
9.30am, 8th May 2025, County Hall, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr

FIRST PART OF MEETING (9.30am to 10.15am):

The workshop session will be utilised to put our Children's Services Planning Partnership (SDP) Inspection Position Statement questions to the CPP through the lens of The Promise. This will help us to formulate our position statement, impact of our current priorities, and CPP understanding of our collaborative work.

SECOND PART OF MEETING (10.15am): ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1 **Welcome**
- 2 **Declarations of Interest**
- 3 **Apologies**
- 4 **Minutes of the Meeting of 30th January 2025**
- 5 **Update on Integrated Neighbourhood Team (Ayr North) followed by Pledge Signing**
Verbal Update by Assistant Director (Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance), South Ayrshire Council
- 6 **Transformation**
Presentation by Assistant Director (Transformation), South Ayrshire Council
- 7 **Update from Food Workshop and Next Steps**
Presentation by Consultant Dietitian in Public Health Nutrition, NHS Ayrshire & Arran
- 8 (a) **Strategic Delivery Partnership Chairs Executive Update incorporating updates from:**
 - **Children's Services Planning Partnership (appendix 1)**
 - **Community Safety (appendix 2)**
 - **Financial Inclusion and Growth (appendix 3)**
 - **Population Health (appendix 4)**
 - **Sustainability (appendix 5)**
 - **Locality Planning Partnership (appendix 6)***Report by Service Lead (Performance, Community Planning and Sustainability), South Ayrshire Council*
- (b) **Update from Community Planning Engagement and Participation Group**
Verbal update by Senior Policy Officer (Community Planning and Equalities), South Ayrshire Council
- 9 **Third Sector Interface Update: Voluntary Action South Ayrshire**
Report by Chief Executive Officer, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire
- 10 **AOCB: CP Board Self Evaluation Session – 13th May (1pm)**

11 **Date of next meetings:**

Thursday	4 September 2025 at 9.30am (County Hall, County Buildings)
Thursday	<i>*NOVEMBER MEETING CANCELLED* 6 November 2025 at 9.30am (County Hall, County Buildings)</i> <i>*REARRANGED FOR* 4th December at 9.30am (County Hall, County Buildings)</i>

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS BOARD

Minutes of a meeting of the South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnerships Board held at 9.30 am on Thursday 30th January 2025 in County Hall, County Buildings, Ayr

Board Members:

Councillor Julie Dettbarn (Chair); **Councillor Martin Dowey**; **Angela Cox**, Principal Ayrshire College; **Claire Baird**, Chief Executive, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce; **Marcus Ross**; Vice-Principal -Planning and Recruitment (UWS); **Simon Cameron**, Scottish Fire and Rescue; **Mike Newall**, Chief Executive (SAC); **Jane Bradley**, Director – Communities and Transformation; **Sian Williams** – NatureScot; **Fiona Cameron**, DWP; **Sally Amor**, Public Health Consultant, Inclusive Health, NHS A&A; **Kevin Anderson**, Assistant Director – Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance (SAC); **Superintendent Graeme Gallie**, Police Scotland; and **Phil White**, HSCP.

Officers:

Lorna Jarvie, Co-ordinator – Sustainability and Climate Change (SAC); **Susan McCardie**, Service Lead, Performance, Community Planning and Sustainability; **Jamie Tait**, Service Lead – Thriving Communities (SAC); **Lisa McGuinness**, Scottish Government; **Elizabeth Dougall**, Senior Policy Officer (SAC); **Gillian Carroll**, Children’s Services Co-ordinator (SAC); **Cl Stuart Dougan**, Chair of Community Safety Partnership; **Joanne McEwan**, Climate Change and Biodiversity Officer (SAC); and **Marie Gobert**, Climate Change and Biodiversity Officer (SAC).

Kenny Dalrymple, Assistant Director – Housing and Operations (SAC); **Inspector Allen Dodds**, Police Scotland;; **George Hunter**, Assistant Director, Housing (SAC); **Mark Inglis**, Head of Children’s Health, Care and Justice;; **Andrew Kerr**, Audit Scotland; **Gavin Lee**, University of the West of Scotland; **Stewart Marshall**, Senior Manager (HSCP); **Karen MacMillan**, DWP; **Superintendent Stephen McGovern**, Police Scotland; **Graig McMillan**, Scottish Government; **Lesley Reid**, Senior Manager (HSCP); and **Phil White**, Partnership Facilitator – HSCP.

Apologies:

Councillor Alec Clark; **Alan Comrie**, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; **Karen Craib**, Scottish Enterprise; **Claire Burden**, Chief Executive, (NHS Ayrshire and Arran); **Claire Tooze**, Area Manager – Skills Development Scotland; **Lesley Bowie**, Board Chair, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; **Marie Oliver**, Chief Executive Officer, VASA; **Tim Eltringham**, Director – HSCP; **Dean Anderson**, Service Lead (DWP); **Lyndsay McRoberts**, Depute Chief Executive and Director of Education; **Suzanne Chow**; and Divisional Commander – Police Scotland;

FIRST PART OF THE MEETING

The first part of the meeting was a workshop session on how nature supports the work of the CPP and delivery of priorities across all SDPs. Nature provides for many of our basic needs and is the often-forgotten backdrop underlying all our work and lives more generally. However, as well as living in a climate emergency we are also living through a nature emergency involving mass species extinction.

What does this mean for all of us and our daily work, what are our legal duties, and how can we make the best of what we have? At the workshop Joanne McEwan, lead officer for the Nature Priority within the Sustainability SDP, set out the story so far and how this related to the day job for all of us, the development of a new Biodiversity Strategy for South Ayrshire and its focus on the development of Spatially defined Nature Networks for South Ayrshire.

We then took a deep dive into opportunities in relation to the work being done under each of the SDPs, where nature supports our work and what we can in turn do to make sure we are providing for nature in the actions we are taking forward. Input will be fed into the new strategy and network development process and a new consultation survey which can be shared more widely was also launched at the workshop.

Following the workshop session Community Planning Board members remained to attend the formal order of business for the Community Planning Board meeting.

SECOND PART OF THE MEETING – BUSINESS

1 Welcome

Councillor Julie Dettbarn (Chair) opened the meeting by welcoming all present to 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.

3. Apologies

As above.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the Community Planning Board (the Board) of 24 October 2024 (circulated) were submitted and approved with the amendment of a job title.

5. **Update on Radical Place Leadership and next steps**

There was a verbal update by the Assistant Director (Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance), South Ayrshire Council on Radical Place Leadership and the next steps.

The Assistant Director (Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance) thanked everyone for their engagement and advised that the Co-ordinator – Wallacetown would be moving to the wider Ayr North team and everything would be up and running by the 1st of April. An update will be provided at the next CPPB meeting.

6. **South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP): New Strategic Plan**

There was a presentation by the Co-ordinator, Planning and Performance (HSCP).

The Co-ordinator, Planning and Performance (HSCP) updated the Board on progress so far and presented the draft plan. The current plan was launched in 2021 and is refreshed every three years to ensure it is relevant and up to date. That draft presented was a result of initial consultation which is now in formal consultation.

The Board were advised that the biggest change from 2021 was that the new LOIP was in place. A lot had moved on since 2021, all of which had been captured and picked up on.

7(a). **Strategic Delivery Partnership 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 Planning Partnership | (circulated) |
| 2. Community Safety | (circulated) |
| 3. Financial Inclusion and Growth | (circulated) |
| 4. Population Health | (circulated) |
| 5. Sustainability | (circulated) |

After discussion, the Board:

Decided: to note the contents of each report.

7(b). **Update from Community Planning Engagement and Participation Group**

There was a report submitted (circulated) which provided Board Members with an update.

The Board:

Decided: to note the update.

8. Third Sector Interface Update: Voluntary Action South Ayrshire

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The Board:

Decided: to note the update.

9. Community Planning Executive Annual Review: 27th November 2024

There was a verbal update by the Service Lead (Performance, Community Planning and Sustainability), South Ayrshire Council.

The annual Community Planning Executive Review was held on the 27th of November and focussed on Best Value. Areas for Improvement were identified and performance management will be carried out via Pentana. Following participation in the National Self-Assessment on Community Planning Partnerships, the Improvement Service will be facilitating a session on the 13 May to develop the Improvement Plan which will support the work already being done. The LOIP and Performance Management Framework are in a good place and there had been good feedback on South Ayrshire CPP following the national assessment.

10. Any Other Competent Business

None

11. Date of Next Meetings:

The next meeting will take place on the 8 May 2025 at 9.30am in County Hall, County Buildings, Wellington Square, Ayr.

The meeting ended at 1.03pm

South Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership Board



Report by Service Lead – Performance, Community Planning and Sustainability to
Community Planning Partnership Board Meeting of 8th May 2025

Subject: Strategic Delivery Partnership Updates

1 Purpose of Report

- 1 The purpose of this report is to provide members of the Community Planning Board (CP Board) with an overview of the key discussion points and subsequent actions/decisions agreed at the Strategic Delivery Partnership (SDP) Chairs Executive held on the 24th April 2025 including progress taking place within each of the Strategic Delivery Partnerships and across the six Locality Planning Partnerships (LPPs).

