers are needed to assist patients in navigating hospital locations. It is suggested that a representative from Monklands Hospital be invited to a future meeting to discuss the structure and hospital support. NHS are collaborating with VASLan on nutrition and food assistance for patients discharged from the hospital. Accessible services are provided in Hairmyres Hospital's Atrium.

To lessen traffic in car parks, a patient transport pilot started in April 2026 and includes volunteer drivers and drop-off assistance.

Community Engagement Team and Democracy Update

Continuous conversations regarding communication, involvement, and community structures.

Citizen Advice Bureau

The CAB still has air fryers, heated blankets, and heat belts available for distribution.

VASLan Surgeries - Dates and Times

The EK team aim to have at least one drop-in surgery per quarter. We visit different locations at different times (afternoons/evenings) as that's what people asked for. Dates/times and location will be distributed when organised.

VASLan Contacts for East Kilbride Area

- ◆ Douglas Smith, Volunteer Co-ordinator: 07840854184
- ◆ Kimberly Keys, Engagement Officer: 07513829467
- ◆ VASLan Office Phone Number: 01698 300390

4.4. Hamilton Community Partnership

Hamilton Community Partnership has met twice since the last CPP Board meeting. The purpose of the meetings which took place in April and June 2026 was to update, discuss progress to date and agree the next steps for moving forward.

Future Actions

The Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council provided a presentation on the Marmot Place Programme.

Overall, the update suggests a more child-centred, evidence-driven approach aligning with the Marmot framework's goal of tackling the social determinants of health and reducing long-term inequality.

The Community Partnership asked the following questions:-

- ◆ where the data came from
- ◆ why are we not engaging with community residents to get better raw data and building better relationships with ordinary people
- ◆ raised issues with regards to graphs and language not being appropriate

Partner Update

The data originated from publicly accessible sources, as well as from services and public sectors that consistently collect data. The formats and information that can be communicated have been considered in order to lower obstacles for locals and communities. The Scottish government has also created a Democracy Matters Route Map, which provides an update on community involvement and collaborative community structures.

HSCP Representative issues

Members who attend the Community Partnership and the Hamilton Health and Social Care Forum are concerned over the step down of the Locality Implementation Group meetings. The Forum would be keen to continue to engage, share and receive information to pass on to members and the general community through the networks involved with the groups and asked how this can be achieved now.

The Forum feels that there are limited mechanisms in place to share good practice, learn and share information from our members and the HSCP and CPP. There are concerns that with stretched resources, cuts and changes to services that working relationships with the groups, HSCP and wider partners may be impacted.

The Community Partnership identified questions and issues aligned with the new Monklands hospital which included:-

- ◆ there is no Mental Health Ward (who made this decision)
- ◆ does everyone know there is a new hospital and its location
- ◆ transportation to and from the location
- ◆ parking issues

Locality Implementation Groups

Engaging with people who use Health and Social Care Services and more broadly with people living across South Lanarkshire's communities, to hear about, work with and plan based on lived experience and continue to be of key importance to the Integration Joint Board (IJB). There are several national drivers, including meeting Scottish Government expectations and legal requirements to work in a joined-up way with the CPP constructs and new, upcoming legal requirements that requires the IJB to take stock of its arrangements. In addition to this, all partners need to consider the Scottish Government's plans to enhance local democracy through the [Local Governance Review](#).

In the coming months, the Health and Social Care Partnership will be working with Health and Social Care Forum members, and other Community Planning partners, to explore models of community empowerment that both strengthen and unifies the way in which the IJB engages, shares and receives information and positions Health and Social Care as a core issue for South Lanarkshire's residents within the CPP. The aim is to amplify the voice and influence of local residents and their lived experience, while making best use of all partners resources, including community partners, to collaborate more effectively.

Ongoing Community Engagement

There are established mechanisms for community involvement, including the Monklands Engagement Forum, which includes representatives from South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Forum. The Engagement Forum would be delighted to welcome representatives from South Lanarkshire Community Partnerships to add to the existing South Lanarkshire members and further strengthen engagement with communities in the region. The team can be contacted by emailing MRP.Team@lanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk or calling 01698 752 320.

The group also discussed the situation occurring within Larkhall due to the Bank of Scotland closing down and the removal of three cash machines:-

- ◆ distance to the nearest bank
- ◆ the Impact on elderly/vulnerable residents
- ◆ travel time/cost to nearest branch
- ◆ queues and capacity issues at the Post Office
- ◆ stronger rules on bank closures
- ◆ guaranteed access to cash within a reasonable distance
- ◆ the expansion of shared banking hubs

Campaigns like this have already led to new hubs opening in some areas.

The Community Partnership will contact the Cambuslang and Rutherglen Banking hub to find out how they managed to create a banking hub.

5. Further Information

- 5.1. Appendix 1 provides the current themes across the Neighbourhood planning areas. Appendix 2 provides an update on the common areas of activity across the four locality partnerships for information. Appendix 3 sets out progress on the activities to deliver the Community Partnership Development Plan. Appendix 4 provides a case study from the Whitehill and Gilmour Church in the Burnbank Neighbourhood Planning area.

6. Employee Implications

- 6.1. The Community Partnership's Community Development Officer is contracted on a full-time basis until 31 March 2027. The development requirements of the volunteers and building community cohesion within the partnership continues to be an intensive area of work for the officer.

7. Financial Implications

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

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

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

10. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

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

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27 May 2026

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Neighbourhood Planning Priorities

Priorities from the South Lanarkshire local Neighbourhood Plans for Cambuslang/Rutherglen, Hamilton and surrounding areas and East Kilbride South are listed below. The Community Partnership CDO continues to align activities, addressing the top priorities as set out in their local plans:

Top five priorities: - Cambuslang/Rutherglen

1. more leisure, recreation activities
2. stronger and better communities
3. play park and sports park improvements
4. greater community safety
5. physical environment and improvements

Top five priorities: - Hamilton/Larkhall/Blantyre

1. more leisure, recreation activities
2. greater community safety
3. physical environment and improvements
4. stronger and better communities
5. easier to get around/easier to get about

Top five priorities: - East Kilbride South

1. outdoor green space
2. play park improvements
3. community activities
4. local economy
5. health and wellbeing

There is currently no Neighbourhood Plans in place within the Clydesdale area, however many areas have their own local plans. These findings will be shared with the Clydesdale Community Partnership to help inform and address issues that are similar to those identified in other areas.

Continuing to use the themes identified through the Neighbourhood Plans will support the activities and work required for Community Partnerships to better align priorities and outcomes

Common Areas Identified Across All Four Community Partnerships

Further to an extensive period of face-to-face engagement with individuals and community groups across South Lanarkshire, the Community Development Officer has compiled a list of common areas for improvement across all localities. The officer will continue to work with partnership officers and community volunteers to better understand local issues and challenges, and to support the development of solutions:-

- ◆ environmental issues
- ◆ local funding opportunities and funding streams
- ◆ planning applications (infrastructure needs)
- ◆ transport

Community Partnership Development Plan

Engagement activity and work carried out to progress the Community Partnership's Development Plan continues. The following provides an update on progress to date: -

- ◆ **Communications** – each Community Partnership now has their own identity; web pages have been developed for all Community Partnerships. Partnerships receive monthly information updates on national policy and strategy and local activity and events of interest to their wider communities. We continue to share any updates and events on individual localities pages.
- ◆ **Community Leadership** – The Community Development Officer continues to engage with local organisations and groups to build capacity and increase local awareness of the partnerships. This has led to an increase in the number of new members joining the partnership. Immediate benefits for members have been achieved by introducing groups and organisations to each other, exchanging good practice, information, and offers to support each other. Work continues to have all four Partnerships represented on the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board. They have all agreed this is a priority action and work will continue to support potential/current Chairs/Depute Chairs to participate at that level.
- ◆ **Data and profiling** – review of the Neighbourhood Planning Profiles; Deprivation Profiles; and the Deprivation Heat Maps. These are all longer-term actions. These actions will be revised as the Marmot Place Programme Data Group work develops. Key messages from the Marmot Place Programme data analysis have been shared with Community Partnerships. Partnerships have also been advised that the South Lanarkshire Data Profiler tool has been published for their use.
- ◆ **Good Governance** – All partnership Terms of Reference documents are currently being reviewed by the partnerships. The self-assessment process has highlighted several areas for improvement in terms of supporting Community Partnership volunteers, including improving induction arrangements. Work continues to co-produce an induction process and materials for new members.
- ◆ **Monitoring and reporting** – The development of a Community Partnership Performance and Reporting Framework is a longer-term action and will be aligned with planned evaluation work in Neighbourhood Planning areas.
- ◆ **Statutory Remit** – To date, the Community Development Officer continues to meet local people, groups, partner agencies, and organisations, increasing awareness of statutory CPP duties and sharing the opportunities presented through the partnerships, where local voices can be heard to enable change.
- ◆ **Volunteers** – Continuing to ask local members about their preferences will help them better understand the CPP and how it can help them effect change. Work continues to support volunteers to participate in Community Planning and a learning and development survey has been developed to better understand the needs of volunteers. A learning and development plan will be created from the feedback for delivery with support from partners.

Burnbank Hub Case Study/Whitehill and Gilmour Church

Burnbank Neighbourhood Planning Area

The Burnbank area of Hamilton was one of the original pilot areas for Neighbourhood Planning (NP), which was established in 2017. The pilot was supported by the third sector organisation Community Links, alongside South Lanarkshire Council's Tackling Poverty and Community Engagement Teams.

During the consultation stage it was recognised from the analysis that there was no local infrastructure except the library that could support local people feeling isolated either with food poverty, addiction, recovery or just a place that felt inclusive to them.

The Community Wellbeing Hub was established and operates weekly on Fridays from 10am–1pm, supported by volunteers, partner organisations, and local services. Alongside this, a volunteer-led walking group runs every Monday to promote physical and mental wellbeing.

