

Dates of 2025 Meetings

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**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD**
Meeting on Friday 3 October June 2025
1.00pm – 4.00pm
MS Teams and in the Council Hall, Council HQ,
English Street, Dumfries DG1 2DD

Members

Stephen Thompson Co-Chair	- Leader Dumfries and Galloway Council
Richard Brodie	Councillor Dumfries and Galloway Council
Mark Cook Co-Chair	- Chair NHS Dumfries and Galloway
Douglas Dickson	- Principal and Chief Executive Dumfries and Galloway College
John Campbell	- Chairman SWestrans
Carolyne Wilson	- Councillor Dumfries and Galloway Council
John Dougan	- Chair Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
Alex Lamb	- Dumfries and Galloway Housing Sector
Professor Russel Griggs	- Chair South of Scotland Enterprise
Derek Heaton	- Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Dumfries and Galloway Division
Vacant	- Dumfries and Galloway Private Sector
Andrew Giusti	- Councillor Dumfries and Galloway Council
Kim Dams	- Chair Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board

- Steven Meikle** - Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland
Dumfries and Galloway Division
- Andrea Hall** - Area Manager
Skills Development Scotland
- Jane Morrison-Ross** - Chief Executive
South of Scotland Enterprise
- Dawn Roberts** - Chief Executive
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Jo Shearer** - Vice Chair
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
- Gail MacGregor** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Alan Webb** - Chief Executive
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
- Julie White** - Chief Executive
NHS Dumfries and Galloway
- Valerie White** - Chair - Community Planning Senior Leadership
Team (Advisor)
- Claire Renton** - Place Director for Dumfries and Galloway
Scottish Government (observer)

Dates of Meetings 2025**6 June 3 October****DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD****FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER 2025****1.00pm – 4.00pm****Main Council Hall, English Street, Dumfries****MS Teams/Hybrid****AGENDA**

- 1.00PM 1. DRAFT MINUTE OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD ON 6 JUNE 2025** (Pages 5 - 13)
- 1.05PM 2. COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION LOG** (Pages 14 - 21)
- 1.10PM 3. FORMAT FOR FUTURE MEETINGS, STRATEGIC CONTEXT AND ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM** (Pages 22 - 25)

Key objectives:

- To present to Community Planning Partnership Board (CPPB) Members the proposed structure and format of CPPB meetings until June 2026.
- To provide CPPB members with an update on the strategic operating context in relation to Public Sector Reform and Population Health Framework.

- 1.30PM 4. LOIP OUTCOME – WHERE WE LIVE (PLACE)** (Pages 26 - 52)

1:30-3pm – Place Planning

- Stuart Hamilton, Ward Manager, DGC will lead on co-ordination of the first 1 hour 30 mins of this section:
 - This session will be a mix of presentations, time for discussion with focussed questions for Board members.
 - There will be one formal paper for this section in relation to Place Planning and the Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Locality Plan.
 - Community representatives from Kirkconnel and Kelloholm will be in attendance supported by Council officers.

This section will cover the following meeting objectives

Key Objectives

- To provide the CPPB with an overview of different types of place planning and the role of the place planning partnership.
- To introduce the CPPB to our first locality plan developed for Kirkconnel and Kelloholm and share the experiences of the community and partners involved in its development.

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- To formally approve the Kirkconnel and Kelloholm locality plan.
- To agree how as a Community Planning Partnership we co-create our next Locality plan/s.
- To explore how we strengthen the role of the Place Planning Partnership.

3pm 5. TACKLING POVERTY – FAIRER FUTURES FUNDING, 100 PARENTS PROJECT

- Craig Hope, Team Leader, Employability and Skills will lead on this section. The 100 parents project will be presented with questions posed to the Board to help shape the future direction.

This section will cover the following meeting objective:

Key Objective

- To explore the potential for the 100 parent project as an opportunity for CPP partners to work differently through a Place-Based approach.

3.30PM 6. LOIP – END OF YEAR REPORT 2024/25 (Pages 53 - 127)

The CPP Annual report for 24/25 will be presented to CPP Board.

This section will cover the following meeting objectives:

Key Objectives

- CPPB to approve the LOIP – End of Year Report 24/25.
- CPPB to provide feedback on current outcomes around Place in the LOIP annual report and provide direction on further measures the Board would like to see to help demonstrate we've made a difference as a CPP to our places.

3.45PM 7. BUSINESS BRIEF (Pages 128 - 130)

There will be a paper for this item which will update on the activity of the CPP Senior Leadership Team since the last meeting and any matters of escalation. It will include a recommendation to CPP Board to approve the Physical Activity Strategy previously presented to the CPP Board in June.

This section will cover the following meeting objective:

Key Objective

- To update CPP Board on work of the CPSLT any items for escalation to the Board (approval of the Physical activity Strategy) and matters of interest.

4pm 8. MEETING CLOSE

4pm – 4.10PM – POST MEETING REFLECTION

Following the close of formal business, Board Members will be asked to reflect on the format of the meeting and provide constructive feedback on the new meeting format.

**DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD
Friday 6 June 2025
Council HQ, English Street, Dumfries
and by MS Teams – 10.00am**

Item 1**Present**

- Gail Macgregor** - Leader
Co-Chair Dumfries and Galloway Council
- John Campbell** - Chair
SWestrans
- Kim Dams** - Chair
Dumfries and Galloway Integration Joint Board
- Douglas Dickson** - Dumfries and Galloway College
- Linda Dorward** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- John Dougan** - Chair
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway
- Professor Russel Griggs** - Chair
South of Scotland Enterprise
- Katie Hagmann** - Councillor
(*Substitute*) Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Andrea Hall** - Area Manager
(*Substitute*) Skills Development Scotland
- Derek Heaton** - Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service,
Dumfries and Galloway Division
- Maureen Johnstone** - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Steven Meikle** - Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland
Dumfries and Galloway Division
- Dawn Roberts** - Chief Executive
Dumfries and Galloway Council

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Jo Shearer - Vice Chair
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway

Alan Webb - Chief Executive
Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway

Julie White - Chief Executive
NHS Dumfries and Galloway

Valerie White - Director of Public Health
NHS Dumfries and Galloway

Claire Renton - Place Director for Dumfries and Galloway
Scottish Government (observer)

Apologies

Marsali Caig - Interim Chair
Co-Chair NHS Dumfries and Galloway

Sheena Horner - Dumfries and Galloway Private Sector

Iain Howie - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council

Shona Mitchell - Head of Operations
Skills Development Scotland

Jane Morrison- Ross - Chief Executive
South of Scotland Enterprise

Stephen Thompson - Councillor
Dumfries and Galloway Council

In attendance

- Kirsty Beattie** - Child Poverty Project Officer (Item 8)
- Lynn Burgess** - Employability, Skills and Partnerships Manager (Item 8)
- Stephen Jack** - Lifelong Learning Manager
- Rebecca Kirkpatrick** - Tobacco Control Practitioner, Quit Your Way (Item 7)
- Lynn Mann** - Allied Health Professional, NHS D&G (Item 6)
- Mark Molloy** - Service Manager – Young People (Item 5)
- Chris Topping** - Health and Wellbeing specialist, NHS D&G (Item 6)

18 members present from 11 partners

The Chair **WELCOMED** everyone to the meeting.

1. DRAFT MINUTE OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2024

APPROVED as a correct record.

2. COMMUNITY PLANNING ACTION LOG

HIGHLIGHTED Item 7 which was the request from the previous meeting around capturing the impact of the number of people who move to the region, are less economically active but still of working age; **NOTED** the LEP don't currently monitor this specific detail, however a detailed briefing on migration has been circulated to Board members prior to the meeting.

3. UPDATE FROM YOUTH COUNCIL ON PROGRESS AGAINST PRIORITIES

3.1 RECEIVED a presentation updating on progress against priorities from Members of the Youth Council.

3.2 CONSIDERED and **NOTED** the contents of the report.

3.3 PROVIDED feedback to the Youth Council and comments **NOTED** included:

- the range of skills and training achieved by Youth Councillors;
- heartened that work to take forward the D&G Sustainable Food Partnership is ongoing and which was an action from the joint meeting with the Youth Council;
- how organisations can improve based on the “the ladder of youth participation” as there is real strength in collaboration working and sustained outcomes;
- increase awareness within the Council about how to contact, improve communication and participation with the Youth Council;
- invitation for the Youth Council to meet with the Chair and CE of TSDG and attend the Third Sector annual conference on the 5 November, and to help CE TSDG co-design a specific session for the TSDG annual conference based on community work;
- Invitation to meet with SOSE Youth Advisory Forum and the NHS Board to think about the future shape of health services given all the challenges within the region and provide reflection on work NHS undertaking around mental health;
- the offer to meet Scottish Government to discuss employability and inactivity and opportunity to influence at a national level;
- to meet the Student President and Vice President of Dumfries and Galloway College Student Association to share good practice of representing 5,500 students and

changing the service the College delivers, and to share the direct impact of the College Mental Health Action Plan;

- To be mindful of the capacity of Youth Councillors with regards to meeting requests and that this should be co-ordinated to make best use of time, possibly through a workshop;
- how Youth Council share learning from positive examples, manage their time, prioritise work and extend participation to involve others in conversations; extend offer.

3.4 AGREED to circulate Youth Council local action plans for each of the wards; and **RECOGNISED** Youth Councillors are volunteering their time and young people's involvement needs to be managed to make sure their well-being is supported; **HIGHLIGHTED** the consultation mandate which allows a more robust process to consult and engage with the Youth Council; and **NOTED** ongoing work to improve communication and discussion between the various youth voice networks in Dumfries and Galloway. **ACTION: SERVICE MANAGER - YOUNG PEOPLE/ LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER**

4. "THROUGH YOUNG EYES" – SHOWING OF FILM AND FURTHER ACTIONS

4.1 **RECEIVED** a presentation from Members of the 'Through Young Eyes' Steering Group.

4.2 **CONSIDERED** and **NOTED** the contents of the report.

4.3 **PROVIDED** feedback on the report and "Through Young Eyes" film and comments **NOTED** included:

- the powerful statement that poverty crushes hope and aspirations;
- ensure message from the film goes to the heart of government by contacting and following up with the Scottish Government Director of Child Poverty and Social Justice and her team;
- Youth Services is an essential frontline service;
- film is impactful and powerful and translates poignancy and reality of living in poverty; opportunity to amplify voice around employability and child poverty;
- need to move to a place where the voice of an individual matters as much as the voice of the masses to help influence strategies.

4.4 **DISCUSSED** how much traction the film is having in terms of influence and action; how cost of living and difficulty of living in a rural area affect choice; how the Child Poverty Sub Group of the Poverty and Inequalities Partnership has realigned its action plan to become more outcome focussed; film has been included as evidence for the Child Poverty Delivery Plan as an example of an innovative approach to engaging with children and young people; ensure the College is part of a coherent action plan to tackle child poverty across the region; how poverty affects health and wellbeing; how to raise awareness and remove barriers both locally and nationally; and exploring avenues of promotion of what causes poverty, how to get out of poverty and support available.

ACTION: SERVICE MANAGER - YOUNG PEOPLE/LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER**5. YOUTH PARTICIPATION – YOUTH NETWORKS IN DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY, HOW PARTNERS CAN SUPPORT AND THE YOUTH COUNCIL CONSULTATION MANDATE**

5.1 **NOTED** the contents of the report, which summarises the different youth voice and Youth participation structures across the partners; **HIGHLIGHTED** the list is not exhaustive as there will be other smaller organisations and local community groups that exist which involve children and young people within their work; How will you ensure the consultation is inclusive and accessible to all young people aged 12-25 years?

5.2 **ACKNOWLEDGED** the consultation mandate for working with the Youth Council as detailed in section 3.2; and **HIGHLIGHTED** and **AGREED** to distribute the guidance notes which explains how to target groups of seldom heard young people, e.g., young people in poverty, care experienced young people or young people in families with addiction issues.

5.3 **CONSIDERED** the points in section 3.3 about how Community Planning Partners can support the options outlined.

ACTION: ALL CP PARTNERS

6. ENGAGEMENT ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY

6.1 **HIGHLIGHTED** seeking comment and support for the new physical activity strategy which covers the whole life course and is a multi-agency approach; it has a clear vision for the population of Dumfries and Galloway to be more active more often; evidence for physical activity is compelling; Dumfries and Galloway is currently not meeting physical activity or muscle strengthening guidelines across the life course which impacts physical health, mental health and wellbeing, impacts communities and increases pressure on statutory services; strategy focusses on supporting those who are least active to become more active; physical inactivity can be classed as a “wicked” public health issue;

6.2 **NOTED** the systematic and evidenced based approach to the development of the strategy through the application of a system-based approach endorsed by Public Health Scotland; **HIGHLIGHTED** the eight sub systems that characterise physical activity across Scotland must work together;

6.3 **CONSIDERED** and **DISCUSSED** the report and comments **NOTED** included how to capture the stories of impact and outcome and how voice of young people is reflected and maintained in the strategy; full evaluation plan behind each subsystem; established mechanisms to look at how we evaluate our physical activity programmes; looking at health economic evaluation; collecting evidence of impact as we go; already produce an annual physical activity survey of school pupils which averages over 3,000 responses; plans to communicate with the College; work with third sector organisations and volunteers and importance of long term peer support and embed physical activity into daily life; work with active travel, through health partnerships looking to scale the number of community programmes and opportunities across our communities to try and create more equity and access to programmes; deprivation exacerbates health inequalities; prevention and early intervention; importance of enabling people to live longer in good health; overarching barriers for adult population already in poor health need to be addressed as part of the

strategy; the active life pathway is focussed on not only those with health conditions but those at risk of health conditions across adult population; trying to make workforce and workplace more active; NHS waiting well programmes recognises the challenges of waiting for operations;

6.4 NOTED that Strategic Delivery Outcome 1 identifies a high-level action to establish a system-wide leadership group for the physical activity strategy responsible for reporting progress to Community Planning structures;

6.5 NOTED and **SUPPORTED** the prioritisation of actions as detailed at 3.2 and 3.3 to target those that are least active with a focus on increasing awareness and uptake of muscle strengthening and balance activities as a key prevention and early intervention opportunity;

6.6 AGREED to receive a final draft strategy to the next meeting of the CPPB for endorsement;

6.7 CONSIDERED feedback and comments from the Youth Council;

6.8 COMMENDED the work which had gone into developing the strategy;

6.9 NOTED the opportunity to tie in with national conversations linked to the COSLA special interest group; emphasising the importance of maintaining engagement with target groups including young people, older adults, and those with additional support needs, marginalised, facing poverty; the importance of active travel infrastructure and community related programmes; opportunity to link in all women's network groups to help encourage participation, maximise participation in sport and physical activity and also similar for disability groups.

ACTION: LEISURE, CULTURE AND WELLBEING MANAGER/LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

7. TOBACCO AND VAPING UPDATES

7.1 CONSIDERED the response from the Minister of Public Health and Women's Health as detailed in the Appendix;

7.2 CONSIDERED the views of the Youth Council; **NOTED** the update was welcomed; the Youth Council have positive actions linked to the local action plans and run awareness campaigns and work with schools to better educate students on dangers of vaping, drugs and other substance misuse; **WELCOMED** the opportunity to connect with the Tobacco Control Practitioner; and **DISCUSSED** work happening nationally on regulating packaging and advertising of vapes;

7.3 NOTED the work being undertaken through the Council's Trading Standards Service as detailed at paragraph 3.4 and the emerging issue of concern as outlined at 3.5;

7.4 NOTED the content of the training programme and proposed delivery mechanisms detailed at 3.7-3.8; and

7.5 CONSIDERED any other action that the CPPB Board/ Youth Council would like to see progressed and comments **NOTED** included continue lobbying in terms of nicotine pouches; look at validation in terms of age, impact of peer pressure on young people the offer to link in Scottish Government and other Local Authorities colleagues; and **AGREED** to receive an update from Trading Standards on enforcement; and to **CONSIDER** updating the Community Planning position statement as deemed appropriate.

ACTION: DIRECTOR PUBLIC HEALTH/LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER

8. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS IN SCHOOLS – UPDATE

8.1 HIGHLIGHTED the project received a further years funding from the UKSPF which will guarantee continuation of the project until the end March 2026; the initial findings around key issues in the evaluation carried out by an independent consultant; each young person and family member were supported to find best way to communicate their voice; now moving to stage four which is the mid phase with client and family engagement; constantly make adjustments based on feedback;

8.2 CONSIDERED the progress and outcomes of the support for disabled Children and Young People Project; and comments **NOTED** included how do you approach barriers and educate others about how flexibility would enable people to take up opportunities; to revise language in relation to carers; emphasised key workers build relationships not only with young people but also with their families to help coordinate support and resources available; importance and the longevity of the project; opportunity to connect with Inclusion for Good project which went through Scottish Government and learn from those with lived experience of learning disabilities and employment; and opportunity to connect with Fiona Paton , NHS Child Health Commissioner;

8.3 CONSIDERED any feedback, comments and suggestions from the Youth Council and comments **NOTED** included joint working to address gap in employability and training with children and young people with lifelong health conditions as a disability or additional support needs.

ACTION: EMPLOYBAILITY, SKILLS AND PARTNERSHIPS MANAGER

9. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPROVEMENT PLAN

9.1 HIGHLIGHTED the positive comments and areas for improvement received in the self-assessment questionnaire; the summary overview in Appendix 1; preference for creating space at CPPB meetings for more dynamic discussions; ability for Board members to influence and set agendas, and less text updates and performance reporting;

9.2 CONSIDERED the Community Planning Improvement Plan as detailed at paragraph 3.4 and Appendix 3; and **NOTED** issues with capacity and need to prioritise what we can do collectively to address our biggest priority areas that will make our biggest impact to our population in Dumfries and Galloway;

9.3 CONSIDERED and **DISCUSSED** the suggestions from the CPSLT as detailed at 3.6.1 and 3.6.2 and also the future horizon scanning overview as provided in Appendix 4; and comments **NOTED** positives of the Good Food Nation being included, opportunity to capture stories of how communities tackle the climate emergency; helpful sets out local and national priorities and **AGREED** should focus on only 2 or 3 priority areas collectively

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on the inequality theme; and **WELCOMED** separation conversation between CPPB and CPSLT; and **NOTED** Partnerships are able to bring issues to CPSLT; nationally have good contacts with other Community Planning Partners and there are regular Community Planning networks for learning; and **AGREED** a subgroup of the Board and CPSLT should progress.