2 The Board is to:

- 2.1 note the key areas for each SDP highlighted within section 4.1 with further information provided in appendices one to five;**
- 2.3 note the key areas of progress within the six Locality Planning Partnerships highlighted within section 4.1 with further information provided in appendix six;**
- 2.2 consider the areas of support required from the CP Board highlighted by SDPs section 4.2; and**
- 2.3 note the new Children’s Services structure which can be found in appendix one (Children’s Services SDP update).**

3 Update from SDP Chairs Executive

- 3.1 In order to improve the scrutiny of SDP and Locality Planning Partnership progress, SDP and Locality Planning updates are now being discussed in depth at the SDP Chairs Executive prior to submission to the CP Board. This allows for more focused discussion on SDP activity, opportunities for support across the SDPs and Locality Planning, agreeing a collaborative approach to several cross-cutting issues and identifying areas where SDP activity can connect with Locality Planning Partnership activity.

4 Progress

- 4.1 Extensive progress is taking place across all SDPs and Locality Planning Partnerships. Further information can be found in appendices one to six, however the tables below provide summary information on (1) current key issues for each of the SDPs and (2) the main current focus for each of the Locality Planning Partnerships.

CURRENT KEY ISSUES FOR SDPs	
Children's Services SDP	<p>Responsibilities across the CPP to adhere to requirements of the UNCRC Implementation Act, including Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA).</p> <p>Potential elongation of the Whole Family Wellbeing Fund (WFWF). No decision has yet been made, however the CSPP are keen to continue to develop the thinking around where any additional funding streams could be usefully deployed to further support our early and preventative whole family transformational change.</p> <p>Developing links between Integrated Neighbourhood Team (Ayr North) and CSPP work around our early and preventative whole family help in the formative years to reducing prevalence of speech, language and communication concerns at early developmental checks. CSPP work includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of a Solihull Parenting Strategy in South Ayrshire is underway, to create consistent training, messaging and streamlining of support for anyone in a parenting role. • Development of a Solihull Training model and team to support training, particularly looking at services connected into Wallacetown, Cherry Tree and Girvan EYC in the first year. • Targeted work in Ayr North supporting infant mental health and breastfeeding utilising PEEP (commencing Spring 2025). • Child Poverty Accelerator Fund (CPAF) Ayr North Research work to support understanding of the correlation between additional support needs and poverty including impact on parental wellbeing (commencing in April 2025). • Linking CSPP work into the 'School Readiness' outcome of the Integrated Neighbourhood Team (Ayr North) work. <p>Consideration now towards development of the next iteration of our current Children and Young People's Services Plan (2026/2029). Looking deeper into our journey and further developing our aims within current priority areas.</p>
COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	<p>Reducing Violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target weekends to be identified by Reducing Violence Joint Action Group to ensure properly resourced. <p>Home, Road & Water</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase in potential water safety issues due to increase in wild swimming and water-based activities. • Consideration to be given to creation of Water Safety Policy/Action Plan for SAC (incorporating a wider CPP approach). • Increase Water Safety messaging and initiatives, particularly over the summer months, and around new pontoon development on River Ayr. • Road safety issues particularly in relation to younger and older drivers. • Renewed focus on accidents within the home.

	<p>Safer Communities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAC to consider approach and response to new Firework Legislation (incorporating a wider CPP approach). • Particular safety issues around closed/derelict buildings in Ayr town centre. • Concerns re high THC content in vapes being used by young people. • Community concerns regarding impact of use of offroad vehicles. • High levels of complaint in relation to dog fouling and other environmental issues. • Increase in football related antisocial behaviour (ASB) (Ultras groups) • Increase in fire raising throughout locality. <p>Violence Against Women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to develop Pan Ayrshire approach to reduce violence against women and children. • Focus on Commercial Sexual Exploitation. • Creation of safe spaces and support for women fleeing violence
FINANCIAL INCLUSION & GROWTH SDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of flexible, affordable childcare in South Ayrshire; • Out of work benefits claimants and data sharing; and • Action Plan updates and progress report.
POPULATION HEALTH SDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aligning themes of mental health, social isolation and loneliness and suicide prevention in recognition of shared and common origins of human needs and risk. • Developing the transferable messages from Time Space and Compassion approaches to different settings • Opportunities to see the Low Road ‘a unique and powerful feature-length film helping to open up conversations around mental ill-health, self-harm and suicide within educational settings and workplaces’. • Bike amnesties for NHS staff across NHS A&A will be promoted in May 2025, to encourage old bikes to be donated for recycling and redistributed to individuals and families who may not otherwise be able to afford a bike. • South Ayrshire Health Walks continue to be well attended with 15 weekly health walks taking place and led by 36 active walk leaders, across the whole of South Ayrshire stretching from Troon to Ballantrae. Note the joins to Aging Well workstream.
SUSTAINABILITY SDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SDP requires to confirm appropriate representation from partners at all levels and ensure appropriate strategic linkages across the region. • Link with Community Safety SDP in relation to water safety.

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS FOR EACH OF LOCALITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP	
CENTRAL LOCALITY	<p>Ayr South – Priority areas for LPP are Community Connectedness, Promoting Good Mental Health and Wellbeing, Supporting our Ageing Communities.</p> <p>Ayr North – Priority areas for LPP are Promoting Good Mental Health</p>

	<p>and Wellbeing, Reducing Harms from Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs, Supporting an Inclusive Economy that Reduces Poverty and Inequality, Supporting our Ageing Communities.</p> <p>In both Ayr North and Ayr South LPPs a thematic approach to the business of the meetings has been adopted since October 2025. In addition to standing items that include updates from key partners, finance and consultations, each of the priority areas has been considered for 3 consecutive meetings.</p>
<p>SOUTH LOCALITY</p>	<p>Girvan/South Carrick – Priority areas for LPP are promoting good mental health wellbeing and physical health, managing long term health conditions, tackling social isolation and loneliness, tackling drug and alcohol issues and supporting unpaid carers.</p> <p>Maybole/North Carrick – Priority areas for LPP are promoting good mental and physical health including ageing well, tackling drug and alcohol issues and tackling social isolation and loneliness.</p> <p>Both LPPs meet monthly and adopt a hybrid approach for attendance. Girvan/SC is on a Wednesday evening and Maybole/SC is on a Thursday afternoon. The Girvan/SC LPP takes place consistently in Carrick Opportunities Building and the Maybole/NC LPP alternates between Maybole Library and McCosh Hall (Kirkmichael).</p>
<p>NORTH LOCALITY</p>	<p><u>NORTH LOCALITY</u></p> <p>The Prestwick LPP membership has grown over recent months, strengthening the LPP approach. Sadly the Chair stood down last year and the LPP has not identified a chair going forward. The HSCP Senior Manager currently chairs the group.</p> <p>The LPP has a real sense of supporting and actively doing events to support the communities across Prestwick, Monkton and Symington. There have been 2 events in Prestwick, held in Monkton, the first focussing on The Cost-of-Living Crisis and Money Matters and the second celebrating International Women’s Day. Moving forward the Partnership Engagement Officer is proactively engaging with groups and Community Council to promote engagement at the LPP. The LPP recently agreed a number of key priorities and themes to inform meeting moving forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fire Safety • Carers • Children Services – The Promise • Health and Social Care Partnership- Locality Work • Power of Attorney <p><u>TROON AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES</u></p> <p>The LPP has recently re-established with key members in attendance. The main focus moving forward will be to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • consider the membership of the group and the Partnership Engagement Officer has been pro-active in engaging with community groups to encourage attendance. • ongoing conversations regarding priorities • contact recently made with Marr College regarding Carers Day and plans now progressing. <p>Troon LPP also does not have a chair and HSCP Senior Manager currently support this.</p>

4.2 As highlighted by SDP Chairs and agreed at the meeting, the following areas have been identified as **requiring further support** from the CP Board:

COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Development of Water Safety Policy for South Ayrshire.</i> • <i>Position statement on implementation of Firework Control Zones.</i>
FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND GROWTH SDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discussions are ongoing regarding the Regional Economic Strategy refresh.</i> • <i>SAC have committed £125,000 to support financial inclusion work in year 25/26 and 26/27 – a short life working group are considering options for this.</i>
POPULATION HEALTH SDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CPP members requested to consider an input at their respective Boards of governance in relation to the Ageing Well Strategy;</i> • <i>Organisations with public facing premises to consider signing up to the Take a Seat and Take a Seat Plus programme;</i> • <i>CPP members to consider their own pre-retirement work with a view to consideration of a pilot shared CPP pre-retirement course; and</i> • <i>CPP members to consider any financial contribution beyond support in kind to enable some significant Ageing Well activities to take place.</i>
SUSTAINABILITY SDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>CP Board members who have not yet done so to nominate representatives to attend the Sustainability SDP and/or related subgroups.</i>

5 Next Steps

5.1 The next meeting of the SDP Chairs Executive is scheduled to take place on 20th August 2025.

5.2 A session is in the process of being planned for all members of each of the SDPs to come together in September for an all ‘SDP Catch Up’ - the agenda for this session is still to be finalised however findings from the session will be fed back as part of the Community Planning Executive Annual Review scheduled for October 2025.

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD MAY 2025



CHILDREN’S SERVICES SDP

Date of last meeting(s): The last CSPP meeting was held on Wed 5th March 2025

CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE CP BOARD AS AGREED TO ESCALATE BY SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:

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MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP – LOIP PRIORITY AREAS:

The Promise

We will place love and relationships at the centre of the experiences and outcomes for every infant, child, and young person with care experience. We will do this through working together to fully implement the findings of the care review and The Promise by 2030.

Young Carers

Ensuring that all children and young people under the age of 18 who support, or help to support a relative or friend, because they have a physical or mental illness, disability, issues with drugs or alcohol, communication needs, or are elderly or frail, are recognised as being a South Ayrshire young carer. To work together across the CPP to ensure that young carers have access to the necessary support, advice, and resources to live a full active and achieving life.