The hub provides food security, social connection, digital access, clothing support, mental health resources, and direct engagement with local decision-makers. This combination of practical and emotional support strengthens community resilience, reduces isolation, and improves quality of life for individuals and families

Burnbank Hub Delivery/Activities and Impact:-

Weekly Community Hub (Fridays, 10am–1pm)

- ◆ community-led social space
- ◆ 'spaces to talk' mental health support
- ◆ free community café
- ◆ free food bags and Warburtons bread
- ◆ fresh fruit, hygiene products, and household essentials
- ◆ food swap table to reduce waste and increase choice
- ◆ Burnbank boutique: 3 free clothing items per week
- ◆ starter kits for people moving into new tenancies
- ◆ mental health IT Hub: free computer and internet access
- ◆ councillors drop-ins (2 councillors attending)
- ◆ neighbourhood planning (OPOP) development worker community conversation drop-in every third Friday

Walking Group (Mondays)

- ◆ volunteer-led
- ◆ supported by Get Walking Lanarkshire
- ◆ open to all ages and abilities

Impact:-

1.Improved Mental Health and Reduced Isolation:-

- ◆ safe, welcoming environment for conversation and peer support
- ◆ regular contact reduces loneliness and builds routine
- ◆ walking group boosts mood, confidence, and physical activity

2.Increased Food Security and Financial Relief:-

- ◆ free meals and food bags reduce weekly household costs
- ◆ access to fresh fruit and hygiene items supports dignity and health
- ◆ swap table reduces waste and increases choice

3.Crisis Prevention and Stability:-

- ◆ clothing and starter kits support people in hardship or new tenancies
- ◆ practical support prevents small issues escalating into crises
- ◆ reduces repeat homelessness risk

4. Digital Inclusion:-

- ◆ free IT access supports job applications, benefits claims, housing forms, and online mental health resources
- ◆ reduces digital exclusion for those without home internet

5.Direct Access to Local Decision-Makers:-

- ◆ councillors drop-ins strengthen trust and accountability
- ◆ neighbourhood Planning (Our Place Our Plan) conversations ensure community voices shape local priorities

Wider Benefits for partners:-

- ◆ reduced pressure on NHS and mental health services through early intervention
- ◆ lower crisis-related costs (homelessness, emergency food, crisis grants)
- ◆ improved employability through digital access and increased stability
- ◆ stronger community cohesion and increased volunteering
- ◆ better engagement between residents and local services

Why This Matters

The Community Wellbeing Hub and Walking Group is more of a community anchor than a weekly service that provides dignity and practical support at a time when many households face rising costs and increasing isolation. It is community-driven and delivers preventative outcomes that align with local authority priorities around wellbeing, poverty reduction, and community empowerment.

The programme strengthens community resilience, reduces isolation, and improves overall wellbeing. This work is not only impactful, but also preventative, cost-effective, and essential for supporting vulnerable individuals and families during a time of increasing social and economic pressure.

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	17 June 2026
Subject:	Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure Report
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:	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the Community Planning Partnership Budget and Expenditure as of 31 March 2026 (Period 14, 2025/2026); and provide details on the proposed 2026/2027 budget and spending plan.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations:- (1) to provide the Partnership Board with the final outturn position on the Community Planning Partnership Budget as of 31 March 2026 (Period 14); and (2) that the proposed budget and spending plan outlined at Appendices 2 and 3 are approved.
Risks/Challenges:	Risks identified in the Partnership Risk Register that are associated with the impacts of financial challenges are set out in section 11.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	♦ All ambitions/principles.
Summary of Report:	♦ Section 4 details the actual expenditure as at Period 14, 2025/2026 (see Appendix 1); ♦ Section 5 confirms expenditure as at Period 1, 2026/2027; and outlines the proposed budget for 2026/2027 (see Appendix 2) and spending plan (Appendix 3); ♦ Section 6 provides an update on the Community Partnership Development Officer post to 31 March 2027; and ♦ Section 7 provides an update on the Lived Experience Fund 2025/2026 campaigns.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 June 2026
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 31 March 2026 (Period 14, 2025/26) and provide details on the proposed 2026/2027 budget and spending plan.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) to provide the Partnership Board with the final outturn position on the Community Planning Partnership Budget as of 31 March 2026 (Period 14); and
- (2) that the proposed budget and spending plan outlined in Appendices 2 and 3 are approved.

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. Expenditure 2025/2026

4.1. The total expenditure at the end of the year is £60,691 and a breakdown is provided at Appendix 1 to the report.

4.2. There were costs of £8,866 since those last reported at Period 11 which relate to salaries, Lived Experience Fund and catering and equipment costs for Community Planning meetings/workshops.

4.3. Comparing the spend of £60,691, to the budget available of £89,651, leaves a carry forward balance of £28,960. Of this sum, there is £6,500 of Lived Experience Fund monies remaining which is set out in more detail at section 7 below.

5. Income and Expenditure 2026/2027

5.1. The total available budget for 2026/2027 is £74,310. This reflects the balance of £28,960 carried forward (section 4.3) and the annual total income of £45,350 for 2026/27. This is shown in Appendix 2.

- 5.2. There is no expenditure at the end of Period 1. Staff costs are expected on a quarterly recharge basis. Appendix 2 provides a breakdown of the proposed 2026/2027 budget.
- 5.3. The forecast spend for the year is £74,310. A draft spending plan is outlined in Appendix 3.

6. Community Partnership Development Officer

- 6.1. At its meeting on 9 December 2025, the CPP Board approved the funding arrangements for the Community Partnership Development Officer post to 31 March 2027. The figures in the table below reflect the change to pension contributions from 1 April 2026 and the approved pay award. This is being managed within the budget as set out in Appendices 2 and 3:-

Dates	Contract Type	Indicative cost
1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027	Temporary, full time (1 FTE)	£0.056m

- 6.2. Further consideration of the funding arrangements for the Community Partnership Development Officer post beyond 31 March 2027 will be submitted to the Board at a future meeting.

7. Lived Experience Fund

- 7.1. Two Lived Experience Fund Campaigns were carried out during 2025/2026 where £13,500 was made available. The CPP Board approved 22 applications where £11,000 was awarded.
- 7.2. As noted in section 4.3, £7,000 of the 2025/26 budget has been spent (shown in Appendix 1), and £6,500 will be carried over to 2026/27. £4,000 of this is still to be claimed by eight community groups. This leaves a balance of £2,500.
- 7.3. Further work will be carried out by the Community Partnership Development Officer to support these communities to claim their funding. Moving forward, it is recommended that the £2,500 from the Lived Experience Fund budget line is merged with the Community Plan Delivery budget line.

8. Employee Implications

- 8.1. Employee implications associated with this report are detailed at sections 6 and 7 above.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1. Financial implications associated with this report are detailed in sections 4 to 7 above.

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

Risk Card Reference	Risk Classification	Risk Summary
CPP/2018/001	Very High	Failure to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan 2022-2032
CPP/2018/002	Very High	Ineffective engagement and collaborative working with communities
CPP/2018/004	High	Financial Challenges

12. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

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

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27 May 2026

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Community Planning Budget 2025/2026				
Opening Balance April 2025		£44,301	£44,301	£44,301
Income 2025/2026				
Partner Contributions		Budget	Forecast	Actual to Date (31 March 2026)
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
Total Income		£45,350	£45,350	£45,350
Total Available Funding 2025/2026		£89,651	£89,651	£89,651
		£	£	£
Expenditure 2025/2026		Proposed Expenditure	Forecast	Expenditure (31 March 2026)
Community Plan Delivery		£8,000	£1,523	£1,701
Community Planning Events		£5,000	£1,917	£1,226
Learning and Development		£5,000	£2,000	£1,065
Lived Experience Fund		£13,500	£11,000	£7,000
Printing/Stationery/General		£6,000	£2,000	£224
Salaries		£52,000	£52,000	£49,475
Travel		£151	£0	£0
Total Expenditure		£89,651	£70,440	£60,691
(Over)/under spend		£0	£19,211	£28,960

Community Planning Budget 2026/2027				
Opening Balance April 2026		£28,960	£28,960	£28,960
Income 2026/2027				
Partner Contributions		Budget	Forecast	Actual to Date (17 April 2026)
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
Total Income		£45,350	£45,350	£45,350
Total Available Funding 2026/2027		£74,310	£74,310	£74,310
		£	£	£
Expenditure 2026/2027		Proposed Expenditure	Forecast	Expenditure (17 April 2027)
Community Plan Delivery		£9,250	£9,250	£0.00
Community Planning Events		£4,000	£4,000	£0.00
Learning and Development		£2,000	£2,000	£0.00
Printing/Stationery/General		£3,000	£3,000	£0.00
Salaries		£56,000	£56,000	£0.00
Travel		£60	£60	£0.00
Total Expenditure		£74,310	£74,310	£0.00
(Over)/under spend		£0	£0.00	£0.00

Spending Plan 2026-27

Category	Budget	Purpose
Community Plan Delivery	£9,250	• Delivery of Marmot community engagement • Delivery of Community Plan Ambitions and Priorities • Youth Climate and Nature Delivery Plan • Marmot Community Awareness Animation • Neighbourhood Planning • Community Partnerships
Community Planning Events	£4,000	• Community Planning Partnership Boards x 2 • Community Planning Partnership Board Development Sessions x 2 • Community Planning Partnership Board Development Session with Young People x 1 • Interfaith Community Event x 1 • Marmot Events, Leadership Event, Data Events and others as required • Community Partnership Events x 4
Learning and Development	£2,000	• Delivery of the Community Plan Ambitions relating to leadership and learning • Marmot Learning and Development activity
Printing, Stationery and General	£3,000	• Community Planning Administration • Delivery of Community Partnerships activity (including email costs, meetings, expenses)
Salaries	£56,000	• Projected salary costs for the Community Partnership Development Officer (including annual pay award)
Travel	£60	• Travel costs, expenses for in person events
Total Expenditure	£74,310	

