

## Dates of 2017 Meetings

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# DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Lecture Theatre, Cargen Tower, Garroch Loaning, Dumfries, DG2 8PN  
Friday 17 November 2017  
10.00am-11.45am

### Members

- Chair** - Leader  
**Elaine Murray** Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Vice Chair** - Chairman  
**Philip Jones** NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Jeff Ace** - Chief Executive  
NHS Dumfries and Galloway (Advisor)
- Colin Cook** - Location Director for Dumfries and Galloway  
Scottish Government (observer)
- Rob Davidson** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Archie Dryburgh** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Sue Irving** - Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector
- Brian Johnstone** - Dumfries and Galloway Further and Higher  
Education Sector
- Jane Maitland** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Hamish McGhie** - Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Service, Dumfries and Galloway Division (advisor)
- Graham Nicol** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Gary Ritchie** - Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland,  
Dumfries and Galloway Division (advisor)

- Alistair McKinnon** - Regional Director  
Scottish Enterprise (advisor)
  - Robert Higgins** - Dumfries and Galloway Housing Sector
  - Gavin Stevenson** - Chief Executive  
Dumfries and Galloway Council (Advisor)
  - Robin Wishart** - Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector
  - Andrew Wood** - Chairman  
SWestrans
  - Vacant** - Community Representative
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## **DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**LECTURE THEATRE, CARGEN TOWERS, GARROCH  
LOANING, DUMFRIES DG2 8PN  
FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2017  
10.00am-11.45am**

### **AGENDA**

- 10.00am 1. DRAFT MINUTE OF MEETING OF DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ON 15 SEPTEMBER 2017 – for approval**
- 10.05am 2. EXECUTIVE GROUP UPDATE- NOVEMBER 2017** dated 8 November 2017 – for scrutiny and noting
- 10.15am 3. CURRENT KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2017 –** dated 9 November 2017 – for scrutiny and noting
- 10.30am 4. END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT - INTERIM LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2016/17-** dated 7 November 2017 for scrutiny and noting
- 10.45am 5. DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND LOCALITY PLAN –** dated 10 November 2017 – for approval
- 11.00am 6. DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP RESPONSE TO SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ON A HEALTHIER FUTURE –** dated 8 November 2017 for approval
- 11.15am 7. REVIEW OF LOCALITY PARTNERSHIPS –** dated 7 November 2017 – for approval
- 11.30am 8. FUTURE PROGRAMME AND MEETINGS –** dated 7 November 2017 – for approval
- 11.45am CLOSE**

At 12noon, or at the conclusion of the meeting if earlier, there is an opportunity for Board members to have a guided tour of the new Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary. The tour is scheduled to last an hour.



Item 1**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY  
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP**

**Lecture Theatre,  
Garroch Training Centre, Dumfries  
Friday 15 September 2017**

**Members**

- Chair** - Leader  
**Elaine Murray** Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Jeff Acheff** - Chief Executive  
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- NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Rob Davidson** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Brian Johnstone** - Dumfries and Galloway Further and Higher  
Education Sector
- Jane Maitland** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Hamish McGhie** - Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Service, Dumfries and Galloway Division
- Alistair McKinnon** - Regional Director  
Scottish Enterprise
- David McMillan** - Dumfries and Galloway Housing Sector
- Graham Nicol** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Gavin Stevenson** - Chief Executive  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Robin Wishart** - Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector

**Apologies**

- Philip Jones** - Chairman  
**Vice Chair** - NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Colin Cook** - Location Director for Dumfries and Galloway  
Scottish Government (observer)
- Archie Dryburgh** - Councillor  
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Sue Irving** - Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector
- Gary Ritchie** - Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland,  
Dumfries and Galloway Division
- Andrew Wood** - Chair  
SWestrans

**In attendance**

- Liz Manson** - Community Planning and Engagement Manager
- Carol Marshall** - Partnership Support – Administrative Assistant
- Kirsty Peden** - Community Engagement Manager Community  
Justice Partnership Manager DGC
- Vikki Binnie** - (Item 4 only)
- Gordon Pattinson** - Chair of the Community Justice Partnership  
(Item 4 only)
- Wendy Jesson** - Anti-Poverty Officer, DGC (Item 5 only)

**10 Members present from 7 partners**

The Chair **WELCOMED** everyone to the meeting. NOTED that Andrew Wood has been appointed as Chair of SWestrans and has been appointed as its representative on the Strategic Partnership.

**1. DRAFT MINUTE OF MEETING OF DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY  
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP ON 16 JUNE 2017**

**APPROVED** as a correct record.

**COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

## 2. EXECUTIVE GROUP BUSINESS BRIEFING – SEPTEMBER 2017

**NOTED** the position of issues within the remit of the Executive Group

### 2.1 Executive Group Collaboration Project

Work supported by the Scottish Futures Trust: (1) to develop a Joint Asset Register for DGC and NHSD&G by autumn 2017; and (2) with community groups in Moffat to realise its ambition to be the most accessible town in Scotland

**ACTION: (1) PROPERTY MANAGERS DGC AND NHSD&G; AND (2) COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

### 2.2 Annual Report from the Community Planning Equality and Diversity Working Group

Good progress in achieving the Workplan for 2016/17 and next year's Workplan to include innovative projects about promoting equality and diversity between and within public sector partners; and using personal testimony as part of the performance monitoring.

**ACTION: LEAD OFFICER EQD WORKING GROUP**

### 2.3 Annual Report on Outcome 3 of the Interim Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2016/17

The key messages shared with the Strategic Partnership demonstrated deepening partnership working across this whole agenda and the message about individual and community resilience was becoming embedded.

**ACTION: LEAD OFFICER, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP**

### 2.4 Participation Requests

**NOTED** that the Council's Communities Committee had agreed its PR Strategy and Procedure at its meeting on 5 September 2017.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

## 3. CURRENT KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES UPDATE

### 3.1 Regional Economic Strategy (RES) 2016 – 2020

#### **NOTED**

3.1.1 A new agency has been agreed by Scottish Government following the Enterprise and Skills Review Phase 2 - the South of Scotland Enterprise Agency will be a new public body which will require primary legislation and is expected to be fully operational from the start of the 2020 financial year. Members were positive about the opportunity to the new agency presented to join up different aspects of this agenda and **HIGHLIGHTED** the importance of being ambitious and positive to realise our vision of doing something different in our region.

3.1.2 that at a constructive meeting was held between DGC, Scottish Borders Council and the Cabinet Secretary where the interim arrangements were discussed. The role of the Colleges, Scottish Funding Council and Scottish Enterprise were also seen to be key to this agenda.

3.1.3 **AGREED** updates on the new agency should be submitted to future meetings of the Strategic Partnership, including feedback on the detailed discussions taking place at the Economic Leadership Group meetings.

**ACTION: LEAD OFFICER, ECONOMIC LEADERSHIP GROUP**

### 3.2 Children's Services Plan

**NOTED** the Care Inspectorate has expressed its confidence that our partnership has the conditions in place for continued improvement and as a result, they will not be carrying out further progress reviews in relation to the 2014 Joint Inspection.

**ACTION: CHAIR, CHILDREN'S SERVICES EXECUTIVE GROUP**

### 3.3 Tackling Poverty

3.3.1 **NOTED** the DGC Communities Committee agreed all the recommendations included in the report which make a significant contribution to moving this agenda forward.

3.3.2 **HIGHLIGHTED** the importance of third sector organisations' involvement in tackling poverty; and

3.3.3 **NOTED** the allocation of £240,000 for projects that address the Findings of the Mapping Project (carried out by DGC and TS,D&G) and that the allocations would be determined by Participatory Budgeting which is part of the Council's community empowerment agenda. This Budget was seen to complement the £350,000 for third sector organisations, distributed through Area Committees earlier in the year.

**ACTION: HEAD OF CUSTOMER SERVICES, DGC**

### 3.4 Health and Social Care Integration

3.4.1 **NOTED** the first Annual Performance Report of the Integration Joint Board is due to be considered by DGC and NHSD&G in the coming weeks and at a public event on 12 October 2017.

3.4.2 **NOTED** this is a new format for public performance monitoring and will be of interest to other partners.

**ACTION: CHIEF OFFICER, HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE INTEGRATION**

### 3.5 Regional Transport Strategy

**NOTED**

3.5.1 the Regional Transport Strategy (RTS) refreshed has been deferred; and

3.5.2 the draft Main Issues Report which starts the process will be considered by the SWestrans Board on 22 September 2017.

**ACTION: LEAD OFFICER, SWESTRANS**

### 3.6 Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partners' Strategic Plan

3.6.1 **ENDORSED** the Strategic Plan Action Plan for 2017/18, HIGHLIGHTING the importance of the CLD Partnership focussing on a small number of high priority issues in the Action Plan, as recommended by the Community Planning Executive Group

**ACTION: LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER, DGC**

### 3.7 Local Housing Strategy

#### **NOTED**

3.7.1 Councillor John Martin is the new Chair of the Strategic Housing Forum; and

3.7.2 The new Local Housing Strategy is to be agreed by April 2018.

**ACTION: HOUSING SERVICES MANAGER DGC**

## **4. COMMUNITY JUSTICE – UPDATE ON PROGRESS**

4.1 **NOTED** the good progress made to date with progress made on every action in the Plan over the last six months and the 'whole systems approach' in particular being a welcome approach;

4.2 **AGREED** that the Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan is added to the supporting Strategies and Plans which are reported to the Strategic Partnership at its quarterly meetings to ensure the Partnership's responsibilities for community justice are being monitored and reported;

4.3 **NOTED** the involvement of a wide range of partners including SFRS which was an example of good practice.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY JUSTICE PARTNERSHIP MANAGER**

Jane Maitland entered the meeting 11 members present from 7 partners.

## **5. DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY STRATEGIC PARTNERSHP CONSULTATION RESPONSE ON SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY**

#### **AGREED**

5.1 the response from the Dumfries and Galloway Strategic Partnership to the Scottish Government's consultation on the Socio-Economic Duty; and

5.2 that a shared approach, perhaps through an agreed Framework, on reporting on the Duty across the relevant public authorities in Dumfries and Galloway be considered by the Executive Group.

**ACTION: ANTI-POVERTY OFFICER, DGC**

## 6. DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND LOCALITY PLANS

### AGREED

6.1 the format of the LOIP being a short, focussed document with the background evidence and supporting material produced as Appendices;

6.2 the updated engagement programme for the development of the Dumfries and Galloway LOIP and Locality Plans as detailed in Appendix 2; and

6.3 that there should be a Locality Plan for food bank users as a new approach to tackling the issues around this aspect of poverty; with the voice of service users and providers being key to its development and implementation.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

## 7. FUTURE COMMUNITY PLANNING ARRANGEMENTS FOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

### AGREED

7.1 in light of recent developments at national and local level that the future arrangements for community planning in Dumfries and Galloway be updated as set out in the Appendices, and in particular:

- the change in name from the Strategic Partnership to Community Planning Partnership Board;
- updating of the CPP Board membership to include community and private sector representation; and Board representation from Police Scotland Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Scottish Enterprise, recognising that this will be replaced by the new South of Scotland Enterprise Agency when established;
- the Community Planning Executive Group membership comprise the five public bodies that have the same statutory Duty for community planning, with Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway as it is referenced in the Guidance.

7.2 that meetings will be open to the public with press releases used to advertise the issues to be discussed; and

7.3 **NOTED** the review of the locality partnership agreements would be undertaken once the new arrangements for the CPP Board and Executive Group were in place.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

Appendix 1

**COMMUNITY PLANNING EXECUTIVE GROUP**  
**Council Offices, English Street, Dumfries**  
**Wednesday 16 August 2017**

**Members**

- Jeff Ace** - Chief Executive  
(in the Chair) NHS, Dumfries and Galloway (NHS D&G)
- Claire Brown** - Operations Manager  
Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway (TS, D&G)
- Derek Crichton** - Director Communities  
(substitute) Dumfries and Galloway Council (DGC)
- Graeme Galloway** - Superintendent, Support and Service Delivery  
(substitute) Police Scotland,  
Dumfries and Galloway Division (PS)
- Hazel Mathieson** - Head of Region,  
Skills Development Scotland (SDS)
- Hamish McGhie** - Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue  
Service, Dumfries and Galloway Division (SFRS)
- Carol Turnbull** - Principal  
Dumfries and Galloway College (DAGCOL)

**Apologies**

- Gary Ritchie** - Local Commander, Police Scotland,  
Dumfries and Galloway Division
- Gavin Stevenson** - Chief Executive  
Dumfries and Galloway Council

**In attendance**

- Liz Manson** - Community Planning and Engagement Manager
- Carol Marshall** - Partnership Support – Administrative Assistant
- Melinda Dolan** - Policy and Performance Advisor, DGC (Item 4)
- Jamie Ferguson** - Community Development and Empowerment



Manager DGC (Items 4 and 5)

**Wendy Jesson** - Anti-Poverty Officer, DGC (Item 3)

**Shonagh Henderson** - Principal Officer Community Safety, DGC (Item 2)

**Andy Reed** - Policy and Performance Advisor DGC (Item 3)

## 1. NOTE OF DECISIONS APPROVED 6 JULY 2017

**APPROVED** as a correct record.

**ACTION COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

## 2. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP AND FUTURE PLANS

### **NOTED**

2.1 the low attendances at the Community Safety Partnership (CSP) meetings during 2016/17;

2.2 the changing context for the CSP over recent months and that as a result the seven Priorities for the CSP were being dealt with by a number of dedicated partnership groupings now in place;

2.3 the proposal for the Public Protection Partnership to be identified as a thematic partnership linked to the Community Planning Partnership; and

2.4 **AGREED** therefore that there no longer appeared to be a need for a CSP and that consideration be given to its future by the Council in line with the Partnership Guidance.

**ACTION: RESILIENCE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY MANAGER, DGC**

## 3. INTERIM LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LOIP) 2016/17 OUTCOME 4: PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTED TO GET OUT OF POVERTY

3.1 **NOTED** the progress of the issues in the Interim LOIP Outcome 4 being maximising income, sanctions, debt and fuel poverty and the additional challenge of rurality in tackling poverty; and in particular the detailed improvements in the HEEPS ABs implementation; people assisted to obtain Benefits; the plans for the roll out of Universal Credit in February 2018; and the potential projects around the costs of the school day including school meals and uniforms;

3.2 **NOTED** the consultation and engagement activity being undertaken around this agenda and in particular the development of the Community Planning Tackling Poverty

Co-ordination Group with good support from a range of partners and the Reference Group;

3.3 **AGREED** that a representative from DAGCOL be added to the membership of the Community Planning Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group; and

3.4 **AGREED** to request an extension for the production of a response to the Socio-Economic Duty Consultation to allow the response to be presented to and agreed by the Strategic Partnership on 15 September 2017; and that the importance of partnership working be highlighted in the response.

**ACTION: ANTI-POVERTY OFFICER DGC**

#### **4. INTERIM LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LOIP) 2016/17 OUTCOME 5: OUR MINORITY GROUPS MAKE A STRONG CONTRIBUTION TO THE PLANNING, DELIVERY AND IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES**

4.1 **NOTED** the progress of the issues in the Interim LOIP Outcome 5 being engagement, attitudes and travel and the challenges of culture change and resources; in particular the very small group of key people who have an equality portfolio in our region; and the opportunities for co-ordinating engagement activity across the public sector partners;

4.2 **HIGHLIGHTED** the importance of work around Third Party Reporting Centres' improving disabled taxi provision; and ensuring that front line/customer service staff across partners have had diversity awareness and etiquette training; and

4.3 **FURTHER NOTED** the consultation and engagement activity being undertaken around this agenda and the importance of the Participation and Engagement Network being fully established.