9.4 CONSIDERED initial options available to support a development programme as detailed at 3.6.3.

ACTION: LIFELONG LEARNING MANAGER/ CHAIR COMMUNITY PLANNING SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

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ITEM 2 – CPPB ACTION LOG

Ref	ISSUE RAISED	RAISED BY	ALLOCATED TO	STATUS/COMPLETION	WHEN
OPERATIONAL ACTIONS					
COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – ACTION LOG – FRIDAY 6 JUNE 2025					
1.	<p>Item 3 - UPDATE FROM YOUTH COUNCIL ON PROGRESS AGAINST PRIORITIES</p> <p>Noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> increase awareness within the Council about how to contact, improve communication and participation with the Youth Council; invitation for the Youth Council to meet with the Chair and CE of TSDG and attend the Third Sector annual conference on the 5 November, and to help CE TSDG co-design a specific session for the TSDG annual conference based on community work; Invitation to meet with SOSE Youth Advisory Forum, the NHS Board to think about the future shape of health services given all the challenges within the region and 	Chair	Service Manager – Young People ; CEO TSDG; Principal and CEO D&G College; Chair SoSE; Place Director Scottish Government;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Link to Youth Council webpage has been circulated to CPPB Members Link to Youth Council consultation framework and mandate has been circulated, and available on webpage. Arrangements in place for Youth Council to co-host topical discussion tables at the TSDG conference in November. Initial discussions taken place with NHS regarding a joint meeting with Youth Council. Agreed to take place in March 2026. Youth Council has suggested themes for discussion. Through Young Eyes film has recently been updated with the latest statistics for D&G, and initial contact made with CR to progress action. Joint meeting between the Youth Council and NHS now scheduled for February 2026 	<p>August 2025</p> <p>November 2025</p> <p>August 2025</p> <p>August 2025</p>

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	<p>provide reflection on work NHS doing around mental health;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the offer to meet Scottish Government to discuss employability and inactivity and influence on a national platform; to meet the Student President and Vice President of Dumfries and Galloway College Student Association to share good practice of representing 5,500 students and changing the service the College delivers, and to share the direct impact of the College Mental Health Action Plan; To be mindful of the capacity of Youth Councillors with regards to meeting requests and that this should be co-ordinated to make best use of time, possibly through a workshop. 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actions with the College will be taken forward through existing partnership work with the Youth Work Service. 	Ongoing
2	3.4 AGREED to forward Youth Council local action plans for each of the wards	Chair	Service Manager – Young People	Ward action plans are now available via the Youth Council Webpage. Link has been circulated to CPPB members.	August 2025

<p>3</p>	<p>4. “THROUGH YOUNG EYES” – SHOWING OF FILM AND FURTHER ACTIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ensure message from the film goes to the heart of government by contacting and following up with the Scottish Government Director of Child Poverty and Social Justice and her team; ensure the College is part of a coherent action plan to tackle child poverty across the region; how poverty affects health and wellbeing; how to raise awareness and remove barriers both locally and nationally; and exploring avenues of promotion of what causes poverty, how to get out of poverty and support available 	<p>Chair</p>	<p>Service Manager – Young People; Place Director Scottish Government; Principal and</p> <p>CEO D&G College</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Through Young Eyes film has been updated with the most recent data published by the End Child Poverty Coalition that reflects data relating to 2023-2024. Through Young Eyes (2025 Update) Youth Councillors will consider the next phase of the programme at their regional meeting on 27th September 	<p>August 2025</p> <p>Ongoing</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>6. ENGAGEMENT ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY NOTED the opportunity to tie in with national conversations linked to the COSLA special interest group; emphasising the importance of maintaining</p>	<p>Councillor Katie Hagmann</p>	<p>Leisure, Culture and Wellbeing manager/Director Public Health</p>	<p>Contact has now been made with Jillian Gibson, Policy Manager at COSLA for Sport and Physical Activity. Jillian has committed to engaging directly with Cllr Hagmann to reassure on the national position. DGC approach is consistent with the new national systems-based</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>



	<p>engagement with target groups including young people, adults, and those with additional support needs, marginalised, facing poverty; the importance of active travel infrastructure and community related programmes; opportunity to link in all women’s network groups to help encourage participation, maximise participation in sport and physical activity and also similar for disability groups.</p>			<p>approach Public Health Scotland are using across Scottish local authorities.</p> <p>Further contact being arranged with the Youth Council regarding the results of the schools physical activity survey and the wider Physical Activity Strategy.</p> <p>Active Travel embedded as delivery option within Active Lives pathway referrals.</p> <p>Engagement commenced through Allied Health for involvement of the Womens Networks.</p> <p>D&G Disability Sport identified as the vehicle to implement strategy aims for disabled community.</p>	
5	<p>7. TOBACCO AND VAPING UPDATES 7.5 CONSIDERED any other action that the CPPB Board/ Youth Council would like to see progressed and comments NOTED included continue lobbying in terms of nicotine pouches; look at validation in terms of age, impact of peer pressure on young people the</p>	Chair	<p>Director Public Health/ Service Manager Young People/Lifelong Learning Manager</p>	<p>At the Council’s Environment and Infrastructure Committee on 2 September Elected members approved to recruit a 0.8FTE Fair Trading post to meet the additional demands due to vapes, tobacco and alternative nicotine products.</p> <p>Successful enforcement: <u>July 2025:</u> A coordinated enforcement operation that was carried out across premises in</p>	<p>September 2025</p>

	<p>offer to link in Scottish Government and other Local Authorities colleagues; and AGREED to receive an update from Trading Standards on enforcement; and to CONSIDER updating the Community Planning position statement as deemed appropriate.</p>			<p>Dumfries and Stranraer, involving Police Scotland and the Council’s Trading Standards team. Officers assessed seized tobacco products, worth approximately £3.5 million, using the Track and Trace portal to determine authenticity and identify counterfeit items. Approximately 500,000 illicit cigarettes were recovered from one address. An additional 200 packs were discovered concealed behind a wall at another address. These would not have been found without the assistance of Boo, the tobacco detection dog funded by SCOTSS (Society of Chief Officers of Trading Standards in Scotland). This is one of the biggest seizures ever made using the Scottish tobacco detection dog. The investigation is now being progressed by HMRC.</p> <p><u>August 2025:</u> 162 single use vapes have been seized by Trading Standards from a local retailer and appropriate enforcement sanctions imposed. These are of the type that were banned from 1 June 2025.</p> <p>The “Quit Your Way” Service’s Tobacco Control Practitioner for young people has secured a place on a national Education</p>	
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				<p>Advisory group set up by ASH Scotland on behalf of the SG with respect to tobacco and specifically vaping.</p> <p>Following the initial roll out of the training and awareness programme, additional work is about to commence through Quit Your Way and Youth Work to create an “easy” version of the Tobacco and Vaping training for children and young people and for teachers to deliver to a younger audience.</p> <p>The Youth Council have confirmed that they would like to see the consensus statement updated and the CPSLT will liaise directly with the Youth Council accordingly.</p>	<p>October 2025</p>
6	<p>8. ADDITIONAL SUPPORT NEEDS IN SCHOOLS – UPDATE</p> <p>8.2 CONSIDERED the progress and outcomes of the support for disabled Children and Young People Project; and comments NOTED included how do you approach barriers and educate others about how flexibility would enable people to take up opportunities; to revise language in relation to</p>	Chair	<p>Child Poverty, Employability project Officer; Employability, Skills and Partnerships Manager</p>	<p>The Employability and Skills Service have contacted “Inclusion for Good” and a meeting is being arranged.</p> <p>Contact has also been made with Fiona Paton, NHS Child Health Commissioner.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

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	carers; emphasised key workers build relationships not only with young people but also with their families to help coordinate support and resources available; importance and the longevity of the project; opportunity to connect with Inclusion for Good project which went through Scottish Government and learn from those with lived experience of learning disabilities and employment; and opportunity to connect with Fiona Paton , NHS Child Health Commissioner.				
7	<p>9. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPROVEMENT PLAN</p> <p>9.3 CONSIDERED and DISCUSSED the suggestions from the CPSLT as detailed at 3.6.1 and 3.6.2 and also the future horizon scanning overview as provided in Appendix 4; and comments NOTED positives of the Good Food Nation being included,</p>	Chair/ Chief Executive DGC/ CEO TSDG/ Chief Executive NHS	Chair CPSLT/Lifelong Learning Manager	The sub-group of the CPPB met on 18 September to discuss future priorities and have helped shape the proposals included at item 3.	Ongoing

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	<p>opportunity to capture stories of how communities tackle the climate emergency; helpful sets out local and national priorities and AGREED should focus on only 2 or 3 priority areas collectively on the inequality theme; and WELCOMED separation conversation between CPPB and CPSLT; and NOTED Partnerships are able to bring issues to CPSLT; nationally have good contacts with other Community Planning Partners and there are regular Community Planning networks for learning; and AGREED a subgroup of the Board and CPSLT should progress.</p>				
GLOSSARY OF TERMS					
CPPB	Community Planning Partnership Board				
CPSLT	Community Planning Senior Leadership Team				
SoSE	South of Scotland Enterprise				
TSDG	Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway				
LOIP	Local Outcomes Improvement Plan				
RSL's	Registered Social Landlords				
IJB	Integration Joint Board				
SDS	Skills Development Scotland				



COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 3 OCTOBER 2025

Item 3

<p>Author: Stephen Jack, Lifelong Learning Manager</p> <p>Valerie White, Chair CPSLT</p>	<p>Responsible Senior Officer: Harry Hay, Head of Thriving Communities</p> <p>Julie White, Chief Executive, NHS</p>
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Report Title: FORMAT FOR FUTURE MEETINGS, STRATEGIC CONTEXT AND ROLE OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

1. Situation:

This report:

- 1.1 Provides the Board with a proposal for future Board meetings through to June 2026; and
- 1.2 Updates on the current strategic context affecting Community Planning in relation to Public Sector Reform and the new Population Health Framework.

2. Background:

2.1 Following the work undertaken with the Improvement Service in March 2025 as part of the national self-evaluation exercise with Community Planning Partnerships, one of the two key improvement areas identified by Board Members was:

- **The partnership actively encourages innovation and discussion around the best ways to achieve LOIP outcomes**

2.2 Informal feedback captured by Board Members outlined the appetite for:

- creating space at CPPB meetings for more dynamic discussions (working in a more agile way) on key issues and significantly reducing the size of Board papers;
- The ability for Board members to influence agenda setting, particular around key emerging issues that may need partner engagement at relatively short notice.

2.3 In addition to this, two key national policy areas have recently been launched and which will have implications for Community Planning:

Public Sector Reform:

[Scotland's Public Service Reform Strategy Delivering for Scotland.](#)

Population Health Strategy:

[Scotland's Population Health Framework - gov.scot](#)

3. Key Issues:

Format for future meetings

3.1 Following discussions with senior representatives of the CPPB, reflections on the Improvement Service self-evaluation exercise and discussion through the Community Planning Senior Leadership Team a proposal for future meetings up to June 2026 is outlined as follows:

- December/January – Poverty, Inequalities and Work*



- March – Health and Wellbeing*
- June – Annual Performance review

*Timings are provisional pending discussions with Lead Officers who would need to lead the development of these sessions.

3.2 Each meeting will have a short business brief update from CPSLT at the end of the agenda which will summarise any key issues stemming from annual updates from Strategic Partnerships; progress against CPPB key projects from LOIP action plan; annual update from each locality hub; connecting key project areas e.g LDP development, housing, population health framework, etc. This section will give a short overview of the strategic context we are operating in referencing Public Sector Reform and Population Health Framework.

Scheduling of CPPB meetings

3.3 To help promote more interactive discussion at future meetings the preference is to encourage as much “in person” attendance as possible, particularly if we wish to integrate more “workshop” type activity.

3.4 Finding dates and times that suit the wide range of partners attending Board meetings is proving increasingly challenging, with even the traditional Friday morning slots for Board meetings proving challenging to secure on the quarterly frequency due to external meetings such as COSLA Board meetings, Convention of the South of Scotland and other Strategic Partnership meetings along with other internal Council meetings affecting Elected Members. Board Members are asked to discuss preferred arrangements and timings going forward.

Public Sector Reform

3.5 Scotland’s Public Health Reform Strategy – Delivering for Scotland was launched in June 2025.

3.6 The Strategy outlines that:

“No one organisation can address the complex challenges that many people and communities experience, and the evidence shows that we can’t deliver better outcomes from silos. To deliver the change that is needed requires a radically different approach to collaboration and integration

Building on the Christie approach to Public Service Reform, around which there is broad consensus, we will deliver a system that improves lives, reduces inequality and is fiscally sustainable. That means the public services system will:

- Be efficient and effective with the right-size delivery landscape.
- Better join up services and focus on helping people.
- Prioritise prevention.
- Empower people and communities to shape the services that matter to them.
- Be fiscally sustainable.

By delivering this Strategy we will significantly increase the scale and pace of change and create a system that is collaborative and integrated by default. We will change our traditional approaches to how public services are delivered, and how they work together. We will take



the difficult decisions to apply resources at different points in the system – reducing investment in some areas and increasing it elsewhere – to maximise impact.”

3.7 Workstream 9 carves out a specific role and expectation around Community Planning as follows:

Workstream 9: Local integration - strengthening Community Planning and realising the potential of the third sector

“To deliver locally integrated services we must work across organisational and sectoral boundaries to enable joint planning based on the best local evidence and data, provide all partners with clarity of purpose and shared outcomes, and prevent fragmentation and duplication of services across multiple partners. This approach must recognise and build on the dedication, skills and expertise in the third sector. The sector is hugely diverse and includes over 40,000 organisations and a contribution to the economy of £8 billion¹³. Its accountability is ultimately to its beneficiaries, but many organisations seek greater opportunity through partnership to provide the local, relational support needed that can transform outcomes for its beneficiaries. When facilitated to do so it can leverage in independent funding, complimentary volunteering and grass roots community knowledge grown from the trust built with the communities it serves. Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) are key to providing collaborative leadership to deliver better outcomes for people and places.

CPPs are unique to Scotland and provide the structures needed for collaboration and to create joined-up services. We will optimise the potential of CPPs to drive change in the near term. We will:

- Strengthen expectations for joint working to meet the needs of communities - this means all partners are expected to share resources, blend capability and capacity, prioritise prevention and improve community and wider participation.
- Simplify the policy landscape to have fewer but more meaningful asks on CPPs and make it easier for CPP partners to share data to improve collaborative working.
 - Work with regulatory and audit organisations to shift accountability mechanisms to both incentivise and require collaborative working.
- Work with CPPs, the Scottish Community Planning Managers Network and the Community Planning Improvement Board to build the collaborative systems leadership, culture, infrastructure and capabilities to deliver this.
- Trust and listen to local organisations, building on their tacit knowledge, to understand the priorities and concerns of local people and communities.
 - Develop work with third sector Interfaces (TSIs) to strengthen third sector engagement with service re-design, collaborative commissioning and system leadership.
 - Continue to improve the operating conditions for the third sector through Fairer Funding arrangements.”

Population Health Framework

3.8 The new Population Health Framework was launched by Scottish Government in June 2025 with 2 main aims:

- improve Scottish Life Expectancy



- reducing the life expectancy gap between the most deprived 20% of local areas and the national average by 2035.

3.9 The Framework is based on “five key interconnected prevention drivers of health and wellbeing” as follows:

- Prevention Focused System
- Social and Economic Factors
- Places and Communities
- Enabling Healthy Living
- Equitable Access to Health and Care

3.10 Specifically in relation to Community Planning, the following has been emphasised: “Strengthen collective leadership and shared accountability to improve local outcomes and address inequalities through a refreshed focus on the role of Community Planning Partnerships.”

3.11 The Director Public Health will take us through a short presentation to highlight the importance of this, particularly in relation to the Health and Wellbeing theme as outlined within our LOIP.

4. Recommendations:

The Community Planning Partnership Board are asked to:

4.1 **Consider** and **discuss** the proposed format and scheduling of future meetings as detailed at paragraph 3.1-3.4;

4.2 **Consider** and **discuss** implications and opportunities going forward in relation to Public Sector Reform as detailed at paragraphs 3.5 – 3.7;

4.3 **Consider** and **discuss** the opportunities and implications for Community Planning in relation to the new Population Health Framework as detailed at 3.8 – 3.11.

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Item 4

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<p>Report Title: Place Planning in Dumfries and Galloway</p>	
<p><u>1. Situation:</u> 1.1 This report provides an overview of the Place Planning context in Dumfries and Galloway, presents the final draft version of the Locality Plan for Kirkconnel and Kelloholm and asks the Board to consider the approach to future Locality Plans.</p> <p><u>2. Background:</u> <u>Place Planning Partnership</u> 2.1 The Dumfries and Galloway Place Planning Partnership is a collaborative effort involving various public and third sector agencies working together to develop and coordinate place-based initiatives across the region.</p> <p>2.2 The Remit of the Place Planning Partnership is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop coherence in joint working arrangements • Better understand the requirements of Community Planning Locality Plans, Local Place Plans and Borderlands Place Plans • Develop joint workforce training in Place and locality working • Develop a coordinated offer to communities to support them to develop their Place Plans • Identify and share best practice at national level and in other areas • Develop peer learning across our communities <p>2.3 Membership of the Place Planning Partnership comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Borderlands Growth Initiative • Dumfries and Galloway Council (Economy & Development and Thriving Communities) • Health and Social Care Partnership • South of Scotland Enterprise • The Stove • Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway. <p><u>Locality Plans</u> 2.4 As part of duties placed on Community Planning Partnerships through the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, in addition to a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, local authority areas are also required to develop a Locality Plan(s).</p> <p>2.5 The specific Guidance associated with Part 2 of the Act (Community Planning Locality Plans) states a requirement to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify smaller areas within the local authority area which experience the poorest outcomes and prepare and publish locality plans to improve outcomes on agreed 	

priorities for these communities (the outcomes prioritised for improvement in a locality plan may differ from those in the local outcomes improvement plan).

- Review and report publicly on progress towards their locality plans and keep the continued suitability of these plans under review.
- Participation with communities lies at the heart of community planning. CPPs must support community bodies to participate in all parts of the process, in the development, design and delivery of plans and in review, revision and reporting of progress.

2.6 For Dumfries and Galloway, an assessment was undertaken on the communities within our region identified as experiencing the greatest inequalities, with the following areas being identified for a Locality Plan to be developed and which was agreed at the CPPB held on 1 September 2024:

- Annan East
- Annan West
- Dumfries Central
- Lochside and Lincluden
- Stranraer East
- Stranraer West
- Summerville
- Upper Nithsdale

2.7 These areas were identified following an assessment of a wide range of data and intelligence, including the work undertaken in partnership with Public Health Scotland to produce five Localised Data Profiles which covered the following areas:

- Annandale and Eskdale
- Dumfries
- Mid and Upper Nithsdale
- Stewartry
- Stranraer

2.8 The Locality Plan's primary objective as per the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 is to reduce inequalities; therefore, as well as consideration of our 12 LOIP Outcomes, the Actions contained within the Locality Plan are themed under the six objectives from the CPP Poverty Inequalities Strategy. Four of the objectives from the Strategy focus on directly delivering specific outcomes for individuals. Two are "enabling" objectives, which will focus on the culture, policy and practice changes that partners will need to make to tackle poverty and inequalities effectively:

- Reducing financial pressures on people facing poverty
- Building individual and community resilience
- Addressing barriers to accessing services
- Building organisation capacity to better tackle poverty
- Maximising income of people facing poverty
- Tackling severe and persistent poverty and destitution

2.9 At the CPPB meeting held on 1 December 2023, it was agreed that a pilot Locality Plan would be developed specifically for Kirkconnel/Kelloholm following an assessment of the key inequalities data available for Upper Nithsdale.

3. Key issues

Dumfries and Galloway's Place Planning Landscape

3.1 The Place Planning Partnership has nine Place initiatives under its remit in our region and is working to ensure cohesion around the areas of Local Place Plans, Borderlands Place Plans and Locality Plans.

3.2 There are currently 83 Place initiatives spread across Dumfries and Galloway.

3.2 Some communities have multiple Place initiatives, Kirkconnel and Kelloholm being the prime example, having a Borderlands Place Plan, Local Place Plan and a proposed Locality Plan.

Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Locality Plan

3.3 The development of the Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Locality Plan followed the publication of the community's Borderlands Place Plan and Local Place Plan, both of which built on their previous Community Action Plan.

3.4 The wealth of existing plans, previous community engagement undertaken and supporting data and intelligence available for Kirkconnel and Kelloholm meant the development of the Locality Plan had to be different or risk facing criticism from the community for continuously engaging on similar topics.

3.5 The local community has been fundamental to this work, and key community bodies, including Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Community Council and Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust have been engaged at key stages to check in and validate progress.

Budget and resources

3.6 The Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Locality Plan has been developed within existing resources; this has presented challenges and impacted the length of time taken to present a final plan.

3.7 There has, however, been a particular focus on making the best use of local CP resources already deployed within the area and utilising recent community engagement activity undertaken in this community to inform the Plan. The final draft Plan is available in **Appendix 1**.

Future Locality Plans

3.8 Seven further Places have been identified by the Community Planning Partnership to benefit from a Locality Plan (see paragraph 2.6).

3.9 A high level of community engagement, data and intelligence was readily available for Kirkconnel and Kelloholm owing to other Place initiatives having recently been progressed. Most of the further communities identified to benefit from a Locality Plan are not in the same position. Future resourcing and timescales should be a key consideration.

3.10 Dumfries and Galloway Council's Ward Manager for Mid and Upper Nithsdale led the development of the Locality Plan for Kirkconnel and Kelloholm with limited support from across the Partnership. Awareness of emerging Locality Plans was limited, and time was spent explaining the purpose of the Locality Plan and Partner's potential role in

reducing inequalities within this Place. Consideration should be given to expanding this responsibility to appropriate Locality Hubs to deliver, thus reducing the pressure placed primarily on one Officer.

3.11 The development and refinement of the Actions took a considerable amount of time. It was challenging for organisations to flex, commit additional resources and/or agree on an approach that would be different in this Place than in other Places in Dumfries and Galloway. The Partnership could consider reaffirming its commitment to providing additionality within specific communities experiencing inequalities to improve the lives of citizens.

3.12 Citizens living within some of the Locality Plan Places identified are not their natural sense of Place, i.e. Annan East, Annan West, Stranraer East and Stranraer West are solely SIMD Data Zones. Consideration should be given to how we approach these communities as interventions to reduce poverty and inequalities will cut across the Places of Annan and Stranraer and will not be able to be specifically targeted, in the main, to these Data Zones.

4. Recommendation:

The CPPB are asked to:

4.1 **Consider** the related elements which form our Place Planning approach in Dumfries and Galloway;

4.2 **Consider** the process and community feedback in relation to developing the Kirkconnel/Kelloholm Locality Plan;

4.3 **Approve** the Kirkconnel/Kelloholm Locality Plan as attached in **Appendix 1**;

4.4 **Agree** and discuss how we co-create and take forward future Locality Plans;

4.5 **Agree** how we strengthen the role of the Place Planning Partnership.

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Kirkconnel and Kelloholm, Locality Plan, 2025 – 2030



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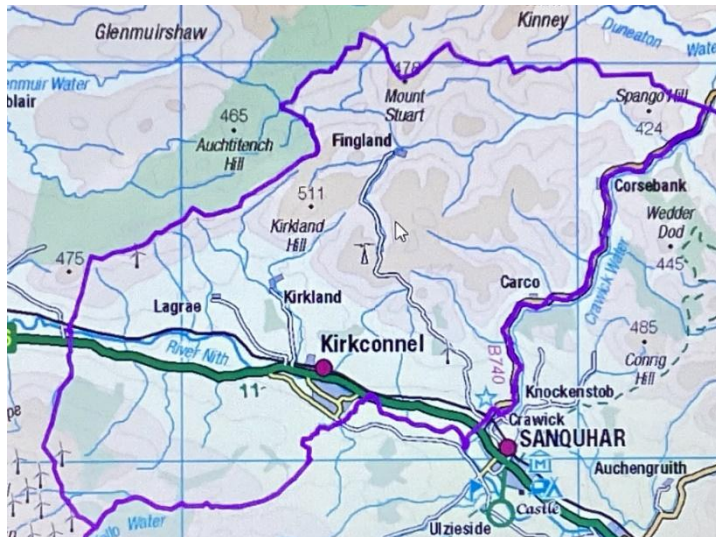
Introduction

Kirkconnel and Kelloholm form a rural community in the Mid and Upper Nithsdale Ward of Dumfries and Galloway with a population of approximately 2000 people. From the census data we note the age groups as the following 0 – 17 years: 437, 18 – 64 years: 1,129, 65+: 440.

The communities grew considerably through the 20th century to serve the many coal mines in the area, all of which have now closed. Now, Kirkconnel and Kelloholm are amongst the most deprived communities in Dumfries and Galloway, with their citizens experiencing some of the poorest outcomes across several indicators.

This Locality Plan aims to address the needs of these communities, to address the inequalities that exist and to improve the outcomes for citizens in future.

By working through the Community Planning Partnership, partners will work closer and more creatively in these communities to bring additionality and added value to services. By involving communities throughout the process citizens should recognise actions taking place to bring about the necessary change.



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Strategic and Operational Community Planning Context

Community Planning brings together key public, private and third sector agencies in our area, working in partnership with each other and with local communities to plan and deliver better services for the people of Dumfries and Galloway.

There are five public bodies that have a legal requirement to facilitate community planning and ensure the Partnership carries out its functions efficiently and effectively.

- Dumfries and Galloway Council
- NHS Dumfries and Galloway Board
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- South of Scotland Enterprise

Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway, as the local Third Sector Interface is involved at all levels of Community Planning in Dumfries and Galloway and therefore the interface and third sector organisations such will be involved in the delivery of this Plan. The Dumfries and Galloway Poverty and Inequalities Partnership is also currently delivering a wide range of projects throughout our Region, including the areas covered by this Plan, which have been specifically designed to target poverty and inequalities in all its forms.

Community organisations relative to this Plan have been involved in its development and include: Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Community Council, and Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust. These organisations will be actively involved throughout its implementation and ongoing monitoring.

APPENDIX 1**Community Participation and Engagement**

During the development of this Locality Plan, reflection was made of the various action plans, community plans, research and appraisals which have taken place within the communities over the past ten years. This has included the significant consultation activity undertaken as part of the Borderlands Place Plan which focuses specifically on Kirkconnel. To ensure the needs and aspirations of the community of Kelloholm are fully captured, further engagement has been undertaken with the Community Council, local Development Trust, other local groups and the Town Team.

The Nithsdale Locality Hub, where operational officers from Community Planning Partners come together at a local level have been engaged in the development of the Plan with appropriate Officers being engaged where specialist knowledge or insight has been required.

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Vision

The citizens and communities of Kirkconnel and Kelloholm will thrive as Community Planning Partners work together to tackle inequality and socio-economic disadvantage.

Needs Assessment

Community plans covering Kirkconnel and Kelloholm developed over the last ten years have been reviewed. These include:

- Kirkconnel Parish Place Plan, 2023-2033
- Kirkconnel Multi-Modal Transport Appraisal, 2022
- Kelloholm Skills and Innovation Centre – Research and Analysis, 2021
- Kirkconnel & Kelloholm Community Action Plan, 2014-2019

The Community Planning Partnership has also considered the actions identified in these plans, where these actions help to address the six objectives (4 Outcome Objectives and 2 Enabling Objectives) from the Dumfries and Galloway Poverty Inequalities Strategy and how the Partnership can help implement local actions based on needs and available resources. A focus for action of this Locality Plan has been on the recent Kirkconnel Parish Place Plan 2023-2033.

Kirkconnel Parish Place Plan was developed through extensive consultation with, and participation from citizens, community groups and businesses during 2023. The strategic objectives 2023-2033 plan are:

- Develop new delivery models to enhance and improve the access to, and the range of, community health and recreational facilities and services.
- Realise the economic benefits of local renewable energy solutions - wind, solar, hydro, storage - for all households, businesses and individuals in the community.
- Create a diversified, sustainable and growing economy that delivers new jobs, learning and training opportunities for all, increasing economic participation and benefits across the community.
- Increase the number of visitors visiting, staying and spending in Kirkconnel by developing and enhancing the local visitor infrastructure, paths, natural assets and events.
- Create a diversified, sustainable and growing economy that delivers new jobs, learning and training opportunities for all, increasing economic participation and benefits across the community.
- Maintain and raise the quality of the physical, built and connected environment to support Kirkconnel to be a better and easier place to live, work, learn and travel to and from.

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Locality Data Profile

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020

There are 7,000 data zones in Scotland¹. There are four data zones in Upper Nithsdale (S01007552, S01007553, S01007558 and S01007554).

The data zones S01007552 (Kirkconnel) and S01007553 (Kelloholm). are in the bottom 20% of the Index.

S01007552 (Kirkconnel) data zone		S01007553 (Kelloholm) data zone	
Overall rank	1,381	Overall rank	1,281
Income domain rank	1,507	Income domain rank	1,100
Employment domain rank	1,096	Employment domain rank	1,266
Health domain rank	1,771	Health domain rank	1,049
Education/skills domain rank	1,795	Education/skills domain rank	1,757
Housing domain rank	3,217	Housing domain rank	2,596
Geographic domain rank	2,083	Geographic domain rank	3,229
Crime rank	1,837	Crime rank	2410
Population	835	Population	782
Working age	535	Working age	481
Income deprived	163	Income deprived	177
Employment deprived	90	Employment deprived	75

People living in S01007554 (Old Kelloholm) data zone are among the most deprived 10% in Scotland.

S01007554 (Old Kelloholm) data zone	
Overall rank	
Income domain rank	505

¹ A Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal place plan by CEIS for Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Town Team, 2023

¹ Strantec for South-West of Scotland Transport Partnership (Swestrans), 2022

¹ <https://simd.scot/>

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Employment domain rank	384
Health domain rank	530
Education/skills domain rank	458
Housing domain rank	1629
Geographic domain rank	4646
Crime rank	2661
Population	429
Working age	245
Income deprived	123
Employment deprived	55

The North Star Report on Poverty and Deprivation within Dumfries and Galloway which was published in December 2020, highlighted the concentrated areas of deprivation which exist within our Region.

Of the 19 Data zones considered to be in the 20% of the most deprived within our Region were located within just five Ward areas.

42.1% of those deprived Data Zones are located in North West Dumfries,
 21.0% in Stranraer and the Rhins,
 21.4% in Mid and Upper Nithsdale,
 5.6% in Nith
 10% in Annandale South.

Child Poverty

Despite the significant work of partners within Dumfries and Galloway, the rate of child poverty in the region is now 26%, 1.5% above the national average, and ranked 8th highest in 2021-2022 out of 32 Local Authority areas. Our region saw an increase of 3.1% in 2021-2022 with more than 1 in 4 children regarded as living in poverty, however it is also worth noting that all but 1 of the 32 Local Authority areas in Scotland recorded an increase in the rate of child poverty during the reporting period.

There are 107 children aged P1 – P5 registered for free school meals and 26 P6 - P7 registered for free school meals.

APPENDIX 1**Education**

There is one primary school and nursery in the area located at Kelloholm Primary School. There are currently 161 pupils enrolled at the school with average class sizes being 23 pupils and the Pupil / Teacher ratio being 15.5/1. Average attendance at the Primary School is 90.3% which is -3.4% lower than the Dumfries and Galloway average (93.7%) and -0.9% lower than the Scottish average (91.2% asset by Education Analytical Services, Learning Directorate 18/06/2025).

Secondary education is provided at Sanquhar Academy which is located approximately three miles to the south of the locality. With a school roll of 2018 it has a Pupil / Teacher ratio of 9.2/1. Average attendance at the Secondary School is 90.3% which is -1.6% lower than the Dumfries and Galloway average (91.9%) and -0.9% lower than the Scottish average (91.2% asset by Education Analytical Services, Learning Directorate 18/06/2025).

Annual Participation Measure

National indicator on the “Percentage of young adults (16-19 year olds) participating in education, training or employment”.

<https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/publications-statistics/statistics/annual-participation-measure>

	Upper Nithsdale	D&G	National
	%	%	%
2024	91.4	94.4	92.7
2023	94.4	94.0	92.6
2022	89.4	93.3	92.4
2021	89.5	93.1	92.2
2020	94.7	91.9	92.1

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School Leaver Destinations

The Scottish Government's "Summary Statistics for Attainment and Initial Leaver Destinations No. 7: 2025 Edition" provides data on the initial destinations of school leavers from publicly funded schools approximately 3 months after school leaving date. Also follow up destination data available.

	Sanquhar	D&G	National
	%	%	%
2023/24	87.2	95.5	95.7
2022/23	94.9	95.9	95.9
2021/22	89.4	95.9	95.7
2020/21	95.2	94.6	95.5
2019/20	89.3	92.7	93.3

Sanquhar 23/24 Destinations

Destination Category	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Higher Education	26.8%	26.2%	23.4%	13.6%	17.0%
Further Education	30.4%	40.5%	27.7%	23.7%	25.5%
Training	5.4%	2.4%	6.4%	6.8%	6.4%
Employment	25.0%	26.2%	29.8%	47.5%	38.3%
Voluntary Work				3.4%	
Personal Skills Development	1.8%		2.1%		
Unemployed Seeking	5.4%	2.4%	4.3%	3.4%	8.5%
Unemployed NOT Seeking	1.8%	2.4%	6.4%	1.7%	4.3%
Unknown	3.6%				

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National 23/24 Destinations

Destination Category	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Higher Education	44.2%	45.1%	41.2%	40.3%	40.8%
Further Education	28.1%	23.3%	25.5%	26.6%	26.4%
Training	3.7%	3.7%	2.9%	3.4%	3.9%
Employment	16.2%	22.6%	25.1%	24.3%	23.1%
Voluntary Work	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.6%
Personal Skills Development	0.8%	0.5%	0.5%	0.7%	0.9%
Unemployed Seeking	4.1%	2.5%	2.3%	2.2%	2.2%
Unemployed NOT Seeking	1.8%	1.7%	1.5%	1.6%	1.9%
Unknown	0.7%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%

Data Hub – Preferred Routes

Reports on data from the Skills Development Scotland Customer Support System which hosts the Opportunities for All shared dataset. Table below shows Preferred Routes of current S4-6 cohort against Dumfries and Galloway and national figures. Information also available on Anticipated Leave Date and Preferred Occupations.

	Sanquhar	D&G	National
HE	34%	48%	50%
FE	22%	21%	15%
Employment	33%	15%	12%

Further and higher education is available in Dumfries (33 miles) and Kilmarnock (30 miles).

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Work and economy

In 2024, there were approximately 35 private sector business units in Kirkconnel and Kelloholm with this number having remained, largely unchanged since 2020.

Labour market participation is lower in Kirkconnel and Kelloholm than elsewhere in Dumfries and Galloway. The employment-population ratio (proportion of the adult population, people aged 16 years and over, who are in employment) is significantly lower in Kirkconnel and Kelloholm than the rest of the region. 49.4% of those aged 16 plus living in Kirkconnel and Kelloholm in 2022 were in employment, compared to 54.2% of those aged 16 plus in Dumfries and Galloway and 58.2% of those aged 16 plus in Scotland within the same period.

The unemployment rate aged 16 plus (unemployed as a proportion of the economically active population aged 16 plus, employed plus unemployed) in Kirkconnel and Kelloholm in 2022 was 5.2%, compared to 3.2% for Dumfries and Galloway and 4.4% for Scotland within the same period.

The employment rate for working aged people aged 16 to 64 years in Mid and Upper Nithsdale neighbourhood in 2022 was 72.0%, compared to 74.6% for Dumfries and Galloway and 73.3% for Scotland. 25.5% of those aged 16 to 64 years in Mid and Upper Nithsdale neighbourhood in 2022 were economically inactive, compared to 22.9% for Dumfries and Galloway and 23.3% for Scotland.

Workplace-based employment (where jobs are located geographically rather than where employees live) in Kirkconnel and Kelloholm in 2023 was 810, 24.7% lower than 1,075 in 2016, compared to workplace-based employment 1.5% lower in Dumfries and Galloway and 2.7% higher in Scotland within the same period.

There 140 private sector businesses in Mid and Upper Nithsdale in 2024, 9.7% lower than in 2016, compared to 1.6% fewer private sector businesses in Dumfries and Galloway and 0.2% fewer private sector businesses in Scotland within the same period.

4.1% of working aged people aged 16 to 64 years in Kirkconnel and Kelloholm were Claimant Count unemployed (Jobseeker's Allowance plus Universal Credit Searching for Work regime) in December 2024, compared to 2.9% of working aged people in Dumfries and Galloway and 3.1% of working aged people in Scotland within the same period. 33.8% of working aged people aged 16 to 64 years in Kirkconnel and Kelloholm in December 2024 were on Universal Credit, significantly higher than 18.4% of working aged people in Dumfries and Galloway and 16.7% of working aged people in Scotland within the same period. 266 people and

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21.7% of working aged people aged 16 to 64 years living in Kirkconnel and Kelloholm in December 2024 were on Universal Credit with no work requirements (Health or caring responsibility prevents claimant from working or preparing for work).

Housing

Understanding and meeting local housing needs was a recognised priority within the recently endorsed Kirkconnel Parish Place Plan.

The 2011 Census showed that Kirkconnel had the highest percentage of social housing (51.8%) compared to other benchmarked Place Plan towns and it was identified as one of the worst aspects by the community during consultation work undertaken.

A 2019 Needs and Demands Survey, produced to support the development of supported accommodation at Nivison Road, Kelloholm found that 11% of respondents knew someone who had left the village for other reasons, including the lack of supported accommodation and 41% stated that there was need for 'other types of accommodation' with all citing 'Sheltered Housing'.

Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust with support from South of Scotland Community Housing, Dumfries and Galloway Council and Wheatley Homes South supported the delivery of a community led Housing Strategy. During this work 27% of people said that their current property does not meet their needs and anecdotally, locally, the poor quality of housing provision is often commented upon.

Priorities

Across the three Data zones highlighted four issues are consistent and should be prioritised:

- Population
- Working Age
- Income Deprived
- Employment Deprived

The deprivation experienced in Old Kelloholm is further compounded by its rank in relation to Income domain, Employment domain, Health domain and Education and Skills domain.

Whilst the whole community of Kirkconnel and Kelloholm should benefit from the interventions outlined in this Locality Plan the area of Old Kelloholm must be prioritised and receive further support to address lived experience, given that citizens within this area are within the most deprived 10% of people living in Scotland.

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The priorities identified have been cross checked with the Place Plan and the following objectives from the Place Plan were felt to align with actions that that could be delivered through the Locality Plan

- Access to community health and recreational facilities and services.
- Ensuring citizens benefit directly from local renewable energy – jobs, reduced rates, community.
- New local jobs, learning and training opportunities.
- Connecting Kirkconnel and Kelloholm to the outside world – transport, active travel and broadband

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Locality Plan – Priority Actions Plan

The primary objective of the Locality Plan is to reduce inequalities therefore it is proposed that the six objectives from the Dumfries and Galloway Poverty and Inequalities Strategy should form the basis of the Themes for the Locality Plan. Four of the Objectives from the Strategy focus on directly delivering specific outcomes for individuals. Two are “enabling” objectives, which will focus on the culture, policy and practice changes that partners will need to make to tackle poverty and inequalities effectively.