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	17 June 2026
Subject:	Embedding Marmot Places Programme - Community Planning Partnership Governance Proposal
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:	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with a draft proposal to transition the Marmot Place Programme into the core of Community Planning Partnership (CPP) governance and delivery structures post September 2026 when the Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES) pilot formally comes to an end.
Community Planning Delivery Partners:	All partners
Key Recommendations/ Decisions/Action Required from Partners:	The Board is asked to approve the following recommendations: (1) that the formal end of the CHES pilot in September 2026 be noted; (2) that South Lanarkshire's learning and embedding of the Marmot approach will continue through the CPP and individual partner organisations as per the transition governance arrangements outlined in Appendix 2; (3) that the Board agree to reducing the frequency of the Leadership Group meetings and new reporting arrangements including a review of the Terms of Reference for the Outcomes Leads Group; (4) that the Board agree to the Outcomes Leads Group taking forward a co-design workshop with community networks and representative groups to consider options to integrate and strengthen a wider range of the voice of people and the places they live; (5) that in principle, the Partnership Board approve the development of a shared approach to whole systems, collaborative working around place as part of the CPP's Improvement and Development Plan.
Risks/Challenges:	There are risks/challenges associated with this report and whole systems working that should be mitigated in development.
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	All ambitions/principles

Summary of Report:	This report outlines a transition point in the Marmot Place Programme in South Lanarkshire and seeks to ensure that the CPP continues to learn and embed the approach and learning into the work of the South Lanarkshire CPP and that we can support all CPP Partners to adopt and embed the Marmot Approach into their respective organisations. It proposes that the oversight of the wider Marmot aims and purpose, will now transfer from the Leadership Group directly into the structures of the CPP and its work. It also proposes to engage widely with community networks and partnership outside of the CPP structures to create stronger lines of communication and action for both communities and partners through the CPP.
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Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 June 2026
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Embedding Marmot Places Programme - Community Planning Partnership Governance Proposal
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:

- ♦ to provide the Partnership Board with a draft proposal to transition the Marmot Place Programme into the core of Community Planning Partnership (CPP) governance and delivery structures post September 2026 when the Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES) pilot comes to a formal end.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the formal end of the CHES pilot in September 2026 be noted;
- (2) that South Lanarkshire's learning and embedding of the Marmot approach will continue through the CPP and individual partner organisations as per the transition governance arrangements outlined in Appendix 2;
- (3) that the Board agree to reducing the frequency of the Leadership Group meetings and new reporting arrangements including a review of the Terms of Reference for the Outcomes Leads Group;
- (4) that the Board agree to the Outcomes Leads Group taking forward a co-design workshop with community networks and representative groups to consider options to integrate and strengthen a wider range of the voice of people and the places they live; and
- (5) that in principle, the CPP Board approve the development of a shared approach to whole systems, collaborative working around place as part of the CPPs Improvement and Development Plan.

3. Background

3.1. The partnership pilot in Scotland and known as Collaborating for Health Equality Scotland (CHES) is due to come to a formal end in September 2026. However, CHES will continue to operate as a partnership and build on the work of the three pilot areas across Scotland. The scope and format of this is yet to be determined and is in discussion.

3.2. To develop our CHES pilot in South Lanarkshire, we brought community planning partners together through a Marmot Leadership Group and a dedicated, multi-agency data group. This created a space for shared discussion, challenge, and agreement on priorities across the CPP and has defined and driven forward a South Lanarkshire Marmot approach.

- 3.3. The Leadership Group proposed an early years and child poverty focus to our pilot where we would learn and test new models of collaboration and place-based processes to improve outcomes for the youngest children in Burnbank, the area where the evidence has demonstrated our highest rates of child poverty in South Lanarkshire. This place-based pilot will continue to develop beyond the time of the formal CHES partnership.
- 3.4. While there was already a strong foundation of data and planning, much of the available information was presented at a local authority level. This made it difficult to understand how outcomes varied between communities and limited the ability of partners to target more intense activity where it was most needed.
- 3.5. Our work with CHES provided the opportunity to build a more detailed, shared understanding of inequalities at a local level, and to support partners to take a more coordinated and prevention focused approach to improving outcomes for children and young people.
- 3.6. As a catalyst for change, it has sharpened our understanding and focus on place-based working, and we all have a future challenge to adapt our respective organisations to collaborate around neighbourhood and place-based models of service and practice to deliver proportionately universal services as the legacy of Marmot.
- 3.7. Marmot is not a one-off project in South Lanarkshire, it's an evidence based, prevention approach to achieving health equity for local people through whole systems planning and working and we will continue to develop, learn and seek to embed it across all our organisations and public service system.

4. Whole System Working and Partnership Development

- 4.1. Whole system working is where partners come together with each other and community partners to work across organisational and sector boundaries to co-design and work within a truly person centred, flexible, prevention focused system of support. A system where all partners will adapt processes to work in a cooperative and interdependent manner, where we jointly resource, share decisions and govern collectively.
- 4.2. We already know that we want Marmot to take us on a long-term skills and culture change to whole system working. We have started on that journey, and we should now begin to plan how we will get there. Whole systems working models relies on how people work together in an integrated way, rather than through silos and organisational boundaries, to make best use of a variety of technical expertise.
- 4.3. Our Marmot framework for change was developed by the Leadership Group throughout the pilot outlines how this should work in South Lanarkshire

Vision:- Working to reduce health inequalities and to improve healthy life expectancy across South Lanarkshire. We will do this through:

1. collaborative leadership
2. improved poverty evidence base
3. improved data literacy at operational and management levels
4. whole Systems planning and working around place
5. evidence-based decision making
6. routinely embedding prevention in service design
7. cultural change and a learning environment

8. Transactional process change:
 - 8.1. collaborative resourcing
 - 8.2. prevention spend mapping and budgeting
 - 8.3. proportionate universalism in service design
- 4.4. As we continue to develop and learn from the early years pilot, we will reflect on our successes and challenges around this framework over the past 18 months through evaluation processes undertaken with our CHES partners.
- 4.5. The CPP will also be working with the Improvement Service in the coming months to deep dive into our self-assessed areas of strength that the Marmot process is challenging us to build on:
 - ◆ working collaboratively
 - ◆ shared leadership
 - ◆ shared governance of community planning
 - ◆ how CPPs conduct their planning and identification of shared priorities across partners.
 - ◆ engaging meaningfully, and contributing funds, staff, expertise and other resources the CPP considers appropriate to support improving local priorities in the LOIP
 - ◆ securing the participation of the third sector in community planning.
- 4.5. The outputs from the evaluations with CHES and the community planning deep dive will further develop the CPPs Improvement Plan and deliver some of its current actions around Marmot outcomes. However, these outputs are likely to highlight that the partnership may require a more ambitious, fundamental re-think of how we might jointly operate in place-based working across community planning.
- 4.6. During this early transition stage, two points of our change framework outlined at 4.3, are foundational to the development of the other it is proposed that we begin to plan to begin these as soon as possible as part of a transition to collaborative place based working: 3 - Improved data literacy (implementing the Marmot data approach more widely), and 4 - Whole systems planning and working around place.
- 4.7. To take forward the data literacy actions, the Leadership Group has approved the Data Working Group's 'Next Steps Briefing' attached in Appendix 3, that lays out an approach to data literacy on health inequity becoming embedded in business as usual for all. This is currently being piloted with partners: Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and third sector colleagues.
- 4.8. However, we have more work to do to develop operational structures that would coordinate joint place-based, whole system collaboration of this 'business as usual' across community planning partner organisations and boundaries. This is public sector reform in motion. This work will require further engagement, discussion and debate within our partnership.

5. Marmot Programme Governance

- 5.1. The initial Marmot programme governance is outlined in Appendix 1. In this model, the Leadership Group quickly became the driving collaborative leadership force around Marmot.
- 5.2. As a result, the Marmot pilot did not move as far as planned out of the Leadership Group into either our community partnerships or our Outcomes Leads Groups in the CPP. Instead, key operational leads, joined the Leadership Group. However, this group

functioned effectively to develop new ideas, galvanise commitment and lead and agree collaboration.

- 5.3. It is proposed therefore, that the Leadership Group continues to meet twice per year as a safe space for the partnership to self-evaluate on the progress of the longer-term Marmot implications and continue to provide drive, renew leadership commitment and steer to health equity through developmental discussions.
- 5.4. A new governance approach that integrates Marmot into the CPP is proposed for discussion in Appendix 2. This draft proposes that:-
 - ◆ the Early Years Pilot Project is continued by a new management group.
 - ◆ the Outcomes Leads Group become the engine room of implementing Marmot across the CPP and the Community Plan.
 - ◆ the Marmot Data Group continues and becomes a sub-group of the Outcomes Leads Group.
 - ◆ a Learning and Development Working Group is established under the Outcomes Leads Group to plan and support the wider upskilling of the workforce and take forward the 'Next Steps Briefing' with the Data Group and supports future improvement and development actions within the CPP.
 - ◆ that upon completion of the Early Years Pilot, partners work to develop a form of locality or place based integrated team working across South Lanarkshire to take forward further development of the Marmot programme in support of the now established Community Partnerships and Neighbourhood Planning processes.
- 5.5. As the Early years Pilot project commences and the data group has achieved its initial milestones and moves into a more operational space, there is less of a need for the creative, safe space of Leadership Group to establish vision, and values for Marmot and an emerging demand to take what it has developed and move Marmot out into the mainstream, sharing the data evidence, and supporting others to take action in their own spheres of responsibility.
- 5.6. It is therefore proposed in Appendix 2, that a new group is established to lead, manage and evaluate the Marmot Early Years Pilot project and its learning on transactional change processes and proportionate prevention approaches within the pilot.
- 5.7. This small group of leaders would be responsible for their respective organisational budgets and resources being contributed to the pilot and would trial and practice joint resourcing, shared decision making and collective governance and place-based working in Burnbank and its surrounding areas.
- 5.8. This group would continue to be supported by Marmot operational leads who participate in the Outcomes Leads Group to make recommendations to translate the learning into the wider CPP making recommendations on transactional process changes across the wider CPP and local communities.
- 5.9. Once the Marmot Early Years Pilot project is delivered and evaluated, the Outcomes Leads Group would establish a Place Working Group to develop joint approaches to place-based working and make recommendations to the Board, incorporating learning from the pilot.

