

## Dates of Meetings 2018

16 March 22 June 21 September 16 November

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# DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

**FRIDAY 21 SEPTEMBER 2018**  
**Town Hall, High Street, Moffat DG10 9HF**  
**10.30am-12.30pm**

## AGENDA

- 10.30am** 1. **DRAFT MINUTE OF MEETING OF DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD ON 22 JUNE 2018** (attached)
- 10.35am** 2. **PARTNERSHIPS ASSOCIATED WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - SEPTEMBER 2018** - Report dated 17 September 2018 by Head of Economic Development (attached)
- 11.05am** 3. **EXECUTIVE GROUP UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2018** - Report dated 12 September 2018 by Community Planning and Engagement Manager (attached)
- 11.15am** 4. **CURRENT KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 2018** - Report dated 14 September 2018 by Community Planning and Engagement Manager (attached)
- 11.45am** 5. **CRICHTON CARE CAMPUS - SEPTEMBER 2018** - Report dated 10 September 2018 by Project Officer Crichton Campus Project (attached)
- 12.05pm** 6. **LOCAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW – SEPTEMBER 2018** - Report dated 17 September 2018 by Policy Officer (attached)
- 12.20pm** 7. **NEXT MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD - 16 NOVEMBER 2018** - Report dated 13 September 2018 by Community Planning and Engagement Manager (attached)
- 12.30pm** **CLOSE**

At the conclusion of the meeting there is an informal opportunity to see round the facilities in Moffat Town Hall including the new Changing Places toilet and hear about the programme of work and related issues.



Item 2**PARTNERSHIPS ASSOCIATED WITH ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT****1. Situation**

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide clarity about how the various Economic Partnerships, national, regional and local enable the delivery of Dumfries and Galloway's Regional Economic Strategy and the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan; and how the participants are co-ordinated and supported to promote our key messages.

**2. Background****Dumfries and Galloway Economic Leadership Group**

2.1 The proposals for the Economic Leadership Group (ELG) were endorsed by the Dumfries and Galloway Strategic Partnership in November 2014 and the ELG was established by the Council's Economy Environment and Infrastructure Committee in May 2015 .

2.2 The first meeting of the ELG took place on 13 June 2016. There have been four meetings during 2017/2018.

2.3 The main objectives of the ELG are:

1. champion, co-ordinate and scrutinise the implementation of the Regional Economic Strategy to ensure that priorities for skills, business growth and regeneration are delivered
2. promote the acceleration, convergence and delivery of actions to drive forward the implementation of the Regional Economic Strategy Action Plan
3. identify and promote new strategic opportunities which will support economic growth for the region including cross border links
4. act as an advisory body for the development of the region's [*Single Outcome Agreement subsequently replaced*] the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Regional College Agreements
5. ensure that the Regional Economic Strategy and delivery is aligned with national ambitions and policies
6. ensure clear accountabilities for strategic economic development actions from local and national partners
7. promote active engagement by the private sector in the implementation and delivery of key and cross-sector plans
8. to act as an advocate for, and promote, the region's economic development.

2.4 Membership is drawn from the private, third sectors and comprises representatives of:

- Sector Groups (Food and Drink, Agriculture, Timber-Forestry, Fisheries, Engineering, Construction, Energy, Tourism)
- Dumfries and Galloway Council - Chair of the Economy, Environment and Infrastructure Committee and Chief Executive, Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Dumfries and Galloway College
- Visit Scotland
- Skills Development Scotland
- Scottish Enterprise
- Third Sector

The ELG is chaired by Moray Mackenzie, one of the private sector leaders.

2.5 Future improvements - At the meeting of Dumfries and Galloway Council's Economy, Environment and Infrastructure Committee on 13 July 2018 ([Item 11](#)), as part of a wider report on economic development resources and following discussion around the ELG Annual Report to the Community Planning Executive Group in March 2018, it highlighted the need for this forum to be invigorated, alongside the Local Employability Partnership and the Council's Apprenticeship Board.

2.6 It was also agreed that the ELG would be supported by the Employability and Skills Team to ensure there is improved dialogue, regular communication and advice, with on the ground intelligence of the needs and ambitions of businesses from Dumfries and Galloway's key sectors.

2.7 The Terms of Reference are therefore being refined to reflect the proposed invigoration, drawing on the [Community Planning Guidance](#) for partnerships and any substantive changes would be reported to the EEI Committee for approval. The ELG will next meet in October 2018 (after Business Week) to consider its arrangements and future work programme.

### **3. Linkages and relationships**

3.1 The discussion at the Community Planning Partnership Board at its meeting in June 2018, highlighted that the economic development landscape is complex and that change is happening at a very fast pace. The CPP Board also highlighted that this meant that communication and clarity about the Dumfries and Galloway key messages and needs was even more fundamental to ensure our needs were consistently promoted and we capitalised on the opportunities now available.

3.2 This therefore requires in the first instance a clear understanding of the relationships between the different partnerships, Plans/Strategies and partners; secondly clarity about the specific asks and priorities for the region; and finally clarity about the people involved and their roles and responsibilities.

### **3.3 Partnerships**

3.3.1 **Appendix 1** shows the linkage of Partnerships from Strategy, Enabling, Demand and Supply.

3.3.2 Strategists – this CPP Board is the high level body which sets the overview of the region.

3.3.3 Demand side- The Economic Leadership Group is predominately the representative of the Private Sector Groups and Third Sector as well as the public sector. They act as critical friends to the public sector, to identify the skills and tools required to increase productivity and create higher value jobs. They are supported by the public sector. They advise the Local Employability Partnership of their skills and training needs.

3.3.4 Enablers - The Enabling partnerships are the South of Scotland Alliance (SoSA), the South of Scotland Economic Partnership (SoSEP) and Borderlands Growth Deal. The Enablers, support the ELG who represent the needs and requirements towards Economic Growth which includes higher skills to drive productivity and economic growth.

3.3.5 Supply side - The Local Employability Partnership (LEP) sits as the supply for local skills and talent. The Developing Young Workforce (DYW) Board, Dumfries and Galloway Apprenticeship Board and Crichton Leadership Board will feed into the LEP but must be cognisant of the needs of the private and third sector. The DYW Board gain the supply needs directly through its engagement with the Sector Groups.

### **3.4 Plans and strategies**

Appendix 2 shows the linkages between the strategic level Local Outcomes Improvement Plan; the demand level Regional Economic Strategy; the enabling other related Plans and Strategies and the Plans of individual partners; and the supply Plans.

### **3.5 People**

An analysis of the people involved in each of the partnerships is currently in preparation and will be available at the meeting.

## **4. Key messages and communication**

4.1 The identification of a small number of key themes/messages will ensure that all the people involved in all of the partnerships are clear and consistent in their asks and contributions which will ensure a strong cohesion in all these different forums.

4.2 This builds on work undertaken for the Council's Advocacy and Lobbying Strategy and good practice evidenced in other parts of Scotland and beyond.

4.3 To support the identification of the key messages, a note of the high level issues in the RES, the SoSEP and the Borderlands Growth Deal (BGD) is currently in development and will be presented at the meeting.

## **5. Recommendation**

The Community Planning Partnership Board is invited to:

5.1 endorse the reinvigoration of the ELG;

5.2 consider the relationships outlined in Appendices 2 and 3 and offer any comment and advice; and

5.3 identify the key messages for all partnerships and representatives involved on our economic development and related forums

Jan Falconer, Head of Economic Development, Dumfries and Galloway Council  
17 September 2018

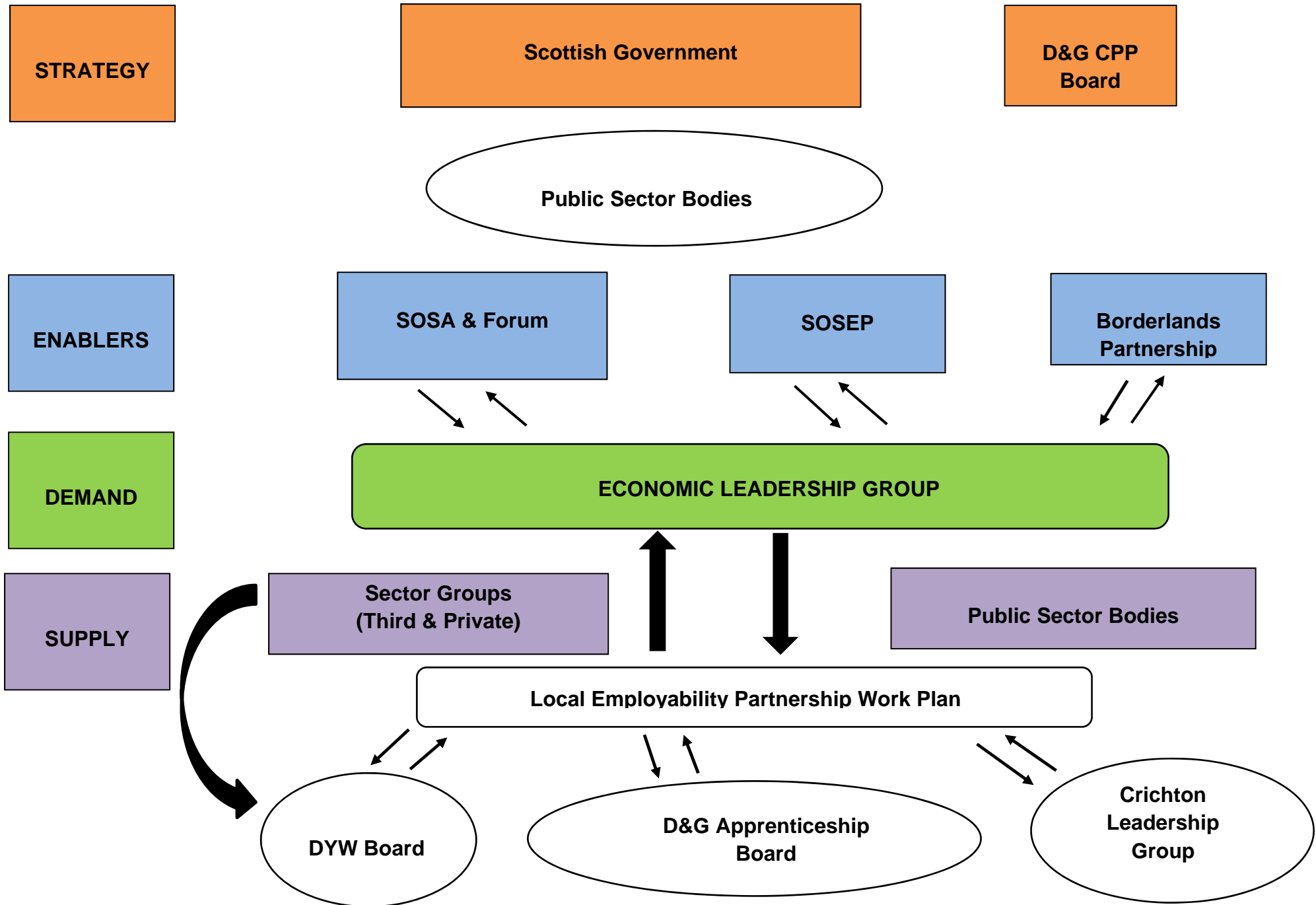
## **Appendices**

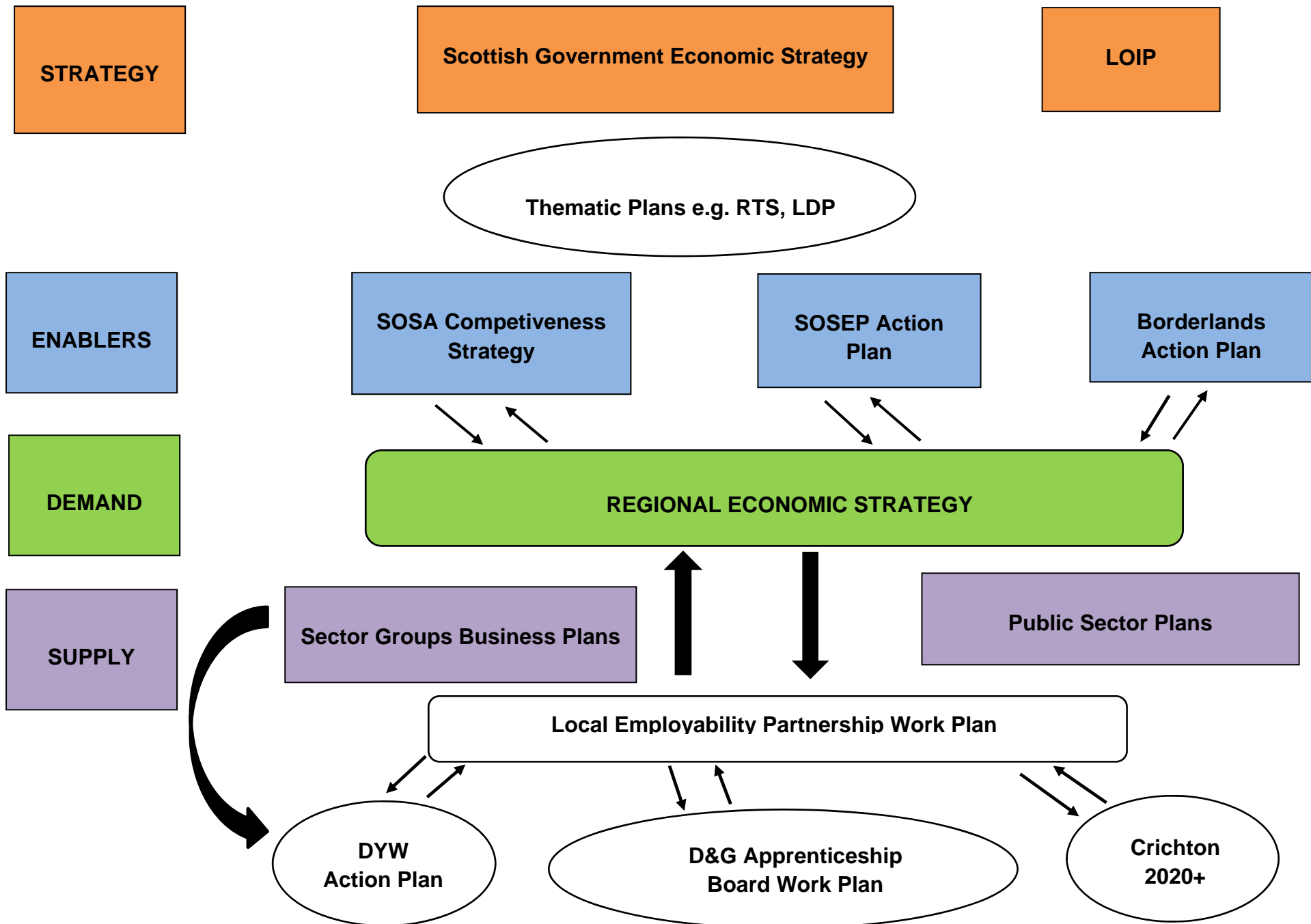
**Appendix 1 – Partnership relationships**

**Appendix 2 – Plans and strategies relationships**

### FORUMS RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

	CPP Board and Executive Group	Economic Leadership Group	South of Scotland Economic Partnership	Borderlands Partnership
D&G Council	Y	Y	Y	Y
NHS,D&G	Y			
Police Scotland	Y			
Scottish Enterprise	Y	Y	Y	
SFRS	Y			
TS,D&G	Y	Y		
FE/HE	Y	Y	Y	
Housing	Y			
SDS		Y	Y	
Visit Scotland		Y	Y	
MPs/MSPs				Y
Individuals from the D&G private sector	Y	Y including Chair Moray Mackenzie, Dupont	Y (3)	
Individuals from the D&G community sector	Y		Y (2) including Chair Professor Russel Griggs	







Item 3 Appendix 1**COMMUNITY PLANNING EXECUTIVE GROUP**  
**Council Offices, English Street, Dumfries**  
**Wednesday 16 May 2018****Present**

- Jeff Ace** - Chief Executive  
(in the chair) - NHS Dumfries and Galloway (NHS)
- Derek Crichton** - Director Communities  
(substitute) - Dumfries and Galloway Council (DGC)
- Norma Austin Hart** - Chief Executive  
Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway (TS,D&G)
- Hamish McGhie** - Local Senior Officer, Dumfries and Galloway  
Division  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)
- David Rennie** - Customer Stakeholder and Service Delivery  
(substitute) - Scottish Enterprise (SE)
- Gary Ritchie** - Police Superintendent  
Police Scotland (PS)

**Apologies**

- Gavin Stevenson** - Chief Executive (DGC)
- Alistair McKinnon** - Location Director (SE)

**In attendance**

- Melinda Dolan** - Equality and Diversity Officer DGC (Items 2 and 3)
- Lynsey Fitzpatrick** - Equality and Diversity Lead NHSD&G (Items 2 and 3)
- Gordon Pattinson** - Manager Public Protection DGC (Item 5 )
- Gillian Ross** - Finance and Accounting Manager DGC (Item 4)
- Frank Smith** - Chair, Equality and Diversity Working Group  
(Items 2 and 3)

**Kirsty Peden** - Community Engagement Officer

**Carol Marshall** - Administrative Assistant

**1. DRAFT MINUTE OF EXECUTIVE GROUP – 7 MARCH 2018**

**APPROVED** as a correct record,

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANGER**

**2. ANNUAL REPORT EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY WORKING GROUP -**

2.1 **NOTED** the performance and achievements over 2017/18; in particular the good progress that has been achieved in the engagement around statutory sector policies and plans; and in raising the profile and awareness of diversity issues through promotional campaigns.

2.2 **HIGHLIGHTED** the establishment of the D&G Equalities Partnership and the positive effect on the Working Group of this closer joint working; and

2.3 **SUPPORTED** the redesigning of the Community Survey which will be launched over the summer 2018 and the updating of the Equality Monitoring form, which is used across all public sector partners;

**ACTION: EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY OFFICER - DGC**

**3. IMPLEMENTING THE FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY (FSD) (FORMERLY THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DUTY) IN DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY**

3.1 **SUPPORTED** the use of enhanced Impact Assessment as the methodology for fulfilling the FSD by public sector partners;

3.2 **NOTED** individual organisations will determine their appropriate reporting arrangements; and

3.3 **AGREED** that the Annual Report on the LOIP should include the IAs undertaken by partners to demonstrate the partnership approach.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

**4. ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARTNERS' BUSINESS PLANNING AND BUDGETS DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COUNCIL**

**NOTED** the Council's business and financial planning arrangements.

## 5. DEVELOPING THE DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY PUBLIC PROTECTION PARTNERSHIP

5.1 **NOTED** the development of a new partnership for people protection issues across Dumfries and Galloway;

5.2 **AGREED** that consideration be given to how the new partnership would relate to the wider public protection agenda and the future arrangements for Community Safety including Anti-Social Behaviour and the Road Safety Partnership.

**ACTION: MANAGER PUBLIC PROTECTION, DGC AND DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES, DGC**

## 6. REVIEW OF LOCALITY PARTNERSHIPS

6.1 **NOTED** the progress of the Review of locality partnerships; and

6.2 **ENDORSED** the scope, timetable and methodology.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

## 7. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP RISK REGISTER

7.1 **AGREED** the likelihood and impact of four risks:

- Fail to meet the annual targets of the LOIP and Locality Plan with the 2027 timeframe
- Lack of participation in CPP activities
- Disconnect between different elements of the CPP structure and activities
- Insufficient integration of shared activities across partners

7.2 **AGREED** the Register be submitted to the CPP Board.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

## 8. EXECUTIVE GROUP FORWARD PROGRAMME

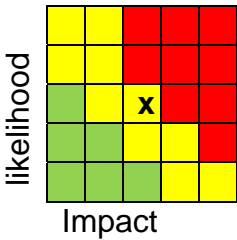
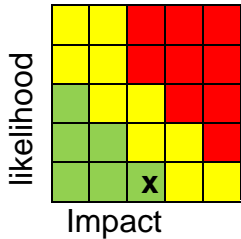
**APPROVED** the Work Programme as set out in the Appendix with the TS, D&G information on its budget and planning arrangements to be scheduled for December 2018.

**ACTION: COMMUNITY PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER**

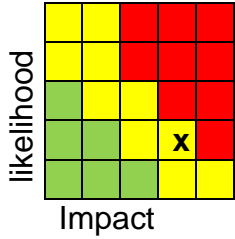
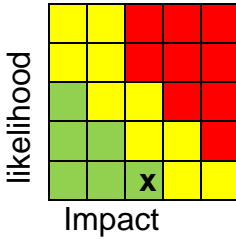
# Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership Risk Register

As at 17 May 2018

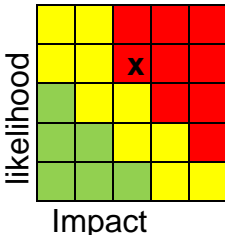
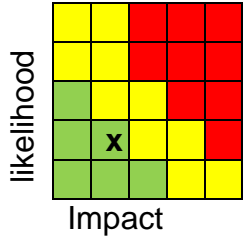
**CPP01 Delivery of Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and Locality Plan**  
**There is a risk that the CPP fails to meet the annual targets and outcomes within the 2027 timeframe**

Cause	Effect	Current risk assessment	Current Mitigations	Target Risk Matrix
<p>Reduced resources (people and money) of individual partners means that the original targets cannot be achieved</p> <p>Lack of prioritisation means that limited resources not targeted at issues of greatest need/ importance</p>	<p>The Ambitions of the LOIP and Locality Plan are not achieved.</p>		<p>Six monthly monitoring of the LOIP Indicators and Projects to check progress.</p> <p>Scrutiny of each of the performance of the eight key Partnership Plans by the CPP Board at each meeting</p> <p>Work underway on inequalities and social capital indicators to assess long term impact</p>	

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

Cause	Effect	Current risk assessment	Current Mitigations	Target risk matrix
<p>There is much reduced capacity in terms of people's time and energy to contribute to partnership activities and shared leadership.</p> <p>This covers elected and board members, community representatives and public and third sector officers</p>	<p>Inefficiencies, missed opportunities and poor relationships across partner organisations and with communities</p>		<p>Advance scheduling of meaningful engagement and meetings</p> <p>Regular review of strategic, thematic and locality partnerships to ensure they are effective and efficient, with rationalisation where possible.</p> <p>Induction of new people (Board and management levels) about community planning in D&amp;G</p> <p>New methods of involvement to minimise travel and promote good practice.</p> <p>Shared responsibility for different aspects of the community planning framework</p>	

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

Cause	Effect	Current risk assessment	Current mitigations	Target Risk Matrix
<p>There is a lack of understanding of roles and responsibilities between the different aspects of partnership working:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Strategic (CPP Board and Executive Group)</li> <li>-Thematic (service specific partnerships and Working Groups) and</li> <li>-locality (Local Rural Partnerships)</li> </ul>	<p>The Community planning vision and principles are not achieved</p>		<p>Sharing of information at meetings on activities of other partnerships</p> <p>Annual Conference on LOIP and Locality Plan will bring stakeholders together</p> <p>E-newsletter to be published regularly</p>	

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

Cause	Effect	Current risk assessment	Current Mitigations	Target Risk Matrix
<p>Partners are unaware or unwilling to participate in a joint approach to undertaking support activities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- financial and business planning</li> <li>- participation and engagement</li> <li>- tackling inequality</li> <li>- support for locality groups</li> </ul>	<p>Inefficiencies, missed opportunities and poor relationships across partner organisations and with communities.</p>		<p>Executive Group sharing financial and business planning approaches at each meeting to build understanding and knowledge</p> <p>Working Groups have integrated work programmes e.g. consultations and training in engagement; D&amp;G P&amp;E Network established</p> <p>Consideration ongoing about future arrangements for Equality and Diversity Working Group and Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group and Fairer Scotland Duty</p> <p>Executive Group has agreed the Collaboration Project as a leadership development approach</p>	

**Locality Plan Performance Management Framework**

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

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

<b>Case Studies</b>	<b>Source</b>
Supporting families to cook nutritional meals to combat the issue between food poverty and health	Action for Children
Free cooking sessions for healthy eating and meal preparation on a budget; and confidence building	Kate's Kitchen
Support for individuals through tackling food waste and reducing inequalities	Summerhill Community Centre

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

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

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Source</b>
Prepare both clients and all services and partners organisations to successfully manage the transition to Universal Credit	APS Action Plan
Implementation of the Welfare and Housing Options Support Project	APS Action Plan
Participate in 'A Menu for Change' initiative	DGC (Communities)
Creation and promotion of Fact Sheet about Food Bank donations	DGC (Communities)
Contribute to 'Challenge Poverty Week'	APS Action Plan
<b>Indicators</b>	
Number of Free School meals in D&G	DGC (CYPLL)
Delivery of the Home Energy Help project for fuel poor households in D&G	DGC (Communities)
Delivery of the better Eating better Learning Free Breakfast Clubs project	DGC (CYPLL)
<b>Case Study</b>	
Remote Rural Expansion	New Galloway Community Shop



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

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

<b>Personal Testimony</b>	<b>Source</b>
An individual's journey where their experience with a food share provider has provided opportunities to develop their personal level of confidence and self-esteem.	Summerhill Community Centre
<b>Indicators</b>	
No of volunteers involved in food share provision	DGC (Communities)
Delivery of the Links to Work project (those involved in food projects)	DGC (EEI)

### **Outcome 4: Food sharing arrangements are as efficient and effective as possible**

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

<b>Case Study</b>	<b>Source</b>
Support available to providers who are tackling food waste and health inequalities	TSD&G
<b>Project</b>	
Development of Food Sharing Project (Fairshare)	DGC (Communities)

## EXECUTIVE GROUP UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2018

### 1. Background

This Briefing provides an update on recent developments and issues that the Executive Group has dealt with since the last meeting of the Board on 22 June 2018. The minutes of the Executive Group meeting on 16 May 2018 are attached as **Appendix 1**.