Theme 1 - Reducing financial pressures on people facing poverty			
Rationale - 33.8% of 16–64-year-olds in Kirkconnel and Kelloholm received Universal Credit in December 2024. In contrast, this is significantly higher than 18.4% of working aged people in Dumfries and Galloway and 16.7% in Scotland.			
Action	Desired Outcome	Responsible Partners	Notes / Progress
Explore options to provide targeted learning and training opportunities in the local community.	Travel costs which are a barrier to learning within this Locality will be removed and citizens will have increased opportunities to learn.	DGC Lifelong Learning SOSE Dumfries and Galloway College	
Weekly Employability, Skills and Partnerships support provided in person from the Hub, Hillview Leisure Centre for both existing clients and members of the public.	Citizens will recognise and feel supported to access job opportunities which will subsequently increase the number of people working within the Locality.	DGC Employability, Skills and Partnerships Kirkconnel & Kelloholm Development Trust	
Targeted parent/carer support events held within the Hub, delivered by Third Sector organisations to highlight the support that is available, with the long-term aim being that with this support in place parents/carers	Citizens with caring responsibilities will have greater knowledge of the support available to them and be able, in the future, to be supported to enter employment.	DGC Employability, Skills and Partnerships Kirkconnel & Kelloholm Development Trust	

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will be in a place where they can be referred into employability support.		Third Sector Organisations	
Affordable activities – Active Schools / Leisure and Sport to target specific individuals / groups children and young people by providing a programme of activity throughout the year.	Children and Young people will have access to activities that are either free or affordable within their community. This will further support citizens to work, knowing children have additional activities available and are within a safe environment.	DGC Education DGC Leisure and Sport	
Online food shopping course / support to enable people to shop online to maximise their available budget.	Citizens recognise the issue of rural inflation and are able to access technology and trust online shopping to maximise their budget.	DGC Lifelong Learning	
Dedicated food shopping excursions to more expansive shopping areas.	Delivers a wider choice of product and cost to residents, helping them maximise their financial resources.	Goodshare Foodshare Project (KKDT). Kirkconnel Parish Heritage Society	
Support the operation of the Upper Nithsdale Foodshare Project through continuing their foodshare subscription and access to premises.	Alleviation of the effects of poverty and food insecurity, reducing the burden of anxiety on residents and contributing to their enablement to improve their own finances	Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust DGC Thriving Communities NHS - Dumfries & Galloway	
D&G Winter Warmth Campaign Leaflets and D&G Worrying About Money Leaflets to be distributed to every household within the Locality.	Citizens will have greater understanding of the support available to reduce fuel poverty and fuel debt. Citizens to signposted to further support available to maximise benefits.	D&G Poverty and Inequalities Partnership. Kirkconnell & Kelloholm Community Council.	

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Theme 2 - Building individual and community resilience			
Rationale - The 2020 SIMD data highlighted Kirkconnel and Kelloholm as being Population deprived.			
Action	Desired Outcome	Responsible Partners	Notes / Progress
Work with the community to identify priority Core Path improvements required within the Kirkconnel and Kelloholm area	Citizens health and wellbeing will be improved by having access to good quality, accessible Core Paths.	DGC Environment	

Theme 3 - Addressing barriers to accessing services			
Rationale – The Locality is our region’s most northerly settlement on the boundary with East Ayrshire Council, suffering from depopulation it considered to be a Remote / Rural community.			
Action	Desired Outcome	Responsible Partners	Notes / Progress
Increased advertising of the Dumfries & Galloway Welfare, Advice and Health Partnerships Project which is delivered by DAGCAS at the Mill Hill Health Centre in Kelloholm.	Residents are able to access dedicated DAGCAS One to One Specialist Advisor support within the local GP Surgery. Increased financial wellbeing. Reduction in poverty through increasing incomes.	DAGCAS	

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Reaffirm commitment to retaining the Mill Hill Community Health Centre with citizens accessing General Practice services from both this facility and one in Sanquhar.	Citizens will have access to a GP within their community, supplemented by access from a practice in Sanquhar.	NHS DG	
Explore opportunities for appointments for mental health services, physiotherapy etc. to be delivered from the Mill Hill Community Health Centre rather than from Sanquhar.	Citizens will be able to access health services without the need to travel.	NHS DG	
Assess opportunities to establish protected appointments at the Sanquhar practice for Kirkconnell & Kelloholm citizens that align with the 221 bus schedule and further assess opportunities for community transport linkages.	Citizens will have access to GP appointments without the need to pay for private taxis to transport them to and from Sanquhar.	NHS DG	
Provide Oral Health Clinics within the community, linking with other activities being provided by NHS DG & Partners, to provide preventative oral health advice and refer for emergency clinics / appointments.	Citizens will have increased access to preventative oral health advice.	NHS DG	
Review waiting lists for Dentistry in Sanquhar and consider resource input to open up waiting list.	Citizens will have increased access to dentistry.	NHS DG	

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Explore trusted access or develop a community partnership to support an increase in opportunities at Hillview Leisure Centre.	Citizens will have more opportunities to access Hillview Leisure Centre for services and activities operated by partners, community organisations and volunteers.	DGC Leisure & Sport	
Explore with Network Rail opportunities to make Kirkconnel Train Station fully accessible from both platforms.	Citizens who are users of wheelchairs, mobility aids and prams will be able to live locally whilst accessing services, further education and jobs out with their community.	DGC - Sustainable Travel	
Dumfries and Galloway Council and Swestrans to investigate better links in and around Kirkconnel and Kelloholm, as well as to Dumfries and Kilmarnock.	Citizens will benefit from an improved public transport schedule, that is better connected, improving opportunities to live locally whilst accessing services, further education and jobs out with their community.	DGC - Sustainable Travel	
Ensure the 221 bus provision is maintained and available 6 days per week.	Citizens will benefit from an improved public transport schedule, that is better connected, improving opportunities to live locally whilst accessing services, further education and jobs out with their community.	DGC - Sustainable Travel	
Provide public wi-fi at Hillview Leisure centre and promote free access to citizens to reduce the digital divide. Wi-fi is available in	Citizens will be able to access the internet freely, opening opportunities for learning.	DGC – Leisure and Sport DGC – Customer & Digital	

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parts of the building where the Employability Hub takes place.			
Introduce card payment facilities at Hillview Leisure Centre.	Citizens will be able to pay by card locally rather than being required to travel six miles to pay by card for memberships, facilities and services.	DGC – Leisure and Sport	

Theme 4 - Building organisation capacity to better tackle poverty			
Rationale - The Locality is one of the places where the most deprived 20% of people in Scotland live.			
Action	Desired Outcome	Responsible Partners	Notes / Progress
Explore opportunities to build new homes through an Assessment of vacant publicly owned land / property which may be suitable for building new homes	Land identified for possible mixed social / private housing. Increased housing stock will repopulate the locality.	Registered Social Landlords Property Services / Strategic Housing / Planning Services – DGC NHS D&G	

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Theme 5 - Maximising income of people facing poverty			
Rationale - The Locality SIMD Data highlights Employment Deprivation as the worst ranking across all measures.			
Action	Desired Outcome	Responsible Partners	Notes / Progress
Increased advertising for Dumfries & Gallway Citizens Advice Service current drop-in Provision delivered from the Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust which is currently delivered on a weekly basis.	Citizens will have greater awareness of the support available from DAGCAS locally.	DAGCAS D&G Poverty and Inequalities Partnership Sub-Group 2	
Investigate with the Lemon Aid Fuel Poverty Project the possibility of securing funding to provide a dedicated Fuel Poverty drop-in provision within the Locality.	Citizens would receive enhanced support and advice regarding fuel poverty.	D&G Poverty and Inequalities Partnership Sub-Group 2 Lemon Aid	
Explore opportunities for all Financial Wellbeing Providers to deliver services on a drop in basis within the Locality.	Citizens will have greater access to financial advice.	D&G Poverty and Inequalities Partnership	

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Theme 6 - Tackling severe and persistent poverty and destitution			
Rationale - % of Children in Poverty Profile report at 22% 2020/21, now at 36.1% in latest data point (2021/22)			
Action	Desired Outcome	Responsible Partners	Notes / Progress
Targeted cooking for beginners' courses, enabling surplus food to be used within meals. Information sessions to support portion control, nutrition and healthy lifestyles.	Citizens learn how to cook low-cost healthy meals with basic ingredients and become confident in their ability and creativity.	DGC Lifelong Learning NHS Dumfries and Galloway Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust	
Increase education input around employment and enhance the relationship with local employers.	Child and Young People recognise the value of work and aspirations of young people are increased.	DGC Education	
Establish additional support for those who wish to develop their learning.	Young people will have further opportunities to learn and achieve their full potential.	DGC Education	

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The Community Planning Partnership Senior Leadership Team will receive six-monthly Monitoring Reports on the actions identified. Where actions identified would benefit from individual evaluation this will be undertaken by the lead service / organisation and reported through the same process with opportunities every six months.

Locally community organisations will be engaged throughout this process with opportunities provided on an annual basis for partner organisations to provide feedback on the actions undertaken at that point.

A full evaluation of the Locality Plan can be undertaken towards the end of the programme period (2030) and reported both to the Community Planning Partnership and to the local community through a variety of means.

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Assets

Fixed Assets	Service Based	Civic Based
Kelloholm Primary School & Nursery - DGC Kirkconnel Miners Memorial Centre - DGC Hillview Leisure Centre - DGC Mill Hill Health Centre - DGC Four Play parks one being inclusive - DGC DGC Customer Service Centre - DGC DGC Adult Resource Centre - DGC Food Share premises - NHS Church of Scotland (due to close Sept 2025) Gospel Hall Community Church Masonic Hall Kirkconnel Parish Heritage Society (KPHS) Action for Children Bowling Green and Club Scout Hall Cadet Hall The Cabin Three local shops, Two Post Offices Butchers Chemist Takeaway Train Station Brown Brothers Meat Processing Factory Dog Groomers Hotel	Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Community Council Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust Kirkconnel Parish Heritage Society Walking group Women's group Action for Children Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Children Gala DGCAS (paid for with external funding one day per week) Youth Work once weekly - DGC Lifelong learning activities - DGC	Brighten up Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Children's Gala Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Community Council Christmas Festivities, Armed Forces week and day events Check and Chat



COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 3 OCTOBER 2025

ITEM 6

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<p>Report Title: Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2024/25 – end of year report</p>	
<p><u>1. Situation:</u> This report presents the end of year LOIP Report for 2024/25 which is required as part of the statutory requirements linked to the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.</p>	
<p><u>2. Background:</u></p> <p>2.1 The previous LOIP end of year report for 23/24 was considered and agreed by the CPPB in December 2024 and Board Members were keen to see a refreshed model adopted going forward.</p> <p>2.2 As part of the work undertaken with the Improvement Service in March 2025 linked to a national self-evaluation exercise, one of the two key improvement areas identified by Board Members was to improve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The performance information received by the Board is presented in a way that enables the partnership to effectively scrutinise performance. 	
<p><u>3. Key Issues</u></p> <p>3.1 During 2024/25, support was provided through public Health Scotland (PHS) to help produce a list of nationally available indicators which would help measure progress against our 12 LOIP Outcomes and provide a historic trend picture.</p> <p>3.2 A small sub-group of the CPSLT was also created to help further progress this work and act as a “critical friend,” including refining the information previously collated.</p> <p>3.3 During 2025, the CPPB agreed a proposed new model for reporting which would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary overview of key work progressed by the Board • An overview of the 3 LOIP themes (Health and Wellbeing; Work; Where We Live(Place)) • Moving away from drawing singular examples from individual organisations • Inclusion of a few examples under each theme from our Strategic Partnerships which demonstrate a Community Planning approach and can evidence a progress/key impacts along with a few case studies • An appendix which clearly shows a trend picture against key indicators <p>3.4 The national indicators have been drawn form a range of sources including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Public Health Observatory (SCOTPho) 	



- Improvement Service – Community Planning Outcomes Profile Tool
- Scottish Government
- Office of National Statistics
- Scottish Local Authorities' Economic Development (SLAED) Group
- OFCOM
- Scottish Household Survey
- Skills Development Scotland

3.5 During the analysis some inconsistencies have been identified across the various national data sources and amendments made accordingly following discussion with “data experts.” The Office for Statistics Regulations have also published a statement which confirms that 14 statistical outputs have had their official accreditation temporarily removed.

[OSR's statement on the Labour Force Survey-derived estimates and Annual Population Survey-derived estimates – Office for Statistics Regulation](#)

3.6 This work will continue to be refined and improved over future editions. The overview report which contains some strategic context along with the indicator trend document are attached in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2**.

3.7 In addition, parallel work has been ongoing between the Council and SoSE to help develop a suite of localised indicators to demonstrate impact against the Council Plan and Regional Economic Strategy. These indicators will also have relevance to our LOIP Outcomes and particularly linked to Place. An example of what is available has been mapped in **Appendix 3**.

3.8 Once approved, the forward for the document will be finalised with Co-Chair's of the Board and the document professionally designed.

4. Recommendations:

The Community Planning Partnership Board are asked to:

4.1 **Consider** and **agree** the end of year report for 2024/25 as detailed in **Appendix 1** and **Appendix 2**.

4.2 **Consider** the opportunities for future Place Based indicators as detailed in **Appendix 3**.

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Appendices (3)

Appendix 1 – LOIP Overview Report

Appendix 2 – LOIP Indicator Trends

Appendix 3 – Place Indicators

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Local Outcomes Improvement Plan – End of Year Report – 2024-2025

Community Planning Partnership Board Overview

During 2024/25, the Community Planning Partnership Board (CPPB) maintained the oversight and leadership for the implementation of our Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2023 -2033 and also provided support and direction to our more recently established Community Planning Senior Leadership Team (CPSLT).

[Local Outcomes Improvement Plan \(LOIP\) and Locality Plans | Community Planning](#)

This led to a “LOIP Action Plan” being developed to provide partner focus around a number of identified priority work areas as follows:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anchor Organisations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Digital
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Wealth Building 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tobacco and Vaping 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing the disability employment gap
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locality Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Plans/Strategies which contribute to our Community Planning model

Whilst four projects are still underway, four projects have been completed/are close to being completed and a summary of these is provided as follows:

Anchor Organisations

Anchor Organisations: Strengthening Our Role in Community Wealth Building

This work was led by the Director of Public Health, with support from Public Health Scotland (PHS). All Community Planning (CP) partners undertook a self-assessment using the PHS framework:

[Harnessing the power of anchor institutions: a progression framework for Scottish organisations - Publications - Public Health Scotland](#)

Key Insights:

- **Improved Understanding:** All CPP partners gained a clearer understanding of what it means to be an *anchor organisation* and the role they can play in supporting local communities.
- **Existing Strengths:** The assessment confirmed that partners are already engaged in a wide range of anchor activities.
- **Identifying Gaps and Opportunities:** The process helped highlight areas where anchor work could be strengthened. It also identified examples of best practice—such as Dumfries and Galloway Council’s leadership in community asset transfers, which earned a CoSLA Excellence Award—offering valuable learning opportunities for other partners.

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- **Focus on Procurement:** One key area identified for development is procurement—specifically, how the buying of goods and services can be better aligned to benefit the local economy.

What's Next?

- Each CPP partner will reflect on their own anchor actions and identify opportunities to enhance their contribution.
- Collectively, the CPP will explore ways to build community wealth by strengthening local procurement practices.
- A case study highlighting this work is being prepared for sharing on the Public Health Scotland national website.

Community Wealth Building (CWB) in Dumfries and Galloway

South of Scotland Enterprise (SoSE) facilitated a series of five workshops, each focused on one of the five key pillars of Community Wealth Building (CWB). These sessions aimed to build a clearer picture of current CWB activity across the region and to support the development of a more coordinated and strategic approach.

Key Areas Explored:

- **Fair Work:** Exploring the future use and regional application of the Fair Work assessment tool.
- **Community Assets and Local Data:** Reviewing data on Community Asset Transfers, Local Place Plans, and Scottish Land Fund grant awards to understand local trends and opportunities.
- **Inclusive Ownership:** Identifying partner priorities around inclusive economic models, including support for the 239 social enterprises currently operating in the region.

What's next?

A key objective of this work was to prepare for the formal introduction of the Community Wealth Building legislation, with the Community Wealth Building (Scotland) Bill being introduced on 20 March 2025 and is at “stage 1” of the process of becoming an Act. The insights gathered through these workshops will inform future planning and action across the region.

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Tobacco and Vaping: Youth Concerns and Local Action

In 2023, the 10,000 Voices consultation with young people, led by the Council's Youth Work team, identified tobacco and vaping as the top priority issue facing young people in Dumfries and Galloway.

At the joint Community Planning Partnership Board (CPPB) meeting with the Dumfries and Galloway Youth Council in September 2024, it was agreed to:

- Develop a local position statement on tobacco and vaping
- Send formal letters to both the UK and Scottish Governments expressing concern about the growing impact of vaping on young people

[Board Papers - Community Planning Partnership Board - 13 September 2024.pdf](#)

This action helped raise the profile of the issue locally and nationally. A supportive response was received from Jenni Minto, Scottish Minister for Public Health and Women's Health, acknowledging the concerns raised.

To support frontline engagement, a training and awareness package has also been developed to help practitioners have informed, supportive conversations with young people about tobacco and vaping. This is available to access here:

https://youtu.be/aO_7GDXPY8A

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Locality Plan Development

Following the 2023 review of Community Planning, a new approach was agreed to better target areas of need across Dumfries and Galloway. In collaboration with Public Health Scotland, data was analysed to identify communities experiencing the highest levels of deprivation.



As a result, the Community Planning Partnership Board approved the development of a pilot Locality Plan for the Kirkconnel and Kelloholm area. This plan will focus on tackling inequalities through targeted actions across key priority areas, ensuring a place-based approach that reflects local needs and aspirations.

Priorities were focused around the key themes outlined in our Community Planning Poverty and Inequalities Strategy:

Theme 1 – Reducing financial pressures on people facing poverty	Theme 2 – Building individual and community resilience
Theme 3 – Addressing barriers to accessing Services	Theme 4 – Building organisation capacity to better tackle poverty
Theme 5 – Maximising income of people facing poverty	Theme 6 – Tackling severe and persistent poverty and destitution

Locality Planning in Action

Local officers collaborated closely with the community to review relevant data and existing plans for the area. This process helped identify key projects and activities that could effectively address local inequalities.

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From this engagement, a set of realistic and achievable actions was developed in partnership with relevant organisations. These actions were incorporated into a Locality Action Plan, which received formal approval from the Community Planning Senior Leadership Team on 4 July 2025.

In addition to Kirkconnel and Kelloholm, other areas identified as priorities for future Locality Plans include parts of Annan, Dumfries, and Stranraer.

Community Planning Partnership Board - Key achievements

- Maintained a rotating Co-Chairing arrangement between the Council and NHS;
- Endorsed the Dumfries and Galloway Children’s Right’s Report 2020-2023 and agreed how CP partner input could be integrated into the next report;
- Provided comment and feedback on the development of a new Housing Strategy and committed resource to the Housing Emergency Action Plan;
- Contributed to the development of a new Physical Activity Strategy for our region;
- Engaged in facilitated discussion around the work of the Poverty and Inequalities Partnership and Resettlement Board;
- Considered findings and improvement actions stemming from the Education Scotland Community Learning and Development Progress Visit to Dumfries and Galloway in January 2024;
- Provided support and direction to the development of the Local Development Plan 3;
- Supported and contributed to a “Re-Population” project in response to “Tackling Scotland’s Population Challenges;”
- Supported the COVID Remembering Together Project;
- Held a Joint meeting with the Dumfries and Galloway Youth Council and agreed joint improvement actions;
- Considered how the CPP can support the new Regional Economic Delivery Plan for 2025-2027;
- Engaged in discussion around the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Annual Report;
- Considered support for Fair Funding for the Third Sector;
- Contributed to the consultation on the Population Health Strategy;
- Submitted an application to be part of the Collaboration for Health Equity Scotland project;
- Supported the establishment of a D&G Cultural Partnership and associated Delivery Plan;

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- Participated in the Improvement Services' Community Planning self-evaluation exercise and development of an agreed an action plan.

