
10am, 24th August 2023
Microsoft Teams

FIRST PART OF MEETING: Workshop Session

Child Poverty session hosted by Public Health Scotland to provide members with an outline of a 'systems and data-driven approach to strategic child poverty planning'.

SECOND PART OF MEETING (11am): ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1 **Welcome**
- 2 **Declarations of Interest**
- 3 **Apologies**
- 4 **Minutes of the Meeting of 20th April 2023**
- 5 (a) **SDP Chairs Executive Update (including engagement with Cabinet on new structure changes)**
Report by Service Lead – Policy, Performance and Community Planning, South Ayrshire Council
- (b) **Strategic Delivery Partnership Updates:**
 1. **Children's Services Planning Partnership**
 2. **Community Safety**
 3. **Financial Inclusion and Growth**
 4. **Population Health**
 5. **Sustainability**
- (c) **Communities Reference Group**
- 6 **Third Sector Interface Update: Voluntary Action South Ayrshire**
Report by Chief Executive Officer, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire
- 7 **For Information: Community Learning and Development Strategy 2021-2024 – [Mid-term Progress Report](#)**
- 8 **AOCB**
- 9 **Date of next meeting: 10am: 26th October 2023**

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS BOARD.

Minutes of a meeting of the South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnerships Board
held at 10.00 am on Thursday 20 April 2023 in Ayr College

Board Members:

Councillor Peter Henderson (Chair); **Councillor Martin Dowey** (SAC); **Allan Comrie**, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; **Brian Connolly**, Scottish Enterprise; **Tim Eltringham**, Director – HSCP; **Eileen Howat**, Chief Executive (SAC); **Elaine Young**, Assistant Director – Public Health, NHS Ayrshire and Arran and **Ann Campbell** (Vice-Principal, Ayrshire College)

Officers:

Kevin Anderson, Service Lead – Policy, Performance and Community Planning (SAC); **Mark Inglis**, Head of Children’s Services, Health Care and Justice Services; **Lorna Jarvie**, Co-ordinator – Sustainability and Climate Change (SAC); **Susan McCardie**, Lead Officer – Community Planning (SAC); **Angela Pinkerton**, Trauma Informed Practice Officer (SAC); **Jamie Tait**, Service Lead – CLD and Employability and Skills (SAC); **Susan Gallagher**, Scottish Government – Place; and **Fiona Paterson**, Skills Development Scotland, Superintendent **Derek Frew**, Police Scotland, **Fiona Crawford**, Jobcentre Plus DWP; **George Hunter**, Assistant Director – Communities, South Ayrshire Council and **Paul Timmons**, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Apologies:

Lesley Bowie, Board Chair, NHS – Ayrshire & Arran; **Claire Burden**, Chief Executive, NHS – Ayrshire & Arran; **Jane Bradley**, Director – Strategic Change and Communities, SAC, **Chief Superintendent Faroque Hussain** – Police Scotland, **Liz Marquis**, Director - Energy Agency, **Sian Williams** - NatureScot, **Claire Tooze**, Area Manager – Skills Development Scotland, **Mike Newall**, Depute Chief Executive and Director of Housing, Operations and Development – SAC, **Ian McMeekin** – Area Commander - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; and **Chief Inspector Kevin Lammie** – Police Scotland

FIRST PART OF THE MEETING – VISIT TO NETHERMILLS HYDRO SCHEME, RIVER AYR

Board Members took part in an interesting and informative visit to Nethermills Hydro Scheme, River Ayr.

SECOND PART OF THE MEETING – BUSINESS**1 Welcome**

Councillor Peter Henderson (Chair) opened the meeting by welcoming all present to the second part of the proceedings, 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.

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As above.

4 Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the Community Planning Board (the Board) of 26 January 2023 (circulated) were submitted and approved.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

5(a) SDP Chairs Executive Update

There was submitted a report (issued) by the Service Lead – Policy, Performance and Community Planning providing members of the Community Planning Board (CP Board) with an overview of a proposed new structure for the Community Planning Partnership incorporating a move to locality-based working which had been developed through engagement with partners.

The Service Lead – Policy, Performance and Community Planning (SAC) provided the Board with the background to this proposal and outlined the work undertaken to date.

Following a presentation by the Service Lead – Policy, Performance and Community Planning and discussion, the Board

Decided:

- (1) to agree the proposed Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIP) development process;
- (2) to agree that Ayr North be trialled as a Locality Planning Partnership for the development of the first Locality Plan (as an evolution of the Wallacetown Strategic Delivery Partnership); and
- (3) to note that a further paper on localities be brought to the August meeting of the Community Planning Partnerships Board following consultation with Elected Members.

5(b) Strategic Delivery Partnerships (SDP) Updates

There were submitted reports (circulated) providing Board Members with an update; and Officers highlighted the key areas of work being undertaken within the partnerships since the last meeting of the Board.

