

STRATEGIC DELIVERY PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD OF 25TH AUGUST 2022



WALLACETOWN SDP

Date of last meeting: 19th AUGUST 2022

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

n/a

Follow up action agreed by the SDP CHAIRS EXECUTIVE following 3rd May 2022:

n/a

MAIN CURRENT FOCUS OF THE SDP

The main focus of the group is to discuss the role of the SDP in driving changes in policy and practice to improve outcomes for the residents of Wallacetown.

PROGRESS UPDATE (INCLUDING AREAS OF SUCCESS)

Since the last meeting of the Community Planning Board, there have been 2 meetings of the SDP – 13th May and 19th August. Key areas of progress arising from these meetings include:

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP (HSCP) LOCALITY PLANNING UPDATE

Members received an update on the review of locality planning within the HSCP, particularly in relation to a move towards locality planning becoming a local expression of community planning as well as ensuring that statutory demands for health and care integration legislation are met. As part of the process, consideration is being given to the current localities that sit within locality planning and how this would look going forward particularly in relation to Ayr North and the possible creation of a locality specific to Ayr North.

FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE SDP

At the recent Community Planning Executive Annual Review meeting in June, the Executive agreed to consider working towards a locality-based model of delivery community planning. Initial proposals on how a locality model will be taken forward will be presented to the CP Board in October. Feedback was sought from members on how such a move would impact on the Wallacetown SDP/team around the community process – in-light-of the HSCP review and the development of a CPP model. It was acknowledged that consideration needs to be given as to how Wallacetown can sit within a wider locality, without diluting the extensive work that is being carried out, impacting on the progress that has been made to integrate frontline services, and the resources that are allocated to the development of the ‘team around the community’ model. It was agreed by the SDP that this consideration needs to be built into the proposal going to the CP Board in October and that learning from the development of the ‘team around community model’ is considered as part of that wider proposal.

COST OF LIVING CRISIS

Information was sought from partners on the cost-of-living crisis and what supports are being in place. This has been discussed at all SDPs and an update will be provided at the upcoming Community Planning Board meeting. Extensive support is already provided in Wallacetown through the Food/Clothing Bank and Home Energy Scotland who engage with the community on Tuesdays and Fridays to provide support and access to fuel vouchers. Over 100 people a week are accessing the Food/Clothing Bank and it has been noted recently that families are accessing support from out-with the Wallacetown area. Like many foodbanks, Wallacetown

is under increasing pressure as they do not turn anyone away but are recognising that they are having to access more funding to backfill the foodbank. Resource on the ground is not an issue. Information was provided on South Ayrshire Community Food Network and the rising requests for non-cook food bags as people can't afford to use their cookers. There has also been a 50% increase in demand across foodbanks since July. Similar to Wallacetown, funding is being used to top-up supplies in the foodbanks and people are now visiting two to three times a week. The number of working families attending foodbanks is also increasing. An empowering community fund has also been created to support organisations and groups who are working directly with residents from low-income households. Further information on funding can be found by visiting the following webpage: <https://www.south-ayrshire.gov.uk/funding/>

WALLACETOWN COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT – BASELINE STUDY

An update was provided to the SDP on the 'Wallacetown Community Energy Project' which is a programme of investment and education in the Wallacetown area which aims to deliver a community owned energy infrastructure. As a result of this programme, there is a hope that the community will directly benefit, either through cheaper energy provision and/or income to the community. Prior to the investment, Fort, Seafield and Wallacetown Community Association has commissioned the Fraser of Allander Institute to prepare a baseline study provide an assessment of local data. The purpose of this baseline data will allow a suite of indicators to be agreed to measure, over time, whether people's lives in Wallacetown will have improved as a result of the programme.

SUBGROUP UPDATES

Regular update reports on the progress of activity within each of the subgroups is provided to the SDP on a regular basis by the Lead Officers. There continues to be substantial progress made across all the subgroups

- some key areas of progress to highlight include:

- Since January 2022 to date, there has been a significant improvement within the Wallacetown area and this has been mirrored by a reduction in complaints overall in terms of litter, fly tipping and the general cleanliness of the area;
- Changes to property maintenance processes;
- A very successful summer holiday programme for young people participating in over 20 activity sessions;
- Successful 'Have Your Say' Participatory Budget/Fun Day which took place on 30th July with approximately 200 members of the community attending;
- 'Working for Wallacetown; branding has been agreed;
- A suitable space for co-location and easier access to services has been agreed and is currently undergoing refurbishment;
- Continued development of the 'Shaping Places for Wellbeing' Programme – consideration will be given to identifying areas of work in which to carry out a place and wellbeing assessment to support system change and encourage a whole system approach. Following a detailed assessment process, the Programme Team will offer recommendations. The first of these assessments will take place as part of Wallacetown Housing regeneration programme.

Actions plans for each of the subgroups will be presented to the next meeting of the SDP to allow agreement to be given on performance management and monitoring of these plans to support the evaluation process.

KEY ISSUES

- Continued integration of frontline services;
- Agreement on short term aims/objectives/action plans for the subgroups;
- Development of evaluation framework;
- Continuous improvement framework to support lessons learned to direct change; and
- Ensure that work taking place by the Wallacetown SDP is considered as part of the wider discussion on the development of a CPP locality model.

UPDATE ON ACTION TO SUPPORT THE LOIP/PLACE PLANS

Action plan and links to follow.

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