

Dates of 2023 Meetings

20 January

17 March

2 June

1 September

1 December

**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD**
Meeting on Friday 1 September
10.00am – 1.00pm
MS Teams and The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries DG2 9AW

Members

- Gail Macgregor** - Leader
Co-Chair Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Nick Morris** - Chair
Co-Chair NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Jeff Ace** - Chief Executive
NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Richard Brodie** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Joanna Campbell** - Principal and Chief Executive
Dumfries and Galloway College
- John Campbell** - Chairman
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- Linda Dorward** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- John Dougan** - Chair
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
- Alan Glasgow** - Dumfries and Galloway Housing Sector
- Professor Russel Griggs** - Chair
South of Scotland Enterprise
- Norma Austin Hart** - Chief Executive
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
- Sheena Horner** - Dumfries and Galloway Private Sector
- Iain Howie** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council

- Maureen Johnstone** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Andrew Kenna** - Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue
Service, Dumfries and Galloway Division
- Andy McFarlane** - Chair
Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board
- Carol McGuire** - Local Commander, Police Scotland,
Dumfries and Galloway Division
- Shona Mitchell** - Head of Operations
Skills Development Scotland
- Jane Morrison-Ross** - Chief Executive
South of Scotland Enterprise
- Dawn Roberts** - Chief Executive
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Jo Shearer** - Vice Chair
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
- Stephen Thompson** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
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Scottish Government (observer)

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**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2023

10am-1.00pm

The Bridge, Dumfries

MS Teams/Hybrid

AGENDA

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| 10.00AM | 1. DRAFT MINUTE OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD ON 2 JUNE 2023 |
| 10.05AM | 2. COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION LOG |
| 10.10AM | 3. FINAL DRAFT LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND LOCALITY PLAN ARRANGEMENTS |
| 10.35AM | 4. 10,000 VOICES CONSULTATION AND DISCUSSION |
| 11.15AM | 5. WORKFORCE SUMMIT PRESENTATION |
| 11.45AM | 6. DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY COMPACT PARTNERSHIP |
| 12.00PM | 7. DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT |
| 12.15PM | 8. UPDATES ON KEY PLANS AND STRATEGIES |
| 12.25PM | 9. BUSINESS BRIEF |
| 12.40PM | 10. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP IMPROVEMENT PLAN |
| 12.50PM | 11. FORWARD PLAN ARRANGEMENTS |
| 1.00PM | 12. CLOSE |

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**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD
Friday 2 June 2023
The Bridge, Glasgow Road, Dumfries and by MS Teams -
10.00am**

Item 1**Present**

- Nick Morris** - Chair
Co-Chair NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Gail Macgregor** - Leader
Co-Chair Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Jeff Ace** - Chief Executive
NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- John Campbell** - Chair
SWestrans
- Derek Crichton** - Director Communities
(Substitute) Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Rob Davidson** - Strategy Manager Community Wealth Building
South of Scotland Enterprise
- John Dougan** - Chair
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
- Linda Dorward** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Alan Glasgow** - Dumfries and Galloway Housing Sector
- Norma Austin Hart** - Chief Executive
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- Sheena Horner** - Dumfries and Galloway Private Sector
- Ian Howie** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Karen Hunter** - Director of Finance
(Substitute) Dumfries and Galloway College



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- Maureen Johnstone** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Andrew Kenna** - Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service,
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- Stephen Thompson** - Councillor
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Apologies

- Richard Brodie** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Colin Cook** - Place Director for Dumfries and Galloway
Scottish Government (observer)
- Joanna Campbell** - Principal and Chief Executive
Dumfries and Galloway College
- Professor Russel Griggs** - Chair
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- Jane Morrison- Ross** - Chief Executive
South of Scotland Enterprise
- Dawn Roberts** - Chief Executive
Dumfries and Galloway Council

In attendance

- Cloe Allison** - Youth Councillor (Item 5)
- Finlay Anderson** - Youth Councillor (Item 5)

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- Tom Fowler** - Principal Information Analyst, Public Health Scotland (Item 3 and 4)
- Stephen Jack** - Lifelong Learning Manager (Items 2, 3, 8, 9 and 10)
- Jade Kirkpatrick** - Youth Councillor (Item 5)
- Alasdair Marshall** - Youth Councillor (Item 5)
- Phil Myers** - Health and Wellbeing Specialist, D&G HCSP (Item 3 and 4)
- Riley True** - Youth Councillor (Item 5)
- Valerie White** - Director of Public Health (Item 3 and 4)

20 members present from 12 partners.

The Chair **WELCOMED** everyone to the meeting, in particular Youth Councillors and those representing Youth Matters.

1. DRAFT MINUTE OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD ON 17 MARCH 2023

APPROVED as a correct record.

ACTION: HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/ LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

2. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP ACTION LOG

2.1 **NOTED** two actions sitting at amber in the action log;

2.2 **NOTED** the current position with funding opportunities being considered through Community Planning Partners for Community Transport with the Council already agreeing funding in February 2023 as part of their budget setting process and that a proposal was being considered by the NHS D&G Endowment Committee in early July; and

2.2.1 that an update on the Workforce Summit will be presented to the September CPPB meeting;

2.3 **AGREED** that a paper would be prepared for the Community Planning Senior Leadership Team to clarify the current position with Community Transport funding; to highlight synergies between the Community Transport Strategy and Regional Transport Strategy and to help support a solution focussed discussion regarding an agreed strategic approach to Community Transport and report back to the CPPB.

ACTION: HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/ LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

3. COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE AND FINALISATION OF THE LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN

3.1 **NOTED** the position with the current membership and the Chair/Vice Chair of the CPSLT as outlined at para 3.1 and as detailed in **Appendix 1**;

3.2 **AGREED** the amended paragraphs to the Terms of Reference for the CPSLT as detailed at para 3.2;

3.3 **CONSIDERED** the feedback from the two workshop events as detailed at para 3.4 and in **Appendix 2** and **ACKNOWLEDGED** the growing concerns around vaping and that any lobbying opportunities through Scottish/UK Government to highlight these concerns should be capitalised upon; **NOTED** that the CPSLT will take forward the finalisation of an action plan to support the delivery of the LOIP; and

3.4 **CONSIDERED** the draft Nithsdale Data Profile as detailed in para 3.10 and as outlined in **Appendix 3** and supported the suggestion made regarding the inclusion of walking distances/times alongside cycling, car and public transport detail; and **AGREED** the proposed way forward;

3.5 **AGREED** to invite subject matter experts on community transport and digital exclusion to the forthcoming Community Planning workshops;

3.6 **NOTED** the opportunities emerging around Locality Planning and which require a collaborative Community Planning approach as detailed at para 3.14; and

3.7 **NOTED** that a final draft LOIP will be available for the September 2023 Board meeting for approval.

ACTION: HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES/LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

4. COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

4.1 **HIGHLIGHTED** Community Wealth Building is a concept closely linked to that of 'Anchor Organisations'; with a focus on reducing inequalities; enhancing wellbeing and creating a fairer, more socially just economy;

4.2 **CONSIDERED** how approaches to Community Wealth Building can be developed systematically as an underlying principle and means for delivering place based inclusive economic growth in Dumfries and Galloway and **ENDORSED** the following initial actions:

- Undertaking engagement with North Ayrshire Council and other areas to learn about approaches taken to date and success factors;
- Submitting a request through the Director of Public Health to the Public Health Scotland Localised working programme to seek support to explore options to benchmark and track Community Wealth Building activity and outcomes.

4.3 **CONFIRMED** United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child will be fully incorporated; and the role and involvement of the Third Sector in designing and planning all community wealth building activities, recognising it will need resources, capacity and capability building to participate fully;

4.4 **AGREED** to hold future discussions about how to integrate a Community Wealth Building approach into the LOIP, particularly around place; to benchmark with other local authorities and supported the suggestion to identify an individual to lead the co-ordination of Community Wealth Building in Dumfries and Galloway and the establishment of a Network of practitioners to develop awareness, best practice and data sharing opportunities; and to receive updates on progress at future CPPB meetings.

ACTION: DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH/ PUBLIC HEALTH SCOTLAND/BOSE

5. D&G YOUTH COUNCIL PRESENTATION ON CURRENT PRIORITIES, PROJECTS AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE YOUTH MATTERS STEERING GROUP

5.1 **RECEIVED** a presentation from the Youth Council on their current priorities and projects;

5.1.1 **HIGHLIGHTED** that local priorities included solutions to timetabling issues for buses; community clean ups; delivering workshops with P7s and S2s on Rights and Climate Change; community maps developed to show what is on offer in their community; access to facilities and youth spaces and place planning; regional priorities included involving young people in decision making and children's rights; young people's mental health and

wellbeing; equalities including awareness and accessibility and climate change and environmental action;

5.1.2 **DISCUSSED** how young people could be more involved in community planning approaches moving forward and comments included making Board papers more accessible with a summary of key issues and actions which young people can discuss; offer challenge and be sensitive to the voice of younger people; recognising that young people are all volunteers with other responsibilities; to understand more about the questions decision makers would like answered from young people and which priorities are requiring input into so that meetings can be as effective as possible; agendas to be agreed jointly based on the areas of work being progressed; possibility to develop an advisory group of young people which feeds into the LOIP and CPSLT; CPPB's commitment to 10,000 Voices; young people's involvement in Place Planning; young people to give their feedback and views on the LOIP; and joint commitments to mental health, transport, housing and employment;

5.2 **RECEIVED** a presentation from Youth Council members who sit on the Youth Matters Steering Group about the work of the group;

5.2.1 **NOTED** the Youth Matters Steering Group is separate from the Youth Council;

5.2.2 **HIGHLIGHTED** the Steering Group was established to organise and plan the Youth Matter Conference of 2022, which was the second event held in Dumfries and Galloway for young people with additional support needs and disabilities. The conference had several key themes important to young people and "shining a light" on inequalities that exist. Workshops were held based on Maslow's hierarchy of needs and were developed and facilitated by the Steering Group;

5.2.3 **NOTED** the findings were launched on Wednesday 3 May 202 and the following recommendations were made:

- There should be an awareness raising campaign on behalf of disabled young people in Dumfries and Galloway;
- Need an acknowledgement of the impact of the Cost of Living crisis on disabled young people and support for those who need it;
- Need greater support for mental health difficulties amongst disabled young people;
- Needs to be improved access to advice, training and jobs for disabled young people;
- Want disabled young people to achieve their aspirations and the chance to lead fulfilling lives.

5.2.4 **HIGHLIGHTED:**

- Wish to ensure that the findings of the Youth Matters Conference 2022 reach all disabled young people across Dumfries and Galloway and recommendations reach all policy makers in Dumfries and Galloway and inform decisions across health and social care, education and third sector;
- To continue to find ways to create networks amongst disabled young people and promote the empowerment of disabled young people;

- Partner organisations will continue to provide support in its aims to continue its work beyond the conference.

5.2.5 **AGREED** that the recommendations fit within the work of community planning and the CPSLT should take the report into consideration and bring a formal response back to CPPB;

5.2.6 **DISCUSSED** the rural challenges of organising face to face events across the region to bring young people together to discuss the findings of the report; the contribution that Youth Matters can make to developing and contributing to the priorities within Children's Services Plan; how they continue to influence and ensure that organisations and services listen to the recommendations of the Steering Group and continue to work collaboratively with members of the Youth Council and other agencies; and how Dumfries and Galloway citizens can support the needs of mental health by being more approachable and sensitive. **AGREED** to discuss with Jim Brown, Head of Education, about connections with the Youth Matters report and the Childrens Services Plan;

5.2.7 **ACKNOWLEDGED** TSDG's offer to the Youth Matters Steering Group to participate in training on how to work with people with lived experience;

5.2.8 **AGREED** CPPB to consider making a pledge to the Youth Matters Steering Group which ensures they keep decision makers and different organisations accountable to the actions they promised following the report.

ACTION: LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

6. FINAL DRAFT DIGITAL EXCLUSION ACTION PLAN

6.1 **COMMENDED** the Digital Short Life Working Group for their time and commitment over the past few months;

6.2 **DISCUSSED** how to ensure young people in the lowest income groups have the correct technology in their homes. **AGREED** to raise with Jim Brown; **NOTED** Digital Skills Strategy Action Plan led by the College is in development;

6.3 **APPROVED** the final version of the action plan **NOTING** minor amendments from the College are not substantive;

6.4 **APPROVED** the appointment of a Digital Inclusion Action Plan Steering Group based on the membership of the short life working group and **NOTED** the request from TSDG that another partner agency takes on the role of host coordinator and that this should be discussed at the next meeting of the steering group;

6.5 **AGREED** to receive annual progress reports and ad-hoc reports on challenges which have become barriers and any other related issues.

ACTION: CHIEF EXECUTIVE TSDG/HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

7. UPDATES ON KEY PLANS AND STRATEGIES

NOTED the updates on the Key Plans and Strategies that support the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan as follows; and **AGREED** to keep as a consistent theme the current structure relating to “health and wellbeing”, “work” and “where we live” which draws strands together across all the organisations about how we are contributing to our key priority areas identified through our LOIP.

7.1 Children’s Services Plan

REQUESTED further information on the challenges associated with ensuring young people can get a diagnosis/support quickly for issues in relation to Mental Health noting the knock-on impact that this can have on young people, families and future education.

ACTION: HEAD OF EDUCATION

7.2 Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan

NOTED.

7.3 Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partners’ Strategic Plan

NOTED and **HIGHLIGHTED** that Education Scotland are restarting CLD inspections and rebranding as “Progress Visits.” They are planning to visit each Local Authority starting in September within a 12-month period and preparatory work through the CLD Partnership is underway from a D&G perspective.

7.4 Employability and Skills Plan

NOTED the request for an update on whether funding had been secured from Scottish Government to support the employability and skills delivery through No One Left Behind and anticipated funding for parents via Best Start Bright Futures; and whether CPPB could assist.

ACTION: EMPLOYABILITY, SKILLS AND PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER

7.5 Local Development Plan 2

NOTED

7.6 Local Housing Strategy

NOTED

7.7 Poverty and Inequality Strategy

NOTED request for an update on the appointment of an independent Chair.

ACTION: SERVICE MANAGER, YOUNG PEOPLE’S SERVICES

7.8 South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy

NOTED

8. RISK REGISTER

CONSIDERED the updated Risk Register in the **Appendix** and **AGREED** that risks would remain the same and would continue to be monitored.

ACTION: LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

9. COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP WORKPLAN

9.1 **CONSIDERED** the updates against the 2022/23 Work Plan as attached in **Appendix 1**;

9.2 **NOTED** the annual benchmarking exchange of information meeting with Borders Council will take place at the end of July;

9.3 **AGREED** to add Community Transport to the workplan and to ask CPSLT to consider the workplan and come back with new actions for the forthcoming year considering that most of the actions are now complete; and **RECOGNISED** that a lot of work had taken place to get it to this point.

ACTION: LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

10. FORWARD PLAN

10.1 **CONSIDERED** and **AGREED** the meeting arrangements and current outline programme for 2023 as set out in the **Appendix** and **NOTING** the additions agreed at this meeting;

10.2 **AGREED** to continue to receive updates on future business at each CPPB meeting.

ACTION: LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER/HEAD OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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ITEM 2 – CPPB ACTION LOG

| COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – ACTION LOG – FRIDAY 20 JANUARY 2023 | | | | |
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| Ref | ISSUE RAISED | RAISED BY | ALLOCATED TO | STATUS/COMPLETION |
| Operational Actions | | | | |
| 1 | AGREED that in relation to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the Community Lead Vision Fund that The Chief Executive TSDG and Head of Community Services would work together to develop and present a discussion paper to a future CPEG meeting. | TSDG | Head of Community Services/ Chief Executive TSDG | A joint paper between Council and Third Sector D&G on national funding opportunities and how they can be aligned to support Community Planning priorities is being developed and will be presented to the Community Planning Senior Leadership Team after the Summer. |
| 2 | AGREED to reassess the LOIP against these priority areas and check that existing strategies and plans are tailored to meet the needs of younger people and the way the world is moving and changing. | Agreed by all | Community Planning Office/ Service Manager Young People | Ongoing - Discussion has taken place between Regan Jackson and Lifelong Learning Manager on opportunities going forward. Some initial headlines from the 10,000 voices consultation were shared with Board members at the April LOIP Workshops. The key issues have been included in the draft LOIP Action Plan. |
| 3 | AGREED that a joint press release should be issued to highlight the key issues raised and agreed at this meeting. | | | Complete - Press release issued + updates featured on Social media. |
| COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – ACTION LOG – FRIDAY 17 MARCH 2023 | | | | |

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| 4 | <p>END OF YEAR REPORT ON THE LOIP 2021/22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At Table 3.6 where no specific target is detailed it would be helpful to have an arrow to indicate whether trends are going up or down to help assess performance. | | Community Planning & Engagement Manager | To be included within 22/23 end of year report. |
| 5 | <p>DIGITAL SKILLS STRATEGY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGREED to receive the draft delivery plan later in 2023 | | Lifelong learning Manager/D&G College | Key partners are working to develop a draft delivery Plan by end of 2023. |
| COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – ACTION LOG – FRIDAY 2 JUNE 2023 | | | | |
| 6 | <p>ITEM 2 – Community Planning Partnership – Action Log</p> <p>AGREED that a paper would be prepared for the Community Planning Senior Leadership Team to clarify the current position with Community Transport funding; to highlight synergies between the Community Transport Strategy and Regional Transport Strategy and to help support a solution focussed discussion regarding an agreed strategic approach to Community Transport and report back to the CPPB.</p> | | Lifelong Learning Manager/ Norma Hart, CEO, TSDG | A position statement and discussion took place at the CPSLT meeting on 3 August, however it was agreed that further work is required on this matter with an update and proposed way forward contained within the CPPB papers for the meeting to be held on 1 September. |

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| 7 | <p>ITEM 4 – Community Wealth Building</p> <p>AGREED to hold future discussions about how to integrate a community wealth building approach into the LOIP, particularly around place; to benchmark with other local authorities and supported the suggestion to identify an individual to lead the co-ordination of Community Wealth Building in Dumfries and Galloway and the establishment of a Network of practitioners to develop awareness, best practice and data sharing opportunities; and to receive updates on progress at future CPPB meetings.</p> | Agreed by all following consideration of this item | Director Public Health/Public Health Scotland/ SOSE | <p>Due to summer holiday commitments across partners, a further discussion has not yet been arranged, however a recent case study from NHS Ayrshire & Arran has been circulated to key partners for interest.</p> |
| 8 | <p>Item 5 – D&G Youth Council presentation on current priorities, projects and involvement in youth matters steering group</p> <p>AGREED that the recommendations fit within the work of community planning and the CPSLT should take the report into consideration and bring a formal response back to CPPB</p> <p>AGREED CPPB to consider making a pledge to the Youth Matters Steering Group which ensures they keep decision makers and different organisations</p> | Agreed by all following consideration of this item | | <p>Consideration of the Youth Matters Conference report took place at the CPSLT meeting held on 3 August 2023 and it was agreed that an appropriate pledge/commitment would be drawn up involving young people.</p> |

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| | accountable to the actions they promised following the report | | | |
| 9 | AGREED to discuss with Jim Brown about connections with the Youth Matters report and the Childrens Services Plan | | | This matter has been considered and an update sent to Board Members. |
| 10 | ITEM - 7 REQUESTED further information on the challenges associated with ensuring young people can get a diagnosis/support quickly for issues in relation to Mental Health noting the knock on impact that this can have on young people, families and future education. | | | This matter has been considered and an update sent to Board Members. |
| 11 | NOTED request for an update on whether funding had been secured from Scottish Government to support the employability and skills delivery through No One Left Behind and anticipated funding for parents via Best Start Bright Futures; and whether CPPB could assist. | | | It has been confirmed that Scottish Government Funding has been received for these two programmes which are overseen by the Local Employability & Skills Partnership. An update can be provided to a future meeting. |
| 12 | NOTED request for an update on appointment of an independent Chair. | | Service Manager – Young People | A new Independent Chair has now been appointed. |
| | ITEM 9 – Community Planning Partnership Workplan | TSDG | Lifelong learning Manager | An updated Improvement Plan was considered at the August CPSLT meeting and it was agreed that Community Transport would feature within the LOIP Action Plan. |

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| | <p>AGREED to add Community Transport to the workplan and to ask CPSLT to consider the workplan and come back with new actions for the forthcoming year considering that most of the actions are complete; and RECOGNISED that a lot of work had taken place to get it to this point.</p> | | | |
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COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 1 SEPTEMBER 2023

ITEM 3

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| <p>Author: Stephen Jack – Lifelong Learning Manager</p> | <p>Responsible Senior Officer: Richard Grieveson, Head of Community Services</p> |
| <p>Report Title: Final draft Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2023-2033 and Locality Plan arrangements</p> | |
| <p><u>1. Situation:</u> 1.1 Following a process of engagement, benchmarking, workshops and consideration of a range of recent data and intelligence over the last 12 months, a final draft LOIP is now available for consideration and approval by the Community Planning Partnership Board.</p> | |
| <p><u>2. Background:</u> 2.1 At the Community Planning Senior Leadership Team held on 3 August, Senior Officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considered the draft LOIP and recommended it for approval to the CPPB; • Considered and agreed the Locality Plan focus and approach as outlined at para 3.5-3.7 below. | |
| <p><u>3. Key issues</u> <u>Finalisation of the LOIP</u></p> <p>3.1 Following extensive work with partners and, in particular, with NHS colleagues as part of the PHS-DG Localised working group, a final draft LOIP is now presented for consideration as detailed in Appendix 1. With new data and intelligence continuing to emerge on a frequent basis, and particularly with the findings of the most recent Census due to be released later this year, it is proposed that the new LOIP should be considered as a “live” document and updated when relevant key data sets are updated or change.</p> <p>3.2 The final draft LOIP brings together the overarching Vision previously agreed by the CPPB and confirms our commitment across partners to capitalise on the importance of “Place” and ensure co-ordination and synergies as part of our Locality Planning approach around the key areas of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place/Locality Plans • Community Wealth Building and Anchor Organisations • Places for Wellbeing • Local Area Co-Ordination <p>3.3 It is also proposed that an easy read version of the LOIP is produced to help with ease of understanding along with a BSL supporting video, as has been used successfully to support the new Children’s Services Plan.</p> | |

3.4 Scottish Government are currently undertaking a review in relation to the National Outcomes and an interim mapping of our new 12 LOIP Outcomes to the existing national outcomes has been undertaken and included within the final draft LOIP document. Should there be any revisions to these Outcomes over the next 12 months then this part of the document can be updated to reflect this.

Locality Planning Focus

3.5 Following consideration of the most up to date data and intelligence we know that the following geographical areas experience the greatest inequalities in our region and therefore should receive focussed attention across CP Partners to help tackle some of the key localised issues identified and to improve outcomes for our local communities:

- Lochside and Lincluden
- Dumfries Central
- Summerville
- Annan East
- Upper Nithsdale
- Stranraer East
- Annan West
- Stranraer West

3.6 At the CPPB meeting held on the 2 June, Members approved a draft Nithsdale data profile which had been produced through the work of the PHS-DG Localised Working Group and also the approach to develop three further data Profiles to support our Locality Planning approach. The full suite of four localised data profiles are now available to view through the following link:

[Key Documents - CommunityPlanning \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/key-documents-communityplanning)

These documents have been further updated to integrate the area based key messages stemming from the 10,000 Voices consultation with Young People now that the findings are publicly available.

3.7 The new data profiles will have multiple uses, including helping to identify and inform area-based interventions to support our Locality Planning approach; acting as a key reference point for those communities wishing to develop Local Place Plans and helping partners to understand the key issues affecting the communities that they support and work with (i.e. the Nithsdale profile has already proved useful to staff working within the Upper Nithsdale Home Team to help understand specific issues and challenges facing these specific communities). It is proposed that the key localised issues stemming from the four profile documents will be discussed at the December CPPB meeting.

Anchor Organisations and Community Wealth Building

3.8 Through recent reports and presentations to the CPSLT and CPPB, it is clear that the importance of Community Wealth Building and Anchor Organisations, along with the opportunities that these bring, require to be locked into our LOIP and Community Planning model.

3.9 NHS Scotland have requested that all NHS Boards prepare a Strategic Anchor's Plan and that they should link to the work of Community Planning Partnerships and particularly local employability should feature as part of this:

“As part of the [NHS Scotland Delivery Plan Guidance](#), issued by the Scottish Government in February 2023, all NHS Boards were asked in their Annual Delivery Plan to set out an:

‘approach to developing an Anchors Strategic Plan by October 2023 which sets out governance and partnership arrangements to progress anchor activity; current and planned anchor activity and a clear baseline in relation to workforce; local procurement; and use or disposal of land and assets for the benefit of the community.’

These plans will help the Scottish Government to understand both the current position of NHS Boards as Anchor Institutions and the additional support that could be provided at a national level by the Scottish Government and Public Health Scotland (PHS) to assist their work.”