- 5.10. The Community and Place section of Appendix 2 outlines many forms of community networks, some featuring the voice of residents and some featuring the voice of service providers, some a mixture of both. A new governance approach would seek to clarify and enhance the voice and roles within this space for all. This is fundamental to the development of our new Participation and Engagement Strategy.
- 5.11. The Outcomes Leads Group proposes to host a co-design workshop with the various groups and networks to identify and co-design options for integration and of clarification of roles to reduce duplication and to strengthen the voice and role of groups for both the sake of partners, communities and the public. We wish to ensure that all communities representing a shared characteristic or a place can contribute to the developing role of the CPP's Community Partnerships, which is the agreed engagement structure between the CPP and the communities we serve.
- 5.12. The Outcomes Leads Group would also ensure the Marmot approach is relevant to our local communities of place structures in the CPP and is embedded and across a wider range of communities, issues and demographics over time as we embed the Marmot learning and develop the South Lanarkshire approach through the 'next steps' briefing approach.
- 5.13. This structure would require a review of the Terms of Reference and clarity of purpose for the Outcomes Leads Group within the CPP.
- 5.14. Consideration should be made for joint leadership and staffing resources to be assigned to working groups and projects on a long-term basis from across all partners or for temporary change resources to be made available the various committed Marmot funds.
- 5.15. Additional staff resources would be required to develop, coordinate and deliver change across the CPP and partners but it is expected that the work is led by respective partners as part of their core commitment to implement Marmot in South Lanarkshire.

6. Next Steps

- 6.1. The Leadership Group would meet for the last time in December 2026 by which it will have developed a new Terms of Reference proposal for the new Early Years Pilot Group.
- 6.2. If approved, the Outcomes Leads would redevelop its Terms of Reference, membership and review the Improvement Plan after the deep dive exercise to turn it into an embedding Marmot plan.
- 6.3. The Outcomes Leads will host a co-design community voice workshop to consider options for integrating or improved coordination on community voice and space through Community Partnerships to further develop the foundations of place-based approaches and ways to work with communities and partners.
- 6.4. Regular updates and proposals will be provided to the CPP Board on the progress of developments and transition.

7. Employee Implications

- 7.1. All partners within the CPP are part of a system and would be expected to be open to participating in the changes agreed through the CPP which may include, examining their current resources and staff and be open to considering adapting these resources to support any proposed changes.
- 7.2. Employees will learn new data skills and knowledge to improve their ability to tackle inequality across our services.

8. Financial Implications

- 8.1. There are no financial implications at this stage, however, there are likely to be financial implications associated with whole system service design as it aims to provide an evidence base for investment in inequality through restructuring of existing spend into proportionately preventative universal services.

9. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

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

10. Other Implications

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

11. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

- 11.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or consultation arrangement implications associated with this report at this stage.
- 11.2. Consultation will be carried out as set out at Section 6.3 of the report.

Paul Manning
Chief Executive
South Lanarkshire Council

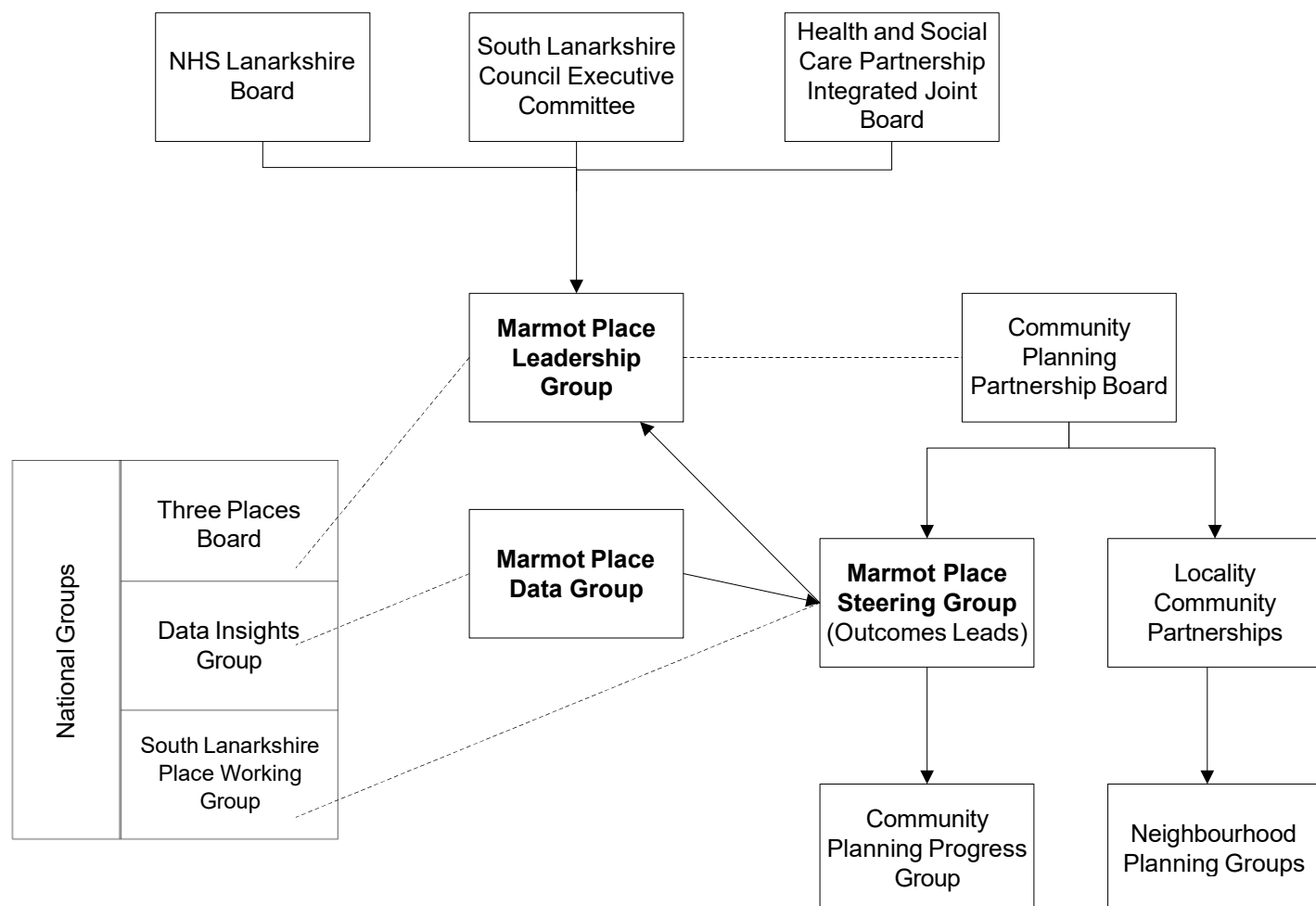
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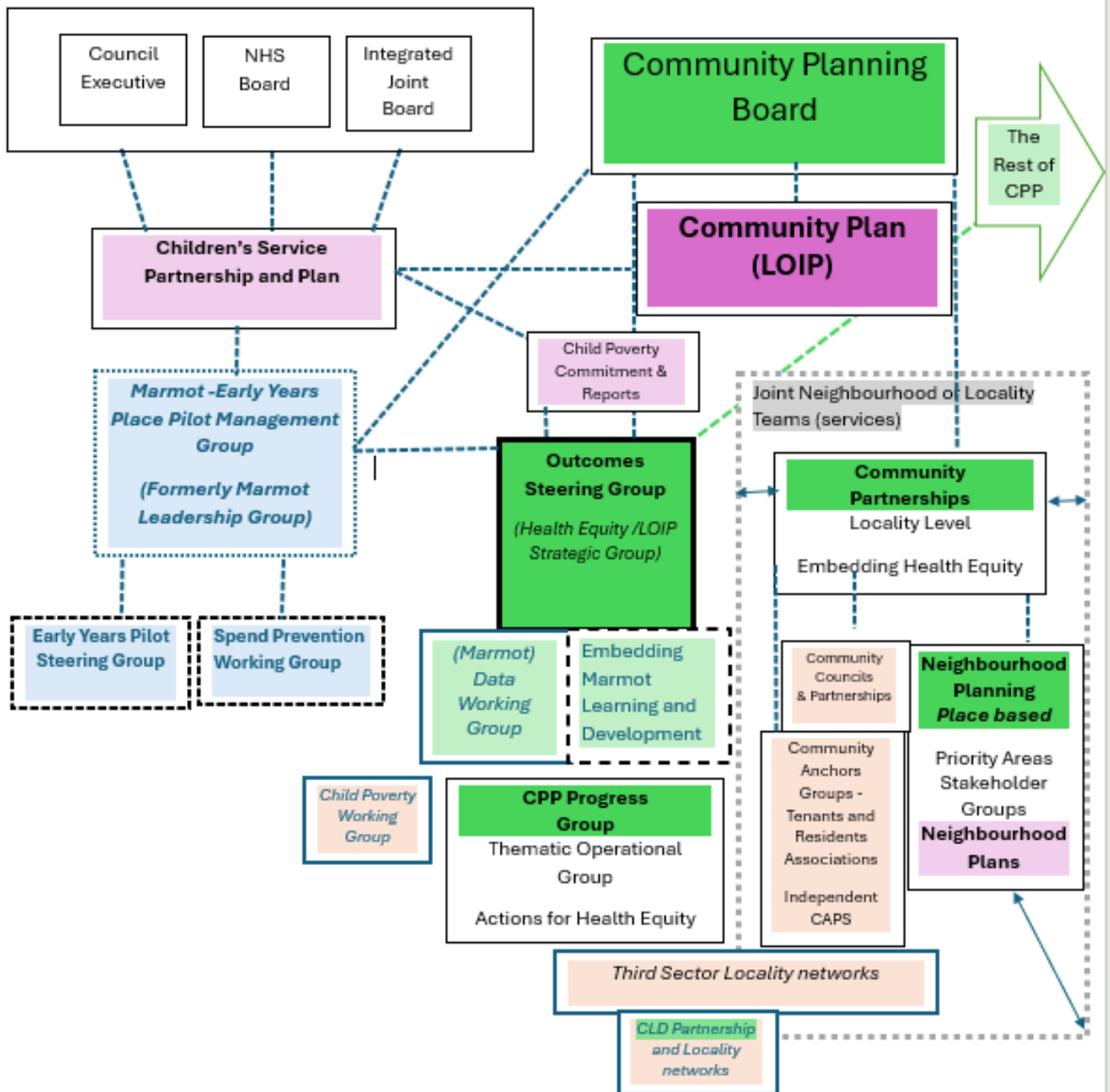
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South Lanarkshire Marmot Place: Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES) Structure Chart: September 2025



Discussion Draft- Embedding Marmot Structure



Colour Key

Green: Community Planning Structures

Blue: Marmot Pilot Structures

Orange: other related but not (yet) connected structures

Pink: Partnership Policy Documents

Marmot Data Group: Next Steps – Moving from Data to Action

April 2026

Purpose

This paper sets out a structured approach to support partners to use data and local intelligence to identify priority inequalities within their services and develop tangible actions to address them.