**ACTION: POLICY AND PERFORMANCE ADVISOR DGC AND COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT MANAGER, DGC**

#### **5. A PARTNERSHIP APPROACH TO PARTICIPATION REQUESTS**

##### **AGREED**

5.1 an approach to Participation Requests which takes cognisance of the developing approaches of all partners and seeks consistency where possible;

5.2 that lead officers in each of the local named public sector organisations in the legislation be identified to take this work forward; and

5.3 to develop a shared approach to dealing with Participation Requests to more than one partner; and

5.4 to receive a progress report in 6 months

**ACTION: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EMPOWERMENT MANAGER DGC**

## **6. DEVELOPING THE DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LOIP) AND LOCALITY PLANS**

6.1 **NOTED** the progress in the development of the D&G LOIP;

6.2 **HIGHLIGHTED** support for the LOIP document to be easy to understand and communicate; and

6.3 **SUPPORTED** the development of a Locality Plan around food bank users, incorporating the work and Lottery Bid currently being developed around food and physical literacy.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

## **7. REVIEW OF PARTNERSHIPS**

**AGREED** to recommend the following changes to the Strategic Partnership:

7.1 the Strategic Partnership be renamed the Community Planning Partnership Board; it comprises Board and Elected representatives with the Executive Group acting as Advisers to the Board; community and private sector representation be secured, with appropriate mechanisms to be identified to achieve this;

7.2. the Executive Group comprises the five public sector organisations with a statutory duty to lead community planning (Council, NHS, Police Scotland, Scottish Enterprise and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service) and Third Sector Interface as referenced in the Guidance;

7.3 that all the organisations in Schedule 1 of the Act are members of the appropriate thematic forum(s) and also in our Stakeholder Group;

7.4 more active engagement of the Stakeholder Group in the monitoring and reporting of the LOIP and Locality Plan(s);

7.5 greater involvement of all partners in submitting reports and discussion topics to the Executive Group and Community Planning Partnership Board and the newsletter to evidence the broad involvement of partners;

7.6 alignment of the Community Planning locality groupings with other partners' models (which are still in development) and connection with the Community Planning Partnership Board;

7.7 our meeting arrangements be refreshed including public access to the Community Planning Partnership Board and meetings being held in venues across the region.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

## **8. EXECUTIVE GROUP WORK PROGRAMME 2017**

**APPROVED** the forward Work Programme as set out in the Appendix, with the additional reports agreed at the meeting at item 5.4; and, with members encouraged to bring forward additional items for the agenda throughout the coming year.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

Item 2**EXECUTIVE GROUP UPDATE–NOVEMBER 2017****1. Background**

This Briefing provides an update on issues that the Executive Group has dealt with since the last meeting of the Board in September 2017. The minutes of the Executive Group meeting on 16 August 2017 are attached as **Appendix 1**.

**2. Key issues**2.1 Membership

Following the Strategic Partnership decision on 15 September 2017, the membership of the Executive Group now comprises the five organisations that have a statutory responsibility to lead community planning (Council, NHS, Police Scotland, Scottish Enterprise; and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service); and the Third Sector Interface which is included in the Guidance.

2.2 Meeting arrangements

The Executive Group has also agreed to refresh its arrangements with a greater focus on dialogue with the thematic partnerships delivering the eight supporting Strategies and Plans; and engagement with individuals and groups who will be impacted by the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the Locality Plan.

2.3 Recent issues considered.

2.3.1 Interim Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) - The Executive Group concluded the scrutiny of the five Outcomes in the Interim LOIP, having had a dialogue with the five lead officers and supporting Policy and Performance Advisors about the challenges experienced in the last year and their plans for the future. Executive Group members gave practical advice and leadership vision in each of the areas and their contributions were acknowledged by lead officers as being helpful in taking their work forward. The annual report is presented as a separate item on this agenda.

2.3.2 The Executive Group has also concluded its annual scrutiny of the work of the thematic partnerships who are responsible for Strategies and Plans contributing to the Interim LOIP. Particular attention was given to the Strategic Housing Forum, which has recently been reinstated and the first public Performance Review of the Health and Social Care Strategic Plan

**3. Recommendation**

The Board is invited to scrutinise and note the update from the Executive Group

Liz Manson, Community Planning and Engagement Manager  
30 October 2017

**Appendix** - Minutes of the Executive Group meeting of 16 August 2017

## CURRENT KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES UPDATE - NOVEMBER 2017

### 1. Background

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

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

### 2. Update reports

Lead officers for the Anti-Poverty Strategy, Children's Services Plan; CLD Partners' Strategic Plan; Local Housing Strategy; Regional Economic Strategy; and the Regional Transport Strategy have provided progress reports for this meeting and they are detailed in the **Appendix**.

### 3. Recommendation

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

Liz Manson, Community Planning and Engagement Manager and lead officers  
9 November 2017

**Appendix** – updates on Strategies and Plans

Item 3 Appendix**UPDATES ON STRATEGIES AND PLANS****Anti-Poverty Strategy**

1. Challenge Poverty Week – Working in partnership with the Poverty Alliance to highlight this national awareness raising initiative, 179 Delegates attended a Conference at Easterbrook Hall on 16 October 2017.

The Conference was very successful and delivered on its aims of:

- Widening awareness of the various causes of poverty and how it impacts on individuals and families;
- To get the right people / organisations together to positively deal with poverty; and
- To provide inspirational examples of how, with the right innovation / commitment, people in poverty can have their lives changed for the better.

A full Conference Report is being compiled which will include all delegate evaluations and specific actions arising.

2.Scottish Government's Aspiring Communities Fund – The successful applications for this fund which specifically targets projects which aim to alleviate poverty are due to be announced at the beginning of November 2017. Dumfries and Galloway third sector organisations submitted several applications following the workshop held in February 2017 in Castle Douglas Town Hall.

3.As advised at the last meeting, £240,000 of Council funding was allocated to implement the results of the region-wide Mapping Exercise by Participatory Budgeting. A Steering Group has now been set up which has a majority of volunteer members and a timetable agreed which will see a call for project submissions over the coming weeks and a series of events to vote for the successful projects early in 2018.

4.Child Poverty Bill– The Anti-Poverty Officer continues to support the national 'Local Action Plans Reference Group' and the development of the Annual Reports by each Local Authority and NHS Boards which will highlight the measures being undertaken within each region to reduce the levels of Child Poverty.

Draft proposals for the reporting mechanisms and performance indicators are due to be completed during November 2017 then agreed by the Reference Group by February 2018. The Scottish Government have also proposed an annual national event which will highlight innovative and effective projects which are successfully tackling child poverty.

5.The University of Glasgow College of Social Sciences are currently carrying out a Research Project entitled "Exploring the Impact of Geographic Deprivation Measures on Policy and Resource Decisions" led by their researcher David Clelland, Crichton Institute. Research study interviews will be completed with community planning partners by the Crichton Institute over the next two months.

6.A project on 'Respectful Funeral Plans' (replicating a successful model in East Ayrshire) is being developed. It will provide support to families during bereavement by offering a tailored funeral package below the average cost of a funeral, currently around £2,772.00.

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

**Community Planning Partnership Board**

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**Children's Services Plan**

1. A six-month interim report on the Children's Services Plan will be presented to Dumfries and Galloway Council in December 2017.

2. Examples of progress up to October 2017 include:

2.1 MASH continues to make good progress in making timely and proportionate decisions. Since the launch of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) for children, there have been:

- 526 referrals involving 901 children
- These referrals resulted in 245 Initial Referral Discussions that led to:
- 178 Child Protection Investigations.

2.2 In Dumfries and Galloway we are implementing the Scottish Government's refreshed Universal Health Visiting Pathway Pre-Birth to Pre-School. The new pathway is being followed for babies born on or after 1 May 2016. Pathway visits by the Health Visitor in the home at 13-15 months commenced in June 2017.

2.3 The development of Family Centres continues with capital works completed at Lochside Family Centre and a summer programme having taken place. Capital works at Park school are planned for late 2017/early 2018.

2.4 The Listen 2 Us project and staff are now managed within Youth Services. The engagement of young people through Life Changes Trust Funding is progressing well with a reported 30% increased participation by young people.

2.5 As reported to the last meeting, £400,000 has been allocated by Dumfries and Galloway Council to the Breakfast Clubs in Primary Schools Project. Development continues with a roll-out planned for early 2018. These Clubs will be in every Primary School within Dumfries and Galloway.

2.6 Also reported to the last meeting, the Anti-Poverty Family Support Project Team will provide direct support to our most vulnerable children and their families within their home environment through a region wide service managed on a West/East split by Senior Social Workers for 18 months. Families will be identified from the current Child Protection Register and from those families already involved within one or other of the multi-agency partners within children's services.

2.7 The draft multi-agency Engagement and Participation Strategy for children and young people should be undergoing consultation in November. Multi-agency staff engagement events are taking place in November 2017 with a further dedicated engagement event for Third Sector staff taking place on 6 December.

2.8 Through the Broad General Education (BGE) stage in schools, standardised assessment results for literacy and numeracy continue to increase. There have been year-on-year improvements at all stages since the introduction of standardised assessments in 2011/2012.

**Lead Officer: Colin Grant, Director Children, Young People and Lifelong Learning,  
Dumfries and Galloway Council**

**Community Planning Partnership Board**

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**Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partners' Strategic Plan 2015 – 2018**

1. The refined Year 2 Action Plan is now being progressed through the partnership with a specific emphasis on partner support to projects and initiatives with high impact such as the Links to Work Scheme; development of Learning Hubs linked to successful funding bid to SSE and Family Centres.

2. The Chair of the CLD Partnership attended two national engagement/developmental sessions on the development of new national guidance to support the CLD Regulations 2018 – 2021 and also the development a new sector Workforce/Professional development Strategy. Through the September CLD Partners' meeting a facilitated session was organised to ensure the views of the D&G CLD Partnership were captured and forwarded to Education Scotland.

3. A professional development session for Practitioners was held on 27 September 2017 at Cargen Towers and led through the CLD Standards Council. Part of this opportunity was to consult on one of the outcomes of the Education Governance Review which will see the establishment of a new National Professional Development body merging the CLD Standards Council with the General Teaching Council of Scotland.

4. On 9 October 2017, the Chair of the CLD Partnership was notified by Education Scotland that an Inspection of CLD in Dumfries and Galloway Council would take place as follows:

Strategic Focused Inspection – 7 and 8 November 2017

Place Based Inspection – 4 – 8 December 2017

A Self-Evaluation has been undertaken with Partners to help inform the inspection and timetables for both Inspections are being prepared in liaison with key CLD and Community Planning Partners. It has also been confirmed that the Place Based Inspection will focus on Dumfries.

The final outcome of the Inspection will be advised in the feedback session on the afternoon of 8 December 2017

**Lead Officer: Stephen Jack, Lifelong Learning Manager**

**Community Planning Partnership Board**

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**Local Housing Strategy**

1. A meeting of the Strategic Housing Forum took place on 30 October 2017. This was an all-day event, focused around a number of workshops, with the aim of generating draft outcomes/actions for inclusion in the consultation draft of the Local Housing Strategy. As reported to the last meeting, the date for the completion of the Strategy is April 2018.
2. The scene was set by a small number of presentations delivered by Councillor John Martin, the Chair of the Forum; the Council's Head of Customer Services, the Community Planning and Engagement Manager and Housing Manager.
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4. The Forum was well attended by a wide range of internal, and external stakeholders. These included Children Services, NHS Dumfries and Galloway, Police Scotland, Strategic Planning, the Energy Agency and the Dumfries and Galloway Small Communities Housing Trust.
5. The feedback received indicated those in attendance found the day to be useful, enjoyable and informative.
6. During the Workshops at the event, key issues for the Strategy were discussed; and it was highlighted in presentations that wide stakeholder engagement, particularly for those minority group such as gypsy travellers, veterans and homeless people is essential and could be built into the monitoring of the Strategy implementation.

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

**Regional Economic Strategy (RES) 2016-2020**

1. The RES was agreed by the Economy, Environment and Infrastructure Committee on 12 May 2015 and endorsed by the Strategic Partnership on 19 June 2015.

2 The Economic Leadership Group continues to meet on a quarterly basis with each meeting focusing on a specific area of work relating to regional priorities in line with its remit to oversee the RES.

3. As reported to the Board at its last meeting, the Enterprise and Skills Review Phase 2 Report published by the Scottish Government on 22 June 2017 announced a new agency to represent the South of Scotland.

As noted in the Minute of the Strategic Partnership of 15 September 2017, the agency will be a new public body which will require primary legislation and the South of Scotland Enterprise Agency is expected to be fully operational from the start of the 2020 financial year.

In order to ensure that the South of Scotland benefits from a new approach as soon as possible the interim arrangements are currently under consideration and will be enacted in advance of the statutory arrangements. A detailed report will be published next week for the Council's Economy Environment and Infrastructure Committee meeting on 21 November 2017 and information on the report's recommendations will be given at the CPP Board meeting.

4. The development of the SoSEA and the RES will be discussed at the D&G Economic Leadership Group meeting in December 2017 and the SoSEA will be a standing topic at future meetings.

**Lead Officer: Chris Travis, Interim Head of Economic Development, Dumfries and Galloway Council.**

## Regional Transport Strategy

- 1 The draft Main Issues Report for the refresh of the RTS was the subject of a report to the meeting of the [SWestrans Board on 22 September 2017](#).
2. At that meeting it was noted that all seven Regional Transport Partnerships have now undertaken or are in the process of undertaking a refresh of their RTS.
3. The current agreed approach to the SWestrans refresh is to amend the text of our RTS to reflect key policy changes and the refresh of the National Transport Strategy (completed January 2016).
4. The accompanying Delivery Plan would also be refreshed to better reflect current local, regional and national strategies, plans and programmes.
5. The work is to be led by the Lead Officer with the support of the Policy Officers and other external experts as required. Transport Scotland's advice and assistance would be sought along with that of the other RTPs who have undertaken this process.

The SWestrans Board agreed the refresh process as follows:

- 1) Initial Board approval to undertake a refresh of RTS – completed.
  - 2) Production of a draft Main Issues Report – November 2017 Board.
  - 3) Production of a final Main Issues Report following further development with key stakeholders (Transport Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway Council, Other RTPs etc) – January 2018 Board
  - 4) Public/Stakeholder Consultation period on Main Issues Report – January/February 2018.
  - 5) Production of a Draft Strategy – March 2108 Board.
  - 6) Consultation on Draft Strategy – April/May 2018.
  - 7) Refreshed Strategy presented for approval to the Board. – July 2018.
6. The refresh process will also include a review/call for projects to be included in the RTS Delivery Plan which will in turn inform the Scottish Governments review of the Strategic Transport Projects Review.

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

**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY INTERIM LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
2016/17 – END OF YEAR REPORT**

**Introduction**

The Dumfries and Galloway Strategic Partnership agreed the region's Interim Local Outcomes Improvement Plan on

During 2016/17 the Executive Group received a report from and met with the lead officers responsible for the Outcomes. They scrutinised the progress made and provided challenge and advice about next steps for the issues within the Outcome.

The Executive Group reported their assessment to the Strategic Partnership where additional scrutiny on progress was undertaken and shared leadership was invested for the future plans.

The experience of an Interim Outcomes Improvement Plan provided an opportunity for partners to develop their prioritisation of inequality and tackling socio-economic disadvantage and develop an understanding of how different Strategies and Plans contribute to this agenda.

In addition to the Outcome progress reports, information on two underpinning issues – transport and environment - is provided as it is recognised they make a contribution across a number of Outcomes and partners have undertaken significant joint work around these themes.

## **OUTCOME 1: WE WILL HAVE BETTER PAID EMPLOYMENT FOR WORKING PEOPLE IN OUR REGION**

### **1.1 Context:**

The main focus is to tackle the underlying weaknesses in our economy - low pay, an over-reliance on traditional rural economic sectors, underemployment, above average levels of youth unemployment and the low level of qualifications - through supporting the inclusive growth priorities of Fair Work, Responsible Business and Employability & Skills development.

The Regional Economic Strategy (RES) has set out an ambitious economic vision of inclusive growth for the region and the Economic Leadership Group is playing a significant role in driving forward that vision and realising the ambitions set out in the RES.

The Employability Partnership Action Plan was agreed in 2015 to implement a three year work plan to deliver employment and skills priorities for the region as identified within Dumfries and Galloway's Single Outcome Agreement. The Action Plan provided the framework to support opportunities for greater co-operation and joined-up activity for increased collaborative working, innovation and the smarter utilisation of resources.

### **1.2 Progress:**

#### **Employment and business opportunities**

The focus of the Employability Partnership in 2015/16 has been on supporting the implementation of the national youth employment strategy Developing the Young Workforce with the key aim to reduce the level of youth unemployment by 40 per cent by 2021 and aligning the delivery of the three funding streams allocated to Dumfries and Galloway (D&G Council, D&G college and D&G Chamber). Key themes of improving parental and employer engagement, transitional support for young people and developing learner pathways have been supported by the delivery of the Youth Guarantee for Dumfries and Galloway, the development of the employer-led Dumfries & Galloway Employability Award and the establishment of industry-led groups for 'Developing the Young Workforce as well as our Economic Leadership Group. The Youth Guarantee Partnership and the provision of Youth Guarantee co-ordinators in our secondary schools until June 2018 supporting all our young people into employment or further education has led to improvement in leavers' destinations which are now at their highest ever level of 94.6%.

Wider Employability Partnership support to those farthest from the labour market has continued and expanded with support from housing and third sector partners to pilot an Employability Foyer model in the West of the region and delivery of the European Social Fund Employability Pipeline commencing in September 2015. This encompasses delivery of employer recruitment incentives which can leverage wider employer/community benefits for the region. Through partnership working, our pipeline supported 293 people into work and our Pathways to Employment recruitment incentive supported 70 people furthest removed from the labour market back into work. Additional European funding was also matched to policy funding to support 186 young people into work through a targeted employer recruitment incentive.

"Links to Work" is a new programme aimed at providing intense support for people living in poverty to help them back into work. This programme, drawing down £583,000 from the Council's European Social Fund (ESF) grant allocation, proposes a community engagement approach with outreach staff based in local communities working to extend services to hard to reach groups. The programme engages with workless, lone parent and low income households providing intensive support to address and overcome barriers and progress

individuals into our local Employability Pipeline and towards sustainable and quality employment.

