

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 December 2025 in County Hall, County Buildings, Ayr

Board Members:

Kevin Anderson (Chair), Assistant Director – Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance (SAC); **Angela Cox**, Principal Ayrshire College; **Scott Mulholland**, Director of Education (SAC), **Sally Amor**, Public Health Consultant; **Claire Baird**, Chief Executive, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce; **Audrey McNeish**, VASA; and **Stephen Penman**, Chief Executive, South Ayrshire Council.

Officers:

Mark Inglis, Director of Health and Social Care; **Susan McCardie**, Service Lead, Performance, Community Planning and Sustainability (SAC); **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); **Cl Stephen McGrath**, Chair of Community Safety Partnership; **Lesley Reid**, Senior Manager – Localities; **Lisa McAlpine**, Senior Manager – Localities; **Chris Carroll**, Service Lead – Housing Strategy and Regeneration; **Laura Thomson**, Senior Policy Officer – Housing; **Shaun McGhee**, Senior Communities Officer; **Jayne Richardson**, VASA; **Steven Kelly**, Quality Assurance Officer; and **Stephanie Dickson**, Community Planning and Equalities Assistant.

Apologies:

Councillor Julie Dettbarn; **Councillor Brian Connolly**; **Rebecca Brown**, Scottish Enterprise; **Professor Gordon James**, Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; **Claire Tooze**, Area Manager – Skills Development Scotland; **Marcus Ross**; Vice-Principal - Planning and Recruitment (UWS); **Kevin Murphy**, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue; **Jane Bradley**, Director – Communities and Transformation; **Lesley Bowie**, Board Chair, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; **Marie Oliver**; Chief Executive Officer, VASA; **Sian Williams** – NatureScot; **Dean Anderson**, Service Lead (DWP); **Suzanne Chow**; Divisional Commander – Police Scotland; **David White**; Ayr United Football Club; **John Binning**, SPT; **Susan Gallagher**, Scottish Government; **Gillian Carroll**, Children's Services Co-ordinator (SAC); and **Stewart Marshall**, Senior Manager, Localities (H&SCP);

FIRST PART OF THE MEETING

The first part of the meeting was a workshop session which focussed on the progress update of the Connect South Ayrshire model presented to South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board.

Following an overview of the key points from the evaluation, there was a demonstration of the Connect South Ayrshire website. A discussion session then took place with Community Planning Board members to consider what their respective organisations role and contribution could be to this model as it developed.

SECOND PART OF THE MEETING – BUSINESS

1 Welcome

Kevin Anderson (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 4 September 2025 (circulated) were submitted and approved with the amendment that Kevin Anderson was present at the meeting.

5. Preventing Homelessness in Scotland: recommendations for legal duties to prevent homelessness

A presentation was given by the Service Lead – Housing Strategy and Regeneration and Senior Policy Officer – Housing, South Ayrshire Council.

Following discussion and questions, the Chair thanked the officers for their interesting and informative presentation.

6. Parenting Promise Update

There was submitted a report (issued) of 11 November 2025 by the Co-ordinator (Planning and Performance) providing a refreshed Corporate Parenting Plan – South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise - for agreement.

The Director of Health and Social Care Partnership introduced the report.

Following discussion and questions, the Board

Decided: to agree the refreshed Parenting Promise document, attached as Appendix 1 to the report and agree for the Board to give delegated authority to the Director of Health and Social Care Partnership and the Director of Education to review and update South Ayrshire's Parenting Promise where required.

7. **Joint Inspections Of Services For Children And Young People Subject To Compulsory Supervision Orders Living At Home With Their Parents**

The Director of Health and Social Care provided the Board with a verbal update on the inspection of services for children and young people subject to compulsory supervision orders living at home with their parents.

The Board Decided: to note the update from the Director of Health and Social Care.

8. **South Ayrshire Volunteering Strategy 2025-30**

There was a presentation and verbal update by the Volunteer Involving Organisations Development Officer, VASA introducing the South Ayrshire Volunteering Strategy 2025-30 final draft for approval.

Following discussion and questions, the Board

Decided: to approve the final draft.

9. **Locality Planning Update**

There was submitted a report (issued) providing an update on the various Locality Planning Partnerships (LLPs).

Following discussion and questions, 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 | (circulated) |
| 5. Sustainability | (circulated) |

After discussion, the Board

Decided: to note the contents of each report.

10(b) Update from Community Planning Participation and Engagement

There was submitted a report (issued) providing Board Members with an update.

The Board

Decided: to note the update.

11. Third Sector Interface Update: Voluntary Action South Ayrshire

There was submitted a report (issued) dated 29 October 2025 providing Board Members with an update.

Reference was made to '[The Homecare Deficit 2025](#)' report, published in November 2025 by the Homecare Association. This is a UK wide comparison report. Data for Scotland, broken down by local authority area is available from page 119.

The Board

Decided: to note the update.

12. National Community Planning Improvement Board – Shaping Future Priorities

The Assistant Director – Corporate Policy, Strategy and Performance, SAC provided the Board with an update on the National Community Planning Improvement Board's Shaping Future Priorities.

Having thanked the Assistant Director for his update, the Board

Decided: to note the update.

13. Any Other Competent Business

None

14. Date of Next Meetings:

The next Board meeting will take place on 26 January 2026.

The meeting ended at 12.22pm