### 2. Key issues

#### 2.1 Membership

2.1.1 The four year term of office of the NHSD&G Chair (and ex officio the Community Planning Partnership Board Vice Chair) Philip Jones has come to an end and the position is currently being advertised with a closing date of 21 September 2018. Interviews are scheduled for mid November 2018.

2.1.2 Scottish Enterprise has advised some changes taking place within the organisation as a consequence of the Scottish Government's [Enterprise & Skills Review](#) and the desire to see greater alignment and partnership working across regions. Scottish Enterprise (SE) has commenced a journey which will look to deepen its engagement with regional stakeholders. This change will see Scottish Enterprise playing to its national and international strengths, but varying its approach, where required and appropriate, to offer greater flexibility and deployment of resources to reflect regional opportunities and disparities across the country. Regional leadership from SE will be provided by dedicated Heads of Partnership who will look to develop and deliver regional outcome agreements and a supporting evidence base. For the East and South regions, this work will be taken forward by Elaine Morrison. Elaine replaces Alistair McKinnon as a member of the Executive Group and therefore also attends the Board.

#### 2.2 Implementing the Fairer Scotland Duty

2.2.1 The Equality and Diversity Working Group agreed the changes to the Impact Assessment Toolkit at its meeting on 22 August 2018 and it is therefore now on the Council's website and in use by partners.

2.2.2 The future arrangements of two Community Planning Working Groups that are both involved in tackling inequality – the Equality and Diversity Working Group and the Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group are involved in discussions about how best the new Fairer Scotland Duty should be reflected in their organisational arrangements. This work will continue throughout the autumn.

### 2.3 Review of Locality Partnerships

2.3.1 The last meeting of the Review of locality partnerships Group had to be cancelled due to the apologies received and the work programme has not progressed as planned due to other pressures. It is therefore planned that the Review timetable will see the findings and recommendations coming to the first meeting of the Board in 2019.

### 2.4 Risk Register

The Executive Group identified the Partnership's risks at its meeting on 16 May 2018, the likelihood, impact and mitigating actions. A copy of the Register is attached as **Appendix 2** for the Board's consideration and agreement.

### 2.5 Annual Reports for the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) and Locality Plan on Food Sharing

2.5.1 The Board agreed the Performance Framework for the LOIP at its meeting on 16 June 2018 and the performance information, particularly the Case Studies is being collated. A meeting with the lead officers for the key Strategies and Plans is scheduled for October 2018.

2.5.2 At its meeting on 15 August 2018, the Executive Group agreed the Performance Framework for the presentation to the Board for the Locality Plan on Food Sharing and this is attached as **Appendix 3**.

2.5.3 Also at its meeting on 15 August 2018, the Executive Group discussed Scottish Government advice about the interpretation of the Guidance on the production performance reports. The position being taken is that Annual Reports should be produced within six months of the end of the CPP Reporting periods, recognising that the statutory deadline for the first Plans was 1 October 2017 and that many CPPs are still developing their performance arrangements.

2.5.4. The Executive Group therefore proposes the following schedule of performance reporting for D&G for the next 18 months, with a review of our arrangements to be undertaken after our first Reports to ensure that they are best practice.

Method	Reporting Period	Scheduled CPP Meeting
6 Month Performance Report	1 October 2017 – 31 March 2018	16 November 2018
Conference of Lead Officers and representatives of the Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group and Equality and Diversity Working Group.	1 October 2017 – 31 March 2018	Early November 2018

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Visits to projects delivering LOIP and Locality Plan Outcomes	1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019	April - June 2019
Annual Performance Report	1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019	September 2019
Review of approach to Performance reporting		September 2019

### 3. Recommendations

The Board is invited to:

- 3.1 note the position of the issues in this report including those being dealt with by the Executive Group;
- 3.2 agree the Risk Register, subject to any additions or amendments at the meeting; and
- 3.3 agree the Performance framework for the Locality Plan and the timetable for the Annual Reports on the LOIP and Locality Plan

Liz Manson, Community Planning and Engagement Manager  
12 September 2018

### Appendices - 3

- 1 Minutes of the Executive Group meeting of 16 May 2018
- 2 Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership Risk Register as at 17 May 2018
- 3 draft Performance Management Framework for the Locality Plan on Food Sharing

**UPDATES ON KEY STRATEGIES AND PLANS****Anti-Poverty Strategy****1. Action Plan**

1.1 The Action Plan for the Anti-Poverty Strategy is currently being updated to reflect the new Business Plans of the Council's four Directorates which are being submitted to Committees during September and other developments. The updated Action Plan will be submitted to the Council's Communities Committee for approval at its meeting on 8 November 2018 and included in the report to the next meeting of this Board.

1.2 In the meantime, three highlights from the Action Plan are as follows

**1.2.1 Challenge Poverty Week 2018**

Plans are well underway for the delivery of a week long programme of events and activities to support the Poverty Alliance's National Campaign [Challenge Poverty Week 1-7 October 2018](#). Within our region, 'Doors Open Day' Events will be delivered by third sector organisations who support individuals and families in poverty and the Council is leading on two larger scale events – the launch of the new Homeless Strategy and new Housing Options Model on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October and "Money Matters Drop In" on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October which will feature up to 20 organisations offering guidance and support on a wide range of subjects including help for fuel poverty, debt and income maximisation.

**1.2.2 Community Planning Reference Group and Tackling Poverty Co-ordination Group**

The arrangements for the two Groups are under discussion, following the introduction of the Fairer Scotland Duty and to ensure the most appropriate support arrangements for the volunteers and the operation of the Groups are in place. The Annual Report on the Co-ordination Group and its Workplan were discussed with the Executive Group at its August meeting and will be finalised at the next meeting.

**1.2.3 Allocation of Tackling Poverty Budget**

The Council's Communities Committee at its meeting on 5 June 2018 agreed the [Evaluation Report](#) (Item 14) for the allocation of the 2017/18 £240,000 Tackling Poverty monies to support the findings and recommendations of the Mapping Project, conducted by the Council and Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway in spring this year. It concluded that this had been a very successful first Participatory Budgeting exercise both in terms of the feedback from participants about having their voice heard in this way and also in the projects being funded

The Communities Committee at its meeting on 6 September 2018 agreed the arrangements and timetable for the allocation of the [2018/19 £250,000 Budget by Participatory Budgeting to the Anti-Poverty Strategy Action Plan](#). (Item 9) The monies will therefore be allocated in March 2019.

### 1.3 Other developments around tackling poverty

#### 1.3.1 Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 Action Plan Annual Reports

A new Project Group is being formed comprising of senior nominated officers from NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council (the Anti-Poverty Officer, the Head of Education and the Head of Social Work) to compile all of the information which the Scottish Government are requesting to be completed jointly on an annual basis for the above Report. These annual reports will feature all of the projects and actions which will work towards the reduction to the Child Poverty Targets set by the Scottish Government in the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 with the ultimate aim of eradicating child poverty in Scotland by the end of 2030. A meeting has been held between the newly appointed officer for the Improvement Service, (Hanna McCulloch, National Co-ordinator – Local Child Poverty Action Reports) with the Anti-Poverty Officer, to provide guidance from a local authority perspective on the types of assistance that can help with the completion of the annual reports.

#### 1.3.2 Get Heard Scotland and Making a Difference: Priorities for Tackling Poverty

The Get Heard Scotland initiative is being run by the Poverty Alliance over the next three years to enable people with direct experience of living on a low income, as well as those who are working at the front line, to contribute to answering these questions. The initiative will feed back the views and priorities that emerge to local and national government, feeding into relevant policies. An event is being organised within our Region by Poverty Alliance in conjunction with the Anti-Poverty Officer for 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to gather views from our residents.

#### 1.3.3 COSLA Excellence Awards – Tackling Inequalities & Improving Health

The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) have awarded a Bronze Award in its Excellence Scheme to the Dumfries and Galloway Anti-Poverty Strategy under the above priority and the project is therefore in the short list for the Gold and Silver Awards. As part of the process a presentation was delivered by volunteers involved within the project and the Head of Customer Services from Dumfries and Galloway Council on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 to the COSLA Panel. The final award winners will be announced at the COSLA Award Ceremony on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

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

## 2. Children's Services Plan

## Item 4 Appendix 1

### **2.1 Annual Report**

2.1.1 The first Joint Annual Report on Year One (1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018) of our current Children's Services Plan 2017-20 (was submitted to Scottish Government in July 2018 and published on our partnership website. This report will be presented to D and G Council on 25 September 2018 and to the Integration Joint Board on 27 September 2018. Extracts of the Report are attached as **Appendix 2**.

2.1.2 The Annual Report contains: a narrative discussion of each Priority with key strengths and areas for improvement highlighted; all the Priority action plans with progress updates from responsible officers; and a Performance Report with progress against a suite of high-level indicators.

2.1.3 The overall conclusion of the Joint Annual Report was that the significant improvement journey in keeping children safe has been sustained, and good progress has been made across most actions in the five other priority areas despite operating in a highly challenging environment. Children's Services Executive Group (CSEG) recognise that there are areas where further improvements are required, and these will continue to be addressed over the next two years of the Children's Services Plan. In developing the Joint Annual Report 2017-18, the priorities and actions in our Children's Services Plan were reviewed, and issues identified during the reporting and reviewing process have been fed back to strategic groups and lead officers for action.

### **2.2 Further developments: Re-aligning Children's Services Programme**

2.2.1 Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership has been accepted onto the Scottish Government's Re-aligning Children's Services (RCS) Programme. This programme aims to help Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) to make better strategic decisions about services for children and families. It does that by encouraging and supporting CPPs to:

- Bring together key stakeholders to share information, build collective understanding, agree priorities and develop joint plans of action
- Use data and evidence to map current need, services and expenditure; to identify priority outcomes and effective and appropriate strategies for addressing those; and to evaluate subsequent changes to policy and practice
- Identify ways to shift investment 'upstream' to allow prevention and earlier intervention and, ultimately, to reduce the need for high intensity, high cost services.

2.2.2 Children's services planning aims to reduce the need for crisis interventions by investing in early intervention and prevention. To achieve this, partners need to work together to consider how to most effectively use limited resources. It is planned that with the support of the RCS Programme, Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership will become better positioned to deploy available resources collaboratively to best meet the needs of, and to improve outcomes for children and families and ensure that their experience of services is as 'seamless' as possible.

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

Item 4 Appendix 1**3. Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Improvement Plan**

3.1 The new model for Community Justice has been in place for the last year. Full functions and responsibilities for community justice and reducing reoffending transferred fully to local arrangements on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017; the National Body, Community Justice Scotland (CJS) has also been established. Scottish Government have now confirmed funding for local Community Justice Partnership arrangements for another year from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.

3.2 The first local Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan was approved by Dumfries and Galloway Strategic Partnership on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017. Feedback on this initial twelve-month plan from Community Justice Scotland was extremely positive.

3.3 Community Justice Scotland have produced Annual Reporting templates which must be completed and returned by 21<sup>st</sup> September. The report for this first year is focussed on activity rather than data and statistics reflecting the early stage of the partnership. A local front facing document will also be produced reflecting the format of the 'Just Communities' newsletter.

3.4 A new three-year strategic plan has been agreed by the Community Justice Partnership, consolidating work to date and with a clearer more long-term focus; this is underpinned by a robust annual action plan with lead partners identified. The plan was submitted to CJS for comment and again was received extremely positively.

**4. Assessment**

4.1 Whilst this first year has focussed on building the partnership itself there have been a number of significant achievements. Over the last year the Partnership has established two sub groups to support ongoing areas of work; the Health and Justice Group chaired by Criminal Justice<sup>1</sup> and an Early Intervention/Prevention Group chaired by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

4.2 Positive progress has been made against almost all outcomes within the first plan. Multi agency training has been identified as an area of best practice and has been particularly effective. Over the last year a total of 248 people from around 18 partner organisations, statutory and third sector, have been attended CJP training and events at zero budget<sup>2</sup>. This has been achieved through effective partnership working and sharing resources, venues and staff. All training has evaluated well and helped to raise awareness of community justice.

- 2 stakeholder events attended by 80 people.
- A workshop 'Moving from Partnership to Collaboration to reduce offending' attended by 28 people representing 17 organisations.
- 3 sessions of 'Out of the Shadows' highlighting the impact on children and families of parental imprisonment, attended by 68 people representing 18 organisations.
- 3 sessions of 'Ripple Effect' training highlighting the impact of crime on victims and the wider community, attended by 66 people representing 16 organisations.
- A screening of 'Resilience' highlighting the impact of ACEs followed by a panel discussion attended by 60 people.

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<sup>1</sup> This has been identified as an area of good practice by Community Justice Scotland.

<sup>2</sup> This total does not include those who attended initial stakeholder events in Stranraer and Dumfries



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- A pilot of local Tier 1 Trauma Informed Practice training attended by 26 people. Trauma training planned for 2018/19 currently has 198 people booked over 4 sessions.

4.3 A partnership newsletter 'Just Communities' has been produced highlighting activity and evidencing work to date. This has been well received and shared by partners with families and service users

4.4 A health needs assessment is ongoing supported by funding through D&G Health and Wellbeing. The aim is to engage with people in touch with the community justice system to understand facilitators and barriers that influence their health and wellbeing. Results of this will help support Criminal Justice Social Work with the implementation of the Presumption Against Short Prison Sentences legislation, changing the presumption from three to twelve months.

4.5 The partnership has led several funding bids and were successful in gaining funding through the Alcohol and Drug Partnership for the production of z cards following the loss of the local Arrest Referral Service. The cards provide support information for people arrested on drug or alcohol related offences and will be available in custody suites as well as to those being issued with fixed penalties in the community.

4.6 A new three-year strategic Plan has been agreed by the Partnership, consolidating work to date and with a clearer more long-term focus; this is underpinned by a robust annual action plan with lead partners identified. The plan was submitted to CJS for comment and again was received extremely positively. It is attached here for endorsement (**Appendix 3**)

## **5. Next Steps**

5.1 CJS Annual Reporting template to be submitted 21.09.18

5.2 Local front facing Annual Report document to be produced by 30.09.18 which will be circulated to the CPP Board members.

5.3 Care Inspectorate supported self evaluation of Community Justice Partnerships; support the proposal for D&G to volunteer as one of the first areas.

5.4 Proposal for a Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Conference March 2019

**Vikki Binnie, Community Justice Partnership Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Council**  
**10 September 2018**

Item 4 Appendix 1**4. Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partners' Strategic Plan 2015 – 2018 – Year 2 Action Plan – Progress Report**

4.1 During May to August 2018, the main focus of CLD Partners' resource has been to support the engagement linked to the development of the new CLD Partners' Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021.

4.2 This has involved local practitioners and workers helping to extend the reach of CLD through direct discussions and engagement with learners, volunteers, local groups and organisations across the region in order to help capture emerging priorities and shape the new proposed outcomes.

4.3 This combined effort helped generate just under 500 responses and also further developed partner relationship building and understanding across the sector. Up to date intelligence has also played a key part in developing the new draft plan and particularly the Strategic Needs Assessment for Health and Social Care 2018, Community Learning Needs Assessment 2017/18 and a range of local community intelligence previously gathered. This work has helped contribute significantly to three of our six current outcomes:

- **Outcome 1** – Partners share a joint vision for community learning & development (CLD) in Dumfries & Galloway
- **Outcome 2** – Improved partnership working is enhancing the CLD Sector across Dumfries & Galloway
- **Outcome 3** – Communities and target groups who benefit from community learning and development have more understanding and involvement in influencing how provision meets identified needs

4.4 The second priority of the CLD Partnership over the last quarter has been focused on cross partner training and development opportunities linked to the following outcome:

- **Outcome 6** – the capacity of the community learning and development sector has been increased through maximising joint training and development opportunities

4.5 Over the forthcoming period, practitioners will be involved in training delivered through Volunteer Scotland aimed at supporting best practice in volunteering and also Trauma Informed Practice through Health and Social Care and Community Justice Partnership. This adds to the other recent training opportunities where a range of practitioners across partner organisations attended the following:

- Good conversations training
- Building Stronger Communities
- Preparing for Investment Workshop

4.6 The Chair of the CLD Partnership continues to act as interim Chair of the CLD South West network which involved Dumfries and Galloway Council and North, East and South

Ayrshire Councils. As one of 6 national networks, it may be possible to attract funding from the CLD Standards Council to support workforce development opportunities across the network.

Some initial priorities and ideas were scoped out at the August network meeting with a view to submitting a bid to the CLD Standards Council when the funding window opens later in the year.

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

Item 4 Appendix 1**5. Health and Social Care Strategic Plan**

5.1 The Integration Joint Board has reviewed the Health and Social Care Strategic Plan and agreed to retain the current plan to March 2021. The retained plan will be republished with minor updates to the figures in September 2018.

5.2 The 2017/18 fourth quarter performance report on the Strategic Plan (to 31 March 2018) underwent scrutiny by the Senior Management Team and the IJB Performance and Finance Sub Committee where it was approved on 12 July 2018.

5.3 Highlights from the report include:

- A15 Proportion of the last 6 months of life spent at home or in a community setting has gone up.
- B4 Treatment time guarantee (TTG) continues to be challenging in Dumfries and Galloway and across Scotland.
- C1 Adults accessing Telecare as a percentage of the total number of adults supported to live at home continues to rise.
- C2-4 The first people receiving their care through SDS Option 2 are starting to be seen in the official figures.
- A3, A4 A significantly higher number of adults supported at home agreed they had a say in how their care or support was provided and that their services seemed to be well co-ordinated, than Scotland.
- A6 People's positive experience of their GP practice has fallen by 5%.
- A8 Carers who feel supported to continue in their caring role has gone down. A survey has been commissioned to explore this.
- B18 Sickness absence rate rose for both NHS and Social Care staff.

5.4 The IJB Annual Performance Report 2017/18 (1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018) was approved by the Integration Joint Board on 26 July 2018. The report was published on the DG-Change website on 30 July 2018, fulfilling the statutory requirements. This report will be seen at Full Council on 25 September 2018 and at NHS Board on 1 October 2018.

5.5 Key points from IJB Annual Performance Report 2017/18:

- Most people surveyed (93%) agreed that they were able to look after their health well or very well and 85% of people would rate their social care as good or excellent.
- Recruitment of staff across all parts of the Health and Social Care Partnership remain a challenge.
- More people are sharing their experiences with us, but we can still improve how we share the learning from these stories.

- A substantial investment has transformed Lochmaben hospital to provide intensive rehabilitation care. Combined with increasing numbers of people undertaking rehabilitation in the community, people are being supported to return to independence.
  - The new DGRI building was opened in December 2017, which has meant adopting new ways of working and thinking about how services are delivered in the acute hospital and back into the community. The amount of time people spent in hospital (acute, community and cottage) when they were ready to be discharged has fallen.
  - The inequality gap for early antenatal care for pregnant women has got smaller.
  - 1 in 5 Carers surveyed told us that they do not feel supported in their Caring role; although 70% of Carers agreed they had a good balance between Caring and the other things in their lives.
  - Financially, the Partnership delivered a breakeven financial position for 2017/18.
- 5.6 The constituent authorities (NHS Dumfries & Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council) will hold a public review the IJB's progress against the nine national outcomes for health and wellbeing on 1 November 2018, at Creebridge Hotel, Newton Stewart 10:30am - 12:30pm. This annual performance report will provide the basis for this review.
- 5.7 Other issues dealt with at the last meeting of the IJB on 26 July 2018 were – the Primary Care Implementation Plan for Dumfries and Galloway; Mental Welfare Commission report on people with dementia in community hospitals; Scotland's Digital Health and Care Strategy; Mental Health services and the role of the Third, Independent and Community sector; Anticipatory Care Plans; and the annual Oral Health Monitoring report.

**Julie White, Chief Officer, Health and Social Care**

Item 4 Appendix 1**6. Local Housing Strategy**

6.1 The Local Housing Strategy (LHS) sets out the Council's approach to meeting a range of statutory housing responsibilities. These include the reduction of fuel poverty, improving house conditions, encouraging town centre living, reduction of carbon emissions, improvements to environmental and design standards and supporting the development of sustainable communities. It is important that the LHS supports and helps to deliver national outcomes and targets, whilst reflecting the needs and priorities of this local authority area. The LHS has a number of key themes:

- The promotion of town centre living that also supports wider regeneration objectives
- Work with our local residents to help support the sustainability of our rural communities, including our support for the Dumfries and Galloway Small Communities Housing Trust
- Deliver schemes that help people to remain in their own homes, living independently, for as long as possible
- Support projects that aim to tackle fuel poverty and reduce climate change.

In addition, the LHS is a corporate priority and its production makes an important contribution to the Council Plan 2017-22.

6.2 Early engagement with key partners and stakeholders was key to identifying the outcomes and actions contained in the LHS. The Strategic Housing Forum played a key leadership role in the development of the LHS by providing an opportunity for a range of stakeholders to participate in the policy development process. Political input and ownership of the LHS has been achieved by each group in the Council being represented on the Forum, which was chaired by the Vice Chair of the Communities Committee.

6.3 In addition, Strategic Housing met with a number of groups including the Tackling Poverty Reference Group, D&G LGBT Plus and LGBT Youth, the Third Sector and the Poverty Alliance. Public consultation was also carried out to allow the residents of Dumfries and Galloway an opportunity to influence the LHS. For example, it was posted on the Council's social media pages inviting the public to complete an online questionnaire. An impact assessment was carried out on the draft LHS. This identified ten positive impacts and no negative impacts. The Communities Committee meeting of 5 June 2018 agreed the content of the Local Housing Strategy and this has now been submitted to the Scottish Government for final assessment.

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

Item 4 Appendix 1**7. Regional Economic Strategy (RES) 2016-2020**

7.1. 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. The first Annual Report was presented to the Strategic Partnership at its meeting in June 2017.

7.2 There are six strategic Actions within the Strategy and highlights of progress are contained below:

**1. More Growing Businesses**

First quarter of 2018/19:

- 104 new business start ups created
- 32 new start up businesses under the Young Entrepreneur programme
- 20 growing businesses supported via the Growth Accelerator Programme (GAP). GAP delivery is supported by a European Regional Development Fund grant of £913,000.

A Food & Drink Strategy and associated action plan is currently under development. The stated aim of the Strategy is to double the value of region's industry to £2.5 billion by 2030 (<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/pressreleases?item=1890>). The Council is working in partnership with the region's food and drink businesses to support delivery of this ambitious target.

**2. Developing Places**

- Improved town centre environments: the Communities Committee on 6 September 2018 ([Item 8](#)) agreed investment of £3.3M from the Town Centre Living Fund for Wigtown, Langholm, Annan and Dumfries;
- a report going to the Council's Economy Environment and Infrastructure Committee on 18 September 2018 ([Item 13](#)) sets out a refreshed approach to the regeneration of Dumfries Town Centre with a community led Action Group supporting Council and other officials in developing and implementing the Masterplan for the region's capital;
- Rhins of Galloway Coast Path: Over the past 5 years, in partnership with local communities, Dumfries and Galloway Council's Environment Team has been exploring the scope to establish a path, using the core path network, around the west and north coast of the Rhins of Galloway. Together with the existing 24 mile Mull of Galloway Trail the new path will create a complete 83 mile circular route around the Rhins peninsular. With an award of £662,800 from the Heritage Lottery Fund announced in August 2018, a funding package of £1.1 million has been secured to deliver the project over the next 3 years; and
- The Galloway Glens Scheme, supported with a grant of more than £2.7million from the Heritage Lottery Fund will be supporting a range of projects over the next five years up and down the Ken/Dee valley in the Stewartry. The scheme aims to 'connect people to their heritage' and to use the amazing natural and cultural heritage of the valley to drive economic development. The Scheme is now underway.