The average gross weekly pay in the region has seen a 0.8% increase from £458.20 in 2015 to £461.80 against a Scotland wide figure of £536.60 in 2016.

Unemployment is showing a significant decrease from the annual figures from 3,800 in 2015 to 3,000 in 2016.

The Financial Assistance to Small Business (FASB) Scheme has supported 61 businesses in the year to April 2017 with a total grant value of £205,000. In addition we have provided 28 Young Entrepreneur grants with a total value of £14,000. The Council also co-ordinates the grants associated with the Beyond Chapelcross project (CX Project) and 3 grants totaling £26,364 were provided in the 12 month period to April 2017.

The number of new start up businesses created for 2016/17 exceeded target which is an excellent achievement against a backdrop of most regions in Scotland being under target. Our start up service is delivered across the region with workshops and one to one appointments. Advisers are available in our main offices and also in areas including Langholm, Castle Douglas and Sanquhar. The increasing number of new start up businesses, as well as figures showing that 62% of start up businesses are still trading three years later, gives a positive outlook for the coming year.

Over £900,000 in additional grant funding from the European Regional Development Fund has been secured. This has been allocated to provide additional support for growth in turnover and employment in Dumfries and Galloway's small and medium sized businesses. Businesses are now also supported by Business Loan Scotland which is managed locally by the council and our first client recently received a loan of £50,000. The essence of the loan is help the business grow and employ more staff.

We have also secured funding for agreed strategic projects which will help underpin some growth in local businesses and improve local infrastructure enabling expansion and job creation.

LEADER funding has also assisted community; business and fishery projects all of which add to local benefits and employment within Dumfries and Galloway.

### **1.3 Connectivity**

Dumfries and Galloway Council has invested £12.6m in the region's Broadband infrastructure and the region is benefiting from a share of a national investment of £264m. By the end of March 2017, 76.8% of premises across Dumfries and Galloway had access to Broadband. This would have been 26% had there been no intervention. By the end of 2018 it is anticipated that the coverage will be 96.3%.

An expression of interest has been submitted to the Local Full Fibre Programme which forms part of the UK Government's Digital Infrastructure Fund.

The proposed project would extend the provision of fibre connectivity through the Dumfries & Galloway local authority area. Further information on the programme will be available later in the year when a full application will be submitted.

### **1.4 Conclusion**

The creation of the new South of Scotland Enterprise Agency and the Strategic Board bring a new dimension to the delivery of economic development policies and services to the Region.

The new Agency should be fully operational by 1 April 2020. In advance of the formal creation of the new Agency following primary legislation, interim arrangements will be put in place to support early delivery and provide an opportunity to test ideas and cement a partnership foundation for regional economic development.

The delivery of the interim arrangements will be overseen by a partnership between Scottish Borders Council and Dumfries and Galloway Council, Scottish Enterprise, Highlands and Islands Enterprise, Scottish Funding Council and Skills Development Scotland along with an advisory panel drawn from the private sector. The partnership will be supported by a lead individual who will be responsible for co-ordinating the efforts and activities of partners to ensure better aligned delivery during the interim period. The lead individual will be required, in conjunction with lead officers from partner organisations, to develop a work and action plan to provide structure to the interim delivery leading to the formal creation of the agency. The new agency will have a much broader remit than Scottish Enterprise and is intended to have powers similar to those of Highlands and Islands Enterprise. The critical differences relate to a 'relentless focus on place' and a 'social remit'. These key activity areas will allow for robust community development whilst addressing the needs of the most disadvantaged areas of the region. These activities when coupled with a wider base for supporting and engaging with business should lead to a much greater impact on improving the key economic indicators for the region and, critically, closing the average wage gap with the rest of Scotland.

## **OUTCOME 2**

### **THERE ARE POSITIVE DESTINATIONS FOR VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

#### **2.1. Introduction**

'Vulnerability' can involve a complex range of inter-dependent factors and many vulnerable children will be affected by a number of these. In Dumfries and Galloway, our Children's Services Plan 2017-20 contains six priorities aimed at improving outcomes for all children and young people but with a particular focus on ensuring that outcomes improve for the vulnerable – in particular those who are in need of care and protection; those who are looked-after and those facing barriers such as disability or poverty.

#### **2.2 Context**

In Dumfries and Galloway, the total estimated population aged 0-17 in mid-2016 was 26,707. Of these, 10,634 were primary school pupils and 8,007 at secondary school. It is difficult to measure the percentage of our children and young people who could be considered vulnerable because of the many, often concurrent, factors of vulnerability. In April 2017 we had 65 children on the Child Protection Register. In July 2016 we had 393 Looked after children, 1.5% of our under 18 population. In the September school census, 29.5% of primary pupils and 30.3% of secondary pupils had additional support needs. A total of 676 primary and secondary pupils were declared or assessed as disabled. Other factors that can make children and young people vulnerable include: being a young carer, being born with a low birthweight, exposure to domestic abuse and/or parental substance misuse, homelessness, poverty, offending behaviour and others.

#### **2.3 Progress**

The Child Protection Committee have made good progress in taking forward the priorities set out in the Improvement Plan. The plan now more effectively focuses on improving professional practice through the introduction of evidenced based approaches, better access to targeted training and easier access to updated policies and procedures to guide staff in their tasks.

Quarterly performance reports to the CPC now include Pre-Birth, Initial Referral Discussions (IRDs), Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub and Social Work Quality Assurance Data. This information has evidenced improvement in the quality and timing of assessments and highlighted changes in joint working practices.

Over the last two years a significant number of checks and balances have been introduced into the system that seek to ensure decision-making is robust and professional practice is sound. These include routine casefile audits, audits of assessments and multi-agency workshops that bring senior staff together to review practice.

Examples of progress in relation to improvements in CP policy and practice include:

- Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (for children)
- Rollout of the Neglect Toolkit and the establishment of arrangements to test the application and effectiveness of new frameworks eg Neglect and National Risk Framework.
- Improvements to Chronologies are being developed using 'tests of change' methodology.
- A short-life working group is being established to explore the way in which SCRs and ICRs will be taken forward.

- Family Support Services are moving forward and a submission to the Big Lottery Fund has been submitted.

We have continued to implement our Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC approach) and we reviewed our Information-Sharing Guidance following last year's Supreme Court Ruling and also our multi-agency Information-Sharing and Chronologies Training. We have developed further GIRFEC training in Information Gathering and Analysis to support staff to improve the quality of assessment. Our implementation of the Pre-Birth process is allowing us to better identify vulnerable pregnant women and their babies and plan effectively during pregnancies.

Particular examples of progress made by the Corporate Parenting Group include work with the Permanence and Care Excellence Programme (PACE) and work with Housing to develop accommodation supports available to young care-leavers.

Dumfries & Galloway have been a PACE partner since March 2016 with multi-agency representation and a Champions Board to coordinate and oversee progress. The target aim is to reduce to 12 months the time it takes for a child to be in his or her permanent placement from becoming looked after. (Permanency is defined as: at home with parents; Kinship care; Adoption; Permanent Foster Care - with all being legally secured). The PACE programme supports innovative practice and systems reform and aims to reduce process and improve evidenced-based practice and decision-making. The PACE partnership supports work across legal services; courts and children's hearing services and addresses practice and assessment barriers. Through its aim of reducing 'drift' in cases – drift being often confusing for children, parents and carers - It also results in improved communications with families. In 2015 the accommodation profile of our looked-after children changed, with a decrease in the percentage looked-after at home and a corresponding increase in the percentage in Kinship Care or with Foster Carers/Prospective Adopters.

Work is underway under priority 4 of the Children's Services Plan to remove barriers so that all children and young people have equality of opportunity. Actions include support for young carers with the development of the Young Carers Strategy and Young Carers' Statements; the development of a Disability Strategy for children and Poverty Awareness Training which has been delivered to all Head Teachers.

Pupil equity funding this session has been allocated directly to schools by the Scottish Government to support staff to plan and implement appropriate interventions aimed at improving outcomes for children and young people affected by poverty to achieve their full potential. Although the funding is allocated to schools on the basis of free school meal eligibility, Headteachers have discretion to make decisions about which children and young people would benefit most from any particular intervention, whilst keeping a clear focus on delivering equity. To enable local accountability and scrutiny of the operation of the Pupil Equity Funding, schools have been asked to articulate their plans in line with existing planning and reporting procedures as much as possible.

Across schools the use of PEF is focusing on a wide range of activities and interventions that will lead to improvements in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing. Developing of Leadership; learning & teaching; and engagement with families and communities are also common themes which are emerging.

A national framework: 'Interventions for Equity' as well as a local database of exemplars has been developed. This framework will support us to plan and deliver interventions to meet the needs of children and young people affected by poverty in order to close the attainment gap.

### Attainment for vulnerable pupils

In 2016, at all levels and in all areas there was an attainment gap between pupils from the most deprived areas (SIMD 1) and those from the least deprived (SIMD 5). At an early level (Primary 1) this gap was most significant in reading where there was a 16% difference between children from the most and least deprived areas. There was also a significant gap in the achievement of looked-after children at an early level – particularly in reading, writing and listening and talking. Children with free school meals entitlement also performed less well than their equivalents who did not have this entitlement. Girls out-performed boys from early on.

Focused authority-led intervention work through Excellence and Equity groups are supporting schools this session to raise attainment linked to specific groups of children and young people: LAC / Additional Support Needs/ Free School Meal Entitlement / SIMD Quintiles 1 and 2 / Males. In particular this work will focus on reading, writing and numeracy interventions. Schools and clusters are being supported to develop robust and manageable monitoring and tracking systems to help measure impact.

### LAC school leavers' positive destinations

For looked after pupils, the percentage in positive destinations after leaving school in 2015/16 was 76.9% compared to the national average value of 73.6%. For all pupils leaving school in 2015/16 in Dumfries and Galloway, the percentage in positive destinations was 94.6%.

Locally the **Looked After Young People (LAYP) Programme** is a three year programme that allows for 24 looked after or care experienced young people to undertake six months work experience within the Council paid at the Living Wage.

- In 2015/16 6 young people entered the programme, 5 completed, of these 4 entered paid employment and 1 returned to ESS for further support. The young person who left resigned.
- In 2016/17 8 young people entered the programme, 7 completed, of these 4 entered paid employment, 3 returned to ESS for further support and 1 left due to ill health.
- In 2017/18 to date 4 young people have entered the programme, 1 has just gained a craft apprenticeship within the Council, the other 3 are progressing well and young people are being considered for the 4 placements still remaining.

Project Search is an opportunity for up to 12 young people with disabilities or additional support needs to access a one year supported internship to help them reach their goal of employment. The programme is in its third year and is a partnership between Enterprising DG as the host business and Dumfries and Galloway College and the Council's Employability and Skills Service providing support and accreditation for all the young people.

The level of physical activity amongst school aged children is measured annually using an academically verified question set. The national target is for each child to accumulate 60 minutes on a daily basis. Within Dumfries & Galloway 55.3% achieved this over the previous 5 days (an increase of 4.7% on the previous year), when measured over the previous 7 days this figure was 24.9% a reduction of 0.9%.

## 2.4. Key issues and challenges

Our aim is that all our young people should achieve appropriate, positive destinations and be able to sustain these. For this to happen, all partner agencies and services need to have a co-ordinated, aligned approach to employability. Following the service reviews and restructuring, it is important that teams of staff can be allocated time to work together to understand the support needed by young people so that the right support can be delivered in partnership. The updated policy and guidance requires further support and joint capacity-building across Youth Services, Supporting Learners and Employability and Skills staff to

ensure that young people are supported from primary to post school in a progressive way with clear, agreed communication channels and a process which is embedded in practice across all services.

It is important to maintain a strong focus on partnership working in the face of challenging financial landscape as the risk is that pressure on services could facilitate a retreat into 'silo working'.

## **2.5. Financial issues**

The improvements to practice, safeguarding and attainment of our young people are welcome but involve significant current and future financial challenges.

There are significant increases in the costs faced by Social Work in relation to seeking permanence for a child: there is a marked increase in the number of children in kinship care and fostering placements as opposed to being looked after at home. The current exposure on this is in the region of £470k. A continued savings agenda which targets reductions in out-of-region placements also impacts on the resources available to fund permanence.

There are additional costs associated linked to the implementation of the Children and Young People Act which rightly continues the obligations of local authorities for 18-26 year olds of previous looked after status.

The Carers Act will bring further requirements on local authorities for Young Carer Statements and what a local authority may be required to fund to meet the requirements of the Young Carers Statement. The additional funding being made available is relatively small for Dumfries and Galloway.

A significant finance and resource issue that often follows improvement plans is how to fund the additional posts that are created to make the improvements, monitor progress and continue to ensure that we achieve best practice in the pursuit of positive destinations.

Without further Scottish Government money to local authorities to support the implementation of Developing Young Workforce recommendations it will be challenging to sustain the level of support in school and for schools. Sustained positive destinations are a key measure of the success of the universal support for all pupils which develops skills for life, learning and work. Without financial support to coordinate all the partners who support this in school there is a danger of a negative impact on the participation measure for 16-19 year olds, which has been improving to a high of 94.2%.

## **2.6. Engagement**

The development of an Engagement and Participation Strategy for children and young people is one of the actions under Priority 4 of the Children's Services Plan. A range of consultation work is currently underway with young people and their parents/carers with the aim of finalising the strategy and developing an action plan by the end of November. Multi-agency staff engagement events are planned for November 2017 and a dedicated Third Sector engagement event is currently being planned to take place before the end of 2017.

## **OUTCOME 3**

### **OLDER AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE ARE ABLE TO LOOK AFTER THEIR OWN HEALTH AND WELLBEING**

#### **3.1 Context:**

The projected demography of our region in the next 20 years is well known. Perhaps the most significant factors are the projected rise in the 85+ group that is expected to more than double from 3,938 in 2011 to 10,276 in 2037 combined with the number of older adults (aged 75 and over) living alone likely to nearly double from 6,400 to 11,700. Rurality also plays a significant part with nearly half of all people living in settlements with fewer than 3,000 people and nearly a third living in remote areas (further than 30 minutes' drive from a large town).

Services for Older and Vulnerable People fall within the remit of services delegated to the Integration Joint Board (IJB). Operationally the services are managed by the Health and Social Care Senior Management Team, chaired by the Chief Officer of the Health and Social Care Partnership.

#### **3.2 Progress:**

Services are largely delivered in the four recognised localities of our region or in regional acute settings (DGRI and Midpark). Integrated locality teams have been in place formally since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 and are delivering services as detailed in their respective Locality Plans. Services continue to engage with communities, the prime example of this being the work that was completed as part of the Esk Valley project that was reported to the IJB in November 2016. Progress, given the complexities of bringing together different systems, processes and cultures, has been good if not without its challenges.

The report of (joint) Inspection of Older People's Services held in the first quarter of 2016 was published in the autumn. Five themes have been developed to respond to the recommendations from the report and our action plan has been accepted by the Care Inspectorate. The work will be progressed during the coming year.

In October 2016 the 'living wage' (£8.25) was adopted by our Care at Home providers across all sectors. The profile of this workforce is dominated by a largely female workforce working part-time hours. This significant investment by the Health and Social Care Partnership was above the funding provided by the Scottish Government. The effect of this has been positive within the Care at Home market with many providers stating they have been able to recruit and retain staff to greater levels than previously. This has had a commensurate effect on the availability of Care at Home which means there have been fewer delays for appropriate support to be provided. A tangible example of this would be the improvement in the Partnership's delayed discharge figures in the winter months.

The Partnership has prioritised 'Flow' (the movement of people in, through and where appropriate out of service). This initially focused more on hospital settings than the community but this has started to change as we have developed a better understanding of the issues affecting flow from a system-wide perspective. Tangible examples would be the introduction of Dynamic Daily Discharge (DDD) within DGRI and latterly the first of our Cottage Hospitals, the re-focusing of the Short Term Assessment and Re-ablement Service (STARS), 7 day discharges in DGRI, the introduction of 'flow' coordinators in both DGRI and our localities, the re-forming of the Delayed Discharge Partnership and the weekly meeting chaired by the Chief Officer that looks at relevant issues affecting flow. These measures, alongside others, had a positive effect on a very busy winter period with the acute hospital able to deal with increased demand for unscheduled admissions and having to cancel a far fewer number of elective procedures than the previous winter period.

The Partnership recruited two Older People Specialist Nurses with the key role of assessing Older People's frailty, working with others and supporting older people to remain at home or in a homely setting. Part of their developing role will allow them to be able to draw on advice/guidance from a consultant geriatrician at DGRI. These specialist nurses along with a cohort of Advanced Nurse Practitioners will allow more flexibility within community based services than is currently possible.

Prescribing Support teams in the localities have grown during the year. The teams have consequently been able to do more work in GP practices and with individual patients, particularly around medication reviews for older people on multiple medications and the prescribing practice of GPs. Tangible results of this have been better outcomes for people due to reducing/better combination of medicines along with associated side-effects.