3.10 Public Health Scotland has also produced a guidance framework for Anchor Organisations and which can be used as a benchmarking tool, with NHS D&G/Health and Social Care Partnership planning to undertake a self-assessment. This was considered at the August CPSLT meeting with member organisations interested in undertaking similar as part of a collaborative approach to developing Anchor Organisation’s responsibilities across our Community Planning Partnership.

Community Planning LOIP Action Plan

3.11 It has previously been discussed that a LOIP Action Plan requires to be developed to support the overarching LOIP and which identifies key initial priority actions to where the CPP can provide added value and focus and make a key difference.

3.12 Workshops with members of the CPPB took place on 21 and 28 April 2023 to start this work and following a request at the June CPPB meeting, two further workshops have now taken place with the leads of Plans/Strategies which contribute to our Community Planning Model on the 28 June and 4 July respectively.

3.13 These sessions were incredibly helpful in generating collaborative cross-cutting discussions across the 3 overarching LOIP themes and teasing out the key challenges, opportunities and priorities. The interlinked areas of Housing, Transport and Work were also emphasised as being integral in supporting positive Mental and Physical Health & Wellbeing; tackling Poverty, supporting employment and attracting investment into the region. A summary of comments from the most recent Workshop sessions are attached at **Appendix 2** for consideration and comment.

3.14 This information and a draft action plan was considered and discussed at the August CPSLT meeting, however it was felt that additional time is required to develop more detailed actions to support our new LOIP and this will be discussed at the next CPSLT meetings with a view to presenting back to the December CPPB.

Performance Framework and Annual Reporting

3.15 As part of the requirements identified through the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Community Planning Partnerships are required to prepare and publish an annual report on their LOIP and Locality Plan/s to help demonstrate how they

are tackling inequalities within their communities. Going forward it is proposed that this will take the form of:

- Statistical and qualitative narrative linked to the LOIP Action Plan and the specific priorities identified by Community Planning Partners;
- Longer-term and shorter-term outcomes indicators;
- Key examples and evidence from the Partnership Plans/Strategies which contribute to our Community Planning model and specifically linked to our 12 key outcomes and three overarching themes;
- Localised performance data, interventions and examples evidencing our focused Locality Planning approach.

3.16 Particularly in the latter, NHS Health Improvement colleagues are currently looking at specific measurables around Health Inequalities data which can help add value and evidence to support our performance framework.

Impact Assessment

3.17 An Equalities Impact assessment has been completed on the draft LOIP and this was undertaken with members of the Equality & Diversity Working Group and other key partners on 20 July 2023 and which also included representation from Public Health Scotland. The new LOIP was positively received with no negative impacts being identified along with 10 positives across all 13 of the assessment criteria. It was also agreed that a further Impact Assessment should be undertaken on the supporting LOIP Action Plan when finalised as part of best practice.

4. Recommendation:

4.1 **Consider** and **approve** the final draft LOIP document as discussed at paras 3.1-3.4 and as attached in **Appendix 1** and highlight any final suggested changes and/or amendments prior to formal publication;

4.2 **Consider** and **agree** the Locality Plan focus, approach and use of localised data profiles as detailed at paras 3.5-3.7;

4.3 **Note** the position and interest in developing a collaborative approach to Anchor Organisation's as outlined at 3.8-3.10;

4.4 **Note** the position with the LOIP Action Plan as detailed at paragraphs 3.11-3.14 and **Consider** the feedback from the workshop sessions as detailed in **Appendix 2**;

4.5 **Consider** the proposed approach to developing a supporting Performance Framework as detailed as detailed at paras 3.15-3.16;

4.6 **Note** that an Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken on the final draft LOIP document as detailed at para 3.17.

15 August 2023

Appendices (3)

Appendix 1 – Final Draft LOIP

Appendix 2 – Feedback from workshops and draft LOIP Action Plan

Dumfries and Galloway

Local Outcomes Improvement Plan



2023-2033



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Foreword

The Dumfries & Galloway Community Planning Partnership is delighted to introduce our new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan covering the period 2023-2033.

Following a scheduled mid-term review of our previous Plan which was due to run from 2017-2027, this new Plan has taken into account the significant global issues which have affected our communities over the last few years including Brexit, the Covid-19 Pandemic, the war in Ukraine and most recently the Cost of Living crisis.

Through our Statutory duties outlined in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, this Plan aims to bring Community Planning Partners closer together than ever before, committing to a refreshed and strengthened vision over the next 10 years; and uniting our collective resources and efforts around a number of focused priority areas aimed at tackling inequalities within our communities.

In addition to this, Community Planning Partners will embrace their role as Anchor Organisations, embed the importance of "Place" in Service planning and work with our communities to develop our approaches to Community Wealth Building.

Connecting across three high level themes of "Health and Wellbeing"; "Work" and "Where We Live" we have identified 12 outcome areas and a set of four underpinning principles set within the context of our new vision as follows:

*"Our vision is simple:
Working in partnership
to ensure a confident,
ambitious, healthy and
fairer Dumfries and
Galloway for everyone
who lives and works here."*

Our Community Planning Partners are fully committed to working together with our communities to ensure that we can make a real difference to people's lives through the implementation of this new Plan.

Councillor Gail McGregor

Council Leader

Nick Morris

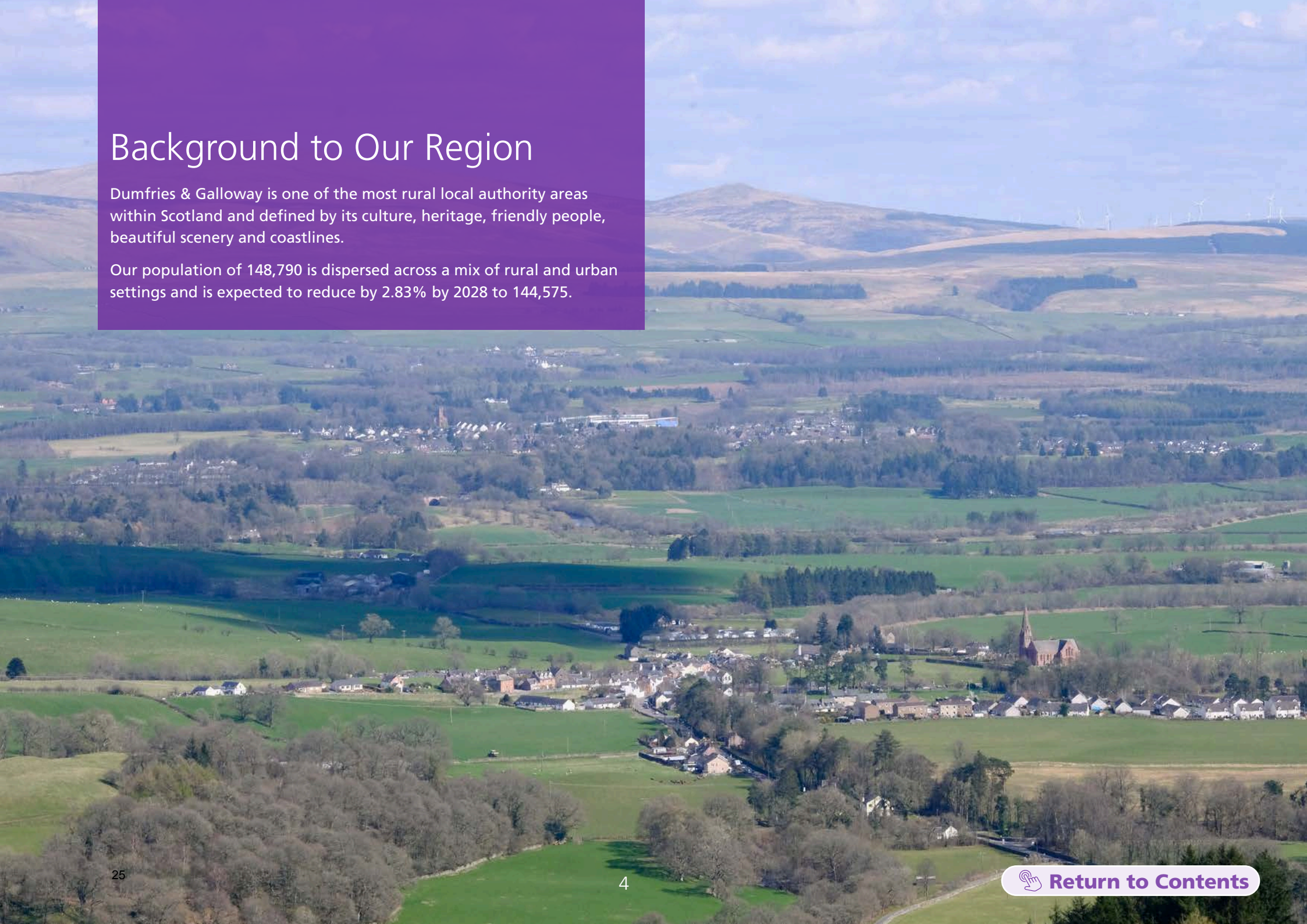
Chair NHS Board

(Co-Chairs of the Community Planning Partnership Board)

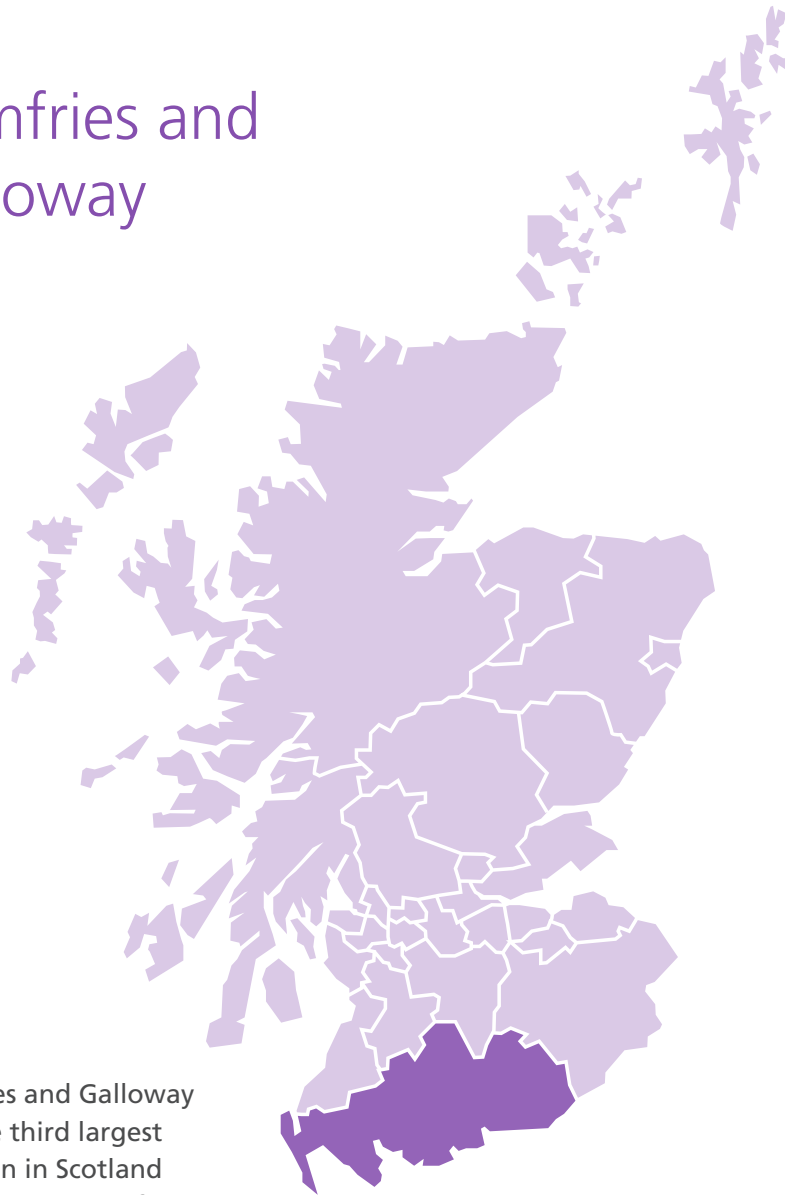
Background to Our Region

Dumfries & Galloway is one of the most rural local authority areas within Scotland and defined by its culture, heritage, friendly people, beautiful scenery and coastlines.

Our population of 148,790 is dispersed across a mix of rural and urban settings and is expected to reduce by 2.83% by 2028 to 144,575.



Dumfries and Galloway



Dumfries and Galloway is the third largest region in Scotland with an area of **6,426km²**

There are **70,000** households in our region



Our largest settlements are



Stranraer
13,000

Dumfries
48,000

Annan
9,080

Our population numbers are forecast to decline



2021
148,790

2028
144,575

Change
-2.83%



26.3%
of the population
are 65 and over



24.1%
of the population
are 24 and under

24.1%
The average age of
the population is
46 years old
(UK 40, Scotland 42)

Dumfries & Galloway Community Planning operating context

- working with and supporting our Communities

A community planning approach was at the heart of Dumfries & Galloway's response to Covid-19, with partners' working closely together and sharing resources and intelligence to ensure that those most severely affected were able to receive the support they needed as a priority.

This collaborative approach led to relationships being strengthened with our local Third Sector partners, particularly around the co-ordination and deployment of volunteers, Foodsharing approaches, medicine and other essential supplies.

This was further enhanced through focused support to help tackle digital exclusion with digital devices being issued along with digital skills support being provided to help combat both rural and social isolation.

The strong foundations laid over the last few years is now proving integral to further developing relationships and a shared understanding with the Third Sector and our communities around the key challenges and opportunities that lie ahead. Our focus will be on developing a well-being economy in partnership with our communities, where people and the planet are put at the heart. We aim to:

- Support our Communities to thrive;
- Address sector priority workforce shortages and skills;
- Tackle inequalities and the longer-term mental, physical health and wellbeing issues which have affected our communities;
- Improve digital and transport connectivity;



- Tackle climate change; and
- Help build capacity and resilience within our communities.

As part of our Community Planning approach within Dumfries & Galloway, our Poverty and Inequalities Partnership is key in bringing together partners to tackle the root causes of poverty; sharing resources and expertise; learning from lived experience; targeting support at our most vulnerable and being recognised as the single place for our partnership response to the Cost of Living Crisis and this is a critical part of our Community Planning model going forward. Our Employability & Skills Partnership complements this work by actively supporting people into employability and therefore increasing household incomes to help combat poverty.

Community Planning Partners are embracing the concept of Place Planning by adopting a bottom-up approach using community engagement and involvement to help improve local services and population health outcomes. We also wish to capitalise on local and national investment opportunities through the adoption of a Community Wealth Building approach .

How have we developed our new Plan?

A planned mid-term review of our LOIP and Locality Plan arrangements also incorporated a re-refresh of our existing Community Planning Operating Model.

This has led to the membership of our Community Planning Board being revised along with a new Community Planning Senior Leadership Team being established to help drive forward our new LOIP priorities and embed our Locality Planning approach. An area-based Locality Hub model will also help support a bottom up, evidenced-based approach to Community Planning led by Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway in partnership with a range of key Community Planning Partners.

Over the last few years our communities have been engaged in a wide range of community consultation exercises in relation to the development of new Plans/Strategies which contribute to our LOIP along with refreshed Strategic Needs Assessments being undertaken in relation to Health and Social Care and Children & Young people.

The second edition of the “10,000 voices” consultation with Young People was completed in the first part of 2023 using the Place Standard Tool and has provided a rich source of intelligence to help identify key trends and issues. The exercise itself captured the voices of 10,828 (51.7%) all young people across the region (ages 10-25) and therefore is of significant importance in helping to inform our priority actions for the future.



A main consideration in developing our new LOIP has therefore been to ensure that the key messages from recent consultations, evaluative reports and engagement exercises have informed our new Themes, Outcomes and key actions and this has included consideration of the following:

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| Impact of Covid-19 on Young People | South of Scotland Third Sector: A Partnership Approach to Covid-19 Response and Recovery Planning (August 2020) |
| Health & Social Care Strategic Needs Assessment 2018 | Development of the South of Scotland Economic Strategy 2021-2031 |
| Development of the Health & Social Care Strategic Commissioning Plan 2022-2025 | Children & Young people’s Strategic Needs Assessment 2022/23 |
| Development of CLD Partners’ Plan 2021-2024 | Development of a new Local Employability Partnership Delivery Plan 2022-2027 |
| Evaluation of the Anti-Poverty Strategy 2015-2020 and development of future arrangements for tackling Poverty & Inequalities | Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway Digital Exclusion Research 2022 |
| Research gathered by North Star Research | |
| Development of a new Dumfries & Galloway Council Plan 2023 - 2028 | 10,000 voices engagement with young people 2023 (2nd edition) |
| Rich Care, Right Place – January 2023 (Dumfries & Galloway Health & Social Care Partnership) | Development of localised data profiles (Public Health Scotland and NHS Dumfries & Galloway – 2023) |
| Focused stakeholder engagement, surveys and partner workshops which took place during 2022/23. | |



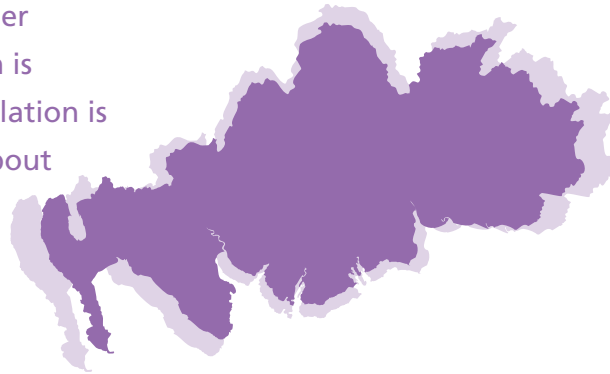
Key Messages for our Community Planning Partnership to Consider

Our intelligence and data that we have considered and assessed to help inform our LOIP tells us the following:

Population

While the fraction of older people in the population is going to grow, the population is projected to shrink by about

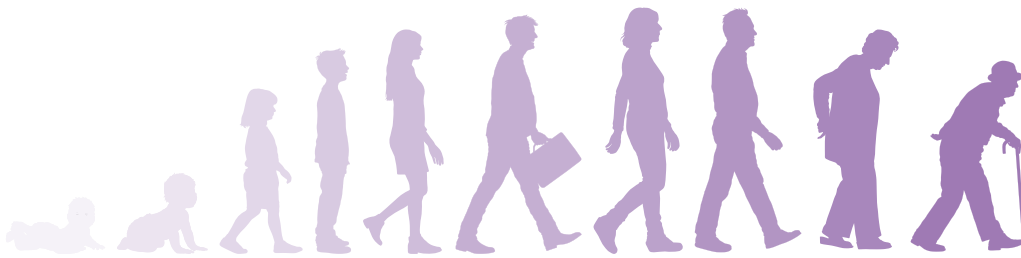
10,000 people in 20 years.



1 in 3 - 48,500 people

(32% of the population) reported having at least 1 long term health condition that impacted on their day to day lives. Approximately 12,600 people reported having 2 or more long term health conditions.

(taken from Scotland's Census 2011).

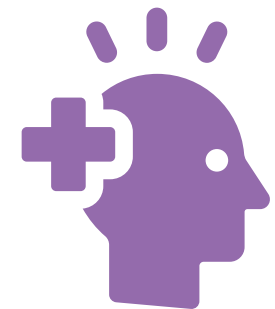


Most people who live in the region are adults and over a quarter of the population is aged 65 and over.

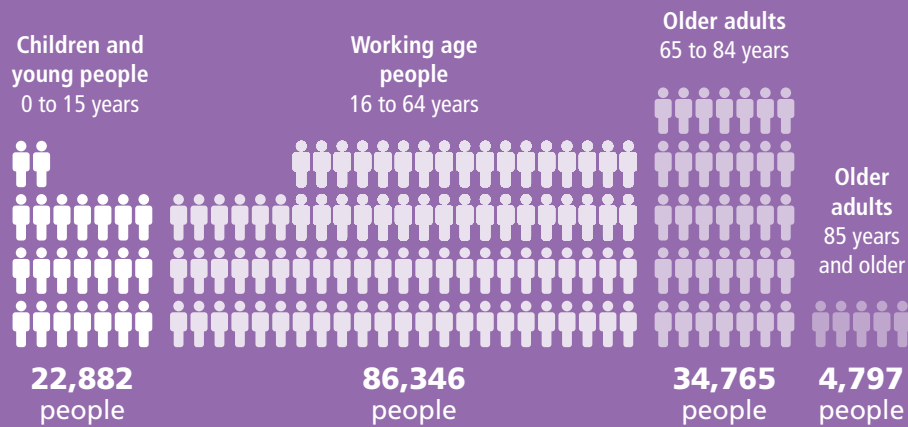
People living in Dumfries and Galloway tend to be older, with an average age of 49.6 years, compared to Scotland's 42 years.

14% of people aged 16+ reported experiencing common mental health problems

(Scottish Public Health Observatory – 2019)



Population Age Profile



24% of the population are living in accessible rural areas/ 20% of population living in remote rural areas



Growing our working age population and increasing opportunities for our young people are key priorities.

55.1% of our young people aged 10-25 plan to leave the region for travel, study or work, however 25.1% plan to return to the region in the future.



14,995 people identified as unpaid Carers (10% of the population)

Life Expectancy and Health Inequalities



Children being born today are not expected to live longer now than they could have if they were born 10 years or so ago. A baby girl born in 2020 in Dumfries and Galloway could expect on average to live about 9 months less than a girl born in 2011. Life expectancy for baby boys has also fallen by 9 months between 2018 and 2020.



Drug related deaths reached their equal highest figure in 2021 (35) though there is a very recent indication that this is beginning to fall.



Child poverty within D&G sits at 26% for 2021/22 with more than 1 in 4 children regarded as living in Poverty. This is 1.5% higher than the national average.



There are nearly half as many early deaths (i.e., of people aged under 75 years) amongst people living in the least deprived areas (called SIMD 5) as compared to those with the most (called SIMD 1). There is a social gradient for key causes of death and ill-health, including heart disease, drug-related deaths and alcohol-related admissions to hospital.



Hospital admissions for alcohol related problems is about 3 time lower for people living in areas with the most resources as compared to those living in areas with the least resources.

Work & Economy



24,500 people 29% (3 out of 10 working age people in D&G could participate in employability)



28% of people aged between 16 and 64 living in D&G are economically inactive (i.e. they are not obtaining earnings through work)



2,700 unemployed, 5,900 economically inactive who want a job



By 2043 – For every 10 working age people, 9 will be non-working



The number of people who are of working age is expected to shrink by 13% by 2043



Those aged 75 and over will increase by 58%



Motivation highlighted as a key barrier to engaging digitally across all age groups through those surveyed as part of Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway's Digital Exclusion Research - 2022/23.

Health and Social Care (HSC)



Demand for HSC services to increase by 20% over the next 20 years



Largest increases in ill health will occur amongst people aged 65-84 years old



A 35% increase in HSC resource needed by 2043



The number of older people living alone is expected to go up from 7,500 in 2019 to almost 10,000 by 2029, and then to around 12,000 by 2037.

Education & Learning



Primary school data shows attainment levels improved in both numeracy and literacy in 2021/22 compared to 2020/21 but have not yet returned to the levels pre-Covid



Annual Participation measure 2022 – 5622 (93.3%) of 16-19 year olds in D&G were participating in education, employment or training and personal development (increase of 0.2%) from 2021



Positive destinations - The number of young people moving into an initial positive destination has increased by 1.9% year on year to 94.6%. This has been driven by a 9.6% increase in those entering employment. This compared to 95.5% nationally. At the follow up snapshot 94.4% were still in a positive destination compared to 93.2% nationally



Key Messages from the 10,000 Voices Consultation with Young People - 2023

| Top 5 issues affecting Young People | | Top 5 issues which Young People want more information on |
|-------------------------------------|----------|--|
| Smoking/vaping | 1 | Mental Health |
| Diet/body image | 2 | Smoking/vaping |
| Mental Health | 3 | Diet/Body image |
| Bullying | 4 | Money/budgeting/ Cost of Living |
| Money/Budgeting/ Cost of Living | 5 | Bullying |



Our Vision and Priorities 2023-2033

VISION

“Our vision is simple: working in partnership to ensure a confident, ambitious, healthy and fairer Dumfries and Galloway for everyone who lives and works here.”