**3. Better Skills, Better Opportunities**

During 2017/18:

- 16% of unemployed people assisted into work from Council funded/operated employability programmes.

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- 751 training and employment opportunities provided for young people and unemployed adults
- 1836 young people under 25 engaged with and supported towards a positive destination
- 310 businesses engaged with through the Total Access Point Employer Engagement Programme.
- ‘So you want to be a Nurse/Midwife’ Programme: This programme will run for 5 days from 10th September 2018. The aim is to introduce employment within NHS including time management skills, general working conditions and communication skills, plus the opportunity to explore the wider fields of nursing and midwifery  
There are 32 places being offered (8 in each geographical area of Annandale & Eskdale, Nithsdale, Stewartry and Wigtonshire)  
This will be an annual programme and it is anticipated that the model will be used to develop future opportunities in various other occupations throughout NHS.

**4. Well Developed Infrastructure**

During 2017/18:

91.7% Broadband coverage across the region  
£16.4M invested in the road network

**5. Investment projects**

Key regeneration projects from the RES are all in progress: Chapelcross site; Stranraer Waterfront; M74 Corridor, Dumfries Learning Town.

Additional strategic projects have been agreed by Dumfries and Galloway Council for Kirkcudbright, Annan and Whithorn. Funding of £250k has been secured from South of Scotland Economic Partnership to support delivery in Annan.

**6. Intelligence, Leadership and Influence**

- Higher regional self confidence; higher national profile - In a separate report on this agenda, the developments around the South of Scotland Economic Partnership/Enterprise Agency and the Borderlands Investment Growth are detailed. Separately and together they have ensured that our region has a much higher profile than previously and the partnership working and the funding available through them means this Action of the RES has seen significant progress.

**Lead Officer: Jan Falconer, Head of Economic Development, Dumfries and Galloway Council.**



Item 4 Appendix 1**8. Regional Transport Strategy**

8.1 The SWestrans Lead Officer and Dumfries and Galloway Council's Head of Infrastructure and Transportation are members of the Client Working Group (consisting of Transport Scotland, Dumfries and Galloway Council, South Ayrshire Council, East Ayrshire Council, SWestrans and SPT) overseeing the Initial Appraisal: Case for Change study being undertaken by Transport Scotland to consider the rationale for improvements to road, rail, public transport and active travel on the key strategic corridors in the South West of Scotland. This includes the A75, A76, A77, A70, rail lines to Stranraer and Carlisle via Dumfries, with a focus on access to the Ports at Cairnryan.

8.2 Public and Stakeholder engagement will commence shortly and will consist of 5 key strands, as shown below:

- Stakeholder Workshops (x3) - Workshop with invited stakeholders to discuss problems, issues and opportunities, identify themes for Transport Planning Objectives and to generate options. Workshops to be held in Dumfries, Stranraer and Maybole.
- In-Depth Interviews with Key Stakeholders - Targeted consultation with key stakeholders to discuss key problems and opportunities and to identify potential options.
- Community Council Feedback - Letters/Email to all Community Councils to invite feedback on key issues to be considered through this study
- Online Survey - Online survey with the public promoted through social media and via Community Councils. Use of 'PlaceCheck' tool as a further means for stakeholders and the public to present their views.
- Elected Members Briefing - Briefing session with Politicians (MPs, MSPs, Local Members) representing the Study Area to provide an update on study progress and emerging themes.

8.3 It is intended that an Initial Appraisal: Case for Change draft report will be produced, by December 2018, which will highlight where the study has identified the need for further investigation of issues and may include recommendations setting out transport options which could be subjected to more detailed appraisal in a subsequent commission.

8.4 The Transport (Scotland) Bill was introduced to the Scottish Parliament on Friday 8 June 2018.

8.5 The aim of the Transport Bill is to make Scotland's transportation network cleaner, smarter and more accessible. The Bill aims to empower local authorities and establish consistent standards in order to tackle current and future challenges, while delivering a more responsive and sustainable transport system for all.

8.6 The Transport Bill is available to view online at:  
<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/Bills/108683.aspx>

8.7 At its meeting on 29 June 2018, the SWestrans Board received an update on the key measures within the Transport (Scotland) Bill. The Board will receive a report to its meeting on 21 September 2018 to agree a response to the Scottish Parliaments Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee Call for Evidence to all interested individuals and organisations to submit written views on the Transport (Scotland) Bill.

8.8 The Bill and subsequent Transport Act will be critical to the future delivery of transport across Dumfries and Galloway and will be a key element within the development of the Regional Transport Strategy.

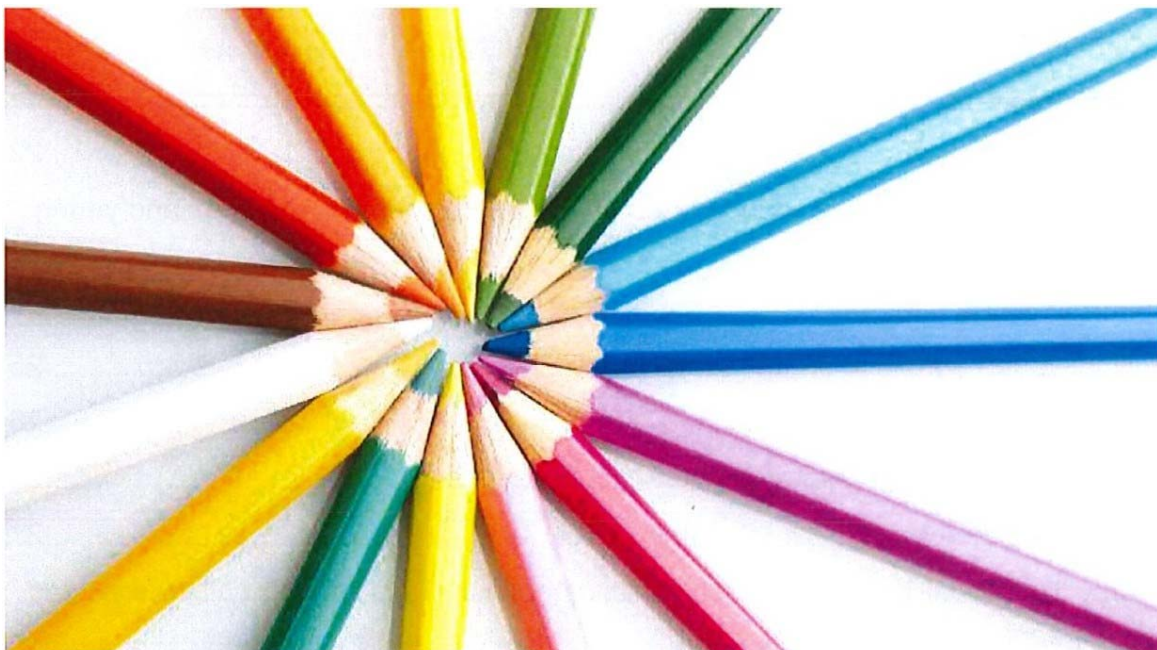
**Lead Officer: Douglas Kirkpatrick, Transportation Manager/Lead Officer SWestrans**

Item 4 Appendix 2

# Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership

## Extracts from the Joint Annual Report on our Children's Services Plan

Year 1: April 2017 to March 2018



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## Introduction

This is our first joint, annual report on our [2017- 2020 Children's Services Plan](#) and covers the period April 2017 to March 2018. The aim of this report is to demonstrate how the implementation of our Children's Services Plan in its first year has:

- Safeguarded and supported the wellbeing of children and young people in Dumfries and Galloway.
- Promoted early intervention and prevention to address needs at the earliest opportunity or to prevent them arising.
- Delivered services that appear as integrated as possible to the children, young people and families who use them.
- Made best use of resources.
- Ensured that related services, for example Housing and Alcohol and Drug services are also delivered in a way that as far as possible promotes children's wellbeing.

Our Children's Services Plan sets out our vision and commitment to improving the lives of children, young people and their families in Dumfries and Galloway. It sets out key achievements, new developments and identifies the direction of travel over the three years and meets our requirement under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

We have six priorities in our plan and Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) is the overarching framework through which they are being delivered with prevention and early intervention as the underpinning key principles.

Our priorities are:

1. We will ensure that children and young people are safe and free from harm
2. We will ensure children and young people get support at the earliest appropriate time through prevention and early intervention
3. We will improve the wellbeing and life chances of our most vulnerable children and young people
4. We will work to reduce or remove barriers so that all children and young people have equality of opportunity

5. We will deliver the best possible health and wellbeing for all children and young people
6. We will raise attainment and be ambitious for all children and young people

This report provides information on how well we have delivered our priority actions in the reporting period with details of our key strengths, challenges and areas for improvement.

In developing this report, we held multi-agency workshops to jointly analyse and evaluate a range of information and reach collective judgements about our progress. The information considered included:

- Management information: data about what we were doing and whether we were meeting our targets and delivering what we said we would do.
- Performance information: a collection of data that taken together, gives us a sense of whether we are making a difference to the wellbeing of children and young people in Dumfries and Galloway.
- Information from children and young people about their lives and the services they use.

## **Priority 1 – We will ensure that children and young people are safe and free from harm**

### **Summary of our key strengths**

- The functioning of the Child Protection Committee itself – the quality of the reports to the committee and the scrutiny of those reports
- Improvements in the quality and timing of assessment and response to risk and need
- Improvements in the quality of joint working
- Development of the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)
- Implementation of evidence-based tools and approaches – risk and neglect
- Ongoing commitment to learning and development.

## **Priority 2 - We will ensure children and young people get support at the earliest appropriate time through prevention and early intervention.**

### **Summary of our key strengths**

- We have a co-ordinated plan to develop our community resources through the development of Family Centres
- We are reviewing the framework for Parenting Provision which targets specific levels of need – the framework outlines what supports are available at universal, additional and intensive levels
- D&G have a strong suite of GIRFEC Documents which are used across the region
- D&G are continuing to deliver a Named Person service across the region
- Our PEEP programme has evaluated well and is making a positive difference to parents.

## **Priority 3 – We will improve the wellbeing and life chances of our most vulnerable children and young people**

### **Summary of our key strengths**

- We have improved the way we engage with looked-after and care experienced children and young people and have embedded LAC engagement activities within Youth Democracy structures
- We have a range of housing options for young people leaving care and our standards and policies mean that young people leaving care would no longer be referred to homelessness services
- Our work to assist young people sustain positive destinations after school and to help care-experienced young people access further and higher education.

## **Priority 4 – We will work to reduce or remove barriers so that all children and young people have equity of opportunity**

### **Summary of our key strengths**

- Delivery of anti-poverty actions.
- The work underway to develop a comprehensive disability strategy.
- Our support for young Carers.

## **Priority 5 – We will deliver the best possible health and wellbeing for all children and young people**

### **Summary of our key strengths**

- Creation of a multi-agency Health & Wellbeing Strategic group to focus on schools, membership drawn from school representatives, CAMHS, public health, youth work, Education Psychology and NHS Psychological Services. Consultation from the above group has led to a focus on: mental health and resilience and developing enhanced universal provision for young people in schools (this has included stress control delivered through Personal and Social Education; Mindfulness and low-level counselling support options through Youth Work)
- Cool2Talk – introduction of interactive digital intervention to provide access to digital health information for young people across Dumfries and Galloway, providing confidential responses to young people from professionals within 24 hours.
- Focus on improved sexual health and health in pregnancy – through Pregnancy, Parenthood, and Young People Action Group – and Dumfries and Galloway Sexual Health Action Plan – Teenage MOT clinics
- Reduction in the number of the most inactive children doing only 0-2 days of physical activity per week. Increase in those achieving moderate levels of physical activity.

## **Priority 6 – We will raise attainment and be ambitious for all children and young people**

### **Summary of our key strengths**

- A good focus on attainment across all SIMD levels which is leading to improvements
- Partnership working is a key strength – for example when preparing young people to leave school – this is evidenced in a number of ways including the Employability Coordination Groups
- We are sustaining positive destinations for the majority of young people within Dumfries and Galloway
- Use and analysis of a range of data has successfully informed prioritisation and improvement planning in both schools and post school.



## Conclusions and next steps

In conclusion, overall we have sustained our significant improvement journey in keeping children safe and made good progress across most actions in the five other priority areas despite operating in a highly challenging environment. We recognise that there are areas where we need to improve, and we will continue to address these over the next two years of our plan. In developing this report, we took the opportunity to review the priorities and actions in our Children's Services Plan and issues identified during our reporting and reviewing process have been fed back to strategic groups and lead officers for action.

Since the Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People in 2014 we have made steady improvements in the way that we collect, analyse and use data. We recognise that while we have made good progress in this, we can still improve and we are confident that our participation in the [Realigning Children's Services Programme](#) will help us to do this.

The Realigning Children's Services Programme will help us in our ongoing children's services planning to make better joint strategic decisions about how to improve outcomes for children and families. It will do that by helping us to:

- Better understand and use data and evidence about services and the needs of the children and families in our region.
- Find ways of investing resources in early intervention and reducing the need for expensive crisis-driven services.
- Find meaningful and effective ways of involving children, families and frontline practitioners in the process of service redesign.
- Bring about sustainable change by being able to evidence how changes we make are making a positive difference.

We need to improve the ways that we engage with, and involve children, young people, families and communities in the planning and delivery of children's services. We acknowledge that we need to improve the pace of change in this area, but we have laid the foundations for this with the Council's Youth Participation and Engagement Strategy and our multi-agency Engagement Strategy. We are confident now that we now have the structures in place to improve our engagement over the next two years and our participation in Realigning Children's Services programme will also assist us in this.

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While we reviewed our children's services plan, we also reviewed our own leadership, partnership working, and planning structures to ensure that we still have the right structures to deliver our aims. Our Children's Services Executive Group will continue with existing members and also wider membership comprising the chairs of our strategic groups, representation from the third sector and associate members as required. We are confident now that we have the right structures in place going forwards to continue the delivery of the next two years of our Children's Services Plan.

As leaders, we have continued to communicate and engage with multi-agency stakeholders with our programme of briefings and staff engagement events. We have continued to ensure, through our programme of multi-agency learning and development opportunities, that staff across all children's services have access to the skills and learning that they need to deliver the aims of our plan. In driving forward improvement, we have continued to maintain oversight of quality assurance reporting while challenging each other appropriately when necessary. We are confident that despite all the challenges we face, we are in a position to achieve our aims by 2020.



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# Just Communities:

Strengthening relationships,  
building resilience and  
reducing offending

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Community Justice Outcomes,  
Improvement Plan 2018 – 2021

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# Just Communities

## strengthening relationships, building resilience and reducing reoffending

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# Just Communities

## strengthening relationships, building resilience and reducing reoffending

### A Community Justice Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Plan for Dumfries and Galloway

## 1 Foreword

Welcome to the second Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan. This last year has seen us begin to rise to the challenge of creating a robust and effective local partnership to prevent offending and reduce reoffending; whilst still considering the needs of victims and the families of both.

The first year of the new model for Community Justice in Dumfries and Galloway focussed on bringing partners together and identifying the areas of most importance to our local area. Dumfries and Galloway is a diverse and beautiful area of Scotland which by its very nature has its own unique strengths and challenges. One of our strong points is the fact we are a single local authority area, and we have coterminous Health, Police and Fire services, which can only enhance true collaboration and partnership working.

One of the most successful aspects of the first year of the partnership has been the delivery of true multi-agency training, with training delivered in many locations including fire stations in Dumfries and Stranraer and libraries. This is something that we intend to build on over the coming year with a programme of Trauma Informed Practice training taking place to raise awareness of the signs of trauma and effective ways to support people who may have experienced this. This will be achieved through close collaborative working with partners in health and is a direct result of the establishment of our local Health and Justice Sub Group. Research on Adverse Childhood Experiences demonstrates the links with such events and potential negative future life outcomes, although this is by no means a foregone conclusion; raising awareness of ACEs to not only partners but communities should help all Public Protection partners and help early intervention and prevention approaches.

The plan for the next three years has consolidated areas from last year in to six strategic priorities, underpinned by an annual action plan which identifies the work required by all partners. We think this approach enables us to anticipate and plan whilst still giving us flexibility to react to future challenges and changes which may take place; for example, the future custodial estate for women in Scotland and the anticipated Presumption Against Short Sentences legislation. We hope you agree that this is the most effective way forward, leading to a plan which I believe is both aspirational and achievable.

## Elaine

Councillor Elaine Murray  
Leader, Dumfries and Galloway Council



## 2 Background

The Community Justice (Scotland) Act<sup>1</sup> heralded the disestablishment of Scotland's Community Justice Authorities on 31 March 2017 and the establishment of a national body, Community Justice Scotland. Arrangements for local strategic planning and delivery of community justice are now undertaken within local Community Planning Partnership structures. In Dumfries and Galloway this has been through the development of a local Community Justice Partnership. This legislation established

***"A new model for community justice which puts local delivery, partnerships and collaboration at its heart".***

The following bodies are statutory "community justice partners" for the purposes of this Act. In Dumfries and Galloway this is:

- Dumfries and Galloway Council
- NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Skills Development Scotland
- The Integration Joint Board<sup>2</sup>
- The Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service<sup>3</sup>
- Scottish Ministers; that is the Scottish Prison Service (linking with HMP Dumfries and HMP Kilmarnock), and Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service

This model requires statutory partners at a local level to prepare, implement and review a community justice outcomes improvement plan (CJOIP) for the local authority area. Whilst the Third Sector are not statutory partners we understand their importance and the added value they bring. Over the first year of the local partnership we have had strong third sector representation but recognise there are opportunities to build on this for greater effectiveness leading to true collaboration; mechanisms for this are built in to annual action plans.

The first Dumfries and Galloway CJOIP covered a twelve-month period to concentrate on building a robust partnership, engaging with partners and beginning to work on identified outcomes. The partnership has now matured, and it is appropriate to produce a three-year strategic plan, building on the work undertaken to date and adding relevant local actions where gaps are apparent. Locally this work is coordinated by the Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Partnership Manager.

The National Strategy for Community Justice defines the approach as:

*'the collection of individuals, agencies and services that work together to support, manage and supervise people who have committed offences, from the point of arrest, through prosecution, community disposal or custody and alternatives to these, until they are reintegrated into the community. Local communities*

<sup>1</sup> The legislation is available at the following link <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/asp/2016/10/contents/enacted>

<sup>2</sup> Established by virtue of section 9 of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014

<sup>3</sup> *The Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 does not require statutory partners to carry out their duties in a way that would conflict with existing statutory duties. For example, the role of Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service is carried out to the extent that it does not conflict with its role of supporting the courts, or influence sentencing decisions.*

and the third sector are a vital part of this process which aims to prevent and reduce further offending and the harm that it causes, to promote desistance, social inclusion, and citizenship’.

This is supported through a Community Justice vision that: **Scotland is a safer, fairer and more inclusive nation where we:**

- Prevent and reduce further offending by addressing its underlying causes.
- Safely and effectively manage and support those who have committed offences to help them reintegrate into the community and realise their potential for the benefit of all citizens.

This will be further supported by effectively implementing the national community justice mission<sup>4</sup> underpinned by the principles below.



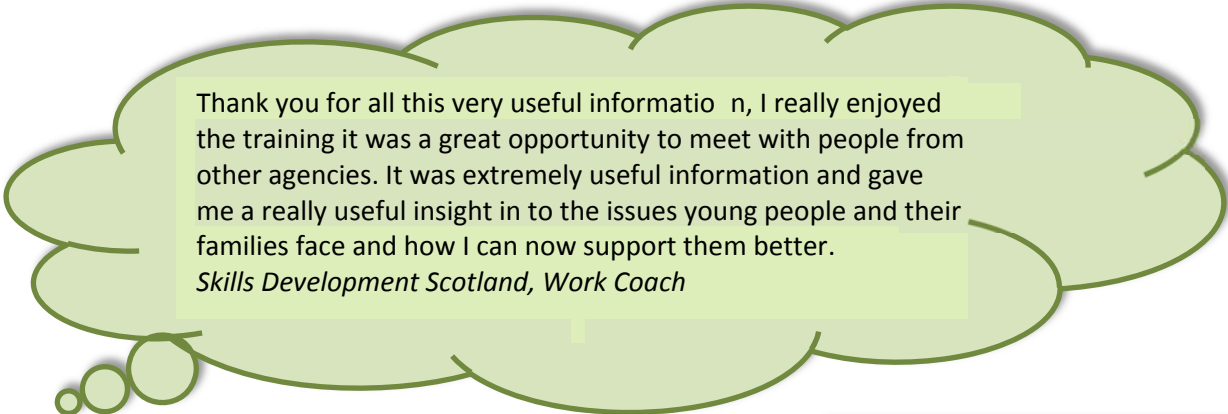
<sup>4</sup> Community Justice mission

- Delivers a decisive shift in the balance between community interventions and the use of custody
- Improves the reintegration from custody to community.

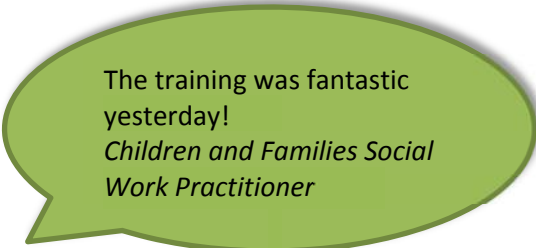
### 3 What this has meant for Dumfries and Galloway

The last year has seen us focus on building the partnership, raising awareness of community justice across the local area and work on the outcomes stated in our first CJOIP. This has seen short life working groups established to lead on particular aspects and sub groups for Early Intervention/Prevention and Health and Justice; which should feed in to both the Youth Justice Partnership and the Alcohol and Drug Partnership in Dumfries and Galloway.

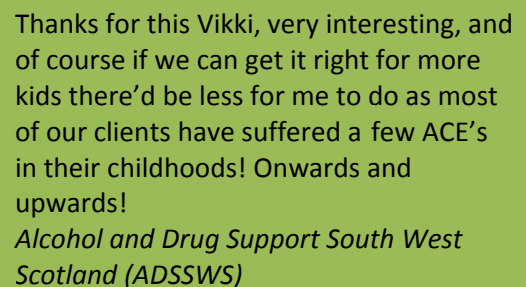
Multi agency training has taken place in partnership with Families Outside and Victim Support Scotland. There has been a marked increase in the uptake for training since the establishment of the local partnership and the coordination and delivery of training has been supported by our Community Justice Partnership Manager. This is due to active engagement with partners and organisations leading to increased ownership of local priorities. Over 150 people from a wide range of organisations have taken part over the last year with training delivered in local fire stations and libraries in Dumfries and Stranraer. Feedback has been extremely positive; this is something that will remain a priority on an ongoing basis.



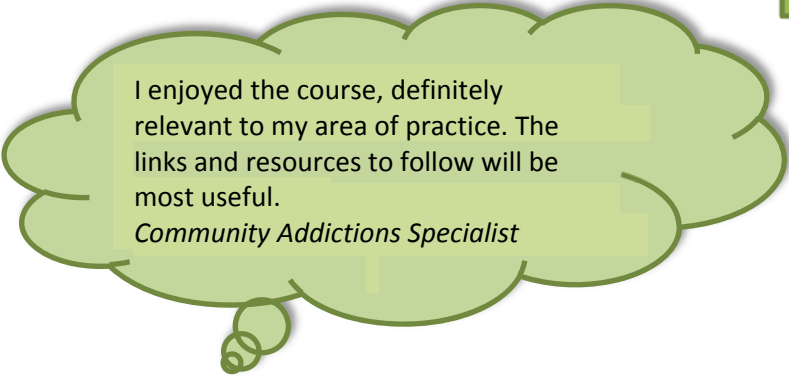
Thank you for all this very useful information, I really enjoyed the training it was a great opportunity to meet with people from other agencies. It was extremely useful information and gave me a really useful insight in to the issues young people and their families face and how I can now support them better.  
*Skills Development Scotland, Work Coach*



The training was fantastic yesterday!  
*Children and Families Social Work Practitioner*



Thanks for this Vikki, very interesting, and of course if we can get it right for more kids there'd be less for me to do as most of our clients have suffered a few ACE's in their childhoods! Onwards and upwards!  
*Alcohol and Drug Support South West Scotland (ADSSWS)*



I enjoyed the course, definitely relevant to my area of practice. The links and resources to follow will be most useful.  
*Community Addictions Specialist*

We have also carried out some service user consultation focusing on people's personal experience of the justice system. A selection of comments highlighted the impact on families and a perceived lack of support, particularly on release from custody:

*"my family are doing harder time than I am. I get visits, money etc. I know they are sick of it but feel they need to stand by me as I'm their brother, son, boyfriend....I feel bad"*



*“When I’m in prison my family don’t have to worry if I’m going to die from an overdose. They have peace of mind while I’m locked up, but they want me out and away from crime and drugs....I never seem to get the help I need”*

*“personally things don’t work when I don’t use the support in the community after release, I fall back in to drug use and crime”*

Following initial consultation and two local stakeholder events the message that came across strongly was that while there was a strong tradition of partnership working across Dumfries and Galloway there remained a lack of understanding regarding community justice and what was involved. A paper was then developed<sup>5</sup> that has been cascaded throughout the partnership and will continue to be used more widely by all partners. Also, our first Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Partnership newsletter was produced and shared in January 2018, highlighting activity and developments to date.