How are we doing?*

*see the appendix for detailed breakdown of indicator trends

THEME – HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Regional Health and Wellbeing Overview

The ongoing Cost of Living crisis continues to significantly affect families across Dumfries and Galloway. The region currently experiences fuel poverty levels above the national average, with an upward trend indicating growing concern. Child Poverty rates have been above the national average, however latest data for 23/24 has shown a decline to 22.7% the lowest level since 2015 when records began. While median earnings remain below the national average, the earnings gap has narrowed slightly since 2020/21. In terms of health indicators:

1. **Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE)** presents a mixed picture:
 - For females, there is a worsening trend over the past three years.
 - For males, HLE has remained relatively stable and above the national average.
2. **Alcohol related hospital admissions** are showing a declining trend, with Dumfries and Galloway performing better than the national average. However, there has been a slight increase in alcohol related deaths between 2019/20 and 2023/24, though rates remain well below national levels.
3. **Drug related deaths** rose between 2020/21 and 2022/23, but encouragingly, there was a sharp decline in 2023/24, bringing the rate well below the national average.
4. **Child Healthy weight** - D&G has had a lower percentage of children of a healthy weight compared to the rest of Scotland but the latest data has shown increases in the percentage of children of a healthy weight.

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Examples of successful projects linked to Health and Wellbeing:

Child Poverty

Key Successes - The most recent Local Child Poverty Action Report published in November 2024 highlighted the following achievements:

- 348 clients were supported to obtain financial assistance to the value of £220,000.

Of these, 95 clients had a successful intervention which prevented their situation progressing to eviction, with an average Homeless case costing the local authority £12,000 this potentially saved a total of £1.14 million.

- School clothing grants provided for 2,215 local children and young people and over 650 children and young people were assisted with 'back to school' and separately 'warm winter' clothes. Over 5150 items of school uniform and 3500 items of donated warm winter clothing were distributed at 7 events across the region.
- An expansion of the opportunities to access free sanitary products across council, health and third sector partners sites, with thousands of local families benefiting from the service.
- Dumfries and Galloway Council works in partnership with Dumfries and Galloway Citizens Advice Service to provide information services throughout the region. The LCPAR noted that this commission delivered income maximisation measures resulting in additional income of over £9.5 million for 3348 clients.
- The Youth Work team supported young people to produce a short film "Through Young Eyes" which explores how young people in our region perceive poverty and their own lived experience of poverty. ["Through Your Eyes" Launches | Dumfries and Galloway Council](#). This was shared across CP partners and with Jenni Minto, Minister for Public Health and Councillor Paul Kelly, COSLA spokesperson for Health and Wellbeing at their visit to the CPP in November 2024.

Challenges/Issues

Following the most recent Child Poverty data being made available in July 2025, it highlighted that child poverty in Dumfries and Galloway has reduced from 26.9% in 2022/23 to 22.7% in 2023/24 and just below the national average which sits at 23%. During 2024 the Child Poverty subgroup undertook a service design led review workshop to understand how the group might support the

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achievement of better outcomes, work better together rearticulating the group purpose, vision and commitment and setting out next steps which included:

- Aligning the reporting functions of the subgroup to streamline work enabling a focus on impact and building on the themes identified in the workshop which were Direction, Partnership, Resources, Roles, Rurality and Humanity.
- Further developing the enabling and supporting actions with a focus on realistic measures, a responsive but not reactive partnership approach all building on the voice of lived experience.

Dumfries and Galloway Council Policy investment funding (£1.8M) taken forward through a range of Community Planning Partners. N.B. The following is a summary of 3 key projects which were evaluated using the “6 attributes for evaluation” approach which was developed using the RADAR European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) Model. The full evaluation report is available here: [End of Year Evaluation - Appendix 1 - Final.pdf](#)

Cost of Living

Welfare and Housing Options (£165,000)		
Sound	Implemented	Results
This project is to support the Welfare and Housing Option (WHO) Support team to provide a seamless service which helps clients to sustain their tenancies, prevent evictions and address and reduce all debts. From April 2025 onwards, this Project will be moved to mainstream Dumfries & Galloway Council Funding.	Implemented to a huge range of customers requiring different support from tenant grants, discretionary housing payments (DHP), council tax reduction and crisis and homeless prevention grants. The Project continues to be implemented by specialist advisors to a huge number of customers requiring different levels of support which includes homeless prevention grants, discretionary housing payments, council tax reduction grants, crisis grants, housing payments, tenant grants along	In 2024/25 the Welfare and Housing Options team have assisted 396 clients. Assistance has been provided to address rent arrears and potential eviction. Clients have been helped to claim additional benefits with a value of £723,000, and address debts in other areas, such as Council Tax. A detailed case study highlighted the impact on a customer receiving support that included a wide range of support which is normal for every case completed. The customer advised this had been a huge and heavy rucksack on their back for so long and it

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	with additional support to maintain their tenancies.	had been lifted, and they could never repay and thank us enough for all the support and in clearing these arrears. It gave them an opportunity of a fresh start.
Fareshare Membership for Community Groups (£56,000)		
Sound	Implemented	Results
To continue to provide Fareshare membership to 19 organisations throughout our Region with a total of 17 community groups in D and G supported providing surplus nutritious food from Fareshare. This Project provides surplus food on a weekly basis to Food Providers throughout our Region	Deployed across Dumfries and Galloway in different areas to create better balance of provision for customers. Fareshare Memberships were originally allocated with the aim to cover all areas of our Region. This provides a higher level of provision of surplus food than would otherwise be available within each area who benefit from Fareshare Memberships.	<p>The Project results for 2024/2025 are as follows: Over 219 tonnes of food delivered through Fareshare, which in turn enabled foodbanks to provide essential supplies for 522,448 meals. This is an equivalent food costs of over £816, 670 with 211 tonnes of food diverted from landfill</p> <p>The project is making a significant impact with foodbank users/customers who are single parents/ and working part time. Providing a range of food that otherwise wouldn't be possible given rise in costs of food in supermarkets along with increasing their capacity to cook has helped shield the families from more financial challenges. Fairshare continues to make a significantly large impact and reduction on food insecurity within our region.</p>
Summer of Play programme for Children and Young People (£264,000)		
Sound	Implemented	Results
The Summer of Play offer specifically targeted children and young people who sit within the six priority groups as	The activities on offer were across all 12 Ward areas with a focus on food provision, were entirely free to access, as	Through the Monitoring and Evaluation Reports that were submitted as part of the fund, we know that 9,417 unique

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<p>included within our region’s Children’s Poverty Plan. All funding was used to distribute grants to Third Sector organisations and Council Services to run Summer activity programmes in local communities across Dumfries and Galloway. Grants were distributed following an application process, and applications were scored by an independent scoring panel.</p>	<p>well as ensuring that this work was targeted towards children and young people from low income and vulnerable households, and also those who sit within the 6 - priority groups as identified in our regions Child Poverty Plan. Summer of Play supported 36 Third Sector organisations and 6 Council services to provide activities and programmes for our region’s most vulnerable children and young people. As well as Service provision, the funding has also been used for significant investment into local communities and to support organisations and their staff</p>	<p>children and young people in Dumfries and Galloway took part in at least one of the activities on offer. We were also able to look at the target groups as identified within the Children’s Poverty Plan who accessed activities ran using Summer of Play funding: Lone Parent Families: 27% Families which include a disabled adult or child: 25% Larger Families (3 or more children): 23% Minority Ethnic Families: 8% Families with a child under 1 year old in the household: 12% Families where the mother is under 25 years of age: 5% The Summer of Play funding scheme has provided organisations with the means to do a significant amount of work in order to provide support and opportunities to our region’s most vulnerable children and young people.</p>
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Mental Health support taken forward through Children’s Services Strategic and Planning Partnership

Since the Covid-19 pandemic, demand for mental health support has increased both locally and nationally. We have seen more referrals to the School Nursing Service on mental health grounds, and we have more children and young people who are not attending school for anxiety-related reasons.

Actions

1. To ensure that all children and young people have access to the mental health and wellbeing support that they need when they need it. This includes a breadth of access, close to home and in a timely manner, matched to the needs expressed:
 - Development of a Mental Health Pathway

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- Development of web-based resources based on engagement with children, young people and parents/carers
- Addressing national priorities including the implementation of a range of low-level mental health and psychological approaches.

2. To ensure the recognition and early intervention for perinatal mental health issues and to improve access to psychological and mental health services. This includes:

- Development of an integrated care pathway that addresses identified gaps in specific areas – this is about addressing identified gaps, like support for birth- trauma and baby-loss, and working with service-users to identify further gaps and shape services.

The Mental Health Pathway was finalised during the reporting year, and is available here. [Mental Health Pathway](#)
 Within the reporting period there have been events to launch the Pathway with different professional groups across our Children's Services partnership, and these will continue into the next reporting year. The Children Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) website is operational and this action can be signed off as complete [CAMHS – Dumfries & Galloway Health & Social Care](#). Work is now taking place in the 2025-26 reporting period on access to online low level mental health interventions for children and young people. Youth Counselling in Schools continues to operate, with evaluation reports on this work available here: [About low-level mental health support in schools | Dumfries and Galloway Council](#)

During the reporting year, a Health and Wellbeing public website has been launched, which includes specific areas just for education staff – this incorporates the Rights Respecting Schools approach and focuses on:

- Assessment of pupil wellbeing
- Resources to support the Health and Wellbeing curriculum
- Promoting Attendance
- Signposting to services within the mental health pathway
- A termly Health and Wellbeing newsletter signposts staff to new resources.

Key successes this year have included:

- Embedding of the Mental Health Pathway
- The continuation of Counselling in Schools
- Improved access to mental health supports for parents and babies

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Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) – role out of Naloxone

Increasing Naloxone Provision

Naloxone can temporarily reduce the effects of an opiate overdose and prevent an overdose from becoming fatal. The Naloxone Working Group of the ADP meets every three months to promote the provision of “Take Home” Naloxone Kits across the region.

In 2023/24, Dumfries and Galloway ADP distributed 707 Take Home Naloxone Kits.

- Across Dumfries and Galloway, 252 police officers and 10 fire officers have been supplied with emergency Naloxone. This can be administered if they encounter someone who is experiencing a near fatal overdose.
- Community pharmacies across the region can now supply and administer emergency Naloxone kits.
- The custody suite can now distribute Naloxone.
- The Specialist Drug and Alcohol Service and “With You” also provide naloxone kits.

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Health and Wellbeing Case Studies

Case Study 1: Active Lives Pathway

Which LOIP Outcome(s) does this contribute to?

- **3. Improve the health and wellbeing of our citizens through targeted approaches.**

Why is this project important?

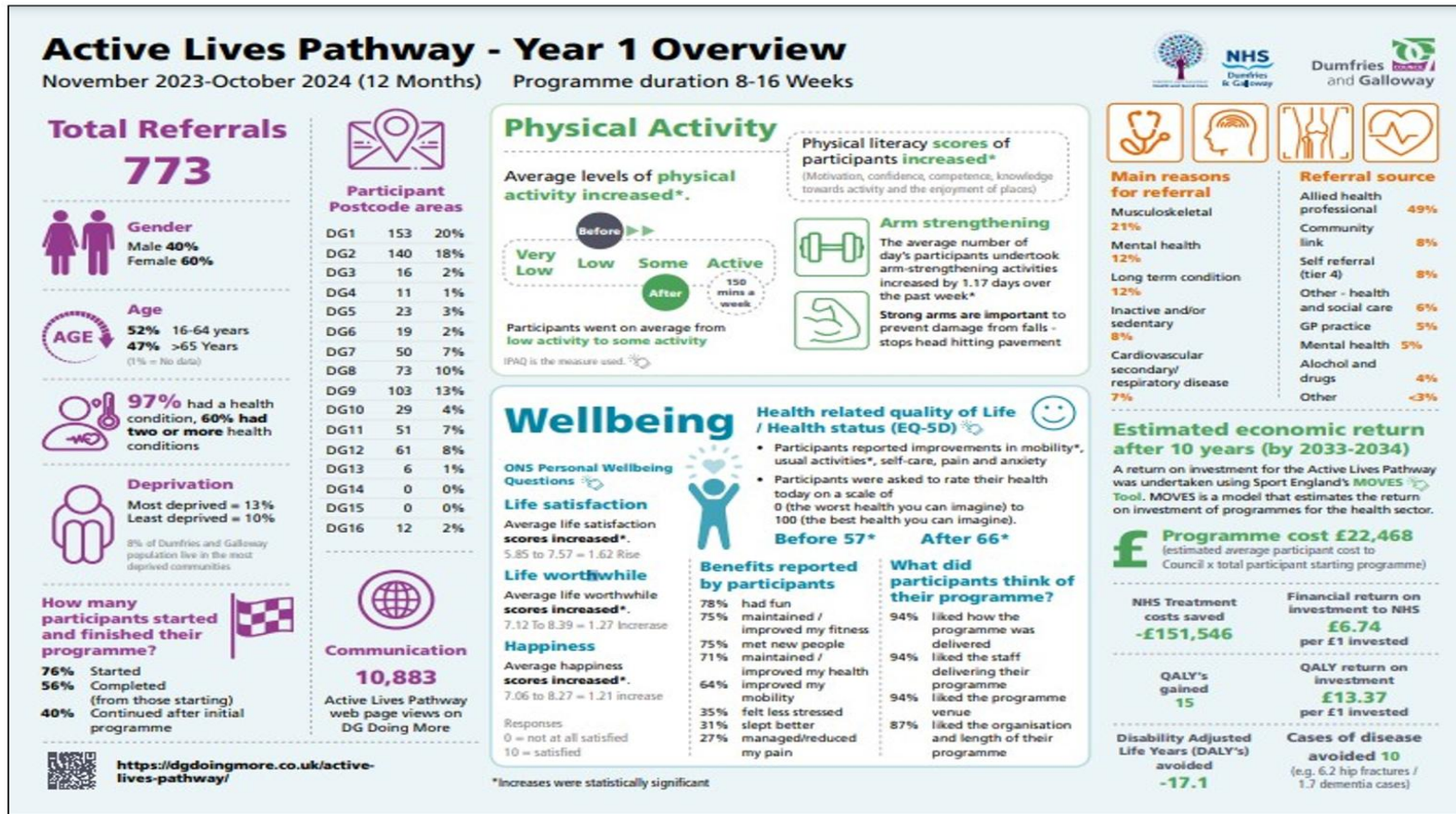
Being physically active and maintaining muscle strength and balance is vital for independence and fall prevention. Yet, 74% of Scottish adults don't meet recommended physical activity and strength guidelines—equating to around 93,000 people in Dumfries and Galloway. Additionally, 22% of adults in the region are active for less than 30 minutes per week.

What did we do?

In November 2023, the Health and Social Care Partnership and Dumfries and Galloway Council launched the **Active Lives Pathway (ALP)**. This free, community-based programme helps individuals referred by health and care professionals become more active. ALP supports early intervention and aligns with national priorities set by the Scottish Government and Public Health Scotland.

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What has the impact been for the population?



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What impact has the project had on individuals?

Moving On participant (June 2024)

Before the gym, I was at death doors and led a chaotic life!

Thank you for the opportunity this has given me in my recovery as it has been the best.

The referral made to DG One, meant everything to me and helped me a lot in both my mental and physical health.....I look great now.

It has brought my family together again, even got my nephew involved and has really helped us all.

It's good to wake up in the morning, have a purpose and it feels great.

No words can say what it has done for me.

Having someone attend with me now helps me massively as it can be really busy and I get anxious and mental health kicks in.

As I have got so much from this, I am looking at getting my son involved to give him a good start in life, developing other skills and having memories and mostly spending quality time together.

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Case Study 2: Tackling Fuel Poverty in Dumfries and Galloway

LOIP Outcome 1: Help mitigate the impacts of the Cost of Living for those who are affected most

Background

Dumfries and Galloway faces disproportionately high levels of fuel poverty, with 37% of households affected—well above the Scottish average of 31%. Contributing factors include a high number of single pensioners, older housing stock, and 39% of homes being off the gas grid, relying on costly heating fuels like oil and LPG.

Project Overview

In response, the Dumfries & Galloway Poverty and Inequalities Partnership launched the Winter Warmth Project in November 2024. The initiative aimed to reduce fuel poverty through awareness, support, and direct aid. Key partners included:

- Lemon-Aid Fuel Poverty Project
- Dumfries and Galloway Council
- Citizens Advice Service
- Home Energy Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue
- Third Sector Dumfries & Galloway
- Social Security Scotland
- NHS Dumfries and Galloway

Actions Taken

- Distributed 80,000 easy-read leaflets offering advice and contact details for support services.

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- Targeted outreach to older residents with tailored messaging.
- Ran a media and social media campaign, featured on ITV and Border News.
- Provided winter warmth items including heated blankets, gloves, and mugs.

Impact

One notable success involved a self-referred resident struggling with energy debt. Through Lemon-Aid:

- A home visit was arranged to assess her situation.
- Accurate meter readings were submitted to her energy supplier.
- Applications for support resulted in £3,500 in grants, clearing her debt and leaving her account in credit.
- The resident reported improved mental and physical health, reduced anxiety, and better understanding of her energy usage.

Outcome

This project directly supports LOIP Outcome 1: Help mitigate the impacts of the Cost of Living for those who are affected most, by addressing fuel poverty and improving wellbeing for vulnerable residents.



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The participation rate measures the proportion of 16–19-year-olds entering employment, education, or training after leaving school. In 2024—94.4% of those aged 16-19 in Dumfries and Galloway were in positive destinations which is above Scotland at 92.7% and the highest rate on record since 2016, reflecting strong progress in youth engagement.

Job Market Activity: Job advertisements surged by 23.7% year-on-year and were 83.1% above 2019 monthly averages—more than double Scotland’s increase.

Employees pay increased by 2.5% in real terms in the year to January 2025, the highest increase of all Scottish areas.

In Dumfries and Galloway 19% of those aged 0-15 years lived in relative low-income families in 2024 - minus 1.3 percentage points from 20.3% in 2023.

However, several challenges remain under consideration:

- The percentage of workless households has reached a five-year high, currently sitting at 24.4%, significantly above the national average of 17.4%.
- While there has been some improvement in the proportion of people earning the Real Living Wage or more, the region still lags behind the national average.
- The percentage of residents receiving out-of-work benefits has increased over the past two years and is now 1% higher than the national average.
- Disability Employment Gap: At 42.2 percentage points, Dumfries and Galloway had the third highest gap in Scotland, significantly above the national average (30.7 p.p).