OUR PRIORITIES

- Health & Wellbeing** Community Planning Partners will target their resources on tackling poverty and improving the health and wellbeing of our communities
- Work** Community Planning Partners will help to build a sustainable and skilled workforce to deliver a wellbeing economy and promote Dumfries & Galloway as an attractive visitor destination
- Where We Live** We will embrace Place Planning approaches and listen to our local communities; improve connectivity and help tackle key local issues

UNDERPINNING PRINCIPLES

- ▶ Community Empowerment & Engagement
- ▶ Embracing and embedding Place Planning approaches
- ▶ Working with our communities to build local community capacity, skills and resilience
- ▶ Developing the status of Community Planning Partners as Anchor Organisations and embedding a Community Wealth Building approach
- ▶ Early intervention and Prevention

Our Key Outcomes

THEME 1 – HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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| Help mitigate the impacts of the Cost of Living for those who are affected most | Reduce health inequalities in the areas of our region which experience the greatest negative impacts | Improve the health & wellbeing of our citizens through targeted approaches | Work together as partners to eliminate child poverty |
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THEME 2 - WORK

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| Grow and maximise the potential of the working age population to help increase employability | Address the skills and recruitment gaps in key sector specific posts to increase capacity, capabilities and ease workforce pressures | Increase volunteering opportunities to help develop skills, build capacity and support progression into local employability | Work with our local communities to develop an inclusive, thriving economy and to promote Fair Work |
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THEME 3 – WHERE WE LIVE

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| Capitalise on opportunities to collaborate digitally and eliminate digital exclusion for those who wish to engage digitally | Improve transport connectivity across our region to increase opportunities to access employment, education and leisure, particularly in our most rural areas | Work with our communities to help reduce Carbon Emissions and positively combat Climate Change through education, behavioural change and supporting initiatives which will make a positive difference | Develop high quality, affordable homes to help meet identified demand and improve the quality of lives of our communities |
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A Community Planning action plan will be developed through partners and which will focus on a small number of key actions and the “added value” that can be achieved through Community Planning Partners working closer together and prioritising resources. These actions will be changeable over the lifetime of the Plan and driven by the Community Planning Senior Leadership Group

New Model For Community Planning In Dumfries & Galloway



Our Key Thematic Partnerships and Working Groups



Our Locality Planning Approach

Our previous Locality Planning approach was focused around Foodsharing and this has been integral in supporting our communities through Covid Recovery, with the supporting networks which have been strengthened as a result of this approach being vital in helping to mitigate the impacts of the Cost of Living.

Looking forward over the next phase of our Community Planning Locality approach we have considered the current local and national landscape and wish to ensure that there is a true Community Planning collaborative approach adopted across Partners and with our communities around the key areas of:

- Utilisation of local data and intelligence
- Locality Plans (tailored Plans aimed at addressing inequalities in specific areas of our region)
- Local Place Plans (as per the Planning (Scotland) Act 2019)
- Borderlands Place Plans as identified for Dumfries & Galloway
- Places for Wellbeing Programme
- Community Wealth Building and the role of Anchor Organisations



We are therefore keen to ensure that we avoid duplication/overlap and streamline our processes wherever possible and maximise effort and impact. Through the assessment and consideration of current data and intelligence we have identified the following areas within Dumfries & Galloway which experience some of the greatest inequalities and which would benefit from more focused attention and prioritisation:

Lochside and Lincluden

Upper Nithsdale

Dumfries Central

Stranraer East

Summerville

Annan West

Annan East

Stranraer West

Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal

The Borderlands Partnership exists to unlock the potential for sustainable and inclusive economic growth across the South of Scotland and North of England.

The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal is a cohesive and integrated investment package with a balance between high profile place-based projects and Borderlands-wide investment programmes that respond to the rural nature of the region. It involves an extensive programme of investment to deliver significant economic benefit for our communities and businesses.

The deal aims to tackle three key socio-economic challenges to help deliver inclusive growth:

Narrowing the
Productivity Gap

Increasing the
Working Population

Achieving
Inclusive Growth

Through £50M worth of UK and Scotland Government Grants, the Place Programme “will support the development and renewal of Towns across the Borderlands Region and is core to our Improving Places Theme” and supporting place-based growth through a series of Place and Town Investment Plans. For Dumfries & Galloway, the Towns identified as part of the programme are detailed as follows:

- ▶ **Gretna**
- ▶ **Kirkcubbin**
- ▶ **Stranraer**
- ▶ **Whithorn**
- ▶ **Wigtown**



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Community Wealth Building and the Role of Our Anchor Organisations

Community Wealth Building is essentially a people-centred and placed-based approach which is gaining traction across Scotland and the wider UK. Like all place-based approaches it seeks to reduce inequality and enhance wellbeing, specifically seeking to take a proactive approach to supporting local inclusive economies. It is built upon the concept of creating a fairer, more socially just economy.

Key to the approach of Community Wealth Building is the role of 'Anchor Organisations'. These are large public, commercial and social sector organisations which have a significant stake in a place. Anchors can exert sizeable influence by adopting strategies which impact upon economic, social and environmental priorities, generating what is commonly referred to as social value.

With this in mind Community Wealth Building approaches should be a key driver and at the centre of all our local strategies and plans.



This approach will ensure fairness and equity underpins everything we do; that we are able to support our people and communities to build resilience; and the outcomes we achieve have real impact on our communities.

Our Community Planning Partnership have recognised and are embracing the opportunities that can be realised through supporting Community Wealth Building approaches across our region and this will be a key focus for Partnership through the implementation of this Plan.

Community Wealth Building

- Empowers local communities to take control
- Making the most of local assets(land and property)
- Re-invests in local economy
- Secure and fair work



Wellbeing Economy

- Designed with people and the planet at its heart
- Fairness
- Ensures basic needs are met
- Sustainable development
- Everyone benefits

Our Locality Planning Model



Links to the National Performance Framework

| D&G LOIP Outcomes | National Performance Framework Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--------------------|---|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---|--------------------|--|--|---|
| | Entrepreneurial, inclusive and sustainable economy | Open and connected | Tackle poverty, share wealth and power more equally | Inclusive empowered, resilient and safe | Loved, safe and respected | Well educated and skilled | Thriving and innovative businesses, quality and fair work | Healthy and active | Value, enjoy and protect our environment | Creative, vibrant and diverse cultures | Human rights and free from discrimination |
| 1 Help mitigate the impacts of the Cost of Living for those who are affected most | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 2 Reduce health inequalities in the areas of our region which experience the greatest negative impacts | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| 3 Improve the health & wellbeing of our citizens through targeted approaches | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 4 Work together as partners to eliminate child poverty | | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ |
| 5 Grow and maximise the potential of the working age population to help increase employability | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |
| 6 Address the skills and recruitment gaps in key sector specific posts to increase capacity, capabilities and ease workforce pressures | ✓ | | | | | ✓ | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ |

| D&G LOIP Outcomes | National Performance Framework Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 7 Increase volunteering opportunities to help develop skills, build capacity and support progression into local employability | | | | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 8 Work with our local communities to develop an inclusive, thriving economy and to promote Fair Work | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| 9 Capitalise on opportunities to collaborate digitally and eliminate digital exclusion for those who wish to engage digitally | | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | | |
| 10 Improve transport connectivity across our region to increase opportunities to access employment, education and leisure, particularly in our most rural areas | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | | |

| D&G LOIP Outcomes | National Performance Framework Outcomes | | | | | | | | | | |
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| 11 Work with our communities to help reduce Carbon Emissions and positively combat Climate Change through education, behavioural change and supporting initiatives which will make a positive difference | ✓ | | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | |
| 12 Develop high quality, affordable homes to help meet identified demand and improve the quality of lives of our communities | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | | ✓ | ✓ |

Glossary of Terms

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| Community Wealth Building | A term used to describe economic growth in local communities via large organisations such as Councils, NHS, Colleges, Housing Associations, etc, to help attract investment, make best use of local assets such as property and land and deliver more and better jobs. The term is also used as a synonym for the term “circular economy” to describe how community wealth is retained and recycled through preferential use of local suppliers of goods and services. |
| Wellbeing economy | An economic approach/ system that prioritises wellbeing, emphasising happiness, health, social cohesion and the environment along with more traditional outcomes such as Gross Domestic Product. There is also a focus on the environment and the planet and making economic decisions with the future in mind. |
| Place Planning | A community- led approach where local groups via wide community engagement develop a plan to describe local needs and aspirations. Local authorities and partners support the community to develop ideas, build capacity and secure future investment and resources towards implementation. |
| Community Empowerment | Communities are given more opportunities to have greater control and involvement over situations and decisions that affect their local area and are supported to become more self- reliant and independent. |
| Community Engagement | Facilitating opportunities for communities to have their say on key issues that matter to them, to be listened to, to influence decision makers and feel like they have contributed to making a positive difference. |
| Anchor Organisations | Key institutions or organisations within a community that serve as a foundation and catalyst for growth/ positive change. An anchor can lever its resources, expertise and relationships to provide stability, leadership and drive positive innovation. An example of this is how assets and land can be used to benefit local communities. |
| Capacity Building | Increasing knowledge, skills, confidence and capabilities to do more as opposed to relying on others. |
| Shaping Places for Wellbeing | “Shaping places for wellbeing” refers to the purposeful design and planning of physical and social environments in a manner that promotes and enhances the overall health, happiness, and quality of life of individuals and communities. |
| Borderlands | An investment deal involving Dumfries & Galloway Council, Carlisle City Council, Cumbria County Council, Scottish Borders Council and Northumberland County Council which aims to increase sustainable and inclusive growth. |
| SIMD (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation) | A statistical tool used to compare communities across a range of factors including health, education, housing, employment and a range of other measures and helps to identify those communities experiencing the greatest challenges and inequalities. |

APPENDIX 2 – FEEBACK FROM WORKSHOPS

Community Planning Leads Workshops – 28 June and 4 July 2023

| Feedback, comments and suggestions | |
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| Health & Wellbeing | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to focus on earlier preventative work around health & wellbeing, particularly with the forecast of an ageing population and future pressures on Health & Social Care • Need to keep people healthier for longer • Tackling top issues from 10,000 voices such as Vaping • Child Poverty/Children’s Rights cuts across various partnerships • Opportunities from “Bright Spots” and “Youth Matters” conferences • Child poverty for 2021/22 is now 26% in D&G | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to appreciate that addressing some of the longer-term health trend predictions will take a long time and needs focused direction and targeted resources • partners • Working across partners to tackle Child Poverty • Tackling Alcohol and Drugs issues which are affecting our communities • Need a single approach around Trauma • New cultural strategy has an important contribution to make to HWB – cultural partners involved in new initiative tackling loneliness/ creative wellbeing – linked to mental health services |
| Work | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to focus on the economically inactive/ those out of work • Need to appreciate skills differences/needs at a national and local level – within D&G, Care and Transport are the two critical sectors at the moment – need to be really focused as a CP Partnership • Cultural sector has many self-employed /freelance/sole traders – opportunity to support/upskill • RSL’s need to play a greater role in training/support disabled people into jobs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to consider the importance of the James Wither’s Skills Review and how this may change things going forward • Securing good work is the best way to move out of poverty • Improve co-ordination of support to prison leavers • More support for self employed/social enterprises/community enterprises under developed • Fair Work is now to be a requirement for all cultural organisations in receipt of funding from national |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant role for the housing sector around work, both as employers and through their procurement. Much of what is referred to in the slides is already a requirement for these organisations such as Fair Work and creation of apprenticeships/training opportunities. | <p>agencies such as Creative Scotland and Museums Galleries Scotland</p> |
| <p>Where We Live</p> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the importance of the digital exclusion research and that the 18% registering motivation as a barrier to using digital was across all age groups, not purely older people • Some specific challenges identified around housing and particularly properties requiring adaptations; costs and availability of materials; borrowing costs; planning issues; limited pool of contractors; similar type challenges in Borders & Highlands. • Can CP Partners help level in more investment for housing? • Support needs for housing linked to HSC Partnership • Physical works that need undertaken in properties - can be costly needs better co-ordination across partners (spend to save) • Housing needs and demands assessment being undertaken to help inform next Local Housing Strategy • Be innovative around community transport solutions (noted initiative in New Luce with communities coming together around sharing car travel) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to consider creative and cultural standpoint; recognising creative place making approaches • The issue of barriers to access for disabled people has come up in context of Cultural Strategy - some felt they had more access to participate in creative and cultural activity during lockdown via digital but now feel re-excluded • CP Partners need to work more collaboratively around climate/reducing carbon footprint (sharing building space; co-location of staff, etc) • Housing key to the success of the Regional Economic Plan and attracting investment – need to better understand our housing challenges/barriers across partners • Opportunities around Locality data Profiles, Place Plans and the work of Home Teams |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to develop more of a Place focus (i.e. example of the Local Employability Partnership targeting certain target groups within certain areas such as Lochside/Lincluden) | |
| Cross Cutting | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted the importance and close linkages across Transport, Housing and Skills/Work and the impact this can have on positive Mental Health & Wellbeing • Opportunities exist to look at cross boundary solutions as opposed to within D&G only • Major opportunities around the role of Anchor Organisations (Fair work/paying real living wage; local procurement; shared asset planning to support our communities; supporting sustainable development) • Needs to be closer linkages in general with regional economic strategy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to appreciate the challenges of utilising external Government funding, particularly when it is only “year on year” • Can we break historical/organisation barriers around sharing resources/budgets to develop a true single approach to Community Planning? • Frustrations around reverting back to pre-Covid silo working • CPP needs to be “ruthless” in prioritisation as it can’t do everything |



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| Author: Stephen Jack, Lifelong Learning Manager | Responsible Senior Officer: Richard Grieveson, Head of Community Services |
| Report title: Development of a Dumfries & Galloway Compact Partnership | |
| <p><u>1. Situation:</u> 1.1 This report outlines plans to develop a Dumfries & Galloway Compact Partnership between Public and Third Sectors to improve working relationships, influence public policy and encourage closer collaborative working between organisations and agencies.</p> | |
| <p><u>2. Background:</u> 2.1 The review of our Community Planning operating model during 2022/23 and the associated implementation of refreshed arrangements for Community Planning, alongside the development of a new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan has helped to strengthen relationships and develop a shared understanding of the key priorities for our region across Community Planning Partners.</p> <p>2.2 In line with a number of other Local Authority areas, it would be seen as best practice to have a more formal written agreement with the Third Sector and therefore it is proposed that work commences to develop a Dumfries & Galloway Compact Partnership which would be based around:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency • Accountability • Good communication • Equity • Respect and fairness across partners • Co-operation with partners, communities and citizens | |
| <p><u>3. Key Issues</u> 3.1 A draft scope of works has been developed for consideration and is contained within the Appendix for consideration with the Community Planning Senior Leadership team and Community Planning Board retaining oversight.</p> | |
| <p><u>4. Recommendation:</u> 4.1 The CPPB is invited to agree to the development of a Dumfries & Galloway Compact Partnership and consider the Scope of Works and associated timeline as detailed in the Appendix.</p> | |

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Appendix (1) – Scope of Works

Stephen Jack – Lifelong Learning Manager

Development of a Dumfries and Galloway Compact Partnership

1. **Project Name:** Dumfries and Galloway Compact Partnership
2. **Services Responsible:** DGC Community Services / Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
3. **Project Manager:** TBC

4. **Project Context:**

4.1 The development of a regionwide Compact Partnership between the Public and Third Sectors which seeks to improve working relationships, influence public policy and encourage closer collaborative working between organisations and agencies.

The development of a Compact Partnership and the subsequent commitment to collaboration should be based on the following values;

- Transparency
- Accountability
- Good communication
- Equity
- Respect and fairness across partners
- Co-operation with partners, communities and citizens

4.2 Specifically we have identified in this new strategic framework a need for co-operative approaches to prevention and tackling poverty and inequality with a focus on economic, social and environmental sustainability. The Compact Partnership Strategy will embrace the agreed vision for our new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2023-2033 which has been developed through our Community Planning Partnership Board:

“Our vision is simple: working in partnership to ensure a confident, ambitious, healthy and fairer Dumfries and Galloway for everyone who lives and works here.”

5. **The National Landscape**

5.1 The Scottish Government stipulates that the Third Sector should be regarded as a key partner within Community Planning Partnerships, requiring:

- active involvement in preparing and agreeing community plans/ single outcome agreements;
- for this to be evidenced, meaningful engagement between the Public and Third Sector;
- a collaborative approach between Public and Third Sectors to shape prevention plans and commitment to co-produce solutions to service and budget challenges.

5.2 Increasing public demand on services with dwindling resources means;

- alternative and radical approaches to policy and to service delivery is required;
- Integration of Health and Social Care as legislated by the Scottish Parliament in regards to the Public Bodies Joint Working (Scotland) Act April 2014;
- Dumfries and Galloway Council continue on a programme of Transformation, Change and Budget savings proposals;
- Early engagement and a genuine commitment to work with Third Sector Organisations will support the desired direction of becoming an Enabling Council.

APPENDIX - SCOPE OF WORKS

6. Dumfries and Galloway Third Sector Overview

Since Covid the role of the third sector in supporting and developing resilient communities has been recognised as essential and central to the delivery of the region's strategic priorities. The creation of a compact will consolidate and strengthen this role and allow it to become built into the partnership working that will be necessary to deliver the LOIP and the community planning ambitions for Dumfries and Galloway.

7. Community Planning

Dumfries and Galloway's new Community Planning Framework arrangements and the revised emerging LOIP have embraced the values of collaborative working as stipulated above. The development and implementation of a Compact Partnership will allow partners to work together to target what is a finite resource in order to achieve better outcomes for our communities and to sustain the aforementioned values in how we work.

8. Milestones / Objectives

| Activities/Tasks | Timeline | Output |
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| Report to CPPB | 1 September 2023 | Secure commitment to developing a Compact Partnership, Strategic Framework and Action Plan and timelines |
| High level consultation through Community Planning Partner Senior Management Teams and Third Sector | December 2023 | Secure commitment to developing a Compact Partnership, Strategic Framework and Action Plan through the new CPP Operating Framework Shaping the content of a Compact agreement |
| Reports to CPSLT | January/February 2024 | Progress update, discussion and agreement |
| Report to CPPB | March 2024 | Agree final proposals |
| Implementation | April 2024 onwards | |



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| <p>Author: Valerie White – Director of Public Health Chris Allan – Consultant in Public Health Philip Broadbent – Specialty Registrar in Public Health</p> | <p>Responsible Senior Officer: Valerie White – Director of Public Health</p> |
| <p><u>1. Situation:</u></p> <p>This paper presents the Director of Public Health Annual Report for 2022/2023, which reflects the current position in relation to trends in population health, the challenges we face post-pandemic and learning from the pandemic on areas we need to focus to address these challenges.</p> | |
| <p><u>2. Background:</u></p> <p>2.1 It is usual practice for Directors of Public Health in Scotland to produce an annual report which focuses in on population health of the region they work in. In England this is a statutory requirement but this is not the case in Scotland. There is no mandate on the format and content of the annual report, with each Director of Public Health being able to provide a report based on their assessment of key population health challenges faced in the local area. This is the first Director of Public Health Annual Report for several years in Dumfries and Galloway.</p> | |
| <p><u>3. Key Issues</u></p> <p>3.1 The report provides an overview of the health of the population in Dumfries and Galloway. It demonstrates that our population demographics are changing, life expectancy is falling and the number of years we can expect to live in good health is also reducing at a population level. It outlines that there is significant variation in peoples' life expectancy, and these differences are starkly demonstrated when we look at data by Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation – highlighting the combining effects of lack of resources on peoples' health.</p> <p>3.2 The report outlines the following areas of focus for how we need to work together to address the challenges we face to improve the health and wellbeing of our population:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing Health as a common goal • Collaboration Across Sectors and Society • Development of Anchor organisation capability • Transition to a wellbeing economy • Empowering Communities for Better Health and Wellbeing with a relentless focus on good health and prevention. <p>3.3 Our Community Planning partnership is well placed to focus on these areas and ensure collaboration to enable all in our region to enjoy the best possible health.</p> | |

4. Recommendations:

4.1 **Discuss** the content of the report, noting the significant challenges we now face in relation to population health and health inequalities;

4.2 **Note** the report was presented to the Innovation and Transformation Committee of the Integration Joint Board on 10th of August 2023 to help inform future strategic commissioning plans/ intentions; and

4.3 **Discuss** any further action the Board would like to take in light of this report.

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Dedication

This report is dedicated to:

- Those who lost their lives, their loved ones and friends during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Staff across all sectors who worked tirelessly to keep our health and social care system and wider society functioning
- Our communities who could not have done more to support each other in the most challenging of times.

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Introduction

As Director of Public Health for NHS Dumfries and Galloway, I am responsible for producing an independent annual report on the health of the local population. This is my first report as Director of Public Health and comes at a time where we are emerging from the Pandemic, which has undoubtedly been one of the most challenging periods for generations. It sees us moving into a new phase where we continue to face multiple challenges and uncertainties. In the report I will set out a broad picture of the main issues we face and the steps we need to take to tackle them, reflecting on what the pandemic has taught us about what we can do when faced with the greatest of adversity. While the information presented is far from rosy, I believe that we can, and we must, achieve better and fairer health in the future. We have seen great improvements in health in the past and we can do so again.



Valerie White
Director of Public Health
NHS Dumfries and Galloway

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Our Region – A great place to live work and play

We live in an amazing part of Scotland with 215 miles of varied coastline with sandy beaches and rocky shorelines, huge forests, wide open green spaces and inland lochs which provide an environment that can support us being outdoors and physically active. We have rich heritage across the region with many sites of interest with strong connections to some of Scotland's most influential historical figures. Given its location, life in Dumfries and Galloway is influenced by close links to neighbouring regions and countries. There is a vibrant creative industry with many cultural events ongoing throughout the year. Living within this beautiful environment is our greatest asset - our wonderful individuals and communities. It is our people that make our place, and we have a wealth of people who work tirelessly across Dumfries and Galloway to make our communities vibrant places to live, work and play.

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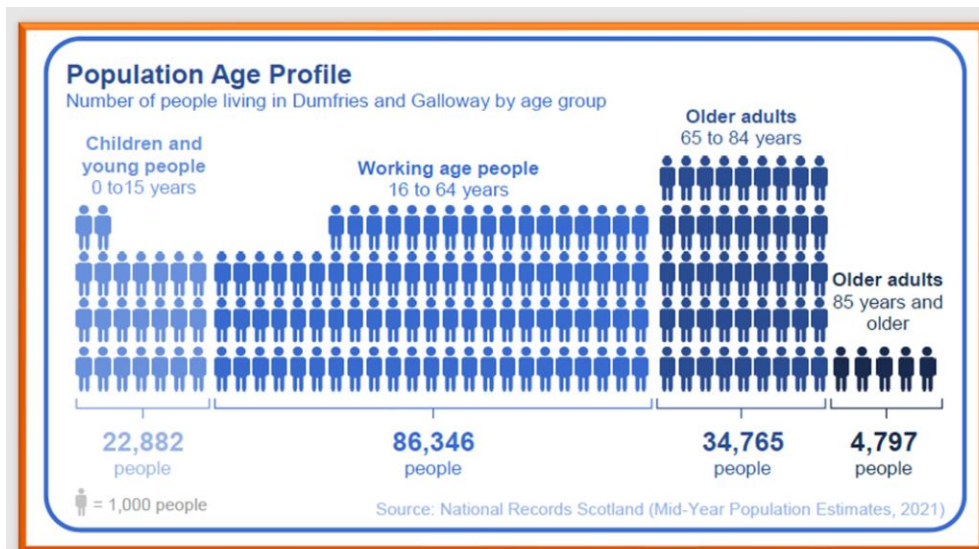
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Our Population

For the population to be sustainable in an economic sense, it also needs to have a balanced shape in terms of age structure, so that we have enough people of working age to provide the services and goods we need to keep our society working. And to have a sustainable population size, there needs to be a balance of births, deaths and migration. Both the size and shape of the population of Dumfries and Galloway is changing.

At the moment, Dumfries and Galloway is home to nearly 150,000 people, and in 20 years this is projected to shrink by 10,000 people. Most people who live in the region are adults and, as we can see in Figure 1, over a quarter of the population is aged 65 and over. People living here tend to be older, with an average age of 49.6 years, compared to Scotland's 42 years.

Figure 1: Population age profile for Dumfries and Galloway



The dependency ratio is a measure that shows the balance between the working-age population and those who are not working, including children and older adults. In simple terms, it helps us understand how many people are available to work and support those who don't. In Dumfries and Galloway, the dependency ratio is changing.

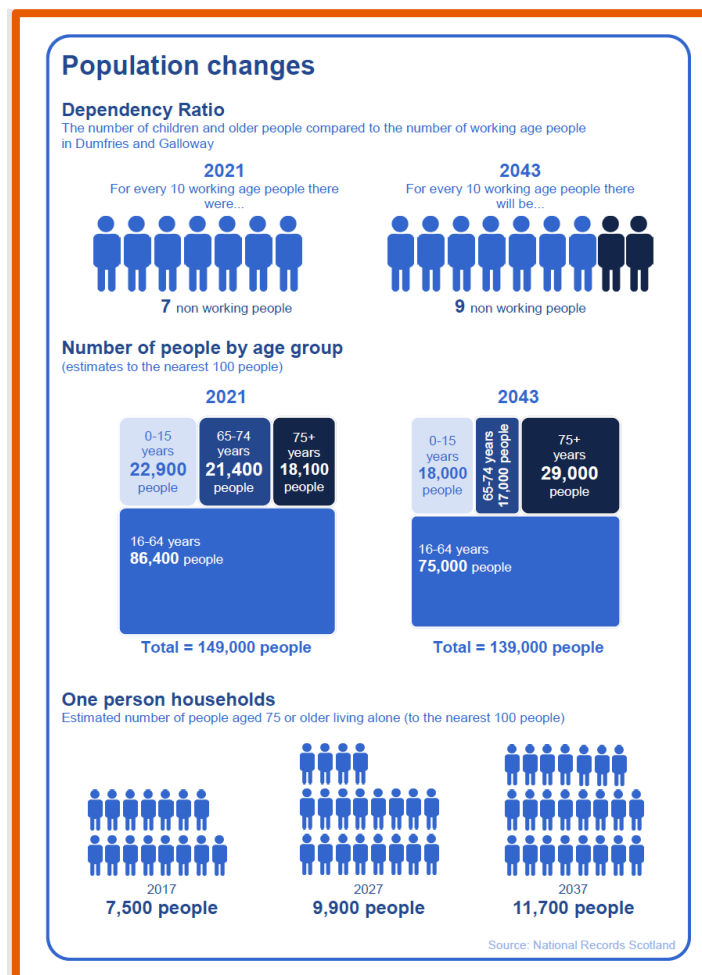
In Figure 2, we can see that currently, for every 10 working-age people, there are 7 children or older adults. By 2043, this is expected to change so that for every 10 working-age people, there will be 9 children or older adults. The number of people who are of working age is expected to shrink by 13% by 2043, while the number of those aged 75 and over will grow by 58%. This means there will be fewer working people to support the non-working population, which will have significant effects on the local economy and health and social care services. It also means there will be proportionately more people with more lived experience, which is valuable in many other ways and we must recognise the significant role those who are of non-working age make in a variety of roles supporting our local communities.