The Marmot data packs provide a strong evidence base on inequalities across South Lanarkshire. However, they are not sufficient on their own. Local knowledge, service insight, and lived experience are essential to interpret the data accurately, understand variation, and identify the most appropriate responses.

To support this, the Marmot Data Group will transition into a Data Implementation Support Group, providing practical support to partners to:

- Interpret and apply the data
- Identify priority areas for action
- Develop realistic and measurable actions

This approach moves the programme from understanding inequalities to supporting coordinated action across partners.

Context

The Marmot data packs highlight important patterns across South Lanarkshire, including:

- Clear inequalities between communities
- A strong link between deprivation and poorer outcomes
- Variation that is not fully explained by deprivation alone

However, the data does not explain everything.

Services hold valuable insight that is critical to understanding these patterns, including:

- Operational data not routinely considered as inequalities data
- Knowledge of how services are accessed and experienced
- Understanding of local context and recent changes
- Lived experience and frontline perspectives

Bringing this together with the data is essential if we are to move from evidence to action. This work is not only about data and analysis. It is also about building awareness and understanding of inequalities across all services and recognising that addressing inequalities is part of everyone's role.

Whether through direct service delivery, decision making, or how services are designed and accessed, all staff have an influence on reducing or reinforcing inequalities.

Supporting staff to understand this, and to use data and local insight confidently, is a key part of this next phase.

Next Phase: From Data to Action

The programme is now moving into the next phase, focusing on translating data and local insight into practical action.

This phase will build on the leadership, knowledge, and experience across the partnership to identify where action can make the greatest difference.

Work to apply this approach is already underway through the Burnbank and surrounding areas pilot, which will provide valuable insight into how data, local intelligence, and partnership working can be brought together to inform action at a local level.

While this pilot will continue to develop, there is no need to wait for its completion. Other services and areas can begin to apply the same principles now, using available data and local knowledge to identify priorities and take early action at a scale that is manageable for them.

Leadership Group members are asked to work with their services to identify 1–2 priority areas where inequalities are most evident or of greatest concern. This will help ensure that priorities reflect both the evidence and the realities of services and communities.

This should be informed by the Marmot data packs, alongside local knowledge, service insight, and lived experience, recognising that the data provides a starting point but does not fully explain local patterns or drivers.

Support for Partners

The Data Implementation Support Group will work alongside partners to:

- Support interpretation and use of the data
- Help identify priority areas and variation
- Bring together data, insight, and lived experience
- Support the development of realistic, tangible actions

This is an enabling role. The focus is on supporting services to take action, not on performance management or assurance.

How services can be involved

As part of this phase, services will be supported to:

- Identify priority areas where inequalities are most evident or of greatest concern
- Use data and local knowledge together to understand what is driving these inequalities
- Review current activity to understand what is already in place and where there are gaps
- Identify initial actions that could be taken to reduce inequalities in a practical way

There is no expectation that everything will be addressed at once. The focus is on identifying where action can make the biggest difference and starting there.

Proposed Approach

The following steps provide a simple structure to support this process:

1. Identify Areas for Early Evidence Gathering

2. Review and Share Existing Inequalities Data

Services will be invited to reflect on what inequalities they already track internally (for example, service access, waiting times, or outcomes by deprivation or demographic group). This exercise is not only about statistics: local knowledge, lived experience, and service insight are equally valuable in helping to understand the full picture.

It also provides an opportunity to build staff knowledge of how inequalities data can be used to inform service planning, resource allocation, and improvement activity. By understanding

the relevance of their own data, staff are better equipped to identify gaps, challenge inequities, and embed equity into everyday decision making.

3. Map Current Programmes against the 8 Marmot Principles

Services will be invited to map their existing programmes, projects, or strategies against the eight Marmot principles.

This exercise will:

- Highlight good practice already in place.
- Identify where activity is strongest or weakest across the principles.
- Support a shared understanding of collective contributions.
- Provide real-world examples to feed into both the data packs and the workshop discussions.

4. Sense Check Headline Statistics

Headline statistics from the developing data packs can be shared with services.

Leadership group members or nominated heads of services will be asked:

- Do these patterns reflect what you see in your service area?
- Are there local initiatives, contextual factors, or recent changes that might account for the trends?

What local data, intelligence, or perspectives are missing that could add value?

Next Steps

A short template will be circulated to heads of identified services to capture:

- The main inequalities they are already tracking or concerned about.
- Examples of local work already making a difference.
- Priorities and ideas for action under the Marmot principles.
- Reflections on emerging themes and lived experience that can shape the workshops.

This process is not just about collecting information. It will also help services reflect on the relevance of inequalities data to their own planning, highlight the role that staff at all levels play in tackling inequities, and support a shift towards embedding equity as a core consideration in everyday service design and delivery.

Collated responses will inform the design of upcoming workshops with partners and communities and will also help sense check and strengthen the developing data packs to ensure they reflect local realities.

Marmot Place Programme

Aims to inform the implementation phase

National CHES aims (from the MOU)

1. What are the most impactful areas for intervention in Scotland to make meaningful progress in closing inequities in healthy life expectancy?
2. How can national and local organisations work more effectively to close the gap between policy intent and impact in these areas?

In order to answer these questions, CHES will:-

1. Develop analyses which will provide new insights into the most effective ways to take action in Scotland through the Marmot 8 framework.
2. Show, through practical work with three places in Scotland, how local areas and partnership actions can strengthen action on health equity and improve wellbeing.
3. Develop recommendations for national and local organisations and sectors to strengthen delivery to reduce inequities in health and wellbeing.
4. Provide a catalyst for enhanced action in Scotland and renewed and strengthened partnerships for health equity.

Localised Aims for CHES

1. Identify priority areas for intervention in South Lanarkshire where action would have the greatest impact on reducing inequalities and reducing inequities in healthy life expectancy.

Guiding questions

- Do you feel the headline statistics/data is a true reflection of what you see in your service/area?
 - What are the key inequalities in your area? What would you like to emphasise or highlight?
 - What are your services or areas top priorities to reduce inequality (up to five)?
2. Bridge the gap between local policy and delivery, by examining how strategies and services can achieve stronger, measurable outcomes in reducing inequalities.

Guiding questions

- What interventions, or strategies have had the most positive impact on reducing inequalities locally?
 - Are there any barriers that have prevented greater progress in your area?
3. Develop analyses using the Marmot 8 framework that highlight local drivers of inequity and opportunities for proportionate action.

Guiding question

- What support do you need to make a step change in addressing inequalities?
4. Showcase how local partnership working can be strengthened to reduce inequities and improve wellbeing.

Guiding question

- How would you strengthen partnerships with stakeholders who influence health and wellbeing in our region (e.g. businesses, the VCFS, public services)?
5. Generate recommendations for local and regional organisations to improve delivery and impact, ensuring learning is fed back into national CHES work.

Guiding question

- How can we make reducing inequalities our number one priority?
6. Act as a catalyst for local action, strengthening commitment, collaboration, and accountability around health equity.

Guiding question

- What one action could your organisation take in the next 12 months that would make the biggest difference to reducing inequalities locally?
 - How do we ensure local voices and lived experience drive and sustain our action on inequalities?
7. Increase awareness, skills and cultural commitment to tackling inequalities, by supporting staff across all services to understand the relevance of health equity, build confidence in using data and lived experience, and embed equity as a core part of service planning and delivery.

Guiding questions

- How can we build staff knowledge and skills to better understand and address inequalities?
- What would help make equity a routine part of your service's culture and decision-making?

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of Meeting:	17 June 2026
Subject:	South Lanarkshire Seniors Together Update Report
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council
Contact for Further Information:	Karen Gormal, Employee Development and Diversity Manager Tel: 01698 464668 Email: karen.gormal@southlanarkshire.gov.uk
Purpose of the Report:	♦ To provide an update on the work of Seniors Together towards Age-friendly South Lanarkshire
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:	♦ To ensure that that South Lanarkshire Council continues to satisfy Public Sector Equality Duty requirements
Links to Community Plan Ambitions/Principles:	♦ People – we will share power to create long-lasting change ♦ Progress – we will work together to help people do the things that matter most to them where they live
Summary of Report:	Seniors Together continues its programme of activity focused on the council's Age-friendly South Lanarkshire plans.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 June 2026
Report by:	Executive Director, (Finance and Corporate Resources) South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	South Lanarkshire Seniors Together Update 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 South Lanarkshire Seniors Together Activity.

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. According to statistics from the [Centre for Ageing Better](#), ageism is the most prevalent form of discrimination in the UK.

3.2. The World Health Organisation designates an Age-friendly Community as one in which people of all ages can actively participate in activities and where everyone is treated with respect, regardless of their age. It is a place that makes it easy for older people to stay connected, helping people stay healthy and active even at the oldest ages. It also provides appropriate support to those who can no longer look after themselves.