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Examples of positive activity to support the theme of “Work”

Employability, Skills and Partnerships

- Through No One Left Behind and UK Shared Prosperity Funds DGWorks was able to commission provision from public, private and third sector organisations across Dumfries and Galloway focusing support on tackling poverty, economic activity, the disability employment gap and on supporting young people who have experienced care.
- Dumfries and Galloway Local Employability & Skills partnership (LEP) commissioned provision through the DG Works brand supported 1297 people in 2024-2025. Positive outcomes during 2024-25 included:
 - Employment 202
 - Apprenticeship 5
 - Self-employed 22
 - Full time education 56
 - In work progression 6

From Hesitation to Hustle – Empowering a Local Entrepreneur to Launch a Gardening and Cleaning Business

Individual case study example:

- “C” faced prolonged uncertainty about starting their own business and had little confidence in the viability of their plans. They were previously unemployed and unsure about acting, largely due to self-doubt and lack of practical support. The complexity of this case stemmed from their desire to pursue self-employment in a niche industry without prior structured business experience.
- C’s Triage Key Worker provided support including:
 - Exploring startup costs and financial planning
 - Guidance on pricing strategies and service promotion
 - Help with recordkeeping, client management, and social aspects of business
 - C received ongoing motivation, reassurance, and clear answers to all his operational questions.
- This resulted in a tangible outcome for C of full-time self-employment in Gardening and Cleaning services. C built a clear structure for their business, gained confidence, and began working with autonomy and purpose.

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- Last word to C - *“I can confidently say that Triage is an organization with professionals who, in my case, provided answers to all my questions, gave me motivation, and boosted my confidence. I am ready to confidently recommend this organisation.”*

Increasing income from employment – focus on parents

- Annual increases in the number of parents registered on and receiving support as part of the DG Works pipeline from 193 parents in 23-24 to 421 parents in 24-25 (an increase of 118%)
- Annual increases in parents from the priority families registered on and receiving support as part of the DG Works pipeline:

Priority Group	23-24	24-25	Increase
Lone Parents	77	164	113%
Child with disability	21	43	105%
Ethnic minority	21	49	133%
Child younger than 1	13	23	77%
Parent with a disability	17	43	153%
Young parent	13	34	162%
3+ children	38	83	118%

- Annual increases in parents registered and receiving support as part of DG Works progressing into employment, work experience, volunteering, education and self-employment. – from 38 in 23/24 to 90 in 24/25 an increase of 137%

Tackling Child Poverty through employment - opening of Stranraer and Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Employability HUBs

The Kelloholm Employability Hub, based at Hillview Leisure Centre and led by the Kirkconnel and Kelloholm Development Trust, is a vital community initiative supported by the DGWorks Innovation Fund. It serves as a central access point for employability, wellbeing, and social inclusion services in a rural area facing significant socio-economic challenges

- 109 individuals engaged including parents, young people, and jobseekers.
- Regular sessions delivered three days a week, offering access to multi-agency support.
- Increased participation in community-led initiatives, including environmental education and softer skills development.

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Established in October 2024, the Stranraer Employability Hub was created in response to local needs, identified through service design and community listening. Funded by the DGWorks Innovation Fund, the Hub provides a welcoming, flexible space for individuals, families, businesses, and organisations to connect. To date, the Hub has supported 55 individuals, offering tailored services that reduce barriers to employment and promote inclusive community engagement.

Tackling the Disability Employment Gap

The LEP commissioned [Halving the Disability Employment Gap](#) identified five objectives for tackling the disability employment gap including support for school leavers and a role for Dumfries and Galloway's public sector employers to lead by example.

Placement Plus

Dumfries and Galloway Council has supported Placement Plus – a programme for people to gain paid experience in the workplace whilst also being supported by an employability key worker. The programme covers the cost of up to 30 hours per week for 26 weeks with additional funding for training. For the second iteration of the programme the focus was on supporting those with disabilities. There are 11 participants on the programme which is being independently evaluated.

Whole Family Support to Disabled young people and families

Following the recommendations in the LEP commissioned [Halving the Disability Employment Gap](#) report the LEP approved funding for three key workers to provide specialist support for young disabled people in their transition from secondary school into the world of work. The project commenced in October 2024 with key workers providing intensive one to one support and referrals up to 31st March 2025 were:

Area	Referrals
Annandale and Eskdale	26
Dumfries, Mid and Upper Nithsdale	35
Stewartry and Wigtownshire	31

Young people and their families are being supported with a focus on the young person's transition into positive destinations including volunteering, work experience, education and employment. The project is being externally evaluated and the first phase

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of evaluation provided very positive feedback from young people, families and schools. The final evaluation will seek feedback from wider stakeholders.

Increasing the Percentage of young adults (16-19 year olds) participating in education, training, or employment

Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
*Participation rates (those aged 16-19) leaving school and entering employment, education or training	91.89 (92.13)	91.9 (92.1)	93.3 (92.3)	94 (92.6)	94.4 (92.7)

*The region has been performing well in this key area with a very positive trend picture over the last 5 years.

This improvement journey has been a result of a comprehensive set of procedures and guidelines being in place to support all schools in ensuring that every young person has access to appropriate post-school opportunities. These measures are aligned with key national policies, including the National Improvement Framework, Curriculum for Excellence, No One Left Behind, and the 15–24 Learner Journey. The overarching aim is to enable all young people to navigate life transitions successfully, achieve personal goals, and develop the skills and confidence needed for their future.

Responsibility for this work sits within the strategic framework for school leavers and is overseen by the Quality Improvement Manager. This role involves close collaboration with School Leads for Employability, Developing the Young Workforce (DYW), Employability, Skills & Partnerships, and Skills Development Scotland (SDS).

The shared ambition is to achieve 100% positive destinations for school leavers. This is managed through:

- Universal support: Delivered by schools and SDS across all phases of education.
- Targeted interventions: Tailored to individual needs from S1 to S6, involving a range of partner organisations.

Together, these efforts ensure that every young person is equipped to make informed choices and transition confidently into further education, training, or employment.

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Community Learning and Development (CLD) Partnership contribution to work

The CLD Partnerships brings together various partner organisations who have a role to play in contributing to the CLD (Scotland) Regulations 2013 through the delivery of the CLD Plan. CLD Partners are aligned to providing a range of confidence building and health and well-being supports which progresses into accredited and non-accredited qualifications such as SQA Core Skills in literacy and numeracy; communication and problem solving. All these help to support progression through the stages of the employability pipeline. Through the reporting period:

- 2926 adults recorded improvements in their own mental health and well-being
- 269 adults completed a national accredited award

Through the Employability and Education Workstream of the Resettlement Board, focused support has also been provided to New Scots and Asylum Seekers in terms of learning English through ESOL and gaining recognition for qualifications gained in their homelands, thus helping to support local employment. This has led to:

- 750 referrals being made with 450 ESOL assessments being completed
- An 80% success rate in British Council language tests
- Through the European Network of Information Centres (ENIC) process, 68 learners were supported to secure recognition of degree level qualifications undertaken outwith the Country

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Work Case Studies

Case Study 3 – Community Integration

LOIP Outcome Contribution

LOIP Outcome 5: Grow and maximise the potential of the working age population to help increase employability

LOIP Outcome 7: Increase volunteering opportunities to help develop skills, build capacity and support progression into employability

Background

Since the launch of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme in March 2022, 759 Ukrainian guests have been welcomed into Dumfries and Galloway. The Lifelong Learning Service, in partnership with the Dumfries and Galloway Resettlement Board, has played a key role in supporting these individuals through ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) and other adult learning opportunities.

Project Overview

To support integration, a structured ESOL learning pathway was developed in collaboration with Dumfries and Galloway College. The programme also included courses in creative writing, driving theory, digital skills (ICDL), and volunteering/job readiness, helping learners build confidence and practical skills for life and work in the region.

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Case Study Focus: Olha Chesnova

Olha arrived in Dumfries and Galloway in 2023 with limited English and low confidence in her digital and professional skills. She enrolled in multiple courses, including:

- ESOL Speaking
- IELTS Preparation
- Creative Writing
- Driving Theory
- ICDL (Computer Skills)

Through regular attendance and active participation, Olha significantly improved her English, digital literacy, and confidence. Her learning journey led to:

- Volunteering opportunities
- Securing paid employment
- Achieving economic independence
- Gaining her own tenancy
- Her son's full integration into a local school

Olha now contributes to her community not only through work but also by volunteering at a local foodbank and supporting others on their resettlement journey.

Impact

This project directly supports community integration by empowering individuals with the language, skills, and confidence to thrive. Olha's story is a powerful example of how targeted support and inclusive learning can transform lives and strengthen communities.

In Olha's own words

Since joining lifelong learning courses and activities, I feel like a completely different person compared to when I first arrived. At the beginning, everything was new and quite overwhelming — a new country, a new language environment, and no clear idea how to move forward. I have gained so much more than just hard skills through my involvement.

The Creative Writing course gave me more than just writing skills — It gave me a creative outlet and introduced me to people who share the same outlook on life. It brought inspiration and helped me cope with everyday worries, making me feel less isolated.

I have built strong English skills in reading, writing, speaking, and listening, and I feel much more confident using English in everyday life, whether it's speaking to people, reading important documents, or even helping my son with his schoolwork. My reading speed and understanding have improved a lot, thanks to learning techniques like scanning and skimming.



Passing the Driving Theory test was a huge achievement for me. I now understand the rules of the road here, which makes me feel more independent and closer to getting my full driving licence — something that will open even more doors for my and family.

Even though I am still working through the ICDL course, I already notice how my improved computer skills are helping me in my current job. I can create better materials for my students, and I feel more professional and organised.

Overall, through everything I've done with Lifelong Learning Service, I have built new skills, boosted my confidence, made new friendships, and found new opportunities for the future. It made me believe in myself again and feel that I am building a new, better life.

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Case Study 4: Volunteering for Community Empowerment – Learners Together Forum

LOIP Outcome Contribution

LOIP Outcome 7: Increase volunteering opportunities to help develop skills, build capacity and support progression into employability

The Learners Together Forum, established in 2018 by the Lifelong Learning Service, empowers adult learners across Dumfries and Galloway to shape their own educational experiences. Volunteers from four ward areas actively contribute to identifying learning needs, co-designing course content, and advocating for inclusive, accessible education.

Why It Matters

Co-designing learning with adult learners ensures:

- **Relevance:** Courses reflect real-life needs and community priorities.
- **Empowerment:** Learners gain ownership and confidence.
- **Inclusivity:** Barriers such as language and access are addressed.
- **Community Strength:** Collaboration fosters resilience and connection.
- **Sustainability:** Programmes are more likely to endure and evolve.

What We Did

Forum volunteers play a vital role in:

1. Identifying local learning needs
2. Shaping course content and delivery methods
3. Collaborating with tutors and coordinators
4. Evaluating and improving existing programmes

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5. Championing inclusion for marginalized groups

Their efforts have helped secure over £90,000 in external funding, enabling a wide range of community learning opportunities, including:

- Literacy and numeracy classes
- Art and craft sessions for mental wellbeing
- Digital skills training and device access
- Cooking and First Aid classes
- British Sign Language courses
- Family events and free children's books
- Publication of adult learners' books

Impact on Individuals

Forum volunteers benefit from:

- **Skill development** in leadership, communication, and problem-solving
- **Confidence building** through active participation
- **Social connection** and reduced isolation
- **Influence** in shaping inclusive education
- **Pathways to further opportunities** in volunteering, training, and employment
- **Sense of purpose and pride** in supporting community learning

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In 2023, the group's achievements were nationally recognized with a learning award, celebrating their commitment to empowering communities through education.

LEARNERS TOGETHER VOLUNTEER GROUP

Why is this important?

Our Learners Forum provides learners with the chance to shape their own learning.

Relevance and Practicality

Empowerment and Ownership

Community Strengthening

Sustainability and Impact

Inclusion and Equity

Sustainability and Impact

What did we do?

Identify Needs

Collaborate with Providers

Champion Inclusion

Identify Needs

Shape Content

Advise Delivery

Raise Funding

Benefits to the community

ABC

Literacy & Numeracy

Digital learning

Family events

Publication of learners' books

Cooking

Art

Targeted Support

What is the impact ?

Skill Development

Confidence Building

Increase Social Connection

Sense of Purpose

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THEME – WHERE WE LIVE (PLACE)

PLACE OVERVIEW

Dumfries and Galloway continues to face challenges compared with other local authority areas. Although full fibre broadband coverage is increasing – currently at 26% - it remains significantly below the national average. Additionally, the proportion of business premises unable to access broadband speeds of at least 10Mbps is 2% higher than the national average, highlighting ongoing digital connectivity issues.

Access deprivation is another key concern. The latest SIMD data shows that 33.31% of the population live in the 15% most access-deprived areas – twice the national average. This reflects the differences rural communities face in accessing employment, education, healthcare, leisure, and transport services.

On a more positive note, recycling rates have improved significantly over the past 5 years and are now approaching the national average. Similarly, the proportion of households with an environmental certificate rated “C” or above has increased by 9% over the same period. However, this still sits 15% below the national average, indicating further scope for improvement in energy efficiency.

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Examples of Climate related activity

Natural Capital Innovation Zone (NCIZ)

The NCIZ is a Scottish Government designation covering the South of Scotland, officially awarded in 2024. It positions Dumfries & Galloway and the Scottish Borders as a “living lab and learning hub” for climate and nature-positive innovation. The NCIZ is designed to accelerate solutions to biodiversity loss and climate change, supporting a green, fair, and flourishing regional economy. Key features include:

Landscape-scale nature-based solutions: Investment and innovation address market failures and create new opportunities, shifting traditional economic models towards a wellbeing economy.

Guiding principles: Circular Economy (designing out waste and regenerating nature), Creativity (arts, storytelling, and innovation to shift culture), and Community Wealth Building (ensuring local people benefit from nature-positive change).

Collaborative partnerships: The NCIZ is being driven forward by SOSE and delivered through strong cross-sector partnerships, including local authorities, third sector organisations, and community groups, and is an initiative that developed from the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal.

Regional Land Use Partnership (RLUP)

The RLUP is the delivery mechanism for the NCIZ, enabling collaborative, place-based decision-making about land use.

Purpose: RLUPs bring together national and local government, communities, landowners, and stakeholders to optimise sustainable land use, addressing climate change and biodiversity loss.

Framework: The South of Scotland RLUP pilot (2021–2024) developed the first Regional Land Use Framework (RLUF), setting out a vision and high-level principles for land-use decisions. This framework aligns with national policy and supports the wellbeing economy, housing, transport, and skills priorities.

Impact: RLUPs facilitate landscape-scale projects, such as riparian woodland, regenerative agriculture, peatland and saltmarsh restoration, and community-led innovation, ensuring that local voices shape sustainable land management.

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Natural Capital Training

Natural capital training is being rolled out internally by the Natural Capital team at SOSE, with the aim of building understanding and practical skills among staff. The long-term aim is to also deliver this training to partners.

Content: Training covers the meaning and opportunity of natural capital and the, how to identify and report natural capital projects, and the application of nature-based solutions and circular economy approaches covering everything from small businesses to landscape scale.

Delivery: Developed in collaboration with external experts and tailored to SOSE's needs, the training includes toolkits, videos, and group activities. It is designed to be engaging and relevant, supporting both internal staff and partner organisations across the NCIZ.

Outcomes: The training is intended to improve reporting, raise awareness, and enable staff to support partners in realising the benefits of natural capital, linking to circularity and net zero.

Circular Economy (CE) Partnership with Zero Waste Scotland (ZWS)

The partnership with ZWS is a critical element of NCIZ delivery, embedding circular economy principles across the region.

Focus: The partnership aims to deepen the evidence base, raise awareness, and address barriers to circularity, aligning with ZWS's Corporate Plan 2024–2030.

Activities: Awareness raising, linking circularity with natural capital and delivering training packages and resources to embed these principles within business activity, both internally and with clients. Strengthening collaboration between both organisations and identifying opportunities for CE approaches with high impact and scale.

Impact: The partnership supports regional economic bodies, strategic partnerships, and public sector organisations in adopting circular economy practices, boosting productivity, and unlocking investment. It also enables the development of demonstrator projects, such as the Dumfries Zero Waste Park, which supports recycling, waste reduction, and regeneration.

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Case Study 5: Community Transport – Connecting Rural Lives

LOIP Outcome Contribution

LOIP Outcome 10: *Improve transport connectivity across our region to increase opportunities to access employment, education and leisure, particularly in our most remote rural areas.*

Background

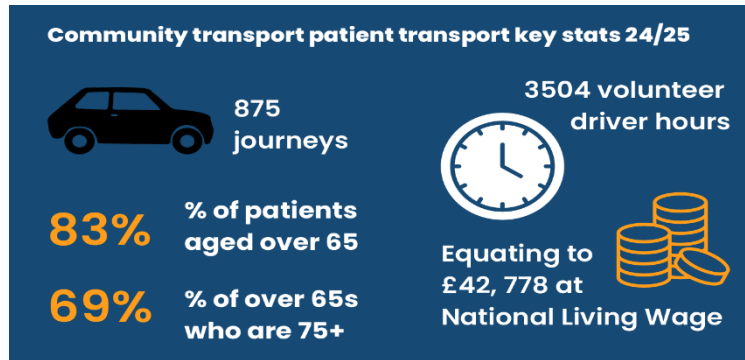
Dumfries and Galloway is one of Scotland's most sparsely populated regions, with just 23 people per square kilometre compared to the national average of 69. Around one-third of residents live in remote rural areas, where public transport is limited and often not commercially viable. This lack of connectivity disproportionately affects low-income and vulnerable individuals, especially those without access to a private vehicle.

Project Overview

To address these challenges, Community Transport Operators across the region joined forces with statutory bodies including NHS Dumfries & Galloway, Dumfries and Galloway Council, and SWestrans through the Community Transport Strategic Development Group. Together, they developed a coordinated approach to improve transport access, particularly for non-emergency patient transport.

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What has the impact been for the population?



What has been the impact on individuals?

B, an older resident living in a rural area of Dumfries and Galloway, was recently widowed and unable to drive. Living with restricted mobility and dementia, they couldn't use public transport and didn't qualify for the Scottish Ambulance Service's patient transport. With limited income, taxis were unaffordable.

Thanks to Galloway Community Transport, B's support worker arranged a door-to-door volunteer driver service to take them to a vital health appointment in Dumfries. The driver waited and returned them home safely. Without this service, B would have missed their appointment, potentially worsening their health.

Conclusion

This project demonstrates how community-led transport solutions can bridge critical gaps in rural connectivity, ensuring that even the most isolated residents can access essential services. It's a powerful example of how strategic collaboration and volunteering can transform lives and support inclusive, equitable access across Dumfries and Galloway.

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Case Study 6: Stranraer Borderlands Place Plan – A Community-Led Vision for the Future

LOIP Outcome Contribution:

LOIP Outcome 8: Work with our local communities to develop an inclusive, thriving economy and to promote Fair Work.

LOIP Outcome 11: Work with our communities to help reduce carbon emissions and positively combat Climate Change through education, behavioural change and supporting initiatives which will make a positive difference.

LOIP Outcome 12: Develop high quality, affordable homes to meet identified demand and improve the quality of lives of our communities.

Background

Stranraer was selected as one of five towns in Dumfries and Galloway to benefit from the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal. To access funding, a Place Plan was required—one that truly reflected the community's needs and aspirations. However, local residents were initially reluctant to engage, having experienced years of consultations with little visible impact.