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| 1. Children's Services | (circulated) |
| 2. Community Safety | (circulated) |
| 3. Financial Inclusion | (circulated) |
| 4. Communities and Population Health | (circulated) |
| 5. Wallacetown | (circulated) |

After discussion the Board:

Decided:

- (1) to note the contents of each report; and
- (2) to agree the name changes of:
 - the Children's Services Planning Group to Children's Services Planning Partnership
 - the Communities and Population Health SDP to Population Health SDP
 - the Financial Inclusion SDP to Financial Inclusion and Growth SDP

5c Update from Communities Reference Group

The Community Planning Lead Officer (SAC) provided Board Members with a verbal update on the work currently being undertaken by the Communities Reference Group (CRG). The Chair of the CRG has now left her role within VASA and thanks were given on the support that had been provided by the Chair to the CRG. Work had taken place on new terms of reference for the group, however this would be updated reflective of the new structure of the CPP and based on positive feedback on the role of the CRG following evidence provided as part of a recent Scottish Parliament inquiry into community planning. It was proposed that the group would co-ordinate/monitor consultation across the CPP but would continue to engage across the third sector. The group would continue to lead on the CPP Webinar Events hosted annually by the CPP.

The Board, having thanked the Community Planning Lead Officer.

Decided: to note the update.

5d Update from Sustainability Partnership

The Co-ordinator – Sustainability and Climate Change (SAC) provided a verbal update to the Board on the progress made since the last meeting of the Community Planning Partnerships Board. It was noted that the Sustainability Partnership made a difference through: national and regional policy and target landscape, key developments, the Community Planning Structure and its evolution, the Council Plan refresh, the SAC Sustainable Development and Climate Change Strategy refresh and Place and Wellbeing Assessment and Sustainability Partnership terms of reference and action collaboration plan. An update was also provided on the recent successful Earth Hour campaign. The Sustainability and Climate Change strategy was currently live on the SAC website and community conversations website until May 2023.

After discussion the Board

Decided: to note the update from the Co-ordinator – Sustainability and Climate Change.

6 Child Poverty Action Plan

There was submitted a report (circulated) by the Service Lead – Policy, Performance and Community Planning.

Following discussion the Board:

Decided:

- (1) to note the progress against the actions in the existing Child Poverty Action Plan; and
- (2) to agree that a fresh iteration of the Child Poverty Action Plan be developed and presented to the Board for approval in October 2023.

7 Third Sector Interface Update

The Chief Executive Officer, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire (VASA) was unable to attend the meeting however the Community Planning Lead Officer provided the Board with an update. With reference to the South Ayrshire Volunteer Awards taking place on 1 June 2023, with the exception of HSCP, VASA would like to see more CP Partners nominating volunteers for the Awards.

After discussion the Board

Decided: to note the update.

8 Signing by South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership of the Trauma Pledge

Members of the CP Board signed the Trauma Pledge.

9 Any Other Competent Business

The Board noted that there was no other business for discussion.

10 Date and Time of the Next Meeting

The Board noted that the next meeting of the Community Planning Partnerships Board would take place on 24 August 2023 at 10am.

The meeting ended at 12.15 p.m.

South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board



Report by the SDP Chairs Executive to
Community Planning Partnership Board Meeting of 24th August 2023

Subject: Strategic Delivery Partnership Chairs Executive Briefing Paper

1 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this briefing paper is to provide members of the Community Planning Board with an overview of the key discussion points and subsequent actions/decisions agreed at the Strategic Delivery Partnership (SDP) Chairs Executive Meeting since the last meeting of the CP Board in April 2023. Chairing of the meeting takes place on a rotational basis by each of the Chairs of the SDPs.

2 The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 note contents of the SDP Chairs Executive Briefing Paper;**
- 2.2 note a briefing paper was presented to South Ayrshire Council Cabinet on 20th June; and**
- 2.3 agree that wider outline Local Outcome Improvement Plan Strategic Outcomes and priority areas are presented to the Community Planning Executive later in the year prior to going out for consultation in January 2024.**

3 Update from the SDP Chairs Executive

- 3.1 Since the update at the last CP Board on the 20th April, the SDP Chairs Executive has met once on the 1st June. The main area of focus for this meeting was the development process for the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan which is due to be published in April 2024. As agreed by the CP Board on the 20th April, each of the SDPs will be responsible for agreeing new strategic outcomes and supporting priorities. This will be led by SDPS chairs who will agree with SDP members on how this is taken forward.
- 3.2 A Community Planning Executive Annual Review meeting had been scheduled for the 21st June, however it was agreed by the SDP Chairs Executive that was too soon for the annual review given that a lot of work had taken place over the past year to develop a new structure with approval only given by the CP Board on 20th April. It was therefore agreed that the CP Annual Review should be

moved to November/December to allow the SDP Chairs to present and consult with the CP Executive on an outline Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (strategic outcomes and priorities) prior to community/public consultation in January 2024.