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As time goes by, more older people are living by themselves, and living alone can make people lonely and may mean they have less support available to them. The number of older people living alone is expected to go up from 7,500 in 2019 to almost 10,000 by 2029, and then to around 12,000 by 2037.

Figure 2: Forecasted changes in the dependency ratio in Dumfries and Galloway



We hear a lot about an ageing population, and it sounds like everybody is living for longer into older ages. While this section has shown that the share of older people in the population is growing and the proportion of younger people is shrinking, younger people are not expected to live longer now than they could have 10 years or so ago. The following section will shed more light on this.

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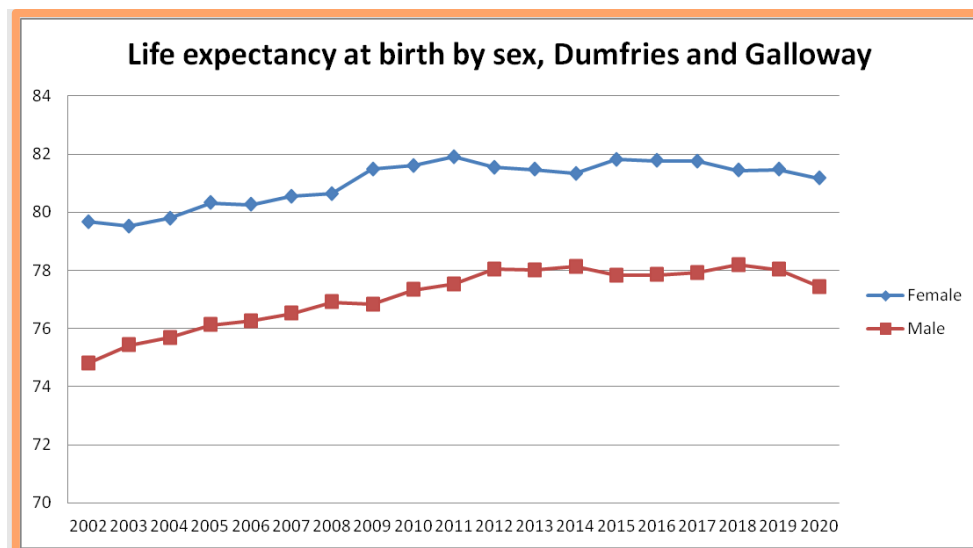
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Life Expectancy

Life expectancy is a measure of how long on average we can expect to live and is based on the year in which we are born. For many years this increased meaning that on average children being born would live longer than previous generations. This is no longer the case.

We have started to see increases in life expectancy stall and more recently fall. A baby girl born in 2020 in Dumfries and Galloway could expect on average to live about 9 months less than a girl born in 2011. Life expectancy for baby boys has also fallen by 9 months between 2018 and 2020.

Figure 3: Life expectancy at birth in Dumfries and Galloway between 2002-2020



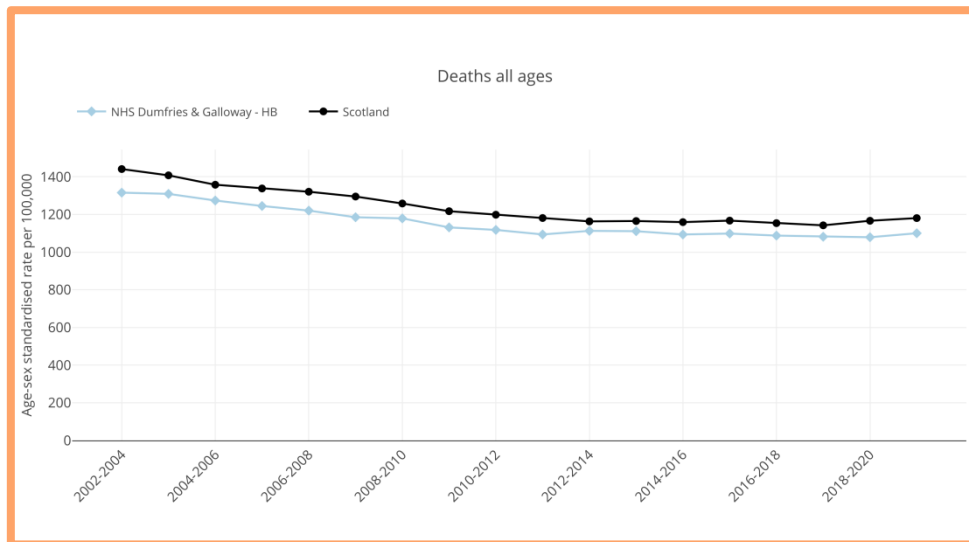
Death rates are a way to measure how many people in a population die. If rates go up more people are dying and if rates go down fewer people are dying within that population. For many years we have seen a decline in death rates across our population. Recently this decline has flattened out and is showing signs of increase (Figure 4).

This is not simply an effect of the COVID-19 pandemic. As with changes in life expectancy, the changes in death rates were happening some time before 2020.

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Figure 4: The age-standardised death rate per 100,000 in Dumfries and Galloway between 2002-2020



Generally, the main causes of illness are different for men and women, partly because women live for longer and are more likely to die of diseases like dementia and Alzheimer's. In our region, one of the main causes of early death (deaths in people aged less than 75) is cardiovascular disease (CVD), which includes problems of the heart, arteries and veins. This can be seen in things like high blood pressure, clogged arteries, blood clots, heart attacks and strokes. There are many factors that increase a person's chances of developing CVD (also known as risk factors) these include: smoking, excessive alcohol use, obesity, and type 2 diabetes. Many of these risks are related to other factors, such as lack of physical exercise, a diet high in saturated fats, salt and sugar, negative childhood experiences, lack of good work, stress and mental health problems, pollution and poor quality housing.

Other key causes of early death in the region include lung cancer and drug use. This is partly because smoking and drug use tend to start at an early age and related health problems take many years of life from relatively younger people.

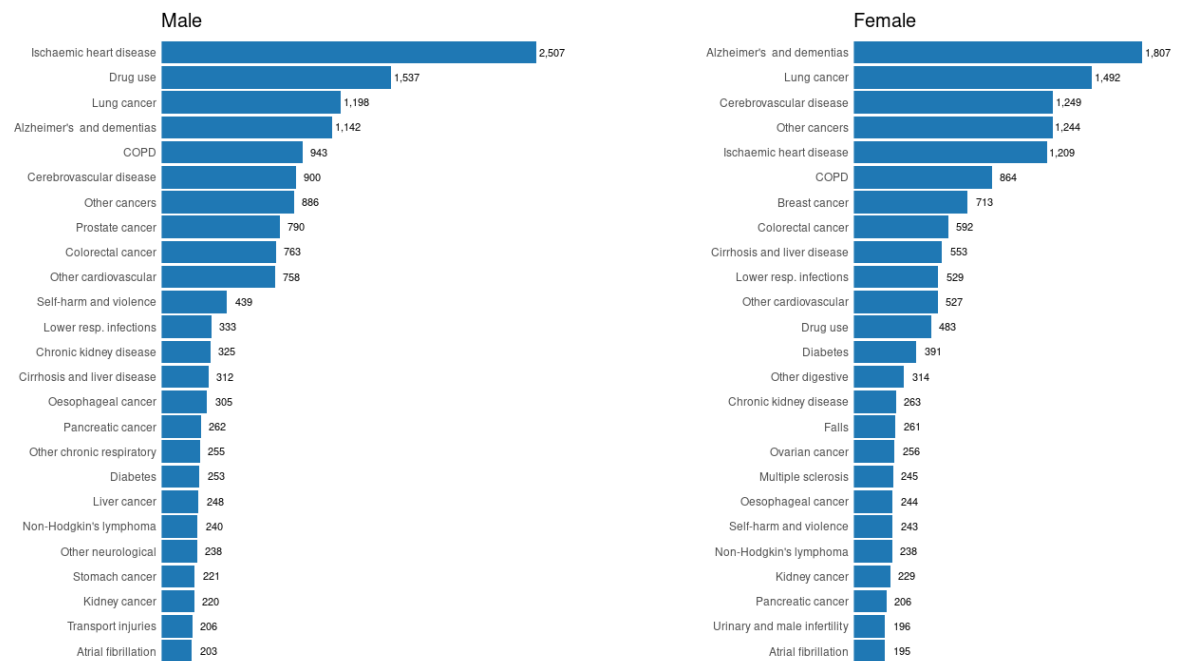
When looking at the number of years of life lost from Figure 5 below, we can see that ischaemic heart disease (coronary heart disease, caused by clogged arteries) cost men 2,507 years in 2019. This is the equivalent of 33 lives lived up to the age of 75. Early deaths due to drug use cost 1,537 years, which is more than 20 lives lived up to the age of 75, for men alone. Altogether, lung cancer has stripped away around two and a half thousand years of life from the people of Dumfries and Galloway, which is the equivalent of almost 55 people living to 75 years of age. This is around 8% of all the people living in Moniaive or Portpatrick.

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Figure 5: Leading causes of early death in Dumfries and Galloway

Leading causes of early death (YLL) in NHS Dumfries and Galloway - 2019



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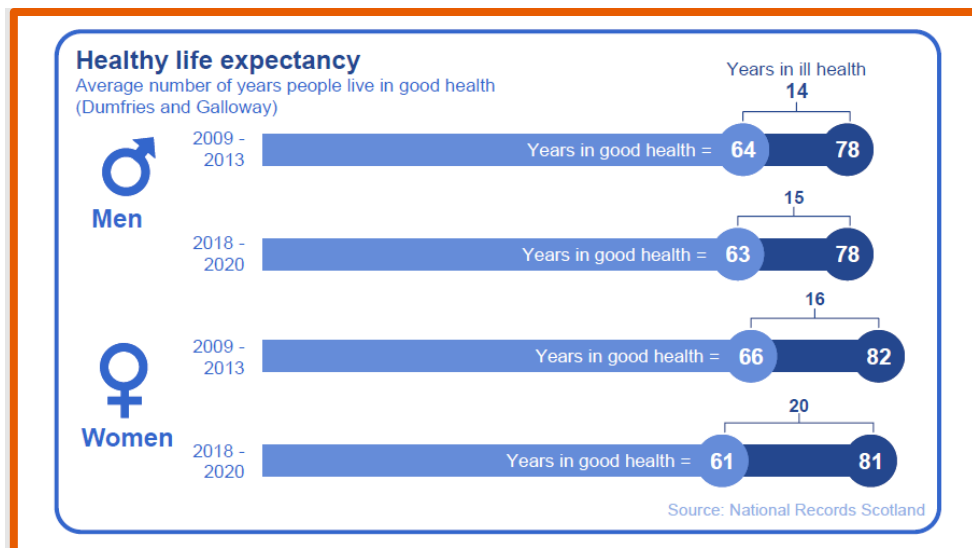
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Healthy Life Expectancy

Healthy life expectancy is a measure of how long on average a person can expect to live in good health.

In Dumfries and Galloway, life expectancy patterns are similar to the rest of Scotland. Women generally live longer than men, but they have more years of ill health. As shown in Figure 6, between 2018 and 2020, men could expect 15 years of their lives to be in ill health, while women could expect 20 years of their life to be in ill health. Despite the rise in overall life expectancy which occurred until 2010, the number of years lived in good health has decreased.

Figure 6: Changes in healthy life expectancy in Dumfries and Galloway between 2009-2013 and 2018-2020



It has been predicted that, without action, the overall level of illness in the population is going to worsen, and the need for health and social care will be far greater than the NHS and Local Authorities can cope with.

By 2043, the resources needed to manage long-term health conditions in Scotland are expected to rise by 21%, or 1% each year. The most significant increase in ill health will be among those aged 65 to 84, with resources required for this group expected to grow by 35%. As Dumfries and Galloway has a larger percentage of people in this age group compared to the rest of Scotland, these predictions may underestimate the actual impact on the region.

As outlined before, the level of illness within the local population is increasing, and this has not, in the main, been due to bugs and viruses.

In fact, vaccinations have done a lot of work to prevent illness like COVID-19, flu, meningitis, many childhood illnesses and cancers associated with the Human Papilloma Virus such as cervical cancer.

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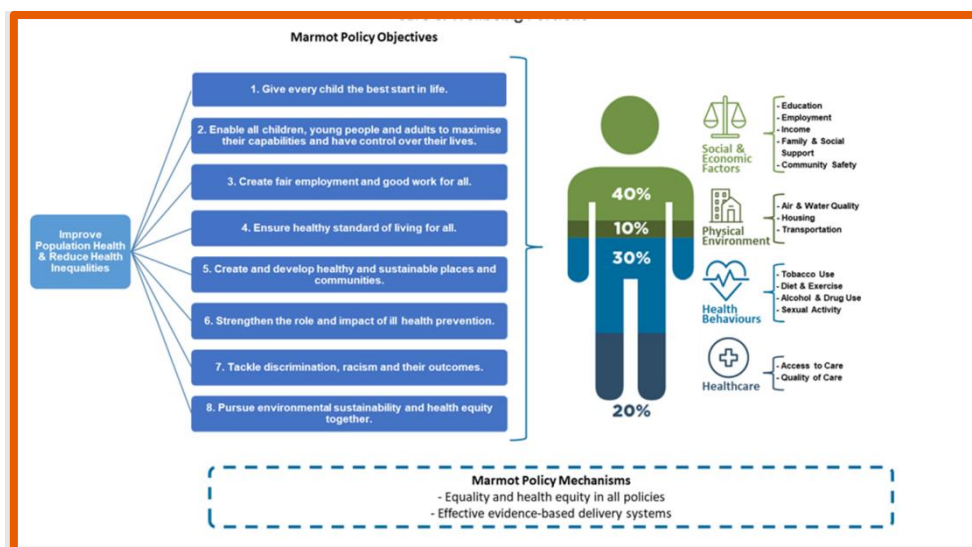
Health inequalities

As the experience of health and illness is not the same for women and men, it is also different for people from different backgrounds. About 80% of our health experience is caused by a mixture of what's in the world around us, the opportunities we have, the choices we face, and what's in our genes. Around 20% of our health experience is affected by the treatment we receive. Setting aside our individual life experiences, choices, behaviours and habits, the main things that influence our health and that we can change as a society are:

- our surroundings
- education and skills
- housing
- the food available to eat
- money and resources
- transport
- family, friends and communities, and
- good work.

Grouped together, these can be taken as a measure of access to the basic necessities of life in the places where we live. This is summarised on the right hand side of Figure 7. There are few causes of illness and death that are not shaped by these social conditions, and the differences for people living in different communities can be stark.

Figure 7: What influences health and ways to improve this for all



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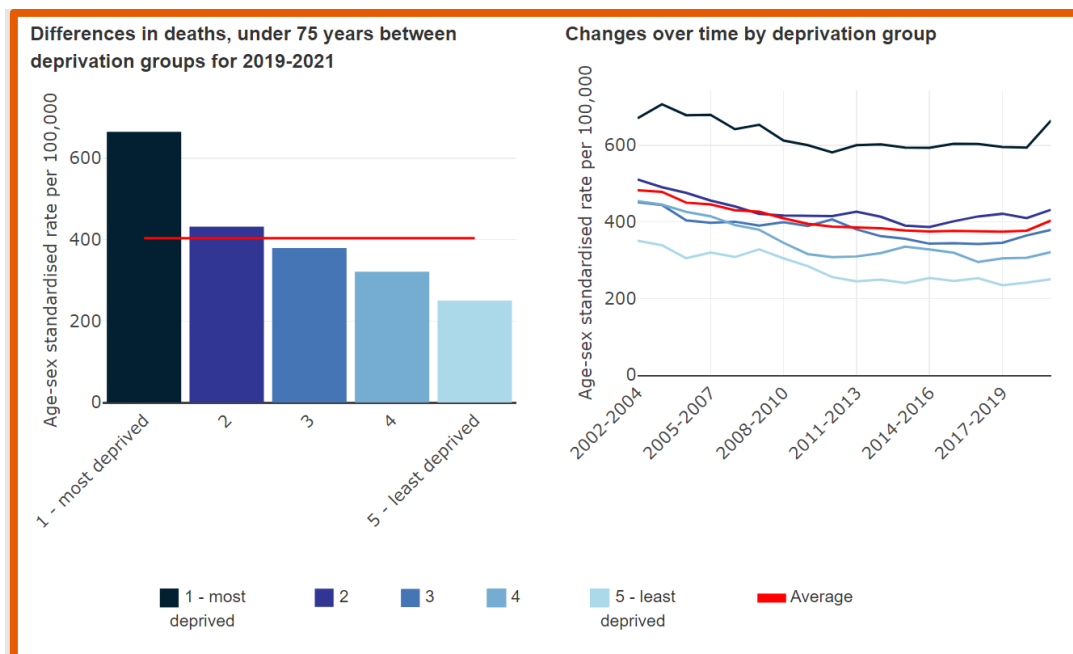
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The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) was created to help us see how real-world conditions like these shape health outcomes for people living in different areas.

It creates a single score for different places by grouping all of these factors together into what could be thought of as their total combined resources, community assets or social capital. Areas with higher scores are considered to be more 'deprived' - that is they have fewer resources for healthy living than areas with lower scores.

Differences in health and illness between communities according to their combined resources can be stark. It is usually in communities that are the most vulnerable where the most deaths occur earlier in life. For example, Figure 8 shows there are nearly half as many early deaths amongst people living in the areas with the most resources (called SIMD 5) as compared to those with the least (called SIMD 1). The recent rate of increase in early deaths also seems to be sharper for people living in the areas with the least combined resources.

Figure 8: Deaths under 75 years in Dumfries and Galloway compared by SIMD category and how these trends have changes over time

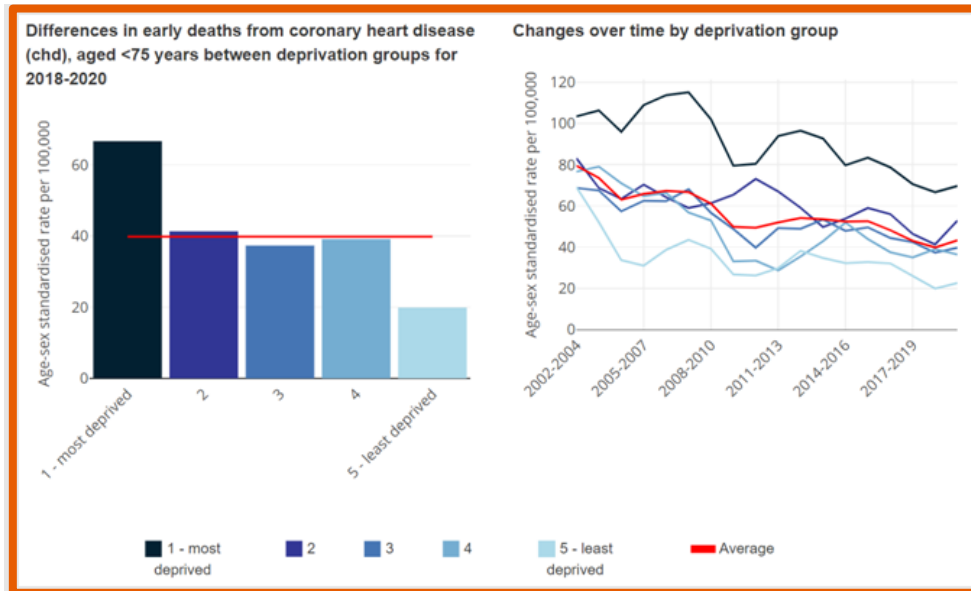


Along with dementia, some of the most significant causes of early death in the region are CVD, drug and alcohol misuse, and lung disease. Similar social patterns can be seen for these specific causes as for general levels of early death and disease. As Figure 9 shows, in communities with the least resources, there is almost three times the rate of early deaths due to heart disease than there are in the areas with the greatest assets.

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Figure 9: Deaths from coronary heart disease for people aged less than 75 years in Dumfries and Galloway compared by SIMD category and how this has changed over time

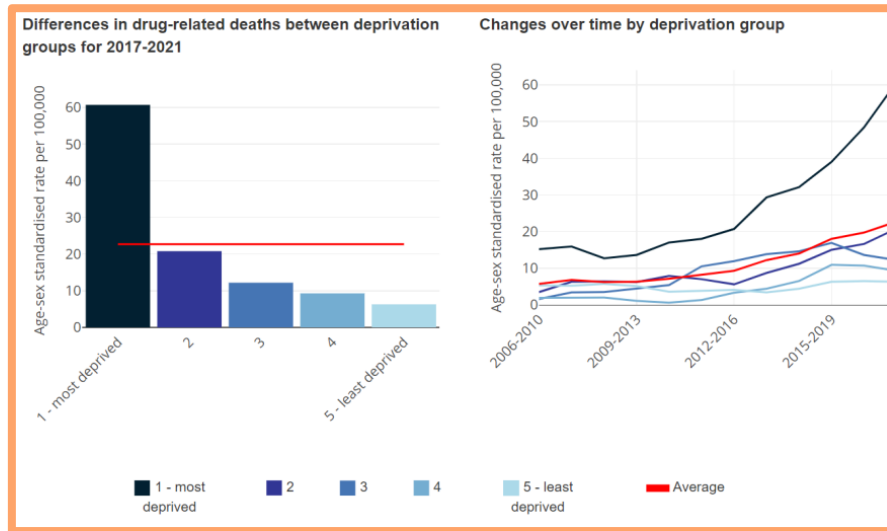


Most people from Dumfries and Galloway whose life ends with a drug-related death live in areas with the greatest challenges. While much is being done to prevent drug overdoses and treat people who use drugs, the rates of drug-related deaths have been increasing over the past ten years or so.

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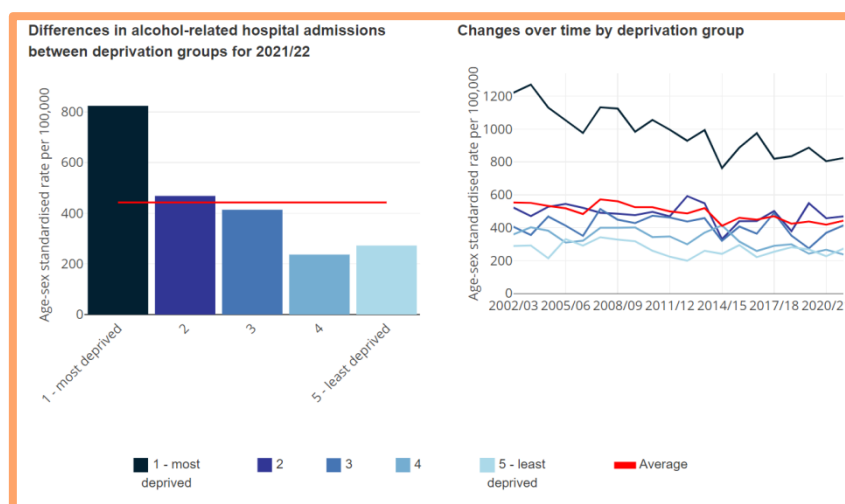
Figure 10: Drug-related deaths in Dumfries and Galloway compared by SIMD category and how this has changed over time



Although admissions to hospital for alcohol-related problems has been falling for a number of years, the level of admissions is about 3 times lower for people living in areas with the most resources as compared to the least.

As can be seen from Figure 11, while levels of alcohol-related hospital episodes generally increase being highest in those with the least resources, there is a small increase towards the areas with the greatest resources.

Figure 11: Alcohol-related hospital admissions compared by SIMD category and how this has changed over time



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We do need to use some caution when using SIMD because it might not accurately show how much disadvantage some people in Dumfries and Galloway face. This can happen in a few ways. Firstly, SIMD groups people living in a particular area together and assumes they all face the same challenges, but this might not be true. For example, in a particular community, some people might be managing financially, while others might be struggling. Secondly, the SIMD tool only looks at a number of selected things, like income, education, and health, so it might not capture all the ways people are facing challenges. For instance, someone might have poor mental health but still have a good income. Lastly, the SIMD tool is updated every few years, so it might not reflect changes that happen quickly.