What We Did

1. Connect

A community-focused consultant led the process, starting with deep engagement:

- A launch event at the Millennium Centre
- A six-month information hub
- Outreach to schools, youth groups, clubs, and social groups
- 27 engagement events involving 2,849 participants
- Tools used included the Scottish Government's Place Standard Tool, ballot papers, and interactive boards

2. Collaborate

Insights were grouped into five key themes:

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1. Quality of Life
2. Work & Opportunity
3. Play and Creativity
4. Engagement and Climate
5. Pride and Citizenship

A **Co-Lab** event helped identify and ballot six priority projects:

1. East Pier Event Space
2. Wet Weather Escapes
3. The Big Makeover
4. Revive: The Big Makeover
5. Stanctuary Outdoor Nursery
6. Dick's Hill Wellbeing Hub

3. Co-Design

A **Town Team** was formed, comprising local stakeholders from business, education, health, housing, and community sectors. This team:

- Oversaw the plan's development
- Ensured community ownership
- Will continue to guide project delivery

4. Create the Plan


The final Stranraer Place Plan was presented to elected members and the public, followed by a month-long consultation. It has now been approved and will inform the development of the Borderlands Town Investment Plan (BTIP).

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Impact

- Community ownership restored through meaningful engagement
- Priority projects identified by the people of Stranraer
- A Town Team established to ensure long-term delivery and accountability
- A clear, community-driven roadmap for investment and regeneration
- Provision of Supported Accommodation for people with Complex Needs
- £710,000 secured from Scottish Government to support two key projects outlined in the Place Plan with a focus on town centre regeneration:
 1. Town Centre Living – creation of new residential and enterprise spaces in the heart of the town; and
 2. The Dickshill Community Hub – a new facility designed to service and empower the local community.

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2. OUR MISSION

Mission

ONE VISION, ONE PLAN

Get locals on the same page.

Vision

ALL RISE ON THE TIDE

Put locals* first.
Prioritise actions that see Stranraer flourish and locals thrive.

**Locals include all newcomers who choose the Rhins as home - from Ukrainian guests to friends who cross the sea or Border.*

Values

FAIR → Let's be inclusive.

GREEN → Let's protect and enhance our environment.

OPEN → Let's be open to the new: try, learn, share, improve.

STRANRAER ACCENT

Stranraer has its own accent; literally and metaphorically. The Plan's Mission, Vision and Values emerged from conversations with locals about what they want for their town.

Stranraer, at the south western tip of Scotland and historically the short sea crossing to Northern Ireland, is renowned for its broad Galloway Irish accent with long, soft vowels ('laang, saaft'). There's a particular flavour to the folk. Kind, friendly, dry, witty, spiky, resilient, brave, unflappable, unassuming. There's an equanimity of spirit that could be characterised as: "nobody's better than me and I'm no better than anybody else."

We use the Scots word '*Strand*' in this Plan to theme issues and ideas, reflecting the word that is the stem of Stranraer's name - the water or lifeblood that courses through the town, charting the flow of thoughts shared by locals.

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Case Study 7: Housing Investment Plan – Creating Homes for Life

LOIP Outcome Contribution

LOIP Outcome 12: Develop high quality, affordable homes to help meet identified demand and improve the quality of lives of our communities

Why This Project Is Important

Through the Strategic Housing Investment Plan, Dumfries and Galloway Council partnered with Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP) to address a critical gap: the lack of appropriate supported accommodation for people with complex needs.

This initiative aligns with the Integration Joint Board (IJB) Strategic Plan by:

- Shifting care from institutional to community-based settings
- Protecting vulnerable adults
- Making better use of technology
- Ensuring people with complex learning disabilities and/or mental health needs can live in homes for life—adaptable to their changing needs

What We Did

- Three properties were reviewed for suitability. One, privately owned and managed by Progress Care, was identified as a priority for re-provision.
- Turning Point Scotland, the care provider, collaborated with the partnership to co-design a new, purpose-built development for the four residents.
- A second property, owned by Turning Point Scotland in a rural area, was also deemed unsuitable due to its age and location.

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- In partnership with Loreburn Housing Association, the Council, Scottish Government, and HSCP, a new development was created in North West Dumfries on the site of a former derelict church.
- The result: 11 accessible bungalows in Lincluden, designed with input from health professionals and families, featuring level access, lower light switches, and other adaptations.

Impact on the Population

- Improved service efficiency: Consolidating three staff teams into one central location reduced travel time and overnight staffing needs.
- Cost savings: Moving to RSL-managed properties reduced rent and Housing Benefit costs.
- Strategic location: Proximity to services and support networks improved recruitment and retention of care staff.

Impact on Individuals

- Residents now live in modern, purpose-built homes that support their independence and wellbeing.
- Homes are equipped with assistive technology and designed to adapt to changing health needs.
- Individuals and families were involved throughout the process, ensuring the homes are truly fit for life.
- The project has future-proofed supported accommodation for a vulnerable group, reducing the need for disruptive moves later in life.




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KEY

	Since the last reported figures, performance has decreased compared with previous Dumfries and Galloway figures
	Since last report, performance has not changed
	Since last report, performance has improved compared with previous Dumfries and Galloway figures

	Longer term trend is improving compared with previous Dumfries and Galloway figures (i.e. positive impact)
	Longer term trend is staying the same
	Longer term trend is worsening compared with previous Dumfries and Galloway figures (i.e. negative impact)

N.B. Scotland average figures included in brackets



*statistics are aggregated over a longer period

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THEME – HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Progress	Trend Status
LOIP Outcome 1 – Help mitigate the impacts of the Cost of Living for those who are affected most							
Percentage of households in fuel poverty Community Planning Outcomes profile(CPOP)	28.83 (24.40)	29.28 (24.2)	29.74 (24.02)	30.2 (23.8)		Dumfries and Galloway (DG) is sitting higher than the national average (23.8) with the 4-year trend showing a worsening picture.	↓
Percentage of employees earning the Real living wage or more (Percentage) Scottish Government – Annual survey of hours and earnings:2023			80.4 (85.5)	86 (90.6)	85 (89.9)	DG is currently sitting 4.4 percentage points below the national average (89.9), however the longer term trend has shown an improvement	↑
Median earnings (residence based) Source: Office for National Statistics. Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings.	515.80 (595.00)	552.20 (619.90)	585.70 (641.30)	605.00 (709.40)	682.20 (740.00)	DG is currently sitting below the national average (740) however the earnings gap has closed considerably	↑




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						compared with the 2020/21 figures.	
LOIP Outcome 2 – Reduce health inequalities in the areas of our region which experience the greatest negative impacts							
Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Progress	Trend Status
Alcohol- related hospital admissions (Age-sex standardised rate per 100,000) Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)	442.2 (638.2)	425.3 (617.4)	448.6 (615.2)	429 (532)	423.5 (548.5)	There has been a downward trend in this indicator over the past 20 years, with DG performing well against Scotland. The gap has begun to narrow in recent years as there has been a steeper decline across Scotland.	
Alcohol-specific deaths (Age-sex standardised rate per 100,000)* Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)	13.3 (20.7)	13.4 (21)	15.9 (21.4)	16.8 (21.8)		There has been a general increase in this indicator since around 2010, both nationally and within the region. DG has performed better than Scotland, though the gap is	

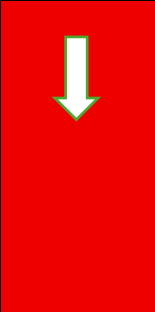
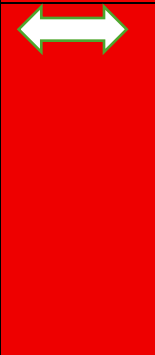

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						beginning to narrow.	
Deaths under 75 years (Age-sex standardised rate per 100,000)* Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)	378.2 (435.7)	405.1 (447.3)	421 (453)	425.6 (447.7)		DG has performed well against Scotland for many years, with the gap narrowing as premature mortality has increased in the region since around 2019/2020, possibly due to the pandemic. This has begun to level off in recent years.	
Developmental concerns at 27-30 months (Percentage)* Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)	15.6 (14.7)	15.6 (14.6)	17.2 (15.6)	19.2 (16.9)		This indicator has risen since around 2019/20, both nationally and within the region. DG has consistently performed less well against the national picture.	





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<p>Drug- related hospital admissions (Age-sex standardised rate per 100,000)*</p> <p>Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)</p>	242.6 (224.6)	247.3 (237.8)	241.1 (233.4)	205.8 (201.5)	189.7 (181.2)	The pattern in DG has followed that of Scotland for many years, and continues to do so. There has been a general pattern of decline since around 2019/2020	
<p>Drug-related deaths (Age-sex standardised rate per 100,000)*</p> <p>Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)</p>	31.3 (24.9)	18.3 (25.9)	29.3 (25.8)	31.5 (20.2)	10.8 (22.6)	This indicator has shown a volatile picture at a regional level with often dramatic rises and falls year on year, falling lower and rising higher than national averages. Nationally, 2021 saw a peak with lower rates in subsequent years	
							



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<p>Health Life expectancy, females (Years) *</p> <p>Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)</p>	<p>62.5 (61.9)</p>	<p>61.4 (61.8)</p>	<p>59.2 (61.1)</p>			<p>Healthy Life Expectancy for women in DG has been declining and now sits lower than the national average</p>	
<p>Health life expectancy males (Years)</p> <p>Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)</p>	<p>62.4 (61.7)</p>	<p>63.1 (60.9)</p>	<p>62.3 (60.4)</p>			<p>HLE for men in DG has for some time been above that for men in Scotland and despite a recent decline, continues to be so.</p>	
<p>Child Healthy Weight (Percentage)</p> <p>Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)</p>	<p>74.9 (76.3)</p>	<p>(69.9)</p>	<p>71.1 (74.7)</p>	<p>73.2 (76.8)</p>	<p>75.6 (76.5)</p>	<p>There has been a consistent upward trend in this indicator, while closing the gap between the region and Scotland as a whole.</p>	

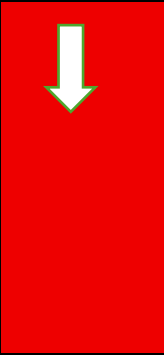


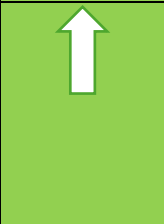

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LOIP Outcome 3 – Improve the health and wellbeing of our citizens through targeted approaches							
Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Progress	Trend Status
<p>People aged 65+ with high levels of care needs who are cared for at home (Percentage)</p> <p>Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)</p>	40.4 (35.5)	41.6 (37.6)	41 (36.7)	41.8 (36.4)	41.4 (36.9)	The percentage of those being cared for at home has increased over the 5-year period and sits above the national average.	
<p>Early Mortality (Number of European age standardised deaths for persons under 75 per 100,000 persons)</p> <p>Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)</p>	388.8 (425.8)	392.1 (457.4)	450.6 (465.9)	434 (449)		There has been a slight decrease in numbers from 2021/22 but the longer-term trend has shown an increase.	
<p>Emergency Admissions (Number of emergency hospital admissions (aged 65+) per 100,000 population (aged 65+))</p> <p>Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)</p>	23773.2 (26253.5)	22733.2 (24864.6)	22308.6 (24159.2)	21602.6 (23298.2)	22157.8 (23998.6)	There has been an increasing trend over the last 3 years but less than the 2019/20 figure and less than the national average.	
<p>Healthy Birth Weight (Percentage)</p>	82.3 (80.7)	81.2 (80.8)	79.6 (80.6)	79.6 (80.7)	79.9 (80.9)	Whilst there has been a small improvement in	

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Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)						2023/24, Dumfries and Galloway has remained below the national average for the last 3 reporting years.	
Unplanned Hospital Attendances (Number of emergency department attendances per 100,000 population) Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)	31255.64 (25664.70)	22164.0 (18629.30)	26626.78 (23584.64)	29705.62 (24101.58)		There has been an increasing trend over the last 3 years and consistently higher than the national average.	
Well-being (Average score) Community Planning Outcomes profile(CPOP)	7.7675 (7.4625)	7.5 (7.255)	7.59 (7.35)	7.36 (7.35)		Whilst Dumfries and Galloway sits slightly above the national average there has been a year on year decline in terms of well-being satisfaction rates	




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Adults meeting physical activity recommendations (Percentage) Scottish Health Survey: statistics.gov.scot : Scottish Health Survey-Local area level data	66 (65)	69 (66)	66 (66)	64 (65)		The trend picture is showing a slight decline in the % meeting the national recommended levels and slightly below the national average.	
Women smoking during pregnancy (Percentage) Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)			14.2 (11.6)	13.8 (10.7)	12.9 (9.6)	The trend picture has improved but is still well above the national average.	
Women smoking during pregnancy in most deprived quintile (1) (Percentage) Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)			24.7 (22.1)	22.7 (20.4)	21.8 (18.2)	The trend picture has improved but still higher than the national average.	
Women smoking during pregnancy in least deprived quintile (5) (Percentage) Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)			6.2 (2.3)	6.3 (2.1)	4.6 (1.8)	The trend picture has improved but still higher than the national average.	
LOIP Outcome 4 – Work together as partners to eliminate child poverty							
Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Progress	Trend Status
Attainment (Average highest attainment)	5.50 (5.53)	5.52 (5.56)	5.52 (5.58)	5.6 (5.6)		The latest trend shows that	

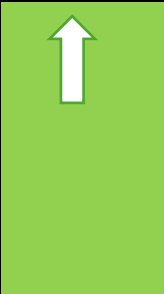
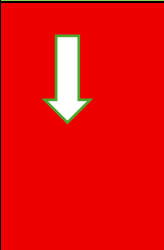
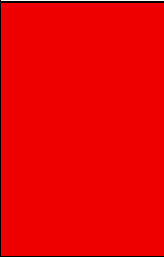
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Source: Community Planning Outcomes profile(CPOP)						Dumfries and Galloway is on par with the national average.	
Families with Dependent Children eligible for Child Benefit (%) Source: UK Government, Child Benefit – annual release	97.46 (93.03)	97.34 (92.53)	97.07 (92.12)	96.87 (91.68)	96.39 (90.79)	There has been a slight improvement over recent years but still well above the national average	↑
Absolute Low Income N.B Percentage of children aged 0 to 15 years living in absolute low income households Source: Department for Work and Pensions. Children in Low Income Families	17.3 (14.8)	15.2 (13.6)	14.4 (12.7)	15.8 (13.7)	15.5 (13.2)	The % in the region has remained consistently above the national average over the 5 year period but has show a recent slight improvement	↓
Relative Low Income N.B Percentage of children aged 0 to 15 years living in relative low income households	23.2 (19.7)	19.2 (17.0)	19.4 (17.0)	20.5 (17.7)	19.2 (16.3)	The % has shown an improvement over the 5 year trend history but still sits well above the national average.	↑

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Source: Department for Work and Pensions. Children in Low Income Families							
Child Poverty (Percentage) Source: End Child Poverty : Local Child Poverty Statistics	26.7 (23)	22.9 (24)	26 (24)	26.9 (24)	22.7 (23)	Child poverty rates decreased in 23/24 after being above the national average for the two years prior.	
Childcare (Estimated number of children registered with early learning and childcare services) Source: Care Inspectorate – statistics and analysis	22.2* (27.2)	19.9* (23.3)	19.44 (24.34)	19.53 (24.44)	19.53 (24.29)		
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LOIP Outcome 5 – Grown and maximise the potential of the working age population to help increase employability							
Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Progress	Trend Status
Dependency Ratio (Ratio) Source: Scottish Government statistics	71.01 (56.19)	72.07 (56.48)	72.32 (56.81)	73.75 (57.52)		The dependency ratio has increased over the last 4 reporting years and is sitting well above the national average.	

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Participation rates (those aged 16-19) leaving school and entering employment, education or training Source: Skills Development Scotland – Annual Participation Measure	91.89 (92.13)	91.9 (92.1)	93.3 (92.3)	94 (92.6)	94.4 (92.7)	The trend picture is at a 5 year high and above the national average.	
Percentage of workless households Source: Office for National Statistics. Annual population survey - households by combined economic activity status	18.1 (17.7)	23.7 (18.1)	22.6 (18.6)	22.5 (17.8)	24.4 (17.4)	The number of workless households is at a 5-year high and well above the national average.	
LOIP Outcome 6 – Address the skills and recruitment gaps in key sector specific posts to increase capacity, capabilities and ease workforce pressures							
Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Progress	Trend Status
Adults (16-64 years) with low or no qualifications (Percentage) Source: Office for National Statistics. Annual Population Survey*	8.8 (8.1)	8.9 (7.8)	9.7 (8.0)	7.0 (8.2)	3.8 (8.2)		
LOIP Outcome 7 – Increase volunteering opportunities to help develop skills, build capacity and support progression into employability							
Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Progress	Trend Status

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<p>Employment Rate (Percentage) (aged 16 – 64)</p> <p>Source: Office for National Statistics. Annual Population Survey*</p> <p>*Please note concerns nationally regarding accuracy of this figure as detailed in covering report.</p>	68.1 (73.4)	70.9 (73.2)	67.3 (74.4)	67.8 (74.7)	80* (74.2)		↑
<p>Employees earning the real living wage or more (Percent)</p> <p>Source: Scottish Government Annual Survey of hours and earnings:2023</p>			80.4* (85.5)	86 (90.6)	85* (89.9)	There has been overall improvement since 2021/22 however below the national average.	↑
<p>5 years % change in median income vs change in lowest quintile*</p> <p>Source: Office for National Statistics. Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings.</p>	-2.6 (-2.0)	0.4 (-1.9)	-7.8 (-4.3)	-8.7 (-3.3)	-5.8 (-4.8)	Wages for those on lower incomes (25th percentile) have increased at a faster rate compared to those on median incomes (50th percentile) in the last five years in Dumfries and Galloway, but the gap between	↓

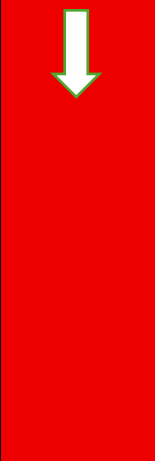
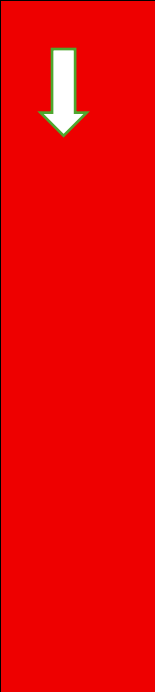
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						lower income and median earnings is still larger than in Scotland.	
Out of work Benefits (percentage) Source: Department for Work and Pensions. Benefit Combinations for Scotland - Data from May 2019.	16.4 (16.1)	15.2 (14.5)	16 (14.6)	16.9 (15.4)	18.3 (16.7)	Over the last 4 years there is an increase in those receiving benefits and which sits above national average.	↓
Gross value added (balanced) per head of population at current basic prices (Pounds) Source: Office of national statistics	23906 (27255)	22908 (25745)	23772 (27646)	25568 (30419)		The gap has increased over the 4 year period compared with the national average.	↓
Whether or not adults have done formal volunteering in the last 12 months by year Source: Scottish Household Survey	20.8 (26)			18.7 (21.6)	20 (18.4)	The most recent trend indicates that D&G are now performing better than the national average.	↑
Gross weekly earnings residence based (Mean GBP) N.B Weely pay for full time employees	515.80 (595.00)	552.20 (619.90)	585.70 (641.30)	605.00 (709.40)	682.20 (740.00)	Gross weekly earnings have continued to increase,	↑


