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9.30am, 30<sup>th</sup> January 2025, County Hall, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr

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## FIRST PART OF MEETING (9.30am to 10.30am):

How does nature support the work of the CPP and delivery of our priorities across all our SDPs? Nature provides for many of our basic needs and is the often-forgotten backdrop underlying all our work and lives more generally. However, as well as living in a climate emergency we are also living through a nature emergency involving mass species extinction.

What does this mean for all of us and our daily work, what are our legal duties, and how can we make the best of what we have? At this workshop Joanne McEwan, lead officer for the Nature Priority within the Sustainability SDP, will set out the story so far and how this relates to the day job for all of us, the development of a new Biodiversity Strategy for South Ayrshire and its focus on the development of Spatially defined Nature Networks for South Ayrshire.

We will then take a deep dive into opportunities in relation to the work we are doing under each of the SDPs, where nature supports our work and what we can in turn do to make sure we are providing for nature in the actions we are taking forward. Your input will feed into the new strategy and network development process and a new consultation survey which you can share more widely will also be launched at the workshop.

## SECOND PART OF MEETING (10.30am): ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1 **Welcome**
- 2 **Declarations of Interest**
- 3 **Apologies**
- 4 **Minutes of the Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024**
- 5 **Update on Radical Place Leadership and next steps**  
*Verbal Update by Assistant Director (Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance), South Ayrshire Council*
- 6 **South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP): New Strategic Plan**  
*Presentation by Planning and Performance Co-ordinator, South Ayrshire HSCP*
- 7 (a) **Strategic Delivery Partnership Updates:**
  1. **Children's Services Planning Partnership**
  2. **Community Safety**
  3. **Financial Inclusion and Growth**
  4. **Population Health**
  5. **Sustainability**
- (b) **Update from Community Planning Engagement and Participation Group**  
*Verbal update by Senior Policy Officer (Community Planning and Equalities), South Ayrshire Council*

- 8     **Third Sector Interface Update: Voluntary Action South Ayrshire**  
*Report by Chief Executive Officer, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire*
- 9     **Community Planning Executive Annual Review: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
*Verbal Update by Service Lead (Performance, Community Planning and Sustainability), South Ayrshire Council*
- 10    **AOCB:**
  - [Community Justice Ayrshire Annual Reports 2023-2024](#)
- 11    **Date of next meeting:**

Thursday	8 May 2025 at 9.30am (County Hall, County Buildings)
Thursday	4 September 2025 at 9.30am (County Hall, County Buildings)
Thursday	6 November 2025 at 9.30am (County Hall, County Buildings)

**SOUTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS BOARD**

Minutes of a meeting of the South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnerships Board  
held at 9.30 am on Thursday 24th October 2024 in Ayr Town Hall

**Board Members:**

**Councillor Julie Dettbarn** (Chair); **Elaine Young**, Assistant Director – Public Health, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; **Ian McMeekin** – Area Commander - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; **Mike Newall**, Chief Executive (SAC); **Jane Bradley**, Director – Communities and Transformation; **Lyndsay McRoberts**, Depute Chief Executive and Director of Education; and **Tim Eltringham**, Director – HSCP.

**Officers:**

**Sally Amor**, Public Health Consultant, Inclusive Health, NHS A&A; **Kevin Anderson**, Assistant Director – Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance (SAC); **Macy Biggar**, Community Planning and Equalities Assistant (SAC); **Kevin Callan**, Skills Development Scotland; **Chris Carroll**, Service Lead – Housing, Strategy and Regeneration (SAC); **Gillian Carroll**, Children's Services Co-ordinator (SAC); **Kenny Dalrymple**, Assistant Director – Housing and Operations (SAC); **Inspector Allen Dodds**, Police Scotland; **Elizabeth Dougall**, Senior Policy Officer (SAC); **George Hunter**, Assistant Director, Housing (SAC); **Mark Inglis**, Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice; **Lorna Jarvie**, Co-ordinator – Sustainability and Climate Change (SAC); **Andrew Kerr**, Audit Scotland; **Gavin Lee**, University of the West of Scotland; **Stewart Marshall**, Senior Manager (HSCP); **Karen MacMillan**, DWP; **Susan McCardie**, Service Lead, Performance, Community Planning and Sustainability; **Superintendent Stephen McGovern**, Police Scotland; **Graig McMillan**, Scottish Government; **Lesley Reid**, Senior Manager (HSCP); **Jamie Tait**, Service Lead – Thriving Communities (SAC); and **Phil White**, Partnership Facilitator – HSCP.

**Apologies:**

**Councillor Martin Dowey**; **Councillor Alec Clark**; **Alan Comrie**, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; **Claire Baird**, Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; **Karen Craib**, Scottish Enterprise; **Claire Tooze**, Area Manager – Skills Development Scotland; **Lesley Bowie**, Board Chair, NHS Ayrshire and Arran;; **Sian Williams** – NatureScot; **Dean Anderson** – Service Lead, DWP; **Angela Cox**, Principal Ayrshire College; **Marcus Ross**; Vice-Principal -Planning and Recruitment (UWS); **Claire Burden**, Chief Executive, (NHS Ayrshire and Arran); **Raymond Higgins**, Divisional Commander – Police Scotland; ; **Marie Oliver**, Chief Executive Officer, VASA; **Dean Anderson**, Service Lead (DWP); **Susan Gallacher**, Preventative and Proactive Care, Primary Care Programme Lead (Scottish Government); **Lisa McGuinness**, Scottish Government; **Fiona Mitchell-Knight**, Audit Scotland; **Faye Murfet**, ADP Co-ordinator (HSCP); **Lis McAlpine**, Senior Manager (HSCP); **Billy McClean**, Head of Community Health and Care Services (HSCP); **Kevin Braidwood**, Director of Housing, Operations and Development (SAC); and **Chris Cox**, Assistant Director, Planning and Development;.