The Partnership acknowledges and values the vital role Carers perform. The Partnership continues to develop positive links with Carer organisations, particularly the Dumfries and Galloway Carers Centre which has delivered commissioned services for many years. That Carers Centre has reported that there has been a significant increase in the over 65s accessing the service. An increase of 103 new Carers has been recorded taking the total to 223. The 65-80 age group saw an increase of 75 new referrals while the 81 and over age group has more than doubled (from 26 to 54) in comparison to last year. 127 Adult Carers' Support Plans were completed by the Carers Centre on behalf of the Partnership last year. The outcomes from the Plans are focussed on the Carer and can range from signposting, attending groups or individual sessions run by the Carers Centre or onward referral to statutory agencies. In all cases the Carer's financial circumstances are discussed and where appropriate they are referred to benefit maximisation services.

The Partnership, along with Police Scotland colleagues opened a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH). The primary purpose of the MASH is to ensure a timeous, coordinated and consistent response to Adult Support and Protection (ASP) concerns across our region. Since January the Adult and Children's MASH has been based within Police HQ at Cornwall Mount. A total of 2564 Adult Support and Protection (ASP) concerns were received during last year (April 16 – March 17). 882 of these were for the +65 age group and of these 71% related to the +75 age group. The vast majority of referrals received were dealt with by way of other interventions other than one within the ASP workstream, for example there were only 13 case conferences for the +65 age group. The Partnership continues to raise awareness of ASP, particularly within the NHS which has appointed 2 ASP advisors.

Dumfries and Galloway has recorded one of the largest increases in Scotland for the numbers of approved welfare guardianships during the year of 89%, a rise from 62 – 117. The Partnership planned a Power of Attorney (POA) campaign during the year and this was launched in late April 2017, the primary focus of the campaign is to get more people to have POA, which in turn would lead to fewer welfare guardianships being sought which take much longer, are more expensive and can delay people in hospital settings when they have lost their capacity to make decisions regarding their future treatment, care and support. The Partnership continues to support a range of Third Sector organisations to provide services to Older and Vulnerable people. The Partnership maintained funding to the vast majority of organisations via grants or commissions during the year as well as supporting others to a greater level.

The profile of housing within the Partnership was quickly recognised as an area for development. We have appointed a housing lead officer, completed a health and housing needs analysis and formed regional and locality housing groups. There is a positive connection to Strategic Housing colleagues and a much better understanding emerging of the connectivity and complexities between people's 'accommodation' and their Health and Social

Care needs. One tangible outcome of this activity will be to produce a strategy this year that sets out the Partnership's aims in terms of Extra Care housing taking into consideration current and future usage of Care Homes and Cottage Hospitals.

### **3.3 Challenges**

Sustainability of services across the Partnership manifested by difficulties in recruitment and retention of professional staff, including GPs is a concern, particularly in the West of the region. We are examining 'skill mix', progressing recruitment initiatives and looking at how other parts of the Partnership and technology may be able support sustainability. We have to be clear that developing sustainable services are not the same as preserving existing services.

There are circa 1,100 Care Home places in the region in homes ranging in size from the mid-teens to over 65 beds in some of the larger facilities. The funding mechanism for beds is complex and for many years has been largely governed by the National Care Home Contract (NCHC). This has worked well for many years however the introduction of the living wage (£8.25) alongside a number of modest rises within the NCHC over the past few years and our regions previous practice in placing residents at the lowest possible rate has had a negative effect for our Care Home providers. The Partnership continues to work pro-actively with our providers through Scottish Care and is looking at a range of options to mitigate the inherent risk within the sector at this juncture.

The Partnership, as per national policy, is committed to promoting early intervention and prevention. This work goes on in localities at a community level or at an individual level. Services are delivered by the statutory and Third sectors and goes on almost unnoticed in comparison to other 'higher profile' services. The outcome for those using these services is positive and there is no doubt that this approach keeps people healthier and less dependent for longer. Given the current financial situation however these services could be seen as 'easy targets' to make efficiencies and some very difficult decisions may need to be made around how these services are commissioned and delivered.

### **3.4 Conclusion**

Overall the Health and Social Care Partnership has had a successful first year in relation to caring for our older and vulnerable people with a number of highlights as noted above. We have to be clear that developing sustainable services are not the same as preserving existing services and that the challenges going forward are many but with them go many opportunities.

## **OUTCOME 4 PEOPLE ARE SUPPORTED TO GET OUT OF POVERTY**

### **4.1 Context:**

Poverty within our region is complex. Many individuals on low incomes have multi-faceted needs and challenges including accessing employment opportunities, ill health and housing. The need for the rural nature of our region to be fully considered when responding to poverty, fuel poverty, transport and isolation are all key factors. Due to the completion of some of the projects in the original Council Strategy's Action Plan, a Refreshed Action Plan has been developed which will be submitted to the Communities Committee on % September 2017.

### **4.2 Progress:**

The Council's Action Plan is 40% complete and is currently being updated.

The new Dumfries and Galloway Council Administration's 'Progressive Partnership Agreement' includes a range of commitments that will support the tackling poverty priority and includes the Commitment to "Tackle the causes and effects of inequality and poverty".

### **Dumfries and Galloway Mapping Exercise**

In conjunction with Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway, a region-wide "Mapping Exercise" was launched in February 2017. The scope of this project was to capture information about services currently delivered across the sectors in relation to preventing or dealing with the consequences of poverty. The key outcomes of this project have been:

- Identification of a range of gaps and duplication of provision and an evidence base for recommendations associated with future investment to tackle poverty;
- Highlight existing successful projects and initiatives to enable the sharing of best practice;
- Improve access to, and awareness of, services by our residents who most need them;
- Promote and encourage collaboration across partners; and
- Assist Council Directorates to improve and re-design services to assist the most vulnerable.

162 (both region-wide and area based) organisations submitted responses and these have been analysed. This exercise highlighted the following:

- A need for greater connectivity between all organisations within our region who tackle poverty in all of its forms with increased understanding of the remit of each to ensure better "sign-posting" between services;
- Improved availability of information to individuals and families facing poverty on the wide-range and remit of services which are available across our region with details of locations, times and services available
- Better alignment of services and organisations to support people in poverty and to work together to increase sustainability (e.g. through joint funding bids, shared services, not "competing" for same segments etc).
- The demand and opportunities for a "co-ordination centre" that could attract and or distribute a wide range of resources / donations on behalf of existing organisations (e.g. Food and Clothing Banks);
- The critical issues associated with the rural nature of our region; digital connectivity, fuel poverty, isolation, transport and access to health services;

- There was a consistent “spread” of services across the region but the geography of the Stewartry area highlighted the benefit of additional consideration of availability / access of provision; and
- The need to directly involve individuals and families in making service changes and improvements prior to them being implemented.

### **Next steps**

Noted below are projects which take forward the issues in this Outcome.

### **Fuel Poverty**

Fuel poverty is an issue in many rural areas of our region. This project will assist fuel poor households throughout Dumfries and Galloway with in-home advice, referrals for energy saving measures and income maximisation, along with a budget for small capital works (e.g window insulation) to assist the reduction of energy use in the home where conventional, national schemes are unavailable.

### **Maximising Income/Sanctions/Debt**

This project proposes to support our clients with ensuring that the main challenges of the roll out of Universal Credit are managed as effectively as possible. The Anti-Poverty Officer together with other Officers have formed a working group with the Department of Work and Pensions to develop training and a range of partnership opportunities to ensure that the impact of the roll out of Universal Credit will be completed as effectively as possible within our Region and with the minimum impact to all of our clients. Lessons are being learned from Roll-Outs within other region's of Scotland and effective partnership working has already been developed.

### **Support to the Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group and Tackling Poverty Reference Group**

This funding will cover the costs for the ongoing support of both these groups in terms of room booking, subsistence, materials, transport costs and training. This will ensure that the group continue to be empowered and make effective contributions to all aspects of tackling poverty within our region.

### **Development of Participatory Budgeting**

A proposal to allocate £10k as match funding for a bid to the national ‘Community Choices Fund’ has been submitted. If successful the bid will give £20k of Scottish Government funding towards the purchase of technical equipment and the running of events for the budget below. If the bid is unsuccessful then the funding required will be sought from the Council Anti-Poverty budget. This is consistent with the new Council Administration’s Commitment in the Progress Partnership Agreement for 1% of the Council’s Budget to be determined through Participatory Budgeting as the equipment can be used for a range of budgets and PB exercises.

### **Other projects to deliver the Mapping Project findings and Council Anti-Poverty Action Plan**

Up to £240,000 of funding to deliver projects around what the Mapping Exercise has told us and other projects in the Action Plan. This is a significant contribution to having the voices of people experiencing poverty heard.

## **Tackling Poverty in Dumfries and Galloway Conference**

A Tackling Poverty in Dumfries and Galloway Conference, as part of National Challenge Poverty Week 2017, will be held on Monday 16 October 2017 at the Easterbrook Hall, Crichton Campus, Dumfries and details of the full programme will be released shortly and all members of the Community Planning Executive Group will be invited to attend. The key aims of the Conference are to:

- Widen awareness of the various causes of poverty and how it impacts on individuals and families;
- To get the right people / organisations together to positively deal with poverty; and
- To provide inspirational examples of how, with the right innovation / commitment, people in poverty can have their lives changed for the better.

Challenge Poverty Week is a national campaign co-ordinated by the Poverty Alliance to raise awareness of issues surrounding poverty. In addition to the above conference, a week long programme of events is currently being finalised which showcase the wide range of services and projects that currently support people experiencing all forms of poverty throughout our region. The Executive Group will be informed of the programme as soon as it is available and invited to attend any of the events which they wish to.

### **Challenges:**

The new Child Poverty (Scotland) Act which has set out a clear agenda to tackle, report on and measure Child Poverty. It contains the following key elements;

- Sets out four statutory income targets;
- Places a duty on Scottish Ministers to publish Child Poverty Delivery Plans, with the first plan covering the 3 year period from 1 April 2018 and two further plans each covering a 5 year period, and to report on these plans annually; and
- Places a duty on local authorities and health boards to report annually on activity they are taking and will take, to reduce child poverty.

The Council's Anti-Poverty Officer has attended two meetings of the National Child Poverty Bill Forum. The exact format, performance information and level of detail to be contained within these annual reports has still to be confirmed by the Scottish Government. However, the Anti-Poverty Officer is ensuring relevant colleagues across our Council and NHS are aware of the emerging issues and will be well prepared to respond.

A Consultation on socio-economic duty by the Scottish Government is currently being consulted on and the proposed public authorities to be covered by this Duty are:

Scottish Ministers  
Local Authorities  
NHS Health Scotland  
Integration Joint Boards  
Regional Health Boards  
The Scottish Police Authority  
Highlands and Islands Enterprise  
Scottish Enterprise

### **Consultation and engagement:**

The Tackling Poverty Reference Group is playing a key role in the engagement programme for the development of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan during 2017/18 and will also have a role in monitoring and performance reporting

In addition a programme of engagement is being developed for the Group, involving a range of partners to develop the influence of service users in service delivery and planning.

### **Conclusion**

To tackle poverty in all of its forms requires commitment from every community planning partner, organisation, Council Directorate and from our service users to all effectively work together. We need to respond quickly and effectively to emerging legislation, maximise funding opportunities, communication and promotion and design and improve our services to ensure those that are the most deprived and hard to reach can be heard and engaged with.

The Council is providing leadership on this key priority through the Anti-Poverty Officer role and through effective intervention projects, ensuring the essential cultural change and improved services, we will begin to impact to tackle poverty in all of its forms throughout our Region.

## **OUTCOME 5**

### **OUR MINORITY GROUPS MAKE A STRONG CONTRIBUTION TO THE PLANNING, DELIVERY AND IMPROVEMENT OF SERVICES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES**

#### **5.1 Context:**

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 has made some significant improvements to the profile and culture of community empowerment throughout the public and third sector; and also within communities themselves.

The fact that there is now a legislative requirement to put arrangements in place has seen a step change across public bodies, although the practical implementation is proving challenging in the face of staffing reductions across all sectors.

#### **5.2 Progress:**

There are a number of developments that the Executive Group and Strategic Partnership have overseen during 2016/17. Some details of the Performance Indicators and projects are attached.

The annual report on the Community Planning Equality and Diversity Working Group – discussed at the last meeting, highlighted the positive working relationships that were in place between representative groups for Protected Characteristics and public sector partners; and the programme of work associated with specials days and celebratory events.

The creation of the Community Planning Participation and Engagement Working Group, with representatives from eight partners organisations coming together to share resources and plan a programme of consultations and engagement – its first progress report is due at the next meeting of the Executive Group.

The establishment of a Participation and Engagement Network, supported by NHSD&G, to offer local individuals and groups an opportunity to be consulted on the planning and delivery of public services.

The development of the Council's Centre of Excellence for Participation and Engagement which is developing benchmarking and national engagement around this agenda.

The agreement of updated Equality Outcomes across public bodies, notably the Council, the Integration Joint Board and SWestrans, which include reference to communication and engagement.

The identification of the Regional Transport Strategy as a foundation Strategy for the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

The progress in the implementation of the Community Learning and Development Partners' Strategic Plan Action Plan (reported to the last meeting of the Executive Group) and its focus on those who need help the most.

The development of Community Asset Transfer and Volunteer Strategies by public sector bodies and Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway; and the proposal for a partnership approach to Participation Requests, elsewhere on this meeting agenda.

### **5.3 Challenges**

The major challenges around this agenda are culture change and resources.

The shift required within public sector organisations is significant, particularly in relation to 'professional' expertise and experience. New 'soft skills' skills in engagement and empowerment are required and leadership from management and Elected Board members is key.

Resources being invested in training and technology are also required and given the pressure on public sector funding this is a difficult message to sell. New approaches, including better co-ordination and sharing of expertise – e.g. through the Consultation Institute training being available across partners; streamlining processes e.g. through the Participation Requests; and tapping into national and community assets must also be developed.

### **5.4 Conclusion**

Significant progress has been made over the last year in this overall agenda and there is an appetite locally and nationally for this work to continue and become embedded in the way that we do things across our Community Planning Partnership.

## **Transport**

The most significant partnership project that has been developed during 2016/17 is the co-production model of a Public Social Partnership for Social/Community Transport which has three workstreams:

- Transport service developments
- Health and Social Care Transport Developments
- Capability and capacity building

The Strategic Partnership agreed at its meeting on 17 June 2016 that this should be developed following consideration of a Review Report 'Community Transport in Dumfries and Galloway: A state of the Sector Report and Improvement Plan'.

The subsequent meeting in November 2016 saw a formal recommendation to the key partners about a Memorandum of Understanding.

Funding agreed by Dumfries and Galloway Council in February and March 2017 has seen investment of £113,595 for the PSP.

Progress during the remainder of 2016/17 was satisfactory. The 2017/18 reporting year has seen significant development with the Steering Group and Development Working Groups meeting regularly and nine pilot projects being developed for full Businesses cases.

## **Environment**

It is recognised by partners that in addressing the Outcomes within the Interim LOIP, the partners must act in an environmentally responsible way, consistent with the statutory duties of the public sector partners particularly under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.

The three elements of the Duties – mitigation, adaptation and acting sustainably – are reflected throughout the Performance Report with examples including home energy; digital connectivity and public and active travel all part of our activities.

The comprehensive Impact Assessment toolkit, which includes reference to sustainability and climate change, was updated during this reporting year with strengthened references to inequality and socio-economic deprivation. The agreement that all partners will use the same toolkit provides for a greater understanding of these issues and opportunity for appropriate mitigating action to be put in place as required.

Item 4**END OF YEAR PERFORMANCE REPORT – INTERIM LOCAL  
OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2016-2017****1. Background**

1.1 The region's Single Outcome Agreement 2013-16 concluded on 31 March 2016. As the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 had been passed, partners were aware that a new planning document was going to be required.

1.2 Therefore, rather than extend the SOA for a further year, the Strategic Partnership agreed to embrace the new concept and develop an Interim LOIP.

1.3 Pre-consultation activity took place with the Equality and Diversity Working Group using the Place Standard tool and a Workshop with Stakeholders took place in June 2016. The Interim LOIP was signed off at the Partnership meeting on 16 September 2016.

**2. Key issues**

2.1 Throughout the last year, the Executive Group has held scrutiny sessions with the lead officers and the supporting Policy and Performance Advisors to consider their progress report and also challenges and next steps around their agenda.

2.2 The key messages from each these sessions were then reported to the Strategic Partnership for review and discussion as part of the Executive Group Briefing.

2.3 The lead officers have advised that they found the opportunity to meet with the Executive Group a valuable opportunity to discuss issues that need a partnership approach to resolve; and the submission of information to the Strategic Partnership is an opportunity to raise the profile of particular issues.

2.4 The End of Year Performance Report on the Interim LOIP is attached at **Appendix 1**. The Executive Group indicated at each session that they were satisfied with the progress made in each of the Outcomes

2.5 The final document will include the LOIP Outcomes and the graphic design will be consistent with previous End of Year reports and promoted.