PROGRESS UPDATE IN RELATION TO LOIP, LOCALITY PLANNING AND OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS:

CSPP Evaluative Progress:

Update into the last CPP board advised that the CSPP Self-Evaluation Framework is now being fully utilised by the Joint Improvement Group. This Framework allows a consistent and robust evaluative method across the CSPP.

The overarching aim of our Children’s and Young People’s Services Plan 23/26 is progress towards early, relational, whole family help – moving “up-steam” to support families in their local area before issues develop into crisis and as such hugely contributing towards our commitment to fully embedding The Promise. We have emerging evidence that we are well on our way in this journey, as will be demonstrated within this update.

Since the last CPP board the CSPP focus has been on continuing self-evaluation activity against the identified high-level outcomes within the plan. A self-evaluation session took place on 14th January 2025 with all the Priority Group Leads, and further sessions were supported by Horizons Research in February and March. This identified successes, areas for continuous improvement and next steps for evaluative activity all through the lens of The Promise and Whole Family Wellbeing. These sessions, along with all the data and evidence gathered as part of our self-evaluation framework have contributed to our CSPP progress report - Insights 3. This report will be shared with the Board shortly.

The next step for our self-evaluation activity will utilise the Supporting Families Self-Evaluation Toolkit to assess the work of the WFWF (i.e. Family First) against our ambitions for transformational whole family help in South Ayrshire.

The Promise:

Although The Promise has its own priority area and workstream within the CSPP – it is essential that The Promise is evident and supported across Children’s Services Planning. Work is progressing to consult and understand what Plan 25-30 means for Promise work in South Ayrshire. Our Corporate Parenting Lead Officer is leading various Plan 25-30 workshops across services, partnerships and within the JIG/CSPP. Within the CSPP the leads will make any required iterations to their action plans to support based on the direction of Promise work locally. Going forward Priority Group or Workstream Leads within the CSPP will become “benefit holders” where required, further connecting and interlinking all things Children’s Services and The Promise together.

The ‘Embedding the Promise into Practice’ report was approved by the IJB in March 2025. This report provides an evaluation of the 10 Improvement Areas in South Ayrshire and the extensive progress made since 2021. The report uses [the Promise Progress Framework](#) which was launched in December 2024. In South Ayrshire we will use this framework and it’s 10 vision statements in alignment with our Corporate Parenting reporting to help us tell our story of progress. I’d direct the CPP Board to appendix 1 of the report which gives a comprehensive overview of the actions within the 10 improvement areas and also details which actions will carry forward into Plan 25-30.

Next steps as identified in the report:

- Care as a protected characteristic: more work is required to map out implications this includes an exploration of our recruitment processes in relation to care experience. This may pose a challenge if extra resource is required to map implications and create additional provision.
- Education and a supportive school structure: We have a strong long standing virtual school and will build on the Family First model and take the learnings from the supportive school structure to progress improvement area 10 and engage the whole school community in the realisation of this improvement area.
- The language of care: more time and energy is required to help to broaden our use of language that is easily understood, is positive and that does not compound stigma. Working alongside our trauma lead we can look at combining cross cutting agendas to incorporate trauma informed language. Support is required for some sections of our workforce to feel comfortable and able to push the boundaries of language.
- Commissioning: We now need to extend the work we have been doing around commissioning and the Promise beyond services commissioned by South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership, to ensure that South Ayrshire will incorporate ‘quality of relationships’ into all commissioning and monitoring frameworks as standard.
- Data: We will continue to work with the promise to do data differently and will explore our data sets to understand their relationship and identify the gaps.

Young Carers:

Work is ongoing in South Ayrshire to identify and support our “Teenie Carers”. These wee ones are children under the age of 5 who at their age and stage have caring responsibilities for someone in their home or family network for example an older sibling who has a disability. Since this work commenced, we have identified Teenie Carers in South Ayrshire with significant support from Wallacetown Nursery in particular who are working together with children to create a “Young Carers Statement” document that is suitable for the age and stage of our Teenie Carers.

A successful application was made into the Improvement and Innovation fund for a member of staff to support this initiative. The post is currently being job sized and it is hoped that recruitment will take place shortly.

cAyrFest took place on 22nd February. This event was a celebration of the contribution unpaid carers make to South Ayrshire and was extremely well attended. This opportunity for families to experience a whole family event included lots of fun activities (climbing wall, cinema, silent disco, street performers, bike track, face painting etc.), free food (hot dog, slushy, tea/coffee, biscuits, ice cream), art exhibition from carers of all ages (with the winner having their portrait painted in Alloway Tunnel). This event also worked as a marketplace event where various services and organisations were available to families – further contributing to the aims of the CSPP (families knowing what help is available locally).

Looking forward into 2025, funding has been secured via the National Lottery to work with Care Experienced Young Carers over the next 2 years to understand the impact of these dual vulnerabilities for our young people, to assess the link between the two and to raise awareness.

Whole Family Wellbeing Fund – Family First and RISE.

At the heart of an ongoing commitment to Keeping the Promise in South Ayrshire is ‘Family First’, our model focused on keeping young people together with their families and in their local communities with support from people who know them best.

Family First commenced as a pilot within the Belmont School locality, placing social work support around this secondary school cluster with an aim to reduce statutory intervention. Belmont Family First supported families at the earliest possible point with the aim to strengthen family relationships and increase family’s capacity to thrive. Belmont Family First was successful in achieving these aims, with no young people accommodated by the local authority for the duration of the pilot.

Understanding this success led to an ambitious, authority-wide, support around schools model across all eight South Ayrshire Secondary school clusters. With a focus on relationships, ‘Family First’ is the key vehicle for holistic early help locally - collaboratively improving outcomes through bringing together joint resources, funding and planning. The aims of Family First have evolved to focus on improvement in attendance and attainment, however still wrapping around families and schools to move ‘upstream’ in providing early, joined up help to avoid crisis. With this, the ambition of Family First to Keep the Promise remains, embedded within all areas of Children’s Services Planning.

Further to this the WFWF has also supported development of the RISE model, in collaboration with HSCP and Education. Lead by the Virtual School HT, the RISE provision has recently been introduced and is currently supporting three young people who might previously have been educated out-with the authority, keeping them connected and learning within South Ayrshire. As well as being costly, educational and wellbeing outcomes for young people educated in provisions out with South Ayrshire is not in line with their peers. CSPP Lead Officer has worked with RISE to create a data set similar to that of Family First and this will be collated quarterly.

Turning the dial towards early help:

- Significant reduction in school exclusions where children are “looked after” in 22/23: SAC 34 per 1000 looked after children (Scottish Figure 96.9 per 1000).
- Less young people in South Ayrshire are looked after than in 2018 – prior to our journey in terms of The Promise, Family First, Signs of Safety and early whole family help.
- Young people residing in out with authority care has also reduced by around 50% since 2018.
- All 8 clusters are now engaged in their Family First journey.
- Over 90% of practitioners involved in Family First believe the model has improved relationships, increased understanding of roles, and improved collaboration for the best outcomes for young people.
- 46 children were supported through the model in session 23/24 and 55 children so far in session 24/25.

- For all children supported by Family First engagement and participation has increased – for some by up to 50%.

KEY ISSUES

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Consideration now towards development of the next iteration of our current Children and Young People's Services Plan (2026/2029). Looking deeper into our journey and further developing our aims within current priority areas.

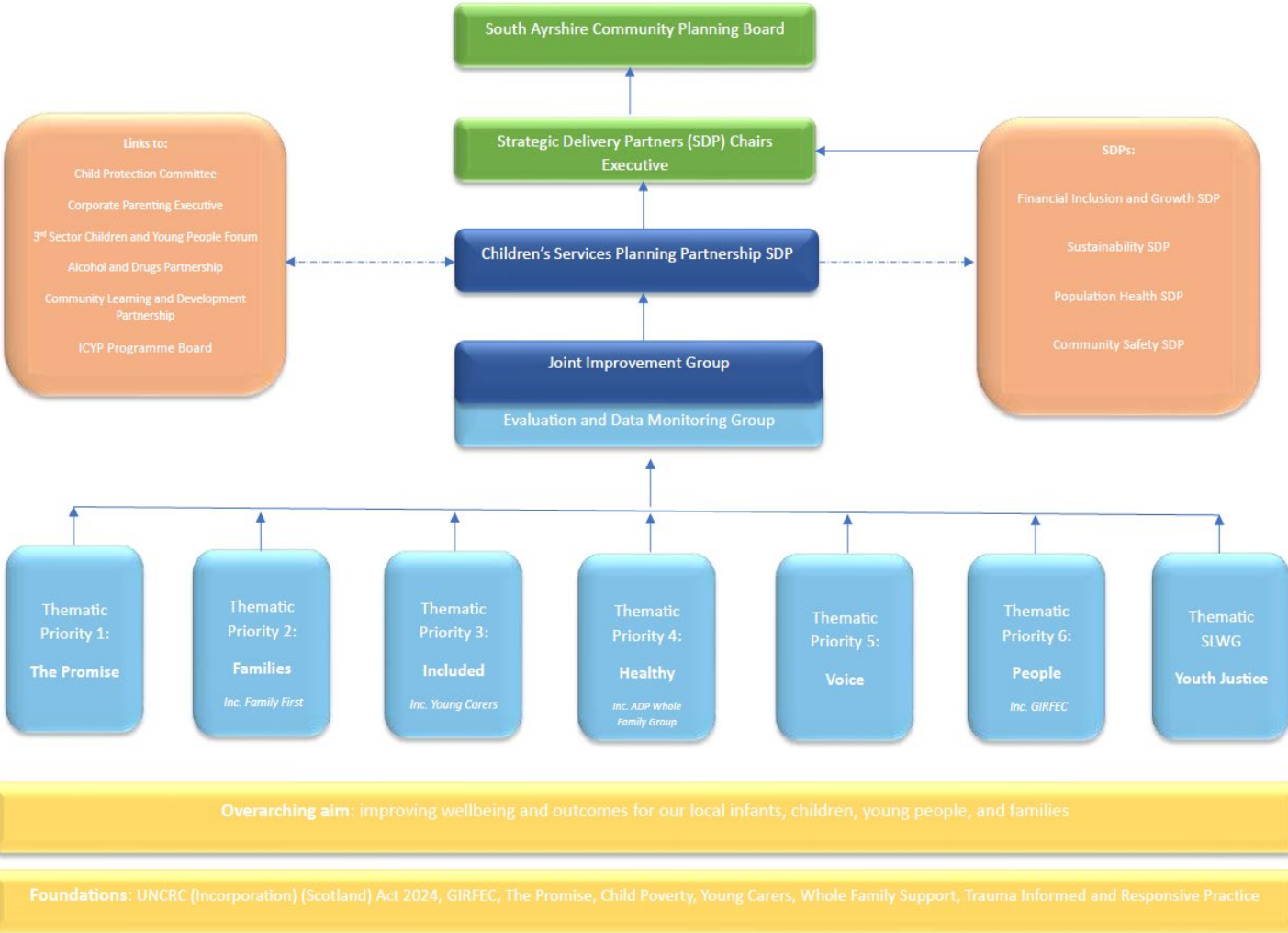
Report Completed by: Gillian Carroll, CSPP Lead Officer