Local communities across Dumfries and Galloway need to know and understand that all partners within the Community Justice Partnership are working hard, and working together, to support the communities they serve. This can only be strengthened and enhanced with greater community involvement and awareness ultimately leading to better, more effective relationships and designing future services in a coproductive way.

Producing updated local Community Justice Strategic Assessments for the area will remain an ongoing piece of work as services and dynamics change. This provides a Dumfries and Galloway context, examining many different areas and looking at all provision in the region, from universal services available to everyone within their communities, work on prevention and early intervention, and detailing the justice journey from the point of arrest. The strategic assessments will also provide baseline data for developing an effective performance framework; and partners will build on and update the assessment as a living document throughout the lifetime of our partnership.

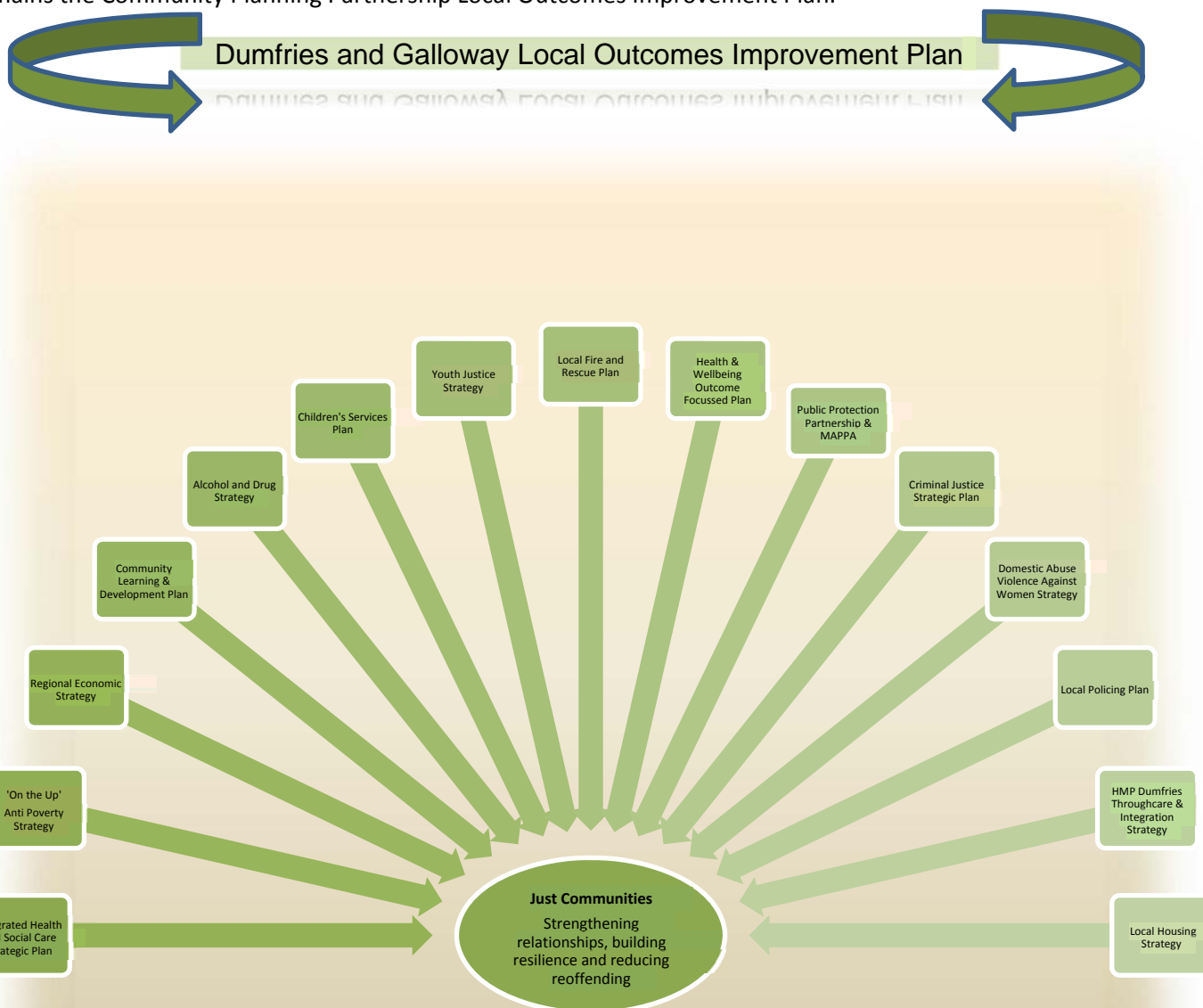
Areas of improvement were identified within the original strategic assessment. However, these are viewed as opportunities to make progress. Dumfries and Galloway is in a much stronger position to tackle any gaps as a strong and effective local Community Justice Partnership, recognising and understanding our own communities best whilst appreciating the differing needs and approaches across the region; bearing in mind the challenging rurality and geographical spread of the area.

As a single local authority and health board area with Police and Fire also being coterminous, we are at an advantage and there should be fewer barriers to overcome. We intend to capitalise and build on this to enhance local provision further and explore options to promote the increased use of diversion at the beginning of the justice journey and the mentoring model at the end. By working more collaboratively with our partners in the third sector opportunities for funding and securing additional funds for all are increased, offering the prospect of exploring innovative ways of working in partnership and changing process which will more effectively meet the needs of our communities.

<sup>5</sup> 'Community Justice in a Nutshell' this has been shared with all partners as well as more broadly. DGCIOP/VB/FV

## 4 Links to other Strategies

Community Justice cannot be viewed or addressed in isolation. There are many existing partnerships and strategies throughout Dumfries and Galloway that are working towards and achieving outcomes that relate to community justice and vice versa. Details of these are included in our Community Justice Strategic Assessment and the main strategies, plans and partnerships considered are highlighted in the following diagram. The overarching plan remains the Community Planning Partnership Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.



It will be part of the work of the local partnership to ensure that community justice in its broadest sense also feeds back in to all of the above strategies and plans in order to be truly effective. It is crucial that partnerships work with partnerships. We know that 54% of violent crime in Scotland<sup>6</sup> is committed whilst under the influence of alcohol therefore close alignment with the Alcohol and Drug Partnership is important; whilst women involved in the justice system have high levels of trauma and incidences of abuse<sup>7</sup>; linking closely to the work of the local Domestic Abuse Violence Against Women Partnership and the forthcoming Public Protection Partnership for Dumfries and Galloway.

<sup>6</sup> Alcohol Focus Scotland - Alcohol facts and figures. Available at <http://www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/alcohol-information/alcohol-facts-and-figures/>

<sup>7</sup> Prison Reform Trust - Transforming Lives: Reducing Women's Imprisonment 2015-2018. Available at <http://www.prisonreformtrust.org.uk/WhatWeDo/ProjectsResearch/Women/TransformingLives>

## 5 Dumfries and Galloway Local Priorities and Themes for 2018-2021<sup>8</sup>

Over the last twelve months we have concentrated on the development of a robust Community Justice Partnership in Dumfries and Galloway, with all partners working together to achieve time bound goals and local outcomes which will effectively evidence and help meet the structural, and subsequent outcomes for people (person centric outcomes) set out in the National Strategy and Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework for Community Justice<sup>9</sup>.

In order to achieve ‘Just Communities’ within Dumfries and Galloway it is recognised that our local partnership had to be built on strong foundations, with each partner recognising their contribution to the community justice agenda and being accountable for actions within the plan. It is only by taking this approach that we as a partnership can begin to make changes to processes and systems which will have a positive impact on our communities and improve outcomes for local people. There continues to be much work currently taking place across the region that contributes to and meets the outcomes for community justice. As a partnership we intend to build on this over the next three years, recognising opportunities for further collaboration and highlighting the good work underway throughout our own organisations and communities through our partnership newsletter and the sharing of good news stories.

It is crucial that local communities throughout Dumfries and Galloway understand what community justice means, feel involved and included, and recognise their role and contribution in the local community justice agenda. Communication at all levels will be the key to this and the partnership will develop a meaningful and fit for purpose communication and engagement strategy to provide consistency and a clear message for all partners; this will link to the national Communication Strategy set out by Community Justice Scotland creating a uniformity of message and approach whilst enabling us to have a distinctly local flavour.

Through our experience to date we have realigned our previous areas of focus reducing our strategic priorities from eight to six. This reflects progress and activity over the lifetime of the first plan and refreshes priorities, making them more high level whilst still giving us the flexibility to both plan and react to changes which may take place at a national level. Annual action plans will underpin our strategic priorities to ensure the work of the partnership continues to be driven forward effectively. The sub groups we have established (Health and Justice and Early Intervention/Prevention) will produce their own action plans which should effectively feed in to both the Youth Justice Partnership and Alcohol and Drug Partnership as well as the organisational plans of the partners involved.

As previously stated Community Justice Strategic Assessments will be reviewed and refreshed over the coming year, enabling us to consider actions which may need to be reflected in future plans.

Progress made by the partnership over our first year will be reported, published and shared with Scottish Government and Community Justice Scotland in August 2018. To coincide with this a local Annual Report will be produced which will be easy to read and understand, celebrating the success of the partnership to date and highlighting work still to be achieved.

### **Figure 1: Strategic Local Priorities and Themes 2018 - 2021**

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<sup>8</sup> These themes have been taken from the Dumfries & Galloway Strategic Needs Assessment for Community Justice. This is included as a separate document and will continue to evolve throughout the lifetime of the partnership. This will also allow it to be utilised as a source of evidence of improvements facilitated by D&G CJP over time.

<sup>9</sup> Links for both documents are available at the end of this document.  
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## 5.1 Themes

### Priority Area 1: Governance

This plan has been developed by the Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Partnership who will continue to oversee the progress of the plan throughout the next three years. Reporting arrangements will be through Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership structures; for the purposes of this plan that will be the Community Planning Partnership Board. Progress reports will also go to Dumfries and Galloway Chief Officers Group and the Public Protection Partnership.

The plan itself will be reviewed at each meeting of the Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Partnership with actions continuing to be driven forward through the establishment of focused short life working groups which will change and evolve as actions are achieved, as well as the two established sub groups.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 required local Community Planning Partnerships to publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP). The Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan (CJOIP) must demonstrate clear alignment to this plan. In Dumfries and Galloway, the LOIP identified five outcomes as part of a ten year vision for the area, these can be seen in [Appendix 1](#)

All statutory partners within our local partnership have their own organisational actions that align with community justice. We will ensure that this information is captured to support ongoing work at a local level as well as evidence individual organisational outcomes. This will help to avoid duplication, evidence progress and aid with the sharing of information across the partnership.

### Priority Area 2: Equity and Equality, Opportunity and Reintegration

As a partnership we remain committed to promoting equality of access and opportunities for all those in the justice system, including victims and families (of both victims and of those who may have caused harm). We also understand that in order to achieve this some people need additional help and support, hence the importance of recognising that equality and equity are not the same thing. We will work closely with partners from Families Outside and Victim Support Scotland to coordinate and support multi agency training on an annual basis in both the East and West of the region. This training and awareness raising increases the profile of both partner organisations whilst achieving its aims of raising awareness of the needs of victims and families.

We recognise that integration/reintegration is vitally important for those involved in the justice system, with the desistance journey having many parallels with the recovery journey. We will continue to support and promote diversion at the front end of the system and throughcare at the back end to achieve the best outcomes for individuals, families and our communities.

### Priority Area 3: Multi Agency Approaches

The Partnership will be strongly linked to the newly established (June 2018) Dumfries and Galloway Public Protection Partnership, which reports to the Chief Officers Group: Public Protection. This newly established partnership will have strategic responsibility for Adult Support and Protection, Child Protection and Violence Against Women and Girls, and close working will allow the Community Justice Partnership to engage with those agendas and vice versa. We will also continue to strengthen our links with Dumfries and Galloway Youth Justice Partnership, exploring the transition of young people from youth to adult criminal justice services and promoting the use of diversion.

As a partnership we will take cognisance of the work of the Early Years Collaborative, exploring the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and resilience building/support for young people.

We will raise awareness of and encourage all partners to consider use of the [Framework for the support of families affected by the Criminal Justice System](#). This will help to better support the families of those involved in the justice system at every stage, recognising the impact of imprisonment on all of those involved and linking more effectively

with the GIRFEC agenda. We will also raise awareness of wider family support services for those involved in the justice system and recognise the added value they provide.

The Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Partnership has an aspiration to create a set of Quality Principles for Justice Services for our local area which reflect the Quality Principles: Standard Expectation of Care for Alcohol and Drug Services<sup>10</sup> and build on the national Quality Ambitions and Principles for Community Justice. This will be an area of development for the partnership over the next year and will not only support the three outcomes for people in the National Strategy but will also ensure a consistency of approach and expected standard of service for all those delivering services at every stage of the justice journey and beyond. If successful, we will be one of the only regions of Scotland to have a consistent quality standard for all community justice services.

#### Priority Area 4: Health and Justice

There is an expectation from Scottish Government that community justice partnerships consider and support opportunities to include health improvement interventions at every stage of the justice system.

Our Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Partnership has established a Health and Justice Sub Group to take the lead on this work. The group will continue to look at current health and wellbeing needs and input throughout the justice pathway. The group will also identify changes to processes and service delivery which recognise the vulnerability of many of those involved in the justice system; exploring more effective ways of working to meet their needs.

Two main areas of work involve working alongside the local Alcohol and Drug Partnership to train staff and promote the use of alcohol brief interventions for those engaging with all justice services. In addition to this we plan to work with partners in Health to offer a programme of multi-agency training in trauma throughout the next year<sup>11</sup>, ensuring all partners have the skills they need to recognise trauma and react in the most appropriate way to support the individuals they are working with.

#### Priority Area 5: Early Intervention and Prevention

As a partnership we will encourage and support the continued use of diversion and early intervention for young people in Dumfries and Galloway in accordance with the National Strategy for Community Justice. One of the ways we intend to do this is links with priority area two; through continuing to strengthen our links with Dumfries and Galloway Youth Justice Partnership

We will take cognisance of the work of the Early Years Collaborative, exploring the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and resilience building/support for children, young people and their families.

We will continue to raise awareness of and encourage all partners to use of the [Framework for the support of families affected by the Criminal Justice System](#). This will help to better support the families of those involved in the justice system at every stage, recognising the impact of imprisonment on all of those involved and linking more effectively with the GIRFEC agenda. We will also raise awareness of wider family support services for those involved in the justice system and recognise the added value they provide.

We recognise that there is much good work already taking place across Dumfries and Galloway around prevention and early intervention. Our partners, Scottish Fire and Rescue and Police Scotland actively engage with school age children throughout the region, having at least three contacts with each child during their lifetime at school. This also extends to further education and work with Dumfries and Galloway College who are also represented on our

<sup>10</sup> Available at <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2014/08/1726>

<sup>11</sup> NHS Education for Scotland Trauma Framework. Available at <http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk/education-and-training/by-discipline/psychology/multiprofessionalpsychology/national-trauma-training-framework.aspx>

local partnership. Over the last year we have established an Early Intervention and Prevention Sub Group to lead on this area of work, chaired by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

## Priority Area 6: Communication and Engagement

We will develop a robust partnership Communication and Engagement Strategy building on the Community Justice Communication Strategy, ensuring consistency of message and approach. This will give all partners the confidence to communicate the work of the partnership and the impact of offending with all stakeholders; adding value to current provision and raising awareness of the impact of crime on individuals<sup>12</sup>, their family, victims and their communities. As a partnership we are also keen to host our first ever Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Conference. Whilst this would highlight ongoing work at a local level it would be a national conference, raising the profile of our local area and sharing national developments and best practice.

Effective information sharing, and an awareness of local service provision enhances the work of all partners within our local partnership. However, the disparate nature of funding means that providers and services change making it difficult for both services and individuals to access the support they need.

The Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Partnership undertook a mapping exercise, considering all justice and wider support services in their first year. In order to be effective and fit for purpose this map of service provision must be maintained, updated and shared on a regular basis. The Community Justice Partnership Manager continues to retain overall responsibility for this and this resource is shared on a quarterly basis.

There are currently established links between community justice and the University of the West of Scotland. We will enhance this further through engaging with social work students to provide an annual input around wider partnership working in justice. Community engagement and engagement with those with lived experience will remain a priority.

Where ever possible annual improvement actions will impact on several priority themes. This can be seen in [Appendix 3](#).

## 7 National Outcomes

As stated the overall national Community Justice vision is:

*Scotland is a safer, fairer and more inclusive nation where we: prevent and reduce further offending by addressing its underlying causes; and safely and effectively manage and support those who have committed offences to help them reintegrate in to the community and realise their potential for the benefit of all citizens.*

To meet this vision, a strong and effective local Community Justice Partnership will work towards delivery of the seven national core outcomes<sup>13</sup> which can be seen in [Appendix 2](#). The four structural outcomes are about making changes to the way we work, not only with partners but with our communities. The Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Partnership understands that by working towards a robust and effective partnership model and by seeking to evidence and develop these four structural outcomes we should have an impact on and begin to achieve, the three outcomes for people included in the national outcomes, performance and improvement framework.

Ultimately these outcomes are the ones that make real changes for the people involved, at every stage of the system and within every community. These outcomes will link closely to the Quality Ambitions for Community Justice<sup>14</sup>:

In July 2017 the Scottish Government launched their '[Justice in Scotland: Vision and Priorities](#)'<sup>15</sup> document with its own high-level vision of: *A Just, Safe and Resilient Scotland*; this is underpinned by four strategic priorities. [Appendix](#)

2 brings the Justice in Scotland Vision and Priorities, the National Community Justice Outcomes and our local partnership priorities together, demonstrating effective alignment.

<sup>12</sup> Both those causing harm and the victims of crime

<sup>13</sup> Including four structural outcomes and three outcomes for people (person centric)

<sup>14</sup> Quality Ambitions

- Every person with lived experience of community justice has a positive story to tell of support for their desistance or integration in to the community.
- All partners work together in delivering improved community justice outcomes to achieve lasting change.
- Interventions have a sound evidence base and are proportionate to the need to prevent and reduce further offending and protect the public

<sup>15</sup> Available at <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Justice/justicestrategy>

There are a number of suggested indicators<sup>12</sup> included in the National Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework. Whilst we will take cognisance of these the most appropriate local measures for Dumfries and Galloway are included in our annual improvement action plan. The improvement actions are based on the emerging themes and areas of priority directly identified through local consultation and are collated in to a single table and cross referenced against multiple outcomes ensuring their reach is wide and the approach holistic. The use of case studies, provided by partners will be encouraged as we move forward. This will demonstrate real life change, empowering the partnership to build on the most successful, evidence-based ways of working. The local case studies we include at the review stage should capture the involvement of all partners and evidence effective collaboration and partnership working, as well as the satisfaction of those involved in the system.

## 8 Future Considerations

There are changes at a national level that we, as a partnership need to consider and plan for due to their impact at a local level. *A Nation with Ambition: The Government's Programme for Scotland 2017-18*<sup>17</sup> included the following actions:

- Extending the presumption against short sentences from 3 to 12 months.
- Continuing the development of the new estate for female offenders, with far greater community focus and support for these offenders and their families, who often have complex needs.
- Introducing a Management of Offenders Bill which includes extending the use of electronic monitoring of offenders in the community and enabling the use of new technology where appropriate.
- Modernising the existing law on the rehabilitation of offenders

Improvement Actions to support these considerations will be included in annual action plans over the next three years.

In May 2017 the Scottish Prison Service produced a report [An Estate Wide Snapshot Social Care Needs Assessment](#) considering the Health and Social Care of Prisoners. The report sets out the current position:

*'While the NHS provides health care services in prisons in Scotland (under the 2011 SPS/NHS Memorandum of Understanding) local authorities do not provide social care in prisons. There is no equivalent agreement between SPS and local authorities that clearly sets out roles and responsibilities for the provision of social care in prisons in the same way that the 2011 Memorandum of Understanding between NHS Scotland and SPS sets out roles and responsibilities for the provision of health care. The 2011 Memorandum of Understanding between SPS and NHS Scotland makes clear that 'Personal and Social Care' is not an NHS responsibility'.*

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<sup>12</sup> Taken from the National Community Justice Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework <sup>17</sup>  
Available at <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0052/00524214.pdf>



The report concludes by saying:

*‘The percentage of the Scottish prison population who require social care support is likely to increase in the years to come. To meet this need SPS may wish to consider building on its current work with partners to develop medium and long-term strategies to support those in custody with social care need. This work will likely require extensive partnership work with NHS, Local Authority, Integration Joint Boards (IJBs), Criminal Justice and Government colleagues. There is a case to be made that this population could be considered as a distinct population with distinct needs. This work provides a research base that SPS can use to work with partner organisations to ensure that people in prison with social care needs receive appropriate and equitable support’.* Cognisance needs to be taken of this area of work to enable us to support ongoing developments reflecting the needs of Dumfries and Galloway.

In December 2017 SPS, supported by partners introduced new housing standards [SHORE - Sustainable Housing on Release for Everyone](#). The introduction to the standards states: *‘Delivering improvement on release and reintegration is certainly not only the responsibility of the justice sector....Our housing, healthcare, welfare and employment services have a crucial part to play in ensuring individuals in the justice system – and particularly those who are leaving prison – get the support they need to make a new start. Removing these barriers to reintegration is an investment in reducing the risk of reoffending and building safer, more inclusive communities...’* Locally work is already taking place through the Homeless Forum and Strategic Housing Partnership and we need to make sure we feed in to and support this.

## 9 Supporting Information

As well as preparing and publishing our local Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plans, the National Guidance for Community Justice requires us to provide a ‘Participation Statement’. The statement must set out the action taken by the statutory partners to achieve the participation of third sector bodies and community bodies involved in community justice for the local authority area in the preparation of the plan<sup>13</sup>. This paper sets out local consultation that has taken place across Dumfries and Galloway to date. We have also previously been involved in wider consultation at both a Community Justice Authority<sup>14</sup> and a national level as appropriate.

The Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Partnership see this participation statement as a living document. This will enable it to be viewed as a process rather than a stand-alone piece of work; ultimately making us more accountable to the communities we serve. As part of our local Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan we aim to develop a short, easier to read version of the plan which will aid community consultation. One of our key actions for the first year of the partnership is also to work on a robust communication strategy and the development of a user friendly, interactive website to include the work of the wider partnership and showcase the positive work of all partners and communities. We recognise that in order to consult effectively we must utilise the skills and networks of all the partners, linking in a meaningful way with communities and using established services and community groups often led by the third sector.

### 9.1 Local Information

Community Justice Strategic Assessment for Dumfries & Galloway *(to be made available online)*

Participation Statement *(Available at [www.dumgal.gov.uk](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk))*

Equality Impact Assessment *(Available at [www.dumgal.gov.uk](http://www.dumgal.gov.uk))*

### 9.2 National Information

[Community Justice \(Scotland\) Act 2016](#)

[Community Justice Outcomes, Performance and Improvement Framework](#)

[National Strategy for Community Justice](#)

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<sup>13</sup> National Guidance document available at <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0051/00510514.pdf>

<sup>14</sup> Dumfries and Galloway was one of four local authority areas which formed South West Scotland Community Justice Authority for the shadow year before final implementation of our local Community Justice Partnership. As such we have participated in and co delivered consultation at this level as well as at a local level.

