

## **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 4 September 2025 in County Hall, County Buildings, Ayr

### **Board Members:**

**Councillor Julie Dettbarn** (Chair); **Lucy MacDonald**, Project Officer, SPT; **Angela Cox**, Principal Ayrshire College; **Claire Baird**, Chief Executive, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce; **Claire Tooze**, Area Manager – Skills Development Scotland; **Kevin Murphy**, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue; **Lesley Bowie**, Board Chair, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; **Alison Horner**, DWP; **Scott Mulholland**, Director of Education (SAC), Chair of Children’s Services SDP; **Gordon James**, Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; **Sally Amor**, Public Health Consultant, Inclusive Health (NHS); and **Kevin Anderson**, Assistant Director – Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance (SAC).

### **Officers:**

**Mark Inglis**, Head of Children’s Health, Care and Justice; **Lorna Jarvie**, Co-ordinator – Sustainability and Climate Change (SAC); **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 Stephen McGrath**, Chair of Community Safety Partnership; **Stewart Marshall**, Senior Manager, Localities (H&SCP); **Claire Flannagan**; Young Carers Strategy Lead Officer (SAC); **Anna Steele**, Senior Policy Officer (SAC); **Susie Chamberlain**, Policy Officer (SAC); **Andrew Laird**, Mutual Ventures; and **Hannah Szczepanski**, Mutual Ventures

### **Apologies:**

**Councillor Brian Connolly**; **Karen Craib**, Scottish Enterprise; **Marcus Ross**; Vice-Principal - Planning and Recruitment (UWS); **Jane Bradley**, Director – Communities and Transformation; **Susan McCardie**, Service Lead, Performance, Community Planning and Sustainability (SAC); **Alan Comrie**, Senior Transport Manager; Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; **Sian Williams** – NatureScot; **Dean Anderson**, Service Lead (DWP); **Tim Eltringham**, Director – HSCP; **Suzanne Chow**; Divisional Commander – Police Scotland; **Kevin Anderson**, Assistant Director – Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance (SAC); **David White**; Ayr United Football Club; and **Susan Gallagher**, Scottish Government

## **FIRST PART OF THE MEETING**

The first part of the meeting was a workshop session which focussed on Young Carers and showed the recently launched wee carer film ‘Take Care of You’. This was produced and acted by wee carers (primary aged) living in South Ayrshire. Board Members also viewed the young carer documentary ‘Being Heard’.

## **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 8 April 2025 (circulated) were submitted and approved.

### **5. Integrated Neighbourhood Team (Ayr North)**

There was a verbal update by the Assistant Director (Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance), South Ayrshire Council followed by a presentation and update by Andrew Laird and Hannah Szczepanski from Mutual Ventures. The update outlined progress to date as well as outlining plans for the future.

There was a discussion on shared learning and whether the Scottish Government could assist with the role out of support.

### **6. Public Service Improvement Framework (PSIF) Self Evaluation Session (13 May)**

There was a verbal update by the Assistant Director (Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance), South Ayrshire Council. Following the update there was a comment on how drug related death figures were still high. Good work was being done however figures were still high and there was a lot more to be done.

### **7. Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (2024-2029) – Year 1 (2024/2025 Annual Progress Report)**

The Assistant Director (Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance), South Ayrshire Council introduced the report and requested the Community Planning Board approve the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan: Year 1 Annual Progress Report (2024/2025).

The Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire and Arran complimented the piece of work stating how it had helped him understand the structure, given he was new to the position. An exercise during the Population Health SDP would be carried out across the other SDPs to help develop an understanding of the early prevention approach being taken forward in Scotland. SDP Chairs were reminded of upcoming deadlines to actions for the year 2 reporting period.

After discussion, the Board:

**Decided:** to approve the Year 1 Annual Progress Report.

## **8. Child Poverty Strategy (2024-2029) – Year 1 (2024/2025 Annual Progress Report)**

The Senior Policy Officer, Performance, Community Planning and Sustainability introduced the report and requested the Community Planning Board approve the Child Poverty Strategy: Year 1 Annual Progress Report (2024/2025).

There were discussions on the following:-

The focus on high levels of child poverty; how fuel poverty was higher than the national average; the joint working between services and how this can be rolled out throughout South Ayrshire; and the Ayr United Extra Time Programme which supports parents back into work.

After discussion, the Board:

**Decided:** approve the Child Poverty Strategy Year 1 Annual Progress Report (2024/2025).

## **9. Community Justice Ayrshire Partnership Annual Report**

There was a report submitted by the Community Justice Ayrshire Partnership Manager providing Board Members with an update on current activity being taken forward by the Community Justice Ayrshire Partnership

After discussion, the Board:

**Decided:** to note the contents of the report.

## **10(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
5. Sustainability

(circulated)  
(circulated)

After discussion, the Board:

**Decided:** to note the contents of each report.

**10(b) Update from Community Planning Participation and Engagement**

There was a report circulated at the meeting which provided Board Members with an update.

The Board:

**Decided:** to note the update.

**11. Third Sector Interface Update: Voluntary Action South Ayrshire**

There was a report circulated at the meeting which provided Board Members with an update.

The Board:

**Decided:** to note the update.

**12. Any Other Competent Business**

None

**13. Date of Next Meetings:**

The meeting of the Board scheduled for the 6<sup>th</sup> of November has been rearranged and will now take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December.

The meeting ended at 12.10pm