



COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT GROUP UPDATE TO COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 22ND AUGUST 2024

Date of last meeting: 11th June 2024

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 11th June 2024. The meeting principally focused on the following:

- **Child Poverty Strategy:** Strategy was approved at the CPP board in April 2024, an action plan development session will take place mid-August, Public Health Scotland will be supporting the session and once the plan has been drafted it will be shared. [Child Poverty 2024-2029 - South Ayrshire Council \(south-ayrshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/child-poverty-2024-2029)
- **Ageing Well Strategy Consultation:** The Ageing Well Champions Board was established in June last year, there are now around 150 board members and meetings are held in Ayr, Girvan and Troon. Engagement over the past year also includes webinars and symposia in accordance with World Health Organisation's ageing well model. South Ayrshire was the second local authority in Scotland to become age friendly and strategic board members have been invited to other areas to give presentations.

The *Ageing Well 1 Year On* event on 30 May had been very successful, with over 100 members of the public attending. The strategy consultation period was launched at the event and closed on 26 July. The draft strategy and priority areas have been developed over the past year with input from Champions Board members. At the end of the consultation period the final version of the strategy and an action plan will be produced by the strategic board. There will also be a launch event in September at the Gaiety.

- **HSCP Communication Strategy Consultation:** As this strategy relates to staff and partners, a public consultation was not required. The draft went to the Integrated Joint Board in June for approval and will be shared, along with developments, with this group. This is now separate from the Community Engagement Plan, which will be subject to a public consultation, after it has been brought to this group.
- **Community Learning Development Plan (CLD) Consultation:** South Ayrshire Council have a statutory duty to produce a Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partnership Plan in 2024. As the current Plan expires at the end of August, a new Plan should be in place by 1 September. The Plan has 5 priorities: adult and family learning, youth work, mental health and wellbeing, community empowerment and engagement, and employability and volunteering. Education Scotland had visited South Ayrshire last September and had given very positive feedback, however also said there should be fewer actions under each priority. The consultation was live at the time of the last meeting and there were 3 surveys: for learners (from 8 years upwards), for partners, and for the workforce. Additionally, the Scottish Government are carrying out an independent review of Community Learning and Development, to see how it impacts the most marginalised people in Scotland who face barriers to

learning and work. This is due to be published later this month and recommendations may be included within the new CLD Plan. If that is not possible, another survey may have to be done next year.

KEY ISSUES/ACTIONS

The group will continue to provide support/advise regarding upcoming consultations.

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