Despite these limitations, we still see a similar pattern of health outcomes in different communities that is shaped by SIMD. By combining our efforts on these broader conditions, we can work towards improving the overall health and wellbeing of people living in Dumfries and Galloway and narrow the health gaps between different communities.

To tackle these inequalities, there needs to be a joined-up approach from different groups (what can be termed our local system), including the NHS, Local Authorities, Education, Police, Fire and Rescue Services, Housing providers our Third Sector and Independent Sectors, and a commitment to understanding and addressing the root causes of these inequalities. It is often said that health education advice is the answer but whilst of fundamental importance to our health and wellbeing, our health is for the most part is shaped by the circumstances we live in, which affect the kind of choices we can make.

It is through working together that we can strive to make sure everyone has the same chance to live a healthy and happy life, no matter where they live.

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Challenges of our times

Looking outside of Dumfries and Galloway, the wider conditions that influence our health are in a time of significant turbulence.

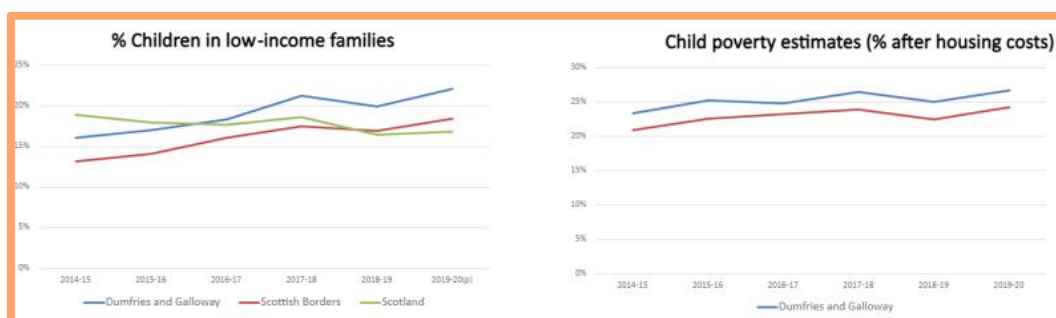
The cost of living crisis, climate change, UK exit from the EU (Brexit), war in Ukraine and reduction in public sector spending and ongoing impacts from the pandemic are all coming together to threaten the health of the population. It is being suggested by some that we face an unprecedented "polycrisis" – where multiple interacting global crises produce greater harms to the planet and humanity than those crises would produce in isolation.

It could be easy for us to think these issues don't affect us in Dumfries and Galloway, but sadly they do. Highlighted below are three major issues facing the population of Dumfries and Galloway that can and will affect health now and in the future.

Child poverty

The previous section showed how the most vulnerable in society – those with the least assets and the most difficult, or no choices to make – face the most difficult health challenges. And over the past ten years or so and until very recently, child poverty in Scotland has been increasing. According to the latest data, in 2022 over a fifth of children in Dumfries and Galloway lived in families either in receipt of out-of-work benefits or tax credits where the household income was less than £19,380 per year. This measure doesn't take into account rent or mortgages. As housing is one of the main things we spend money on, the picture looks worse for estimates of children in poverty after housing costs are included.

Figure 12: Estimated child poverty in Dumfries and Galloway as compared to Scotland (green) Scottish Borders (red)



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Economic activity

Just as many could benefit from an increase in household income, the income of the region could also be improved. 28% of people aged between 16 and 64 living in D&G are economically inactive (i.e. they are not obtaining earnings through work). This can be for a variety of reasons such as undertaking study/learning, caring responsibilities, unable to find work, being retired or suffering ill health.

This compares with 21% nationally. Of those 28%, less than 30% wish to find a job. While the percentage of the population who are retired is higher than Scotland's average (21% compared to 15%) so is the percentage of those who are out of work due to long term illness (39% compared to 32%).

Climate change

The vast expanse of relatively low land and natural beauty of the many rivers and water courses in the region are risks in the context of climate change. [Future flood maps created by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency \(SEPA\)](#) show high long-term risks of flooding in lowland areas around lochs such as Lochmaben and Lockerbie, and around the Annan, Dee, Cree and Nith rivers as they flow into the Solway Firth. Apart from the effects of climate change on flooding, we can also expect the other extreme of heat and drought, which can lead to direct impacts to our health and which could be devastating for a region so rich in land mass and so involved in farming ([the fourth biggest employing sector behind health, education and the motor trade](#)). We have seen the devastating effects of recent flooding and other extreme storm events on our local communities which have caused significant stress for individuals and communities and a detrimental impact on affected businesses.

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Our focus going forward

In the face of a challenging demographic picture; worsening outcomes in health particularly for those who have the greatest vulnerabilities; increasing pressure on our health and social care services; some of the greatest financial challenges facing both our communities and the Public and Third sectors who serve them, and the climate emergency – it could be easy to lose heart. We cannot and we must not.

The pandemic tested us all in many ways but what we saw during this period was everyone across Public, Third, Independent, Private Sectors and across communities pulling together to tackle the challenge we faced. This required us to work together for the health of us all and it was a truly amazing thing to witness – it brought into sharp focus how important having our health is to the functioning of our society.

As we move forward, we must take on board what we learnt during the pandemic. The areas we need to focus on now are:

Establishing Health as a common goal

Just like in the pandemic, we need to anchor ourselves to a **common goal – one that puts health at its heart**. This means addressing the wider factors that determine our health, **including income, employment, education**, and looking after and making the best use of our **environment**.

Collaboration Across Sectors and Society

We have to work together across society to achieve the goal of keeping people as healthy as possible for as long as possible – **we all have a part to play**. While access to health and social care services is of vital importance, we do need to recognise that we cannot depend on these services alone to keep us healthy.

The way we worked during the pandemic was an example “of a whole systems approach” – this is a term used to describe when everyone across Public, Third and Independent Sectors, Communities and individuals – the “system” **all work together to achieve the same goal** and are each doing their bit to achieve that goal.

This whole system approach is something we must embed and strengthen. We must value each part of our system and work across it to develop a shared understanding of the challenges we face and work together to **develop and deliver creative and innovative solutions** to address them.

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Development of Anchor Organisation Capability

Each Public, Third, Independent and Private Sector organisations can play a role in supporting the health and wellbeing of our population by taking action on the wider determinants of health. We need to increase our focus on promoting the concept of **Anchor Organisations** - these are organisations with strong roots into their communities which **take action** to use its resources **to positively contribute to its local area through purchasing locally and for social benefit, using building and spaces to support communities, reducing its environmental impact and widening access to quality work. Sustainability** is at the heart of the work anchor organisations do.

Transition to a Wellbeing Economy

It has often been said that we must focus on the economy and have continued growth, and while for health up to a point that is true, it is now evident that continued striving for more and more growth is costing us both for the health of the population and also of our planet. You may have heard the term **Wellbeing Economy** – simply put, this is looking to develop an economy that serves its people and the planet – this must be our focus.

Empowering Communities for Better Health and Wellbeing with a Relentless Focus on Good Health and Prevention

The challenges we face are significant and require strong, resilient communities and people to support each other. We need to change the way we deliver our health and social care services to enable people to look after their own health and wellbeing for as long as possible. We need to support people and communities to **identify their own needs** and **achieve their own goals** based on what is meaningful to one another and builds on local assets.

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How can we do this?

This work needs to take place across our local systems and there is much that individual organisations can take forward. However, the key to the future is how we collaborate together to address the challenges and maximise the opportunities our fantastic region has.

We already have forums in place to take this forward via our Community Planning Partnership (CPP) which brings together all the major Public and Third Sector agencies working in our area to work in partnership with each other and with local communities to plan and deliver better services and outcomes for our region.

The CPP is currently reviewing its Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) to refresh its focus on the key challenges we face with the single vision to:

“work in partnership to ensure a confident, ambitious, healthy and fairer Dumfries and Galloway for everyone who lives and works here.”

We also have the South of Scotland Regional Economic Partnership which provides an opportunity to harness the power of this regional network to deliver a greener, fairer and flourishing South of Scotland.

The strong partnerships we created during the pandemic stands us in good stead to address the challenges we face and achieve improved and fairer population health.

None of this is easy, no one person has the answers – but together we can make change happen.

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Sources of data and information:

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<https://www.gov.scot/publications/local-child-poverty-statistics-january-2022/>



**COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 1 September 2023
CURRENT KEY STRATEGIC ISSUES UPDATES**

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| <p>Author: Stephen Jack, Lifelong learning Manager</p> | <p>Responsible Senior Officer: Richard Grieveson, Head of Community Services</p> |
| <p><u>1. Situation:</u> 1.1 This report provides the quarterly updates on the Plans and Strategies which contribute to the LOIP.</p> | |
| <p><u>2. Background:</u> 2.1 The Board has identified ten key Strategies and Plans that support the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children’s Services Plan - Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan - Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partners’ Strategic Plan - Employability and Skills Plan - Health and Social Care Strategic Plan - Local Development Plan 2 - Local Housing Strategy - Poverty and Inequalities Strategy - Regional Transport Strategy - South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy <p>2.2 As part of the CPPB agreement on the refreshed Community Planning Operating Framework, the new Alcohol and Drugs Strategy 2023-2026 and Dumfries and Galloway Cultural Strategy 2022-2030 have also been recognised as key in contributing to the LOIP and regular updates on these will be integrated into future meetings.</p> <p>2.3 Reporting on the Child Poverty Action Plan is now incorporated within the work of the Poverty & Inequalities Partnership.</p> | |
| <p><u>3. Key issues:</u> 3.1 Lead officers for 9 of the Strategies and Plans have provided more detailed progress updates for this meeting and these are detailed in Appendix 1.</p> <p>3.2 Some key issues to bring to Board members attention include:</p> <p><u>Children’s Services Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2023-2026 Children’s Services Plan is now available to view online along with an Easy Read version and accompanying short animation with BSL interpretation. • The final joint annual report for year 3 of the 2020-23 Plan was endorsed by DGC and the NHS Board and sent to Scottish Government. <p><u>Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Government have now published the National Community Justice Strategy Delivery Plan. | |

- The local impacts on this new Plan and currently being assessed.

Community Learning & Development Partners' Plan

- Self-evaluation work being undertaken to help prepare for any future CLD progress visit.
- 24 Practitioner's benefitted from bespoke Climate Change upskilling.
- The end of year evidence report for 21/22 in relation to the CLD Plan is now available to view and with a progress summary outlined in **Appendix 2**.

Employability & Skills Plan

- During 2022/23, 461 individuals were supported through a variety of programmes and 1-2-1 support.
- Work ongoing directly with Revenue and Benefits department to look at in work calculation for those clients who are long term unemployed to get an understanding of moving into some form of employment.
- The focus of the LEP Delivery Plan is on progression closer to, into and in work. One area of recent success has been the partnership with Dumfries based Nithcree Training. The LEP, through No One Left Behind funding, has supported 10 individuals to complete their HGV training and associated qualifications. Each individual faced a barrier to work, but with support from Nithcree and their Employment Key Worker, is now preparing for a well-paid, secure and fulfilling career in Logistics

Health and Social Care Strategic Plan

- In July 2023 the IJB Strategic Planning Delivery and Commissioning Committee (<https://dghscp.co.uk/ijb-strategic-planning-delivery-and-commissioning-committee/>) took reports on
- the Partnership's 2022/23 Annual Delivery Plan Quarter 4 Update
- 2023/24 Annual Delivery Plan (ADP) and
- 2023/26 Medium Term Plan (MTP)
- Energy costs are forecast to continue to increase. The NHS Board will develop and adopt an Energy Strategy which will support the direction of travel and a reduction in energy usage whilst having a positive impact on carbon emissions.
- In terms of Winter planning, the Partnership is developing a Target Operating Model, which defines what thresholds of unscheduled hospital activity could look like over the winter period. This will enable teams to focus on flow through services, particularly where people become delayed.

Local Development Plan

- The timetable for the preparation of LDP3 was included in the Development Plan Scheme which was approved at the June meeting of Economy and Resources Committee. Work continues on preparing the evidence report which is the first stage in preparing LDP3.
- Local Place Plans – so far, 22 expressions of interest have been received from communities interested in finding out more about the process. Work is ongoing in

raising awareness of LPPs with Council services and partners to help with the development and delivery of plans.

Local Housing Strategy

- A report will be presented to the 5 September 2023 meeting of Economy and Resources Committee seeking agreement of the 2023 review of the Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP).
- A 3-year Affordable Housing Supply Programme allocation of £61.841m is available for Dumfries and Galloway, and the report includes a recommendation for the inclusion of a further development pipeline project for 56 new homes in the West of the region.
- The 2023/24 Energy Efficient Scotland Area Based Schemes are underway, with large scale construction projects providing solid wall insulation targeting deprived areas. A budget of over £2.3million has been provided by the Scottish Government to support this work.

Poverty and Inequalities Strategy

- Nick Hopkins was appointed as the new Chair of the Partnership in June 2023. Nick began his new role on Wednesday 2nd August 2023 and a detailed Induction Plan has been developed and agreed which will be completed during August & September 2023.
- The Sub-Group 4 (Developing the Approach to Child Poverty including the 2022/2023 Annual Report and updating the 2020-2023 Action Plan) are progressing well with the draft Child Poverty Action Plan Report. This has been submitted to three additional NHS Committee's this year for comment and the final draft Report will be submitted to the full NHS Board and Dumfries and Galloway Council Full Council at the end of September 2023.
- Sub-Group 1 is holding an additional Workshop on Wednesday 16th August 2023 to develop a funding proposal for the Scottish Government's new Cash First Fund which opened for Applications on the 31st of July 2023 with £200,000 being available.
- Sub-Group 4 will also be holding an additional Workshop during August 2023 to discuss a funding proposal to the new Scottish Government for the new Child Poverty Accelerator Fund which has the same timeline for Applications as the above Cash First Fund. Applications for between £30,000 - £80,000 are invited.
- Delivering a dedicated campaign lead by Dumfries & Galloway Council, Social Security Scotland and all Sub-Group 2 Partners to maximise the number of applications to the Social Security Scotland Child Grant Payment.
- Winter planning - due to the continual increase in the numbers of families / individuals who will need to access support due to the on-going Cost of Living Crisis, all support services and project partners will see increased demands on their Services throughout the winter months. This could cause increased challenges in terms of the capacity of all services / projects which are already stretched at this time.

South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy

- Theme 5, “Green and Sustainable Economy”, includes an action on community wealth building. A workshop is planned for 30th August where colleagues from SOSE, Local Authorities, Registered Social Landlords and Colleges will discuss the technical challenges and skills needs involved in retrofit of housing stock. Retrofit in social housing stock will benefit tenants by improving energy efficiency and reducing fuel poverty.
- Theme 3, “Rewarding and Fair Work”, included an action to develop a South of Scotland Cycling Strategy. This was launched last year, and one of the key projects was to host part of the UCI World Championships. This took place in the region in early August. There has also been the digital launch of a new cycling route across the Dumfries & Galloway and Scottish Borders, the Kirkpatrick C2C.
- Theme 5, “Green and Sustainable Economy”, encompasses actions such as the development of a Regional Land Use Framework. The Regional Land Use Partnership pilot is entering its third phase, following two rounds of stakeholder consultation.
- UNESCO status for the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere (GSAB) has been confirmed for another ten years. The GSAB boundary will now be extended to incorporate: Alloway; The Rhins of Galloway - Scotland’s most southernly point; and 12 nautical miles of the marine environment. The site will grow from more than 5,200 km² to almost 9,800 km².

4. Recommendation:

Board Members are invited to;

4.1 Note the progress being made in relation to the key Strategies and Plans that support the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan as detailed in **Appendix 1**; and

4.2 Provide any constructive comments, feedback and observations that will be fed back to lead officers.

Appendices (2)

- 1 - Updates on key Strategies and Plans
- 2 - CLD Plan summary

Stephen Jack – Lifelong Learning Manager

UPDATES ON KEY STRATEGIES AND PLANS**1. Children's Services Plan**

1.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your respective Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members? (i.e. including any key decisions/approvals that may be required to be taken by Board Members).

1.1.1 We do not currently have any decisions/approvals required by Board members.

1.1.2 Our current position with the 2023 Plan is that the groups leading on our priorities have been tasked with identifying performance information regarding delivery of their action plans, and delivery of the overarching aims of the plan. Scottish Government has proposed a core suite of indicators to use alongside local indicators in Children's Services Plans and we are considering use of these. Priority Leads have been tasked with submitting draft action plans and proposals for performance information to CSSaPP Executive Group in September.

1.1.3 We are also considering wider multi-agency planning structures, and how our Priority Groups fit in with other multi-agency groups. Work is currently taking place to map all existing groups, sub-groups, and working groups across the entire children's services planning landscape, with a workshop arranged in September to analyse gaps/areas of duplication, and identify recommendations.

1.1.4 Easy Read information on our 2023 Children's Services Plan has been published on [Children's Services Plan 2023 to 2026 - Dumfries and Galloway Council \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/childrens-services-plan-2023-to-2026). A short video about the plan with BSL interpretation is also on the page.

1.1.5 The final Joint Annual Report on Year 3 of our 2020-2023 Children's Services Plan was endorsed by DG Council and DG NHS Board and has been sent to Scottish Government. We are developing a Graphics-formatted version of the report which will be published on the page above. The (unformatted) report is attached below:

[Joint Annual Report 2022-23 \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/jar-2022-23)

1.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the most recent key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new draft overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?

Health & Wellbeing

All the priorities in the 2023-26 Children's Services Plan contribute to Health and Wellbeing. The priorities are:

- Family Support
- Disabled Children with Complex Care Needs
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Care Experience
- Poverty
- Getting it Right for Every Child

1.3 Preparations for Winter: Through your respective Partnerships and associated Plans/Strategies, please detail your anticipated challenges for the Winter period; key risks and any proactive work which you are taking forward to help mitigate impacts on our communities and vulnerable individuals:

There are no issues at the moment that are specifically related to winter-planning.

Lead officer: Jim Brown, Chair Children's Services Strategic and Planning Partnership

2. Dumfries and Galloway Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan

2.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your respective Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members? (i.e. including any key decisions/approvals that may be required to be taken by Board Members).

2.1.1 Since the previous update Scottish Government have published the [National Community Justice Strategy Delivery Plan](#) outlining actions to be led nationally. As suspected this impacts local delivery activity and must be considered further.

2.1.2. At this stage, a number of themes have been identified which will be the focus of improvement activity across Dumfries and Galloway but are aligned to the National Community Justice Strategy. As stated previously legislation clearly indicates that local partnerships are required to baseline their current activity in relation to the national aims and priorities to help identify gaps and improvement actions. All partners were involved in this work and final improvement actions are collaborative, ensuring we add value as a partnership. We have also incorporated the recommendations for Community Justice Partnerships which were identified through the [Joint review of diversion from prosecution](#) and taken ownership of the theme of Public Health Approaches to Justice identified within the new ADP Strategy and reflected in the Justice Social Work Strategy.

2.1.3 The draft themes are as follows:

1. We will maximise the availability of, and evidence access to holistic support for people whilst in police custody and on release. This includes consideration being given to health, wellbeing, substance use, and wider needs.
2. People are diverted from custody when appropriate and receive the right support; this includes capturing data on those being diverted to enable us to understand their needs.
3. We will provide community sentences and interventions which help successful integration.
4. Throughcare and community transitions.
5. Leadership, governance, and quality assurance

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2.1.4 Dumfries and Galloway is the third largest geographical region in Scotland and one of the most rural. This brings challenges both to those trying to access services and to those delivering them.

2.1.5 At the time of writing there remain many uncertainties. As mentioned previously we are in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis that is likely to be a driver of crime, substance use and domestic abuse; poverty underpins so many things. It is crucial that individual partnerships collaborate more effectively, recognising their often shared populations and enabling their collective efforts to feed into shared outcomes, both for the partnerships involved but more importantly for the people we work with.

2.1.6 Ongoing developments around the National Care Service continue to impact staff delivering services. This uncertainty undoubtedly creates added stress and strain to already stretched services.

2.1.7 Focusing local improvement activity on work that is within our gift. There are some things that are simply out with the control of local areas. An example of this would be court backlogs. It is imperative that work taking place at a national level is fed down to local areas effectively. Another thing we need to be mindful of is work that statutory partners, such as Police Scotland, are leading nationally through the National Community Justice Delivery Plan. We have limited influence on this locally, however need to ensure it is supported effectively due to its potential impact on local partners and local improvement activity.

2.1.8 The views and needs of victims and survivors must also be reflected within this plan. Close links are well established between CJP and the Public Protection Partnership, particularly the Violence Against Women and Girls Sub Committee to help support this as we move forward.

2.1.9 Community Justice Scotland are content that the ongoing development work taking place is year one activity within a five-year plan for Dumfries and Galloway (2023-2028). They are also mindful of pressure of work locally to complete the Outcome Annual Activity Return (due 30th September). Furthermore, we cannot publish the new CJOIP until the refreshed LOIP is agreed and published. It has therefore been agreed that this plan will be published by December 2023.

2.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the most recent key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new draft overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?

Health & Wellbeing

There are a number of underpinning issues that require consideration and implementation at each stage of the justice journey and are relevant to each of the National Aims. The justice journey itself provides many opportunities to intervene and either signpost to the relevant support or provide it there and then if resources allow.

All organisations involved in justice should have staff who understand trauma, ensuring they are responding to people compassionately and thoughtfully, avoiding retraumatising people wherever possible. This requires a consistency of approach and understanding across all partners and is more effectively achieved through multi agency training.

The health and wellbeing needs of people should be considered at every stage of the justice journey from the point of arrest onwards. When we talk about health and wellbeing, we refer to it in its broadest sense and at the acute end of the spectrum. Thinking broadly there are obvious links to trauma, social isolation, stigma, and vulnerability. At the more acute end of the spectrum swift and effective interventions may be required, not just while someone is in police custody but also whilst they are in the community. Indeed, it could be argued if this happened effectively many of those who end up in prison might not.

HOPE (hearing other people's experiences) should be the central theme of this plan and the improvement actions within it. However, hearing the experiences of others is not enough, we need to listen and learn, share power, work together, and make change happen. We recognise that those with lived and living experience of justice are the experts, this includes victims and survivors. Whilst we have consulted with people in the past we need to listen and implement change if change is needed. Equally, if changes cannot be made this needs to be communicated and explained effectively.

Work

Employment can be a key factor in reoffending. Closer links are being built between CJP and the Local Employability Partnership who have oversight of No One Left Behind funding. This must be evidenced as part of the Community Justice Scotland Improvement Toolkit. More focused work will take place with people on Community Payback Orders to ensure they work they do may contribute towards qualifications if appropriate and they understand the employability support options open to them both whilst on their order and at the end of the order. Support accessed will continue once the order is complete.

Where We Live/Place

As a Community Justice Partnership, we will commit to helping partners learn and understand more about Place Planning approaches. We will invite CLD colleagues to input to a future meeting to support with this.

Ultimately people involved in justice want to feel like valued members of their own communities. We are working with the Alcohol and Drug Partnership and Violence Against Women and Girls Sub Committee to produce a joint Anti Stigma Strategy to help professionals, organisations, and communities to understand stigma and its impact better. It is only by tackling this we can really make a difference.

2.3 Preparations for Winter: Through your respective Partnerships and associated Plans/Strategies, please detail your anticipated challenges for the Winter period; key risks and any proactive work which you are taking forward to help mitigate impacts on our communities and vulnerable individuals:

The ongoing cost of living crisis is felt more deeply over the winter. We will support third sector partners to repeat the work they did last year around opening warm spaces and providing hot food in the community for the most vulnerable. Due to the additional challenges on homelessness services many people no longer have access to cooking facilities of their own whilst in emergency accommodation. We are in early discussions with Justice Social Work on making better use of their community payback facilities through multi agency support to enable people to access washing machines, showers, cooking facilities etc. This cannot be the responsibility of one agency alone.

Lead Officer: Vikki Binnie, Community Justice Partnership Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Council

3. Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partners' Strategic Plan 2021 -2024

3.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your respective Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members? (i.e. including any key decisions/approvals that may be required of Board Members).

3.1.1 Preparations continue through the CLD Partnership in relation to the new CLD progress visits that commence nationally from September 2023. Each local authority area will receive a 4-week notice period in advance of any visit and will be required to undertake a self-evaluation against a selection of Quality Indicators (QI's) outlined in How Good is our CLD 4?).

3.1.2 At the June CLD Partnership meeting some time was dedicated to consider the QI's which will be utilised as part of any progress visit. Key Officers also attended national webinar events to familiarise on the new process and this has been shared with wider partners.

3.1.3 As self-evaluation has already commenced to gather key information and evidence against the QI's and which has been a very productive exercise.

CLD Plan - End of year report

3.14 The end of year evidence report for 2021/22 is now available, however it is being presented later than anticipated due to the range of front line pressures being experienced across CLD Partners. The CLD Partnership reflected on high level progress at its most recent meeting and a summary overview is provided in **Appendix 3**. The full evidence report can be viewed through the following link:

[CLD Partners Strategic Plan - Dumfries and Galloway Council \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](https://www.dumgal.gov.uk)

3.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new draft overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?