Officer:

Date: 1st April 2025.

Please note the new South Ayrshire CSPP structure below as Appendix 1

Appendix 1



STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 23rd April 2025



COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP

Date of last meeting(s): 26th February 2025

CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE CP BOARD AS AGREED TO ESCALATE BY SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:

- **Development of Water Safety Policy for South Ayrshire**
- **Position statement on implementation of Firework Control Zones**

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP – LOIP PRIORITY AREAS:

Safer Communities

We will work in partnership to reduce violence and antisocial behaviour in South Ayrshire by working with our local licensed and hospitality trade, schools, and local communities helping make South Ayrshire a safer place to live.

We will work in partnership to reduce all forms of violence against women and girls.

Home, Road, and Water Safety

We will work in partnership to reduce the number of serious accidents at home, on our roads and in our waterways by delivering and promoting a range of safety initiatives.

PROGRESS UPDATE IN RELATION TO LOIP, LOCALITY PLANNING AND OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS:

Reducing Violence JAG

Last Reducing Violence JAG meeting took place on 4th March 2025.

The JAG continues to meet regularly to ensure appropriate sharing of information and forward planning to support increased footfall in South Ayrshire due to events being delivered locally, and to support the safety of individuals who attend to enjoy hospitality/nighttime economy with a particular focus on Ayr and Prestwick.

New Terms of Reference and Action Plan have been agreed through group, linking to CSP LOIP priority of reducing violence and antisocial behaviour in our communities.

Street Pastors: Continue to engage with nighttime revellers and carry out distribution of flip flops to reduce number of falls, foil blankets to reduce effects of cold, water to reduce dehydration, and also pick up bottle and broken glass to reduce chance of injury. Patrol reports can be monitored by following Ayr & Prestwick Street Pastors on Facebook.

First Aiders: Throughout the reporting period the first aiders attended to individuals who required treatment and had symptoms of concern. The presence of partners helps keep people safe and supports local policing. Local police continue to visit licensed premises.

Taxi Marshals: Continue to assist persons requiring transport home, reducing potential flashpoints in queues. Figures for the above are available on request on a quarterly basis.

The Reducing Violence JAG has requested the wearing of body worn cameras by both the First Aiders and Taxi Marshals. The merit of wearing body worn cameras has been reviewed, and group agreed that the wearing of cameras should continue.

Safer Communities JAG

Last Safer Communities JAG meeting took place 20th February 2025

New Terms of Reference and Action Plan have been agreed through group, linking to CSP LOIP priority of reducing antisocial behaviour in our communities. New co-chair being sought.

BonfireWatch 2024 initiative ran over October / November. Full evaluation is now available. 2024 saw a slight increase in the number of bonfires attended by SFRS, with 2 particular areas seeing increases. This will inform our response in 2025. No reports of attacks on SFRS personnel.

Targeted youthwork continues in hot spot area for anti-social behaviour throughout South Ayrshire with a focus on Ayr North (old Stamp Work site) and Ayr Town Centre. There has been a rise in football related antisocial behaviour (Ultras groups) throughout South Ayrshire. We are working in partnership for schools, police, football clubs and youth workers to develop input and engagement around these issues, which include vandalism, graffiti, violence and use of pyrotechnics.

A number of *Problem-Solving Groups* have been set up as follows to address:

- the sale and use of vapes to and by young people, and the environmental impact of inappropriate disposal of vapes. This follows an increase in concerns around young people vaping and associated environmental issues. Concern has been raised re vapes that have high THC content. Group is looking at restriction of availability, and relaying of positive information on the potential harm and dangers of using vapes with THC content. Vape vendors have also visited as part of this action, to ensure protocols were being adhered to by shops selling vapes.
- road traffic issues and antisocial behaviour and Blackburn Road Car Park in Ayr. Multi agency partnership approach, including community members. Community Survey has been carried out and reflects the issues that have been highlighted by residents' groups. A plan of engagement and enforcement action has been developed and will be implemented late April / early May. Further traffic surveys will be carried out over the summer months.
- off road vehicle nuisance in communities. Agreed initial focus on Tarbolton and Ayr North (Whitletts Playing Fields). Initial multi-agency partnership meetings have taken place, community members have been identified and have taken part in subsequent meeting. Wider community meeting to take place in Ayr North.

Dog fouling initiatives have continued to take place in the Ballantrae and Craigie (Ayr) areas following concerns raised by Tenants & Residents groups and Community Councils. These again have led to a reduction in community complaint re issue. Work in partnership with Environmental Health, Waste Management and Housing.

Re-deployable CCTV groups met in March, and new deployments agreed as follows –

- James Street, Ayr ASB / Crime / Environmental
- Macadam Square, Ayr Drug related ASB
- Arran Park, Prestwick ASB
- Whiskyhall, Mossblown ASB / intimidation
- John Street, Ayr Tracking
- Whitletts Road, Ayr Tracking
- High Street, Ayr ASB
- Elba Street, Ayr Racial / graffiti
- The Loaning, Ayr ASB
- Ferguson Street, Ayr Neighbour dispute / drug related ASB

Home, Road & Water Safety JAG

Last meeting took place on 6th February 2025.

New Terms of Reference and Action Plan have been agreed through group, linking to CSP LOIP priority of reducing accidents in our home, on our roads, and on our waterways. Road Safety input continues to be developed, and further sessions will be delivered to all secondary schools in South Ayrshire before end of 2024/25 term. Themes being covered include hazard perception, wearing of seatbelts, in car distractions and substance misuse. South Ayrshire Water Safety Policy being considered by JAG, and initial outline had been drafted for presentation to CSP. Continue to link with Pan Ayrshire Water Safety group, identifying local issues and sharing good practice. Planning continues to highlight water safety campaigns going into spring/summer months.

S1 Community Safety events / inputs will be rolled out again in the new term. Sessions planned as follows:

- 19th May – Carrick Academy – Maybole
- 20th May- Kyle Academy- Ayr
- 21st May -Marr College- Troon
- 22nd May- Belmont -Ayr
- 23rd May- Queen Margaret-Ayr

It is hoped that remaining schools will be covered in June.

As well at Home, Road and Water Safety, themes will include Rail Safety, Safe Travel, Healthy Relationships and Substance Misuse. Partners involved include Police, SFRS, NHS, Coastguard, BTP and SAC Thriving Communities. Scottish Community Safety Network stress the importance of reducing accidents within the home, and how this links to aging well and tackling social isolation. This is particularly relevant for South Ayrshire, as it has one of the oldest populations in Scotland.

Violence Against Women JAG

The last VAWG Joint Action Group meeting took place on 6th Nov 2024.

Co-chairs of JAG have been off long term over recent weeks.

The following key points are:

- New Terms of Reference and Action Plan have been agreed through group, linking to CSP LOIP priority of reducing violence and antisocial behaviour in our communities.
- Continued implementation of Action plan for group – including calendar of events and national campaigns to focus on and delivery of library of resources.
- Development of Hystayria resource and lesson plan. Working group convening to progress. Hystayria has been included in a national report by Improvement service to highlight good practice.
- Input to prevent sexual violence by changing attitudes and behaviour towards women and encouraging being a positive bystander and challenging peers has been developed. 'Imagine A Man' resource on positive masculinity' – this will be developed at future meetings.
- A series of Commercial Sexual Exploitation awareness raising sessions for SAC staff and partners have been planned throughout 2025.
- A full evaluation of 16 Days of Action campaign has been drafted and now available.

KEY ISSUES

Reducing Violence

- Target weekends to be identified by Reducing Violence JAG to ensure properly resourced.

Home, Road & Water

- Increase in potential water safety issues due to increase in wild swimming and water-based activities.
- Consideration to be given to creation of Water Safety Policy/Action Plan for SAC (incorporating a wider CPP approach).
- Increase Water Safety messaging and initiatives, particularly over the summer months, and around new pontoon development on River Ayr.
- Road safety issues particularly in relation to younger and older drivers.
- Renewed focus on accidents within the home.