3.3 At the last meeting of the CP Board it was agreed that a further update on localities was brought to the August meeting following consultation with Elected Members. A [paper](#) was presented to Cabinet on the 20th June whereby the following was recommended and agreed:

- Endorsed the proposed approach to locality planning for South Ayrshire (as identified in paragraphs 4.3 to 4.6 of the report; and
- Agreed the development of a new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan by the Community Planning Partnership for approval in March 2024.

3.4 At the time of writing this report, approved minutes from the meeting on the 1st June aren't yet available and will therefore be circulated with the update report at the next Community Planning Board in October 2023.

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 24TH AUGUST 2023



Childrens Services Planning Partnership - SDP

Date of last meetings: 2nd June 2023 (Half Day Workshop)

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

The CSPP is going through a reshaping.

We have appointed a new CSPP coordinator (Gillian Carroll) and have proposed a new structure, which means that there will be only Quarterly CSPP meetings with the membership made up of Senior Leaders and chaired by the current CSPP chair. The focus will be much more on the management of performance and delivery on the Children Services Plan for the next three years. There will be a Joint Improvement Group which will be chaired by the Children Services Planning Coordinator and made up of members of the six subgroups which will drive the delivery of the Children Service Plan; the six subgroups (at present and subject to change of name) are; People, Families, The Promise, Voice, Included, Healthy.

I would welcome support from the SDP Chairs on who should be the core senior members of the CSPP, suggest are; Mark Inglis as Chair, Gillian Carroll, Jamie Tait or Jane Bradley, Scott Mulholland, Kevin Lammie or Joanne Logan, Jackie Hamilton, Marina McLaughlin, David Barr, Kathleen Winter, Alison Gooding.

Follow up action agreed by the SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE following 1st June 2023 meeting:

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 main focus of the SDP will be working together as a partnership along with a commissioned consultancy, Horizons Research, to shape the future of South Ayrshire Whole Family Wellbeing. There have been various structured interviews and a questionnaire completed by Horizons and workshops. The first Insight Report was produced and a workshop of the CSPP held on the morning of the 2 June 2023 to discuss the implications of the research and to give informed feedback from CSPP as the research moves into phase two and three of work.

We have also completed the annual CSPP report which is out for publication and will be ready over the summer.

South Ayrshire's next Children Service Plan for 2023 – 2026 is now also being pulled together. The next plan will reflect the work done around the implementation of The Promise, the UNCRC, Child Poverty, the findings of the Department of Public Health report for Ayrshire and Arran and implementing a Whole Family Wellbeing approach along with Education, Thriving Communities and Health and Social Care priorities in partnership with our commissioned partners.

There will also be a workshop between HSPP and Education and partners to look at the future models of working in South Ayrshire which builds upon good evidence of what works well and will enable there to be more

of a locality-based approach to how services are accessed and experienced. This will revolve round the school cluster model and follow the Belmont Family First approach or the Small Steps to Wellbeing.

This is a critical point in the evolution of the CSPP. The relationships with key leaders and the general overall conditions for transformation and change are ripe to enable innovation, collaboration, and partnership working.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

Since the last report, there has been a one further South Ayrshire CSPP which was in the form of a workshop based in the County Hall. The focus of this was around reflections on the Horizon Insight Report One and to consider the LOIP and CSPP main area for focus in that. The workshop was a very worthwhile and engaging session with full engagement from partners and a strong sense of alignment and agreement with each other and the majority of the Insight Report One. There is very much progress in Children Services Planning with the contribution of the Horizons research. Work in implementing The Promise remains a high priority and key to delivering on the Whole Family Wellbeing as well as delivering on UNCRC and ASN Legislation.

We have recruited a Children Services Planning and Performance Lead Officer, Gillian Carroll, which is a great appointment and one which will enable the CSPP to progress with a new CS Plan effectively.

There is an Annual CSP report which is now out for publishing and will be reported into CPP, Council, IJB and the NHS Board after the summer, as well as being submitted to the Scottish Government.

