

**Dumfries and Galloway Community
Improvement Plan as at 28 October 2021**

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1. Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fourth Annual Report on the LOIP. 	<p>The LOIP was agreed by the CPP Board at its November 2017 meeting and has focused directly on tackling inequality.</p> <p>The End of Year Performance Report for the LOIP 2020/21 is due to be agreed by the CPP Board in March 2022. In line with other CPPs it will be 'light touch' and complied by partners using available quantitative and qualitative material during a challenging reporting year.</p>	<p>Develop further community engagement in the reporting arrangements for the 2021/22 Annual Report.</p> <p>A Review of the LOIP is scheduled for autumn 2022 – this is the mid point of the 2017-2027 timescale and also after the Local Government Elections in May 2022.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a fuller picture of partners' resources, in particular financial resources, and identify where and how discretionary spend can be aligned. 	<p>Some limited financial information on the five statutory partners and Third Sector Interface is detailed in Appendix 5 of the LOIP.</p> <p>The Executive Group completed its programme of sessions on the Budget and Business Planning challenges and timetable of the five statutory partners and Third Sector Interface in December 2019. DGC updated partners at its meeting in October 2021</p>	Complete

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish baselines and targets to measure the impact of actions that are designed to reduce inequalities in Dumfries and Galloway. 	<p>The LOIP and the key strategic supporting contain targets which are requested for the Board at each meeting. In practice however, the Plans and Strategies have reduced their focused Action Plans and quantitative data and are presenting narrative.</p> <p>However, an updated Poverty and Deprivation Report was published in December 2020; research has been undertaken about the impact of Covid e.g. on young people and the Social Renewal Advisory Board so there is more factual evidence available about inequalities.</p> <p>Public Health Scotland has indicated an eagerness to work with CPPs to assist them with data and evidence for their LOIPs and other activities.</p> <p>In addition to Indicators and projects, personal testimonies and case studies are part of our performance management of the LOIP and Locality Plan, provided through a Commission by DGC with the Equality Partnership and Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway.</p>	<p>Encourage partnerships to again produce SMART (specific measurable agreed realistic and timetabled) Action Plans for reporting progress on their Strategies and Plans so that CPPB updates have quantitative, benchmarking and trend data to complement their qualitative narrative.</p> <p>Establish a close working relationship with Public Health Scotland to access professional data analysis and intelligence.</p> <p>Develop a deeper understanding of the new Fairer Scotland Duty Guidance.</p>

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		Updated Guidance on the Fairer Scotland Duty has been published, with liaison taking place across partners to improve understanding and coordinated implementation.	

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2. Improve the operation of the Community Planning Partnership Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the Board membership to reflect the position of the Integration of Joint Board; the new South of Scotland Enterprise Agency; and Community Council representation after the Elections in October 2019. 	<p>An Integration Joint Board representative has been appointed; and South of Scotland Enterprise has replaced Scottish Enterprise.</p> <p>The method of electing the Community Council representatives has been agreed but has not yet been progressed in recognition of the pressures and challenges facing Community Councils during the Covid Pandemic.</p> <p>Board meetings now offer online participation; however this has seen reduced engagement and exchanges during consideration of items</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>The Community Council representatives will be in place for the November 2022 Board meeting.</p> <p>Introduce different formats and styles of meetings to promote engagement and exchanges during consideration of the items presented, including workshop discussion forums</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the Board's arrangements with the forums associated with economic regeneration Establish the Safer Communities Partnership 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South of Scotland Enterprise was created on 1 April 2020 and the Regional Economic Partnership has also now been created. The CPPB agreed that its private sector representation would be derived from the Economic Leadership Group The strategic level Safer Communities Partnership has been agreed but has not yet met. The Executive Group agreed in August 2021 that an Action Plan be 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete Implement the arrangements for the Safer Communities Partnership, including an Action Plan

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		developed and this is scheduled for discussion at the December 2021 meeting.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the Community Planning Partnership Board set out how they communicate decisions of the Partnership within their own organisations/ Sectors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support Board members in fulfilling their responsibilities by providing advice and information to share within organisations. Updates have been made to the website to ensure that the information is up to date and there have been some new types of information added. However, it has not been possible to refresh the structure and design of the site due to other pressures on the webteam and develop links with partners' websites to promote co-ordination. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to provide advice and support as required. Refresh the website to make it an attractive resource and more effective links with other partners websites.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have two LOIP Outcomes at each Board meeting; annual meeting with Youth Councillors; 'play'; Project 155; and environment and sustainability built in to the programme. 	<p>The planned programme for the CPP Board meetings during 2021 was not possible due to the impact of COVID19 pandemic on partners activities and capacities.</p> <p>The Play and Project 155 initiatives have not been progressed as planned due to the limited capacity of the relevant Services and lead officers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold an annual meeting with Youth Councillors; and progress the 'Play Charter' and Project 155 initiatives.