Safer Communities

- SAC to consider approach and response to new Firework Legislation (incorporating a wider CPP approach).
- Particular safety issues around closed/derelict buildings in Ayr town centre.
- Concerns re high THC content in vapes being used by young people.
- Community concerns regarding impact of use of offroad vehicles.
- High levels of complaint in relation to dog fouling and other environmental issues.
- Increase in football related ASB (Ultras groups)
- Increase in fire raising throughout locality.

Violence Against Women

- Continue to develop Pan Ayrshire approach to reduce violence against women and children.
- Focus on Commercial Sexual Exploitation.
- Creation of safe spaces and support for women fleeing violence.

Report Completed by:

Officer: CI Stuart Dougan – Chair CSP

Date: 23rd April 2025

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD MAY 2025



FINANCIAL INCLUSION AND GROWTH SDP

Date of last meeting(s): 12th February 2025

CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE CP BOARD AS AGREED TO ESCALATE BY SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:

- Discussions are ongoing regarding the Regional Economic Strategy refresh.
- SAC have committed £125,000 to support financial inclusion work in year 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 – a short life working group are considering options for this.

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP – LOIP PRIORITY AREAS:

Financial Inclusion

We will work in partnership to help individuals and families access financial support services that will assist with fuel poverty, income maximisation and food insecurity. Partners will ensure local support is available that assists with the cost of living by ensuring advice, guidance and support services are accessible and available across South Ayrshire.

Economic, Employability and Lifelong Learning Opportunities

We will work in partnership to prepare and assist people for employment, training, education, and volunteering opportunities. We will create opportunities that will assist our communities to thrive through economic development and local wealth building activity.

We will ensure provision in South Ayrshire is aligned with local, regional, and national priorities by developing personal centred approaches for individuals accessing our services.

PROGRESS UPDATE IN RELATION TO LOIP, LOCALITY PLANNING AND OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS:

School Meal Debt:

School Meal Debt grant that has been received from Scottish Government.

Child Poverty Action Plan:

In progress and will be shared with SDP as soon as possible.

Local Employability Partnership (LEP) Update:

The availability of flexible, affordable childcare in South Ayrshire continues to be an issue, which has prevented parents returning/into work. This is a national issue which continues to be raised at relevant forums. The LEP are trying to assist this issue by focusing on supporting parents back in to work through a range of programmes and interventions including:

Thriving Communities have met with the Scottish Childminding Association and have agreed to cover training costs to support South Ayrshire residents (with a focus on the Carrick area) to become registered childminders, so far one individual has commenced their training.

Thriving Communities – Employability, remain focused on supporting parents and targeted work has taken place through Educations Family First model and with LEP Partners. A LEP Child Poverty subgroup has been established. Corporate Planning and Improvement have supported the analysing of data, which has been extremely helpful and will allow us to create a narrative and discuss this further with DWP and the LEP.

Out of Work Benefits:

SAC out of work benefits are higher than the national average and has consistently sat at the 9th highest in Scotland. There is also a projection that trends will rise again over the next couple of years.

10 out of 25 areas within South Ayrshire are higher than the national average and 1 in 5 of residents claiming out of work benefits in South Ayrshire is the 30-39 year age group. This is higher than the Scotland rate of 17.4%.

The current challenge is data sharing between organisations therefore trying to target people who could benefit from intervention is very difficult. The partners will continue to prioritise this work and use data to monitor progress.

Information & Advice HUB:

Continue to support an Advice First approach and make referrals into the Information and Advice Team using online digital referral. Promote online awareness and information sessions to all frontline staff/those engaging with South Ayrshire residents. **The uptake has been low recently** therefore sessions have been moved to 1 session every 4 weeks.

There have been several referrals made to the Information and Advice Team for financial crisis support such as a food/fuel voucher. A reminder that anyone in financial crisis where the person is unable to afford to pay for their basic needs such as food or home energy would be considered as in crisis an should be referred to the Scottish Welfare Fund. The information and Advice Team would also welcome a referral at this stage to check what further support can be provided whilst engaging with our services to maximising household income and money/debt advice services.

Community and Education Team Update:

Our Community and Education team now have a regular (rotational basis) presence in 32 schools.

Insights Table at appendix 1 for 01/10/2024 – 31/12/2024, Quarter 3):

Our Advice First group holds information on locations and key updates from other services, to join click this link [IAAH - Advice First | General | Microsoft Teams](#).

Information and Advice Hub, and Energy Agency Updates:

	Outcomes 1 st April to 31 st January 2025
Unique Customers Advised	2,711
Advice Interactions	10,625
WHS Referrals	190
Loan Referrals – HES Loan	157

Fuelbank Fuel Voucher Referrals	534
Other Loan Referrals (HEEPS ABS, PSL)	373
Energycarer Households Supported	137
Energycarer Visits/Remote Support	222
Financial Savings from behavioural advice	£172,273

- Advice centre activity remained steady in December/January, with no large demand spikes as in previous years. A milder winter and Scottish Government restrictions on marketing impacted demand. We are working with partner organisations and community groups to ensure those in need receive information about our services.
- Many customers are still struggling to heat their homes properly and facing concerns about energy costs, supplier debt, and billing issues. We are supporting vulnerable customers with applications to energy suppliers and debt support organisations to reduce outstanding debts, as well as assisting households through their Warmer Homes Scotland journey.
- Demand for support with energy costs remains high, especially after the fuel price cap increase in January, a trend expected to continue this year. The Fuelbank voucher rose to £72 in December and January. The Fuel Bank Foundation plans a pilot from February to May 2025, with vouchers valued at £96 for 13 days of energy use. Unfortunately, some customers have exhausted all available vouchers from Home Energy Scotland and other programs.
- In December, £20m of additional funding was allocated to Warmworks to accelerate installations in the Warmer Homes Scotland programme. This funding helps reduce the extended wait times of up to six months for installations, which were caused by the decision to protect the 24-25 budget. Customers supported by an Energycarer will typically be prioritised, subject to discussions with Warmworks.
- The outreach and partnerships team attended over 70 events in December and January, promoting our services and engaging with local organisations, community groups, and partners.
- The Stay Warm, Stay Well project, delivered in partnership with Energy Action Scotland and funded by National Energy Action and Scottish Gas Networks, aims to help householders, especially those with physical or mental health conditions, stay warm and safe at home. It offers energy efficiency advice, benefit checks, carbon monoxide guidance (including free CO monitors), and funding for gas safety checks. By the end of January, the project had supported 120 customers.

Wallacetown Partnership:

- Wallacetown Arts Festival will launch on April 27th with a parade and fun day at Ayr United. This year, all Ayr North primary schools will participate, along with various community groups, services, and organizations. The theme is "change," and the wider community is invited to contribute and celebrate the positive aspects of the area.
- A community mural and art gallery underpass has been agreed and will be the first stage of a partnership with Ayrshire College Art Department.
- Calls to Police Scotland from Wallacetown residents continues to be lower year on year, the team are working with partners to ensure the community is a safe place to live and thrive.
- Resident financial gain has broken through the £500,000 barrier since resident engagement work began August 2023. Currently £522,477.42
- 1st November 2024 to 31st January 2025 - 741 referrals to 46 different services for a wide range of support and assistance.

Service Leads for Thriving Communities and Customer Services & Communications presented a Financial Inclusion Members Briefing on 23rd April 2025. This will focus on employability, out of work benefits and progress of the work of the Information and Advice Hub.

On the 11th of June 2025 the Financial Inclusion and Growth is hosting a workshop for partners to present on their ongoing work in South Ayrshire to support financial inclusion.

KEY ISSUES

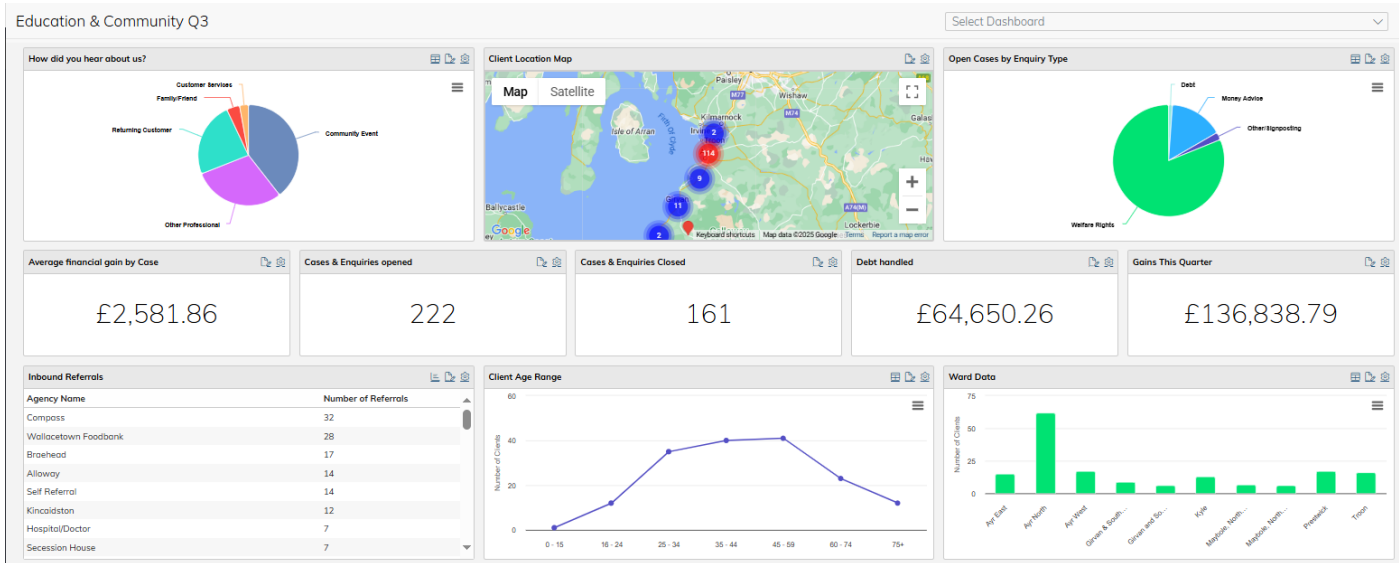
- Availability of flexible, affordable childcare in South Ayrshire;
- Out of work benefits claimants and data sharing; and
- Action Plan updates and progress report.