[Guidance for Local Partners in the New Model for Community Justice](#)

[A guide to self-evaluation for community justice in Scotland](#)

[Useful information and quick tips for using the self-evaluation guide](#)

[Justice in Scotland: vision and priorities](#)

[Mental Health Strategy 2017-2027](#)

[Preventing Offending; Getting it right for children and young people](#)

[Equally Safe: Scotland's strategy to prevent and eradicate violence against women and girls](#)

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## Appendix 1: Local Fit with Local Outcomes

<b>Dumfries &amp; Galloway Community Planning Vision</b> <b>Working together to create an ambitious, prosperous and confident Dumfries and Galloway where people reach their potential</b>							
<b>Community Planning Local Outcome Improvement Actions</b>							
Everyone who needs help to work receives the right support	Learning Opportunities are available to those who need them most	Health and wellbeing inequalities are reduced	There is affordable and warm housing for those who need it most	The money available to people on benefits and low wages is maximised	People are safe and feel safe	People are well connected	Individuals and communities are empowered
<b>Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Partnership Vision</b> <b>Just Communities - Strengthening relationships, building resilience and reducing offending</b>							
<b>Outcome 1 Governance</b>	<b>Outcome 2 Equity &amp; Equality, Opportunity &amp; Reintegration</b>	<b>Outcome 3 Multi Agency Approaches</b>	<b>Outcome 4 Health and Justice</b>	<b>Outcome 5 Early Intervention &amp; Prevention</b>	<b>Outcome 6 Communication &amp; Engagement</b>		
Establish effective Governance arrangements.	Promote equality of access and opportunities for <u>all</u> those involved in the justice system, including victims and families.	Encourage, support and develop multi agency approaches which improve effectiveness	Increase health input throughout the justice pathway; identifying changes to processes and service delivery which recognise vulnerability	Contribute to ensuring that children and young people in Dumfries and Galloway make sensible life choices and are safe and free from harm	Develop an effective partnership communication and engagement strategy		

## Appendix 2: Local Fit with National Strategy

Justice in Scotland: Vision and Priorities A Just, Safe and Resilient Scotland					
Outcomes					
We live in safe, cohesive and resilient communities	Prevention and early intervention improving wellbeing and life chances	Our systems and interventions are proportionate, fair and effective	We deliver person-centred, modern and affordable public services		
Community Justice Structural Outcomes					
Communities improve their understanding and participation in community justice	Partners plan and deliver services in a more strategic and collaborative way	Effective interventions are delivered to prevent and reduce the risk of further offending	People have better access to the services they need, including welfare, health and wellbeing, housing and employability		
Community Justice Outcomes for People					
Life chances are improved through needs, including health, financial inclusion, housing and safety being addressed	Individuals resilience and capacity for change and self management is enhanced	People develop positive relationships and more opportunities to participate and contribute through education, employment and leisure activities			
Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Partnership Just Communities - Strengthening relationships, building resilience and reducing offending					
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### Appendix 3: 2018/19 Improvement Actions Mapped to Priority Themes

Improvement Actions	Priority Theme 1	Priority Theme 2	Priority Theme 3	Priority Theme 4	Priority Theme 5	Priority Theme 6
All partners share performance data in a more effective way enabling more robust leadership and ownership of identified community justice actions.	☐		☐			
Streamline the structure of the partnership to increase effectiveness.	☐		☐			☐
Partners will work towards the adherence to a set of Quality Standards for justice to improve consistency of provision and delivery.	☐	☐	☐			☐
Increased awareness of the vulnerability and needs of children and families affected by parental imprisonment.		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Victims of crime receive the right support at the right time.		☐	☐	☐		
Increase opportunities for diversion, keeping more people out of the formal justice system.		☐	☐		☐	
Throughcare provision is more streamlined and effective for those returning to Dumfries and Galloway.		☐	☐	☐	☐	
Increase awareness and understanding with communities of the Community Justice agenda and importance of reintegration.		☐		☐	☐	☐
Strengthen links with D&G Youth Justice Partnership, identifying cross cutting areas		☐	☐		☐	☐
Increase awareness of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and potential impacts and the importance of resilience with all partners		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop accredited learning opportunities for those undertaking community sentences.		☐	☐		☐	
Increase awareness of the impact of legislative change to The Rehabilitation of Offenders Act		☐	☐			☐
Understand the health needs locally of those on the justice pathway starting with community sentence		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Develop early and effective interventions and responses to vulnerable people prior to/at the point of arrest.		☐		☐	☐	
Increase awareness of the Trauma Framework and Emotional Unstable Personality Disorder with all Community Justice Partners		☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Increase awareness of community justice with health professionals reinforcing the links, opportunities and impacts.			☐	☐		☐
Increase awareness of Community Justice with young people in education.		☐	☐		☐	☐
Take cognisance of and reinforce the National Community Justice communications strategy	☐					☐

Develop a Dumfries and Galloway Public Protection website and social media presence incorporating a specific community justice area.			☐			☐
Strengthen community participation in the planning, delivery and evaluation of community justice services and policy	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Change the conversation to support reintegration and reduce stigma		☐		☐	☐	☐

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\*Non-statutory partners are not required to attend every full partnership meeting; however relevant partners will drive forward actions through short life working groups some of which are not included in the list above. Wider involvement of other partners will be encouraged.



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## FOREWORD

I am delighted to welcome you to our second Community Learning & Development (CLD) Partners' Strategic Plan for Dumfries and Galloway covering the period 2018 – 2021 and which forms part of our statutory responsibilities outlined in the requirements for CLD (Scotland) regulations 2013.

Across our region we have a significant number of voluntary groups, community organisations, trusts and partnerships, who along with various public bodies are involved in providing a range of CLD activities such as learning for all; volunteering opportunities; capacity building; community engagement and youth work.

This work is key, for example, to help support individuals to increase their personal confidence; gain new qualifications and increase their employability potential; supporting those experiencing disadvantage and poverty; or for a small community group to develop the skills to lead on a key project such as taking on responsibilities for a community facility.

As we continue to work through unprecedented financial challenges, the principles and approaches which are common to CLD will be essential in increasing life chances; ensuring our communities are listened to and have the opportunity to influence decision making;



Elaine Murray – Chair of Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership Board and Leader of Dumfries and Galloway Council

supporting learners to transform their lives and empowering communities to achieve their ambitions.

This strategic plan builds on the strong partnerships already formed through existing Community Planning arrangements and aims to build on the positive feedback received following the Scottish Government Scotland Inspection which took place during November and December 2017.

This new plan outlines our Partners' CLD vision for 2018 – 2021 and aims to secure provision over the period. The plan will focus on:

- Increasing learning and skills opportunities
- Increasing opportunities for volunteering
- Partnerships for community engagement
- Supporting community facilities



## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Community Learning & Development (Scotland) Regulations 2013 place a statutory requirement on local authorities to publish a plan every 3 years outlining how it will co-ordinate and secure “adequate and efficient” Community Learning & Development (CLD) provision with other sector partners.

The inaugural CLD Partners’ Strategic Plan for Dumfries and Galloway 2015-18 has laid the foundations for improvements in CLD over the last 3 years and which has led to the formation of a CLD Partnership comprising a wide range of sector partners and who have assumed responsibility to deliver and report back on the plan. This work has led to:

- Partners’ planning more effectively together for the benefit of our communities



- Roles and responsibilities becoming clearer
- Joint working having a greater impact on individual communities
- Improved understanding of data and priorities across our region
- Communities and community groups having a greater understanding and involvement in the plan and how it meets identified needs
- Capacity of community groups to deliver services
- The profile of CLD services and the arrangements for their delivery
- Educational attainment







## 2. WHAT IS COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT?

The role of CLD is to empower individuals, groups and communities utilising a variety of different approaches including community engagement, capacity building and facilitating accessible learning opportunities to affect positive change. The key principles which underpin this are:

- **empowerment**- increasing the ability of individuals and groups to influence matters affecting them and their communities
- **participation**- supporting people to take part in decision-making; inclusion, equality of opportunity and anti-discrimination - recognising some people need additional support to overcome the barriers they face
- **self-determination**- supporting the right of people to make their own choices; and
- **partnership**- ensuring resources, varied skills and capabilities are used effectively

Within the context of Scottish Government's National Performance Framework, CLD's specific focus should be:

- Improving life chances for people of all ages through learning, personal development and active citizenship



### 3. POLICY CONTEXT

National Drivers (Education)	Key Learning	Local Policy Context*	National Drivers CLD	Key Intelligence
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Getting It Right For Every Child</li> <li>- Curriculum for Excellence</li> <li>- The National Improvement Framework for Scottish Education (NIF)</li> <li>- The Scottish Attainment Challenge</li> <li>- Developing the Young Workforce (2014)</li> <li>- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education and Training Strategy for Scotland (2017)</li> <li>- Education Governance Review Next Steps (2017)</li> <li>- Pupil Equity Fund</li> <li>- Regional Improvement Collaboratives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CLD Strategic Inspection – Nov/ Dec 2017</li> <li>- Skills Development Scotland Inspection – Dumfries &amp; Galloway - 2017</li> <li>- Education Standards and Quality Report 2016/17</li> <li>- Social Work annual report 2016/17</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Council Plan 2017-2022</li> <li>- Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017 - 2027</li> <li>- Locality Plan on Food Sharing 2017 – 2027</li> <li>- Partners’ Equalities Outcomes 2017 - 2021</li> <li>- Anti-Poverty Strategy 2015 - 2020</li> <li>- Children’s Services Plan 2017 - 2020</li> <li>- Regional Economic Strategy 2016-2020</li> <li>- Health &amp; Social Care Strategic Plan 2016-2019</li> <li>- Community Justice Improvement Plan 2018-2021</li> <li>- Dumfries and Galloway College Plan</li> <li>- Skills Development Scotland Operating Plan 2018-2020</li> <li>- Third Sector D&amp;G Business Plan</li> <li>- DG Unlimited - Strategic plan 2017-2021</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The requirements for CLD (Scotland) Regulations 2013</li> <li>- Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships: CLD 2012</li> <li>- Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015</li> <li>- National Youth Work Strategy 2014 – 2019</li> <li>- Adult Learning Statement of Ambition for Scotland 2014-2019</li> <li>- Guidance to Community Planning Partnerships on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015</li> <li>- Adult Literacies in Scotland 2020</li> <li>- National Standards for Community Engagement</li> <li>- Scottish National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes</li> <li>- Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Health and Social Care Needs Assessment 2018</li> <li>- Strategic Needs Assessment for Children &amp; Young people 2017</li> <li>- Community Learning Needs Assessment 2017/18</li> <li>- Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation Data</li> <li>- Building Healthy Communities Qualitative Evaluation 2016</li> <li>- Young People’s Needs Assessment 2018</li> <li>- Crichton Institute Poverty and Deprivation Study</li> <li>- Ward Profiles</li> <li>- Community Intelligence</li> </ul>

The national and local policy affecting CLD continues to change and evolve and will continue to do so over the coming years. This new plan taking us to 2021 considers the changes which are on the horizon with the aim of delivering a focused vision and improved outcomes for our communities living across our region:

\*Please refer to Appendix 2







## 4. HOW HAVE WE USED DATA/INTELLIGENCE?

Over the past few years a range of improved data sources and community intelligence has become available and which is helping partners to target resources and better understand need across Dumfries and Galloway. Particularly within our region, it is important that the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation data (SIMD) is not utilised in isolation. The recommended approach for using SIMD in local areas is to produce a local set of comparisons across the various data zones. We also know from the Crichton Institute's research into "understanding the dimensions of poverty and deprivation in Dumfries and Galloway" that poverty exists right across our region and not just in the most populated areas. The majority of our most deprived people do not live within the areas which are classified as most deprived using the SIMD. For older people this is particularly important because only 16% of older people live in our recognised areas of deprivation. Our key learning in helping to shape this new plan therefore derives from:

- Education Scotland Inspection November/December 2017
- Health and Social Care Strategic Needs Assessment 2018
- Strategic Needs Assessment for Children and Young people 2017
- Community Learning Needs assessment 2017/18
- Engagement undertaken in the production of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017 – 2027 including use of the Place Standard



## **5. WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT OUR AREA** Some key statistics about our region and our population base:



**20%** 

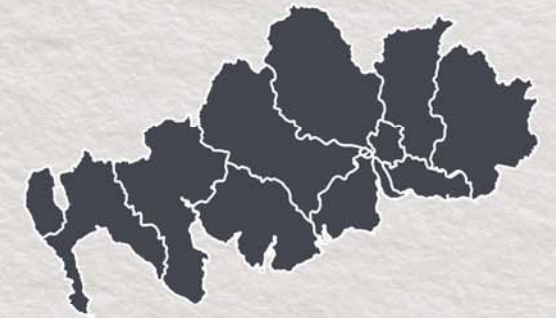
of the population living in remote rural locations

**-4.5%** 

the overall population is projected to decline from to nearer 143,000 by 2039, a decrease of 4.5% (NRS population projections, 2012 based)

**44.9%**

nearly half of all people in Dumfries and Galloway live in areas classified as rural (areas with fewer than 3,000 people)



**31%** 

the estimated number of older people (aged 75 and over) living alone in 2017 was over 7,500. This is expected to increase by 31% to over 9,850 people across Dumfries and Galloway by 2027

**20%** 

people living in the most deprived 20% of neighbourhoods in Dumfries and Galloway are more than twice as likely to be admitted to hospital as an emergency compared to those living in the least deprived areas

**75,894** 

there is estimated to be a reduction in the number of working-age people, from 94,966 in 2011 to 75,894 in 2039, resulting in fewer people working in the health and social care sector

**8.3%** 

Dumfries and Galloway has 16 data zones in the 20% most deprived in Scotland i.e. 1.2% national share of the most deprived areas in Scotland; this equates to 16 out of 193 data zones (8.3%) in the 20% most deprived in Scotland

**2011** 

more than half the total minority ethnic population resides in Nithsdale; just over 20% in Annandale and Eskdale; and around 11% for both Stewartry and Wigtownshire (Census 2011, data aggregated from datazones to match localities)

**5%** 

large-scale social surveys put the lesbian, gay and bisexual LGB population at between 2 and 2.5% of the general population although it is recognised that the true percentage is likely to be much higher and in D&G an estimate of 5% would be a reasonable assumption



In total there are 4,025 households in Dumfries and Galloway affected by at least three dimensions of deprivation including:

- a person who is unemployed or long-term sick/disabled;
- no person with highest qualification of Level 2 or above;
- a person with bad or very bad general health, or long-term health problem/disability;
- overcrowded accommodation or no central heating.

## 6. TRENDS AND STATISTICS

**1100**



Over 1100 volunteers currently contributing to delivering on CLD outcomes through partners involved in CLD Partnership

**75.7%**



The number of Saltire Awards issued through Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway has increased from 704 in 2014/15 to 1237 in 2016/17 (an increase of 75.7%)

**18**



practitioners are currently registered with the CLD Standards Council as either associate or full member

**740**

Groups and organisations contributing to CLD activities as registered through Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway



THIRD SECTOR  
Dumfries and Galloway



**94.6%**

Positive destinations for young people have increased from 87.4% in 2011/12 to 94.6% in 2015/16



**2014-2017**



Young people achieved 68 gold, 234 silver, 502 bronze Duke of Edinburgh awards

**92.5%**

of 16-19-year olds are participating in training, education or employment compared to the national average figure of 91.1% (Skills Development Scotland – Annual Participation Measure for 16–19 year olds in Scotland 2017)



Senior Phase - The four-year trends of both literacy and numeracy attainment in Dumfries and Galloway shows a year on year increase for 5 of the 6 measures with level 5 literacy remaining the same as the previous year. (National Improvement Framework Evidence Report – Dumfries and Galloway May 2018)

## 7. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The lead within the local authority for co-ordinating the development of this new Plan sits within the Children, Young People and Lifelong Learning Directorate, however key services and organisations contributing to CLD Outcomes sit across all four Council Directorates and through a range of key partners, community and voluntary organisations operating across our region. The Council's Communities Directorate and Third Sector, Dumfries & Galloway have a key role to play linked to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

The CLD Partnership includes key sector partners and assumes overall responsibility for delivering on the outcomes and actions detailed within the plan.

Progress against the CLD Partners' Strategic Plan is reported through the Community Planning Partnership Board on a quarterly basis with full scrutiny of the annual Action Plan taking place on an annual basis. The operation of the CLD Partnership is considered annually by the Community Planning Executive Group which is ultimately approved by the Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership Board.

Relevant progress and specific projects/initiatives are also reported back through appropriate Partners' individual board mechanisms such as NHS Dumfries and Galloway College and Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway.

### CLD Partnership – core membership and key contributors

D&G Council (7 key Services)	Third Sector, Dumfries & Galloway
DG Health & Wellbeing, Directorate Public Health	D&G Health and Social Care Partnership
Building Healthy Communities	Dumfries and Galloway College
Skills Development Scotland	DG Unlimited/arts sector
Department for Works and Pensions	DGVoice
Children's Hearings Scotland	LEADER

### Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership Board



## 8. QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Through our CLD Partnership we will continue to self-evaluate as partners utilising key quality assurance frameworks such as “How good is the learning and development in our Community?” and relevant quality indicators from “How good is our Schools” (4th Edition); How good is our culture and sport? (2nd Edition), “How good is our third sector organisation?” and “How good is our College?”

Whilst self-evaluation activity continues to be undertaken at a strategic level, partners are aware that arrangements need to be clearer for involving partners working at a ward/area basis and this is an identified area of improvement going forward.

In terms of a local authority perspective, CLD performance has also contributed to Public Sector Improvement Framework Assessments and a Council wide Best Value Audit which took place during Spring/Summer 2018.



## 9. EDUCATION SCOTLAND INSPECTION NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2017 - KEY LESSONS LEARNED

Dumfries & Galloway Council was recently inspected by Education Scotland as part of the new model for inspection activity which focused around *‘how good is the learning and development in our community?’* This inspection encompassed a Strategic Inspection of CLD arrangements followed by a place - based inspection which focused on the town of Dumfries.



This Inspection of CLD in Dumfries and Galloway Council found the following key strengths:

- Strong leadership that is driving change
- Well targeted approaches for those facing additional challenges
- Ambitious community organisations taking forward innovative projects
- Participants and volunteers contributing to learning

Strategic Improvement areas:

- Improving the voice of community organisations
- Develop a shared understanding of provision and progress



*“Leaders at all levels also demonstrate an active commitment to making positive change”*

*“Partnership work to address poverty is well developed and ambitious”*

*“CLD partners are committed to ensuring staff and volunteers are appropriately supported to carry out their roles”*

*“Partners use data, research and needs assessments well to plan learning programmes”*

*“CLD targets are referenced in the Council Plan for 2017-22 and focus on targeting vulnerable children and young people”*

## 9. EDUCATION SCOTLAND INSPECTION NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2017 - KEY LESSONS LEARNED (cont’d)

Through feedback received following the formal inspection process and through focus groups facilitated as part of the development of this plan, partners are aware that further focus is required on the following key areas over the next period of CLD planning:

**Community planning, community development and community engagement**

- improving our understanding of the range of local groups and organisations that are contributing to CLD outcomes across our region
- implementing mechanisms to better engage, support and involve groups and organisations in the decision-making processes; this includes clarifying the roles between thematic, area and ward partnership groups/forums
- enhancing community voice and empowerment

**Adult learning, family learning and volunteering**

- capturing the overall picture of adult learning and volunteering to help inform future planning
- partners developing a stronger and shared understanding of progress
- developing clearer learning pathways for progression with partners
- ensuring celebration of achievement events have a higher profile
- improve the voice of learners in decision making

**Young people and schools**

- improving awareness and understanding of CLD partner work with schools
- improve the tracking of young people's achievements in and out of school to better inform career choices
- provide clearer information for parents around the support available for families linked to learning opportunities and the various services who can help
- increase awareness and understanding with schools on how CLD Partners can effectively contribute to improving attainment through Pupil Equity Fund opportunities



**Workforce development**

- improve the co-ordination of workforce development opportunities across partners including development of a joint training calendar
- investigate opportunities to increase joint career long professional development between teaching and CLD practitioners to help support improved learning experiences for young people

**Equalities**

- improving partner work around digital inclusion and particularly to support older people and those accessing Universal Credit
- continuing to raise our awareness of the barriers faced by people with protected characteristics and ensure equal opportunities for all
- continue to promote/develop positive actions around the inequalities framework









## 10. REGIONAL COLLABORATIVES/CLD SOUTH WEST NETWORK

During 2017, as part of the Education Governance Review undertaken by Scottish Government, six new Education Regional Improvement Collaboratives (RIC's) were established across Scotland, with Dumfries and Galloway joining North, South and East Ayrshire in the South West Collaborative. The aim of these RIC's is to bring together a range of professionals with a focus on:

- improving wellbeing, attainment and positive outcomes for young people;
- driving improvements in performance making use of all available evidence and data

A CLD South West Network is also in place covering the same geographical areas as the South West RIC with CLD professionals working together to help improve workforce development opportunities, share best practice and ensure that the work of CLD partners can help contribute to the delivery of the South West Educational Improvement Collaborative Plan.





## 11. BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION AND DEFINING UNMET NEED

The geography of Dumfries and Galloway presents some unique challenges in terms of communities being able to access services. Key emerging issues are summarised as follows:

### Infrastructure

Dumfries and Galloway has the third highest proportion of people living in remote rural locations after Argyll and Bute and the Highlands with 1 in 5 people from Dumfries and Galloway living in places considered to be remote and rural. There are currently a number of infrastructure challenges that impact on the community being able to access key services and learning opportunities due to:

- Access; availability and frequency of public transport;
- Upgrades required to A75, A76, A77 and associated rural roads
- Generally poor quality broadband speeds and reliability issues including some outlying areas with no broadband coverage which is affecting digital participation;
- Travel distance to Community hubs to access improved facility provision/services

**Improvement action-** The CLD Strategic Partnership needs to develop closer linkages with partners/agencies leading on transport and broadband improvements to help ensure barriers to participation in learning are reduced/removed.

In particular, we would look to build on the innovative community transport model being taken forward through the Dumfries and Galloway social transport public social partnership.



# 11. BARRIERS TO PARTICIPATION AND DEFINING UNMET NEED

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## Building Community Capacity and Capability

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act has provided a sound basis for partners to work more closely with communities to help them realise their ambitions.

Increasingly, communities are being supported by the partners to participate in the design and delivery of local services, enabling their communities to be sustainable at a time of public sector spending restraint.

For example, partners support communities to take ownership of public sector buildings and land under Community Asset Transfer arrangements. This has resulted in the community managing a wide variety of local projects from community centres to Men's sheds and harbour facilities.

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway and the Council, work jointly to support communities to build capacity to enable them to gain skills and confidence to meet this challenge.

Communities are also participating in conversations around prioritising services using a Participatory Budgeting approach and public services are increasingly influenced and directed by public vote on the premise that local people know best what is needed and what works best in their community.

**Improvement Action - CLD partners are engaging together to understand emerging needs; work together to maximise the capacity building resource available across all partners; and prioritise those who need assistance most.**

**Third sector Dumfries and Galloway will work closely with the Council's community planning and engagement team to develop locality partnership roadshow events aimed at increasing the capability and capacity of local organisations.**

## Accredited Learning

At the current time, accredited qualifications for young people such as Duke of Edinburgh Awards is growing in popularity across Secondary

Schools. It is expected that there will be increased demand for this type of accreditation activity over the next few years, however capacity is already being stretched across those with lead responsibilities. This could be further compounded over the coming years in light of the current financial climate.

Through anecdotal discussions with partners there would also appear to be some gaps identified in improving accredited learning opportunities for young disabled adults who leave Secondary School and mechanisms for the continuation of learning linked to those involved in the Justice System at every stage.

**Improvement action – The areas of Community Capacity building and accredited learning require to have a key focus within the new 3-year CLD Action Plan, including a concentrated effort and upskilling of the CLD workforce in order to maintain and meet future requirements.**



## 12. DEVELOPMENT OF OUR NEW OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES

In reviewing progress against the previous CLD Partners' Plan 2015 – 2018, partners were keen to recognise and acknowledge that within existing Community Planning arrangements there are a range of key groups and partnerships who are already contributing effectively to CLD Outcomes. Whilst it is essential that the CLD Partnership maintains the overview, partners felt that there was a clear opportunity to define a more specific focus for the Partnership going forward.