## **FIRST PART OF THE MEETING**

Focusing on a 'Radical Place Leadership' approach being developed by South Ayrshire Council, the Unified Vision and Priorities workshop, was led and facilitated by Mutual Ventures, which provided an opportunity for Community Planning Partners to come together as a strategic partnership to review the key findings from the baselining phase and establish a realistic yet radical vision for public service collaboration in South Ayrshire. A number of Officers from Community Planning Partners were in attendance at the workshop from South Ayrshire Council, South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, University of the West of Scotland and DWP. Further feedback will be provided to CP Board members based on the discussion sessions within the workshop.

Following the workshop session Community Planning Board members remained to attend the formal order of business for the Community Planning Board meeting.

## **SECOND PART OF THE MEETING – BUSINESS**

### **1 Welcome**

Councillor Julie Dettbarn (Chair) opened the meeting by welcoming all present to the Community Planning Partnership Board (the Board) meeting.

### **2 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Board in terms of the Board's Standing Order No.10.

### **3. Apologies**

As above.

### **4. Minutes of previous meeting**

The Minutes of the Community Planning Board (the Board) of 22 August 2024 (circulated) were submitted and approved.

### **5. Approval of LOIP Annual Progress Report 2024**

There was a report submitted (circulated) seeking approval of the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan Annual Progress Report prior to publication.

The Chair thanked everyone involved in the development of the LOIP Annual Progress Report which she thought closed off the old LOIP and introduced the

new LOIP 2024-2029 very well. She wanted to pay particular attention to the case studies within the report which demonstrate the impact that has been made.

The Board:

**Decided:** to approve the LOIP Annual Progress Report 2024 prior to publication on the website.

## **6. CPP Performance Management Framework**

There was a report submitted (circulated) requesting members note the new Performance Management Framework which has been developed to support both reporting on progress and ensure that the CPP is meeting statutory requirements.

The PMF better reflects best value and members noted that CPP reporting in the future will be different going forward and will be much more performance based whilst at the same time incorporating case studies to demonstrate impact. Members were advised that the LOIP Priority Action Plans were in the final stage of completion and would be circulated to members by the end of October for review. Once agreed, LOIP Priority Action Plans will be published on the CPP website.

The Board:

**Decided:** to note the contents of the Performance Management Framework.

## **7. Community Learning and Development Partnership Plan 2024 - 2027**

There was a report submitted (circulated) providing an overview of the new Community Learning and Development Partnership Plan 2024 – 2027. Members were asked to recognise the role of CLD and how CLD contributes to the CPP priorities.

The Board:

**Decided:** to endorse the new CLD Plan 2024-2027.

## **8. Any Other Competent Business**

### **SDP Chairs Executive**

It was noted the importance the role of the SDP Chairs Executive has regarding discussion on linkages, cross-cutting issues, gaps and locality planning across all the Strategic Delivery Partnerships.

### Sustainability SDP

Liz Marquis, Chair of the Sustainability SDP has now retired, and the vice-chair of the SDP has also stepped down. It was proposed by Kevin Anderson (Assistant Director SAC) to members that Lorna Jarvie, Co-ordinator for Sustainability, Climate Change and Nature (SAC) takes over the role of chair and this was **agreed** by members in attendance.

### Population Health SDP

Elaine Young advise members that she would be retiring at the end of February 2025 and that Sally Amor, Consultant in Public Health would be taking over as chair of the Population Health SDP.

## **9. Date of Next Meetings:**

There was a paper submitted (circulated) advising of all meeting dates for 2025. As agreed previously, meetings would start at 9.30am and would be held in-person (venues to be advised). Strategic Delivery Partnerships would continue to meet online.

The meeting ended at 1pm

**STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

**COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 30<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025**



**CHILDREN'S SERVICES SDP**

**Date of last meeting(s):** August 2024

**CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE CP BOARD AS AGREED TO ESCALATE BY SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:**

N/A

**MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP – LOIP PRIORITY AREAS:**

**The Promise**

We will place love and relationships at the centre of the experiences and outcomes for every infant, child, and young person with care experience. We will do this through working together to fully implement the findings of the care review and The Promise by 2030.

**Young Carers**

Ensuring that all children and young people under the age of 18 who support, or help to support a relative or friend, because they have a physical or mental illness, disability, issues with drugs or alcohol, communication needs, or are elderly or frail, are recognised as being a South Ayrshire young carer. To work together across the CPP to ensure that young carers have access to the necessary support, advice, and resources to live a full active and achieving life.

**PROGRESS UPDATE IN RELATION TO LOIP, LOCALITY PLANNING AND OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS:**

**CSPP Evaluative Progress:**

Update into the last CPP board advised that the CSPP Self-Evaluation Framework is now complete. This Framework allows a consistent and robust evaluative method across the CSPP.

Focus since the roll out of this framework in August 2024 has been on supporting the six thematic group leads to populate their outcome chain links to evidence our aims are being met or to identify areas for further scrutiny. This includes triangulating our high-level wellbeing data indicators (derived alongside the SG National Performance Framework) with practitioner and family feedback, to allow us to have a continued focus on analysing data to improve rather than to prove. The CSPP Data and Development Assistant has been key to this work, producing data reports for each priority group area for scrutiny based on their agreed high-level indicators.

Our evaluative partnership with Horizons Research continues where the CSPP Lead Officer has been working alongside Horizons to support the collation of the Insights 3 report. This report takes into account the progress of the CSP 23-26 in its first year and looks ahead to support ongoing evaluative work to support overarching aims of the plan to be assessed effectively. Progress noted in this report will be presented to the CPP in the February 2025 workshop.

Next steps in terms of evaluative work include a CSPP Self-Evaluation morning on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Learning here will assist the completion of Insights 3 and its recommendations for the year ahead. Following this the CSP Lead Officer will establish a CSPP Data Group.

### **Young Carers:**

Work is ongoing in South Ayrshire to identify and support our “Teenie Carers”. These wee ones are children under the age of 5 who at their age and stage have caring responsibilities for someone in their home or family network for example an older sibling who has a disability. Since this work commenced, we have identified 14 Teenie Carers in South Ayrshire with significant support from Wallacetown Nursery in particular who are working together with children to create a “Young Carers Statement” document that is suitable for the age and stage of our Teenie Carers.

