

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 22ND AUGUST 2024



Sustainability SDP

Date of last meetings: Thursday 13 June 2024

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

Ensuring complementarity and avoiding conflict between priority areas / actions across the SDPs as the LOIP evolves, and similarly with other major regional plans such as the Regional Economic Strategy.

Follow up action agreed by the SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:

n/a

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP

The Sustainability SDP is very much focused on the development of its 4 priority subgroups in order to meet the identified priorities of the group which are now featured in the LOIP.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

The priority group for Food last met on 20 June and now has draft TOR in place and is working toward a planning session for the Food Plan. This will build on the areas which require to be addressed from the Ayrshire Healthy Weight Action Plan as well as wider aspirations brought forward through the work of the Sustainability SDP and the Good Food Nation work. It is hoped that the session will take place late summer / early autumn.

The priority group for food will seek to coordinate activity to:

1. Ensure that food related activity meets all outcomes of the CPP;
2. Where there are gaps identified these are addressed where possible;
3. Support a robust application of Good Food Nation requirements involving not just SAC and NHSAA, to ensure the greatest beneficial outcomes from this approach across the CPP;
4. Ensure that any contradictory activity undertaken by the partnership or partners is identified and engagement undertaken to address any such contradictions; and
5. Agree any actions from the previous Healthy Weight Strategy that have still to be initiated or require ongoing implementation.

The priority group for nature has met on a number of occasions now with the most recent being 24 July. It is progressing the early development work on nature networks in South Ayrshire and a biodiversity strategy for the area that will support delivery of this. The collaboration of nature experts brought together for this work has already supported the delivery of a range of projects, interventions and outcomes in our area and is well placed to steer this work going forward.

The key collaborative actions of the nature subgroup which will drive change and delivery are:

1. Nature network mapping and 30 by 30 sites
2. Developing our approach to securing positive effects for biodiversity.
3. Working through the twin crisis and the reciprocal relationship between climate and nature

Initial discussions were had including discussion how these broad actions will be monitored, what key milestones are, challenges and constraints. This included ensuring a level of detail as required available locally in relation to key species protection issues such as black grouse and making sure the frameworks being developed supported on the ground projects for a range of specific nature and wider wellbeing outcomes.

The nature subgroup would like to highlight the following points in particular to the Sustainability SDP and board as appropriate:

- We will be working in partnership with Scottish Wildlife Trust to deliver a Pollinator Nature Network, which will deliver spatially defined GIS mapping of Pollinator Nature Network and opportunity areas, monitoring and community engagement and outreach.
- Ranger Service and Biodiversity Stakeholder Group will start to compile a South Ayrshire Local List of species.
- Ranger Service and Biodiversity Stakeholder Group to start programme of events/activities to encourage biological recording in South Ayrshire to establish better understanding of baseline and monitor impact of Biodiversity creation/enhancement/restoration projects.

The priority group for energy last met on 31 July and discussed a range of areas including the LHEES and the development of design guidance. These areas will be the focus of future updates from the group bringing these areas of work into the community planning sphere, with a 3rd area of focus looking at scoping out other gaps and opportunities related to our local energy landscape. The subgroup will:

1. Deliver the LHEES (Callum Robertson is the lead officer);
2. Deliver and share with CPP partners the SAC design guidance (an example of best practice that other partners can learn from) (Paul Cassidy is the lead officer); and
3. Scope out wider SA energy issues with partners by way of gap / collaborative opportunities analysis for future action development, addressing widest scope including resilience, adaptation, wider planning issues, climate hub activities/feedback etc.

The travel priority work links the existing Member Officer Working Group and Community Action Group formed to support the delivery of the Active Travel Strategy for the area to the CPP. There have been funding challenges related to changes to the allocation of money from Scottish Government and further updates are awaited at present from the lead officer for this area of collaborative working.

KEY ISSUES

- SDP and subgroup membership requires to be developed to better support the priority action areas. Support from CPP Board members will be sought in terms of ensuring all appropriate organisations are represented.
- Ayrshire Climate Hub continues to develop based at the Energy Agency in Ayr

UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS

Since the last update time has been spent on developing all 4 priority action sub groups of the Sustainability SDP around energy, travel, nature and food.

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