**3. Recommendation**

The Board is invited to scrutinise and note the End of Year Report of the Interim LOIP 2016-17.

Liz Manson, Community Planning and Engagement Manager  
7 November 2017

**Appendix – End of Year Performance Report Dumfries and Galloway Interim LOIP  
2016/17**



**D&G Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and Locality Plan:  
Final Phase Feedback September – November 2017**

**1. LOIP**

**1.1. LOIP Engagement – Final Phase**

The Community Planning Partnership wanted to hear final contributions of the following groups on the LOIP and face to face sessions took place as follows:

- Equality & Diversity Working Group – staff and volunteers from third sector organisations working with and representing groups with protected characteristics
- Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group – volunteers with lived experience of poverty

Face to face engagement also took place with other Stakeholders:

- Listen2Us – young volunteers with experience of the care system
- Participation and Engagement Network – volunteers with an interest in being involved in improving local services.
- Older People’s Consultative Group - staff and volunteers from organisations working with and representing older people

The LOIP and supporting Appendices were available on the Community Planning Website with a feedback form for use by partners and the public. Feedback was received from:

- NHSD&G – Public Health Directorate
- Dumfries and Galloway Council – Environment Team

A summary of the feedback received from the final phase is provided below. This also highlights where feedback has influenced the final draft and if not why not. All comments received will be included in the Engagement Appendix to the approved LOIP.

**1.2. Feedback on the LOIP**

**1.2.1 General Comments**

Feedback has been very positive during this final phase possibly reflective of the key role and influence stakeholders have had in the development of the LOIP over the past six months.

Comment	Response
<i>“The format of the LOIP is good. It is easy to read and understand.”</i>	Given the Strategic Partnership’s aim to have a short, focussed document in Plain English, this feedback suggests the LOIP has achieved that.
<i>“There appears a heavy emphasis on Veterans - are there other, larger communities of interest who also experience greater inequality in Dumfries &amp; Galloway?”</i>	Veterans continue to feature in Outcomes 1 and 3 as a community of interest however detailed analysis of profiling data and stakeholder experience has provided evidence of other groups who may be at greater risk of experiencing socio economic

	disadvantage or inequality. LGBT young people and those who are isolated have therefore been added in Outcome 2.
Add an additional Outcome to recognise the importance and value of the natural environment. <i>“Our region’s natural and built assets are valued and are sustainably managed for current and future generations”</i>	The natural environment has not featured in feedback to date as a priority in addressing socio economic disadvantage. While an additional outcome has therefore not been greater emphasis will be given to the natural environment in the supporting Appendices.
Consider use of info graphics to highlight important issues and break up text.	Addressed in the final LOIP.
A glossary of terms should be included.	This will be added to the final version of the LOIP.
Across the document there needs to be acknowledgement of hidden deprivation and its impact/significance for service provision and policy development.	Reference has been added within the LOIP on inequality and poverty being widespread throughout D&G. The Appendices to the LOIP in particular the Regional Profile will include additional data to reflect this.
Improvement Actions –what is meant by Improvement Actions e.g. How will these be developed and agreed? Who has ownership for the Improvement Actions and where does governance/accountability sit?	The detail of the Improvement Actions including ownership and accountability will be made clear in the relevant Appendix. This approach has been taken in order to achieve the vision of a focussed LOIP.
It would be useful to include detail on the process and development of the LOIP.	The Engagement Appendix will include a timeline of the key stages and decision making and development process.
Some comments seek to ensure the Outcomes apply to all people rather than specific groups or communities of interest – the concept of universal service being reflected in our Plan	The legislative requirements of the LOIP, the feedback from the significant majority of stakeholders throughout the development of the LOIP and the available resources has highlighted that there must be a focus on those specific groups who need help the most.
<i>“There needs to be recognition that infrastructure is important – where employment opportunities are created which attract people to live and work in the region.”</i>	Reference to the importance of infrastructure is throughout the supporting Appendices. In particular, in the Supporting Plans and Strategies’ Appendix the Regional Economic Strategy, the Regional Transport Strategy and the Local Development Plan for D&G are referenced.
Greater detail should be provided on Protected Characteristics and the Equality Act.	The Glossary of Terms in the LOIP will explain the term Protected Characteristics; and an explanation and description of the Equality Act will be detailed within the Supporting Plans and Strategies Appendix.
A number of specific updates have been received in relation to additions/amendments in the Appendices to the LOIP.	These are being reviewed and will be reported to the Executive Group in December 2017.

### 1.2.2 Feedback on the LOIP Outcomes

Comment	Response
<p><b>Outcome 1</b> – Alternative wording proposed “Everyone will be given the support needed to access sustained employment”.</p>	<p>The concept of sustained employment has been added.</p>
<p><b>Outcome 2</b> - Most feedback requested a greater emphasis be given to informal learning in community settings. The addition of English for Speakers of Other Languages(ESOL) as being a priority was also regularly commented upon.</p>	<p>The final LOIP includes reference to both.</p>
<p><b>Outcome 3</b> - Almost all feedback requested a greater emphasis on mental health in this Outcome, in particular support for Carers, Veterans, the LGBT community, people affected by substance misuse and people in contact with the Community Justice system.</p> <p>Some responses highlighted a need for a greater focus on addressing issues for young people and ensuring access to services for young people.</p> <p><i>Outcome 3 “should give consideration to building resilience at both individual and community level and the wider determinants of health and their impact on health and wellbeing. It is important to highlight upstream/early intervention and prevention activity’</i></p> <p>One response proposed an additional paragraph - <i>“We want to reduce the vulnerability of our communities to the impacts of climate change (or extreme weather events), and therefore the associated potential for loss of wellbeing, by maintaining the safety and security of the region” and developing organisational, community &amp; personal resilience.</i>”One response wanted a clearer reference to <i>individual and community resilience</i> in this outcome.</p>	<p>The Outcome narrative now reflects these groups.</p> <p>Individual and community resilience is an important issue throughout the LOIP and is explicit in Outcome 6.</p>
<p><b>Outcome 4</b> - Use similar language to Outcome 1 that makes support available to those who need it most rather than everyone. Include support to live independently as being as important as securing a tenancy. Be more explicit about addressing Fuel Poverty.</p>	<p>The Outcome has been updated to reflect that focus and fuel poverty is explicit.</p>

<p><b>Outcome 5</b> – Feedback requested that specific groups most affected be included to be consistent with other Outcomes.</p> <p><i>“Pleased that it has been acknowledged about better paid jobs not being the priority, support for those that can’t get a job is where to start.” “Like the fact that living wage has been highlighted”. “Zero contracts – like that this has been included”.</i></p>	<p>The following has therefore been added – ‘In particular care experienced young people, parents, Carers and disabled people will be supported’.</p>
<p><b>Outcome 6</b> –Stakeholders highlighted that the specific issue of bullying often is experienced by minority groups and should be highlighted as a protection issue.</p> <p><i>This section should make reference to health protection and community safety. Priority is being given to neighbourhoods who do not feel safe. .</i></p>	<p>Bullying has been added</p> <p>Health Protection has been added</p>
<p><b>Outcome 7</b> – Most feedback requested that “people who are isolated” should replace “older people” and that the word transport be used instead of travel.</p> <p><i>Other modes of transport e.g. cycling, public transport and infrastructure should be recognised and included. The change from travel options to transport options seeks to suggest that there are a range of options available without going into detail.</i></p>	<p>This has been changed in the Outcome narrative</p>
<p><b>Outcome 8</b> – <i>Stronger emphasis on promoting, celebrating and valuing our diverse individuals and communities.</i></p>	<p>Wording has been amended in the narrative to respond to this.</p>

## 2. Locality Plan on Food Sharing

### 2.1 Locality Plan on food sharing engagement –final phase

Face to face sessions took place with six food sharing providers in Annan, Castle Douglas, Dumfries, Stranraer and Upper Nithsdale.

Dialogue also took place with the Tackling Poverty Reference Group which includes people with experience of food banks and community food sharing.

It is recognised that this new area of focus requires further engagement and there is a plan for further work with service users, local communities and further providers and professionals.

The LOIP and supporting Appendices were available on the Community Planning Website with a feedback form for use by partners and the public. Feedback was received from:

- NHSD&G – Public Health Directorate
- Dumfries and Galloway Council

### 2.2 Feedback on the Locality Plan on food sharing

A summary of the feedback received from the final phase is provided below. This also highlights where feedback has influenced the final draft and if not why not.

information on centres and organisations operating in Kirkconnel, Kelloholm, Annan and the Stewartry and figures from the Oasis Youth Centre and the number of parcels distributed be included	this has been added where available
further engagement is required with communities	this is planned for the lifetime of the Plan
more detailed action is required about resources and how inequalities are to be addressed	this will be part of the further work around this issue and included in the performance information
food banks should not be seen as the default position – the focus should be on supporting individuals and families which results in them having to access food banks	three of the four Outcomes are about supporting people – only one is about food banks – so the emphasis is very much on trying to reduce the need for food banks.
waste reduction and sustainable food systems are important and should be included	this is reflected in Outcome 4 and performance measures for these issues will be put forward
the quality of items in food banks and opportunities to engage with users should be included	this issue is part of the work in Outcome Four
examples of community food projects would be helpful to stimulate interest	examples of good practice and testimony will form part of the performance monitoring reports
detailed of what is expected to be delivered and how it will be measured is not included in the Plan	this is part of the performance information which will be developed one the Outcomes have been agreed by the CPP Board

performance measures should include 'softer targets' and a mix of qualitative and quantitative measures	this has already been agreed
consider breaking up the text and using formatting to present the activity more clearly	this has been done
there should be an overall vision for food sharing	the vision for the Locality Plan and the LOIP are covered by the Community Planning vision.
there should be clarity about the name and links as Health and Social Care already have Locality Plans	The Locality Plan is a statutory term – care is always taken to make clear when it's a Health and Social Care Plan and when it's the Locality Plan on food sharing that is being referred to.
Change support is ' <i>available to</i> ' rather than support is ' <i>given to</i> '	Change in the wording of that Outcome has been made
Future engagement should include innovative approaches	this is welcome and will be put in place

#### **4. Impact Assessment**

Stakeholders will be engaged in the Impact Assessment of the final Plans which will use the agreed partnership toolkit which includes social and economic sustainability as well as the statutory Impact Assessment issues of equalities, environmental and climate change.

#### **5. Evaluation of the Engagement Process**

Feedback has been gathered throughout the engagement process with a final evaluation planned to take place with stakeholders during November/December 2017. This evaluation will assess the suitability of the methods used to enable stakeholders to participate, the quality of information provided, whether stakeholders had enough time to participate and how stakeholder feedback was considered and influenced the development of the Plans.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The CE(S) A 2015 also supports a change to the culture and basis of Community Planning. It has a greater focus on shared leadership and will see empowerment of communities and individuals in a range of ways including through Participation Requests and Community Asset Transfers. Our Community Planning Partnership here in Dumfries and Galloway is at the forefront of these developments.

We have the advantage of starting from a sound base too - we have well established and mature relationships between organisations in the public, third and private sectors; our volunteering network is a particular strength and continues to develop and grow; and we all share a passion for improving the quality of life for every single person who lives here.

So we are well placed to face the challenges and make the improvements that are set out here, in this our first Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

### **Councillor Elaine Murray**

*Chair, Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership Board*

### **Philip N Jones**

*Vice Chair, Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership Board*

## 2. BACKGROUND

**The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 Part 2 [CE(S) A 2015] requires each Community Planning Partnership (CPP) to prepare and publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) which sets out:**

- (a) local outcomes to which priority is to be given by the CPP with a view to improving the achievement of the outcomes,
- (b) a description of the proposed improvement in the achievement of the outcomes,
- (c) the period within which the proposed improvement is to be achieved, and
- (d) a description of the needs and circumstances of persons residing in the area of the local authority to which the plan relates.

The Act also states that *'in carrying out its functions, the Community Planning Partnership must act with a view to reducing inequalities of outcome which result from socio-economic disadvantage'*. An individual's socio-economic status is a person's social and economic position in relation to others, based on income, education and occupation.

There are seven areas where significant inequalities exist within Scottish society: poverty/low income; access to services; employment; education; health; discrimination; and targeted violence and safety (Equality and Human Rights Commission).

### 3. OUR VISION AND PRINCIPLES

Our overarching Community Planning Vision is 'working together to create an ambitious, prosperous and confident Dumfries and Galloway where people achieve their potential'.

A number of Principles have been identified as important in guiding partners to achieve the Vision:

#### Best Value

- providing the right services in the right place, at the right time and at the right price.

#### Engagement

- listening to, speaking and consulting with individuals and communities, following National Standards and Compact guidance where involving the public and ensuring participation are key elements.

#### Diversity

- treating people equally and respecting others irrespective of social or cultural differences.

#### Sustainability

- ensuring long-term economic, social and environmental wellbeing.

#### Working Together

- finding ways of planning and delivering services in a better way that makes a real difference to people's lives.

### 4. OUR OUTCOMES

Over the next ten years we want to make positive and tangible changes in our region.

We want to see work at pace, identifying and making service improvements and achieving a significant shift towards preventing problems arising rather than tackling them after they have happened.

We want everyone to fulfil their potential and make the most of our rural and urban places. We understand that inequality and disadvantage affects people living throughout Dumfries and Galloway.

Our Outcomes are based on national and local research and evidence; analysing the relevant Plans and Strategies that have been developed in recent months and years; and, most importantly, by engaging with local people about their experiences and aspirations. The detailed evidence is contained in the Appendices to this Plan.

For each Outcome we have identified the people who face the greatest inequality and set out the improvements that we are going to make to address this. We have identified performance information for each area and this will be monitored and reported on, again the detail is set out in the Appendices.

It is important to recognise that our Outcomes and Improvement Actions are all connected. In most cases, one Improvement Action makes a contribution to more than one Outcome.

#### Examples of this are:

**Outcome 1** which is about helping people into work, needs a contribution from **Outcome 2** which is about learning and contributes to **Outcome 3**, improving people's health and wellbeing.

**Outcome 5** is about maximising the amount of money people have, and **Outcome 7** makes a contribution to that by ensuring that people have access to computers to deal with benefit or job applications.

**Outcome 1:**  
**Everyone who needs help  
to work receives the right  
support.**



We will ensure that there is a range of support available to people across the region who find it difficult to get into and sustain employment - particularly people in the justice system, Looked After young people and care leavers, veterans, women, disabled people and long term unemployed people.

**Outcome 2:**  
**Learning opportunities  
are available to those  
who need them most.**



We will actively promote lifelong learning in community settings, through schools, colleges and universities. We will focus on Looked After young people and care leavers, those in the justice system, gypsy travellers, LGBT young people, those who are isolated and unemployed people.

Volunteering is a valuable learning experience and we will encourage people to take up opportunities in a way, place and time that suits their needs.

**Outcome 3:**  
**Health and wellbeing  
inequalities are reduced.**



We want a region where our ageing population is happy in mind and healthy in body and as independent as possible. We will focus our work around older adults in places where we know that life expectancy is lower than in other parts of our region and those who are isolated.

We want to see our younger generation having good mental health and wellbeing, being physically active and able to eat well. We will encourage opportunities for them and their families to be better informed and supported to do this.

We will work with groups known to have lower mental health and wellbeing to access opportunities and services to improve their quality of life, in particular Carers, Veterans, the LGBT community, refugees, people affected by substance misuse and people in contact with the Community Justice system

**Outcome 4:**  
**There is affordable and  
warm housing for those  
who need it most.**



We want to prevent homelessness and support younger adults (especially care leavers), veterans, prison leavers, those leaving hospital after a long stay and single adult households in securing tenancies and living independently.

Houses across our region should be warm, efficient and in good condition. We will provide support to householders, especially older, single people in rural areas, including through Registered Social and Private Landlords to secure this and particularly to address fuel poverty.



**Outcome 5:**  
**The money available to people on Benefits and low wages is maximised.**



We want to ensure that everyone has the most money they can have, and this will mean that we support people on benefits to access everything they are entitled to; help people who are in debt to reduce it; and maximise wage levels, promoting the Living Wage. In particular care experienced young people, parents, Carers and disabled people will be supported.

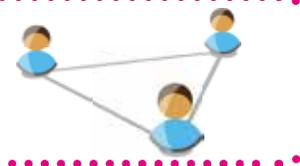
**Outcome 6:**  
**People are safe and feel safe.**



Everyone in our region should be safe from harm and our local services will have a special focus on prevention, protection and resilience. We will focus on child abuse, domestic abuse, hate crime, substance misuse, bullying, health protection, home and road safety.

People should also feel that they are safe and we will work particularly with people and neighbourhoods who do not feel that way.

**Outcome 7:**  
**People are well connected.**



We want to ensure that there are physical connections to services accessed through a range of affordable transport options, particularly for disabled people and people who are isolated.