KEY ISSUES

- The writing and presentation of the annual Children Service Report
- The creation of the next three-year Children Services Plan 2023-2026 with reference to performance management data and qualitative information, the current chair of the CSPG would be the Chair of the CSPP.
- Establishing the new Children Services Planning and Performance Lead Officer
- Establishment of the new structure, namely the Joint Improvement Group, would become more akin to the current CSPP, with a larger cohort of partners who would reflect the work of subgroups. This would be chaired by the Children Services Lead Officer.
- The JIG would also;
 - support a programme of self-evaluation across children's services using an agreed self-evaluation methodology e.g. The Care Inspectorate Self-Evaluation for Improvement Framework and available data including the Local Government Benchmarking Framework;
 - support identification of improvement areas emerging from self-evaluation activity and develop an improvement programme and overseeing progress of the improvement programme;
 - undertake performance management of the Children's Services Plan;
 - drawing on available information and data from self-evaluation, improvement and performance management to inform future priorities for children's services;
 - consider new national policy initiatives, legislation and funding opportunities in terms of local implementation and training requirements and provide advice to the Children's Services Strategic Delivery Partnership on local implementation; and
 - undertake appropriate preparations for inspections
 - The JIG would be made up of a range of partners who would be chairs of the CSPP subgroups, namely (at present and subject to change of name) are; People, Families, The Promise, Voice, Included, Healthy
 - With the plan for an Annual CSPP conference to bring all these key partners together to celebrate the work of CSPP.
- The Children Services Planning Partnership would be made up key Senior Leaders which would meet quarterly and drive performance around delivery of the Plan.

UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS

The continued work to deliver on The Promise and ensure that it is a key driver for LOIP and CPP

Report Completed by:

Officer: Mark Inglis, Head of Children's Health, Care and Justice

Date: 6 July 2023

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 24TH AUGUST 2023



Community Safety Partnership

Date of last meetings: 15th June 2023

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

Follow up action agreed by the SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE following 1st June 2023 meeting:

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 focus of the SDP for 2023/2024 continues to consolidate and promote the work of the Joint Action Groups (JAG's) and to ensure that they are working collaboratively developing joint work in support of the key priorities of the CSP.

The SDP will continue to focus on plans and initiatives to promote the safety and wellbeing of local communities and visitors to South Ayrshire.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

Reducing Violence

The Partnership continues to meet regularly (via Teams) to ensure appropriate sharing of information and forward planning to support increased footfall in South Ayrshire due to local events being delivered.

The partnership deploy regularly at weekends with increased deployments including the Scottish Grand National and Colours Festival. Planning has also commenced around the Scottish Gold Cup, International Air Show and Halloween. Key points are:

- Short test of change involving taxi marshals wearing body worn cameras has commenced. (August 2023);
- The JAG continues to promote the work being undertaken via social media platforms including Facebook and Twitter. This has resulted in some of the elected members going on patrol with our Street Pastors;
- Successful recruitment of more street pastors who will be able to assist the current cadre;
- Additional merchandise (flip flops, foil blankets) etc have been purchased to help support the street pastors when on patrol; and
- The members of the JAG are exploring the possibility of assisting and supporting the delivery of a licensing training event that will offer mandatory training to the licensing trade and will also include training suitable to the JAG members relating to:-

- How to administer Naloxone
- How to use a defibrillator should a person be in cardiac arrest

Road, Fire and Water Safety.

The RF&WS joint action group continues to meet regularly. The following key points are:

- Water Safety initiatives have been supported by all partners;
- Engagements with S1 pupils with various messages, including fire, water and road safety;
- Pan-Ayrshire Experienced Driver event organised for 22nd August 2023;
- New driver scheme being delivered to Academies across South Ayrshire;
- JAG continues to link with PAWS group;
- Pilot road safety event taking place at MARR College, targeting 5th and 6th years on 19th September 2023. Based on CARS (Combining Ayrshires Road Safety) model currently delivered in North and East Ayrshire; and
- Developing multi-agency resources.

Violence against Woman and Girls (VAW&G)

The violence against woman and girl's next meeting is scheduled to take place on September 6th. The following key points are;

- Development of Action plan for group – including calendar of events and national campaigns to focus on;
- Hysteria production the JAG currently reviewing and creating an educational resource to take into wider community;
- Pan Ayrshire meeting - meeting with VAW leads and LALOs from 3 authorities to plan events including a pan Ayrshire Conference on Commercial Sexual exploitation that will be used to launch this year's White Ribbon Campaign and 16 days of action;
- Further planning is underway to support the 16 days of action with other local events and activities;
- Development of an input to prevent sexual violence by changing attitudes and behaviour towards women and encouraging being a positive bystander and challenging peers. This input will be delivered in local sports clubs (Ayr united/Marr rugby have confirmed); and
- 'imagine a man' resource on positive masculinity' – this will be developed at future meetings.

Intergenerational

Then intergenerational group continue to meet quarterly. Key points are as follows:

- Discussions have taken place about a potential intergenerational project being developed in the Maybole area. This would be collaboration between older people and pupils from Carrick Academy;
- A member of the Health and Wellbeing Team has recently completed his trishaw training and started to take out residents from local Ayr care homes. It is hoped that younger people will become involved in this project as it progresses;
- Members of the group have agreed to develop an advice/ information guide about setting up an intergenerational project to ensure that all parties are happy taking part in an intergenerational project;
- Meeting has taken place with Age Scotland about their services within South Ayrshire;
- Staff have attended both Generations Working Together group and Intergenerational National Network; and

- South Ayrshire will be hosting intergenerational training delivered by Generations Working Together in September this year.

