

# Report

Report to:	<b>Community Wealth Building Commission</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>12 March 2024</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>HubSW - Social Impact and Community Wealth Building in South Lanarkshire</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide an overview of community benefits delivered through South Lanarkshire Council's partnership with HubSW across affordable housing, education and health investment projects in South Lanarkshire

## 2. Recommendations

2.1. The Commission is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the content of the report and presentation by HubSW be noted; and
- (2) that the future opportunities to expand the social value and community benefits of investment projects through HubSW from across the Commission's membership organisations, be considered.

## 3. Background

- 3.1. On 6 June 2023, Housing and Technical Resources provided an update to the Commission on 'Community Benefits associated with the Council's Affordable Housing Supply Programme'.
- 3.2. The report focused on 3 recent investment projects completed by the Council where significant local spend and benefits had been achieved through the programme, aligning with the Land and Assets Pillar of the current South Lanarkshire Community Wealth Building Strategy.
- 3.3. The report highlighted that the Council, through the likes of the Affordable Housing Supply Programme and other capital investment projects, would continue to maximise the community benefits gained through these, with further updates on this area provided to the Commission at a late date.

## 4. Introduction to HubSW

- 4.1. HubSW was established by the Scottish Government in 2012 as 1 of 5 new public/private partnership approaches to support the effective delivery of investment and infrastructure projects across southwest Scotland.
- 4.2. HubSW operates across 6 local authority areas, including South Lanarkshire, with a focus on delivering projects across the housing, education, health and leisure sectors. A key ambition of the partnership is to maximise the social value and benefits gained from these projects.

- 4.3. The presentation to the Commission will outline HubSW's partnership with South Lanarkshire Council to date and its commitment to supporting Community Wealth Building in South Lanarkshire.

## **5. Next Steps**

- 5.1. South Lanarkshire Council will continue to work with HubSW on a range of investment projects across the housing and education sectors with opportunities to enhance the partnership further continually considered.
- 5.2. Further updates on this area will continue to be provided to the Commission as the Council's Affordable Housing Supply Programme is delivered, aiming to provide 1,300 additional council homes by 31 March 2027.

## **6. Employee Implications**

- 6.1. There are no employee implications associated with this report.

## **7. Financial Implications**

- 7.1. There are no financial implications for the Council associated with this report. All projects outlined within the presentation have been funded through agreed capital budgets and grant funding streams.

## **8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications**

- 8.1. This report does not currently introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy and therefore, no strategic environmental assessment is required.

## **9. Other Implications**

- 9.1. The content of this report will contribute to the evidence to support the requirements of the Annual Assurance Statement.

## **10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements**

- 10.1. No equalities impact assessment was undertaken in relation to the content of this report as the proposals are out with the control of the Council.

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**South Lanarkshire Council**

22 February 2024

## **Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes**

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ Ambitious, self aware and improving.
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable.
- ◆ Excellent employer.
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve.
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places.
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live.
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres.
- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships.

### **Previous References**

- ◆ Community Wealth Building Commission, 6 June 2023.

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ [www.hubsouthwestscotland.co.uk/about/what-we-do](http://www.hubsouthwestscotland.co.uk/about/what-we-do)

### **Contact for Further Information**

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