Our geography also means that digital connection is really important and so making sure that there is a good network, innovative use to improve services and help businesses, places that people can access computers and get help in using them is also necessary, particularly for those who are isolated and people experiencing poverty.

**Outcome 8:**  
**Individuals and communities are empowered.**



We want to ensure that everyone can make a contribution to their community in our region. We will make sure that there are opportunities to do this; we will provide clear information; and give help to people who need it the most to get involved.

There will be a range of ways that people can work with local organisations to improve services and their voice within them.

We will promote, celebrate and recognise the individuality of our people and our diverse communities.



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# Locality Plan on Food Sharing

2017 - 2027

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## 1. BACKGROUND TO LOCALITY PLANS

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 Part 2 requires each Community Planning Partnership (CPP) to prepare and publish Locality Plan(s). There is a Regulation which states that a locality ‘*must be an electoral ward... or an area within the area of the local authority with a population which does not exceed 30,000*’.

The associated Guidance states:

*‘The 2015 Act places specific duties on CPPs, the relevant local authority and community planning partners listed in Schedule 1 around locality planning. There are two main reasons for these provisions. The first is that working within a locality or neighbourhood enables CPPs and their partners to **tackle inequalities** for communities facing disadvantage in particularly well targeted and effective ways. The second is that it is often easiest for community bodies to **participate** in community planning at locality or neighbourhood level, where it can have most relevance to their lives and circumstances.*

*The CPP should also fulfil this duty for those communities which are not neighbourhoods, where they experience disadvantage on outcomes. This includes communities of interest, (e.g. young people leaving care; vulnerable adults; those with protected characteristics such as disabled people; or people from black and minority ethnic communities.) and specific households facing particular disadvantage.*

*The CPP should use its **understanding of local needs, circumstances and opportunities** to identify those localities for which it should undertake locality planning*

*The CPP can determine locality boundaries for itself, provided it does so in a way which ensures that the locality area constitutes a natural community. For these purposes a natural community will reflect a sense of local community identity and promote community cohesion, as these can be important factors for encouraging communities to participate in locality planning*

*In practice, CPPs are expected to identify small communities (with populations of fewer than 10,000 residents) as localities for the purposes of locality planning. Localities of this size will often be more effective in encouraging community participation in locality planning, and in enabling plans and actions to be targeted closely to distinctive local needs and circumstances.*

*The plan should set out clear priorities for improving local outcomes and tackling inequalities, agreed by the CPP and community. It should make clear what will be different for communities as long-term outcomes in 10 years; and the contributory outcomes, indicators and targets by which progress towards these will be demonstrated over the short (1 year) and medium (3 years) terms. These short-medium- and long-term outcomes and targets should be both ambitious and realistic.*

*The CPP should set out which actions will be undertaken over the short- and medium-terms, agreed by it and the community, either in the locality plan or in publicly accessible supporting documentation. This information should show how CPP partners are deploying **resources** in support of the agreed outcomes, especially in ways which promote **prevention**, the reduction of inequalities, and the building of community capacity’.*

### Engagement with Community Bodies

Section 10(4) of the 2015 Act requires the CPP to consult both such community bodies, and such other persons, as it considers appropriate in preparing its locality plan. Consultation on the draft plan is a specific duty for the CPP.

## 2. BACKGROUND TO THE DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LOCALITY PLAN

The Crichton Institute 'Poverty and Deprivation in Dumfries and Galloway' research undertaken in May 2015 provides a good background in understanding the scope of deprivation in our region. Analysis of findings indicated the following:

- Relative income poverty has increased since 2011 and currently sits at 12.2% of the regional population
- This increase can be partially attributed to developments in the labour market and the impact of welfare reforms
- Poverty across Dumfries and Galloway is complex and needs to be measured across a range of indicators of which income poverty is only one.
- Poverty across our region is not only located in Scottish Indices of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) areas but is more diffuse, often within household, areas and streets which do not feature within SIMD data. A tailored and specific approach to tackling poverty is required in our area which is not always similar to other neighbouring local authorities.
- People experiencing deprivation live in all parts of the region - not just areas identified as 'most deprived' in the SIMD or where the greatest numbers of affected people are concentrated
- Many individuals have complex, multi-faceted needs and as a result experience multiple types of deprivation, such as income deprivation, in-work low income, overcrowded housing and lone parents with children. 5.9% of the regional population find themselves in multiple deprivation
- As users of the local services through which they were recruited, focus group participants were all experiencing some kind of difficulty and were on low incomes. However, beyond that, there lies a range of individual experiences including ill health, homelessness and various barriers to employment.

The Crichton Institute research also identified the issues in geographic areas where different types of poverty were most prevalent. This included free school meals entitlement, Social Welfare Fund applications and in-work low-income families.

The Crichton Institute research informed the Anti-Poverty Strategy which was agreed in June 2015 and endorsed by the Dumfries and Galloway Strategic Partnership in June 2015. An Action Plan was agreed which included a mapping project about food banks.

Subsequently this Mapping Project was extended to include a wide range of third sector organisations providing support for people experiencing poverty. This project was undertaken in early 2017 and 162 organisations submitted responses. The results were reported in September 2017 and the key findings were:

- A need for greater connectivity between all organisations within our region who tackle poverty in all of its forms with increased understanding of the remit of each to ensure better 'sign-posting' between services.
- Improved availability of information to individuals and families facing poverty on the wide-range and remit of services which are available across our region with details of locations, times and services available.
- Better alignment of services and organisations to support people in poverty and to work together to increase sustainability (e.g. through joint funding bids, shared services, not 'competing' for same segments etc).
- The demand and opportunities for a 'co-ordination centre' that could attract and or distribute a wide range of resources/donations on behalf of existing organisations (e.g. Food and Clothing Banks).
- The critical issues associated with the rural nature of our region, digital connectivity, fuel poverty, isolation, transport and access to health services,

- There was a consistent 'spread' of services across the region but the geography of the Stewartry area highlighted the benefit of additional consideration of availability/access of provision.
- The need to directly involve individuals and families in making service changes and improvements prior to them being implemented.

As part of its commitment to addressing inequalities and engaging directly with users of services, the CPP has created a Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group. This Group includes service users, from across our region who have direct experience of poverty. Lessons have been learned in recruiting and working with this group to build confidence and capacity so that voices from this community of interest increasingly drive approaches to tackling poverty. The Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group also comprises public and Third Sector partners and expert advisers and has a remit, agreed by the CPP Board to:

- Co-ordinate partners activities in tackling poverty
- Share advice from lived experience perspective
- Access expertise from other areas and at national level and Share our work with them
- Identify any hidden barriers to access and participation and ways of overcoming them
- Create opportunities for engagement between partner organisations and people experiencing poverty

Discussions within the Tackling Poverty Reference Group about these findings have evidenced support for work around food banks in particular. Key issues are that there are places where food support is not available and therefore gaps; and also a need for improving the co-ordination and operational arrangements to make it easier for people to access. The introduction of Universal Credit to our region in February 2018 is anticipated to result in more people needing practical support for food and eating, at least on a temporary basis.

At the Community Planning Executive Group in September 2017, the support from the Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group and emerging work within NHS Public Health around food and physical education, gave further support for this aspect of socio-economic disadvantage to be the focus of a Locality Plan.

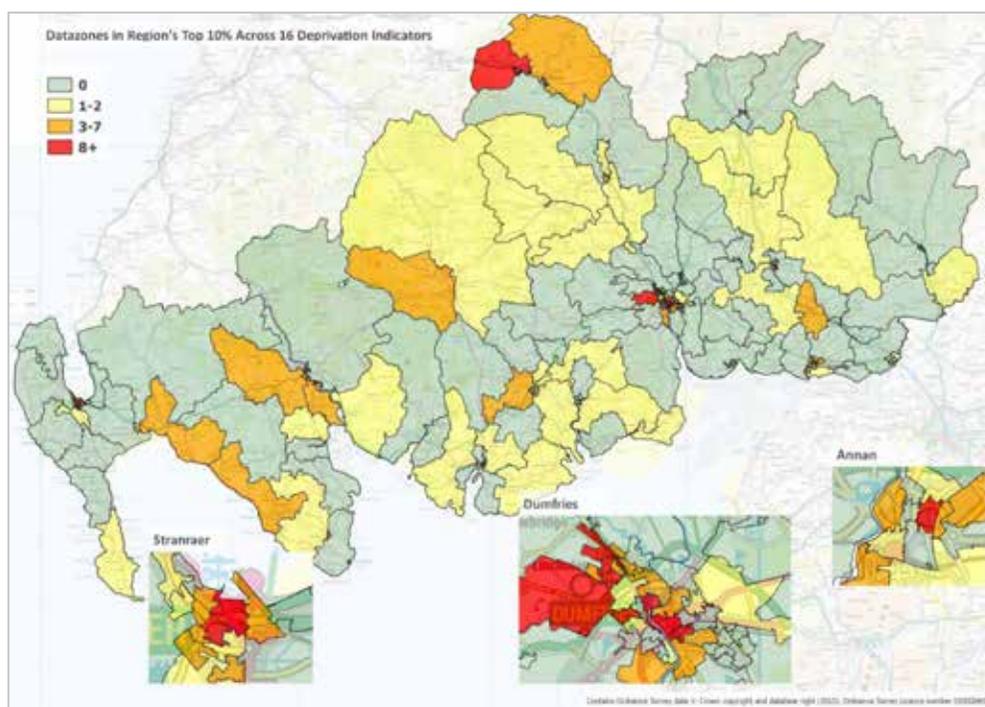
At the Strategic Partnership Workshop on 15 September 2017, which included a wide range of stakeholders, there was unanimous support for food sharing to be our Locality Plan and agreement about the Outcomes we want to achieve by the 10 year timeframe.



### 3. GEOGRAPHIC AND COMMUNITY PROFILE

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) can give us an insight into poverty and deprivation across the region by showing geographical areas ranked and scored across a range of poverty indicators.

#### Map of deprivation across Dumfries and Galloway



Evidence from the Tackling Poverty Reference Group identified that a common factor in many participants' experience of poverty is their difficulty in dealing with systems and bureaucracy, in particular support systems. This includes:

- not knowing what they were entitled to;
- rules that make it difficult or unattractive; and,
- facing sanctions that they saw as unfair and unreasonable.
- difficulties in dealing with bureaucracy including intrusive questioning and complex form filling.
- people living in some areas in our region face particular difficulties in accessing support services because of their location and the accessibility of affordable transport.
- Stigma and embarrassment about needing help

Community Planning partners currently have only a partial profile of food sharing projects and their users across our region and by selecting this as a Locality Plan it will give the impetus to do further research into the places and people to provide a richer picture.

## 4. THE LOCAL POLICY CONTEXT

Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning partners have a range of existing strategies and policies in place that are attempting to address different aspects of poverty and deprivation. Those most relevant to the issue of food sharing are set out below:

### Emerging Local Outcomes Improvement Plan

**In line with current legislation, Dumfries and Galloway's Community Planning Partnership (CPP) has developed its Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP). The LOIP has a clear focus on addressing inequalities of outcome. There are eight Outcomes:**

**Outcome 1:** Everyone who needs help to work receives the right support

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

**Outcome 3:** Health and wellbeing inequalities are reduced

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

**Outcome 5:** The money available to people on Benefits and low wages is maximised

**Outcome 6:** People are safe and feel safe

**Outcome 7:** People are well connected

**Outcome 8:** Individuals and communities are empowered

### Underpinning the LOIP is a number of key Strategies and Plans:

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

There are specific elements of the Anti-Poverty Strategy, the Children's Services Plan and the Health and Social Care Strategic Plan that have informed the development of the Outcomes of the Locality Plan.

Other strategies and Plans also have a contribution to make - e.g. a number of partners have Volunteering Strategies and this has been seen as a key developmental issue for people involved in food sharing; and the Council's requirement to develop a Food Growing Strategy has also been influential in creating this radical approach to locality planning.

The four Health and Social Care Locality Plans will also had a contribution to the geographical aspect of the work, complemented by the findings of the Community Placemaking work undertaken using the Place Standard.

## 5. FOOD SHARING APPROACHES

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### **Food Banks**

Food banks are designed to help people in crisis, food parcels are provided to stop people from going hungry in their time of need. Food is donated by a range of different organisations and people. A food parcel is filled with non-perishable, in date, food and is expected to last the recipients for three days. A food bank a safe environment where trained volunteers will sit and listen to you whilst the food parcel is being prepared. They are often run by churches, charities and other community groups and are dependent on support from volunteers to provide help with food parcels. Some food banks require individuals to get a voucher from an agreed agency such as a health care professional (such as doctor or health visitor), a social worker, or the Citizens Advice Bureau.

### **Food Sharing**

Several projects exist locally to re-distribute surplus food from shops and supermarkets to a variety of organisations across Dumfries and Galloway. The largest scheme is FareShare which is the UK's largest charity fighting hunger and food waste. The food available is good quality food that can no longer be sold. This could be because it has damaged packaging or a short-shelf life. This doesn't have an impact on the standard or safety of the food items. Food available often includes bread, eggs and fresh fruit. It will always be within its use by date and good to eat. They save good food from going to waste and redistribute it to frontline charities.

### **Community Kitchens**

Community kitchens are eating projects which provide hot meals which are available for the community. These projects allow individuals to socialise whilst enjoying a hot meal, please note some projects provide free food whilst others ask for a donation. Community Kitchens are generally open to anyone who wishes to attend. Local community kitchen projects also provide a range of additional services including advice about welfare benefits, counselling or health information.

## 6. FOOD SHARING PROVISION

Across the region foodbanks are located at 9 individual locations across 3 settlements by 7 separate organisations

### **Council Customer Service Centre Locations:**

- Gretna
- Lockerbie
- Dalbeattie
- Sanquhar
- Thornhill

### **Foodbanks identified through Tackling Poverty Mapping Exercise:**

- Stranraer - 3 sites one of which is Trussell Trust / Apex
- Newton Stewart - 1 site
- Dumfries - 5 sites (one of which is Trussell Trust / Apex)