Report Completed by:

Officer: Jamie Tait, Service Lead Thriving Communities – supported by Elizabeth Dougall, Senior Policy Officer (Community Planning & Equalities)

Date: 9th April 2025

Appendix 1 - 01/10/2024 – 31/12/2024, Quarter 3:



STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE
COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 8TH MAY 2025



POPULATION HEALTH SDP

Date of last meeting(s): 3rd April 2025

CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE CP BOARD AS AGREED TO ESCALATE BY SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:

- CPP members requested to consider an input at their respective Boards of governance in relation to the Ageing Well Strategy;
- Organisations with public facing premises to consider signing up to the Take a Seat and Take a Seat Plus programme;
- CPP members to consider their own pre-retirement work with a view to consideration of a pilot shared CPP pre-retirement course; and
- CPP members to consider any financial contribution beyond support in kind to enable some significant Ageing Well activities to take place.

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP – LOIP PRIORITY AREAS:

Ageing Well

We will focus on ‘Ageing Well’ which will incorporate the work of our Ageing Well Strategy and the development of Age Friendly Communities. We will work with our stakeholders and local communities to codesign what our key priorities for ageing should be so that we are working together to make South Ayrshire the best place in Scotland to live and age well.

Mental Health Improvement including Suicide Prevention

We will support the mental health and wellbeing of our communities with a focus on prevention and early intervention, aligning with Scotland’s Mental Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Green Health and Active Living

We will focus on green health which is about engaging with nature to improve physical, mental and social health and wellbeing e.g., walking, gardening/growing, bird watching. Alongside this we will focus on active living which involves building physical activity into everyday actions e.g. taking the stairs rather than a lift, having walking meetings, cycling as part of a journey.

Physical Activity and Sport

We will co-ordinate and monitor physical activity and sport, so that everyone across the life course will have opportunities to be involved in, and remain involved in, physical activity and sporting activities.

PROGRESS UPDATE IN RELATION TO LOIP, LOCALITY PLANNING AND OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS:

Ageing Well:

- Strategy Implementation Plan is now updated to include Falls Prevention Section;

- Ageing Well Development Fund is now active and has awarded its first grants to Barr Bowling Club, Working for Wallacetown, Ayr Table Tennis Club, Ayr and Prestwick Men's Shed, Ayr United Football Association for a variety of age-related work;
- Champion's Board held their first Roadshow event recently in Colmonell – more of these are planned for the next months across the area;
- They are also actively linking to local and national elected members re the Ageing Well agenda;
- A proposal for a shared CPP Pre-retirement course is being considered;
- The Take a Seat and take a Seat plus programme is now active including the branding;
- There is now Ageing well input planned on the work on the Ayrshire Link between Barassie and Ballantrae to ensure this cycle/walking path is age friendly;
- Inter-generational work is continuing with an event at Girvan Academy in May and a range of work to support 'Age Without Limits' day;
- South Ayrshire Ageing Well linking to a Scottish Government driving campaign to support safer driving for older people;
- An event on 28th May– The Big Cheerio – is being planned by Champion's Board and VASA to allow people to explore the later and end stages of their life and enable better future planning. The 'Over to You' resource will be launched at this session;
- Connect South Ayrshire is looking to expand its physical presence, but the initial Ayr Connect Hub in the Sandgate is continuing to grow in its in-situ provision. The Ageing Well section of the website is currently being developed;
- Three delegates from South Ayrshire participated in the recent UK gathering of Age Friendly Communities in Manchester;
- South Ayrshire continues to support the Scottish network of existing or nascent Age Friendly Communities;
- The first Ageing Well Newsletter is now available – this sets out a selection of our Ageing Well activity; and
- Decision awaited from Alliance regarding the funding for our proposed Peer Education project.

Mental Health Improvement including Suicide Prevention:

- Meetings have been held with the group members to discuss opportunity to bring together the topics of mental health, suicide prevention and social isolation and loneliness since they are so inextricably linked. A new group terms of reference is being established and engagement with the group to review the action plan and consider what actions should be taken across the live course (start well, live well, age well) for the coming year, will take place during April/May;
- Suicide Prevention Training continue to be offered and the [training brochure](#) circulated regularly to engage and encourage the workforce to attend to increase confidence;
- Time Space Compassion workshops have been regularly offered to staff since August 2024 on a Pan Ayrshire basis. Five workshops have taken place in South Ayrshire and a community focused session is planned for May;
- Suicide Prevention South Ayrshire are supporting a CPP/Ayrshire College partnership initiative, Healthy Hair Healthy You, by providing training and information to students and input where required;
- A Creating Hope – Peer Led Bereaved by Suicide Support Group is in the development stages for South Ayrshire following a successful pilot in East Ayrshire, supported by Penumbra and benchmarked against NHS Ayrshire & Arran staff support Grief Support Group documentation and process; and
- South Ayrshire Council have purchased The Low Road film (suicide prevention awareness) for staff training as well as a local screening which will be aimed at the CPP board and key stakeholders. This programme is in the initial stages with a date for the screening still to be confirmed, with the planning group aiming to meet early May.

Green Health and Active Living:

- Green Health and Active Living subgroup continues to meet bi-monthly with relevant key speakers/presentations;
- Greenspace for Health project (green gym and nature walk) at Ayr and Ailsa Hospital continues as part of a wider programme with a similar project being delivered at Ayrshire Central Hospital in North Ayrshire. NHS Endowments underspend for Ayrshire Central greenspace project work is allowing the project to continue there. TCV are submitting funding applications to cover the match required for Ayr and Ailsa. Work on site has included biodiversity recording (citizen science activities), building nature habitats for animals, tree

planting, sowing seeds, creating greenhouses from recycled materials, strength and stability/pollinator walks and establishing links for referrals with Alzheimers Scotland and The Priory;

- SA Ranger service have developed the blue health nature calendar and website. This was launched at an Earth Hour event at the Cutty Sark on 22nd March, and the programme of activities for the day included guided walks, mindfulness session, wild swimming and canoeing;
- Galloway and Southern Ayrshire Biosphere have developed a Green Health workshop for communities which is ready for delivery in community settings on request;
- GHAL Partners are providing input to Ayrshire College social studies students with workshops around Green Health prescribing, Marketing, Communications and the use of the i-Naturalist app, and Blue Health. Students have developed short video clips with messaging around green health;
- Garden redesign project at Kyle Chemotherapy Unit, Ailsa Hospital funded through Hewlett Packard, as part of the Community Benefits Gateway is due to be complete end April. Community Justice unpaid workers are assisting RePollinate with the groundworks. Patient feedback has been recorded on development of an artwork sculpture for site, and draft designs for this have now been produced;
- Presented on Green Health at the CPP Nature webinar, co-ordinated by Sustainability SDP;
- NHS A&A have recruited an active and sustainable travel intern position for the organisation, in post until July 2025. Intern is providing input to staff at Corporate Induction, revising our NHS Staff active travel booklet, and will deliver a series of active and sustainable travel information stalls on key hospital and healthcare sites. Bike amnesties for NHS staff across NHS A&A will be promoted in May 2025, to encourage old bikes to be donated for recycling and redistributed to individuals and families who may not otherwise be able to afford a bike; and
- South Ayrshire Health Walks continue to be well attended with 15 weekly health walks taking place and led by 36 active walk leaders, across the whole of South Ayrshire stretching from Troon to Ballantrae.

Physical Activity and Sport:

- Annual review for Thriving Communities team completed and distributed.
- Progress report for Sport & Recreation being compiled and refresh of Physical Activity & Sport Strategy due to be completed by 30/6/25.

KEY ISSUES

- Aligning themes of mental health, social isolation and loneliness and suicide prevention in recognition of shared and common origins of human needs and risk.
- Developing the transferable messages from Time Space and Compassion approaches to different settings
- Opportunities to see the Low Road 'a unique and powerful feature-length film helping to open up conversations around mental ill-health, self-harm and suicide within educational settings and workplaces'.
- Bike amnesties for NHS staff across NHS A&A will be promoted in May 2025, to encourage old bikes to be donated for recycling and redistributed to individuals and families who may not otherwise be able to afford a bike.
- South Ayrshire Health Walks continue to be well attended with 15 weekly health walks taking place and led by 36 active walk leaders, across the whole of South Ayrshire stretching from Troon to Ballantrae. Note the joins to Aging Well workstream.

Report Completed by:

Officer: Sally Amor and Phil White, supported by Elizabeth Dougall, Senior Policy Officer (Community Planning & Equalities)

Date: 24thth April 2025

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 8 May 2025



SUSTAINABILITY SDP

Date of last meeting(s): 26 February 2025

CURRENT ISSUES OF CONCERN/CHALLENGES REQUIRING SUPPORT FROM THE CP BOARD AS AGREED TO ESCALATE BY SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE:

Thank you to board members who have considered and fed back on how their organisations are represented on the Sustainability SDP and the related sub-groups. We would ask those Board members still to do so to get in touch if they have any questions.