Health & Wellbeing

- A range of new classes have been launched across the region over the last 3 months including:
- British Sign Language
- Digital drop-in's
- ESOL Conversation Classes
- Creative Writing
- Baby Massage
- Relax Kids Workshops
- Mind Matters Workshops
- Adult Learning Drop-ins
- Family cooking sessions
- Driving theory sessions

Work

- Three newly appointed Community Learning and Development Workers who are working within the Council's Ward Working Teams across the region have been studying for the SCQF Level 6 in "Community Involvement: An Introduction" through D&G College and with all three recently successfully passing. Qualitative feedback from one participant:

"I found the course to be a great basis for working in a community learning and development environment. It gave me the opportunity to network and share knowledge with both new and experienced CLD colleagues across the region as well as to consolidate the learning I am picking up on the job!"

- This work dovetails with the project previously highlighted last quarter which is progressing a refreshed PDA in Working with Communities and which will encompass individual units incorporating Capacity Building, Introduction to Communities and Values & Principles. Working with experienced Practitioners across CLD partners and the CLD Standards Council, content has been refreshed to reflect up to date practice on the ground and incorporating online learning and practical experience/learning. The Plan is for this module to be available from early 2023.

CLD Standards Council Membership update:

| | Associate Member | Full Member |
|--------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| D&G Council | 20 | 15 |
| Third Sector | 12 | 7 |
| Total | 32 | 22 |

National Occupational Standards (NOS)

The revised and updated NOS for Adult Learning, Community Development and Family Learning have just been released. These will be used to support our CLD Workforces going forward.

The CLD Standards Council has made each suite of standards available as a full set in PDF format, and with the Functional Map, on the [CLD Standards Council website NOS page](#).

Where We Live

- Climate Change Practitioner training has been held and 24 practitioners have been trained to take forward adult and family learning workshops.
- The Summer programme has involved the offer of over 100 adult learning sessions throughout the region and the amazing summer roadshows have offered 80 family fun sessions in local communities. There has been the delivery of additional Health & Wellbeing family learning orientated classes for parents and children.

Winter Planning

- Continued provision of targeted health & wellbeing supports to those who need assistance most, particularly opportunities to connect socially to reduce isolation; reduce poverty; tackle climate change; tackle literacy needs; build financial literacy.

- Provision of support will continue for the UK Government's Syrian Vulnerable Persons' Relocation Scheme (SVPR); EU returnees following UK Exit from the EU; Hong Kong returnees; and the Afghan Assistance and Relocation Policy and Afghan Citizens Resettlement Scheme. As well as the Ukrainian crisis and current Asylum Seeker dispersal. The work focuses on support to resettled individuals and families to overcome barriers to access Education and Employment Opportunities throughout Dumfries and Galloway and the provision of ESOL delivery.

Lead Officer: Stephen Jack – Lifelong Learning Manager, Chair CLD Partnership

Appendix 3 – Plans and Strategies Progress

4. Employability and Skills Partnership Delivery Plan 2022 - 2027

4.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your respective Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members? (i.e. including any key decisions/approvals that may be required to be taken by Board Members)

4.1.1 Launched in 2022 the DGLEP five-year Delivery Plan has delivered its first 12 months. The plan focuses on 6 key actions, balancing the approach between individuals who needed support, communities with the greatest need and supporting the economy by reducing skills shortages.

4.1.2 In 2022/23 461 individuals were supported through a variety of programmes and one-to-one support. Over 60% were males and just under 40% were females, with the largest group being young people (16-24) who represent 65% of all participants. In addition to sector focused programmes in Logistics, Health, Education and Childcare 56 individuals were supported into work in third and private sector SMEs through the DG Employer Recruitment Incentive.

4.1.3 A significant amount of work was put in place to focus on supporting parents into employment to help reduce child poverty across the region. This work supported the LEP to prepare for the investment in parental employability for 2023/24 from the Scottish Government.

4.1.4 In addition, the LEP continues through its planning to ensure that all groups are provided with opportunities to participate in work, including those with disabilities and long-term health conditions, those with a background of offending and our resettled individuals and families.

4.1.5 *The LEP seeks approval to continue its focus on supporting priority groups:*

- *Young people most at risk of not participating in education, training, or employment especially those who have care experience*
- *Those with physical and mental health conditions, including disabilities and additional support need*
- *Those who are long term unemployed*
- *Families with children experiencing poverty*
- *Employers and SMEs in Dumfries & Galloway especially those businesses facing skills shortages*

with a focus on place: Lochside and Lincluden; Dumfries Central; Stranraer West; Summerville; Annan East and Upper Nithsdale;

and underpinned by fair work principles and inclusive growth which is sustainable for people and planet.

4.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the most recent key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new draft overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?

Health & Wellbeing

Activities

Working directly with Revenue and Benefits department to look at in work calculation for those clients who are long term unemployed to get an understanding of moving into some form of employment. Engaging directly with clients on a 1:1 and offer opportunities such as volunteering. Initial steps to support the client to make changes which can impact on their mental wellbeing and improving and seeing the benefits of changing to their income within the household.

Projects

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| Condition Management Programme | 70k | In procurement |
| Intermediate Labour Market (Economically Inactive) | 100k | In development |

Work

Activities

The focus of the LEP Delivery Plan is on progression closer to, into and in work. One area of recent success has been the partnership with Dumfries based Nithcree Training. The LEP, through No One Left Behind funding, has supported 10 individuals to complete their HGV training and associated qualifications. Each individual faced a barrier to work, but with support from Nithcree and their Employment Key Worker, is now preparing for a well-paid, secure and fulfilling career in Logistics.

Projects

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| Employer Recruitment Incentives | 120k | In delivery |
| Intermediate Labour Market (Priority Parents) | 100k | In development |

Where We Live/Place.

Activities

Based on a range of data the Delivery Plan focuses on six priority areas: Lochside and Lincluden, Dumfries Central, Stranraer West, Summerville, Annan East and Upper Nithsdale. Working closely with other Ward team colleagues and partners to collaborate and offer opportunities to support our target groups. Partnership working to offer outreach session to a targeted rural area.

Projects

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| Place Based Service Design and Innovation Fund | 125k | In procurement |
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4.3 Preparations for Winter: Through your respective Partnerships and associated Plans/Strategies, please detail your anticipated challenges for the Winter period; key risks and any proactive work which you are taking

forward to help mitigate impacts on our communities and vulnerable individuals:

DGLEP delivery will continue throughout the winter including courses and key worker support. To ensure that people can continue to engage with our service we will maximise the use of technology where appropriate.

Lead Officer: Lynne Burgess, Employability, Skills & Partnerships Manager

5. Health and Social Care Strategic Plan

5.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your respective Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members? (i.e. including any key decisions/approvals that may be required to be taken by Board Members).

5.2 In July 2023 the IJB Strategic Planning Delivery and Commissioning Committee (<https://dghscp.co.uk/ijb-strategic-planning-delivery-and-commissioning-committee/>) took reports on

- the Partnership's 2022/23 Annual Delivery Plan Quarter 4 Update
- 2023/24 Annual Delivery Plan (ADP) and
- 2023/26 Medium Term Plan (MTP)

5.3 Key achievements for Q4 were identified against a number of the 2022/23 Scottish Government priorities, these include; Staff Wellbeing, Recruitment and Retention, Sustainability and Value, Recovery of Planned Care and Urgent and Unscheduled Care.

5.4 There were challenges relating to health targets throughout Winter 2022/23. However, while our performance has not consistently met our local targets, we have continued to be the second or third best performing mainland Board against the 4-Hour ED Target, while also delivering some of the best performance against the Out-Patients and TTG (Treatment Time Guarantee) Targets.

5.5 The planning objectives of the ADP and MTP are to:

- Make rapid improvements in capacity and sustainability to support system performance through 2023 and in preparation for winter 2023/24
- Make progress in delivering the key ambitions in the NHS Recovery Plan
- Continue innovating and transforming the NHS for the future

5.6 The national 10 drivers of recovery outlined in the Delivery Plan Guidance (<https://dghscp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Item-8-Appendix-1-NHS-Scotland-Delivery-Plan-Guidance.pdf>) issued to NHS Boards is shown below:

3.2 Recovery & Renewal: The 10 Drivers of Recovery

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| 1 | Improved access to primary and community care to enable earlier intervention and more care to be delivered in the community |
| 2 | Urgent & Unscheduled Care - Provide the Right Care, in the Right Place, at the right time through early consultation, advice and access to alternative pathways, protecting inpatient capacity for those in greatest need |
| 3 | Improve the delivery of mental health support and services |
| 4 | Recovering and improving the delivery of planned care |
| 5 | Delivering the National Cancer Action Plan (Spring 2023-2026) |
| 6 | Enhance planning and delivery of the approach to health inequalities |
| 7 | Fast track the national adoption of proven innovations which could have a transformative impact on efficiency and patient outcomes |
| 8 | Implementation of the Workforce Strategy |
| 9 | Optimise use of digital & data technologies in the design and delivery of health and care services for improved patient access |
| 10 | Climate Emergency and Environment |

5.7 Alongside the national drivers, the IJB plan outlines 7 Strategic Commissioning Intentions (SCIs) and NHS Board has identified 13 Tactical Priorities. These drivers and priorities have a lot of commonality and we are able to map ADP actions to all of them to track progress.

5.8 Regular monitoring against the ADP, mapped to the appropriate drivers and priorities will be reported through the NHS Board and the IJB.

5.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the most recent key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new draft overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?

Health & Wellbeing

A range of actions from the ADP support health and wellbeing, including (but not limited to):

- Contributing to the delivery of the Poverty and Inequalities Strategy and its supporting Actions Plans, delivering the SIEP Action Plan and developing the Health at Work programme to focus on under-represented groups within the workforce
- Implementing the work of the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership delivery plan will assist in supporting people to reduce problematic drug use and thereby reduce some of the effects on health inequalities
- Establishing a Residential Rehabilitation Pathway will assist in supporting people to access residential support to achieve and alcohol and drug free lifestyle and thereby reduce some of the effects on health inequalities.

- Updating the Independent Advocacy Plan will ensure people have more equitable access to independent advocacy and other supports to ensure that their voices are heard
- A Women's Health Plan aims to improve health and reduce inequalities for women in Dumfries and Galloway
- Anchor Organisation - This area of work will build on work undertaken during 22/23 to further embed our approach to tackling inequalities through maximising our anchor organisation status and mainstreaming this into the business of the Health and Social Care Partnership and NHS Board ensuring appropriate monitoring and governance mechanisms are in place.

Work

- Hybrid Working - The NHS Board will review current space utilisation as well as create some bespoke hybrid working areas to encourage and support staff working in a hybrid manner. This will improve staff wellbeing, building utilisation and have a positive impact on the Board's carbon footprint.
- Implementation of Allocate system modules - 4 stage implementation plan of the following modules: Healthroster11, safe care, Loop, eJobplan, eRota, medic on duty, activity planner.
- Digital Infrastructure (to support new Models of Care Delivery)
- Office 365 Deployment Plan (to seek Benefits Realisation)

Where We Live/Place

- Energy costs are forecast to continue to increase. The NHS Board will develop and adopt an Energy Strategy which will support the direction of travel and a reduction in energy usage whilst having a positive impact on carbon emissions.
- The NHS Board's Property Strategy is being updated to investigate ways in which we can rationalise the estate whilst maximising use of retained buildings. This will generate revenue savings and a reduction in the carbon footprint.
- Reduce car fleet size due to reduction in face to face meetings etc. Will also introduce electric vehicles.
- A range of projects relating to the climate emergency

5.3 Preparations for Winter: Through your respective Partnerships and associated Plans/Strategies, please detail your anticipated challenges for the Winter period; key risks and any proactive work which you are taking forward to help mitigate impacts on our communities and vulnerable individuals:

5.3.1 The Partnership is developing a Target Operating Model, which defines what thresholds of unscheduled hospital activity could look like over the winter period. This will enable teams to focus on flow through services, particularly where people become delayed.

5.3.2 There is ongoing surveillance of people waiting for Care at Home to be put in place and a community waiting team to support delays.

5.3.3 Focus over the winter period will include frailty at the front door of the hospital, developing plans for commissioning intermediate care close to people's homes and ongoing multi agency support for the most vulnerable Care Homes.

Lead Officer: Julie White, Chief Operating Officer, IJB

6. Local Development Plan 2**6.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your respective Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members?**

6.1.1 The Scottish Government published its local development planning guidance in May. The guidance sets out Scottish Minister's expectations for implementing Local Development Plans. It brings together requirements from the National Planning Framework 4, the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, as amended, and the Regulations. The guidance is a "live" document and will be updated to reflect best practice and lessons learned once the new system is in operation.

6.1.2 The timetable for the preparation of LDP3 was included in the Development Plan Scheme which was approved at the June meeting of Economy and Resources Committee. Work continues on preparing the evidence report which is the first stage in preparing LDP3.

6.1.3 The project board which has been established to oversee project, meets on a quarterly basis. Membership comprises Council officers, the Health and Social Care Partnership and South of Scotland Enterprise. The next meeting is on 7 September 2023.

6.1.4 Local Place Plans – so far, 22 expressions of interest have been received from communities interested in finding out more about the process. Work is ongoing in raising awareness of LPPs with Council services and partners to help with the development and delivery of plans.

6.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new draft overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?**Health & Wellbeing**

- The Council are taking part in a digital CivTech pilot to develop a case study that looks at the various services and facilities in a settlement to understand how accessible they are using various modes of transport based on the sustainable travel hierarchy. The case study is focusing on the health and wellbeing aspect.

Work

- Improve our understanding of what the market need and demand is for business and industry land and units across the region to inform LDP3.

Where We Live

- We are carrying out audits of the larger towns across the region using Scotland's Town Partnership toolkit. The audit looks at a number of factors. The results will be used as part of the evidence base for LDP3.
- The opportunity for community bodies to prepare a Local Place Plan enables them to influence their immediate environment. The Local place Plan will cover the issues that are of the most importance to that community.
- Plan will cover the issues that are of the most importance to that community.

Lead Officer: Shona McCoy, Team Leader, Local Development Plan, Dumfries and Galloway Council

7. Local Housing Strategy

7.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your respective Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members? (i.e. including any key decisions/approvals that may be required to be taken by Board Members).

7.1.1 A report will be presented to the 5 September 2023 meeting of Economy and Resources Committee seeking agreement of the 2023 review of the Council's Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP).

7.1.2 A SHIP sets out a Local Authority's strategic investment objectives for housing over a 5-year period, specifically affordable housing, and Gypsy/Traveller accommodation. It should support the priorities and outcomes set out in its Local Housing Strategy (LHS) and is the key document for identifying proposed projects which require Affordable Housing Supply Programme (AHSP) funding support.

7.1.3 A 3-year AHSP allocation of £61.841m is available for Dumfries and Galloway, and the report includes a recommendation for the inclusion of a further development pipeline project for 56 new homes in the West of the region.

7.1.4 Rent affordability plays a crucial role in tackling the cost-of-living crisis, with high housing costs being one of the biggest drivers of poverty, especially affecting single adults and families with children. Increasing the provision of affordable housing helps by providing high quality homes at lower cost to residents. New properties developed via the SHIP will also meet high energy efficiency standards, supporting work to lower levels of fuel poverty.

7.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the most recent key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new draft overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?

Health & Wellbeing

A Care and Support Needs Housing Strategy Group provides a platform for strategic discussion and decision making in partnership with NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Adult Social Work Services. Membership of this group includes Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and the Council's Homelessness and Housing Options Service. The aim is to deliver new housing developments for people with particular needs and to investigate new models of service delivery that support independent living. The following SHIP projects are targeted at meeting needs identified through this work:

- College Rd, Dumfries
- Lockerbie Old School Project
- Murtholm Farm, Langholm

Work

Investment in affordable housing has significant economic impacts which include promoting inclusive growth by creating jobs, increasing GVA and providing large multiplier effects. The £multi-million projects being delivered via the SHIP support the local construction sector,

while RSL procurement activated aim to secure new apprenticeships and training opportunities.

Where We Live/Place

A fundamental theme of the SHIP is regeneration of deprived areas, working in partnership with local communities and RSLs. The Lochside Collaborative Regeneration Proposal sets out several key delivery outcomes. These are based on Green Infrastructure, Community, Added Value, Housing, Employment and Equality, and Health and Wellbeing. Community engagement work is currently at an advanced stage, with the creation of a Local Delivery Group and numerous events having been held in the area.

While this is targeted to one location at this time, it is intended to provide a learning opportunity for all those involved, to seek replication throughout the region. Lochside was chosen initially on the basis of having the largest population living in one of the worst areas based on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD).

7.3 Preparations for Winter: Through your respective Partnerships and associated Plans/Strategies, please detail your anticipated challenges for the Winter period; key risks and any proactive work which you are taking forward to help mitigate impacts on our communities and vulnerable individuals:

The LHS sets out the strategic approach of Dumfries and Galloway Council in reducing fuel poverty for people living in the region. A number of initiatives currently leverage significant investment into the area for the provision of energy efficiency measures.

The 2023/24 Energy Efficient Scotland Area Based Schemes are underway, with large scale construction projects providing solid wall insulation targeting deprived areas. A budget of over £2.3million has been provided by the Scottish Government to support this work.

In addition, the Council's own Energy Company Obligation 4 Local Authority Flex Scheme was established in April 2023. This provides energy efficiency measures to eligible households living in the private sector. Those able to benefit from the scheme include people particularly vulnerable to the cold due to health conditions, who can be referred to the scheme by their GP. The scheme has seen significant interest to date, with around 200 applications having been assessed as eligible to date.

Lead Officer: Jamie Little, Strategic Housing Investment, Economy and Resources Directorate, Dumfries and Galloway Council

8. Poverty and Inequality Strategy 2021-26

8.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of the respective Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members? (i.e. including any key decisions/approvals that may be required to be taken by Board Members).

8.2 The delivery of the Dumfries and Galloway Poverty & Inequalities Partnership Strategy 2021-2026 continues to be on target and completed with all of the 4 Sub-Groups working towards the overall Strategy Vision of “A Dumfries and Galloway in which local action has driven poverty as low as possible and has mitigated as far as possible the impact of poverty when experienced”.

1. We are pleased to announce that after a robust recruitment process, Nick Hopkins was appointed as the new Chair of the Partnership in June 2023. Nick began his new role on Wednesday 2nd August 2023 and a detailed Induction Plan has been developed and agreed which will be completed during August & September 2023. This will include meetings with various Members of the Community Planning Partnership Board & Nick will attend the next Partnership Meeting on Wednesday 6th September 2023.
2. All of the Sub-Groups are continuing to deliver their Priority Projects which are reported and scrutinised in detail to each of the Partnership Meetings through the Priority Sub-Group Action Plan Projects Monitoring & Evaluation Reporting Framework. The Framework was reviewed during the Partnership Meeting in May 2023 and additional additions and amendments which have been requested will be completed.
3. The Sub-Groups currently have 30 priority Projects which are being delivered with 3 completed and 27 on target to be completed on schedule.
 - Due to the progress of their current priority Projects, Sub-Group 1 “Tackling severe and persistent poverty and destruction” and “Building individual and community resilience to poverty” and Sub – Group 2 – “Measuring income of people facing poverty” and Sub-Group 3 “Reducing financial pressures on people facing poverty” will all be reviewing their full Action Plans in September / October 2023 to agree on their proposed next Priority Projects which will then be submitted to the main Partnership Meeting after that date for approval.
4. At the next Partnership Meeting on 6th September 2023, as well as introducing Nick, we will also be receiving a detailed presentation from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation on their current policy development, national Reports and details of current issues in relation to all forms of poverty and their effects on all families & individuals particularly relating to Dumfries & Galloway
5. The Sub-Group 4 (Developing the Approach to Child Poverty including the 2022/2023 Annual Report and updating the 2020-2023 Action Plan) are

progressing well with the draft Child Poverty Action Plan Report. This has been submitted to three additional NHS Committee's this year for comment and the final draft Report will be submitted to the full NHS Board and Dumfries and Galloway Council Full Council at the end of September 2023.

6. We are still waiting on the detailed feedback from the Improvement Service and the Scottish Government on the Annual Report form last year. The Chair for Sub-Group 4 is following this up to ensure that all comments received are fully integrated into the latest Report to ensure that we are fully meeting the aspirations of the Scottish Government in relation to how we report on all of the Child Poverty Actions within the Region.
7. At the next Partnership Meeting on 6th September 2023, we will also be receiving a detailed Report from the Poverty & Inequalities Partnership Communication Sub-Group on the further development of the Cost of Living Website. This report will include data on its usage each month.
8. We will also be receiving details of the planning and draft Programme for the annual Challenge Poverty Week 2023 activities which are due to take place from Monday 2nd October – Sunday 8th October 2023. This will include the theme for this year's campaign awareness raising week which is led nationally by The Poverty Alliance. This will be a Partnership approach to the programme again for this year.
9. Sub-Group 1 is holding an additional Workshop on Wednesday 16th August 2023 to develop a funding proposal for the Scottish Government's new Cash First Fund which opened for Applications on the 31st of July 2023. Funding of up to £200,000 is available and the agreed draft funding Application will be reviewed by all Sub-Group 1 Members and then submitted to the main Partnership for final review before submission to the Scottish Government for the Fund Closing Date which is the 1st of September 2023.
10. Sub-Group 4 will also be holding an additional Workshop during August 2023 to discuss a funding proposal to the new Scottish Government for the new Child Poverty Accelerator Fund which has the same timeline for Applications as the above Cash First Fund. This fund is open for applications of between £30,000 - £80,000 for projects which fit the criteria detailed and several proposals for consideration were offered by Sub-Group Members during their Meeting which was held on Tuesday 8th August 2023. As above, the agreed draft Application will be reviewed by all Sub-Group Members before submission for consideration by the main Partnership prior to the closing date for the Fund of the 1st of September 2023.

8.2 In terms of the existing Plan/Strategy, what are the most recent key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new draft overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on the local communities?

Health & Wellbeing

By their very nature, every one of the Sub-Group Projects mitigate the impacts of the Cost of Living Crisis. Detailed below are the key activities / projects/initiative which will be covered under this draft overarching theme for the LOIP:

- A further 17,500 “Worrying About Money” Leaflets which have been codesigned by the Food Aid Network Project and all project partners have been ordered and distributed throughout the Region. These offer detailed help and advice on who to approach depending on the financial situation which each individual may find themselves in (e.g. no funding at all – Crisis Grant Application through Dumfries & Galloways Council’s Financial Wellbeing and Revenues Team). Feedback from our Food Providers has been very positive in relation to these Leaflets which are easily included in Food Parcels throughout the Region and the ordering and delivery process has also been highlighted as incredibly easy to use with delivery completed efficiently and quickly which is vital when stocks run low.
- Leaflets have been delivered to all Council frontline Service Depots within the Region to support all of the Community Asset Team Members of Staff. These have been displayed and are available for use by all Team Members without any other members of staff knowing that these have been accessed.
- Sub-Groups 2 Project in conjunction with The Share Foundation who specialise in finding the owners of unclaimed Child Trust Funds all aged between 16-19 is due to be launched shortly throughout the Region. There are currently approximately 1,500 unclaimed Child Trust Funds within Dumfries and Galloway with a balance of approximately £1,500 in each account. Through working with this organisation, the Sub-Group 2 Members along with additional partners including the Youth Work Services Team aim to successfully secure this additional £2,250,000 to all of these young people.
- Delivering a dedicated campaign lead by Dumfries & Galloway Council, Social Security Scotland and all Sub-Group 2 Partners to maximise the number of applications to the Social Security Scotland Child Grant Payment. This Grant was first launched last year for children from birth to six years old & was expanded in November last year to include all children and young people up to the age of 16. We plan to secure applications to this Fund for every child within the Region who is currently registered to receive Free School Meals (just over 4,000 children & young people) to begin with, then to work towards ensuring that every eligible child has applied to receive the additional £25.00 per week which they are eligible to receive.

Work

- Through joint working with the Employability and Skills Service of Dumfries and Galloway Council who are supporting Sub-Group 4, we are assisting with the dissemination of information and details of access for all of their new Local

Employability Projects which have been funded by Scottish Government Funding of £1,327,000 up to the end of March 2024. These include all of the following projects which are all due to be launched shortly:

- 121 Key worker Support, ERI and ILM (£790k – not all parents),
- Whole Household Support (£170k),
- Place Based Innovation and Service Design (£125k),
- Employer Led Sector Training – INTO work (£120k),
- Employer Led Sector Training In work(120k),
- Support for disabled partners and parents of disabled children (£50+K),
- Moving in to work grants and support (17.5K – not all parents),
- HGV training £20k (not all parents),
- Fair Work, Links to employers in the thirds, private and public sector and Data Lab.