A successful application was made into the Improvement and Innovation fund for a member of staff to support this initiative. This role will include staff training, awareness raising sessions with families, qualitative research into the impact of earlier identification (children, families and staff), assisting EYCs and primary schools to provide support 'in-house' for young carers (e.g., establishing peer groups), and funding for materials, events and comms. It is hoped that recruitment will take place shortly.

### **Family First:**

Directly supporting the work of The Promise - Family First is at the heart of our work as a Children's Services Planning Partnership. Family First is our offer of early help in South Ayrshire via cluster-based forums, impacting families through multi-agency plans to support the needs families and young people tell us they need help with to come to school or stay in school. All eight school clusters have now rolled out their Family First forums as of April 2024.

In Year 1 (2023/24) 35 pupils were supported through Family First. This session there has been a significant increase in numbers of families seeking support from the Forums. From September to November 2024, 35 pupils have been presented to the Forum and plans put in place. On average, attendance levels for the children and young people were 55% with very low levels of engagement reported by schools. The initial evaluations from these referrals have been very positive and is leading to improvements in wellbeing and engagement. Almost all pupils are engaging well with their plans and in some cases, attendance has increased by 50% or more for individual pupils.

Successful plans include a range of partners supporting wellbeing and alternative curriculums tailored to meet the individual needs of pupils. Typically these include support from Thriving Communities, SSTW, educational support both onsite and off-site learning and Health. There is also early evidence that Family First is positively impacting culture, understanding of roles and relationships between services within the CSPP.

To further break down barriers to support in the community – Family First have availability of £12,500 for each cluster to improve wellbeing and provide financial support to families. This allows forums to take a “cash first” approach to budgeting where a family requires direct financial assistance i.e. a new washing machine. This funding has also provided an opportunity to directly support families in need locally and empower cluster staff in terms of considering around how best to utilise funding in their area. A focus of these discussions has been on transition and links to alternative work experience partners e.g. Fossilfield Training Centre – Have you got what it takes?

As we evolve and grow the ethos of Family First, our multi-agency early help for families, and a culture of whole family wellbeing – the CSPP are utilising further WFW funding to roll out our new model to offer education provision for young people returning to live in South Ayrshire following a period in residential accommodation including education, where mainstream schooling is not an option.

Over the last few years, more young people are returning to live in South Ayrshire and GARF has struggled with finding appropriate, local educational interventions. This is especially true where the needs of the young person are very complex. This work will avoid our young people travelling to a provision out with the authority and away from existing relationships, which we know is likely to also negatively impact their outcomes both educationally and in terms of their wellbeing. This work will be led by our Virtual School Head Teacher and recruitment has taken place for a Depute Head and a Teacher. Further updates on this work will follow into the CPP.



**The Promise:**

Work is progressing to consult and understand what Plan 24-30 means for Promise work in South Ayrshire. Our Corporate Parenting Lead Officer is leading various Plan 24-30 workshops across services, partnerships and the CSPP. The purpose of this being to support the leads to make any required iterations to their action plans based on the direction of Promise work locally.

Looking forward into 2025, funding has been secured via the National Lottery to work with Care Experienced Young Carers over the next 2 years to understand the impact of these dual vulnerabilities for our young people, to assess the link between the two and to raise awareness. Two Care Experienced Curriculum Officers have been in place since late 2024 to support in implementing the findings of the review undertaking with local pupils and practitioners to support an assessment into an alternative curriculum offer in South Ayrshire, funded by CORRA.

**Parenting:**

The Joint Improvement Group is currently exploring how a Parenting Strategy rooted in the Solihull Approach can be developed in the CSPP. This work is in the early stages and is looking at an evidence-based strategy to support parents from pregnancy onwards, promoting secure attachment, emotional regulation, and responsive caregiving. These are factors proven to improve a child's developmental outcomes, reducing inequalities in child development. CSP Lead Officer is exploring QI methodology to evidence impact of Solihull training and approach from inception, with potential that a focus on Ayr North initially might allow a strong foundation to scale up, linking in GIRFAN / Neighbourhood models to embed a consistent, research-based approach to parenting support.

**Voice:**

Plans are underway to consult with P5 to S6 pupils via the Scottish Government Health and Wellbeing Survey template. This will allow us to assess 2025 findings against the initial baseline survey conducted in 2022, evidencing improvement or providing next steps whilst also contributing to providing the CSPP a sense of direction for plan 26-29.

**Neurodevelopmental Pathway:**

A great deal of work has been undertaken by both the South Ayrshire Neurodevelopment Group and Screening Group in recent months. The most significant outcome is all children and young people affected by Autism (with no Mental Health condition or issue connected) who previously sat on the CAMHS waiting list; have now been offered assessment/diagnosis. Of those lettered, the following results have been gained:

- Primary Age group – Of those lettered who were on the waiting list - 50 responded, 44 have opted for our new route of assessment/diagnosis and 6 have asked to remain on the list for a face-to-face assessment.
- Secondary Age group – Of those contacted on the waiting list - 62 responded where 57 have opted for our new route of assessment/diagnosis with 4 wishing to remain on the list and await a face-to-face assessment/diagnosis and 1 went private.

Due to this work, and by removing those with Autism from the waiting list, those with neuro conditions such as ADD, ADHD etc that require medication, will automatically move up the list which will have a positive impact on waiting times.

Our Quarterly Bulletin developed for Staff and Services to be more aware of developments around local Neuro work. This Bulletin also includes a "What's On" in South Ayrshire and further discussion is being undertaken regarding potential Apps along Neuro News on NHS/SAC and HSCP Platforms. This work continues and feedback is that this was incredibly well received.

