



**COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT GROUP UPDATE TO
COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 25TH JANUARY 2024**

Date of last meeting: 30th November

Main current focus of the group:

The main focus of the Community Planning Participation and 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 Participation and Engagement Group will also support the CPP on the best approaches for engagement activity for plans/strategies.

PROGRESS UPDATE

The last meeting of the group was held on the 30th November. The meeting principally focused on the Accessible Ayr project and a presentation was given by the Economy and Regeneration Team (SAC) on the proposals. Members had an opportunity to provide feedback and additional guidance/advice on further engagement/consultation opportunities particularly in relation to communities of interest (such as the Ageing Well Champions Board, marginalised groups and involving young people in decision making).

Democracy Matters, taking place as part of the Local Governance Review, was also discussed. It was agreed that a meeting is held early in January to discuss appropriate response to the consultation. This is being led by Thriving Communities (Community Engagement).

Members were also updated on the Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places to ensure that polling places are accessible to all electors including those who are disabled. Members were asked to circulate the consultation to their various groups/networks to encourage responses.

An overview was provided on the proposed high-level outcomes/priority areas for the new CPP Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP). The group will play a key role in supporting the upcoming consultation on the new LOIP.

KEY ISSUES/ACTIONS

- **The group will support consultation on the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan – this will be begin mid-January.**

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