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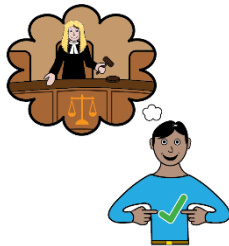
What is Community Planning?

It is where large public organisations and voluntary sector, local groups, organisations and communities work together to help improve the lives of people in their communities. Groups include Council's, the NHS, Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue.

Is there a legal requirement?

Yes, Community Planning Partnerships are legally required to produce a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP).

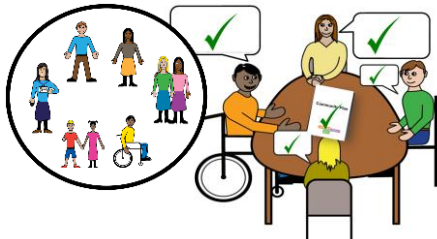
This is part of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.



What is the aim of the Plan?

Our vision is to work in partnership to ensure a confident, ambitious, healthy and fairer Dumfries and Galloway for everyone who lives and works here.

Our Plan was agreed in September 2023 by the Community Planning Partnership Board.



What are some of the key challenges facing our region?

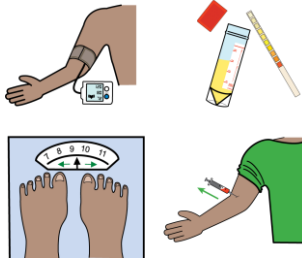
There are fewer people living in Dumfries and Galloway, particularly people who are working age.

- Increase in Child Poverty.
- An ageing population.
- More people are living with long-term health conditions.
- Increased demand for Health and Social Care Services.



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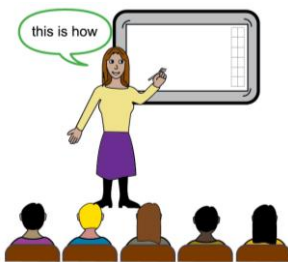
Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Reduce health inequalities in our communities where certain groups of people have poorer health and live shorter lives.



Support people, particularly vulnerable people, including people struggling with the increasing cost of living.

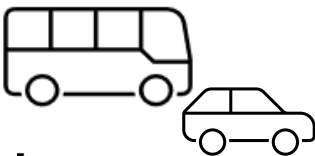
Helping more people that are working age to secure good employment.



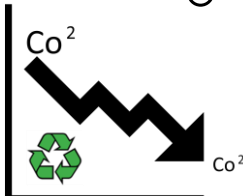
Provide training, skills, apprenticeship and volunteering opportunities across our Community Planning Partners to help fill gaps in our workforce.



Increase support to help people improve their digital skills and access to devices. Increase broadband speed and mobile phone network coverage, particularly in rural areas.



Continue to develop our Community Transport model to increase access opportunities for people who currently face rural isolation.



Help our environment by reducing Carbon Emissions and combatting climate change with public organisations leading by example.

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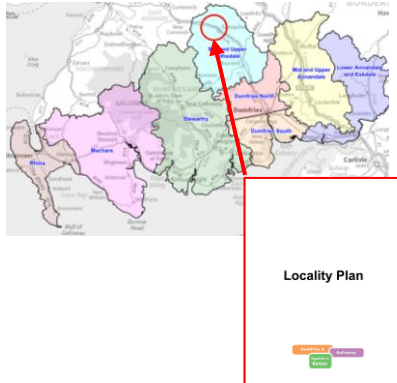
Help to address the housing emergency by providing better quality and more affordable homes.

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Locality Plans



Community Planning Partnerships need to identify specific communities within their region that experience greater health and economic challenges compared with other areas.

A focused plan is then developed with the local community and partners to help address challenges.

The Community Planning Partnership has identified 8 geographic areas across the region which would benefit from a Locality Plan.

The Kirkconnel and Kelloholm area within Upper Nithsdale will be the first area to have a Plan developed in partnership with the local community.



How will we know we are making a difference?

Regular progress checks by the Community Planning Board and partners.

Listening to communities.

- Building in feedback/suggestions from people who have lived experience.
- Measure progress against national and local statistics.
- Gather people's stories and case studies.
- Publish progress reports at the end of each year.