**KEY ISSUES**

- Resource implications to allow us to embed a Solihull approach in South Ayrshire in terms of staff training, parental training/groups, administration, mentorship, practice sharing and evaluation of impact locally. This also links into resource requirements in terms of GIRFEC practice development sessions and PEEP. All these components link into the ongoing success of an impactful, transformational Parenting Strategy in South Ayrshire.
- Potential elongation of the WFWF. No decision has yet been made, however the CSPP are keen to continue to develop the thinking around where any additional funding streams could be usefully deployed to further support our early and preventative whole family transformational change.

**Report Completed by:**

**Officer:** Gillian Carroll

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

**COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 30 JANUARY 2025**



**COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP**

**Date of last meeting(s): 4<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

**CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE CP BOARD AS AGREED TO ESCALATE BY SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:**

- Consider development of a Water Safety Policy for South Ayrshire locality.
- Consider requests to introduce process for Firework Control Zone requests in South Ayrshire.

**MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP – LOIP PRIORITY AREAS:**

**Safer Communities**

We will work in partnership to reduce violence and antisocial behaviour in South Ayrshire by working with our local licensed and hospitality trade, schools, and local communities helping make South Ayrshire a safer place to live.

We will work in partnership to reduce all forms of violence against women and girls.

**Home, Road, and Water Safety**

We will work in partnership to reduce the number of serious accidents at home, on our roads and in our waterways by delivering and promoting a range of safety initiatives.

**PROGRESS UPDATE IN RELATION TO LOIP, LOCALITY PLANNING AND OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS:**

**Reducing Violence Joint Action Group (JAG)**

Last Reducing Violence JAG meeting took place on 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024.

The JAG continues to meet regularly to ensure appropriate sharing of information and forward planning to support increased footfall in South Ayrshire due to events being delivered locally, and to support the safety of individuals who attend to enjoy hospitality/nighttime economy with a particular focus on Ayr and Prestwick.

New Terms of Reference and Action Plan have been agreed through group, linking to CSP LOIP priority of reducing violence and antisocial behaviour in our communities.

**Street Pastors:** Continue to engage with nighttime revellers and carry out distribution of flip flops to reduce number of falls, foil blankets to reduce effects of cold, water to reduce dehydration, also pick up bottles and broken glass to reduce chance of injury. Patrol reports can be monitored by following Ayr & Prestwick Street Pastors on Facebook.

**First Aiders:** Throughout the reporting period the first aiders attended to individuals who required treatment and had symptoms of concern. The presence of partners helps keep people safe and supports local policing. Local police continue to visit licensed premises.

**Taxi Marshals:** continue to assist persons requiring transport home, reducing potential flashpoints in queues. A new tender process has been carried out and Beatbox will continue to supply taxi marshals.

Figures for the above are available on request on a quarterly basis.

The Reducing Violence JAG has requested the wearing of body worn cameras by both the First Aiders and Taxi Marshals. This pilot will be reviewed at the next Reducing Violence JAG meeting.

### **Safer Communities JAG**

Last Safer Communities JAG meeting took place 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024.

New Terms of Reference and Action Plan have been agreed through group, linking to CSP LOIP priority of reducing antisocial behaviour in our communities. Thriving Communities Senior Community Engagement Officer is new co-chair group.

**BonfireWatch 2024** initiative ran over October / November and full evaluation is being drafted (awaiting bonfire attendance figs from SFRS). Fire and firework safety inputs delivered through 15 schools during the initiative. Initial feedback suggest that bonfires set and misuse of fireworks remain at comparatively low levels. No reports of attacks on SFRS personnel.

Targeted youthwork continues in hot spot area for anti-social behaviour throughout South Ayrshire. Particular focus is in Ayr North and Ayr Town Centre.

Problem Solving Group set up with a focus on the sale and use of vapes to and by young people, and the environmental impact of inappropriate disposal of vapes. This follows an increase in concerns around young people vaping and associated environmental issues. Particular concern has been raised regarding vapes that have high THC content. Group is looking at restriction of availability, and relaying of positive information on the potential harm and dangers of using vapes with THC content. Vape vendors have also visited as part of this action, to ensure protocols were being adhered to by shops selling vapes.

Problem Solving Group set up to address road traffic issues and antisocial behaviour and Blackburn Road Car Park in Ayr. Multi agency partnership approach, including community members. Community Survey being carried out, and feedback will inform potential interventions to reduce issues.

Problem Solving Group set up to address issues of off-road vehicle nuisance in communities. Agreed initial focus on Tarbolton and Ayr North (Whitletts Playing Fields). Initial multi-agency partnership meetings have taken place, community members have been identified to be part of process and will be invited to next meeting.

Dog fouling initiatives have taken place in the Ballantrae and Craigie (Ayr) areas following concerns raised by Tenants & Residents groups and Community Councils. These again have led to a reduction in community complaint re issue. Work in partnership with Environmental Health, Waste Management and Housing.

Re-deployable CCTV groups met in June, and new deployments agreed as follows:

- James Street, Ayr ASB / Crime / Environmental
- Princes Court, Ayr Moving to Macadam Square (fixed to building) - Drug related ASB
- Linden Avenue Girvan ASB
- Whiskyhall, Mossblown ASB / intimidation
- John Street, Ayr Tracking
- Whitletts Road, Ayr Tracking
- High Road, Ayr Fire raising
- Elba Street, Ayr Racial / graffiti
- Taylor Street, Ayr Drug related ASB / New MUGA support
- Ferguson Street, Ayr Neighbour dispute / drug related ASB

### **Home, Road & Water Safety JAG**

Last meeting took place on 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024

New Terms of Reference and Action Plan have been agreed through group, linking to CSP LOIP priority of reducing accidents in our home, on our roads, and on our waterways.

Road Safety input continues to be developed, and further sessions will be delivered to all secondary schools in South Ayrshire before end of 2024/25 term. Themes being covered include hazard perception, wearing of seatbelts, in car distractions and substance misuse.

South Ayrshire Water Safety Policy being considered by JAG, and initial outline being drafted. Continue to link with Pan Ayrshire Water Safety group, identifying local issues and sharing good practice. Planning continues to highlight water safety campaigns going into spring/summer months.