This led to the following vision, principles and outcomes to take forward CLD over the next 3 years':

### Vision

*"Our vision is to work together as CLD partners to strengthen the sector across Dumfries and Galloway to enable our people and communities to improve their life chances and quality of life."*

### Key Principles

- working together in partnership for the benefit of our communities
- enabling communities to take the lead
- sharing information and intelligence to improve our joint planning and targeting of resources
- ensuring that we reflect on our progress on a regular basis to support continuous improvement • promoting equality and diversity in all that we do



**Outcome 1** - Skills and learning opportunities are co-ordinated across partners and our provision is targeted and reaching those in most need

- continue to ensure that partners are working together to develop clear learning pathways
- partners are sharing information and intelligence to ensure that opportunities are targeted at those who need them most

**Outcome 2** - Our children and young people are experiencing improved outcomes and positive destinations through enhanced partnership working

- strengthen and clarify relationships between CLD providers and schools
- continue to increase positive destinations for our young people
- increase opportunities and experiences for those who are hardest to reach

**Outcome 3** - Volunteers, target groups and community organisations are supported to develop their capacity and capability in order to maximise opportunities linked to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act

- clarify the support available for community organisations
- tailor support packages to help upskill our communities
- better co-ordinate volunteering opportunities and support across our partnership

**Outcome 4** - The involvement of learners and community organisations in shaping CLD priorities has increased and is leading to positive change

- work on a local basis to bring together key groups and organisations involved in CLD to help develop a shared understanding of the challenges and opportunities
- improve awareness and understanding of how groups and organisations are contributing to CLD Outcomes
- improve engagement and communication so that learners and community organisations have the opportunity to have their voice heard and that this is leading to evidenced change

**Outcome 5** - Our CLD Sector workforce has the necessary skills to deliver on the ambitions of our plans

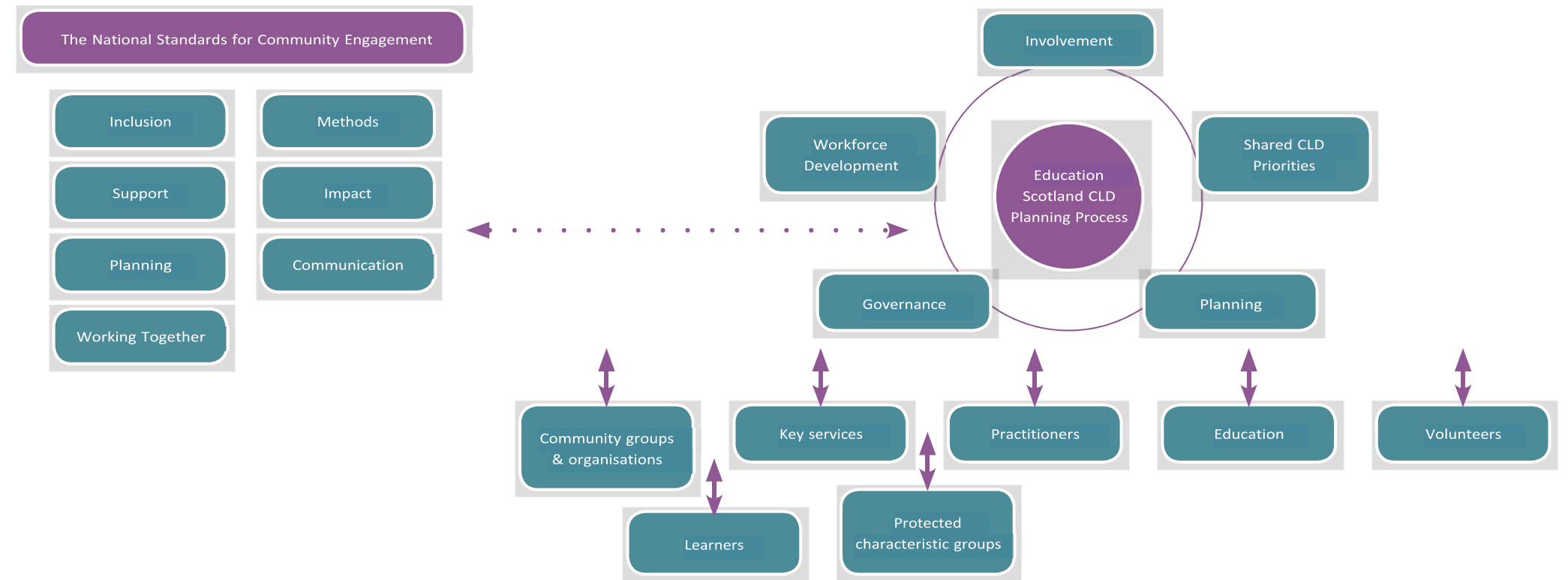
- increase the number of CLD practitioners registered with the CLD Standards Council
- improve access to and awareness of partner CLD related training and learning opportunities for volunteers and practitioners





## INVOLVEMENT IN THE PLAN

In developing our accompanying three year Action Plan we considered the key requirements highlighted with the Education Scotland, “revised guidance note on Community Learning & Development Planning 2018 – 2021” and the National Standards for Community Engagement:



The engagement on our new CLD Strategic Plan took place over a seven month period. The feedback from this combined with learning from the recent CLD Strategic Inspection and also from other key engagement, such as that linked to the development of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017 – 2027 has helped shape our plan for the next three years and which is attached as Appendix 1 of this document.





## APPENDIX 1

# COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS' PLAN 2018 – 2021 (3 YEAR ACTION PLAN)

N.B. Please refer to glossary of terms at end of this document

S – Short Term (1 year), M – Medium Term (2 years), L – Long term (3 years)



Outcome 1	How we will meet these key outcomes	Time-scales	Key sources of information/reference point	Who will lead/contribute?	Evidence/Impact/Indicators
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<p>Skills and learning opportunities are co-ordinated across partners and our provision is targeted and reaching those in most need</p>	<p><b>Key Strategic Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a new regional Centre of Excellence for skills with partners – this will make learning pathways clearer, more effective and increase workforce development opportunities</li> <li>Use up to date intelligence/data to agree partner delivery across the region with a focus on targeting those in most need</li> <li>Sign up to Scotland’s Digital Participation charter and ensure our digital support is co-ordinated with partners and supports older people and those affected by Universal Credit as a priority</li> <li>Explore opportunities for funding and partnership work through the South of Scotland Economic Partnership and Borderlands Initiative.</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Operational Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide a range of learning opportunities/interventions which help to improve the health &amp; well-being of our communities and target groups</li> <li>Provide a range of skills development opportunities through the arts/cultural sector within targeted communities</li> <li>Provide a range of accredited learning opportunities for our communities and targeted at those in most need (i.e. unemployed people, disabled people, those facing poverty)</li> <li>Ensure that those who require ESOL support and refugees requiring specialist skills/assistance to help integrate into society and secure employability have their needs met</li> <li>Support people experiencing poverty move from dependence to independence through confidence building/accredited learning/securing employment</li> <li>Ensure equality of opportunity and support is available to those involved in the Justice System, at every stage, including victims and families to help improve positive outcomes</li> <li>Increasing employability by supporting the Links to Work project and prioritising support to those with little or no qualifications</li> <li>Promotion of my world of work (Skills Development Scotland) amongst partners, parents and targeted learners</li> <li>Use the commissioning of training services to increase capacity and support the training and development of youth work services</li> <li>To develop links with homelessness/Housing options service and Housing support providers to assist reach those who are most vulnerable</li> </ul> <p><b>Maximise use of our infrastructure</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Make better use of community assets and schools to provide improved learning experiences and opportunities for our communities</li> <li>Work with partners to help develop a unique learning offer to the community at the Bridge (Dumfries Learning Town)</li> <li>Raise the profile of celebration events through hosting joint events with partners</li> </ul>	<p>M</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>M</p> <p>S</p> <p>M</p> <p>S</p> <p>S/M</p> <p>S/M</p> <p>S/M</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S/M</p> <p>S/M</p> <p>S/M</p> <p>S</p> <p>M</p>	<p>D&amp;G College Outcomes Plan (20:20 Vision)</p> <p>Links directly to Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) - (Outcomes 1&amp; 2)</p> <p>Crichton Institute poverty data/SIMD data</p> <p>Key target groups identified in LOIP</p> <p>Community Learning needs assessment 2017/18</p> <p>Learned experience from Tackling Poverty Reference Group</p> <p>Key data from Department for Work and Pensions(DWP)/unemployment trends Adult learning statement of ambition</p> <p>National outcomes for adult learning</p> <p>Strategic Plan 2017-2019 for Youth services Service review; Services for young people</p> <p>Education Authority Annual Plan</p> <p>Community Justice Improvement Plan 2018-2021</p> <p>DGC Equality Outcomes</p> <p>DG Unlited Strategic Plan</p> <p>Locality Health and Wellbeing Teams/Health and Social Care Plans</p> <p>National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes</p> <p>Regional Social Prescribing Framework</p> <p>Discussions/engagement with key local groups and organisations</p> <p>Equality Act 2010 - The 9 protected characteristics</p>	<p><b>Main Stakeholders (Leads)</b></p> <p>CLD Partnership</p> <p>Economic Leadership Group</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway College</p> <p>Youth Guarantee Partnership</p> <p>Lifelong Learning Service</p> <p>Skills Development Scotland</p> <p><b>Main Contributors</b></p> <p>Bridge Board/Community Partners</p> <p>Tackling Poverty Coordination Group</p> <p>Community Justice Partnership</p> <p>LGBT Youth Scotland</p> <p>Young People’s Services</p> <p>Equality &amp; Diversity Working Group</p> <p>Tackling Poverty Reference Group</p> <p>Wellbeing</p> <p>Strategic Housing/ Homelessness Service</p> <p>Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway</p> <p>Dumfries and Galloway Health &amp; Wellbeing, Directorate Public Health</p> <p>Education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>From an initial baseline – an increase in the number of people who face barriers achieving qualifications and/or citing increases in confidence (new indicators linked to European Funding streams) An increase in the no. of learners</li> <li>participating in learning opportunities A clear and co-ordinated programme of</li> <li>learning opportunities agreed with partners is in place</li> <li>No. of new programmes being delivered from community</li> <li>facilities/schools No. of new learning programmes being delivered from the Bridge</li> <li></li> <li>Case Studies on impact of ESOL Case studies on previous offenders continuing learning on exiting justice system Case studies on how participation in learning has improved health &amp; well-being Case studies on how improving digital skills has led to improved life chances</li> <li></li> </ul>
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Outcome 2	How we will meet these key outcomes	Time-scales	Key sources of information/reference point	Who will lead/contribute?	Evidence/Impact/Indicators
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<p>Our children and young people are experiencing improved outcomes and positive destinations through enhanced partnership working</p>	<p><b>Key Strategic Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement and establish a new regional model for youth democracy and participation</li> <li>• Use the results from Year of Young People 2018 engagement to develop priority projects for young people</li> <li>• Increase awareness and understanding within the youth work sector on the use of youth work outcomes and indicators for quality improvement, self- evaluation, and demonstrating the value of youth work.</li> <li>• Continue to focus the support and delivery of community-based youth work opportunities for young people</li> <li>• Partners are offering a co-ordinated range of intervention and prevention activities focused on improving health &amp; wellbeing for young people</li> <li>• Help increase awareness and understanding of how CLD can be used to improve attainment and maximise impact of Pupil Equity funding</li> <li>• Partners are working together to develop a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) Strategy for the region</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Operational Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and implement improved tracking mechanisms with partners to help record learning journeys/achievements in/out of school including school to College pathways</li> <li>• Ensure every secondary school has access to an agreed wider achievement offer</li> <li>• Develop new learning opportunities linked to STEM (Science, Technology, English and Maths).</li> <li>• Widen Family Learning approaches across the workforce through upskilling of staff</li> <li>• Increase opportunities for care experienced young people to participate within youth work and CLD activity</li> </ul>	<p>S</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p>	<p>Strategic needs assessment for Children &amp; Young people 2017</p> <p>Young People’s Participation and Engagement Strategy</p> <p>10,000 voices Young People’s engagement 2018</p> <p>Links directly to LOIP Outcomes 1&amp;2</p> <p>Year of Young People Plan for Dumfries &amp; Galloway</p> <p>National Youth Work Outcomes and Experiences</p> <p>Corporate Parenting Plan</p> <p>Young People’s Services Plan</p> <p>Education Authority Annual Plan</p> <p>National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes</p> <p>Children’s Service’s Plan</p>	<p><b>Main Stakeholders (Leads)</b></p> <p>Youth Guarantee Partnership</p> <p>Youth Work Strategic Group</p> <p>Young Peoples Services</p> <p>Health &amp; Wellbeing Strategic Group</p> <p>Year of Young People Strategy Group</p> <p>Building Healthy Communities(BHC) Plan</p> <p>Champions Board</p> <p>Skills Development Scotland</p> <p>Education</p> <p>Early Years Strategic Group</p> <p><b>Main Contributors</b></p> <p>CLD Partnership</p> <p>Lifelong Learning Services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No of new /targeted programmes in place which are having an evidenced positive impact</li> <li>• Increasing no. of young people participating in learning opportunities and acheiving accredited awards</li> <li>• Increasing trends in positive destinations for young people/ participation measure</li> <li>• No. of CLD partners involved in the delivery of activities in schools through use of Pupil Equity Funding</li> </ul> <p>Case studies evidencing how CLD can help to improve attainment</p> <p>Case studies evidencing how intervention activities are leading to improved life chances</p> <p>Case studies evidencing how family learning interventions are working and improving outcomes for parents and families</p>
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Outcome 3	How we will meet these key outcomes	Time-scales	Key sources of information/reference point	Who will lead/contribute?	Evidence/Impact/Indicators
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<p>Volunteers, target groups and community organisations are supported to develop their capacity and capability in order to maximise opportunities linked to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act</p>	<p><b>Key Strategic Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will review Community Planning arrangements so that the roles between thematic, area and ward partnership groups become clearer for all</li> <li>Promote the agreed partnership arrangements to maximise opportunities linked to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-DGC Participatory Budgeting Framework Scotland</li> <li>community arrangements -Partners' Asset transfer</li> <li>Requests arrangements -Partners Participation</li> <li>Commissions -DGC Co-produced</li> <li>arrangements -Partners Volunteering</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Key Operational Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of the DGC Volunteering Strategy and Guidance</li> <li>Agree on a co-ordinated and consistent volunteer support package across CLD partners</li> <li>Ensure that the skills and experiences of volunteers are matched to best opportunities available</li> </ul>	<p>S</p> <p>M</p> <p>S/M</p> <p>M</p> <p>M</p>	<p>Links directly to LOIP Outcome 8</p> <p>National outcomes for Community Development</p> <p>Communities Directorate Business Plan</p> <p>DGC Directorate Business Plans</p> <p>Third Sector D&amp;G Business Plan</p> <p>Tackling Poverty Action Plan</p> <p>Council Volunteer Strategy</p> <p>Community Participation and Engagement Strategy</p>	<p><b>Main Stakeholders (Leads)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Planning and Engagement Unit</li> <li>Third Sector D&amp;G</li> </ul> <p><b>Main Contributors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CLD Partnership</li> <li>Young People's Services/ Lifelong Learning</li> <li>Youth Work Services</li> <li>Lifelong Learning and Wellbeing</li> <li>NHS Dumfries and Galloway</li> <li>Health and Social Care Partnership</li> <li>All Council Directorates</li> <li>Dumfries and Galloway Health &amp; Wellbeing, Directorate Public Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Capturing case studies of effective/ best practice and sharing</li> <li>No. of volunteers agreements (DGC)</li> <li>No. of organisations supported to deliver (DGC)</li> <li>No. of volunteers helping to deliver on CLD Outcomes through partners</li> </ul> <p>Case studies on community organisations who are successfully taking on projects/assets within their areas</p> <p>Case studies on best practice in volunteering</p>
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Outcome 4	How we will meet these key outcomes	Time-scales	Key sources of information/reference point	Who will lead/contribute?	Evidence/Impact/Indicators
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<p>The involvement of learners and community organisations in shaping CLD priorities has increased and is leading to positive change</p>	<p><b>Key Strategic Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>increase our understanding of groups and organisations contributing to CLD outcomes on a local basis across our region to help strengthen partnership arrangements and identify and address emerging local need</li> <li>Improve local engagement arrangements to ensure effective mechanisms are in place with local learners, community groups and organisations to help identify and address key issues and better inform CLD planning</li> <li>Implement the Partners Strategies for Community Participation and Engagement</li> <li>Improve communication and involvement in the CLD Partnership by developing reporting lines to include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Work Strategic Partnership</li> <li>Lifelong Learning Partnership</li> <li>Community Development practitioners network - Learner voice</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Key Operational Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will increase awareness and raise the profile of our CLD Plan by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Re-launching and promoting our website</li> <li>Developing social media presence</li> <li>Developing a free membership circulation list specifically for front line CLD sector partners/ organisations</li> </ul> </li> <li>Ensure a mechanism in place to capture views of young people/Members Scottish Youth Parliament (Youth participation and engagement Strategy)</li> <li>Commit to our improvement journey by undertaking a rolling programme of self-evaluation activity on an area/ward basis involving key community groups/organisations</li> <li>Establishment of the Elected Dumfries &amp; Galloway Youth Council</li> <li>Develop a local (regionwide D&amp;G) Young Person's Sports Panel, to allow for a youth voice to be represented and heard in relation to sport and physical activity.</li> </ul>	<p>M</p> <p>M</p> <p>S</p> <p>S/M</p> <p>S</p> <p>S/M</p> <p>S/M</p> <p>S</p> <p>S/M</p>	<p>Links to LOIP Outcomes 1,2,3, 8</p> <p>Consultation Mandates</p> <p>Key target groups identified in LOIP</p> <p>Community Learning needs assessment 2017/18</p> <p>Learned experience from Tackling Poverty reference group</p> <p>Youth Participation and Youth Engagement Strategy</p>	<p><b>Main Stakeholders (Leads)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DGC – Communities</li> <li>CLD Partnership</li> <li>Dumfries and Galloway Health &amp; Wellbeing, Directorate Public Health</li> <li>Health and Social Care Partnership</li> <li>Third Sector D&amp;G</li> </ul> <p><b>Main Contributors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Work Strategic Group</li> <li>Scottish Youth Parliament Young Peoples' Services</li> <li>Wellbeing</li> <li>Community action through participation and engagement (CAPE)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increasing no. of groups/ organisations formally engaging with CLD Partnership</li> <li>No. of groups citing that partnership working and joint impact has improved over a 3-year period</li> </ul> <p>Case study on how new reporting arrangements are leading to improved communication; improved partnership working; meaningful change and the profile of CLD being raised and valued.</p> <p>Case studies on how the views of young people communities are being captured and which is leading to service improvements.</p>
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Outcome 5	How we will meet these key outcomes	Time-scales	Key sources of information/reference point	Who will lead/contribute?	Evidence/Impact/Indicators
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<p>Our CLD Sector workforce has the necessary skills to deliver on the ambitions of our plans</p>	<p><b>Key Strategic Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support key outcomes emerging from National CLD Workforce development action plan</li> <li>• Undertake assessment of sector skills gaps/ emerging needs linked to changing local /national priorities</li> <li>• Communicate the purpose and value of the youth work outcomes and indicators within the youth work sector and to key partners and stakeholders</li> </ul> <p><b>Key Operational Actions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing a programme of training and learning which meets the needs of our workforce</li> <li>• Sharing and co-ordinating improved opportunities for development and recognition of volunteers</li> <li>• Commitment to developing annual cross sector training/learning calendar</li> <li>• Supporting the upskilling of communities and our workforce to be confident in a variety of community engagement techniques</li> <li>• Promoting CLD Standards Council membership and core competencies for practitioners to all those contributing to and working within CLD sector</li> </ul>	<p>S/M</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>S</p> <p>M</p> <p>S</p> <p>S/M</p> <p>S</p>	<p>National CLD Workforce Plan</p> <p>National occupational standards for youth work</p> <p>Education Authority Annual Plan</p> <p>Council Volunteer Strategy</p>	<p><b>Main Stakeholders (Leads)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLD Partnership</li> </ul> <p><b>Main Contributors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CLD South West Network</li> <li>• Third Sector D&amp;G</li> <li>• Youth Work Strategic Group</li> <li>• Young People’s Services</li> <li>• All Council Directorates</li> <li>• Dumfries and Galloway Health &amp; Wellbeing, Directorate Public Health</li> <li>• Health and Social Care Partnership</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increasing no. of practitioners registering with CLD Standards Council over a 3- year period</li> <li>• No. of joint training/learning opportunities open to partners each year, including uptake</li> <li>• No. of training/learning opportunities offered which directly contribute to priority areas identified in the national CLD Workforce Development Action Plan</li> </ul> <p>Case studies on how improved workforce development is leading to better skilled practitioners and volunteers and improved outcomes/ community impact</p>
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Appendix 2 – Local Policy Context – Key Linkages with CLD Plan 2018 - 2021

<p><b>Council Plan (Principles) 2017 - 2022</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Focus on early intervention and prevention</li> <li>• Encourage safe and resilient communities</li> <li>• Help the most vulnerable people and those in need</li> <li>• Develop skills and opportunities</li> <li>• Listen to our communities and people</li> <li>• Deliver efficient and sustainable services</li> <li>• Be open and honest</li> <li>• Work in partnership</li> <li>• Be ambitious for our region</li> <li>• Deliver locally</li> </ul>	<p><b>Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2017 - 2027</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outcome 1: Everyone who needs help to work receives the right support</li> <li>• Outcome 2: Learning opportunities are available to those who need them most</li> <li>• Outcome 3: Health and Wellbeing inequalities are reduced</li> <li>• Outcome 7 – People are well connected</li> <li>• Outcome 8: Individuals and communities are empowered</li> </ul>
<p><b>Children’s Services Plan 2017 - 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure children and young people are safe and free from harm</li> <li>• Ensure children and young people get support at the earliest appropriate time through prevention and early intervention</li> <li>• Improve the well-being and life chances of our most vulnerable children and young people</li> <li>• Work to reduce or remove barriers so that all children and young people have equality of opportunity</li> <li>• Deliver the best possible health and wellbeing for all children and young people</li> <li>• Raise attainment and be ambitious for all children and young people</li> </ul>	<p><b>Regional Economic Strategy 2016 - 2020</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing places by empowering communities to address economic challenges and opportunities</li> <li>• Creating a culture of better skills and opportunity which will retain and attract people of working age and improve the competitiveness for individuals and businesses</li> <li>• Creating a shared vision and partnership working across the public, private and third sectors along with our providers of further and higher education</li> </ul>



### Health and Social Care Strategic Plan 2018

*“Making our communities the best place to live active, safe and healthy lives by promoting independence, choice and control”*

#### Commitments

- We will support people to lead healthier lives
- We will work with people to identify and make best use of assets to build community strength and resilience
- We will actively promote, develop and support volunteering opportunities
- We will strengthen public involvement at all levels of planning health and social care and support
- We will support the provision of a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub to ensure a joined-up approach in terms of identifying, sharing information about and responding to adults at risk of harm
- We will measure performance against good practice from elsewhere and encourage and support new ideas locally
- We will share learning about health and social care inequalities, including their causes and consequences, and use this information to drive change

### Equalities Outcomes Plan 2017 – 2021

- Improve employment prospects of our young people
- Ensure that our decisions take full account of equalities considerations
- Ensure our information and services are easily accessed
- Ensure young people are more actively engaged in local decision making
- Encourage participation and engagement of people with Protected Characteristics
- Ensure interventions are early and effective
- Ensure the people who are deemed most at risk from harm will be identified, supported and protected
- Promote fairness and respect across our organisations and communities
- Tackle the causes and effects of poverty
- Raise attainment, achievement and participation for children with Protected Characteristics
- Remove barriers so that all children and young people have equality of opportunity

### Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan 2018 - 19

- Priority 2: Promote equality of access and opportunities for all those involved in the justice system including victims and families
- Priority 3 – Encourage, support and develop multi agency approaches which improve effectiveness

### Local Policing Plan 2017 – 2020

- Outcome 2 – Learning
- Outcome 3 – Health & Wellbeing
- Outcome 8 - Involvement

### Skills Development Scotland – Operating Plan 2018 - 2020

- Goal 1 – Employers are better able to recruit the right people with the right skills at the right time
- Goal 2 – Employers have high performing, highly productive, fair and equal workplaces
- Goal 3 – People have the right skills and confidence to secure good work, progress in their careers and achieve their full potential
- Goal 4 – Increased equality of opportunity for all
- Goal 5 – SDS is an employer of choice, an exemplar of fair work and internationally recognised for excellence, innovation and customer-focus.

### Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway Business Plan

#### Core business and Funding

- Volunteering Development
- Social Enterprise Development
- Supporting and developing a strong third sector
- Building the third sector relationship with community planning

#### Aims

- Inequalities
- Civic Society
- Resilience
- Social Capital
- Community Empowerment
- Community Development
- Active Citizenship
- Enterprising Third Sector

**D&G College – Vision 2020**

**Strategic Outcomes**

1. We will provide opportunities to access and progress through education and training at all levels.
2. We will deliver education and training that is a route to employment and career development and is aligned to local and national economic need.
3. We will be the first choice for recruitment, training and development of the workforce.
4. We will enable communities to grow and develop through local education and training.
5. We will support more businesses to start-up, grow and diversify.
6. We will enable people to build their independence and confidence in a supportive environment.
7. We will enable people, through lifelong learning, to remain healthy and socially engaged.

**DG Unlimited Strategic Plan 2017 – 2021**

**Mission**

*“We seek to create Scotland’s leading rural arts network by supplying creative practitioners and organisations to help themselves and each other; providing a collaborative voice; celebrating and nurturing talent; and growing the next generation of creative practitioners”*

**Strategic Aims**

- Advocacy
- Advice, support and skills development
- Investment
- Sustainability & Resilience

**Health and social care equality and diversity joint outcomes 2017-2021**

- EDO 1 Integrated services are better at using the equality monitoring information they collect to provide services that meet individual needs
- EDO 2 Integrated services will help to make sure that all different kinds of people feel safe, respected and supported; including staff, patients and visitors.
- EDO 3 All people, no matter their sexuality, gender or sexual expression will experience less unfair treatment.
- EDO 4 More young people and disabled people will be successfully supported to access work place opportunities, reducing barriers, so they feel part of the working community

**Local Fire and Rescue Plan for Dumfries and Galloway 2018**

**Purpose**

*“To work in partnership with communities and with others in the public, private and third sectors, on prevention, protection and response, to improve the safety and well-being of people throughout Scotland”*

**Our Priorities**

- Improved Local Outcomes
- National and Community Resilience
- Modernising Response
- Workforce Development
- Governance and Social Responsibility
- Transformation

### Appendix 3 – Summary of learner and volunteer feedback

#### CLD Plan learner engagement – summary of key skills requirements identified

Life skills	Basic literacy and numeracy skills	English and budgeting skills
Confidence building	Managing money/bills	Help with Universal credit
Helping children with homework	Understanding early child development	Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths (STEM)
Coping with stress	Accredited qualifications	Community integration
Cooking from scratch	Merchandising	Listening skills
Using full range of functions on a mobile phone	Communication skills	Being able to work as part of a team
Being able to contribute to and influence decisions	Computing	CV preparation/interview skills

#### CLD Plan learner engagement - summary of barriers to participation

Poor transport links and costs, particularly in very rural areas	Reduced funding leading to less opportunities	Working with Teachers/Parent Councils
Childcare availability and costs	Embarrassment/lack of confidence	Money problems
Isolation	No internet access	Health problems
Carer responsibilities	Mental health	Availability of local support for learning

#### CLD Plan volunteer engagement – summary of key barriers to involvement and general comments

Barriers	Summary of other General Comments
Transport	majority of volunteers felt that they receive good support and training, including induction
Time	that skills are being best utilised
Shift work	enjoy being involved in a range of opportunities
Carer responsibilities	that the contributions of volunteers are recognised, including involvement in celebration events. There could, however, be more recognition from senior leaders on the key role that volunteers play
Red tape/bureaucracy	Sometimes difficult to influence decision making
Funding for resources	
Accessibility to venues and affordability of facilities	
Health/mental health/anxiety	

#### Appendix 4 - Impact of volunteering

*"I have enjoyed working as a part of one big team at Youth Beatz and it is a great sense of achievement when everyone works together to transform the dock park into Youth Beatz, Scotland's largest free music festival and you get to see the whole community enjoying themselves in your home town."*

*'Volunteering provides a lovely experience. You meet great people and I'm always impressed by how willingly other people are to give their time for other people...I get so much pleasure out of it.'*

*"It has helped me grow in confidence"*

*"As a volunteer I have been fortunate to attend Volunteers Celebration Events organised by the Youth Work Team, where you are presented with a certificate for volunteering your time to the youth work service, it is a great night, you feel proud to be a volunteer."*

*"It's all about communities and connecting communities"*

*"I am more aware of how my actions can affect others"*

*'By being part of this group I feel as if I have become part of a family as we are all very friendly and work well as a team, I have confidence and I feel now that I can approach the general public and have a conversation with them. I have also been given the opportunity to attend events that I may never have attended. It has also got me out of the house more now, which my mum and dad are very happy with.'*

*'I decided to start volunteering because she wanted to make a difference. When I hear the good stories from the young people I have helped I know I have made a difference.'*

*'Volunteering has made me build confidence in myself by going to events and talking to people. Before I would stand back let others do the talking but now I can be the one that talks to people.'*

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[Dumfries and Galloway College 20:20 Vision](#)

[Local Policing Plan 2017 – 2020](#)

**CLD Partnership** – established a few years ago to act as a Strategic forum to oversee the sector and involving a range of key partners including various organisations; Dumfries and Galloway College; Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway; Skills Development Scotland; National Health Service. This Partnership has led to improved joint planning and targeting of resources.

**LOIP** – Local Outcome Improvement Plan – every local authority requires to have a plan in place clarifying its community planning priorities with partners.

**Centre of Excellence** – a new concept that it currently being investigated at the moment which would see Council Services; College; NHS; Third Sector partners; private sector planning together and sharing resources to better co-ordinate workforce development, training & learning opportunities including improved learner journeys/pathways for young people and adults. This would lead to improved professional development across the sector and improved quality of learning opportunities for young people and adults.

**Scotland's Digital Participation Charter** – a national initiative aimed at giving everyone in Scotland the essential digital skills they need to do their jobs, live their lives and confidently use digital services. <http://digitalparticipation.scot/>

**Lifelong Learning & Skills Framework** – This complements the development of a centre of excellence and allows partners to agree and co-ordinate the delivery of learning opportunities to help avoid duplication and maximise opportunities for progression. This should lead to increased positive impacts across personal, social, civic, family and work settings by having clearer pathways in place.

**Lifelong Learning & Skills Framework** – This model complements the development of a centre of excellence and helps partners agree and co-ordinate the delivery of learning opportunities to help increase positive impacts within personal, social, civic, family and work setting. Skills frameworks help clarify the range of qualifications and learning opportunities on offer to make it clearer to see how individuals can progress and develop their skills and which employment routes this can take them down.

**ESOL** – English for speakers of other language.

**LGBT** – Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender.

**World of Work** – a dedicated web site through Skills Development Scotland targeting parents, teachers and pupils with online resources available to assist with learning, employments skills and career choices.

**Adult Learning Statement of ambition** – national strategy for adult learning which recognises that learning should be; learner-centred, lifelong and life-wide and highlights the national ambitions for adult learning.

**South of Scotland Enterprise Agency** - The new agency is a unique and exciting opportunity for the South of Scotland. It is a chance to bring a fresh approach to economic development and regeneration and to transform the economy to ensure that it reaches its potential so that towns, communities and people across the South enjoy increased prosperity. It is an opportunity to address exclusion, responding to the barriers preventing people participating in the economy, enjoying inclusive growth and accessing opportunities. The Agency will be able to build on the traditions and strengths of the area with an eye to future growth. <https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/newsevents/2018/may/south-of-scotland-enterprise-agency-plans-attract-interest/>

**Borderlands** – An initiative to promote the economic growth and competitiveness of the Dumfries and Galloway and Borders areas including attracting investment to these areas. <http://www.dumgal.gov.uk/article/17345/Borderlands-Growth>

**Celebration Events** – bespoke occasions where learners come together to have their achievements more formally recognised.

**Wider Achievement** – skills and activities taking place outwith the classroom setting such as volunteering, youth work and recognised programmes such as Duke of Edinburgh awards.

**Year of Young People** – national priority during 2018 aimed at celebrating, recognising and increasing opportunities for our young people across culture; education; participation; health and wellbeing; equality and discrimination and enterprise and regeneration. <https://www.yoypdg.gov.uk/>

**Family Learning** – encourages parents and children to learn together or enables parents to learn more about how to support a child's learning.

**Pupil Equity Funding** - Pupil Equity Funding is additional funding of £100 million from the £1 billion Attainment Scotland Fund, allocated directly to schools to help close the attainment related attainment gap. This funding is to be spent at the discretion of schools in partnership with each other and their local authorities. In 2017/18 this is set to be over £120 million, and in 2018/19 this is set to be over £150 million.

**STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) – a focus on the promotion of STEM enthusiasm, skills, and knowledge in schools, colleges and work. To encourage the growth of STEM sectors and to support the growing STEM sectors.

**South West CLD Network** – a network of organisations across Dumfries and Galloway covering the South West area of the region. The network covers Dumfries, Dumfries and Galloway, and South Ayrshire.

## Self-evaluation

Self-evaluation is a process where individuals or organizations assess their own performance, strengths, and weaknesses. It is a key component of personal and organizational development, often used to identify areas for improvement and set goals for the future.



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## CURRENT KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES UPDATE – SEPTEMBER 2018

### 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

2.1 Lead officers for all the Plans and Strategies have provided progress reports for this meeting and they are detailed in the **Appendices**.

2.2 The meeting to discuss the interlinkages between these Plans and Strategies and the presentation of this to the Board in the future Update Reports (along with a discussion about the Annual Report on the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan) will take place in October 2018.

### 3. Recommendation

Board Members are invited to:

- 3.1 scrutinise and note the progress being made in the key Strategies and Plans that support the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan; and in particular
- 3.2 endorse the CLD Partners' Strategic Plan for 2018-2021; and
- 3.3 endorse the Community Justice Improvement Plan for 2018-2021.

Liz Manson, Community Planning and Engagement Manager and lead officers  
14 September 2018

### Appendices - 4

- 1 - Updates on key Strategies and Plans
- 2 - Extracts from the Children's Services Plan Annual Report
- 3 – new Community Justice Improvement Plan 2018-2021
- 4 – new CLD Partners' Strategic Plan 2018-2021

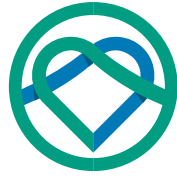
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# A NEW MODEL OF CARE

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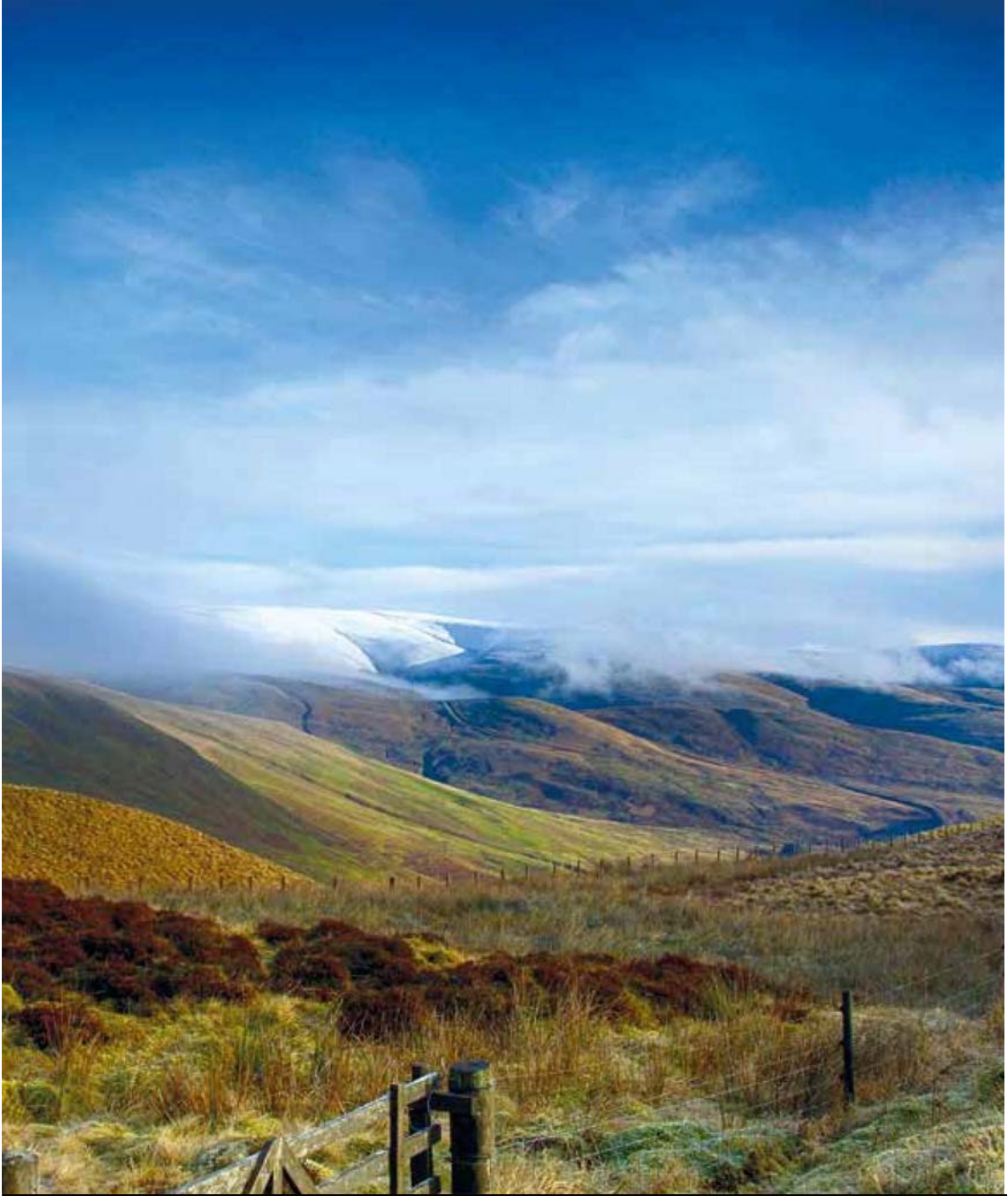


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# Care Campus

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## THE VISION

Care Campus is a unique blend of ideas, ambitions and practical actions with the potential to transform the lives of older people, foster inter-generational engagement, and provide new approaches to housing, care and community empowerment.

## CONTEXT

The ageing of our population presents many challenges, but also significant opportunities. It is widely known that the proportion of older people in society is increasing. We are living longer and deriving great benefit from extended years. The meaning of retirement is changing, older people have more choices about how they wish to live, and their potential to go on enriching our communities is widely recognised.

At the same time, later life for some people can be fraught with loneliness and a lack of purpose. Chronic illness, frailty and disability may diminish quality of life. Opportunities to maintain independence may be restricted by inappropriate housing, isolation or by limited resources.

We need to think differently about the challenges and the opportunities that result from an ageing society. At the same time, we need to consider the wellbeing, prospects, employment and health needs of younger people – not least in relation to education, training and housing.

Care Campus grew out of discussions at the Crichton Campus in Dumfries, where academics started to ask if Dumfries and Galloway could become home to a new initiative to foster healthy ageing and intergenerational wellbeing. The idea quickly gained momentum and interest from across the community.

It began with proposals to develop new accommodation at the Crichton Campus that could serve as a prototype for others. It has now grown into a wider vision that can be implemented in many settings, in different forms and according to local circumstances.



## CARE CAMPUS - THE CONCEPT

Care Campus is not something limited to one location. It is an idea as well as a place.

We envisage a network of activities and initiatives, supporting and drawing from related activities across the whole of Dumfries and Galloway. In several places in the region new ideas about housing, care, later life, and intergenerational contact are already bubbling up led by local community groups, housing associations and service providers. Can these be harnessed to the bigger vision of Care Campus working together in partnership?

Older people can be found in all our towns, villages and dispersed communities. How can we enhance quality of life and intergenerational engagement in more structured ways in diverse local settings?

Can children's nurseries, primary schools and academies develop well designed approaches to working with people in nearby care homes or special housing for older people? Can community projects undertaken by schools and colleges build a more committed focus on intergenerational benefit? Are there opportunities for mutual learning and 'knowledge exchange' as well as creative, arts-based activities between older and younger people?

Likewise, there is much more that can be done to think imaginatively about housing options in our rural communities. Can the needs of older and younger people be combined and met in new ways, linked to other local assets – community groups, health and social care facilities? It might then be possible to connect these to the teaching and research programmes of the Universities and Colleges that are based in Dumfries and Galloway. It may be possible to facilitate respite and holiday exchanges between people living in different settings across the region and to provide accommodation for visitors coming from further afield to spend time with older relatives and friends.

## CARE CAMPUS – THE PLACE

This could be the flagship project or 'hub' for Care Campus ideas, reaching out to and drawing from the wider regional network.

The Crichton Campus is on the edge of the town of Dumfries in rural South West Scotland. It is home to several academic, non-profit and business organisations. A landscaped site, with listed buildings, beautiful trees and open spaces, it began life as a psychiatric hospital in the first half of the nineteenth century. It has a hotel, conference and entertainment facilities, a pool and spa, a bistro, café and a non-denominational church. It has become a place of learning, teaching and enterprise as well as somewhere for leisure and relaxation, and it is seen as a key asset to the local economy. It also has a children's nursery, plans for an outdoor gym, walkways with interpretive signs and a host of activities associated with University and College life.

We imagine people accommodated on environmentally sensitive and sustainable lines in a community located on the existing Crichton estate, and benefitting from all its amenities. It could be a place providing for a full spectrum of needs – from completely independent 'retirement' living, through sheltered accommodation, to long-term and end-of-life care facilities. It could comprise of housing to the highest design standards, developed in consultation with those who live there. There is high ambition for the quality of the buildings, their disposition in the landscape and their ability to inspire those who live and work at Crichton. There is inspiration to be found from many examples of good design in housing and care facilities. The best of these could serve as a benchmark, which could be world class in conception and delivery.

At the Crichton, residents could be involved in many potential activities, including exercise, horticulture, arts and music. There will be access to well-equipped sheds, studios, allotment space, recreation and exercise facilities. It will have social spaces for music, entertainment, arts and learning events.

Some residents may want to get involved with academic courses and research taking place among the Universities and Colleges at the Crichton. There will be many opportunities for cross-generational activity through student volunteering, internships, project work, high-quality employment for motivated and committed staff, and the potential for co-housing arrangements across generations.





Discussions are underway about a preferred site, forms of tenure, the potential for investment and an appropriate business model that can make this achievable, affordable and sustainable.

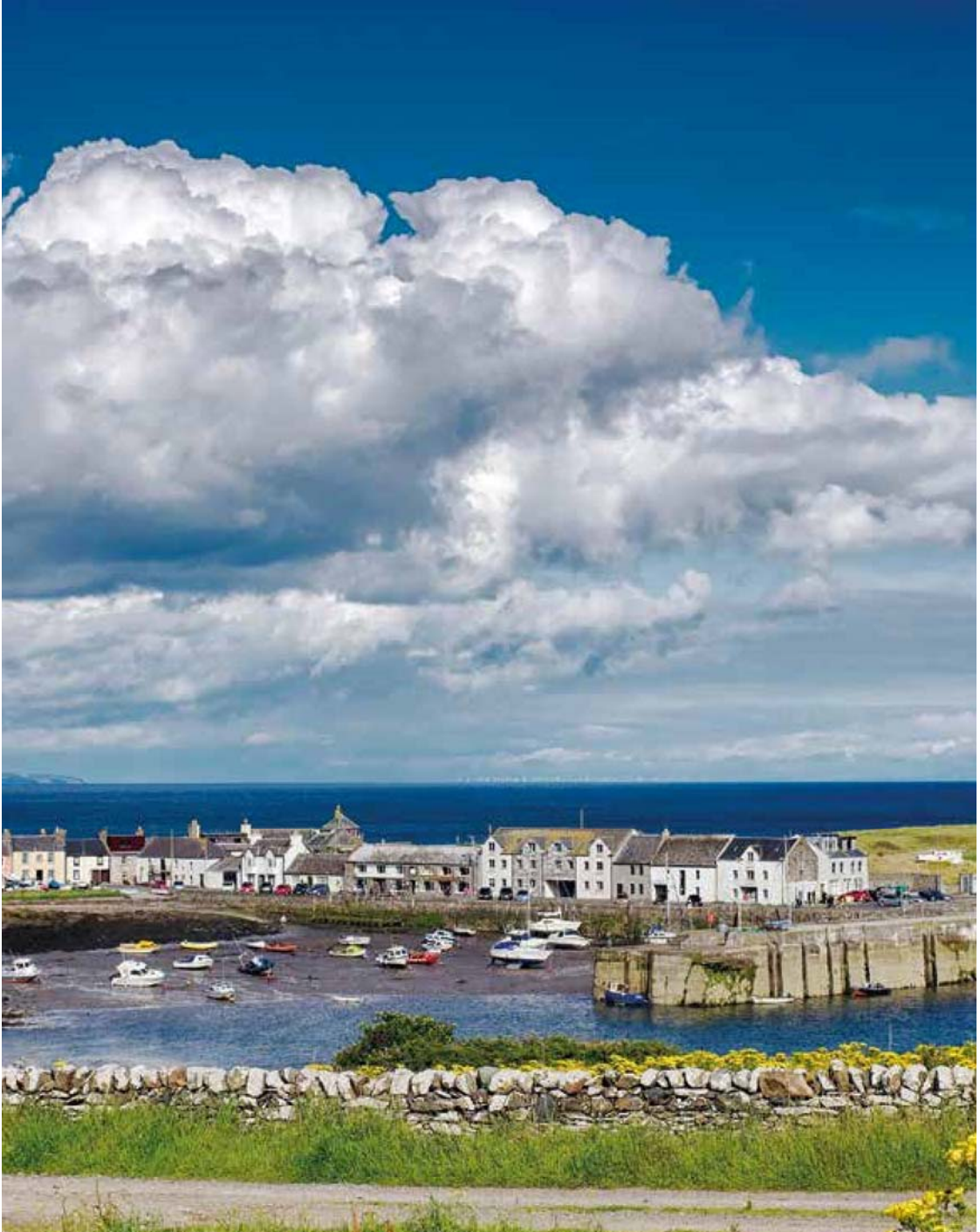
## THE BENEFITS

An experiment on this scale has not be tried before. But we know from other initiatives that significant benefits can result. Care Campus is about the potential to improve quality of life, health and wellbeing, and to reduce isolation and loneliness. It may also be possible to reduce unwanted hospital admissions, to prolong independent living and create resilience. The lives of younger and older people can benefit from activities across the generations. Living well in old age can also help people face their own mortality and indeed to die well, when the time comes.

## WHERE NEXT?

With funding from the LEADER programme, and supporting organisations, and the involvement of the partner organisations based at the Crichton, work is now underway to test these ideas in more detail and to seek opportunities for development. Our team is keen to meet anyone who would like to contribute.

**To learn more or discuss your own ideas about Care Campus, please email [info@carecampus.co.uk](mailto:info@carecampus.co.uk)**



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Item 5**CRICHTON CARE CAMPUS****1. Situation:**

1.1 The Care Campus Project is now seven months into a twenty-month funded project to explore opportunities for a new rural model of care. The Project Team of 3 are hosted by The Crichton Trust. The project is currently in Phase 2, which includes stakeholder engagement. The community consultation stage starts in September 2018.

1.2 At its meeting on 15 August 2018 the Community Planning Executive Group received this report on the Project and agreed that it should be presented to the Board for its endorsement.

**2. Background:**

1.1 At its meeting on 23 January 2015, the Community Planning Executive Group had a discussion with Professor Dave Clark about the potential for the Crichton site and the adjacent hospital site to be a Centre of Excellence in end of life care/a Care Campus.

2.2 The idea of a Care Campus for Dumfries and Galloway has therefore been around for several years and, in 2016, activities and events took place to explore the idea further. In October 2016, a public dissemination event – ‘Re-imagining Care in Dumfries and Galloway’ was attended by 60 participants from across the public, third and independent sectors. The focus of this event was how a Care Village, specifically on The Crichton, may look. Focus groups with 50 older people were run by 3 undergraduate students from the University of Glasgow’s MA (Hons.) Health and Social Policy course. Again, these group discussions focussed on a physical development on The Crichton.

Information from these events, as well as the blogs and press articles, prompted a funding application to LEADER to take the project to the next stage of development.