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP – LOIP PRIORITY AREAS:

Energy

We will work to encourage appropriate energy use in South Ayrshire (reduced use through behaviour change, energy efficiency measures, good design etc) and promote low and zero carbon sources of energy where possible. We will work with partners to promote the installation of local renewable energy generation and its use. Demonstrating best practice in Scotland.

Food

We will promote healthy diet choices that reduce the ecological footprint of our food and encourage sustainable local food production and consumption.

Travel

We will work to promote and enable the sustainable travel hierarchy to reduce car distance driven and ensure when travel is required it is as sustainable, active, and low emission as possible. We will support 20-minute neighbourhoods.

Nature

We will work to create functional nature networks and connect people with nature.

PROGRESS UPDATE IN RELATION TO LOIP, LOCALITY PLANNING AND OTHER AREAS OF FOCUS:

The energy subgroup has not met since the last meeting, however individual discussions have taken place with key partners in the group to identify a way forward and more are scheduled. Progress on actions 1 and 2 regarding LHEES and Sustainable Design Guidance has continued to be made.

The food priority development day took place on 3 February. It was well attended and discussions were very positive. A report is being prepared and a meeting of the sub group is scheduled to take place on 21 May. The national Good Food Nation guidance has now been published. A short presentation will be made to the board by way of update and to seek any additional appropriate membership for the subgroup.

There was no representation from ARA at the meeting, however the Active Travel CAG has been meeting and an individual meeting between the Chair and ARA will take place in late April.

The Nature Priority was the focus of the CPP Board workshop in January. The public survey to support the development of the South Ayrshire Biodiversity Strategy was launched at the workshop and has now gone live

and been circulated widely including to Board Partners. Pollinator network mapping has been progressing in collaboration with SWSEIC and SWT.

An SDP stock take discussion also took place which covered membership, support for members regarding horizon scanning and cross cutting issues, collaborative work with other SDPs and the potential role of the partnership in relation to Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA). It was agreed that IIA would be added as a standing item to the SDP agenda with a view to getting an overview of the responses to the ten environmental questions to inform the work of the SDP and offering support where appropriate to those undertaking the IIA process. It was also agreed that cross cutting themes could be picked up when the SDP begins to look at year 2 priorities for the LOIP in more detail.

The February meeting also heard an update about the launch of the Blue Health Calendar which was the focus of our Earth Hour campaign 2025. This took place on 22 March with a range of events including a day of blue health related stalls and activities focused around the Cutty Sark in Ayr. Initial estimates show over 700 people engaged that day and distribution of the Spring Blue Health Calendar leaflets has been going well. The Calendar is also available at www.bluehealthSA.org Ongoing promotional and development work around this topic will continue over the year ahead and is being led through blue health collaboration that has developed from the green health subgroup of the Population Health SDP. The logo approved at the last Board meeting is now being widely used by partners to promote this campaign of work in South Ayrshire.

Finally, it should be noted that collaborative work on climate literacy training is evolving between various CPP partners. This has included initial trial delivery of courses by the Energy Agency to Council staff which took place in March. Development work will continue on this to support IIA delivery among other things.

KEY ISSUES

- The SDP requires to confirm appropriate representation from partners at all levels and ensure appropriate strategic linkages across the region.
- Link with Community Safety SDP in relation to water safety.

Report Completed by:

Officer: Lorna Jarvie (Chair)

Date: 16/04/2025

LOCALITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 8 MAY 2025



LOCALITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS (LPP)

Date of last meeting(s):

- Ayr South LPP 25 March 2025
- Ayr North LPP 27 March 2025
- Girvan/South Carrick LPP 09 April 2025
- Maybole/North Carrick LPP 17 April 2025
- Troon LPP 19 March 2025
- Prestwick LPP 7 April 2025

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS FOR THE LOCALITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP:

CENTRAL LOCALITY

Ayr South – Priority areas for LPP are Community Connectedness, Promoting Good Mental Health and Wellbeing, Supporting our Ageing Communities.

Ayr North – Priority areas for LPP are Promoting Good Mental Health and Wellbeing, Reducing Harms from Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs, Supporting an Inclusive Economy that Reduces Poverty and Inequality, Supporting our Ageing Communities.

In both Ayr North and Ayr South LPPs a thematic approach to the business of the meetings has been adopted since October 2025. In addition to standing items that include updates from key partners, finance and consultations, each of the priority areas has been considered for 3 consecutive meetings.

SOUTH LOCALITY

Girvan/South Carrick – Priority areas for LPP are promoting good mental health wellbeing and physical health, managing long term health conditions, tackling social isolation and loneliness, tackling drug and alcohol issues and supporting unpaid carers.

Maybole/North Carrick – Priority areas for LPP are promoting good mental and physical health including ageing well, tackling drug and alcohol issues and tackling social isolation and loneliness.

Both LPPs meet monthly and adopt a hybrid approach for attendance. Girvan/SC is on a Wednesday evening and Maybole/SC is on a Thursday afternoon. The Girvan/SC LPP takes place consistently in Carrick Opportunities Building and the Maybole/NC LPP alternates between Maybole Library and McCosh Hall (Kirkmichael).

NORTH LOCALITY

The Prestwick LPP membership has grown over recent months, strengthening the LPP approach. Sadly the Chair stood down last year and the LPP has not identified a chair going forward. The HSCP Senior Manager currently chairs the group.

The LPP has a real sense of supporting and actively doing events to support the communities across Prestwick, Monkton and Symington. There have been 2 events in Prestwick, held in Monkton, the first focussing on The Cost of Living Crisis and Money Matters and the second celebrating International Women’s Day. Moving forward the Partnership Engagement Officer is proactively engaging with groups and Community Council to

promote engagement at the LPP. The LPP recently agreed a number of key priorities and themes to inform meeting moving forward:

- Fire Safety
- Carers
- Children Services – The Promise
- Health and Social Care Partnership- Locality Work
- Power of Attorney

TROON AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

The LPP has recently re-established with key members in attendance. The main focus moving forward will be to:

- consider the membership of the group and the Partnership Engagement Officer has been pro-active in engaging with community groups to encourage attendance.
- ongoing conversations regarding priorities
- contact recently made with Marr College regarding Carers Day and plans now progressing.

Troon LPP also does not have a chair and HSCP Senior Manager currently support this.

PROGRESS UPDATE:

CENTRAL LOCALITY

Participatory Budget and Small Grants Funding

Both Ayr LPPs planned and delivered a Participatory Budgeting 'Decision Day' following online and in person voting process. In each LPP, 12 Groups secured places at the Decision Day of which 11 were successful in securing funding. Funding consisted of monies from the Locality Planning Partnership and the UK Shared Prosperity fund and as such funds were ringfenced for the rural villages to ensure an equitable spread of funds was allowed. Successful bids included The Carers Gateway, The Ark, Peter Boyle Bowling Club, Harbour Ayrshire, Annbank Community Association, Mossblown Matters and Tarbolton Community Council. Other funding opportunities were shared via a small grants approach, with successful bids including Vics in the Community. The group also agreed to support VASA's Christmas Day initiative and CAyrfest.

Engagement

Following the success of a workforce networking event in 2024, the Central Locality are hosting an engagement event in Ayr at the end of April. This will bring together the workforce from across the Locality, and CPP partners, and extend this invite to members of both LPPs. It will be an opportunity to network with colleagues, reflect and celebrate the work that has progressed in the Locality over the last year, and, using the newly updated Community Health and Wellbeing Profiles, consider actions for the next 3 years, that in partnership will bring improved outcomes for local communities.

Consultation

The LPPs have been involved in consultation for a number of policy and strategy developments over recent months. Contributions have been made to the Dementia and Mental Health Strategies, and the HSCP Strategic Plan.

Performance and Reporting

The LPPs are asked to feed in to a number of reporting structures, including the Strategic Planning Advisory Group, the CPP and internal HSCP groups. Each Locality has a Plan, with actions aligned to the priority areas identified. These plans include actions which sit within the remit of the LPP, and also some wider Locality Planning actions particularly relating to the Locality Structures within the HSCP. An example being the implementation of the Adult Social Work Review. These plans have recently been updated to the performance management system, Pentana, and during April all actions will be updated. In future, a performance report for each plan can be shared for interest of the CPP members.

Information Sharing

In a bid to allow the meetings to retain focus, and not be overwhelmed by updates, and to encourage those that are unable to attend to continue engaging with the group, all members of the mailing lists for each respective LPP are invited to provide an update/ flash report on their initiative/ service, which is circulated with the meeting papers. This has been slow to start, but the group are keen to continue to build up an understanding of the work being undertaken by the broad range of participants in the LPPs.

Ayr South

LPP attendance has risen and continues to with ongoing promotion. Speakers have been attending meetings to share information and advice on services being delivered in neighbourhoods within the locality. These have included an extensive overview of the services provided by the Community Library Network across the locality and from the Chair of Annbank Community Association who shared information about the new Community Hub in Annbank and the work being done to support the rural villages.

The LPP are currently taking a thematic approach to their development and are looking at each Priority individually over the year to allow time to create actions and activity. They are currently working on the Community Connectedness Priority. Staff from the Information and Advice Hub at South Ayrshire Council provided an input on the wide range of services that the team there deliver, with the hope that this could be shared across communities.