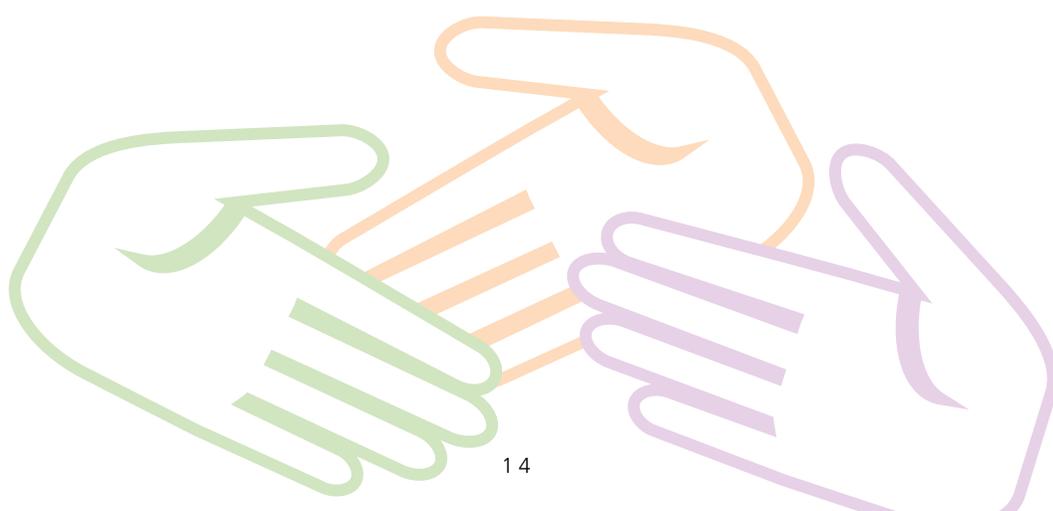
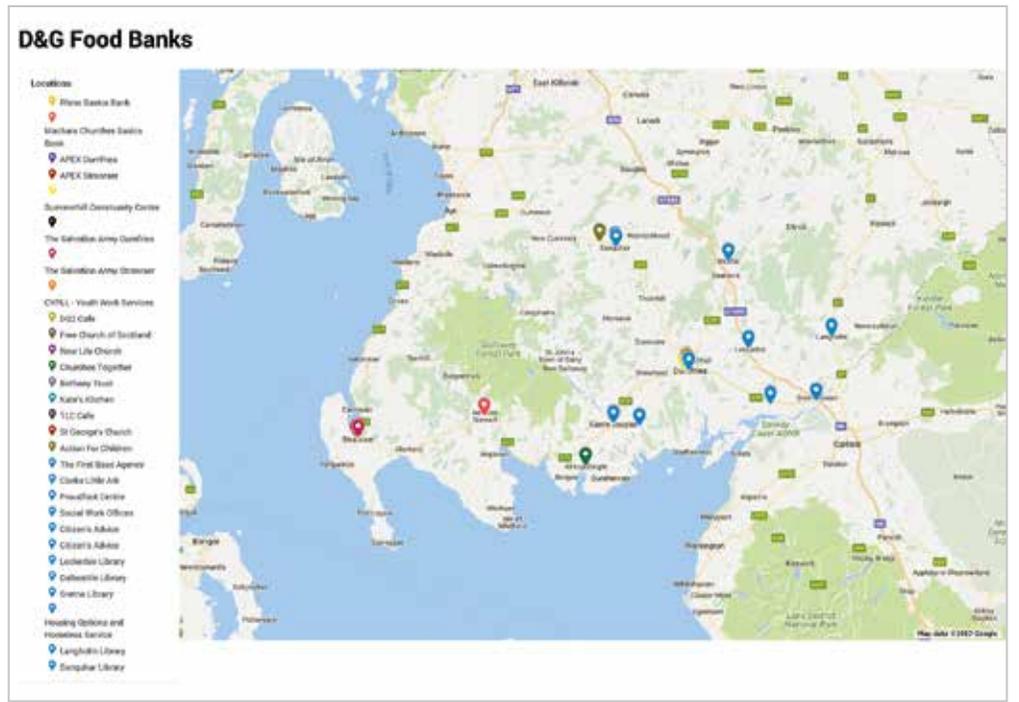
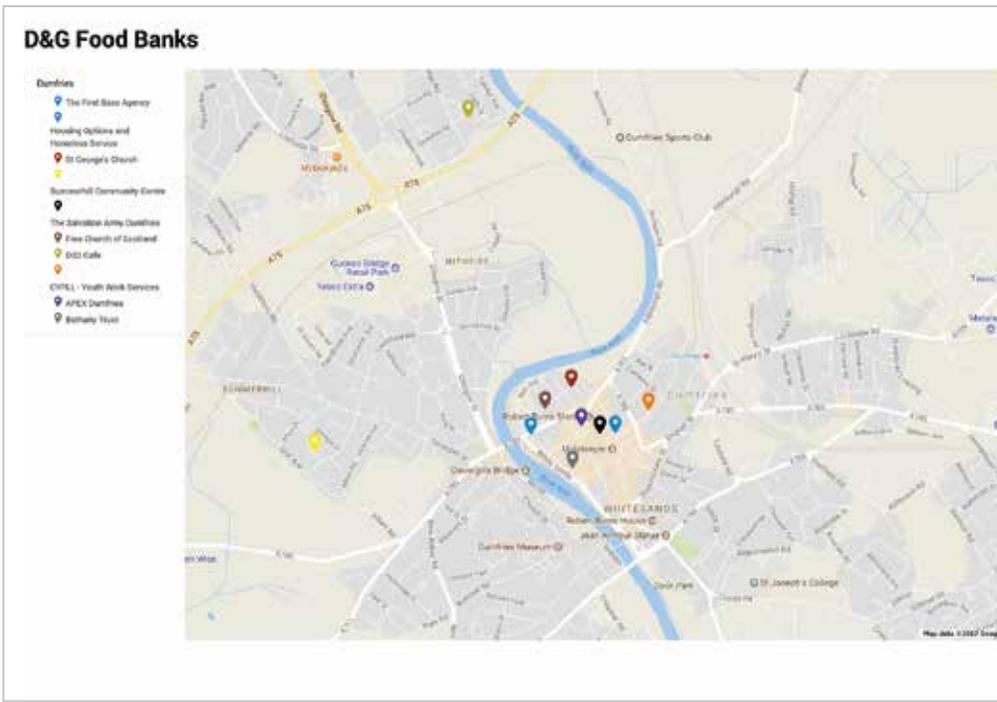
Name	Location	No. Of Parcels Distributed	Referral System	Delivery / Collection Points	Funded By	Additional Information
<b>Rhins Basics Bank</b>	The Ryan Centre, Fairhurst Rd, Stranraer	1601 this year to date (since Jan)	15 Referral Agencies within the Wigtownshire area including: Women's Aid, S and A Homes, Social Work, Citizens Advice Service	Deliveries are made to the clients home by volunteers or in the case of Wigtownshire Women's Aid to the offices.	The Church of Scotland Presbytery and Donations	Volunteers wish to start Summer Holiday Clubs / Cooking Sessions to provide additional meals for kids in the Summer / Easter / October holidays
<b>Machars Churches Basics Bank</b>	Penningham Church Hall, 1 Church Street, Newton Stewart, DG8 6ER	165 Food Bags per month on average (Figures are increasing by an average of 40% each year) - currently support around 52 families	Over 20 Referral agencies including Social Work, NHS through Doctor's surgeries, Health Visitors, Wigtownshire Women's Aid, Police Scotland, Criminal Justice, Dumfries and Galloway Council Housing and Homelessness Service, Fisherman's Mission, Advocacy Services, Befrienders Project, Turning Point, Citizens Advice Service, Ministry of Churches	Parcels collected at the Church Hall by recipients and volunteers can also deliver parcels in some circumstances	Penningham Church donations, The Church of Scotland Presbytery	Drop In Service on a Friday morning from 9.30am - 2.00pm with soup, hot rolls and pudding for everyone. Chance for people to socialise and used to be supported by Citizens Advice providing debt advice too.  Since the service started in Dec 2012, 9,445 bags of food have been distributed

Name	Location	No. Of Parcels Distributed	Referral System	Delivery / Collection Points	Funded By	Additional Information
<b>First Base Agency</b>	Buccleuch Street, Dumfries	60- 70 per week from the main base Over 100 per month from the various Drop Off Points	Over 25 Referral agencies including: Job Centre Plus, Independent Living Support, Citizens Advice, Phoenix Housing, Bethany Christian Trust, Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Agencies, NHS Referrals etc	Collection at Agency Offices at Buccleuch Street. Collection points at all of the following: Clarks Little Ark, Sanquhar, Moffat Proudfoot Centre, Social Work Offices Annan, Citizens Advice Annan, Citizens Advice Castle Douglas, Kates Kitchen Annan, Shelter Offices Annan, Lockerbie Library, Dalbeattie Library, Gretna Library, Homelessness Dept Dumfries, Langholm Library, Sanquhar Library	Funding by donations, fundraising and various external funders. More required to keep the service going in the future due to the increase in the number of food parcels required. Estimate that will rise to 200 required each week in 2018 from the base in Dumfries	The Donald Fund provides grant funding of between £10 - £15 for the provision of energy for cooking and lighting. The funding is added onto the clients key card with one of the volunteers from the First Base present and paying for the electricity / gas. Over £1,500 has been paid to this in this year already. No one leaves this agency without something to help them
<b>APEX Dumfries</b>	77 - 79 Friars Vennel, Dumfries, DG1 2RF	1,500 food parcels given out each year	57 Referral agencies	Collection at APEX Offices with Referral Form	Trussel Trust with extra donations from Tesco Dumfries, Hollywood Trust	
<b>APEX Stranraer</b>	2 Back Rampart, High Street, Stranraer, DG9 7LW	400 food parcels per year, 200 starter packs given out, 170 items of clothing given out	20 Referral Agencies	Collection at APEX Base	Trussel Trust with extra donations from Tesco Stranraer, Robertson Trust	Soup Kitchen is also provided two days per week at the base in Stranraer
<b>Summerhill Community Centre (Free Food Fairshare Project)</b>	Ballochmyle Terrace, Dumfries, DG2 9EF	Sept - Dec 2016 107 benefitted and 720 individuals benefitted	Referrals from the Summerhill Community Centre via other projects and activities which people are engaging in	Parcels are packed and distributed by volunteers every Monday and Thursday evenings	Funding received from the Hollywood Trust of £20,000 Donations from Tesco's, KFC and others	Food awareness and healthy living and cooking skills are all available in various classes and activities also managed by the Centre

Name	Location	No. Of Parcels Distributed	Referral System	Delivery / Collection Points	Funded By	Additional Information
<b>The Salvation Army</b>	Dumfries	No figures available	Drop In at anytime for food parcels and free lunch club	Collection at Dumfries Centre		Free lunches for people on low incomes on Mondays and Fridays
<b>The Salvation Army</b>	Stranraer	No figures available	Coffee and Chat and Food Parcels	Collection at Stranraer Centre		Free Coffee and Chat on Tuesday mornings and Recovery Café on Tuesday nights
<b>Council - Youth Work Services</b>	Oasis Drop in Centre	No figures available	Food Parcels are available which are made up by the young people to take home	Collection at the Oasis Centre	Food dropped off by Tesco's	Mon and Wed evenings
<b>Action for Children - Upper Nithsdale Family Project</b> Kirkfield, Greystone Avenue, Kelloholm DG4 6RB	Whole of Upper Nithsdale	3845 visits over a 2 year period Average family 5 people 8/9 families approx. weekly £40-60 worth of shopping	Referrals from education, social work, but must be child focussed and have young people under 25 Wooden Spoon scheme after school session 2 course hot meal for children aged 4-1 run by staff and volunteers P6 transition group	Kirkfield, Greystone Avenue, Kelloholm DG4 6RB	Fareshare £1,000 Contribution £300 - £500 per week STV - Dec Inspiring Scotland Communities Oct 17 - 18 months	Delivered on a Monday
<b>The Stewartry Food Bank</b> (Gatehouse & Kirkcudbright Churches Together)	Kirkcudbright and Gatehouse	No figures available	Food donated by various congregations and parcels are made up by volunteers	Delivered to referral agencies including, Citizens Advice, church leaders, doctors, health professionals, Social Services and SCVS		

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Name	Location	No. Of Parcels Distributed	Referral System	Delivery / Collection Points	Funded By	Additional Information
<b>Free Church</b>	20 George Street, Dumfries DG1 1EH	No figures available		Community Kitchen		Free meals drop ins Wednesday 12 noon - 2pm
<b>New Life Church Helping Hands Food Bank</b>	Blackpark Road Castle Douglas Dumfries and Galloway DG7 1DJ	No figures available	Food donated by various congregations and parcels are made up by volunteers			Tues/Wed/Thurs 11am - 12noon
<b>TLC Café</b>	Castle Douglas Parish Church Queen Street, Castle Douglas, DG7 1EG.	No figures available	Community Kitchen	Hot meal drop-in		Thursday lunchtimes
<b>Kate's Kitchen</b>	The Beacon, 2 - 4 Bank Street, Annan	No figures available	Community Kitchen	Hot meal drop-in		10am - 2pm Tuesday , Thursday & Friday
<b>Bethany Trust</b>	36 Whitesands, Dumfries DG1 2RS	No figures available	Community Kitchen	Free meal drop-ins		Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 12 noon - 2pm
<b>St George's Church</b>	Church Hall, 50 George St, Dumfries DG1 1EJ	No figures available	Community Kitchen	Free meals drop-ins		Thursday 6pm - 8pm



## 7. DEVELOPING THE OUTCOMES

### Outcome 1: People are able to meet their own food needs.

We want to see people moving from dependence to independence as quickly as possible, accessing food sharing for as short a time as they need it.

It is recognised that additional services are required to build capacity and confidence to manage. This will include information and support in relation to accessing healthy and cheaper food, how best to use it and also about growing your own; fuel costs; other related benefits like free school meals and Social Welfare Fund payments; Breakfast and Lunch Clubs.

### Outcome 2: Support is available to people who need help with food where, when and how they need it.

We want to ensure information and services are easy to access - that means expanding the locations where people can get food supplies, particularly focusing on remote rural areas and the places and families where there is take up of free school meals and other related issues. Using Customer Service Centres/Libraries is a good start to that wider network.

A key issue is the stigma which results in people starving before seeking help. Stigma can be prevalent in small communities, more so than in urban areas or cities. We will do 'myth busting' and poverty awareness training for officers, Board and Elected Members, teachers and partners so that there is a welcoming approach to all who need help. We will protect anonymity as far as possible and be discrete when working with people using food sharing services.

The bureaucracy and referral systems which can present barriers to the use of the service will be as limited as possible to ensure fairness and equity.

We anticipate that Universal Credit will increase demand as many people will face a 6 week gap before receiving money so we will ensure that people moving to this system know the support they can access during the transition.

### Outcome 3: Involvement in food sharing helps with other aspects of people's lives

We will develop opportunities where people accessing food sharing projects can move on to volunteering, and thereby share experiences and learning with other users. Peer support works better than support by professionals.

This will also support people in gaining new skills, perhaps even qualifications and employment, as well as building confidence and self esteem.

### Outcome 4: Our food sharing arrangements are as efficient and effective as possible

A willing and generous population ensures that there is a good supply of foodstuff. Provision is not necessarily the barrier but there is an opportunity to communicate better the type of contributions that are most beneficial.

The co-ordination of delivery has been identified in the Mapping Project as an issue and so we will work towards a more integrated approach between providers.

Working to ensure that food sharing provision is a stable and sustainable as possible will enable continuity and a focus on the service users. We will support providers in working towards financially secure futures.

## 8. ENGAGEMENT AND EMPOWERMENT

### Engagement

The face-to-face engagement work carried out to develop this Plan has included;

- The Tackling Poverty Reference Group
- People accessing food sharing provision
- 6 food providers across the region (Annan, Castle Douglas, Dumfries, Stranraer and Upper Nithsdale)
- Elected members
- Community Planning stakeholder organisations

The Plan was also available on the Community Planning webpage with comments received from Dumfries and Galloway Council and NHS D&G Public Health

It is recognised that good quality engagement with the community is key to taking forward any meaningful actions based on the premise of *“working with”* rather than *“doing to”*.

Service users and third sector partners working closely with service users use terms like *“hard to reach”* and *“invisible group”*. People who have used food banks and are recipients of other food sharing arrangements talk of stigma, often magnified in smaller communities. Some partners talk about lack of uptake due to perceived or real stigma and of people preferring to go hungry rather than suffer vilification.

Traditional engagement methodologies may therefore be of limited value and partners may need to adapt alternative approaches, e.g. working by proxy and with trusted gatekeepers

Community engagement will primarily involve service users of food sharing projects and local stakeholders. The engagement will take into account the National Standards for Community Engagement with a particular recognition of the barriers presented by this hard to reach group.

The gatekeepers to good community engagement are likely to be the volunteers working directly with service users and their families. The involvement of these gatekeepers will be key to accessing the views of service users and their families. Engagement will involve face-to-face contact with food bank users and users of other food sharing provision.

The Tackling Poverty Reference Group volunteers are a key asset in engagement with this community of interest as they have lived experience of poverty and awareness of barriers which may prevent engagement. They can advise on what is likely to work. A small team has been formed to support this work.

The engagement will allow Community Planning partners to better understand what currently work well, what issues and barriers exist and what creative input partners can employ to improve outcomes for service users.

Service providers will be a key stakeholder also. This discussion will include reference to their sustainability and the funding relationship between the public and third sector organisations; and community contributions.

Identifying practice from other areas is an important element of this work as there are parts of the country that have extensive experience and expertise in food sharing initiatives.

Early engagement with food sharers indicates keenness for CPP Board and Elected Members to experience first hand food sharing activities

This is by definition a transient group, comprising vulnerable individuals who may, through previous experience, may be mistrustful of perceived authority. Engagement with this group will involve working with partners but also building direct trust and relationships. Traditional engagement methodologies may therefore be of limited value and partners may need to adapt alternative approaches, e.g. working by proxy and with trusted gatekeepers.

### Empowerment

Empowerment is about people having an increased participation in how services are designed and delivered and gaining the skills and abilities to participate and lead.

There are organisations across our region which currently work with very disadvantaged groups in empowering ways. Some third sector groups provide learning routes for service users, through volunteering to tasking on key positions in organisations. They aim not only to provide food but to engage with service users and involve them, through very gentle beginnings, in a learning journey.

There are organisations which involve people in cooking, food growing, volunteering and taking part in the running of the organisation.

## 9. EMERGING ISSUES

At this very early stage of development, there is a general consensus around the key issues affecting food sharing in our region. Food sharers have an ambition to provide a fully accessible service, open to all in need. They have a desire to minimise barriers to participation and a keen awareness of stigma. Some tentative issues have emerged.

- Don't reinvent the wheel. There is plenty of good provision.
- The geography and distribution logistics, with support, could be further enhanced. E.g. good current use of Council Customer Service Centres and Libraries (Langholm to Castle Douglas) could be supported by partners e.g. use of pool cars, Health Visitors etc. Make best use of all opportunities to deliver to those in need in outlying areas.
- All partners' fleet transport should carry food parcels so that parcels can be delivered on demand.
- There is a view that a narrative exists in communities around deserving and undeserving people. Participants offered the counter narrative that only a very small percentage of people accessing provision may not completely require the service.
- Myth busting - Food banks are not only, or always, used by people on benefits.
- All partners need to champion a positive narrative and counteract myths that result in stigma.
- People receiving food share provision report experiencing less stigma in an environment of trust and good relationships. Being able to contribute (e.g. through cooking, helping package and distribute/pick up food) reduces barriers. This can open up opportunities to further involvement and in some cases the start of routes out of poverty.