Where We Live/Place

- Dumfries & Galloway Council's Poverty and Inequalities Team are continuing to deliver the Emergency Energy Payment Assistance Programme which offers Emergency Energy Payments to avoid anyone having no energy supply within their homes. In addition, due to the partnership working which we have completed with the Lemon Aid Fuel Poverty Project, additional support to any resident with fuel poverty arrears is also being accessed through the Fuel Bank Foundation. Arrears are repaid by the Fuel Bank to the Fuel Provider and then repaid by the resident through a new separate account which allows them to resume manageable top up payments to any meters which they may have within their home or via Direct Debit which ever method is used.
- The Sub-Group 1, 2 & 3 are progressing with their Priority Projects which are providing additional Drop in Provision to Food Providers by Project Partners including Dumfries & Galloway Citizens Advice Service, the Department of Work and Pensions, Social Security Scotland, Home Energy Scotland, Lemon Aid Fuel Poverty Project and others at the most appropriate times each week / month. This will ensure additional support for all customers calling in which will help with increasing their benefit maximisation, debt reduction and additional fuel poverty reduction support.
- Working with Windfarm Community Trusts to offer support on a range of additional projects which will help their local communities to tackle fuel poverty at this challenging time. This includes discussions on how funding can be allocated locally to specific tackling poverty and inequalities projects as well as making donations of surplus funding to ensure that those most in need within small rural communities are supported through the windfarm funding which is being generated within their local areas.

8.3 Preparations for Winter: Through the respective Partnerships and associated Plans/Strategies, please detail the anticipated challenges for the Winter period; key risks and any proactive work which you are taking forward to help mitigate impacts on the communities and vulnerable individuals:

Anticipated Challenges

- Due to the continual increase in the numbers of families / individuals who will need to access support due to the on-going Cost of Living Crisis, all support services and project partners will see increased demands on their Services throughout the winter months. This could cause increased challenges in terms of the capacity of all services / projects which are already stretched at this time.

Key Risks

- Prolonged severe winter weather will result in increased home energy / fuel costs. Although the costs of main energy providers have reduced slightly since the highest levels costs earlier this year, families & individuals who are already struggling due to the Cost of Living Crisis will struggle to cover the costs of heat and energy within their homes.

Proactive Work

- All of the Partnership Members will continue to deliver the Priority Projects which have been specifically chosen to mitigate the impacts of the Cost of Living Crisis.
- This includes detailed support to the work completed by Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway on Warm Hubs including highlighting their location, opening hours and availability along with offering additional support through all Project Partners for additional Drop In's to highlight their specific support services to help all families and individuals to get through the challenging winter months.
- The Cost of Living Website features specific information on all projects which support additional winter costs. A review will be completed during September / October 2023 to ensure that all current and new Projects are included within the detailed pages.
- The Emergency Energy Payment Assistance Programme will continue to be delivered throughout the winter months until the end of March 2024. Detailed advertising and referrals will continue to be completed to reach as many residents of the Region as possible.
- We will be encouraging all Food Providers and Project Partners to refer on anyone who they may be concerned about to the Services and Agencies which can offer the most support at the earliest indication that they are struggling to cope to avoid them falling deeper into poverty / deprivation at that point.

Lead Officer: Mark Molloy, Service Manager, Dumfries and Galloway Council & Interim Chair of Dumfries and Galloway Poverty and Inequalities Partnership

9. South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy

9.1 What are the key issues/progress updates/future plans in terms of the delivery of your respective Plan/Strategy that you would like to bring to the attention of Board Members? (i.e. including any key decisions/approvals that may be required to be taken by Board Members).

9.1.1 Good progress is being made in implementing the ambition of the South of Scotland Regional Economic Strategy through actions captured in the Delivery Plan. As reported in the last update, the members of the Regional Economic Partnership (REP) agreed to prioritise three key areas over the next two years (2023-2025): housing, transport infrastructure and skills.

9.1.2 The current actions in the Delivery Plan are being reviewed over the coming weeks, with an updated version being presented to the REP for approval at the next meeting in September. A more detailed update of the activities will be provided for the next meeting of the Community Planning Partnership.

9.2 In terms of your existing Plan/Strategy, what are the most recent key activities/projects/initiatives ongoing which specifically contribute to the three new draft overarching Themes for the new LOIP and any positive impacts that they may be having on our local communities?

Health and Wellbeing (i.e. contribution to mitigating Cost of Living impacts; addressing health inequalities, improving the health & wellbeing of our citizens, tackling poverty)

- Theme 5, “Green and Sustainable Economy”, includes an action on community wealth building. A workshop is planned for 30th August where colleagues from SOSE, Local Authorities, Registered Social Landlords and Colleges will discuss the technical challenges and skills needs involved in retrofit of housing stock. Retrofit in social housing stock will benefit tenants by improving energy efficiency and reducing fuel poverty.




Work (i.e. contribution to economy, skills, local employability, volunteering)




- Theme 3, “Rewarding and Fair Work”, included an action to develop a South of Scotland Cycling Strategy. This was launched last year, and one of the key projects was to host part of the UCI World Championships. This took place in the region in early August. There has also been the digital launch of a new cycling route across the Dumfries & Galloway and Scottish Borders, the Kirkpatrick C2C.



Where We Live (i.e. Place Planning, Connectivity (digital, transport) contribution to Climate, Housing, positive action taken to address key local issues identified by Communities)



- Theme 5, “Green and Sustainable Economy”, encompasses actions such as the development of a Regional Land Use Framework. The Regional Land Use Partnership pilot is entering its third phase, following two rounds of stakeholder consultation. UNESCO status for the Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere (GSAB) has been confirmed for another ten years. The GSAB boundary will now be extended to incorporate: Alloway; The Rhins of Galloway - Scotland’s most southernly point; and 12 nautical miles of the marine environment. The site will grow from more than 5,200 km² to almost 9,800 km².

APPENDIX 2 – CLD PLAN SUMMARY

| QUALITATIVE COMMENTS AGAINST EACH THEME | PROGRESS |
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| 1. Children & Young People | |
| Good progress has been made including work linked to UNCRC Children's Rights; The Promise; Youth Participation; Accredited opportunities; Modern Apprenticeships; Family Learning/Parenting and the D&G Youth Council. |  |
| 2. Learning, Skills & Employability | |
| <p>Good progress has been made linked to the impact of the Adult Learning Recovery Fund which helped build stronger relationships with sector partners.</p> <p>New Co-ordinated offer for School Leavers aged 16-24 and the work taking place through Young Person's Guarantee Partnership & No One Left Behind has been positive.</p> <p>Co-ordinated support to refugees including significant ESOL support and securing additional staffing resources.</p> <p>New Lifelong Learning programme launched offering a range of in person/hybrid learning opportunities.</p> <p>Strength of Foodsharing networks and learning from Covid.</p> |  |
| 3. Inclusion & Equalities | |
| <p>Good progress achieved evidenced through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DGC Youth Work Services achieved silver LGBT Charter Mark status. • Partner co-ordination around meeting the needs of Gypsy Travellers. • Targeted work through the Whole Family Support Group to support parents/families in need of help the most. • New Poverty & Inequalities model and allocation of funding to those experiencing the greatest hardship. |  |
| 4. Health & Wellbeing | |

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| <p>Good progress has been evident through Council, Health & Social Care/NHS and Third Sector, in particular, to help communities recover from Covid; tackle poor mental health and wellbeing and facilitate a wide range of opportunities to help improve mental health & wellbeing and reduce social isolation. This includes the launch of a new D&G Active initiative aimed at improving the health & wellbeing of our residents.</p> |  |
| 5. Community Development, Empowerment & Renewal | |
| <p>Very good progress has been made building on well-established mechanisms and networks which worked well during the Covid response and now integral to supporting recovery and renewal including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A new Place Planning Partnership in place to help communities develop their own plans; range of self-help materials produced; supporting capacity building; sharing of learning. • SoSE supporting economic recovery through funding and professional advice. • A range of locally based Community Conversations/Ward events helping to facilitate a “bottom up” approach to community planning and taking positive action in partnership with our communities. • Establishment of Home Teams as part of a new model for Health & Social Care. • SOSE supporting economic recovery through funding and professional advice. They awarded £5.1M of funding to 66 enterprising Community organisations across the South of Scotland in 2021/22 to support priority town regeneration, community ideas and project development. This investment has safeguarded 148 jobs and created 79 new jobs. |  |
| 6. Climate Change | |
| <p>Whilst some good progress has been made, there is work to do across Partners to co-ordinate and focus efforts.</p> <p>Positive opportunities were capitalised on linked to COP 26 and which led to Climate Champions being appointed through Youth Work.</p> |  |

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| <p>Lifelong Learning developed and rolled out a Climate Awareness Course which was well received.</p> <p>D&G Active Travel Strategy approved through DGC.</p> <p>SOSE became a Carbon Literate organisation achieving a Carbon Literate Organisation Bronze Award after rolling out climate and carbon literacy training to all their Board and staff members.</p> | |
| 7. Digital | |
| <p>Positive work has taken place across partners to help co-ordinate the issuing of devices through Connecting Scotland Funds to those who need them most.</p> <p>TSDG commissioned a piece of work around Digital Exclusion research which is now helping to better understand and shape the digital needs of our communities.</p> <p>Through the Community Planning Partnership Board, a Digital Skills Strategy has been developed and which has considered the Exclusion research and needs of businesses and workforces.</p> <p>On the ground a range of CLD Partners are providing digital skills support to individuals within our communities including drop in's; champions programmes; informal support and accredited opportunities.</p> |  |
| 8. Volunteering | |
| <p>Volunteering continues to be strong within Dumfries & Galloway with HSC/NHS, Council and Third Sector all offering opportunities, training to develop new skills and experiences leading into employability.</p> <p>TSDG have a "match and gap" tool to help match volunteers to the most suitable opportunities and also lead on a Mentoring Programme.</p> |  |

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| DGC have successfully progressed accreditation through Volunteering Scotland. | |
| 9. Workforce | |
| Work has commenced on developing a pathway for progression into CLD careers linked to DG College. This is still work in progress at the moment. Practitioners have benefitted from a wide array of learning opportunities including those offered through Education Scotland, however tracking these has proved to be difficult across partners. |  |
| 10. Governance | |
| An updated Terms of Reference was approved for the Partnership and a draft performance framework is in development. Self-reflection is an important part of the culture of the CLD Partnership, however a more formal assessment against the new How Good is our CLD4 QI's has not yet been completed, however proposals to take this forward have been agreed at recent partnership meetings along with upskilling. CLD Partners took part in the CLD Thematic Inspection held in May 2022 and self-evaluation exercises have recently been completed through the Children's Services Partnership, Local Employability Partnership and Ward Working team as part of the wider Council Communities Model concept. |  |
| Link to full report CLD Partners Strategic Plan - Dumfries and Galloway Council (dumgal.gov.uk) | |



COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 1 SEPTEMBER 2023

ITEM 9

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| Author: Stephen Jack, Lifelong Learning Manager | Responsible Senior Officer: Richard Grieveson, Director Communities |
| Report Title: BUSINESS BRIEF | |
| <p><u>1. Situation:</u> This Briefing provides an update on recent national developments, including the review of Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, the national Independent Review of the Skills Delivery Landscape, an important Governance matter in relation to the Refugee Resettlement Board which requires homologation and also an update on Community Transport.</p> | |
| <p><u>2. Background:</u> 2.1 The business brief is used to update CPPB Members on key local and national projects/initiatives which have key relevance to Community Planning along with relevant Governance matters as appropriate.</p> | |
| <p><u>3. Key Issues:</u> <u>Refugee Resettlement Board</u> 3.1 Post the previous CPPB meeting held on 2 June 2023, a matter arose in relation to the Refugee Resettlement Board which is one of the key Thematic Working Groups which form part of our Community Planning model.</p> <p>3.2 The issue which emerged and required urgent attention was to seek agreement to extend the existing remit of the Resettlement Board to cover Asylum Seekers. As per the agreed procedure for these types of situations which may occur in between Board meetings, the matter was delegated to members of the Community Planning Senior Leadership Team (CPSLT) in liaison with the Co-Chairs of the CPPB.</p> <p>3.3 Following consultation, all members of the CPSLT and both Co-Chairs of the CPPB were in full agreement to extend the remit of the Board and this decision has now been communicated to the Chair of the Resettlement Board and requires to be homologated at this meeting. The background to the request is attached in Appendix 1.</p> <p><u>Community Planning: Post-Legislative Scrutiny of Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015</u> 3.4 Scottish Parliament’s Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee have now published their report on Community Planning Partnerships and the full report can be viewed online through the attached link: Community Planning: Post-legislative scrutiny of Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 Scottish Parliament</p> <p>3.5 For ease of reference, the summary of findings is attached in Appendix 2, with the main points of interest being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPP’s should have a clear and defined role in any national guidance on the local response to emergency situations; | |



- Future proofing any revision to guidance to include new national priorities such as Community Wealth Building and regionalised Economic Development;
- Widening of membership;
- Scottish Government should explore whether its ambitions for Community Planning are realistic without any direct investment;
- Streamlining complex lines of accountability;
- The need to resource a network of Community Engagement Officers;
- Scottish Government should consider commissioning work to explore the impact made through CPP's in improving in equalities;

Report on the Independent Review of the Skills Delivery Landscape provided to Scottish Ministers by James Withers

3.6 The review considered skills functions and remits of Scotland's national public bodies, making 15 recommendations for future adaptations to support the National Strategy for Economic Transformation. The full report is available here:

[Fit for the Future: developing a post-school learning system to fuel economic transformation - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/resources/documents/2022/04/220401_fit_for_the_future_developing_a_post_school_learning_system_to_fuel_economic_transformation.pdf) . The key recommendations are attached in **Appendix 3** for interest with the summary of key recommendations detailed as follows:

- Scottish Government (SG) should take a clearer leadership role in post-school learning;
- Establish a single, coherent narrative of what a successful post-school learning system looks like;
- SG should be responsible for national skills planning and oversight of sector and regional needs;
- Establish a clear template for regional skills planning;
- Establish a single national funding body for the delivery of publicly funded post-school learning and training provision;
- SG to design the process for how funding for all learning and training provision, including apprenticeships is allocated;
- Ensure provision in the system for those undertaking part-time learning or pursuing certain approved accelerated retraining programmes;
- Ensure that the new qualifications body has a clear remit for national oversight of post school qualifications landscape;
- SG should carry out a comprehensive audit of post-school qualifications and pathways;
- SG, with relevant partners, should scope and commission the design of a digital training record which learners can use throughout their lives;
- Skills Development Scotland should be substantially reformed and recast as the national body for careers education and promotion;
- The existing Scottish Apprenticeship Advisory Board should be wound down in its current form, and a network of regional employer boards and a national employers forum should be established;
- Responsibility for supporting businesses with skills and workforce planning should clearly sit with the three enterprise agencies as an embedded and integrated part of business and economic development support;
- The Scottish Government's new national skills planning function should work with the enterprise agencies and other relevant partners to ensure that public sector growth



investment for priority sectors (e.g. through seed investment or licensing and consenting regimes) becomes conditional on business investment in their current and future workforce;

- Having set out its plans for reform, the Scottish Government must clearly map, communicate and promote the entry points for different system users.

Current position with Community Transport within Dumfries & Galloway

3.7 The matter of Community Transport and the associated Public Social Partnership has been a matter of interest and discussion at CPPB meetings during 2022/23 and has been identified as a key priority within our new LOIP.

3.8 A discussion took place at the August CPSLT meeting to take stock of the current position and funding requirements going forward. It was acknowledged that:

- £53,000 had been secured from DGC through the February 2023 budget setting process to support the PSP and particularly the existing support provided to older/more vulnerable people in getting to medical and other appointments along with tackling social isolation;
- That a funding application to the NHS Endowment Fund had recently been considered and generated discussion, however it is unlikely that funding would be considered until next year's large grants programme with clarity required around the proposed exit strategy.

3.9 The Chief Executive of Third Sector D&G recently met with the Lead Officer from SWestrans to discuss how best to move forward in terms of the delivery of the Community Transport Strategy and agreed before pursuing other sources of funding that there needed to be a period of consolidation with the third sector to build up capacity and capability of existing community transport providers and find new providers where no community transport exists. It was agreed that further discussion would take place through the CPSLT and also involving SoSE with transport also identified as a priority for the Regional Economic Partnership.

Community Planning Senior Leadership Team (CPSLT)

3.10 The approved minute of the CPSLT meeting held on 11 May is attached in **Appendix 5** for noting.

4. Recommendations:

The CPPB is invited to:

4.1 **Agree** to homologate the decision in relation to the Refugee Resettlement Board as detailed at para 3.3 and as per the report attached in **Appendix 1**;

4.2 **Note** the findings of the national Community Planning review as summarised in para 3.5 and as detailed in **Appendix 2**;

4.3 **Note** the findings of the Independent Review of the Skills Delivery Landscape as outlined at 3.6 and as detailed in **Appendix 3** ;

4.4 **Note** the current position with Community Transport as detailed at paras 3.7-3.9; and

4.5 **Note** the minute from the CPSLT meeting held on 11 May 2023 as attached in **Appendix 4**.

16 August 2023



Appendix (3)

Appendix 1 – Refugee Resettlement Board report

Appendix 2 – Summary of findings from Community Planning Review

Appendix 3 – Summary of findings from the Independent Review of the skills delivery landscape

Appendix 4 - Minute from the Community Planning Senior Leadership Team (11 May 2023)

Appendix 1



DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COMMUNITY PLANNING RESETTLEMENT BOARD

1. Background

The Community Planning Resettlement Board was established as a Working Group of the CPP Framework in November 2015 to support the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme in our region. It provides a forum for partners to co-ordinate their activities (some of the public bodies have statutory responsibilities) and to make best use of the funding available through each Scheme.

Since then, its remit has been expended to include support for:

- Returners following the UK Exit from the EU
- Hong Kong Visa Holders
- Afghan Citizens
- Ukraine Guests

The current arrangements are set out on the CPP website:

[Resettlement Project Board - CommunityPlanning \(dumgal.gov.uk\)](https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/resettlement-project-board)

2. Recent development

The UK Government has a scheme for the dispersal of asylum seekers, which sees our region allocated at least 62 people. The MEARS company is contracted by the Home Office to find the accommodation and support the individual asylum seekers. However there are responsibilities on Social Work Services and Health Services.

Given the relevant expertise and experience, officers have identified that the Resettlement Board could assist partners – particularly Dumfries and Galloway Council Social Work Services, NHS Dumfries and Galloway, Police Scotland, MOOL (Dumfries and Galloway Refugee Action) and the Scottish Refugee Council - as they support the asylum seekers by co-ordinating our local arrangements.

3. Communication

There is a regular Briefing issued to CPP Board, all Elected Members, MPs and MSPs. All Resettlement Board members are responsible for ensuring the relevant Management Teams/decision-making bodies in their organisation are also kept up to date and any internal governance is fulfilled.

There is a Resettlement Workstream for Communications which brings together the lead Communications Officers in the Council, NHS, Police Scotland, Third Sector D&G, Wheatley South and others; and a dedicated Communications Officer post so there is expertise in disseminating and co-ordinating work.

4. Recommendation

The CPP Board is asked to extend the remit of the Resettlement Board to include asylum seekers.

Liz Manson, Chair of the Resettlement Board
June 2023 RP/15

APPENDIX 2 – COMMUNITY PLANNING: POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY OF PART 2 OF THE COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015

Summary of key findings (uplifted directly from the main report)

18. The Committee heard from many voices about the important role that community planning plays. It is clear though that in some areas they could be more effective or require more support and investment, and our key findings summarised below include recommendations for where action should be taken.
19. The Scottish Government should ensure that its current review of the Community Empowerment Act addresses the variation in performance between CPPs.
 - In future CPPs should have a clear and defined role in any national guidance on the local response to emergency situations (such as another pandemic).
 - Where there are examples of CPPs demonstrating best practice the Scottish Government and Cosla should ensure that this is actively shared across CPPs to help improve standards.
20. The Scottish Government should consider refreshing the Community Planning Guidance in view of the comments made in this report by stakeholders. In particular this should include future-proofing the guidance so that it reflects new national priorities such as Community Wealth Building and what CPPs' role will be in this, and also the increasing regionalisation of economic development.
21. The Scottish Government should consider amending the Act to require CPPs to invite the local Third Sector Interface ('TSI') and local anchor organisations to be partners.
22. The Scottish Government should consider during its review of Part 2 of the Act how CPPs can best encourage the involvement of the private sector in community planning, for example through Business Gateway which is delivered by local authorities. It should also explore how CPPs can best contribute to increasing economic regionalisation and encourage collaboration between CPPs within regions.
23. The Scottish Government's review of the Act should explore whether its ambitions for community planning are realistic without being backed up by direct investment. CPPs may have an important role to play in new priorities such as Community Wealth Building and the Scottish Government should ensure that they are sufficiently resourced before creating any additional statutory requirements. It should also explore further how community planning partners should best direct their own resources to underpin CPPs' work.
24. The Committee believes that given the important part statutory partners other than local authorities have in community planning, Audit Scotland's routine audit of them could include the effectiveness of their participation in community planning.

25. The Scottish Government should explore how the complex lines of accountability for community planning partners could best be streamlined.
26. The Scottish Government should take the opportunity during its review of Part 2 of the Act to help renew CPPs' focus on the importance of empowerment and participation through identifying opportunities to drive improvement and share best practice. This could include increasing the funding provided to the Improvement Service.
27. CPPs should take proactive steps to ensure that communities of interest or identity are fully included in planning processes to avoid further marginalising key groups who are already at increased risk of inequality. Their voices should for example be clearly reflected in LOIPs and locality plans.
28. Community engagement requires a professional skill-set that cannot be met solely by busy CPP officers in local authorities who may lack experience. The Scottish Government should explore how it can support community planning by resourcing a network of local community engagement officers within local authorities, and by encouraging local authorities to ensure they have sufficient community planning officers.
29. The Scottish Government should consider commissioning research into the impact made by CPPs in improving inequalities. This could explore how CPPs are, and should be, linking interventions with outcomes data at a local level and outlining a framework for CPPs to use.
30. There is a need to better align outcomes across the public sector, from the Scottish Government's National Performance Framework through to local delivery by statutory partners. This would better underpin the delivery of improved outcomes at all levels and also enable the evidencing of those improvements. The Scottish Government's review of community planning should consider whether Aberdeen CPP's work to align objectives should be used as a case study and incorporated into the Strategic Guidance for CPPs.
31. The Scottish Government's review of the Act should consider how to foster more sharing of and continuity in CPP leadership, for example through minimum terms or rotating Chairs amongst partners. It should also explore what training is needed to enable effective leadership of CPPs and how this could be provided.
32. In its development of a Community Wealth Building Bill, the Scottish Government should give early consideration to the role of CPPs in delivering the policy ambitions, whether any legislative changes to their role would be required to facilitate that, and should ensure sufficient guidance is provided to CPPs about their role in community wealth building.
33. The work that the Scottish Government and Cosla are jointly undertaking to review Local Governance in Scotland should incorporate the role that CPPs have, and any conclusions reached should provide clarity for all partners on the importance of community planning.

APPENDIX 3 - Fit for the Future: developing a post-school learning system to fuel economic transformation

Recommendation 1

The Scottish Government must take a **clearer leadership role in post-school learning** policy and stronger oversight of delivery and performance.

Within the context of this Review's recommendations for reform, it should:

- set out clearly the remits and expectations of its national agencies operating in the post-school landscape thus removing ambiguity and limiting opportunities for duplication or divergent narratives,
- build into the design, statutes and structures of its bodies the expectation of joint working within an integrated post-school learning system, and;
- prepare and publish a clear framework setting out where accountability for different functions lies across the landscape.

Recommendation 2

Through its Purpose and Principles, the Scottish Government should **establish a single, coherent narrative for what a successful post-school learning system looks like** and how progress towards it will be measured.

This should:

- be accompanied by a shared terminology which sets a common strategic language and intent.
- seek to break down the tensions and false dichotomies in the current system, and;
- ensure that policy development, performance measures and programme initiatives do not inadvertently drive behaviours which run contrary to the need for parity of esteem.

Recommendation 3

The **Scottish Government should be responsible for national skills planning and oversight of sector and regional needs**, including the collation and dissemination of relevant labour market intelligence and data.

Government officials, on behalf of Scottish Ministers, should:

- establish a transparent process for identifying and communicating national priorities for workforce and skills linked to strategic policy ambitions;
- develop central oversight of national skills needs across Ministerial portfolios to ensure there is a comprehensive national picture to inform decision-making and prioritisation; and
- urgently articulate the specific skills requirements associated with the policies in the Climate Change Plan and assess these against existing

provision in the post-school learning system, taking a whole-system perspective to ensure that there is a cumulative understanding of skills needs of the path to net zero.

The relevant resources, currently in Skills Development Scotland, allocated to skills planning should be transferred to the Scottish Government to provide capacity and expertise to develop this function.

Recommendation 4

Linked to Recommendation 3 above, in recognition of the need for a genuinely place-based approach to regional and local skills planning, the Scottish Government's new skills planning function should **establish a clear template for regional skills planning**, working with providers, employers and regional economic partners and using insights from the Scottish Funding Council Regional Pathfinder projects.