3.3. The essential feature of the approach is that it puts older people at the heart of decision making.

3.4. Being an Age-friendly Community means designing services and facilities with older people, not for them. The [World Health Organisation's Age-friendly Cities Framework](#) acts as a guide for communities to achieve this goal.

3.5. There are eight domains that make an Age-friendly Community which link with current work of the CPP at both a local and strategic level:-

- ◆ community and Health Care
- ◆ transport
- ◆ housing
- ◆ social participation
- ◆ outdoor spaces and buildings
- ◆ respect and social inclusion
- ◆ civic participation and employment
- ◆ communication and information

- 3.6. In March 2023, South Lanarkshire became the first Age-friendly Community in Scotland. The aim of this work is to improve the quality of life for older people living in South Lanarkshire. This is achieved by:-
- ◆ connecting older people to their peers
 - ◆ providing information events, with links to other services and organisations that may help people age well.
- 3.7. This approach is delivered by the Seniors Together Team in South Lanarkshire Council in association with South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership. Seniors Together activity is delivered with the support of a number of partners across South Lanarkshire.
- 3.8. Seniors Together provides activities and opportunities for people in retirement to encourage good physical and mental health and wellbeing in later life. The project helps older people connect to their peers and provides information events with links to other services.

4. Risks

- 4.1. The Equality Act 2010 mandates that Scottish local authorities must comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty.
- 4.2. This requires that councils have due regard to three main aims when making decisions, shaping policies, and delivering services:-
- ◆ elimination of unlawful discrimination, harassment, and victimisation
 - ◆ advancing equality of opportunity between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
 - ◆ fostering good relations between different groups
- 4.3. Age is one of the 9 protected characteristics included within the Equality Act 2010.
- 4.4. The 2022 Census data shows that South Lanarkshire has a population of 327,056, of whom 27.42% are aged 60 and older.
- 4.5. In 2001, the proportion of the population over age 60 was 20.48%. This growth, along with projections from the Improvement Service, indicates that South Lanarkshire has an increasing ageing population.
- 4.6. Failure to engage with our older population could lead to developing new activities and interventions which are inappropriate, wasting resource.
- 4.7. As a council community-focused project working with older people, there are risks related to continuity in terms of capacity and numbers of community volunteers supporting and delivering community wide activities. It is essential that the Seniors Together staff are able to ensure activity continuity should any community volunteers be unable to participate.

5. Benefits of Ongoing and Future Early Action

- 5.1. With early and consistent engagement, a series of ongoing interventions will continue to be co-developed with the target audience. This will ensure that services are appropriate and reflect the real needs and lived experience, leading to improved wellbeing for our service users.
- 5.2. The work taking place through the Seniors Together Team and wider community, will ensure that the South Lanarkshire Age Friendly Community status continues and the Community is aligned to Age Friendly principles. It also ensures that the council continues to meet its obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

6. Moving Forward – Programme Update

- 6.1. Seniors Together has hosted two events on Mindfulness in partnership with South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture (SLLC) in May and June 2026; a further Mindfulness event is planned in partnership with Bothwell Futures on 24 June 2026. These events have contributed to the wellbeing of our older population.
- 6.2. South Lanarkshire Council's Digital Team have reached out to Seniors Together to consult on the development of the council's new website. This will help to ensure that the site is accessible to our audience, helping to manage risks around digital exclusion.
- 6.3. The Age-Friendly Toilet Map pilot project for the Lanark town centre area is moving forward towards delivery. The map is being co-produced with SLLC, SLC Community Engagement Team and Lanark Community Development Trust with older people steering the direction of the project. A report with the outputs from this survey is included as Appendix 1.
- 6.4. The proposed launch date of the Age-Friendly Toilet Map is 1 October 2026 to align with International Day of Older People. It will be delivered in both paper and electronic formats.
- 6.5. Following the Community Planning Partnership meeting on 18 March 2026, work to progress the Ageing Well Ambassadors scheme is continuing. This will involve recruiting staff from across council resources, as well as external partners, to formally act as advocates for older people within their settings.
- 6.6. As part of South Lanarkshire's Age-friendly Action Plan, the Seniors Together Team are in negotiations with SLLC to co-produce two creative outputs with our communities. These will take the form of a video showcasing our age-friendly community work, and an exhibition of photography. This will celebrate the project's achievements so far, while providing a platform for further promotion of and consultation around the plan. These will be developed in the second half of 2026.
- 6.7. Early planning has also started for the winter Older People's Assembly, with a provisional date of 9 December 2026. This will serve as another opportunity for our community to engage with the Council.

7. Employee Implications

- 7.1. The Ageing Well Ambassadors scheme will require engagement from Personnel Services and Council Resources, as well as engagement from those who are designated as ambassadors.

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

11. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

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

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Age-Friendly Toilet Map Community Survey Results



Age Friendly South Lanarkshire Toilet Map Survey Results Report

Purpose of Report

- ♦ to present findings from the Seniors Together Toilet Maps survey to the Toilet Map Subgroup
- ♦ to continue progressing the development of toilet maps for South Lanarkshire towns and shopping areas, informed by Seniors Together members' feedback.

Background

Seniors Together undertook an online survey to better understand members/residents' experiences of accessing public toilets and the impact this has on confidence, participation and planning trips out. The survey also tested support for a proposed intervention: town-based toilet maps highlighting toilet locations, including accessible provision.

The survey aligns with wider Age-friendly and accessibility objectives, particularly in supporting older people and those with disabilities to participate confidently in community and town centre activity.

A total of 131 Snap Online responses were received. The data received was analysed with Microsoft Copilot for the purposes of this report.

Key Messages

- ♦ **High demonstrated need:-** A majority report difficulty finding toilets and that uncertainty about toilet locations limits how long they stay out.
- ♦ **Material behavioural impact:-** Around 7 in 10 report limiting food/drink when out due to toilet availability.
- ♦ **Participation barrier:-** Over half report limited toilets are a barrier to going out.
- ♦ **Very strong support for a map intervention:-** 95% support the map concept; 92% would use it to plan a shopping trip; 86% say it would encourage them to go out.
- ♦ **Equality relevance is clear:-** Respondents are predominantly 65+, and a sizeable minority report disability and/or impairments—groups most likely to benefit from reliable toilet information and accessible provision indicators.

Key Quantitative Data

- ♦ number of responses: **131**
- ♦ struggle to find toilets when out: **67.9%**
- ♦ time out limited by not knowing toilet locations: **73.3%**

- ♦ limited food/drink when out: **71.0%**
- ♦ toilets are a barrier to going out: **53.4%**
- ♦ require accessible toilets due to medical conditions: **60.3%**
- ♦ support for toilet map concept: **95.4%**
- ♦ map would encourage going out: **86.3%**
- ♦ would use map to plan a shopping trip: **91.6%**

Respondents were predominantly older adults, with 96 respondents aged 65 or over.

- ♦ 39 respondents indicated they consider themselves to have a disability.
- ♦ The most reported impairment types were physical impairments and long-term illness/health conditions.
- ♦ responses were received across all four locality groupings, with the highest numbers from:-
 - ♦ Hamilton area 45
 - ♦ Rutherglen/Cambuslang 37
 - ♦ Clydesdale: 27
 - ♦ East Kilbride/Strathaven: 22

This profile indicates strong relevance to older and disabled residents, who are more likely to be affected by poor toilet availability or lack of clear information.

Impact of Limited Toilet Availability

The survey shows that limited toilet provision and/or uncertainty about toilet locations has a material impact on behaviour and participation:

- ♦ **67.9%** of respondents agree or strongly agree that they struggle to find toilets when out and about.
- ♦ **73.3%** agree or strongly agree that not knowing where toilets are limits the amount of time they spend in places.
- ♦ **71.0%** report limiting what they eat and drink when out due to toilet availability.
- ♦ **53.4%** say limited toilet availability has been a barrier to going out.
- ♦ **60.3%** state that, due to medical conditions or medications, they require access to accessible toilets.

These findings demonstrate that toilet availability is not simply a convenience issue but can restrict participation, confidence and wellbeing.

Support for the Toilet Map Proposal

There is very strong support for the proposed toilet map intervention:

- ♦ **95.4%** agree or strongly agree with the concept of a toilet map highlighting facilities in shopping areas.
- ♦ **86.3%** say that a toilet map would encourage them to go out.
- ♦ **91.6%** say they would use a South Lanarkshire toilet map as part of planning a shopping trip.

This indicates a high likelihood that the resource would be actively used and would address a clearly evidenced need.

The survey results indicate a clear recommendation to continue developing and publish toilet maps to -

- ♦ responds directly to resident feedback.
- ♦ supports confidence, planning and participation.
- ♦ aligns with Age Friendly and accessibility priorities.

Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of meeting:	17 June 2026
Subject:	Good Food Nation Plan Update Report
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:	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with an update on the upcoming duties for all local authorities on the development of a Good Food Nation (GFN) Plan and South Lanarkshire Council's current progress plans.
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 priorities and timelines of South Lanarkshire's Good Food Nation Plan 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 the upcoming duties for all local authorities on the development of a Good Food Nation Plan and the council's plans to progress this.

Report

Report to:	Partnership Board
Date of Meeting:	17 June 2026
Report by:	Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council

Subject:	Good Food Nation Plan Update 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 upcoming duties for all local authorities on the development of a Good Food Nation (GFN) Plan and South Lanarkshire Council's current progress plans.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the priorities and timelines of South Lanarkshire's Good Food Nation Plan be noted.

3. Background

3.1. The Good Food Nation (Scotland) Act 2022 was passed in June 2022. It imposes a legislative duty on Scottish Ministers, local authorities and territorial health boards to create GFN Plans.

3.2. The Act also imposes a legislative duty on other public authorities, specifically local authorities and NHS Health Boards to prepare and publish their own Good Food Nation Plans.

