

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 26TH OCTOBER 2023



Sustainability SDP

Date of last meetings: 6 September 2023

CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:

The Sustainability SDP has a role to play in supporting the work of other SDPs to be as sustainable as possible, supporting our collective objectives around topics like climate change and biodiversity as well as delivering a wide range of co-benefits that can be gained from effort against these topics. The SDP is keen to work with other SDPs to ensure our priorities for the LOIP support this with areas of cross cutting interest threaded through in the most appropriate way. Joint work is already planned for November looking at the topic of food and it is hoped that similar work can be undertaken for other similarly cross cutting priority areas.

Follow up action agreed by the SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:

Following approval by the CP Board on 20th April, it was agreed by the SDP Chairs Executive that work will take place by each of the SDPs to agree high level strategic outcomes with supporting priorities as part of the development of the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan. These will be presented to the Community Planning Executive later in the year prior to going out for consultation in January 2024.

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP

The SDP is currently working on the development of the partnership from its previous form to fulfilling new functions as an SDP. Terms of reference and membership are being revisited and discussions are underway to develop our priorities as part of the LOIP. Strategy and wider governance issues will also be addressed as we develop our future vision for the group.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

A presentation was given to the September meeting regarding the development of the South Ayrshire Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy. Environmental consultants Ricardo have been engaged by the council to support this work. An initial strategy is being prepared in line with the government deadline of end of this calendar year. An action plan will follow. There will be links to the development of the Ayrshire Energy Masterplan which is also currently under development through the Clean Growth Workstream of the Ayrshire Growth Deal, however it is anticipated that this will deal with larger scale strategic and industrial challenges while the LHEES will address domestic and heat network opportunities. These documents will provide a strategic framework which all CPP partners can engage with. The development of these documents are opportunities for collaboration on these key areas.

The South Ayrshire Rangers team are working across partners to identify how best to take forward Nature Network Development over the coming year, focusing on connectivity and meaningful opportunities to link habitats, including protected habitats. Mapping will be undertaken and shared shortly.

Rebecca Gibbs from the Scottish Climate Action Network addressed the Partnership regarding the Scottish Government funded Climate Hub programme which is targeted at community groups. Rebecca has been

looking for appropriate organisations to support this work. The biosphere have been approached and are interested. Following the presentation to the SDP the Energy Agency has also put themselves forward.

KEY ISSUES

- The partnership requires to work across all SDPs to both set its LOIP priorities and to develop as an SDP which can support transition and change for the people of South Ayrshire across the range of cross cutting areas it addresses. The desired direction of travel is set out in the Council Plan and underlined by key questions in the Council's new Impact Assessment for all decisions, but as identified in the Place and Wellbeing Assessment for the Council's Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy refresh, this can't be delivered in isolation and greater collaboration between council services (such as the regulatory planning service, the roads and transportation service etc) and with wider partners in the public sector and beyond, is needed – the SDP and CPP are the best fit vehicle we have to do this. All public sector partners within the Community Planning Partnership have the same public climate change duties to respond to and report against annually. These are likely to require to undertake similar actions to deliver against these and increasingly involve a regional perspective to be adopted. New data and support will soon be available via the emergent Climate Intelligence Service which can inform our work as an SDP and a CPP to ensure our decisions are taking us in the right direction and we are making the right decisions to both deliver our individual duties and targets and meet our partnership outcomes. As an SDP and a CPP we need to be ready to respond to this to ensure full benefit is gained and our outcomes are achieved.

UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS

It was agreed that focused sessions would take place around our long-term themes of energy, transport, food and nature to support both the appropriate development of the SDP and our LOIP priorities. It is hoped that some of this work will be concluded ahead of the next SDP meeting at the start of December.

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