

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

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