3.3. The legislation asks Ministers and public bodies to 'have regard' in their plans to how food-related issues affect outcomes across a wide range of sectors and areas including:-

- ◆ health and physical and mental wellbeing
- ◆ social and economic wellbeing
- ◆ environmental sustainability, climate change and biodiversity
- ◆ economic development
- ◆ animal welfare
- ◆ education
- ◆ child poverty

3.4. The Act explicitly requires decision-makers to have regard to the principle that adequate food is a human right, referencing Article 11 of the *International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights*.

- 3.5. In preparing plans, authorities must consider the role of all parts of the food system and supply chain, the importance of a sustainable food system in tackling climate change and biodiversity loss and the role of high-quality, nutritious, culturally appropriate food in improving wellbeing.
- 3.6 The Act does not just create a set of food strategies for Scotland, it puts food into policy and law on an equal footing to other Scottish Government policy priorities and asks that we consider the interrelationships and dependencies across policy. It also provides for clear accountability, monitoring and reporting on plans for food.
- 3.7. The Act establishes a statutory Scottish Food Commission which became operational in January 2026. The Commission's role includes:-
- ♦ scrutinising good food nation plans
 - ♦ providing advice and recommendations
 - ♦ supporting transparency and evidence-based policymaking

4. The National Good Food Nation Plan

- 4.1. The national Good Food Nation Plan was put before Scottish Parliament and approved in December 2025.
- 4.2. The national [Good Food Nation Plan](#) sets out six over-arching outcomes for a Good Food Nation, the range of targets and indicators that will be used to gauge progress towards achieving them, and details of a wide range of food-related policies and initiatives from across the Scottish Government:-
- ♦ a better food environment
 - ♦ a more sustainable food system
 - ♦ thriving local and regional food economies
 - ♦ high-quality Scottish food production
 - ♦ a food system that promotes health and wellbeing
 - ♦ connection, participation and food culture
- 4.3. The Good Food Nation Plan exists to provide an overarching framework for a clear, consistent, and coherent future Scottish food policy that will be taken forward at both the national and local levels. Relevant authorities do not need to mirror the national plan's outcomes but must 'have regard' for them.

5. Relevant Authority Plans

- 5.1. Section 10 of the Act, which is not yet in force, requires each 'relevant authority' to publish a Good Food Nation Plan. Local Authorities and Health Boards are included in the definition of 'relevant authority'.
- 5.2. Local Authorities were provided with 12 months written notice in March 2026, that it is intended that Section 10 of the Act will come into force in April 2027. However, this notice highlighted that this may take place later than this date.
- 5.3. Once Section 10 is in force, relevant authorities will be legally required to publish a Good Food Nation Plan within a period of 12 months.
- 5.4. Local Good Food Nation Plans are intended to bring together, in a comprehensive fashion, the actions that local organisations are taking or will take to address a wide range of food-related issues.

- 5.5. The Act requires these plans to 'have regard' to the scope for food-related issues to affect outcomes of the national plan and the legislation, but we are free to set our own local outcomes reflecting the needs of our local food system.
- 5.6. The production of a local authority's Good Food Nation Plan will require input and activity from different council services such as Procurement, Education, Social Care, Economic Development, Environmental Protection, Cultural and Leisure Services and Waste Management. There will also going to be ongoing outputs from the plan for all of its contributors.
- 5.7. While the statutory duties rests with the council, the local plan will be co-developed across our local food system and with Community Planning partners and residents.
- 5.8. NHS Lanarkshire is also a 'relevant authority' and will be required to produce its own plan. Meetings have taken place with NHS Lanarkshire and North Lanarkshire Council to ensure some regional consistency and support across our plans.
- 5.9. The Living Lab is a commissioned resource for relevant authorities who are providing resources and policy support across Scotland. Including useful monthly, topical online drop-in sessions with all relevant authorities across Scotland.

6. Key Requirements in the development of a Local Plan

- 6.1. Written records and statements are required to demonstrate how we have met our duties under the legislation in the development of our plan. It is recommended that we document this evidence from the beginning to support our statement. This evidence will be subject to scrutiny by the Food Commission.
- 6.2. When preparing a GFN Plan, the relevant authority must publish and consult on a draft of the plan and have regard to any responses received. When consulting, the relevant authority must have regard to:-
 - ♦ the importance of communicating in an inclusive way, and
 - ♦ the importance of communicating in a way that is effective in engaging children and young people.
- 6.3. There are concerns about consultation fatigue with both South Lanarkshire Council and NHS Lanarkshire having the same duties to undertake consultation on similar plans, in the same timescales. We will work together to mitigate this.
- 6.4. Joint and regional plans are possible but each 'relevant authority' participating in them must be able to demonstrate how they individually meet their duties in the production and reporting of the plan. Legal advice is recommended for all partners considering a joint plan as duties apply individually to each 'relevant authority' that participates in a joint plan.

- 6.5. We must document how we have had 'due regard' to the national plan and produce a statement to this effect.
- 6.6. Authorities are required to report progress against our plan's outcomes every two years and undertake a full review of the plan every five years. All plans are required to have outcomes, indicators, measures and list related policies as part of the duties.
- 6.7. Funding to support the development of plans is being discussed between COSLA and the Scottish Government and is expected to commence once Section 10 legislation comes into force. NHS Boards have been advised they will not receive any additional funding to develop their plans.
- 6.8. A new statutory instrument is also being introduced under the legislation requiring all relevant public bodies to 'have regard' to our own local GFN Plan when carrying out 'specific functions' in either policy or actions across other policy areas. Further information and a list of the 'specified functions' are not yet published as there was still significant debate around them at the time of publishing the national plan. When the list of specified functions are published, it may require a review of the functions specified on the list as part of our plan development and on an ongoing basis thereafter. Meaning, a need to map other related policies and considering and noting any interdependencies with our Good Food Nation Plan at review points.

7. Current and Next Steps

- 7.1. The Community Engagement Team Manager and Tackling Poverty and Inequalities Officer are the Good Food Nation Lead Officers for South Lanarkshire Council. They will work with colleagues internally and externally through the Community Planning Partnership to develop and draft our local plan.
- 7.2. In 2025/2026 a grant was offered to fund the establishment and start-up costs of an organised community food network for South Lanarkshire. [The Community Food Network South Lanarkshire](#) is coordinated by a partnership of five local Third Sector Organisations: Grow73, Clydesdale Community Initiatives, Healthy and Active East Kilbride, Larkhall Community Growers and VASLan. The network will be self-sustaining through the third sector locality networks coordinated by VASLan.
- 7.3. The Community Food Network undertook engagement on local food systems across third sector food related organisations as an output of the funding and a report is forthcoming to inform the development of the plan.
- 7.4. The Lead Officer will work across South Lanarkshire Council to form an Internal Working Group of officers to begin to discuss the duties and requirements of the council in relation to the plan and the various departments that will need to take actions in their respective areas to develop it. This group will have an initial meeting in June 2026.
- 7.5. Relevant officers in the working group will identify and drive forward their theme for the development of the plan with the Community Engagement Team acting as an overall facilitator to produce the plan and conduct the public consultation requirements with stakeholders and partners.
- 7.6. Regular updates will be provided to the Partnership Board, with the proposed plan being presented in line with the timescales of the legislation.

8. Employee Implications

- 8.1. Scottish Government funding levels remains unknown at this stage. Currently, existing SLC Officers will carry out initial development and scoping of approaches to developing the plan and identify expected resourcing needs to undertake the work. This will determine the scope and scale of a temporary officer role to support the work.

9. Financial Implications

- 9.1. Further to the enactment of Section 10, funding will be made available to relevant authorities to develop the plan.
- 9.2. Further consideration should be provided to supporting the Community Food Network with ongoing costs and further engagement during the development of the local plan. The previous funding source has come to an end.

10. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 10.1. A Strategic Environmental Assessment will need to be carried out by the working group prior to public consultation and presentation of a draft plan.
- 10.2. Sustainability and climate change should be a key element of a Good Food Nation Plan.

11. Other Implications

- 11.1. Possible future 'due regard' to 'specified duties' still yet to be legislated or described.

12. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

- 12.1. The Good Food Nation Plan will require an Integrated Impact Assessment which will be completed prior to public consultation and updated thereafter.
- 12.2. All necessary and appropriate consultations will be undertaken within the council, with partner organisations and community groups.

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Community Planning Board Bulletin

17 June 2026

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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.

June 2026 Update Contents

- CPP Self-Assessment Improvement Plan Update (Slides 3 - 7); and
- Community Wish List/Community Benefit Update (Slides 8 - 10).

CPP Self-Assessment Improvement Plan Update

Background:

- The Public Service Improvement Framework (PSIF) is a self-assessment approach which is managed by the Improvement Service. The key aim of self-assessment is to support CPPs to ensure that areas such as governance, accountability, leadership and performance management are fit for purpose to achieve the outcomes of the Community Plan.
- The Checklist Approach was launched in 2016 to support self-assessment work with CPPs to allow Board members to scrutinise the Board's effectiveness and how it operates.
- Working with the Improvement Service, the South Lanarkshire CPP Board completed its first self-assessment in December 2016 which focused on the CPP's readiness for the implementation of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.
- A second self-assessment took place in early 2019 which involved the CPP Board, Thematic Groups and Third Sector Organisations. Following the council's approval of the Best Value Assurance Report (BVAR), which made recommendations about Community Planning, an improvement planning session was held to consider the output of the self-assessment together with the outcomes of the BVAR. At this session, the Board agreed priority areas for improvement which informed the review of Community Planning in South Lanarkshire.
- A third CPP Board self-assessment, hosted by the Improvement Service, took place in November 2024 regarding the new National CPP programme. A Consensus Session to review the survey feedback was held in April 2025 and following this, a draft Improvement Plan was prepared by the Improvement Service and further developed by the CPP Progress Group and reviewed by the CPP Outcomes Leads Group.