Safer Places

The main focus of the Joint Action Group for Waste Management is two projects both within Schools. The next phase of our Litter Lotto project is to work with schools and create friendly competition between our secondary's to bin as much litter as possible and create behaviour change with pupils by awarding prizes to schools and pupils who bin the most litter. We are also working with all education establishments to introduce recycling bins, this is taking place after successful application to Zero Waste Scotland to fund the project.

The safer places joint action group have been focusing on the following areas which include:

- Antisocial behaviour from youths in Ayr and Prestwick;
- Anti-Social behaviour from off road vehicles;
- Under Age Vaping Sales;
- Litter Lotto project is running well and we are seeing a slight increase in the number of residents downloading the app and we hope this will increase when we start to work directly with pupils in our secondary schools;
- Anti-Social behaviour complaints in Ayr have reduced with the work being undertaken by Thriving communities and Police Scotland; and
- Thriving Communities continue to visit establishments selling vapes to remind them of their responsibility when it comes to checking ages when selling age restricted items.

KEY ISSUES

Moving forward the focus of the Joint Action Groups will be to look at Autumn and winter initiatives such as October school holidays and the festive period.

UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS

Police Scotland continues to have dedicated wellbeing officers who identify, engage and support local individuals and families who have been identified as vulnerable or at risk in an effort to improve the outcomes of those individuals. This work is delivered in partnership with South Ayrshire Council, SFRS and other third sector organisations. It continues to have a particular focus on individuals and families living in North Ayr and Wallacetown.

Report Completed by:

Officer: Chief Inspector Kevin Lammie, Local Area Commander South Ayrshire

Date: 14 August 2023

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 24TH AUGUST 2023



FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND GROWTH SDP

Date of last meetings: 13th June 2023

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

N/A

Follow up action agreed by the SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE following 1st June 2023 meeting:

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MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP

Main areas of focus are financial hardship and raising awareness of entitlements/grants available, opportunities through the Ayrshire Growth deal, employability and lifelong learning, and implementation of the Local Child Poverty Action Plan Report.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

Since the last CP Board, there have been one meeting of the SDP on the 13th of June. Key areas of progress arising from this meeting includes:

COMMUNITY WEALTH BUILDING

Members were provided with an update of the progress of Community Wealth Building (CWB) within South Ayrshire. CWB 'is a people centred approach to local economic development, which redirects wealth back into the local economy and places control and benefits in the hands of local people' (CLES). Members heard about the SAC CWB Framework, progress around the five pillars of CWB, the Catalyst Fund which has focus on Procurement, Fair Work, Land & Assets and Plural Ownership with the themes of capacity building, job creation, town centres, arts, culture and heritage. Information was also provided on the links between CWB and placemaking. **There is a CWB regional event planned for 27th September 2023 at Troon Walker Halls.**

COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS INCLUDING FUEL AND FOOD POVERTY

Fuel and food poverty continue to be standing agenda items for the SDP. There have been no recent meetings of the Community Food Network however members were advised that additional funding had been received for the food pantries which continue to be well used. The Household Boost fund has been designed to support vulnerable households alleviate pressure on household budgets as the cost-of-living crisis escalates. Before progressing to grant application, claimants are provided with a budgeting assessment to identify potential areas to save/reduce or offer debt solutions as well as a benefit check to maximise their current income before progressing to grant application. Applications are limited to one per household. To date 1013 households have received £274,350 in total of grant payments to date. The Energy Agency (Home Energy Advice Team) are still experiencing a high number of calls although call volumes are dropping slightly. The team are still processing a high number of fuel vouchers. The Energycarer Service continues to be in high demand. More outreach work and community drop-ins are taking place including attendance at the Job Centre, Care and Share drop in, attending Newton Foodbank and Community Hub and attendance at local community events.

EMPLOYABILITY AND LIFELONG LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

An extensive update was provided on progress to date with the main points highlighted:

The **CLD Plan mid term report** was presented at Service and Partnership Panel on the 13th June 2023. There was positive feedback on the work of the CLD partnership.

Fair Work Event 23 May 2023: 25 Employers attended and attracted 190 people.

PAVE Programme – Pathways for Adults Volunteering in Education: Ten participants have completed the PAVE programme with placements in various departments within Ayr Academy, Braehead Primary, Newton Early Years, Dalmilling Primary School and Annbank Primary School. All candidates completed a PVG check and had a short interview with TC and school staff prior to starting the placement and completed a number of accredited training courses over a period of 8 weeks. Participants are currently being supported to apply for job vacancies.

Carers Event: Thriving Communities Employability Team hosted an event for Carers on Wednesday 7th June 2023 at the Cutty Sark, Ayr. This was supported by a number of partners including Skills Development Scotland (SDS), Department for Work & Pensions (DWP), VASA, Police Scotland, Fire Service, Barnardo's, South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership, VASA, Carers Centre, UWS and Ayrshire College promoting support available to carers.