S1 Community Safety events / inputs will be rolled out again in the new term. Sessions planned at:

- Mon 19th May – Carrick Academy, Maybole
- Tuesday 20th May- Kyle Academy, Ayr
- Wed 21st May -Marr College, Troon
- Thurs 22nd May- Belmont, Ayr
- Fri 23rd May- Queen Margaret, Ayr
- It is hoped that remaining schools will be covered in June.

As well at Home, Road and Water Safety, themes will include Rail Safety, Safe Travel, Healthy Relationships and Substance Misuse. Partners involved include Police, SFRS, NHS, Coastguard, BTP and SAC Thriving Communities.

Scottish Community Safety Network stress the importance of reducing accidents within the home, and how this links to aging well and tackling social isolation. This is particularly relevant for South Ayrshire, as it has one of the oldest populations in Scotland.

### **Violence Against Women JAG**

The last VAWG Joint Action Group meeting took place on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov 2024.

The following key points are; · New Terms of Reference and Action Plan have been agreed through group, linking to CSP LOIP priority of reducing violence and antisocial behaviour in our communities. Continued implementation of Action plan for group – including calendar of events and national campaigns to focus on and delivery of library of resources. Development of Hystayria resource and lesson plan. Working group convening to progress. Hystayria has been included in a national report by Improvement service to highlight good practice. Input to prevent sexual violence by changing attitudes and behaviour towards women and encouraging being a positive bystander and challenging peers has been developed. · ‘Imagine A Man’ resource on positive masculinity’ – this will be developed at future meetings. Pan Ayrshire Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) seminar took place in Auchinleck on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 as part of the 16 Days of Action campaign. Plans to increase awareness of CSE across SAC workforce and the wider Partnership. Other activities included in the 16 Days of Action were:

Further Commercial Sexual Exploitation webinars

- Work with the communication team to look at the branding and messages for this year’s campaign with signposting to South Ayrshire Violence Against Women Partnership webpage which can offer a range of help and advice for anyone living with abuse.
- This year supported by our Waste Management team; we are ensuring messages signposting to support are visible in our communities on their vehicles.
- Reclaim The Night Walk - this year’s walk was again attended by Over 250 people attended on the night for the 3-mile walk which started and finished at Ayr Academy campus. Participants were encouraged along the way by a piper leading the walk and welcomed back and uplifted by a local drumming group (Sum Wummin Drummin). There were also information stalls and sports taster sessions provided by Active Schools.
- The Violence Against Women Joint Action Group hosted an information day at the Grain Exchange on Wednesday 27th November 2024. There was opportunity to speak to partners, access information on services, and find out about the work being delivered in South Ayrshire to tackle violence against women.

- As part of the day Moving On Ayrshire provided input on the services they offered and showed 'Holly's story' to raise awareness.
- Ayr North Time Team also attended and supported the launch of the 'Jonnet' sculpture at The Cutty Sark earlier this day. The wire sculpture by local artist Vanessa Lawrence was installed in remembrance of those accused of witchcraft in South Ayrshire during the Scottish witch trials.
- Mentoring Violence Prevention (MVP) training - An MVP training session was delivered by Education Scotland and Thriving Communities Community Safety team at Ayr County Buildings on Thursday 28th November 2024.
- White Ribbon Trophy / Who Are You? Input - The 2nd annual White Ribbon Football Trophy was hosted by Police Scotland and Thriving Communities at Shoot Soccer on Friday 29th November. Nine teams from Police Scotland, Thriving Communities Employability, Health & Wellbeing, Ayrshire College and a number of secondary schools including Ayr, Belmont, Prestwick, Marr and Queen Margaret competed in a fantastic day of great sportsmanship for the trophy.
- Awareness raising and inputs at Schools and Colleges.
- Wallacetown Women's Group used their session on Wednesday 4th December 2024 at the Wallacetown hub to engage with services and have discussions about the 16 days of action. This session helped to raise awareness to the women that information and help is easily accessible for those who need it. It also ensured that there was a safe space for these discussions to take place and for women to connect.
- South Ayrshire Women's Aid supported the campaign by delivering sessions to UWS students and staff and Wellington School. They also hosted an open day/networking and White Ribbon pledge signing at their office on Wednesday 4th December 2024.
- Ayrshire College - VAW joint action group attended the police studies course at Ayrshire College to discuss the work of the partnership and the 16 days of action campaign. The students welcomed the input and agreed to support and promoted this year's Reclaim the Night walk.

## **KEY ISSUES**

### **Reducing Violence**

- Target weekends to be identified by Reducing Violence JAG to ensure properly resourced.

### **Home, Road & Water Safety**

- Increase in potential water safety issues due to increase in wild swimming and water-based activities.
- Consideration to be given to creation of Water Safety Policy for SAC.
- Increase Water Safety messaging and initiatives, particularly over the summer months, and around new pontoon development on River Ayr.
- Road safety issues particularly in relation to younger and older drivers.
- Increased household fire risk due to cost-of-living crisis and seasonal cold weather.
- Renewed focus on accidents within the home.

### **Safer Communities**

- SAC to consider approach and response to new Firework Legislation.
- Particular safety issues around closed/derelict buildings in Ayr town centre.
- Concerns re high THC content in vapes being used by young people.
- Community concerns regarding impact of use of offroad vehicles.
- High levels of complaint in relation to dog fouling and other environmental issues.

### **Violence Against Women**

- Continue to develop Pan Ayrshire approach to reduce violence against women and children.
- Focus on Commercial Sexual Exploitation.
- Creation of safe spaces and support for women fleeing violence.

### **Report Completed by:**

Officer: CI Stuart Dougan – Police Scotland

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

**STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE****COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 30 JANUARY 2025****FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND GROWTH SDP****Date of last meeting(s): 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE CP BOARD AS AGREED TO ESCALATE BY SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:**

**Challenges:**

- Funding for food pantries beyond March 2025; and
- Updates from Regional Economic Strategy or Economic Development.

**MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP – LOIP PRIORITY AREAS:****Financial Inclusion**

We will work in partnership to help individuals and families access financial support services that will assist with fuel poverty, income maximisation and food insecurity. Partners will ensure local support is available that assists with the cost of living by ensuring advice, guidance and support services are accessible and available across South Ayrshire.

**Economic, Employability and Lifelong Learning Opportunities**

We will work in partnership to prepare and assist people for employment, training, education, and volunteering opportunities. We will create opportunities that will assist our communities to thrive through economic development and local wealth building activity.

We will ensure provision in South Ayrshire is aligned with local, regional, and national priorities by developing personal centred approaches for individuals accessing our services.

**PROGRESS UPDATE IN RELATION TO LOIP, LOCALITY PLANNING AND OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS:**

Approval of action plan supporting framework drafted, currently with design team and will be uploaded to Pentana, Performance Management system.

Child Poverty Strategy, action plan workshop session arranged for 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025 with key persons to agree going forward.

**Employability and Lifelong Learning Partnership:**

- Thriving Communities has met with the Scottish Childminding Association (SCA) on two occasions in relation to supporting South Ayrshire residents to become registered childminders. SCA are in talks with Scottish Government regarding funding for this pilot and will be back in touch with Thriving Communities towards the end of the year.
- Thriving Communities remain focused on supporting parents, targeted work has taken place through Educations Family First model and with Local Employability Partnership (LEP) partners. A LEP Child Poverty subgroup has been established. Thriving Communities Service Lead and Coordinator for Employability have arranged to meet with DWP to discuss out of work benefits and ways to integrate the data to better understand it at a locality level.

## Information & Advice Hub:

### Community and Education Team Update

The Community and Education team now have a presence in schools throughout South Ayrshire on a rotational basis from 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024. They have recently welcomed 2 new Advisors to the team who will cover the Girvan, Maybole and outlying villages following their initial training period.

### Insights Table at appendix 1 for 01/10/2024 – 26/11/2024 (part Quarter 3)

The team has delivered Information and Advice sessions to a number of key partners including sheltered housing units, community venues, the Trussell foodbank volunteers, VASA, thriving communities and online Teams sessions open to all internal SAC departments and the HSCP. From January 2025 these sessions will be open to all agencies providing services to the residents of South Ayrshire and are available on COAST now.

### FUEL POVERTY (Home Energy Scotland):

	Outcomes 1 <sup>st</sup> April to 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
Unique Customers Advised	2,434
Advice Interactions	8,628
WHS Referrals	147
Loan Referrals – HES Loan	127
Fuelbank Fuel Voucher Referrals	416
Other Loan Referrals (HEEPS ABS, PSL)	214
Energycarer Households Supported	107
Energycarer Visits/Remote Support	169
Financial Savings from behavioural advice	£111,009

The team anticipated an increase in activity levels moving into the colder autumn and winter period, however the continuation of the relatively mild weather delayed this considerably and it was only when the colder weather hit in mid-November that they saw any significant upturn in customers contacting us.

The main issues that the team continue to see relate to customers keeping their properties heated to an appropriate level and continued worries about energy costs, supplier debt and billings issues, with referrals to Warmer Homes Scotland and Fuelbank Foundation voucher support schemes remaining very busy. The value of a fuelbank voucher increased for November and again in December and is currently worth £72, worryingly the team see a number of customers who have exhausted the number of vouchers available to them through Home Energy Scotland and through similar programmes operated by other providers.

There have been some changes to the Warmer Homes Scotland programme in an attempt to maintain the current year's budget, customers are still being referred to the programme but may have to wait up to six months for the installation, customers who are considered a priority case will not be affected with their installs occurring as soon as possible. Customers who are being supported by an Energycarer will in most cases be considered priority but this will be subject to discussions with Warmworks who are the programme manager.

The centre will be out and about a lot during December attending a number of events with a focus on supporting older more vulnerable customers, attending a number of vaccination clinics across Ayrshire providing support and advice. Energycarers will be attending a number of these clinics attempting to connect and speak with customers who may not normally contact us via phone or digital channels.



In common with many services, the team has seen a budget cut for the second half of the financial year, but have been fortunate in not having to reduce the size of the team which has been seen in some other areas and have worked hard to ensure that we maintain our frontline team to ensure we continue to support as wide a range of customers as possible.