CPP Self-Assessment Improvement Plan Update

Improvement Plan:

- The Improvement Plan sets out 14 actions across the three main priority themes and these are detailed below:

Category	Improvement Actions
Evidencing Early Intervention and Prevention	Review and refocus Board Agenda. Review and refocus Board reporting template. Simplify language used in Board reports to increase engagement. Map CPP Performance Framework to Marmot/Population Health Framework.
Clearly articulate the performance expectations of the Board in reducing inequalities	Review inequalities data. Hold a CPP Board Development Session focussed on reducing inequalities. Map all partners contributions to reducing inequalities. Review how partnership activity/funding aligns to reducing inequalities. Develop further approaches for Board scrutiny in relation to reducing inequalities.

CPP Self-Assessment Improvement Plan Update

Improvement Plan:

Category	Improvement Actions
Further develop support and training for communities to engage in the work of the partnership	Widen CPP communications to engage more of the community. Meaningfully engage with community partnerships around areas such as identifying training needs. Explore ways to celebrate community successes. Consider how better to promote and communicate support and training that is available for volunteers. Explore opportunities for implementing a mentoring scheme to attract new members to community partnerships.

CPP Self-Assessment Improvement Plan Update

Progress to Date:

- The council's Community Planning Team have analysed the progress of the actions and as at May 2026, of the 14 actions, 8 are complete and 6 are in progress.
- Examples of completed actions include:
 - Mapping of the Marmot Principles with the Population Health Framework
 - Board report writing guide developed for officers
 - Board Development Session focussed on the prevention agenda held
- If you would like a copy of the Improvement Plan, please contact eleanor.paterson@southlanarkshire.gov.uk.



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Community Wish List/Community Benefit Update

- **Background:**

The Community Wish List has been a simple but effective way for local groups across South Lanarkshire to ask for support from businesses and suppliers working with South Lanarkshire Council. It has helped connect communities with opportunities for funding, materials and practical support, whether that's improving local spaces, supporting foodbanks or providing equipment for community projects. It has delivered real value back into communities, while also building stronger relationships between local organisations and suppliers who want to give something back.

South Lanarkshire Council are now moving from the Community Wish List to the new Community Benefits Hub, which builds on what worked well and takes it a step further. The new system makes it easier for groups to submit requests and improves the chances of being matched with support. It also creates a more joined-up approach across partners, helping more communities benefit from the opportunities available. This transition is about making the process clearer, more accessible and more effective for everyone involved.

Community Wish List/Community Benefit Update

- In 2025/2026, the Community Wish List has continued to make a real difference across South Lanarkshire, supporting communities in a practical and meaningful way. The council received 135 wishes from local groups, with 91 already successfully supported, bringing a total value of £47,864 back into local communities. This support has come in a variety of forms, including financial contributions, donations of goods and materials for community projects, and IT equipment to help groups build their capacity and reach more people.
- What this really shows is the strength of partnership working across South Lanarkshire, with local businesses and suppliers stepping in to support community-led ideas. From small grassroots projects to larger community initiatives, the Wish List has helped turn ideas into action, making it easier for groups to access the resources they need. It continues to play an important role in strengthening communities, encouraging collaboration, and ensuring support reaches where it can have the biggest impact.
- For further information please view the following links:

[Connecting community groups with businesses - South Lanarkshire Council](#)
[Benefits for Communities](#)



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Community Planning Partnership Board Executive Summary

Date of meeting:	17 June 2026
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:	♦ to provide the Partnership Board with a summary of the information 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:	17 June 2026
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 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 – 23 February to 22 May 2026

4.1. Appendix 1 provides a summary of the information circulated from 23 February to 22 May 2026.

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. Integrated Impact Assessment and Consultation Requirements

- 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

23 February to 22 May 2026

Date	Subject	Received From	Summary	Action taken
25/02/26	School Leaver Destination Results 2024-25	Skills Development Scotland	Publication of the Scottish Government's 'School Leaver Destination Results 2024-2025': Summary Statistics for Attainment and Initial Leaver Destinations, No. 8: 2026 edition - gov.scot	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
26/02/26	Front Counter Update in Lanarkshire	Police Scotland	Police Scotland update on the provision of their front counter services across Lanarkshire. The changes will take effect from 1 April 2026: https://orlo.uk/399KQ	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
26/02/26	Scottish Community Planning Network Weekly Round Up	Scottish Community Planning Network (SCPN)	SCPN Weekly Round Up dated 20 February 2026 which highlights a newsletter from the Improvement Service.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
02/03/26	Public Health Information Lanarkshire	NHS Lanarkshire (NHSL)	With an abundance of data available online, it can be hard to find useful, good quality data. To make this easier, NHSL have created a new signposting website Public Health Information Lanarkshire (PHIL): https://www.nhslanarkshire.scot.nhs.uk/phil/ PHIL contains signposting to information on a range of public health related issues such as transport, screening programmes, alcohol and drugs, and community safety.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
16/03/26	CHES Learning System Webinar: Practical Implementation of a Proportionate Universalism Approach to Achieve Health Equity	Public Health Scotland	Circulation of the recording from the fourth Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES) Learning System webinar held on 20 January 2026. This session focused on the practical implementation of a proportionate universalism approach to achieve health equity: Webinar 4: Proportionate Universalism .	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.

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17/03/26	Rural Health Equity Chat Report	Rural Health Compass	Publication of Rural Health Compass, in collaboration with Health Equity Network, 'Rural Health Equity Chat Report 2026'. This report provides a summary of some of the insights from conversations with the community and voluntary sector, health and social care, local government, academics and interested citizens: https://ruralhealthcompass.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/03/rural-health-equity-chat-report-2026.pdf	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
17/03/26	Open Call for Rural Case Studies	Rural Health Compass	Rural Health Compass are seeking rural case studies about the work that is being done in local communities. They are interested in local innovation and solutions that are being implemented and want to learn from successes and failures. The closing date for submissions is 15 August 2026: #Rural Realities - Collection of Case Studies	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
23/03/26	Democracy Matters Route Map	Scottish Government	Publication of the Scottish Government/COSLA's 'Democracy Matters Route Map' which outlines reform proposals for empowered community decision-making and the work required to deliver this: Democracy Matters: A Route Map to Reform - gov.scot	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
21/04/26	The Building Blocks of Economic Security in Scotland	Joseph Rowntree Foundation	Publication of a briefing by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation regarding ' The Building Blocks of Economic Security in Scotland ' which explores what is driving widespread feelings of economic insecurity in Scotland today.	Circulation to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
21/04/26	Scottish Community Planning Network Weekly Round Up	Scottish Community Planning Network (SCPN)	SCPN Weekly Round Up dated 17 April 2026 which highlights a newsletter from the Improvement Service.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
28/4/26	Housing Allocation Policy Consultation	South Lanarkshire Council	SLC's Housing and Technical Resources are reviewing their Housing Allocation Policy. This policy explains how they decide who gets priority for council housing and how available homes are	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.

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			allocated in South Lanarkshire. Feedback will help to make sure the policy is clear, fair and works for local residents. The consultation will close on 3 July 2026: Review of the housing allocation policy - South Lanarkshire Council	
28/4/26	Pitch Allocations Policy for Gypsy/ Traveller Sites	South Lanarkshire Council	Views are being sought on South Lanarkshire Council's draft Pitch Allocations Policy for Gypsy and Traveller Sites. This policy explains how they will decide who gets a vacant pitch at the sites in South Lanarkshire. Feedback will help the council keep the process clear, fair and easy to understand. They manage two sites: Springbank Park, East Kilbride and Shawlands Crescent, Larkhall. The consultation will close on 3 July 2026: Review of pitch allocation policy for Gypsy/Traveller site - South Lanarkshire Council	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
28/04/26	Scottish Community Planning Network Weekly Round Up	Scottish Community Planning Network (SCPN)	SCPN Weekly Round Up dated 24 April 2026 which highlights a newsletter from the Improvement Service.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
29/04/26	Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Act 2026	Scottish Parliament	Publication of the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Act 2026 which was passed by the Scottish Parliament on 25 March 2026.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
29/04/26	Just Resilience 2026-31 Strategy	Verture	Publication of Verture's ' Just Resilience 2026-31 Strategy ' (formerly Sniffer). The strategy details Verture's role in connecting people, knowledge and action so that climate resilience efforts add up to lasting change.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
07/05/26	Community Planning Partnerships Reporting Requirements	Scottish Community Planning Network (SCPN)	As part of the simplification workstream of the Public Service Reform Strategy, publication of an annexe by the Scottish Government detailing the main statutory and non-statutory reporting requirements currently affecting CPPs and partners.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
08/05/26	The Duties and Powers Portal	Improvement Service	The Duties and Powers Portal is a new national resource that brings together, for the first time, a single, shared live view of the duties and powers	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group

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			held by local authorities in Scotland. Developed in partnership with the sector, the portal provides a clear and accessible picture of the legal foundations of local government. It helps councils, partners and the public better understand what local authorities are responsible for delivering, and the legislation that underpins those responsibilities: Duties and Powers Duties and Powers	for information.
08/05/26	Child Poverty Map	Improvement Service	Publication of the Improvement Service's updated child poverty map which provides an accessible way of exploring and downloading child poverty data for small areas across Scotland: scotland.shinyapps.io/is-Child-Poverty-Map/	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
13/05/26	Scottish Community Planning Network Event - 11 May 2026	Scottish Community Planning Network	Circulation of the slide pack and feedback survey from the Scottish Community Planning Network event held on 11 May 2026.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.
20/05/26	Health and Homelessness Briefing	Public Health Scotland	Publication of Public Health Scotland's new briefing on Health and Homelessness which brings together the latest evidence on the scale, impact and opportunities for action across Scotland: https://publichealthscotland.scot/media/38725/health-and-homelessness-briefing_final.pdf	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group and Outcomes Leads Group for information.
21/05/26	Health Improvement Flash Report	South Lanarkshire University Health and Social Care Partnership	Circulation of the Health Improvement Flash Report highlighting the work of the Lanarkshire Green Health Partnership during 2025/26.	Circulated to the Community Planning Progress Group for information.