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		<p>Environment and sustainability issues have progress with two reports during 2021.</p> <p>A special joint meeting with the Youth Council is taking place on 27 October 2021.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update CPP risk register and the Executive Group will monitor it on a six monthly basis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The updated Risk Register was agreed by the CPPB in November 2020 and presented to the Executive Group in June 2021. 	<p>Executive Group to monitor the Risk Register on a six monthly basis and the CPP Board to consider updates on an annual basis.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual discussion with Scottish Borders CPP Team to discuss shared issues Scottish Community Planning Improvement Board Chair to attend a D&G CPP Board meeting. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The annual discussion took place with Scottish Borders CPP in June 2021 The invitation to the Community Planning Improvement Board to attend a CPP Board meeting continues to be pursued and it is hoped can be arranged for November 2021 	<p>Annual discussion with Scottish Borders CPP Team to discuss shared issues</p> <p>Scottish Community Planning Improvement Board Chair to attend a D&G CPP Board meeting.</p>
<p>3. Improve the empowerment of individuals involved in Community Planning forums.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress the Collaboration Project (development of Moffat as The Access Town.) 	<p>There has ben no progress in this project during the reporting year</p>	<p>Receive a progress report to the Executive Group in 2022 on this geographical empowerment project, reflecting work ongoing around locality planning</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a shared initiative – Project 155 (population growth for our region) – where all partners will have a contribution to make to provide fresh impetus for collective decision-making 	<p>The national Population Strategy was published and reported to the CPP Board in March 2021; however progress has been limited due to the secondment of the lead officer to other duties and the impact of Covid</p>	<p>Progress Project 155 as soon as possible.</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support the capacity building of the Third Sector, in particular for its contribution to the CPPB, EG and other CP partnership groupings. 	<p>TSD&G continues to review third sector representation on partnerships, including the CPP Board, Executive Group, Thematic Partnerships and Working Groups</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>4. Improve the Community Planning Partnerships Board's approach to using evidence</p>	<p>Involve appropriate stakeholders in the CPP Board four meetings during 2021; and in the evaluation of the LOIP and Locality Plan during 2020/21.</p>	<p>Wider stakeholder engagement in the evaluation of the LOIP and Locality Plan has not taken place due to changes in the Partnership arrangements and capacity of officers. However, capacity building work is now taking place with the Tackling Poverty Reference Group.</p>	<p>Engage with the Poverty and Inequalities Partnership about engagement and involvement in the Review of the LOIP and Locality Plan on food sharing and the Annual Reports during 2022</p>
<p>5. Improve the Community Planning Partnership Board's influence on the national agenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunities for engagement with national groups and key individuals are sought on an ongoing basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership responses were submitted for the work of CPPs during Covid; the review of the Public Sector Equality Duty; new Fairer Scotland Duty Guidance; and in progress for the Scottish Government consultation on Food Banks. 	<p>Continue to seek opportunities for engagement with national groups and key individuals.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership responses are encouraged where there is value in promoting a shared position; and a more efficient use of resources in preparing one response 		
6. Improve local community planning focus.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the locality hubs to be effective and efficient geographical partnership forums. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locality Hubs have proved to be a successful forum for the COVID response and visitor management co-ordination. They are now developing to fulfil the membership and remit agreed by the CPPB in September 2020. A Locality/Place Planning Group was agreed by the CPPB in June 2021 and is now meeting to develop a co-ordinated approach to supporting communities with place Plans required for the Borderlands Place Programme; Planning Act Local Place Plans and other opportunities. Update report is on the CPPB agenda for November 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop the Locality Hubs as the forum for local co-ordination and engagement of partners Continue to develop our approach to Place Making, including how public and third sector partners can support communities; Place Standard training; and sharing information on initiatives