Closing the Disability Gap: A Local Employability Partnership sub-group has been established to monitor and review the Disability Employment Gap within South Ayrshire. This group has expanded with additional partners and now includes – South Ayrshire Council, SDS, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce, DWP, Hansel, Ayrshire College, and SEN schools/departments from Girvan and Ayr. The groups aim is to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities. To launch this initiative an event will be held on 31 August 2023 for employers, clients and training providers. The event will consist of information sessions for employers to access and hear about the Fair Work principles and there will be a reverse jobs fair for people with additional support needs to showcase their skills and talents to the employers.

No One Left Behind (NOLB) Scottish Government Grant: The Scottish Government grant has now been confirmed and spend will be agreed at the Local Employability Partnership meeting on 22 June 2023. A proportion of the grant will be ringfenced for interventions that tackle child poverty. We intend to introduce new initiatives to complement our key worker support which include:

- Parental Transition Fund
- Targeted Employer Recruitment Incentives
- Commissioned Training
- Tailored Jobs Programme

Thriving Communities/Ayrshire College - Targeted Summer Activity:

Connecting Communities

A Connecting Communities Summer Programme is planned for families from across South Ayrshire with Ayrshire College and Thriving Communities in July with each locality attending one day per week for 4 weeks. Staff from Thriving Communities will identify families who will benefit from attending the sessions. Parents will cook a family meal to take home and they will also be provided with enough ingredients to replicate the meal at home.

- Childcare will be provided by the college for school age children;
- Choice of Child Activity: Sport, Media, Music, Drama, or a Play Activity for younger children;
- Active Schools Assistants will deliver sporting activities to the children alongside HN students from Ayrshire College;
- Lunch will be provided as well as snacks and drinks; and
- Transport will be provided where required.

On the 7th August, Ayrshire College hosted a Celebration of Success for all participants from the different cohorts.

Care Experienced Cooking Programme

Ayrshire College has accessed funding to provide the opportunity for care experienced young people to attend college throughout the summer holidays to take part in a cooking group. The programme will be delivered by Ayrshire College and Thriving Communities Employability Team with a focus on cooking, healthy eating, and food poverty.

CHILD POVERTY ACTION PLAN

The refresh of the Child Poverty Action Plan will be supported by several workshops with partners to consider data and key areas of need. The first workshop session, held on the 12th May, was facilitated by the Improvement Service. A second workshop session, held on the 23rd June, was led by Public Health Scotland introducing a '**systems and data-driven approach to strategic child poverty planning**'. It was agreed at this session, that South Ayrshire will participate in this process to develop a *Child Poverty Strategy* with supporting action plan and that further workshop sessions will be arranged to support the process mapping. This will be fully supported by Public Health Scotland.

Child Poverty Accelerator Fund

The Scottish Government has recently launched the Child Poverty Practice Accelerator Fund which aims to enhance an area's approach to tackling child poverty practice. The fund will 'support small scale projects to generate evidence on a known problem, adapt a promising approach from elsewhere to work in an area, or re-design a service or services to deliver greater impact on child poverty'. Ongoing discussions are taking place regarding a bid for South Ayrshire. Bids must be submitted by 1st September (5pm). Further information on the fund can be found [here](#).

KEY ISSUES

- A review of the membership of the SDP will take place in consideration of the approval given by the CP Board to incorporate 'growth' into the remit of the SDP and links to Community Wealth Building and wider economy and regeneration.
- Refresh of the Local Child Poverty Action plan considering the new National Child Poverty plan.
- Continued implementation of the delivery plan for Period Products (Free Provision) (Scotland) Act 2021.
- Provide the Community Planning Board with an update on Ayrshire Growth Deal and Community Wealth Building (and in particular how community wealth building ties in with place-planning and regeneration) to be arranged for a future CP Board meeting.
- Continue to make connections within the SDP and members on support available to our local communities because of the cost-of-living crisis; and
- Development of a Strategic Outcome and supporting priorities in preparation for the new Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS

The SDP will support the strategic theme of 'Closing the Poverty Related Outcomes Gap' through the child poverty action plan and Employability and Lifelong Learning Partnership.

Report Completed by:

Officer: Jamie Tait supported by Susan McCardie

Date: August 2023

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE
COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 24TH AUGUST 2023



POPULATION HEALTH SDP

Date of last meeting: 20th June

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

n/a

Follow up action agreed by the SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE following 1st June 2023 meeting:

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

Development and delivery of actions within the Strategic Action Plan which have been aligned to the public health priorities.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

Since the last CP Board, there has been one meeting of the SDP on the 20th of June. However, due to a number of apologies, the SDP was unable to proceed with a full meeting however time was spent discussing the next steps for the SDP following on from the wider CPP structure changes agreed on the 20th April. A further meeting will be arranged for early September to engage with members on what the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) priorities will be for the SDP.