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Source: Office for National Statistics. Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings						however continue to sit well below the national average, however the gap has closed significantly since 2020.	
Gross weekly earnings workplace based Source: Office for National Statistics. Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings	507.30 (592.20)	562.10 (620.70)	560.70 (640.50)	599.90 (709.20)	676.30 (739.70)	The gross weekly earnings have increased, however the earnings gap compared to Scotland has continued to increase over the last 3 years and still sits well below the national average.	↑
LOIP Outcome 8 – Work with our local communities to develop an inclusive, thriving economy and to promote Fair Work							
Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Progress	Trend Status
Business Survival (Proportion of new enterprises surviving 3 years) Source: Community Planning Outcomes profile(CPOP)	64.10 (56.53)	60 (55.87)	64.93 (58.97)	61.6 (57.4)		The survival rates compare well with the national average, but the D&G trend has worsened.	↓

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<p>Disability Employment Gap of people aged 16 to 64</p> <p>Source: Office for National Statistics. Annual Population Survey</p>	<p>39.5 (33.1)</p>	<p>37.6 (32.5)</p>	<p>43.6 (31.3)</p>	<p>31.7 (30.5)</p>	<p>46.8 (30)</p>	<p>Whilst the trend picture is negative and above the national average there is some concern over the reliability of these figures and therefore should be treated with caution.</p>	
<p>Fragility (Index)</p> <p>Source: Community Planning Outcomes profile(CPOP)</p>	<p>108.3 (106.88)</p>	<p>109.2 (107.52)</p>	<p>110.1 (108.17)</p>	<p>111 (109.2)</p>		<p>The fragility index is a combined index of three measures: depopulation, old age dependency ratio (ratio of those aged 65 plus against those aged 16 to 64 years) and rural depopulation. Dumfries and Galloway and Scotland's fragility index measure</p>	




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						continues to increase over time, indicating a worsening trend in these measures, with this being a worse issue in Dumfries and Galloway than in Scotland.	
<p>Gender Pay Gap (Ratio)</p> <p>Source: Office for National Statistics. Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings.</p> <p>N.B. a positive number indicates females earning more than males</p>	<p>21.4 (-2.9)</p>	<p>21.4 (-3.0)</p>	<p>15.3 (-3.0)</p>	<p>23.3 (-1.4)</p>	<p>7.4 (-2.2)</p>	<p>This is a long-standing issue around male pay being particularly poor in Dumfries and Galloway compared to Scotland. The gap between male pay and female pay in Dumfries and Galloway has narrowed in recent years, yet male pay is still lower than female pay, unlike the gender</p>	




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						pay gap in Scotland. There are a number of explanations, such as low paying industry sectors i.e. agriculture and public sector being one of the largest and highest paying sectors.	
THEME – WHERE WE LIVE (PLACE)							
LOIP Outcome 9 – Capitalise on opportunities to collaborate digitally and eliminate digital exclusion							
Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Progress	Trend Status
Full fibre coverage of premises (%) Source:OFCOM	4 (8)	6 (16)	8 (26)	19 (39)	26 (52)	Whilst its is an improving picture the trend is significantly lower than the national average.	↑
>=30Mbit/s coverage of premises (%) Source:OFCOM	84 (92)	85 (93)	85 (93)	88 (94)	90 (95)	Trend dhows an improving picture over the 5 year period.	↑
Premises unable to access 10Mbs broadband (%)	9 (3)	8 (3)	9 (3)	6 (3)	5 (3)	Trend shows an improving picture	↑

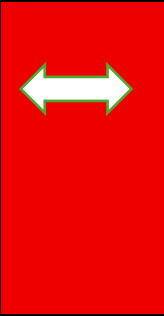

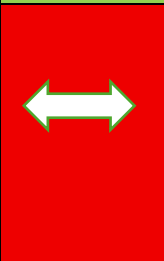
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Source:OFCOM						over the 5 year period.	
LOIP Outcome 10 – Improve transport connectivity across our region to increase opportunities to access employment, education and leisure, particularly in our most rural areas							
Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Progress	Trend Status
SIMD Access (Percentage of people living in 15% ‘most access’ deprived areas) Source: The Scottish Government. Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2020; National Records of Scotland. Small-area Population Estimates.	32.6 (15.8)	32.7 (16.2)	32.6 (16.4)			The % of people living in access deprived SIMD areas has remained at a similar level over the 3 year period, however is nearly double the national average.	
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Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Progress	Trend Status
Carbon Emissions (Carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions per capita) Source: Community Planning Outcomes profile(CPOP)	6.63 (4.66)	5.99 (4.12)	6.84 (4.56)	5.7 (4.3)		The five year trend shows an improving picture, however sitting higher than the national average.	
Percentage of household waste recycled	29.52 (44.85)	30.10 (42.01)	39.83 (43.00)	45.05 (43.34)	41.2 (43.5)	The five year trend shows an	

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						improving picture.	
LOIP Outcome 12 – Develop high quality , affordable homes to help meet identified demand and improve the quality of lives of our communities							
Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Progress	Trend Status
Crime Rate (per 10,000 working age population) Source: Scottish Government Recorded Crimes in Scotland	570 (564)	555 (554)	588 (529)	530 (531)	541 (546)	The 5-year trend has shown an improvement, with the last 2 years being below the national average	
% of Dwellings with Rising or Penetrating Damp Source:Scottish House Condition Survey	6.2 (2.5)	Data no longer available					
% of dwellings with wall insulation Source:Scottish House Condition Survey	57 (59.2)	Data no longer available					
Dwelling Fires (Number of dwelling fires per 100,000 population) Source: Community Planning Outcome Profiles	65.83 (89.50)	49.90 (85.29)	61.83 (84.52)	60.4 (79.02)			
Percentage of dwellings with an Environmental	40 (60.75)	33.82 (63.07)	39.07 (64.8)	34.65 (66.53)	49.03 (64.56)	The five year trend has shown an overall	

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Performance Certificate band C or above Source: Scottish Government: Domestic Energy Performance Certificates						improvement but still well below the national average.	
Common Assault (per 10,000 population) Source: Scottish Government Recorded Crimes in Scotland	119 (107)	104 (96)	123 (108)	104 (106)	120 (108)	There have been fluctuations across the 5 year reporting period with Dumfries and Galloway sitting above the national average	
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LOIP – Place based Indicators



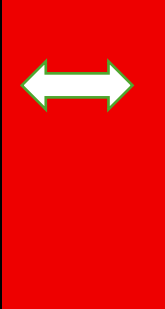
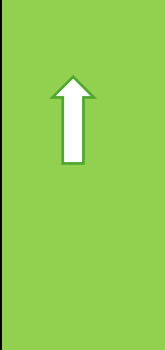
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THEME – WHERE WE LIVE (PLACE)							
LOIP Outcome 9 – Capitalise on opportunities to collaborate digitally and eliminate digital exclusion							
Key Performance Measure	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	Progress	Trend Status
Full fibre coverage of premises (%)	4 (8)	6 (16)	8 (26)	19 (39)	26 (52)	Whilst its is an improving picture the trend is significantly lower than the national average.	↑
>=30Mbit/s coverage of premises (%)	84 (92)	85 (93)	85 (93)	88 (94)	90 (95)	Trend shows an improving picture over the 5 year period.	↑
Premises unable to access 10Mbs broadband (%)	9 (3)	8 (3)	9 (3)	6 (3)	5 (3)	Trend shows an improving picture over the 5 year period.	↑
LOIP Outcome 10 – Improve transport connectivity across our region to increase opportunities to access employment, education and leisure, particularly in our most rural areas							
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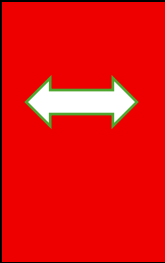
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Source: Scottish Public Health Observatory (ScotPHO)							

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Examples of Place based stats used for Kirkconnel/Kelloholm Locality Plan

S01007552 (Kirkconnel) data zone		S01007553 (Kelloholm) data zone	
Overall rank	1,381	Overall rank	1,281
Income domain rank	1,507	Income domain rank	1,100
Employment domain rank	1,096	Employment domain rank	1,266
Health domain rank	1,771	Health domain rank	1,049
Education/skills domain rank	1,795	Education/skills domain rank	1,757
Housing domain rank	3,217	Housing domain rank	2,596
Geographic domain rank	2,083	Geographic domain rank	3,229
Crime rank	1,837	Crime rank	2410
Population	835	Population	782
Working age	535	Working age	481
Income deprived	163	Income deprived	177
Employment deprived	90	Employment deprived	75

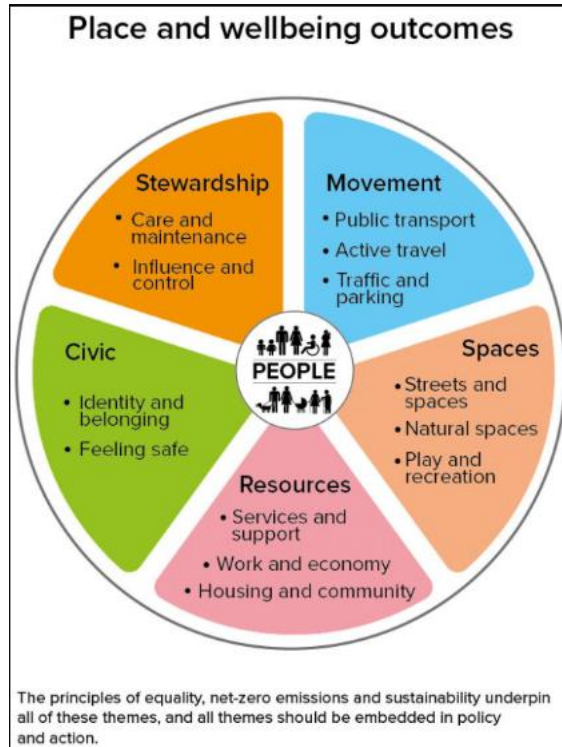
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Employment domain rank	384
Health domain rank	530
Education/skills domain rank	458
Housing domain rank	1629
Geographic domain rank	4646
Crime rank	2661
Population	429
Working age	245
Income deprived	123
Employment deprived	55

Education Locality based stats	Work and Economy	Housing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance • Attainment • Participation measure • School leaver information/positive destinations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No. of private businesses • Labour market participation • Employment-population ratio • Employment/unemployment rate • Workplace based employment • Claimant count unemployed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • % social housing

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Statistics from measuring impact of Council Plan which contribute to Place and Wellbeing Outcomes(above)

Stewardship	Movement	Spaces	Resources			Civic
CO2 emissions area per capita	Main mode of travel - Walking	Street Cleanliness score	Proportion of properties receiving Superfast Broadband	Value of Inward Investment opportunities secured	Number of days to process Council Tax Reduction (new claims)	Number of farms checked to ensure legal compliance in

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						their trading activities
Number of adults and young people taking part in influence and engagement activity through CLD – (including community planning / participatory budgeting / local and national consultations / coproduction and influencing service design	Main mode of travel - Bicycle	Proportion of adults satisfied with street cleaning	Percentage of Premises able to access Superfast Fibre Broadband	Value of investment in Net Zero opportunities	Homeless households who have been permanently rehoused as a percentage of all social rented lets	The percentage of failed water samples followed up
Percentage of adults supported at home who agree that they had a say in how their help, care or support was provided	Main mode of travel – bus	Proportion of total household waste arising that is recycled	Percentage of NEC new, renewal and replacement applications made online via GetyourNEC.scot	Value of investment in Natural Capital opportunities	Number of successful interventions on tenancy evictions which prevent homelessness	
Percentage of adults supported at home who agree that their	Frequency of walking in previous 7 days	Percentage of adults satisfied with refuse collection	Percentage of new library members who apply online	Investment in Economic Development and Tourism	Value of additional benefits identified through Financial Inclusion Advice	

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services and support had an impact in improving or maintaining their quality of life				per 1,000 population	income maximisation services which will focus on pension age benefits only	
Percentage of adults supported at home who agree that they are supported to live as independently as possible	Adults (16+) – who used a local bus service in the past month agreed buses are environmentally friendly	Proportion of adults satisfied with parks and open spaces	Percentage of library resources borrowed online	Immediate available employment land as a % of total land allocated for employment purposes	Percentage of Community Care Grant Decisions within 15 days	
	Adults (16+) – who used a local bus service in the past month agreed finding out about routes and times is easy	Percentage of A class roads considered for maintenance treatment	Total subscriber profiles on GovDelivery	Proportion of increase in client turnover from community, green and inclusive enterprises	Number of days to process Council Tax Reduction (new claims)	
	Adults (16+) – who used local bus services in previous month 2 or 3 times a week	Percentage of B class roads considered for maintenance treatment	Proportion of adults satisfied with local schools	Private Sector Business Sites	Number of days to process Housing Benefit (New Claims)	

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	Customer satisfaction with pavements and footpaths	Percentage of C class roads considered for maintenance treatment	Proportion of pupils entering positive destinations	Number of business gateway start-ups per 10,000 population	Number of participants on sessions for those with a disability/additional support needs	
	Customer satisfaction with respect to the condition of cycle routes/lanes	Percentage of unclassified roads considered for maintenance treatment	Participation rate for 16-19 year olds	Percentage of young people who start-up businesses	Number of adult participants referred to council physical activity sessions through social prescribing by NHS Partners	
	Adults' views on satisfaction with public transport in the previous month	Customer satisfaction safety on the roads	Modern Apprenticeship achievements as a percentage of all leavers in Dumfries and Galloway	Percentage of new business starts with female ownership	Number of participants attending Community based physical activity opportunities for adults	
		Customer satisfaction street lighting	Number of non school facilities providing adult learning	Quarterly business creations and closures per 10,000 adults	Number of children and young people with improved mental health and wellbeing outcomes through Community Learning and Development activity	

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		Customer satisfaction with respect to the condition of road surfaces	Number of online digital classes per year for adult learners	Business Survival Rate (3 Year)	Number of adults with improved mental health and wellbeing outcomes through Community Learning and Development activity	
			Number of adults engaged in lifelong learning activity	Proportion of people earning less than the living wage	Number of jobs supported (created, safeguarded or transitioned)	
			Number of adults engaged in Community Learning and Development activity	Percentage of unemployed people assisted to work from Council programmes	Number of Planned Jobs from completed inward investment projects	
			Number of adults completing a nationally accredited award	Claimant count as a percentage of working age population	Job Postings by Occupation category	
			Number of adults engaged in family learning through Community	Payrolled Employment	Percentage of young people and adults who report an Improvement in	

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			Learning and Development activity		their confidence, skills, individual, family, community or working life following participation in lifelong learning activities	
			Number of adults and young people reached and engaged with through one off promotional events / drop-ins / community events / engagements / etc	Residence-based Employment by Industry sector		
			Number of children, young person and adults supported to improve their life chances through participation in lifelong learning	Residence-based Employment by Occupation Job Postings by Industry Sector		



COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD – 3 OCTOBER 2025

Item 7

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Report Title: BUSINESS BRIEF

1. Situation:

This briefing provides the CPPB with an overview of the key workstreams which have been progressed through the Community Planning Senior Leadership Team since the last CPPB meeting in June.

2. Background:

2.1 At the CPPB meeting held on 6 June, Board Members agreed as part of revised arrangements that increased autonomy would be given to the CPSLT to progress key issues on behalf of the Board.

2.2 This in turn would free up time and space at future Board meetings for more interactive/fluid discussions including less formalised papers.

2.3 Since the June CPPB meeting, the CPSLT have now met twice during July and September 2025.

3. Key Issues:

3.1 The key issues progressed have been:

Locality Hubs (LH)

- CPSLT have intervened on a request from LH leads asking for support and direction to agree a more specific focus for the Hubs. Following a mini review and reflection period it has been agreed that the main focus should be on supporting the development and implementation of Place/Locality Plans within their respective geographic area.

Locality/Place Planning

- CPSLT have provided direct feedback and input into shaping the finalised Locality Plan for Kirkconnel/Kelloholm. Lead Officers from the Place Planning Partnership have contributed to helpful discussions to increase understanding and awareness of the Place Planning landscape and the uniqueness of Borderlands Place Plans, Local Place Plans and Locality Plans as discussed earlier on the agenda.

LOIP Action Plan

- Taking forward and finalising agreed actions around:
 - Tobacco and Vaping
 - Anchor Organisations
 - Community Wealth Building
 - Locality Plan
 - Community Transport



- Agreeing revised actions around Digital, Climate and reducing the Disability Employment Gap.

Population Health Framework

- Increasing awareness and understanding of the new framework along with implications and opportunities for our LOIP and Community Planning.

End of Year LOIP Report 2024/25

- This has been a lengthy and complex process involving a range of partners both locally and nationally to move to a new reporting format complemented by relevant indicators which help to measure progress against our LOIP as highlighted at the previous discussion item.

Improvement Service Improvement Plan and future Board meetings

- Providing input into shaping future improvement activity and format for Board meetings.

Strategic Partnerships Review

- Undertaking a review of current partnerships recognised as contributing to our Community Planning model considering the statutory context, benefits or otherwise of reporting to CPSLT, how future reporting can be prioritised and streamlined.

Partnership Governance Checks

- Implementing a new combined reporting format for Strategic Partnerships and providing constructive feedback to leads of following Partnerships:
 - Regional Economic Partnership
 - Poverty and Inequalities Partnership
 - Safer Communities Partnership
 - CLD Partnership

Endorsement of Community Planning related Plans and Strategies

- At the June CPPB, Board Members confirmed that they were happy to delegate endorsement of key Plans and Strategies to CPSLT. Consideration has been given to both the new Physical Activity Strategy and Community Learning and Development CLD Partners' Plan and following formal approval at Council Committees the CPSLT have now endorsed both at their September meeting.

Link to Physical Activity Strategy:

[Physical Activity Strategy DGC-PA-Strategy Appendix FINAL.pdf](#)

- The Senior Leadership Team will be receiving reports from the Physical activity strategy group as they develop their initial delivery plan, noting this as a key part of work to support the development of a healthy weight environment, one of the priority areas in the population health framework.

Link to CLD Partners' Plan:

[CLD Plan 25-27 - Appendix 7 - CLD Plan 2025-2027 updated.pdf](#)



- It was noted during the discussion on the CLD Partnership and Plan the challenges being experienced both locally and nationally in terms of funding and resources for ESOL provision in order to meet local demand. This was highlighted as part of the National Independent Review of CLD undertaken in 2024 and the newly formed national Strategic Leadership Group are actively looking at this issue.

Communications Protocol

- This is an area which has recently been highlighted as an area of improvement and how we help promote and celebrate Community Planning successes and achievements and generally promote Community Planning in the widest sense to our communities. It has been recommended that we need a single Communications Protocol which is agreed through the Communications leads for all key partners and this will be taken forward through the CPSLT.

Membership update

- New DGC Council Leader, Stephen Thompson, will assume the Co-Chair role for the CPPB alongside the new NHS Chair, Mark Cook.
- Sheena Horner has stepped down as the Private Sector rep on the Board and we will look to recruit a replacement.
- New DGC Elected Member representatives include Councillors Carlyne Wilson and Andrew Giusti.

4. Recommendations:

The Community Planning Partnership Board are asked to:

4.1 **Consider** the key areas of work which have been progressed by the CPSLT over the last quarter; and

4.2 **Note** that the CPSLT have endorsed both the Physical Activity Strategy and CLD Partners' Plan on behalf of the Board.

10.9.25

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