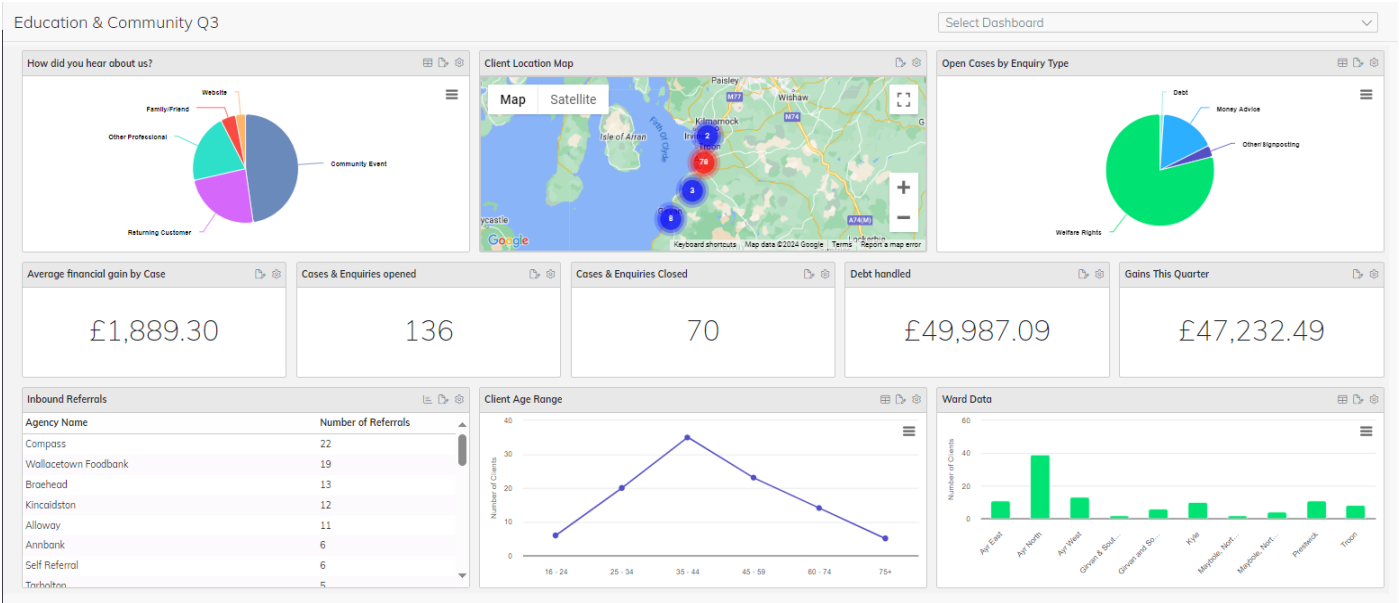
**KEY ISSUES**

- The availability of flexible, affordable childcare in South Ayrshire continues to be an issue, which has prevented parents returning/into work. This is a national issue which continues to be raised at relevant forums; and
- South Ayrshire remain the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest claimant count for out of work benefits, with the number of parents engaging in employability support and progressing to employment being below the national average.

**Report Completed by:**

**Officer: Jamie Tait**

**Date: 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025**



## STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 30 JANUARY 2025



### POPULATION HEALTH SDP

Date of last meeting(s): 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2024

**CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE CP BOARD AS AGREED TO ESCALATE BY SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:**

N/A

### MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP – LOIP PRIORITY AREAS:

#### Ageing Well

We will focus on 'Ageing Well' which will incorporate the work of our Ageing Well Strategy and the development of Age Friendly Communities. We will work with our stakeholders and local communities to codesign what our key priorities for ageing should be so that we are working together to make South Ayrshire the best place in Scotland to live and age well.

#### Mental Health Improvement including Suicide Prevention

We will support the mental health and wellbeing of our communities with a focus on prevention and early intervention, aligning with Scotland's Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

#### Green Health and Active Living

We will focus on green health which is about engaging with nature to improve physical, mental and social health and wellbeing e.g., walking, gardening/growing, bird watching. Alongside this we will focus on active living which involves building physical activity into everyday actions e.g. taking the stairs rather than a lift, having walking meetings, cycling as part of a journey.

#### Physical Activity and Sport

We will co-ordinate and monitor physical activity and sport, so that everyone across the life course will have opportunities to be involved in, and remain involved in, physical activity and sporting activities.

### PROGRESS UPDATE IN RELATION TO LOIP, LOCALITY PLANNING AND OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS:

A session was led by Public Health with South Ayrshire Community Planning Partners to gather views on the new Public Health Framework which was to allow Sally to feed into the National Consultation.

A workshop event has been organised to take place on 3<sup>rd</sup> February in County Hall, County Buildings. Invites have been sent out and key agenda items are Healthy Weight Strategy, Good Food Nation, look at a possible food plan. A survey went out along with invites therefore completed surveys will allow the team to look at prior to event to gather the thoughts of attendees. A local representative from National Farmers Union has been asked as well as local representatives from the economic side of it. Food is a cross cutting theme that impacts all the SDPs. Additional updates include:

#### Ageing Well:

- Highlighted work with Housing colleagues and have managed to future proof housing based off the work seen at Stirling University and confirmed how reassuring it is to have been actioned promptly. Met with Housing Strategy Team to work on a Sheltered Housing Workshop;

- Working with Stirling University to develop a game on frailty;
- Take a Seat Campaign will launch in January which is to encourage businesses to have a seat available for anyone who might need to have a quick rest when out; and
- An Ageing Well Fund has been set up where £50k has been allocated and anyone can apply as long as it supports the Ageing Well agenda.

#### **Green Health and Active Living:**

- Greenspace for Health project at Ayr and Ailsa Hospital has a weekly green gym and nature walk taking place on Thursdays. Project now has a minibus to help transport participants to site; Information to be sent for inclusion on screens in Connect premises in Newmarket St. 2x 8 week 'closed' green gyms have also taken place at Clonbeith and Dunure wards with good feedback from patients and staff. Recently submitted an application to the HSCP Improvement and Innovation fund to continue Senior Project Officer post beyond March 2025, which was unsuccessful. The green gym is allowing for biodiversity enhancement and recording on NHS estate which helps to meet targets set out by NHS Scotland Climate Emergency and Sustainability Strategy;
- An expression of interest has been submitted to Legal and General Health Equity fund for a pan Ayrshire Development Officer role to take forward green health in South, East and North Ayrshire. All 3 local authorities wrote letters of support for this. Still waiting to see if we have been selected to submit a full application;
- South Ayrshire Ranger service green health nature calendar continues to be promoted. Development day led by Ranger Service focused on blue health, and there are plans to develop a blue health calendar in 2025. Keen to evaluate the impact of the green health calendar and whether use of the calendar has made a difference to users' mental health and wellbeing;
- Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere are developing a green health workshop for communities, which will be ready early 2025;
- Ayrshire College social studies students are working on some marketing messaging around green health;
- A garden redesign project at Kyle Chemotherapy Unit, Ailsa Hospital has been approved and will be funded through Hewlett Packard, as part of the Community Benefits Gateway. Unpaid workers from Community Justice will be used to help assist the landscape gardener and designer from RePollinate with some of the groundworks and ongoing maintenance of the site;
- NHS A&A are interviewing for an active travel intern position for the organisation which would be funded until June 2025, to help with staff behaviour change and awareness around active travel;
- Rock up and Ride programme being delivered through Thriving Communities to encourage BMX and mountain biking; and
- May need to look for an alternative site for the Active Travel Hub to be relocated to – Ayrshire Roads Alliance and Thriving Communities progressing.