SUBGROUPS

The SDP has in place several subgroups which are progressing the priorities of the SDP action plan and regular updates are provided on progress. The subgroups are:

<i>Dementia Friendly South Ayrshire Steering Group</i>	<i>Social Isolation and Loneliness Subgroup</i>
<i>Health in all Policies Short Life Working Group</i>	<i>Sport and Recreation Subgroup</i>
<i>South Ayrshire Mental Health Improvement Subgroup</i>	<i>Green Health and Active Living Subgroup</i>
<i>Suicide Prevention Subgroup</i>	<i>Healthy Weight Strategy Subgroup</i>

With the Population Health SDP now focusing on high level, South Ayrshire wide public health priority areas, the subgroup structure will be considered as part of the wider LOIP discussions and any subgroup work that will be covered through localities will be relocated to the relevant locality planning partnership reporting structure.

KEY ISSUES

- Development of high-level strategic outcome and supporting priorities.
- Continued development of subgroups which, following structure changes, will remain within the reporting structure - the Communities and Population Health SDP has now been renamed as Population

Health SDP with the communities' element of the SDP being considered as part of Locality Planning Partnership with the SDP focusing on South Ayrshire wide, high level public health priority areas.

- To provide support for the development of Ageing Well Strategy and further development/implementation of Age-Friendly Communities.
- Continued development of the app to promote green health opportunities.

UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS

Both the Dementia and Social Isolation and Loneliness Implementation Plans continue to progress.

Report Completed by:

Officer: Elaine Young (supported by Susan McCardie)

Date: August 2023

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 24TH AUGUST 2023



SUSTAINABILITY SDP

Date of last meetings: 7th June 2023

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

Ongoing urgent need for collaborative action to address the climate and nature crisis.

Follow up action agreed by the SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE following 1st June 2023 meeting:

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

Positive move to place /locality focus. We continue to advocate for the key themes in relation to sustainability and climate change, in particular food, energy, transport and nature, and the issues in South Ayrshire / Ayrshire for each of these topics in particular around the need for collaboration, coordination and resourcing.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

Move from Sustainability Partnership to Sustainability SDP agreed. Deputy Chair, Alastair Kay NHS and Chair, Liz Marquis Energy Agency agreed, terms of reference agreed.

Place standard with Climate lens being used for new NHS facility – National Treatment Centre, Ayr – repurposing the old Carrick Glen Hospital. The assessment encourages views from the wider stakeholders and the public including underrepresented groups, where the views are brought into the design brief to be monitored through the buildings progress. Integration with local planning teams, and the wider community allow plans to be collated and built upon through the design process. Given this is a hospital the place standard with a climate lens was a great fit to use, and we condensed the categories down to 5 key areas for the assessment. This work is mandated within the NHS Sustainable Design and Construction guidance STHN02:01 and also in the Scottish Governments “standard” for net zero buildings.

The Council is committed to delivering a Local Heat and Energy Efficiency Strategy before the end of the calendar year and partners will discuss this further at the next meeting. Feasibility studies have been completed by consultants on the practicalities of installing a district heating network in Girvan serving the hospital, sports centre, commercial businesses and homes using waste heat from the whisky industry. If installed this is replicable across the industry.

As a result of partnership workings between the Energy Agency, SAC, NHSAAA, Glasgow University and EAC a health impact research paper has been published in Public Health in Practice. This 8 year research shows a reduction in hospital admissions for respiratory and cardiac conditions when patients housing improves. The full report is titled **Health gains from home energy efficiency measures: The missing evidence in the UK net-zero policy debate** and can be found online at <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.puhip.2023.100396>

The SDP notes the development of the Climate Intelligence Service nationally in Scotland and would like to welcome this and explore opportunities in relation to this for South Ayrshire / Ayrshire.

The SDP also notes the research underway by climateXchange regarding addressing public sector scope 3 emissions and looks forward to apply the findings when they are released in October to our work in Ayrshire.

KEY ISSUES

Funding has been pulled for travel hubs – serious issue. The SDP would like to highlight that it is not optional to take action in this area, and if the hubs are not able to continue then alternative ways of delivering the same outcomes must urgently be developed and resourced in line with statutory duties and legislation.

UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS

Still to be developed

Report Completed by:

Officer: Liz Marquis, Alastair Kay and Lorna Jarvie

Date: 14/8/2023



**COMMUNITY PLANNING ENGAGEMENT GROUP UPDATE TO
COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 24TH AUGUST 2023**

Date of last meeting: N/A (first meeting of new group scheduled for 28th September)

Main current focus of the group:

The main focus of the Community Planning Engagement Group is to inform the process of widening community engagement within a community planning setting through representation of communities of interest, forums that sit within VASA (Voluntary Action South Ayrshire) and community and third sector organisations. The Community Planning Engagement Group will also support CPPs on the best approaches for engagement activity for plans/strategies.