2.3 In the interim, a Strategic Action Group was set up, drawing on expertise from academia; health; architecture & design; and business & finance. This group was established to look more closely at the opportunities and challenges of a physical development on The Crichton. The group concluded in 2018 and a final report of the groups’ findings was written by Professor David Clark (the Technical Director on the Care Campus Project).

2.4 The Crichton Trust, with support from the University of Glasgow and Crichton Campus Leadership Group, submitted a funding application to LEADER in mid-2017. Match funding was secured from Scottish Enterprise, The Crichton Foundation, The Crichton Trust, Dumfries & Galloway Council and NHS Dumfries & Galloway.

2.5 In October 2017, the process to recruit a Project Officer, a Community Engagement & Communications Officer and an Administration Officer began, and the Project Team started in January 2018.

2.6 With the funding from LEADER, came the condition that the project must not look solely at development on the Crichton Campus, but should explore opportunities across the whole of Dumfries and Galloway.

As a result of this, the project is following 2 themes – the ‘concept’ and the ‘place’. The Care Campus ‘concept’ is being led by the LEADER funded Project Team. This project is focussing on –

- The need for a new model of care in Dumfries and Galloway, including housing needs as well as health and social care needs;
- What already exists in Dumfries and Galloway regarding housing, care and community & social support, as well as further afield;
- What people in Dumfries and Galloway want and ask, ‘what would make Dumfries and Galloway the best place and way to grow old?’
- How can this be achieved?

2.7 The ‘place’ project is being taken forward by The Crichton Trust, The Crichton Campus Leadership Group and Professor David Clark of the University of Glasgow. They continue to explore opportunities and possibilities of a physical development at, or near, The Crichton.

2.8 The two strands are developing simultaneously, and the Project Team is working to ensure that they continue to inform one another as they progress. **Appendix 1: Care Campus – A New Model of Care** outlines the relationship between the elements and the overall Care Campus vision.

2.9 An Independent Reference Group has been established to provide advice, scrutiny and support for the project. Members bring a wealth of knowledge and experience from the public, third and independent sectors.

### **3. Key issues:**

3.1 A Needs Analysis was written in Phase One of the project, which focusses mainly on the housing and care needs for older people in Dumfries and Galloway. The document concluded that we have an aging population in Dumfries and Galloway –

- The number of people over 65 years old will make up 27% of the region’s population by 2020;
- The number of people in the region over the age of 75 will grow by 77%, from less than 15,000 people in 2016 to 26,000 in 2035;
- More people will be living with two or more chronic conditions by 2037;
- By 2035, we will have more than 12,000 people over the age of 75 living alone;
- The dispersed and rural nature of Dumfries and Galloway will make supporting these people and communities difficult and expensive;

- The effect of migration into the area, away from family and other social networks, will lead to a requirement to establish new support networks in the region.

3.2 As the demographics within our region continue to change, we need to come up with more innovative and sustainable solutions to the issues we face in Dumfries and Galloway.

3.3 Through stakeholder engagement and research, the Project Team is exploring various projects and developments that are either addressing the housing, care and community & social support issues within their own communities or are introducing innovative new solutions to these problems.

3.3.1 The Project Team is profiling examples of good practice within Dumfries and Galloway. This includes –

- Intergenerational work being done by Let's Get Sporty;
- The Connecting in Communities initiative at the CatStrand; and
- The Midsteeples Quarter Project who have hopes of introducing co-housing into their development.

The purpose is to share the knowledge and expertise that is within Dumfries and Galloway in the hope that this can be replicated across the region.

3.3.2 As well as profiling the above community projects, the team is following developments within the region, including –

- The Foyer, in Stranraer;
- The Esk Valley Project, in Langholm; and
- The Wigtownshire Health & Social Care Partnership Project, Wigtownshire.

The purpose of following these developments is to better understand how these projects came about, what 'need' or 'want' they are addressing and how successful these approaches are/will be.

3.3.3 Members of the team have also been able to learn about projects at conferences and visit others outside of Dumfries and Galloway. Learning about projects on a national level enables the team to share these new approaches with stakeholders in Dumfries and Galloway –

- Visits to Lancaster Co-Housing Project and the Older Women's Co-Housing in London to learn about how these communities were established; how they sustain themselves; what the benefits, opportunities and challenges are with these developments; and if something similar could be successfully replicated in our region;
- Visit to Carbon Dynamic, in Invergordon, to learn more about their innovative 'Fit Homes', which are being developed in partnership with Albyn Housing Society, NHS Highland, Highland residents and health & social care professionals.

These homes are designed to adapt to a person's needs throughout their lifetime, right through to the end of life. They are a possible solution to addressing housing and care needs in a rural setting; and

- Learning about the Apples and Honey Nursery in London. This is the first intergenerational nursery in the UK to be co-located within a care home. This development boasted numerous benefits for both the young children and the care home residents.

3.4 The Project Team, through close working with stakeholders and the Independent Reference Group, will ensure that information is shared between individuals and organisations. For this project to benefit the whole region it is necessary for those involved in housing, care and community & social support to realise the opportunities and potential benefits that the Care Campus Project, both the 'place' and 'concept' elements, can bring.

#### **4. Recommendation:**

Board members are invited to:

4.1 Affirm support for the Care Campus Project – this includes the 'concept' and the 'place' elements; and

4.2 Promote the Care Campus Project amongst their organisations and encourage involvement from relevant staff.

Jennifer Challinor, Project Officer and Isla Robertson, Community Engagement & Communications Officer

10 September 2018

#### **Appendix 1: Care Campus – A New Model of Care**

## LOCAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW

### 1. Situation:

1.1 As reported to the last Board meeting on 22 June 2018, in December 2017 the Scottish Government and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) jointly launched the Local Governance Review.

1.2 On 22 June 2018, the Cabinet Secretary for Communities, Social Security and Equalities; the Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; and the COSLA President wrote to Public Sector Leaders – including Chairs of the Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) - outlining the approach to the two strands to the Review.

1.3 The two strands of the Review will run in parallel for a period of around six months to gather a broad scope of information from contributors. The Scottish Government will gather data and develop a programme of changes to governance arrangements ‘in different places where these can increase the pace and scale of public service reform, focus on shared outcomes, and strengthen local decision making’. Should legislative change be required, a Local Democracy Bill has been provisionally scheduled.

1.4 On 2 July 2018, the Chair of the CPP replied to the joint letter of 22 June 2018 welcoming the Review and the invitation to participate and offering support, if required, in the arrangements for the conversation with communities.

1.5 Discussions have taken place within the national Community Planning Network about the role of CPPs in this programme, highlighting that it is the responsibility of the Scottish Government to organise any events around this agenda. The Scottish Government has a fund for third sector organisations to organise events in their locality.

1.6 Timelines: The deadline for written proposals and evidence is 14 December 2018. The Scottish Government ‘wants to have an interactive process with [organisations] to consider and develop ideas’ and ‘wants to hear from [organisations] as early in the process as possible in order to understand [their] proposals...’. An initial indication of issues partnerships and organisations would like to discuss is therefore being sought for September 2018.



## **2. Background**

There are two strands to the programme:

### **Strand 1: Community decision-making**

2.1 Overview: this is focussed on engaging with communities to explore how the Review can strengthen their participation and involvement in decision making.

2.2 Dumfries and Galloway CPP has had involvement in the national Enabling Group through Vicky Freeman of the Health and Social Care Partnership. The Enabling Group's intention is that there will be a range of conversations across Scotland with different communities of interest and place to explore how the Review can strengthen their participation and involvement in decision making.

2.3 Information and opportunities for organisations and members of the public to respond to the consultation are available at <https://beta.gov.scot/policies/improving-public-services/local-governance-review/>

### **Strand 2: Public service governance**

2.4 This involves the Scottish Government, city regions, regional groupings, local authorities, CPPs and other public sector organisations proposing place-specific alternative approaches governance, powers, accountabilities and ways of working.

2.5 There are four elements within Strand 2: Governance, Powers, Accountabilities and Ways of Working. The CPP is well placed to identify proposals for improved arrangements at local level, given existing positions by the partnerships and partners including work in recent years.

2.6 The Executive Group at its meeting on 15 August 2018 agreed that a small number of high level issues should be submitted for this first response, which would then be developed over the subsequent weeks for a full submission by the due date of 14 December 2018.

## **3. Analysis:**

3.1 **Appendix 1** sets out the proposed high level headings for submission to the Scottish Government as areas of interest to us. They have been drawn from a range of sources, which will also be used to develop the thinking further and the final submission:

(1) The LOIP, which was informed through learning and extensive consultation on eight key Strategies and Plans and the emerging Local Development Plan.

(2) Individual partners' Plans and positions:

- Police and Fire and Rescue Services Local Plans
- Dumfries and Galloway Council Lobbying and Advocacy Strategy
- Responses to the consultation on the new Enterprise Agency for the South of Scotland
- Dumfries and Galloway College Vision 2020
- Borderlands and South of Scotland Economic Partnership draft plans

- Dumfries and Galloway Children's Plan Year 1 Review
- Consultation responses on Regional Education Collaboratives and Head Teacher Charter
- Review of the Scheme of Establishment of Community Councils
- Evaluation Report of the first Participatory Budgeting exercise

(3) The CPP's response should reflect the aspirations within the new [National Performance Framework](#) and how our proposals could improve outcomes at a local level

#### **4. Next steps**

4.1 Following the Board's agreement of the high level statements, the submission will be made to the Scottish Government.

4.2 Individual partners will then be invited to provide any further comment or statements in support of these issues and the draft response will be submitted to the next meeting of the Board on 16 November 2018.

#### **5. Recommendations**

The Board is invited to:

- 5.1 consider and agree the high level issues to be submitted to the Scottish Government by end September 2018; and
- 5.2 note that the full response will be consulted on over recent weeks and submitted to the next meeting of the Board on 16 November 2018 for approval

Andy Reed  
Policy Officer  
Dumfries and Galloway Council

17 September 2018

#### **Appendices – 1**

1 – Draft high level response to the Local Governance Review for 30 September 2018

Item 6 Appendix 1**Response to the Local Governance Review from the Dumfries and Galloway  
Community Planning Partnership**

The Local Governance Review provides an opportunity to tackle issues which can improve outcomes for our communities. We support subsidiarity, making decisions at the most local level appropriate and support a rationalisation of partnerships and individual bodies rather than creating any new bodies or legislating for change. Partners here have evidenced good practice in relation to these issues in their arrangements.

We support the adoption of the European Charter of Self Government, currently the subject of a [Private Member's Bill in the Scottish Parliament](#) and in addition would recommend that the Local Governance Review addresses the following key issues:

**(1) Budget Horizons:** Dumfries and Galloway has well established public services that are co-terminus which provides significant benefit with regards to planning. However to effectively deliver these plans there requires to be fully aligned budget planning for the medium term (confirmed budgets over 3 years) and long term (indicative budget over 5 years). In addition, the finance periods should begin and end at the same time to allow public and partners to better understand and co-ordinate activity.

**(2) National work delivered locally:** Greater recognition is required by national organisations about the implications for local delivery of national strategy commitments; and that community empowerment means that delivery can be by both public services and local communities/communities of interest.

There are also opportunities for national public bodies to relocate jobs to help stimulate economic growth in different parts of a country. Public sector relocation can stimulate the local economy in two main ways; the first, direct impact is the move of the jobs themselves and the wages they pay; the second is the 'multiplier effect' that these jobs can have, boosting demand for local goods and services and attracting jobs in related industries; enhancing the intellectual capacity of the area; and improving the attractiveness of the area to businesses

**(3) Enhancing engagement and empowerment:** Communities know their areas and their needs very well. The correct form of engagement and empowerment at local level can improve decision-making within public services but there needs to be a reduction of bureaucracy involved. The role and function of Community Councils is a fundamental aspect of this.

**(4) Informed, Evidence-Based Policy Decision-Making:** Evidence gained through engagement at all levels needs to influence policy decisions. There requires to be investment in the design of an aligned and clearer framework so that public bodies can demonstrate consistently how they have arrived at their decisions; and also to support new approaches to public decision making e.g. Participatory Budgeting

(5) **Delivering 'their' Public Service:** Public bodies understand that they are civic leaders and custodians of public services which are delivered on behalf of and with their residents. Innovative ways of involving residents and service users in the development and delivery of services need to be researched and supported so there is a genuine partnership culture and approach to service delivery.

(6) The Dumfries and Galloway Community Planning Partnership has identified a number of challenges during the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan that may require new approaches, collaborations and arrangements to be effective. The key areas are:

**Connectivity:** This is a significant issue across rural areas and covers broadband, transport links (rail and road networks) along with flexibility in public transport arrangements. How we plan and implement these issues may need to change as the issues facing urban Transport Partnerships are quite different from rural ones.

**Housing:** The access to affordable and accessible housing, supporting homelessness and providing the opportunity for people to access support and advice through a more streamlined process.

**Health and Wellbeing:** This impacts on services provided by many community planning partners. Challenges with supporting mental health issues for all ages, as this can also impact on individuals and communities. Prevention is key to reduce demand on our services from poor health. New arrangements for Public Health at local (CPP) level must be integrated into existing forums and approaches rather than the creation of additional governance bodies.

**Learning and Employment:** Education goes beyond the established school system, extending to people accessing learning opportunities throughout the life cycle and any collaboration arrangements must allow for links with appropriate other locations. Building the economy of the region is a challenge with an ageing demographic. The availability of appropriate employment opportunities for young people along with a skills mismatch between employment opportunities and the qualifications our people possess. Attracting working age people to the work and live in the region remains a significant challenge, especially with the provision of key services our communities require, such as doctors and teachers. The new City-Region and Borderlands Growth Deal arrangements must respond to the identified needs of the areas and give them flexibility to respond to local needs.



## **Stranraer, Dumfries & Galloway**

**14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

### **Taking Action**

**Venue:** Ryan Centre, Fairhurst Road, Stranraer, DG9 7AP. Car parking is free and on-site.

#### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November**

- 09:00 Registration opens (until 19:00)  
Visits (half or full day) leave – visits to inspiring projects in Dumfries and Galloway.
- 13:30 Lunch and exhibition – you are invited to a light lunch and to meet our 40+ exhibitors.
- 14:00 Film programme – a selection of short films about rural life in Scotland and around the world.  
Fringe programme – a diverse range of discussions and talks hosted by the participants and exhibitors.
- 18:00 Opening plenary – keynote speeches, introduction from SRA.
- 19:00 Rural Innovators Awards and a curated programme of local entertainment – possible drinks reception.

#### **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

- 09:00 Registration and exhibition opens
- 09:30 Our vision for rural Scotland: Setting the scene for post-Brexit discussions – keynote speakers and panel discussion.
- 10:50 Workshops – examining key aspects of rural policy.
- 12:20 Lunch and exhibition
- 13:30 Workshops - examining key aspects of rural policy.
- 15:30 Our vision for rural Scotland: Feedback and summary

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## **Item 7 Appendix 1**

- 16:00 Member's motions
- 17:30 Finish
- 19:00 Formal dinner and ceilidh – optional three-course meal and ceilidh at the North West Castle Hotel, Stranraer.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

- 08:30 Fringe - a variety of discussions and talks hosted by the participants and exhibitors, including an early-morning walk and historical tour around the local town.
- 09:45 Workshops – a range of practical and discussion workshops on the theme of 'Taking Action'.
- 10:30 Workshops – a range of practical and discussion workshops on the theme of 'Taking Action'.
- 12:15 Final plenary (feedback, voting) and SRA AGM
- 13.30 Lunch and farewell

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## **SRP18 Stranraer Area Visit Proposal**

(Bookings TBC)

### **Item 7 Appendix 2**

#### **Trip One – (Half day) Portpatrick and Crafty Gin Distillery**

13:10 - Depart Ryan Centre, Stranraer (Map 1, route 1)

13:30 - Arrive Portpatrick Harbour

**Portpatrick Harbour:** A walk around the pretty town and community-owned harbour, with a chance to talk to members of the Portpatrick Harbour Community Benefit Society about the numerous projects launched by the local group and surrounding community. (Speakers TBC)

<http://portpatrickharbour.org/>

14:00 - Depart Portpatrick (Map 1, route 2)

14:45 - Arrive Crafty Distillery, Newton Stewart

**Crafty Distillery:** An interactive tour from the founders of a newly built distillery, with an impressive viewing opportunity from the café bar which overlooks the Galloway Forest. Owner Graham Taylor, who was locally born and raised, distils and bottles the popular 'Hills and Harbour' gin on site, employing and training young locals in the craft. The gin itself consists of locally foraged ingredients, such as pine needles and seaweed, hence the gin's name incorporating land and sea. Graham is an ambassador of locally produced food, and initiated the 'Galloway Picnic' which showcases fine food products, such as meat and cheese from the surrounding area, available to buy on site. After the tour, visitors will have an opportunity to sample the gin from the cocktail list, included in the price of the tour.

<https://craftydistillery.com/>

16:30 – Depart Crafty Distillery (Map 1, route 3) 17:00

– Arrive Ryan Centre, Stranraer.

#### **Trip Two – (Full day) Round House and The Book Shop**

09:30 – Depart Ryan Centre, Stranraer (Map 2, route 4)

10:30 – Arrive Whithorn Development Trust (Coffee/tea offered)

**Whithorn Timescape:** Tour of the full-size Iron Age roundhouse from around the 5<sup>th</sup> Century BC, with expert guide and Development Trust manager, Julie Muir Watt. Local volunteers will be present in full costume, displaying Iron Age practices such as weaving, and explaining how the roundhouse would have been constructed in ancient times. Visitors will be

shown an audio visual presentation, and be granted access to the exhibition which displays artefacts from the earliest Christian times in Scotland. Historic Scotland staff will be available on the day of the visit to talk about the artefacts, such as ancient headstones.

<https://www.whithorn.com/about-us/>

12:30 – Depart Whithorn (Map 2, route 5)

13:00 – Arrive The Craft Café, Wigtown : Light lunch provided (13:00 – 13:45)

**The Book Shop, Wigtown:** (13:45 – 14:45) Visitors are free to explore Wigtown, or ‘The Book Town’ at their leisure. The town is deemed the booklover’s haven as it is home to a large range of shops and book-related businesses. Locally-raised and acclaimed author of ‘Diary of a Bookseller’, Shaun Bythell is owner of ‘The Book Shop’ in Wigtown and will provide visitors with a tour and talk of the largest second-hand bookshop in Scotland, which sells over 100,000 books. <http://www.wigtown-booktown.co.uk/>  
<https://www.the-bookshop.com/>

15:00 – Depart Wigtown (Map 2, route 6)

16:00 – Arrive Ryan Centre, Stranraer

### **Trip Three** – (Full day) Lighthouse and Botanic Gardens

10:00 – Depart Ryan Centre, Stranraer (Map 2, route 7)

11:00 – Arrive Mull of Galloway

**Mull of Galloway Experience:** This tour will take visitors along a stunning coastal road to the most southerly point of Scotland, the Mull of Galloway. Here they will be given a tour of the Lighthouse Tower and Exhibition, with a working foghorn and engine that will started up especially for the visitors. The Lighthouse, including 3 holiday cottages is owned by the community and run by the Mull of Galloway Development Trust. Development Officer, Maureen Chand will be present to talk to visitors, as well as volunteers such as an expert engineer, who services the lighthouse engines. The lighthouse and grounds is becoming a popular venue for weddings and functions, and is often used by the local community for events. The Experience also lets out an outbuilding to the RSPB, which is part of the reserve at Mull of Galloway. Visitors will have the opportunity to follow the Reserve’s circular path and observe a variety of seabirds.

<https://www.mull-of-galloway.co.uk/mull-of-galloway-experience/>

12:15 – Depart Mull of Galloway (Map 2, route 8)

13:00 – Arrive Logan Botanic Gardens. Light lunch provided at Potting Shed



Bistro (Lunch: 13:00 – 13:45)

**Logan Botanic Gardens:** This trip will comprise of a guided tour of the gardens from botanics expert and curator, Richard Baines who will highlight plants from South and Central America, Southern Africa and Australasia that are rarely seen in the UK. The warming influence of the Gulf Stream of the south-western tip of Scotland creates an exotic feel in these extensive and beautiful gardens. Those interested in photography can view an exhibition of Richard's travels to discover plant life in Asia and elsewhere. <http://www.rbge.org.uk/the-gardens/logan>

15:15 - Depart Botanic Gardens

15:45 - Arrive Ryan Centre, Stranraer

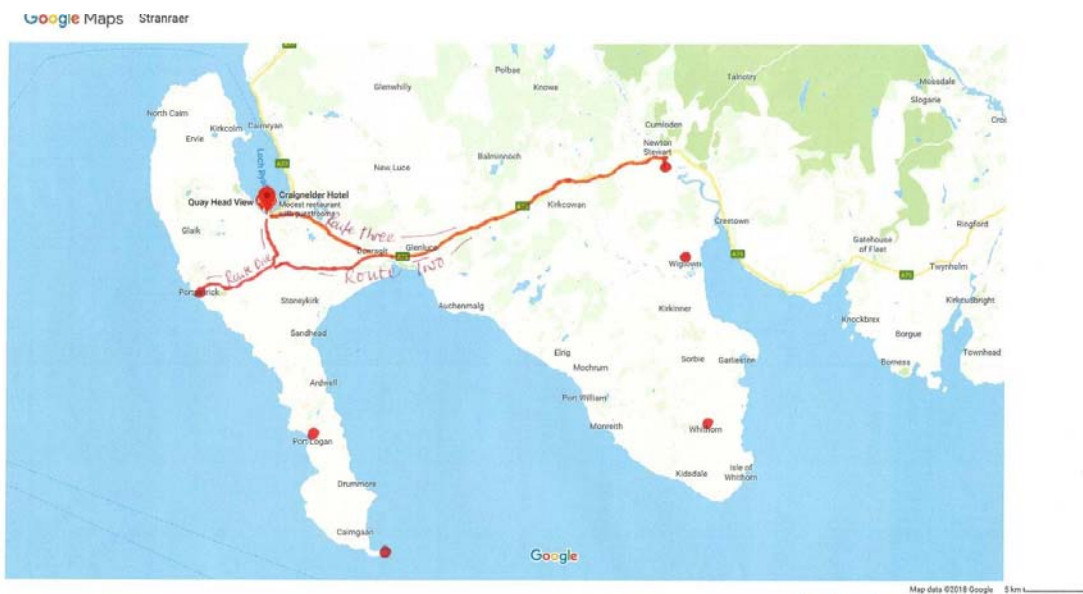
### **Trip Four – (Half days) Town Trail**

10:00 – 12:00: Historic town walk, Stranraer – guided tour from ex-curator of Stranraer Museum, John Pickin.

13:30 – 15:00: Town walk, from local guide (TBC) of projects, past and present. (No travel arrangements or refreshments required)

### **Maps**

### Map one – Trip one



MAP 1

### Map Two – Trip two & three



MAP 2

## COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING – 16 NOVEMBER 2018

### 1. Background

1.1 The CPP Board meets on a quarterly basis each year – on the third Friday of March, June, September and November, as this day and schedule worked best with the calendars of meetings of partners organisations.

1.2. Meetings are held in different venues across the region – for 2018 this has been in Kirkcudbright; Dumfries; and Moffat.

1.3 An invitation to the Scottish Borders CPP to attend one of our meetings during the year was extended at the beginning of the year but to date it has not proved possible for their representatives to attend on our planned dates

### 2. Arrangements for the November meeting

2.1 The final area for the CPP Board to visit in 2018 is Wigtown and it is therefore proposed that the next meeting – on 16 November 2018 - takes place in Stranraer. It is unlikely that this would be practicable for the Scottish Borders CPP and so the joint session would be into 2019.

2.2 This date is the final day of the Scottish Rural Parliament and it is therefore suggested that the timing of the CPP Board allows for members to participate in this significant event, which takes places from Wednesday 14 - Friday 16 November 2018.

2.3 A copy of the current event programme is attached as **Appendix 1** along with the current visit schedule at **Appendix 2**.

2.4 At its meeting on 6 September 2018, the Council's Communities Committee agreed to financial support of £8,000 (subject to approval by the next Policy and Resources Committee) in addition to free use of accommodation and school buses for the duration of the event. Partners have been invited to take out exhibition space and support the event CPP Board financially and through representation.

### 3. Recommendation

Board members are invited to agree to hold the next event in Stranraer, with the timing of the meeting to complement the Scottish Rural Parliament programme.

Liz Manson, Community Planning and Engagement Manager  
13 September 2018

### Appendices – 2

Appendix 1 – Scottish Rural Parliament 2018 programme as at 6 September 2018

Appendix 2 – Scottish Rural Parliament 2018 visits programme as at 6 September 2018

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