- Food sharing takes a range of forms from informal food bank drop-ins to more formal referral based provision. There is acknowledgement that a variety of provision helps people access what they need – different models have advantages and disadvantages.
- The referral process can help providers to identify additional needs and access additional supports.
- Food sharers spend undue amounts of time fundraising to support their core activities rather than frontline delivery. The cost of core activities for this group is estimated as £130K.
- A fair share distribution point in Dumfries and Galloway could be developed and run by the food sharers themselves.
- Working together and in partnership is valued so that food sharers can further develop joint approaches and share information, learning and resources.
- Universal Credit roll out on 7 February 2018 is likely to increase need and demand to support the most vulnerable people in our communities.
- Anti-poverty funding should be targeted to build on existing good relationships and trust built by Third Sector providers with track records. The principle of not reinventing the wheel in creating unsustainable, short term solutions applies.
- Food Sharing sites need to be fully accessible to people with disabilities.

## 10. MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRESS

Monitoring and reporting will be based on both statistical information and personal testimonies and case studies.

There will be Improvement Actions identified for one and three years so that our Outcomes are achieved within the ten year period of the Plan.

Progress updates will be provided to the Community Planning Partnership and the Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group. Community representatives will be part of the reporting arrangements.



## 11. RESOURCES AND CONTACTS

### People

#### Community Planning Partnership and in particular:

- Elected Members
- Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway
- Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group and Reference Group
- MPs, MSPs and MSYPs
- NHS D&G Public Health
- Dumfries and Galloway Anti Poverty Officer

### Initiatives

- Foodbanks and Food Kitchens
- Faith Groups
- Food growing Initiatives

### Financial

- Funding to the Community Groups
- Council Area Committee Discretionary Grants
- Council Anti Poverty funding

### Specialist Organisations

- Joseph Rowntree Trust
- Poverty Alliance
- The Trussell Trust

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Item 5**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN (LOIP) AND LOCALITY PLAN****1. Background**

1.1 At the Strategic Partnership meeting on 15 September 2017 it was agreed to publish the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the Locality Plan in line with the requirements of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015; with further engagement to take place with key stakeholders; and sign off at this meeting.

**2. Key issues****2.1 LOIP**

- the Output Pack from the Strategic Partnership Workshop held on 15 September 2017 has been circulated to all invitees and was published on the Community Planning webpage on 29 September 2017.

-further engagement discussions have taken place with the key groups experiencing inequality in our region including at the Older People's Consultative Group; the Equality and Diversity Partnership; Listen2Us; and the Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group. Some follow up comments were also received from partners who attended the Workshops. The detailed feedback is contained in **Appendix 1**.

-in line with the agreed approach, the updated LOIP document, attached as **Appendix 2**, is very high level and accessible. Recent feedback suggested that a Glossary of Terms would be a useful addition and this is in development, in consultation with the Plain English Campaign. The supporting Appendices will be finalised once the Board has agreed the Outcomes; and the Executive Group at its meeting on 13 December 2017 will sign off the Performance Monitoring information, which as agreed at the last meeting, is to be drawn from the supporting Strategies and Plans and will include case studies and personal testimony as well as statistical data.

**2.2 Locality Plan**

- the Output Pack from the Strategic Partnership Workshop held on 15 September 2017 has been circulated to invitees and was published on the Community Planning webpage on 29 September 2017.

-further engagement discussions have taken place with a range of people involved in food sharing including food bank users and providers. Events during Challenge Poverty Week in October 2017 provided useful opportunities to engage with people around this agenda. The detailed feedback is contained in **Appendix 1**.

-in line with the agreed approach, the Locality Plan focuses mainly on a community of interest. It incorporates a geographic dimension, although not in the traditional sense, as we know there are people involved in food sharing in different towns and villages across our region.

The updated Locality Plan is attached as **Appendix 3**; and the Executive Group at its meeting on 13 December 2017 will sign off the Performance Monitoring information.

### **3. Next steps**

3.1 The documents will be finalised, taking into account any changes agreed at this meeting, Impact Assessed and then published and promoted. The design is intended to highlight that the focus is on people; and the format is 'online- friendly, as this will be the main way people will access the documents.

3.2 The stakeholder involvement in the monitoring and reporting of progress is under discussion with people who have volunteered for this role during the engagement programme and the detailed arrangements will be agreed by the Executive Group next month.

3.3 All 32 LOIPs and the Locality Plans are being reviewed by the Improvement Service and Audit Scotland and a report will be available early in 2018. Initial assessment of the other LOIPs and Locality Plans by our own staff evidences a wide range of styles and approaches, but the one consistent achievement is very clear and defined priorities. focussing on the people experiencing the greatest disadvantage in the CPP's area.

### **4. Recommendations**

The Board is invited to approve:

4.1 the Dumfries and Galloway LOIP 2017-2027 (Appendix 2); and

4.2 the Dumfries and Galloway Locality Plan on food sharing 2017-2027 (Appendix 3)

Kirsty Peden, Community Engagement Manager  
10 November 2017

### **Appendices**

1 – LOIP and Locality Plan Engagement feedback – September – November 2017

2 – Updated D&G LOIP 2017-2027 as at 10 November 2017

3 – Updated D&G Locality Plan 2017-2027 on food sharing as at 10 November 2017

**Item 6****A HEALTHIER FUTURE – ACTIONS AND AMBITIONS ON DIET, ACTIVITY AND HEALTHY WEIGHT – CONSULTATION DOCUMENT****1. Situation:**

1.1 The Scottish Government is consulting on Scotland's new plan to improve diet, activity and healthy weight. The Plan is titled [A Healthier Future – Actions and Ambitions on Diet, Activity and Healthy Weight](#)

1.2 The consultation opened on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017, with the deadline for responses being 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

**2. Background:**

2.1 Obesity is one of the greatest public health challenges we face in Scotland. Two in every three adults in Scotland are overweight and nearly one in three are obese<sup>1</sup>. One in ten children in Scotland are already at risk of obesity by the time they start primary school<sup>2</sup>.

2.2 Halting this epidemic means that widespread cross-sector action is needed to tackle obesity and prevent the inequalities it creates across Scotland.

2.3 The Scottish Government *A Healthier Future – Actions and Ambitions on Diet, Activity and Healthy Weight* consultation document proposes a range of actions to improve diet and weight in Scotland.

2.4 The consultation document draws upon the experience of implementing the Obesity Route Map, the learning from tackling other public health challenges such as alcohol and smoking, and a growing body of evidence on the action required to improve the health of the whole population.

2.5 Tackling obesity has been identified as a priority programme of work for the Scottish Government with key commitments to limit the marketing of food high in fat, sugar and salt and provide more support for people with Type 2 Diabetes. In launching the consultation the Government has announced funding of £42 million over the next 5 years to expand these services.

2.6 In essence the paper aims to open up a platform for conversations about diet, activity and healthy weight across all relevant sectors and disciplines.

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<sup>1</sup> Scottish Health Survey (2017) Available at [www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Health/scottish-health-survey](http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Health/scottish-health-survey)

<sup>2</sup> Obesity: Children's data (2017) Available at [www.scotpho.org.uk/clinical-risk-factors/obesity/data/children/](http://www.scotpho.org.uk/clinical-risk-factors/obesity/data/children/)

**3. Assessment:**

3.1 In order to give a stronger voice to the feedback it is proposed that a response to the consultation is submitted from the Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership (CPP).

3.2 It is proposed that a draft response to the consultation is coordinated by DG Health and Wellbeing on behalf of the CPP . This response will involve engagement with a number of Community Planning partners, thus reflecting the cross-sector dimension of diet, activity and healthy weight, and build on the references in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan to food and eating.

3.3 At this stage it is anticipated that the response will cover the following key points:

- Transforming the food environment including focussing on a wider environmental approach such as food and drink levies, promotion, advertising and food labelling
- Living healthier and more active lives including recognising the importance of addressing inequalities and targeting action to develop a positive relationship with food from birth to adulthood including weight management and physical activity
- Leadership and exemplary practice with the public sector leading by example and using evidence based approaches to inform action

3.4 Given the short timescales involved in meeting the deadline for the response it is suggested that the CPP Board delegates the finalisation of the response to the Chair of the Community Planning Executive Group in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the CPP Board, in line with the agreed CPP Governance Framework.

3.5 As indicated in section 1.1 the consultation is available on-line and individuals and individual organisations are able to submit their own responses in addition to the proposed Dumfries and Galloway CPP response.

**4. Recommendation**

The CPP Board is invited to:

4.1 Note the content of this report and the invitation from the Scottish Government to provide feedback on the *A Healthier Future – Actions and Ambitions on Diet, Activity and Healthy Weight* consultation document;

4.2 Agree a joint response to the consultation from the Dumfries and Galloway CPP; with DG Health and Wellbeing co-ordinating the response;

4.3 Note the indicative principles and themes likely to be highlighted in the response; and

4.4 Delegate the finalisation of the response to the Chair of the Community Planning Executive Group in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the CPP Board.

**Philip Myers, NHS Health & Wellbeing Specialist, NHS Dumfries & Galloway  
8 November 2017**

Item 7**REVIEW OF LOCALITY PARTNERSHIPS****1. Background**

1.1 At its meeting in March 2017, the Strategic Partnership received the scope and outline timetable for the Review of Locality Partnerships. The Review has been postponed as key discussions were ongoing about partners' arrangements.

1.2 Dumfries and Galloway Council agreed on 26 September 2017 to retain a locality model of four areas for its political decision-making structures, with a focus on the 12 Wards for community engagement.

**2. Key issues**

2.1 The Review Scope agreed is as follows:

- Map the partnerships that are currently in place at local level involving three or more Community Planning partners
- Assess the effectiveness of the partnerships using the checklists in the Community Planning 'Working Together Better Guide' and in dialogue with the members of these partnerships
- Examine the locality arrangements in other Community Planning Partnerships
- identify available resources to support locality partnerships in dialogue with members of the Executive Group
- Draw up recommendations for future arrangements

2.2 The proposed Review methodology is as follows, recognising it may be amended following engagement with the stakeholder group.

**Gathering Research –two months**Primary research

- Views of partnership members on recent and current experiences of the partnerships through an online survey and discussion at their meeting
- Open survey (online and in hard copy) for any organisations and individuals operating at local level, including through the Participation and Engagement Network
- Face to face discussion with lead officers for locality partnerships
- Face to face discussion with the Executive Group members about available resources
- Views of Empowering Communities Review Implementation Team
- Visit(s) to other CPP locality partnerships

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### Secondary Research

- Analysis of minutes; Annual reports on membership; attendance; Workplan achievements; involvement of minority groups; any surveys or reviews on effectiveness
- Review of governance arrangements; memberships; remits
- Information on other CPPs arrangements

### **Report to Executive Group with findings of the Review and any proposals for amendment**

#### **Consultation – two months**

- All partnerships involved in the Review
- Participation and Engagement Network
- All Executive Group and Strategic Partnership members
- Impact Assessment with Stakeholders

### **Report to Executive Group on the feedback from the consultation**

### **Executive Group agrees recommendations to Community Planning Partnership Board**

### **Report to Community Planning Partnership Board**

2.2 Since the Scope was agreed there have been a number of key developments:  
- The Council's Plan has been agreed on 26 September 2017, and includes in Priority Four 'Be An Inclusive Council'; the Commitment 'ensure that local people and communities are at the heart of our decision-making'. Within that Commitment there is an action 'including the development of local community planning workshops for our region's towns and villages'.

2.3 A number of Place Standard events have taken place as part of the work on the region's new Local Development Plan – the identification of the settlements for these events has been based on population size and infrastructure.

2.4 The Review of the Scheme of the Establishment for Community Councils in our region is currently under way and due to conclude in spring 2018. At present there are 88 out of a potential 108 CCs constituted; and as noted elsewhere in this agenda, their statutory purpose is engagement with their communities and liaison with public services. So their involvement in our Review will be an important feature.

2.5 There are currently four Local Rural Partnerships in our Community Planning Governance Framework – not all have regular meetings, but a membership list is available for them. It's therefore suggested that the Chairs of these groups or their representative, along with the Ward officers who support them, be invited to form a Steering Group to take forward the Review.

### **3. Recommendations**

The CPP Board is invited to:

3.1 agree that the Review of the Locality Partnerships should begin in January 2018 and conclude to report to the June 2018 meeting of the Board - subject to the timetable being acceptable to the Steering Group;

3.2 agree that the detailed methodology and final timescale be agreed in discussion with Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway and the Local Rural Partnership Chairs (or a representative of their LRP) and lead officers; and

3.3 note the Council's Commitment to holding Community Planning Workshops which will complement this Review.

Liz Manson, Community Planning and Engagement Manager  
8 November 2017



**DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY  
COMMUNITY PLANNING  
PARTNERSHIP BOARD  
PROPOSED MEETINGS 2018**

<b>Proposed date of Meeting (detailed times are advised nearer the date depending on the programme)</b>	<b>Proposed venue</b>	<b>Proposed visit</b>
<b>Friday 16 March</b>	<b>Kirkcudbright</b>	<b>New Art Gallery</b>
<b>Friday 22 June</b>	<b>Moffat</b>	<b>Town Hall and former Police Station redevelopment</b>
<b>Friday 21 September</b>	<b>Stranraer</b>	<b>Waterfront Regeneration project</b>
<b>Friday 16 November</b>	<b>Dumfries</b>	<b>The Bridge – Dumfries Learning Town</b>



**DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Date	Work Programme 2018
Friday 16 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Group Update (including Annual Improvement Plan)</li> <li>• Current Key Strategic Issues</li> <li>• Review of Locality Partnerships</li> <li>• LOIP and Locality Plan – six month performance report (1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017)</li> </ul>
Friday 21 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Group Update</li> <li>• Current Key Strategic Issues</li> </ul>
Friday 21 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Group Update</li> <li>• Current Key Strategic Issues</li> <li>• LOIP and Locality Plan - end of year performance report (1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018)</li> </ul>
Friday 16 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Group Update</li> <li>• Current Key Strategic Issues</li> </ul>

Note: the current Key Strategic Issues report covers:

- Anti-Poverty Strategy (including performance monitoring of the Action Plan)
- Children’s Services Plan (including performance monitoring of the Action Plan)
- Community Justice Improvement Plan
- Community Learning and Development Partners’ Strategic Plan
- Health and Social Care Strategic Plan (including performance monitoring of the Action Plan)
- Local Housing Strategy
- Regional Economic Strategy (including performance monitoring of the Action Plan)
- Regional Transport Strategy

## **FUTURE PROGRAMME AND MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

### **1. Background**

This report presents proposals for implementing the updated arrangements for community planning in Dumfries and Galloway agreed at the last meeting.

### **2. Key issues for decisions**

#### **2.1 Membership of the Community Planning Partnership Board -**

- Invitations for Board representatives from Police Scotland, Scottish Enterprise and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service have been sent to the appropriate bodies
- the proposal for the identification of the private sector representative is to approach the Dumfries and Galloway Chamber of Commerce; and
- the proposal for the identification of the community sector representative is to approach Community Councils for expressions of interest given their statutory remit 'to ascertain and express the views of the community to the local authority and other public bodies'. In the event of multiple returns, there will be an election process, possibly similar to the D&G NHS Board elections some years ago.

#### **2.2 Meeting schedule and venues**

- Proposed dates of meetings and locations for 2018 have been identified and are detailed in Appendix 1.

#### **2.3 Programme of business**

- the reports required for our Performance Framework have been scheduled in and a new feature will be the involvement in stakeholders in the presentation of them to the Board.
  
- It is proposed that there is a visit to a significant project in the locality where the meeting is taking place. Appendices 1 and 2 detail the proposals. It is intended that there will be a focus on key partnership issues during these visits – for example in our visit to the new DGRI our hosts have been asked to highlight the involvement of volunteers, the use of telehealthcare and community transport, all of which are issues of particular interest to the CPP Board.

## 2.4 Development and improvement

- to continue the refreshing and updating of the Board's arrangements an expression of interest has been submitted for our involvement in a Scottish Government funded project ,circulated to all 32 CPPs at the end of October 2017 which has been established to:
  - 'share experiences and learning in relation to securing the meaningful engagement and participation of communities throughout community planning;
  - take action to improve practice; and
  - reflect collectively on opportunities and challenges in the current context'.

2.5 The project will be led by the Improvement Service and the Scottish Centre for Community Development and they intend that this programme will be delivered in six regional cluster groupings – the same as for education governance, so we would be aligned with the Ayrshire CPPs

2.6 The programme is to take place between January – April 2018 with the main requirements are two full day group sessions and a commitment to local action learning activities between the two. Four CPP Board/Executive Group members are required to represent us.

## 3. Recommendations

The CPP Board is invited to:

- 3.1 agree the mechanisms to identify the private sector and community sector representatives (para 2.1)
- 3.2 agree the CPP Board meeting arrangements and programme (Appendices 1 and 2)
- 3.3 agree to participate in the Improvement Service 'Community Empowerment Action Learning Programme' and identify four Board/Executive Group members to participate (para 2.5 and 2.6)

Liz Manson, Community Planning and Engagement Manager  
8 November 2017

## Appendices

- 1 CPP Board proposed dates and venues for 2018 meetings
- 2 CPP Board proposed work programme