PROGRESS UPDATE

Work has taken place by officers from VASA, HSCP and SAC to review the previous terms of reference for the Communities Reference Group to ensure that it meets the requirements of the new Community Planning Engagement Group. Chairing the group will remain with VASA. The main remit of the group will be to:

- as the main locus for the co-ordination of engagement and participation activity across the Community Planning Partnership in line with Part 2: Community Planning Guidance of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 that states that 'CPPs should also engage with third sector organisations, where doing so can support effective participation from community groups that can contribute to community planning'. The guidance advises that Third Sector Interfaces should 'support effective community planning, by building links between third sector bodies and the CPP'. Taking this into consideration, it is recommended that VASA continue to take the lead role in developing this group.
- Co-ordinate engagement and participation across the Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partnership which has the strategic responsibility for the developing, implementing and evaluating the three-year CLD Partnership Plan. The CLD Regulations, which came into force on 1 September 2013, seek to strengthen the legislative basis for CLD by placing requirements on local authorities. In South Ayrshire CLD is an integral part of Community Planning Partnership and helps align local arrangements that support community empowerment, while supporting individuals and communities to make positive changes in their lives and in their community. The CLD Plan 2021-24 sets out local priorities and how CLD provision will be coordinated. The plan also sets out how the plan supports community planning partnership priorities locally and strategically.

The process of widening community engagement/participation will be supported/informed by a representative from each of the relevant VASA forums becoming a member of the associated Strategic Delivery Partnership within the CPP representing 'communities of interests' (such as older people) and/or 'themes' (welfare, cost of living). The role of the representative will be to share information, particularly on cross-cutting issues and developments from each of the SDPs and CLD Partnership, with members of the Community Planning Engagement Group for further sharing throughout their relevant networks and capturing feedback on issues (when requested) which would then be taken back to relevant SDPs and/or CLD Partnership. The CLD Partnership plan sets out the priorities across South Ayrshire that will support and assist the CPP with Community Empowerment noted as a priority.

The Community Planning Engagement Group will also develop a more structured formal approach for Community Planning Partners on engaging with communities by providing guidance and expertise on the best approaches for engagement, and guide this activity through various routes including:

- Localities (via Locality Planning Partnerships);
- thematic (such as engaging with children and young people, adults, older people and families);
- service users; and
- CPP strategic plans including Local Outcomes Improvement Plan.

It should be noted that this group will not lead on engagement activity but will provide guidance and advice on what the most appropriate route that should be taken.

Updates reports on the progress of the group will be provided to the Community Planning Board and CLD Partnership.

Annual Community Planning Webinar Series Event

Support will continue to organise and facilitate the annual Community Planning Webinar series event to raise awareness and provide progress on wider community planning partnership activity through the work of the Strategic Delivery Partnerships/CLD Partnership/Third Sector Interface.

This will take place over two weeks in November and work will begin shortly to develop a programme for the series event.

KEY ISSUES/ACTIONS

- **Finalise terms of reference for the Community Planning Engagement Group with group members; and**
- **Finalise and promote annual Community Planning Webinar Series event.**

Report Completed by:

Officer: Susan McCardie/Marie Oliver

Date: August 2023



THIRD SECTOR INTERFACE UPDATE TO COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 24TH AUGUST 2023

VOLUNTARY ACTION SOUTH AYRSHIRE UPDATE

Work has taken place internally within VASA to re-structure and align third sector forums with the newly revised Community Planning Structure. This will allow VASA to support the process of widening community engagement within the community planning and structure through effective participation from community groups that contribute towards wider community planning priorities. It is proposed that a representative from each of the relevant forums becomes a member of the associated Strategic Delivery Partnerships whereby they will represent either 'communities of interests' or 'themes'. Through this engagement and participation within the SDPs, forum representatives will be able to share updates from the SDPs on a wide range of issues and upcoming developments for further sharing throughout the wider forum networks.

The Forums membership will be open to Third Sector organisations only, however the public and or private sector will be invited to feed in input as required.

It is proposed that the following forums will align to SDPs as follows:

- Children's Services Planning Partnership: *Third Sector and Young Persons Forum*
- Financial Inclusion and Growth: *Third Sector Community Food Network and the Third Sector Employability and Social Enterprise Forum*
- Community Safety: *Third Sector Welfare Forum*
- Population Health: *Third Sector Health and Wellbeing Forum*
- Sustainability: *Sustainability Forum*

In addition, VASA will be facilitating the Ageing Well Champions Board which will feed into the Aging Well Board and the IJB. The Ageing Well Champions Board is made up of local people over the age of 50. They will also play a vital role in supporting the Age Friendly Communities.

KEY ISSUES/ACTIONS

- To seek endorsement from the CP Board on the new structure changes proposed.

Report Completed by:
Officer: Marie Oliver
Date: August 2023