#### **Physical Activity and Sport:**

Refresh of the Physical Activity and Sport Strategy ongoing to reflect new LOIP and other local and national strategies.

#### **Mental Health / Suicide Prevention Subgroup:**

- Following a gap in meetings the Mental Health / Suicide Prevention sub-group has been reconvened;
- Will be developing new terms of reference;
- Reviewing membership with group members and identifying gaps; and
- Planning a face-to-face session in the New Year to develop action plans for 2025-2026

#### **KEY ISSUES**

- There are no key issues.

#### **Report Completed by:**

**Officer:** Elizabeth Dougall (on behalf of Sally Amor)

**Date:** January 2025

## STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 30 JANUARY 2025



### SUSTAINABILITY SDP

Date of last meeting(s): 4 December 2024

**CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE CP BOARD AS AGREED TO ESCALATE BY SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:**

- Board members are asked to consider how their organisations are represented on the Sustainability SDP and the related sub-groups.

### MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP – LOIP PRIORITY AREAS:

#### Energy

We will work to encourage appropriate energy use in South Ayrshire (reduced use through behaviour change, energy efficiency measures, good design etc) and promote low and zero carbon sources of energy where possible. We will work with partners to promote the installation of local renewable energy generation and it's use. Demonstrating best practice in Scotland.

#### Food

We will promote healthy diet choices that reduce the ecological footprint of our food and encourage sustainable local food production and consumption.

#### Travel

We will work to promote and enable the sustainable travel hierarchy to reduce car distance driven and ensure when travel is required it is as sustainable, active, and low emission as possible. We will support 20-minute neighbourhoods.

#### Nature

We will work to create functional nature networks and connect people with nature.

### PROGRESS UPDATE IN RELATION TO LOIP, LOCALITY PLANNING AND OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS:

The last meeting of the SDP agreed that Sian Williams would step into the role of Sustainability SDP Vice Chair. As the representative for NatureScot both on the SDP and the Board and the driving force behind many areas of CPP work including Green Health and Nature Networks, Sian is ideally placed to undertake this role. The meeting was also chaired by Lorna Jarvie for the first time following her confirmation of by the CPP Board into that role.

The Nature Priority will be the focus of the CPP Board workshop in January, looking at the development of Nature Networks and the Biodiversity Strategy for South Ayrshire, discussing Natural Capital, which is also a Regional Economic Strategy Priority, and looking at how Nature impacts on and can support each of the SDPs and their LOIP priority areas. The work described above continues to progress and will be the subject of a survey consultation too.

In relation to the Food Priority, it has been confirmed that the development day will be held on 3 February 2025, invites have been issued and planning for the day is well underway.

David Manson of ARA gave the SDP an update regarding the Travel Priority. While there have been challenges with funding and resources over the past year, some key projects are now being taken ahead within the current year. This includes the Dundonald to Barassie Route. Projects are being prioritised. Links with the Active Travel Strategy, Active Travel Member Officer Working Group and Community Action Group to the SDP were discussed and it is hoped these can be furthered.

Further to Liz Marquis retiring, the role of chair of the Energy Subgroup is now vacant. There is a need to bring that group together soon to focus in particular on their 3<sup>rd</sup> action. Work is underway within the Council on actions 1 and 2 regarding the LHEES and Sustainable Design Guidance. Links and reporting from new LHEES structures within the Council to the SDP are to be established.

The last SDP meeting looked at future funding and investment in nature and large-scale landscape projects in particular, making links with current opportunities and horizon scanning for possibilities that may arise, for example the potential new National Park. It is noted that Enhancing Natural Capital is also a priority for the Regional Economic Strategy, and that work should be aligned.

The meeting was also updated on the Blue Health work being led by the Rangers Service in collaboration with a range of CPP partners across a number of SDPs. A development day was held in November and it is proposed a new Blue Health Calendar will be launched as part of our Earth Hour programme on 22 March 2025.

#### **KEY ISSUES**

- The SDP requires to confirm appropriate representation from partners at all levels and ensure appropriate strategic linkages across the region.

#### **Report Completed by:**

**Officer: Lorna Jarvie (Chair)**

**Date: 16/01/2025**



### THIRD SECTOR INTERFACE UPDATE TO COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 30 JANUARY 2025

#### VOLUNTARY ACTION SOUTH AYRSHIRE UPDATE

Below are the main areas of development for the coming year which are in addition, to the normal services offered by VASA which include volunteering, capacity building, social enterprise support and ensuring the Third Sector have a voice locally.

- Working with partners to develop a new ten-year volunteering strategy which will be reviewed yearly;
- Develop a South Ayrshire specific good practice accreditation/award for Volunteer Involving Organizations;
- Develop a South Ayrshire specific accreditation/recognition scheme for primary school aged volunteers (Wee Volunteers);
- Support the CAyrfest which is South Ayrshire's biggest ever celebration of unpaid carers;
- Facilitate intergenerational events;
- Run information sessions and one-to-one surgeries for the Third Sector working with the National Lottery;
- Offer a potential Trustee Conference (first half of the year);
- Offer a potential Third Sector Conference (second half of the year);
- The Connect Hub is now up and running and working in partnership with the HSCP in development of hubs in other localities;
- Continue to get parents into 6 month paid placement roles within the voluntary sector;
- Roll out a new programme to get unemployed people into paid placements across the sector, including ASN candidates;
- Continue to support Ayrshire College to get health and social care students into short term work placements within the voluntary sector;
- Establish Take a Seat Campaign across South Ayrshire;
- Establish Chatty Tables in local cafes; and
- Roll out an ageing well road show across each of the villages and towns of South Ayrshire.

#### KEY ISSUES/ACTIONS

- Main issue is the lack of additional funding for another year from the Scottish Government

#### Report Completed by:

**Officer:** Marie Oliver (VASA)

**Date:** 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025