The establishment of Connect South Ayrshire which was launched in November 2024, with a dedicated website, single point of contact and the first physical Hub in the Sandgate in Ayr, was timely for the focus of the LPP. Connect South Ayrshire was borne out of extensive engagement with communities and workforce around the Team Around the Locality model. Communities were very clear that they wanted accurate, easily understandable, quality information on local services and opportunities, and how to access these services. A session within a recent meeting allowed a walk-through of the website, and discussion around ways to promote Connect within local communities, and how to encourage communities to contribute to, for example the website, by providing up to date information on any groups or events in their local areas. The group were also keen to promote Connect as wide as possible by word of mouth and by sharing of posters via social media platforms. This also sparked discussion and consideration to the ways in which people engage with their neighbourhoods at a very local level.

This in part led to the input from the Civil Contingencies Team from Ayrshire who provided a helpful starting point for consideration to what communities can do to increase resilience in times of, for example, extreme weather or major incidents in local areas. Action from this will see a small group come together to explore development of a resilience group being established in one of the rural villages, and how that might work in areas of Ayr also.

Ayr North

The LPP is fortunate to have an increasing number of engaging participants in attendance, with sustained participation from key partners.

Following the focus on Promoting Good Mental Health and Wellbeing, which saw an input from our services from both within the HSCP and from third sector partners, it was agreed to create an information sheet that could be shared with every household in Ayr North. This information is particular to mental health and wellbeing and provides information and contact details for services available to residents in Ayr North. The group were grateful to Police Scotland for their support in the physical mail drop which was undertaken by their Young Volunteers.

The current priority areas of focus has been 'Supporting an Inclusive Economy that Reduces Poverty and Inequality'. Guest speakers have included Information and Advice Hub from South Ayrshire Council, Ayr Housing Aid Centre and Police Scotland.

The group have explored ways in which to best utilise the time available and the range of services in attendance and have introduced a workshop approach to meetings which has engaged services who are attending, in a meaningful manner. The workshops help to shape how the group are tackling their priorities in a proactive

fashion, creating partnerships, and understanding services available in the community. In one workshop, there was discussion around Community Laundry. Thoughts were shared about where this could perhaps be located, and how it would practically work. It was hoped as well as a practical solution for laundry, it might also encourage people to interact with one another, and improve communication in the area. It was highlighted that some local service providers have or provide washing services, but not all openly available for the general public. More consideration targeting wider partners would be required to progress this.

In addition to the key priority areas, Ayr North also receives updates on 2 key aspects of work progressing in the local area. The first of those is the Working for Wallacetown activity. In recent months there has been updates on the development of the Wallacetown Arts Festival, building on the success of the Festival in 2024. The Festival will launch on 27 April with a parade and funday at Ayr United Football Club. This year all Ayr North primary schools will be involved, alongside community groups, services and organisations. The theme for this year is Change. The wider community will have the opportunity to contribute and get involved in the celebration of all that is good about the area. A community mural and art gallery underpass is under development in partnership with Ayrshire College Art Department.

The second area of work that will link through Ayr North LPP is the Integrated Neighbourhood Team. This is a whole system, place based approach to delivering health and social care services. The CPP have committed to supporting this in Ayr North as a Radical Leadership Approach to public service delivery. The development of this team and way of working will be focussed in Ayr North initially, with robust support from University of the West of Scotland and Mutual Ventures (who have supported work to date and are experienced in working alongside areas in England who have adopted this approach). The learning from work in Ayr North will then be considered and used as a blue print for South Ayrshire. For ease, a briefing relating to this work in particular, is attached.

SOUTH LOCALITY UPDATE

Carrick and South Carrick

Last financial year there were 14 community groups that received PB funding, and 7 community groups that received small grants. Following on from learning from 24/25, the LPP members have agreed that they would like the funding to be distributed by small grants applications rather than a PB event. The process still has to be agreed to ensure we are including the community in these decisions.

The LPP Chair continues to attend and contribute to the Girvan Site Review meetings and good progress is being made there. The diabetic eye screening clinic has opened at Girvan Community Hospital, the Carers Wellbeing Programme started in February 2025 and there was recently an injectable therapies programme for individuals with type 2 diabetes. In addition there has been work taken forward to put a demonstrator site in place, to facilitate community appointment days for citizens waiting for an appointment related to musculoskeletal issues and Chest, Heart and Stroke Scotland drop ins.

The LPP are continuing with the new approach of discussing one priority from the locality plan per meeting and inviting along key speakers to be involved in the discussions. Recently there have been speakers from Public Health, Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland and Dietetics. These discussions will feed into the action plan and ensure the actions are being taken forward. The Locality Planning Partnership continues to attend a variety of meetings such as South Carrick Community Learning Partnership and the Community Planning Participation & Engagement Group.

In addition the LPP were part of a focus group and engagement work reviewing the model of care within Davidson Ward (within Girvan Community Hospital) inclusive of day cases and minor injury unit.

Ongoing work to establish Connect Physical Hubs, looking at a hub and spoke approach to delivery of this, and very much in partnership with what communities see as important to them.

Moving forward there will evolution of the Locality Plan that describes locality priorities and key actions alongside community led action plans thus emphasising the intrinsic links between place and wellbeing and a truly whole system approach.

Maybole/North Carrick

Last year's PB/funding process saw 10 community groups receive PB funding and 7 community groups receive small grant funds.

We are continuing with the new approach of covering one priority per meeting and inviting along key speakers to join the discussions. In the last couple of months, the LPP has had speakers from Dietetics, AILN, Speech and Language Therapy and Primary Care. At the April meeting, A professor from Stirling University joined the meeting via Teams and discussed a Dementia Toolkit. The Senior Manager – Mental Health also attended and discussed the Dementia Strategy. All discussions and actions are reflected in the action section of the locality plan.

Continued engagement is taking place in the community to increase the LPP membership and ensure good representation from people who live, work and volunteer in the area. The LPP are also keen for a community member to take on the role as Chair (this is currently facilitated by the Senior Manager – Localities on a temporary basis). The LPP continues to attend a variety of meetings such as North Carrick Community Learning Partnership and the Community Planning Participation & Engagement Group thus ensuring synergy and connections

Moving forward the delivery of a Maybole and North Carrick Locality Plan that describes locality priorities and key actions for the following years will incorporate synergy with community led action plans, and similar to South Carrick there is ongoing work to establish sites to host the Connect Physical Hubs

For additional information, Carrick is hosting the South Ayrshire Wellbeing Pledge Showcase this year and it is being held between Maybole Town Hall and the Carrick Centre. There will be a marketplace zone and learning zone with lots of breakout activities for attendees to take part in. The event is on Tuesday 3rd June from 10am – 3pm.

NORTH LOCALITY

Both Prestwick and Troon LPP supported 15 groups with PB funding. Each group awarded funding has a mentor from the LPP to support evaluation and provide updates on progress of groups. Further funding for small grants has also been progressed towards year end and this has proved successful for groups who did not come forward for PB events or for groups who wished to be considered for small amounts of funding.

There have been 3 events arranged and hosted by the Prestwick LPP which have taken place in Monkton Carvick Webster Hall: Money Matters, Celebrating International Women's Day and Community Wellbeing Event Mindfulness/Stress and Anxiety coping techniques/Mindfulness craft session. Each event had key speakers and stalls. Feedback from evaluations forms have been positive.

An Engagement Event was held in February 2025, which was well attended by both employees and community groups. This was an opportunity for networking and starting to develop a locality approach identifying the strengths in the community to support our citizens.

The LPP's are considering their meeting arrangements. Prestwick LPP are considering have 1 main LPP meeting bi-monthly with sub-groups focussing on membership of the LPP, priorities and funding arrangements and which will meeting prior to LPP meetings. Troon is considering a similar approach. Our Partnership Engagement Officer and LPP members have been out in the community engaging with wider groups and promoting the LPP in order to increase membership.

The CONNECT site will be a focus in Prestwick in the coming months with key disciplines moving to the Freemans Hall, Prestwick, and a programme of support networks being delivered from there.

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Date: April 2025



**COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTICIPATION AND ENGAGEMENT GROUP UPDATE TO
COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 8th May 2025**

Date of last meeting: 24th March 2025

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 CPPs on the best approaches for engagement activity for plans/strategies.

PROGRESS UPDATE

Discussion about the way forward for this group has taken place, since many consultations go out to the public before we are made aware them. It was agreed that there is a lack of understanding about consultation processes, including making findings available and explaining why certain decisions had been made. There could also be consultation fatigue, with every survey assumed to be initiated by South Ayrshire Council despite being led by partners. Lack of clarity may encourage a negative mindset or a feeling that decisions had already been made.

The new South Ayrshire Council Corporate Policy Officer (Engagement) remit will include bringing any new consultations to the group and inviting relevant people along to present. A corporate engagement strategy and checklist is currently being developed.

South Ayrshire Council website has a page for all consultations and the Connect South Ayrshire website includes a 'have your say' button for HSCP consultations. Suggestion that public consultations could be a standing agenda item for Locality Planning Partnerships.

Discussion around the SAC1000 and how active this panel still is as well as the demographics, further work to be done to ascertain and a possible recruitment drive required. Potential to include the South Ayrshire Youth Council and canvassing at the Ageing Well Champions Board/Ahead of the Curve events in villages. It was noted that an incentive for the community when completing consultations or attending face to face events is helpful and further consideration should be given around this.

KEY ISSUES/ACTIONS

- **Revitalise group membership;**
- **Raise awareness of the CPPEG across services to ensure that all relevant consultations for communities come through the group; and**
- **Feedback on SAC1000 and improvement of membership and usage.**

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