This should:

- be aligned to regional economic strategy and compatible with the recommendations of the Regional Economic Policy Advisory Group Review;
- clearly articulate the roles and expectations of different regional actors in identifying skills needs, and aligning these to provision, funding and careers education;
- recognise the central role of providers, particularly the huge potential of colleges in planning for and addressing skills needs in their regions;
- allow for existing Regional Skills Investment Plans, where appropriate, to see out their existing term and empower Regional Economic Partners comprising key providers, local authorities and employer networks to co-produce future plans;
- provide for light touch oversight and monitoring by the Scottish Government to ensure regional plans are collectively delivering against identified national skills and workforce priorities; and
- ensure that regional planning is underpinned by data, by exploring how regional intelligence hubs, based on the Glasgow City Region model, could be established in each of the eight regional economic planning areas to supply relevant information and analysis to regional and local groups, and coordinate data flows with national and sectoral bodies, including from and to the Scottish Government.

Recommendation 5

Scottish Ministers should identify and **establish a single national funding body** to have responsibility for administering and overseeing the delivery of all publicly funded post-school learning and training provision. This would bring together the responsibility for funding of apprenticeships and training currently remaining in Skills Development Scotland with the functions for dispensing funding to colleges and universities currently carried out by the Scottish Funding Council. Ministers should

consider whether this new body should also include responsibilities currently undertaken by the Students Awards Agency for Scotland, which sat outside the remit of this Review.

The new funding body should be responsible for:

- allocating and distributing funding for post-school learning and training provision in line with Ministerial priorities and policies;
- managing relationships with all providers in receipt of funding;
- ensuring that provision is delivering for the needs of learners (including apprentices) through reporting against agreed outcomes and measures;
- embedding commitments to equalities, widening access and fair work within the delivery system; and
- ensuring that any funded provider, whether that is a college, university or independent provider, would have sufficient procedures in place to ensure that provision could meet the agreed definition and standards of quality as determined by a relevant quality assurance framework.

Recommendation 6

Simply transferring all existing funding mechanisms to one body is unlikely to deliver enhanced efficiencies or streamlined reporting and application requirements. As part of the process for establishing the new body, the Scottish Government should **redesign the process for how funding for all learning and training provision, including apprenticeships, is allocated** to ensure it is prioritised to deliver strategic outcomes and best value for public investment, defined in terms of preventative spend as well as economic return on investment.

The redesigned system of funding should, as a priority:

- not favour any single type of provision (i.e. have regard to parity of esteem);
- ensure it caters to national skills priorities and needs;
- offer flexibility for regional interpretation and empower decision making, in line with Recommendation 4 above;
- simplify the funding streams to providers, meaning they do not compromise delivery as they seek to satisfy the administrative burden of different audit and reporting requirements;
- Provide for a multi-year baseline funding commitment to allow greater certainty in planning (particularly for apprenticeships where employer commitment is essential);
- promote provision which embeds work-integrated learning and skills development, particularly degree-level apprenticeships;
- consider a colleges and universities first approach to ensure best value from public investment; and

- consider the introduction of mechanisms for employer-contributions where provision for certain courses or qualifications hasn't been identified as a priority for public funding but is still considered desirable by industry.

Recommendation 7

As part of the redesigned funding process in Recommendation 6,

- The Scottish Government, should ensure that there is provision in the system for those undertaking part-time learning or pursuing certain approved accelerated retraining programmes to receive the same pro-rata level of funding support for living costs as those in full time education.

Recommendation 8

Scottish Ministers should ensure that **the new qualifications body, currently being established, has a clear remit for national oversight of the post-school qualifications landscape** and for the development of all publicly funded post-school qualifications and awards, including Scottish Vocational Qualifications, apprenticeship frameworks and the underpinning National Occupational Standards.

Taking account of outcomes of Recommendation 9 below:

- The existing processes for developing, approving and accrediting all publicly-funded post-school qualifications, and the authorities responsible, should be agreed and set out clearly;
- Where processes require adaptation or enhancement, new end-to-end processes should be established and clearly communicated;
- Where appropriate, for example, in relation to technical qualifications and apprenticeships, processes should build on the employer-centric approach to development pioneered by Skills Development Scotland through the Technical Experts Group process, but incorporate providers and learners to ensure the resulting standards and qualifications or awards meet the needs of all system users; and
- The Apprenticeship Approvals Group should remain as the vehicle for approving apprenticeship frameworks while the Scottish Government considers its composition alongside wider accreditation and approval processes.

Recommendation 9

The Scottish Government should carry out a **comprehensive audit of post-school qualifications and pathways** with a view to rationalising and refining publicly funded qualifications to produce clearer articulation between qualifications and awards, and greater clarity about the purpose and opportunities of different options.

Recommendation 10

Following on from the direction of Professor Hayward's interim report:

- The Scottish Government, with relevant partners, should **scope and commission the design of a digital training record** which learners can use throughout their lives to build and evidence their development of different skills, competences and qualifications gained through learning. In time, with digital capability increasingly expanding, this record could directly link to careers services and highlight career pathways opened by the skills, competencies and qualifications held in the digital record. Developments in this area beyond Scotland, such as the European Digital Credentials for Learning, should be considered in terms of alignment to support labour mobility.

Recommendation 11

Skills Development Scotland should be substantively reformed and recast as the national body for careers education and promotion with a focus on providing impartial advice, guidance and information to people in Scotland of all ages about careers, jobs and learning and training pathways and available support.

Reshaping and broadening the work of the existing Skills Development Scotland's careers services, the body should:

- focus on building high quality local partnerships to support employability and education services, including continuing the Scottish Government's PACE service
- have a core mission to embed careers support and information within communities, educational settings and workplaces to benefit those of all ages and stages seeking to access learning and training opportunities, including those who are in work and looking to upskill or retrain;
- Support the Careers Services Collaborative to improve the quality of careers advice and provision in Scotland;
- Incorporate responsibility for the School Coordinators, currently part of DYW and introduced by the SG under the Young Person's Guarantee, to encourage and boost work-experiential learning; and
- Ensure a continued focus on learners with barriers to the workplace through managing the relationship with third sector organisations, sector skills bodies, and partnerships who support their needs (e.g. MCR Pathways, Lantra, ENABLE, the Princes Trust).

Recommendation 12

Having paved the way for wider employer leadership in the system, the existing Scottish Apprenticeship Advisory Board should be wound down in its current form, and a **network of regional employer boards and a national employers forum should be established** building on the employer-led infrastructure of the Developing the Young Workforce Network, with a refreshed and expanded remit.

At a regional level, the Network should:

- be aligned with the existing Regional Economic Partnership structures, with a remit for providing critical insight into regional skills planning and

provision and supporting businesses to connect with education and training providers and learners;

- identify priorities, delivery and performance indicators based on collective challenges and insights, rather than exclusively focussing on young people; and
- be supported by regional groups which should continue to administer budgets provided directly by the Scottish Government to support employer-led activity with autonomy to work independently with local and regional partners.

At a national level, the National Employers Forum should:

- continue to have oversight of the regional structures;
- be constituted to provide an important conduit for feeding employer insights and perspectives into national strategic policy and delivery; and
- be led by a Chair and Vice-Chair appointed by Ministers with explicit responsibility for ensuring that there is a representative voice amongst their members.

Recommendation 13

Responsibility for supporting businesses with skills and workforce planning should clearly sit with the three enterprise agencies as an embedded and integrated part of business and economic development support.

The enterprise agencies should:

- provide a clear message to all businesses looking for help to identify their skills needs that the first point of contact on workforce planning issues is your enterprise agency;
- work closely with the Scottish Government's new skills planning function and Regional Economic Partners including the network of employer-led boards, to ensure that, businesses with identified workforce needs that are not readily being met through existing services, are able to feed these in through national and regional skills planning processes to inform provision; and
- consider how existing programmes like Skills for Growth should be adapted to better support SMEs and start-ups to identify their workforce needs.

Recommendation 14

The Scottish Government's new national skills planning function should work with the enterprise agencies and other relevant partners to ensure that public sector growth investment for priority sectors (e.g. through seed investment or licensing and consenting regimes) becomes conditional on business investment in their current and future workforce. This should include a focus on business providing opportunities to embed work-based learning into school, college and university subject courses as well as direct investment back into the system.

Recommendation 15

Having set out its plans for reform, the Scottish Government must clearly map, communicate and promote the entry points for different system users.

APPENDIX 4

COMMUNITY PLANNING SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM
The Bridge, Dumfries, In Person
10.30am – Thursday 11 May 2023

Item 1**Present**

- Shona Mitchell** - Head of Operations
(Chair) Skills Development Scotland
- Paul Cameron** - Superintendent
(Vice Chair) Police Scotland
- Valerie White** - Director, Public Health Scotland
NHS Dumfries & Galloway
- Norma Austin Hart** - Chief Executive
Third Sector, Dumfries and Galloway (TSDG)
- Scott Irving** - Group Commander,
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS)
- Jane Morrison-Ross** - Chief Executive
South of Scotland Enterprise
- Julie White** - Chief Officer
Health & Social Care
- Joanna Campbell** - Principal and Chief Executive
Dumfries & Galloway College

Apologies

- Jim Brown** - Head of Education
Dumfries & Galloway Council

In attendance

- Richard Grieveson** - Head of Community Services
- Stephen Jack** - Lifelong Learning Manager
- Philip Myers** - Health and Wellbeing Specialist
- Rob Davidson** - Strategy Manager, Community Wealth Building,
South of Scotland Enterprise

1. DRAFT MINUTE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING EXECUTIVE GROUP – 29 MARCH 2023

APPROVED as a correct record.

NOTED as a matter arising that:

1.1 Richard Grieveson and Norma Austin-Hart would work on a joint paper in relation to the alignment of Strategic funding streams; and

1.2 That a workshop has been arranged in relation to the further development of Locality Hubs and to improve collaboration across Community Planning Partners.

2. ROLE AND REMIT OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM, ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHAIR/VICE CHAIR, THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOIP AND ASSOCIATED KEY AREAS OF FOCUS

2.1 **NOTED** the overview provided by Richard Grieveson on the new model for Community Planning and the critical role of the Senior Leadership Team going forward in helping to drive forward key actions linked to the new LOIP;

2.2 **AGREED** that Shona Mitchell would take on the role of Chair over the next 3 meetings up until the end of 2023 supported by Paul Cameron as Vice Chair and that future arrangements would be on a rotational basis across partners;

2.3 **NOTED** the role and remit for the CPSLT as outlined at para 3.3;

2.4 **AGREED** the suggested amendment to the criteria for membership as outlined at 3.5 for onward approval by the Board;

2.5 **CONSIDERED** the feedback from the LOIP workshops as detailed in **Appendix 4** and **AGREED** that:

- A further workshop/discussion to be held with the leads of Plans/Strategies which contribute to the LOIP to help clarify key priorities, gaps, barriers, and where the Community Planning Partnership can assist by identifying key partner actions to support the LOIP;
- Children's Health & Wellbeing; helping to address key issues stemming from the 10,000 voices consultation; mental health; digital exclusion; community transport, skills gaps and supporting routes to higher/further education should have a priority focus.

3. COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

3.1 **AGREED** that Community Wealth Building (CWB) has an important role to play in supporting a Wellbeing Economy through taking a holistic approach and embracing the role of Anchor Organisations including the community and voluntary sector;

3.2 **AGREED** that the supporting principles of CWB need to be embedded within the new LOIP;

3.3 **SUPPORTED** the concept of;

- Undertaking engagement/benchmarking with other Local Authority areas such as North Ayrshire;
- Identifying an individual to lead the co-ordination of CWB within Dumfries & Galloway; and
- Establishing a practitioner's network to develop awareness, best practice and data sharing opportunities.

3.4 **AGREED** that the Place Planning Partnership has an important role to play in terms of CWB; and

3.5 **AGREED** that a meeting would be set up with TSDG to explore the role of the Third Sector further in relation to CWB.

4. PARTNERSHIP GOVERNANCE – POVERTY AND INEQUALITIES PARTNERSHIP

4.1 **AGREED** that this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 12.10pm.



COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 1 SEPTEMBER 2023

Item 10

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| <p>Author: Stephen Jack, Lifelong Learning Manager</p> | <p>Responsible Senior Officer: Richard Grieveson, Head of Community Services</p> |
| <p>Report Title: COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP – IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2023/24</p> | |
| <p><u>1. Situation:</u> The Community Planning Improvement Plan is brought to the Senior Leadership Group for consideration on a 6-monthly basis and reported to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board.</p> | |
| <p><u>2. Background:</u> 2.1 At the CPPB held on the 2 June, Board Members noted the good progress made against the actions detailed in the Improvement Plan for 2022/23 (Appendix 1) and requested that an updated Improvement Plan be taken to the next CPSLT which would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The removal of completed actions; • Retaining existing actions/projects not yet completed/are ongoing; • The integration of new actions including a commitment to supporting the development of a sustainable Community Transport model. | |
| <p><u>3. Key Issues:</u> 3.1 Developments this year have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive work with Public Health Scotland regarding the Localised Work Programme to support priority projects; • New Community Planning website launched and continues to be added to; • Supporting digital inclusion through the work of TSDG and also the development of a Digital Skills Strategy for the region; • Extensive benchmarking undertaken with a range of local authority areas across Scotland linked to the review of the LOIP, Locality Plan and Community Planning operating model; • Third Sector D&G developing new arrangements for representation of the Third Sector. <p>3.2 A status report on the previous Improvement Plan is attached in Appendix 1.</p> <p>3.3 A refreshed Improvement Plan was considered at the CPSLT meeting held on 4 August and it has highlighted that there required to be a clear distinction made between the Improvement Plan and the new Action Plan which is being developed to support the LOIP and therefore this will be further refined alongside the development of the LOIP Action Plan. On this basis our commitment to Community Transport and Digital are now incorporated within the draft LOIP Action Plan.</p> <p>3.4 An updated Improvement Plan for 2023/24 has now been produced based on discussions with various Community Planning Partners and reflections over the past 12 months. This is attached for consideration at Appendix 2.</p> | |
| <p><u>4. Recommendations:</u></p> | |



The CPPB is asked to:

- 4.1 **Note** the position with the existing Improvement Plan 2022/23 as attached in **Appendix 1**;
- 4.2 **Consider** adopting the refreshed plan for 2023/23 as outlined in **Appendix 2**; and
- 4.3 **Agree** any additional actions or activities to be included in the proposed new Improvement Plan.





16 August 2023




Appendices (2)





Appendix 1 – Existing Improvement Plan - 2022/23



Appendix 2 – Proposed new Improvement Plan – 2023/24

APPENDIX 1 – EXISTING IMPROVEMENT PLAN

| Community Planning Partnership – Improvement Plan priorities 2022/2023 (as considered at CPPB on 2 June 2023 and CPSLT on 4 August 2023) | | | |
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| 1. Develop and implement our refreshed arrangements for Community Planning | | | |
| KEY ACTION | PROGRESS TO DATE | PROPOSED ACTIONS REQUIRED DURING 2023/24 | STATUS |
| 1.1 Develop a refreshed LOIP and new arrangements for Locality Planning. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vision, outcomes and outline arrangements for Locality Planning all agreed at March CPPB. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Published version of the new LOIP to be presented to September meeting of the CPPB. Promote and communicate new Strategy utilising a variety channels. Develop an action plan through the Community Planning Senior Leadership (CPSLT) Team to take forward key prioritised actions to support the LOIP. |  |
| 1.2 Agree and implement revised Terms of Reference for the CPPB, CPEG and Locality Hubs. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed at the March CPPB. First meeting of the new CPSLT took place on 11 May 2023 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation and monitoring |  |
| 1.3 Develop the role of Locality Hubs as the recognised vehicle for “local community planning in action.” | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A refreshed approach for Locality Hubs is currently being discussed with a workshop to be held on 20 June 2023 with key partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implement and embed new model |  |
| 1.4 Refresh membership for CPEG/ CPPB. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised membership agreed and implemented as part of the Community Planning Operating framework | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor and review effectiveness of the new arrangements |  |

| 2. Improve our Governance and evidence base | | | |
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| <p>2.1 Improve the co-ordination and use of community engagement mechanisms across partners to help inform an evidence-based, bottom-up approach to Community Planning.</p> | <p>Good examples of best practice have been evident through the development of the CLD Plan 2021-2024; Health & Social Care Strategic Needs Assessment 2022-2025 and most recently the 10,000 voices consultation with Young People which utilised the Place Standard Tool.</p> <p>Effective use of the Place Standard Tool has also been integral to the development of Local Place Plans.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners to try and develop a single place where all relevant localised data and intelligence can be held. |  |
| <p>2.2 Use up to date localised data including Strategic needs assessments/surveys to help inform our planning and priorities.</p> | <p>A range of data sources have been considered as part of the work ongoing with Public Health Scotland and D&G NHS colleagues to help support the LOIP and shape or Locality Planning approach.</p> | | |
| <p>2.3 Develop an updated performance management framework to support the annual reports on the LOIP and Locality Plan.</p> | <p>Work to develop this is underway and linked to the update at 2.2 above.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop draft framework with partners and consider through the CPSLT prior to agreement by the CPPB. |  |
| <p>2.4 Undertake a self-evaluation exercise involving CP Partners against the Improvement Service Partnership Checklist.</p> | <p>Two workshops were facilitated at the end of April with CPPB Board members. Whilst this wasn't a formal self-evaluation session the discussions were focused on improvement and securing a joint vision for the future.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once the new Community Planning arrangements start to embed it would be best practice to schedule a more formal self-evaluation against |  |

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| | | a nationally recognised framework. | |
| 2.5 Undertake benchmarking with a range of Local Authority areas to share best practice and compare performance. | Significant benchmarking has undertaken linked to the development of the LOIP/Locality Plan and this has helped to inform our new model. | A further opportunity has emerged to link with other Local Authority areas, such as North Ayrshire, as part of the development of Community Wealth Building. Annual meeting with Borders Council scheduled to take place in July. |  |
| 3. Drive forward Strategic projects which require a Community Planning approach to make a key difference to our communities | | | |
| 3.1 Approve a Digital Skills Strategy and Implementation Plan for our region. 3.1.1 Agree, monitor and take forward collective partner actions to help tackle digital exclusion. | A new Community Planning Partners' Digital Skills Strategy was approved at the CPPB in March 2023. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publish the new Strategy • Agree action/delivery plan with partners by end of 2023. |  |
| 3.2 Support the development of the Play Charter and a new Sport & Physical Activity Strategy for D&G. | There has been a "pause" on the development of the new Physical Activity Strategy at the moment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure involvement of Community Planning when work re-commences and consider key issues and opportunities emerging. |  |
| 3.3 Foster closer links with the Alcohol & Drugs Partnership to help tackle critical issues affecting the wellbeing of our communities. | The ADP has now been recognised as one of the key Partnerships which contribute to our LOIP. Discussions have also taken place with the Independent Chair of the ADP to consider | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree Governance arrangements. • Embed the ADP into the Community Planning model. • Ensure that there is a focus on tackling Drugs and |  |

| | Governance arrangements and reporting mechanisms. | Alcohol issues as part of the LOIP. | |
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| 3.4 Agree and take forward projects stemming from the PHS localised work programme. | 7 projects were agreed including the work to support the LOIP and to consider data/intelligence available to help support other work such as Place Planning and the development of the LDP 3. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete agreed projects and undertake a review of effectiveness and impact. |  |
| 3.5 Review of existing plans/Strategies contributing to the LOIP | An initial review was undertaken as part of the review of the Community Planning model. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further work needs to be undertaken on analysis of related sub-groups; resource implications across CP partners and how synergies can be maximised and duplication avoided. |  |

APPENDIX 2 – UPDATED IMPROVEMENT PLAN

| Community Planning Partnership – Improvement Plan priorities 2023/2024 | | |
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| 1. Embed and promote our new arrangements for Community Planning and our New Local Outcomes Improvement Plan | | |
| KEY ACTION | KEY TASKS | STATUS |
| 1.1 Publish and promote the new LOIP document. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilise Council and Partner websites, social media pages and circulation lists to help promote the new Plan | |
| 1.2 Update and refresh our Community Planning Partnership website | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Re-structure the landing page on the Community Planning website and include new sections on the Plans/Strategies which contribute to our Community Planning model and also the most recent data/intelligence that we have available | |
| 1.3 Develop an Easy Read LOIP document with BSL translation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with Public Health Scotland, NHS D&G, communication specialists and other key partners to develop Easy Read documents/video | |
| 1.4 Develop and refresh the role of Locality Hubs as the recognised vehicle for “local community planning in action.” | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with TSDG to refresh the role to support the new Community Planning model | |
| 1.5 Finalise a new Performance Framework to support the annual reporting of our new LOIP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider best practice from across the Country Work with the Improvement Service, PHS, NHS D&G and other CP Partners to identify appropriate indicators/measures | |
| 2. Improve our Governance and evidence base | | |
| 2.1 Improve the co-ordination and use of community engagement mechanisms across partners to help inform an evidence-based, bottom-up approach to Community Planning. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to refresh and re-build membership/involvement in the CP Stakeholders Group Integrate a more formal mechanism for capturing the “Lived Experience” of people within D&G Explore opportunities available through the Commission on Representation & Engagement | |

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| 2.2 Maximise use of the new Locality data Profiles | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider and embed the four new Locality Data profiles and agree the key issues for focused attention across the identified communities as part of our Locality approach | |
| 2.3 Undertake a self-evaluation exercise | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As per best practice, undertake a self-evaluation using a nationally recognised framework to assess our strengths as a partnership and identify areas for improvement | |
| 2.4 Continue to benchmark with other CPP's across the country to share best practice | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain the annual engagement meeting with Borders Council Participate in the Improvement Service led "Knowledge Hub" for Community Planning leads | |
| 2.5 Provide support to and improve cross-working arrangement across the range of Partnerships which contribute to our Community Planning model | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce a forum which brings together the leads of Partnerships, Plans & Strategies which contribute to our LOIP at least twice per year to maximise opportunities, minimise duplication and develop a shared understanding across key issues Undertake a review of existing CP related Partnerships and supporting sub-groups and reflect on respective priorities, membership commitments across CP Partners and to look at opportunities to streamline wherever possible Provide support to the most recently added partnerships to help embed Governance and reporting arrangements (Safer Communities; Alcohol and Drugs & Cultural Partnerships) Contribute to the development of the Play Charter and a new Sport & Physical Activity Strategy for D&G. | |



COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 1 SEPTEMBER 2023

ITEM 11

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| Author: Stephen Jack, Lifelong Learning Manager | Responsible Senior Officer: Richard Grieveson, Head of Community Services | | | |
| Report title: Community Planning Partnership Board and Community Planning Senior Leadership Team – Forward Programme for 2023 | | | | |
| 1. Situation: | | | | |
| 1.1 This report updates the Community Planning Partnership Board on arrangements for the remainder of 2023 in relation to both the Community Planning Senior Leadership Team (CPSLT) and Community Planning Partnership Board meetings. | | | | |
| 2. Background: | | | | |
| 2.1 At the January CPEG meeting initial dates were confirmed for CPSLT and CPPB meetings during 2023. Dates have now been secured for the latter two meetings of the CPSLT in 2023 as follows: | | | | |
| Community Planning Partnership Board | | | | |
| 17 March | 2 June | 1 September | 1 December | |
| Community Planning Senior Leadership Team | | | | |
| 29 March | 11 May | 3 August | 3 October | 9 November |
| 2.2 Due to a clash with the Regional Economic Partnership, the previously agreed date of 8 December for the CPPB meeting has been brought forward to the 1 December 2023 following discussion with the Co-Chairs. | | | | |
| 3. Key Issues | | | | |
| 3.1 An updated schedule of business is attached in the Appendix as it stands. | | | | |
| 4. Recommendation: | | | | |
| 4.1 The CPPB is invited to agree the meeting arrangements and current outline programme for 2023 as set out in the Appendix and suggest any additional priority items for discussion at the December CPPB meeting; and | | | | |
| 4.2 Continue to receive updates on future business at each CPPB meeting. | | | | |

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Appendix (1) – Forward Plan

Stephen Jack – Lifelong Learning Manager

APPENDIX – FORWARD PLAN 2023

COMMUNITY PLANNING SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

| 3 OCTOBER | 9 NOVEMBER |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Strategic matters for discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Transport - LOIP Action Plan - D&G Compact Partnership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Strategic matters for discussion – TBC • D&G Compact Partnership |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOIP Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Performance framework - Place Planning - Locality Plans - Locality Hubs - Stakeholder Group | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOIP Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LOIP Action Plan - Performance framework - Place Planning - Locality Plans - Locality Hubs - Stakeholder Group |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Register |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equality & Diversity Working Group • Children’s Services Partnership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Employability Partnership • CLD Partnership • Participation & Engagement Working Group |

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| 1 DECEMBER |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Themed discussion – Children’s Rights – TBC • Discussion around priorities stemming from Alcohol & Drugs Strategy - TBC |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOIP/Locality Plan end of year reports 2022/23 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LOIP Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LOIP Action Plan - Performance framework - Place Planning - Locality Plans - Locality Hubs - Stakeholder Group |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Sector representation and “The Voice” |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D&G Compact Partnership |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alignment of Strategic funding programmes to support the delivery of LOIP |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital updates |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thematic reporting on key plans/strategies linked to new LOIP/Locality Plan (includes update on Cost of Living) |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Brief |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Register |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPPB Improvement Plan |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forward Plan arrangements |