

# Report

Report to:	<b>East Kilbride Area Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>12 September 2023</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Community Partnership Board Update</b>
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## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ provide the Area Committee with background and an update on the progress of the development of the East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership

## 2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the progress being made in respect of the East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership, be noted

## 3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board undertook a self-assessment which was facilitated by the Improvement Service during January/February 2019. Following approval of the Best Value Assurance Report by the Council in June 2019, an extended CPP session took place on 11 September 2019 to consider the output of the facilitated self-assessment session along with the outcomes of the Council's Best Value Assurance Report.
- 3.2. A session with representatives from the CPP Thematic Partnership Boards took place on 3 October 2019 and draft implementation plans were prepared on the CPP structure, joint problem solving and scrutiny of the work of the Thematic Boards.
- 3.3. A further session took place with the Board on 23 October 2019 to consider how the CPP Board should be structured at a Thematic/Locality level. Proposals drafted by the Improvement Service and the Community Planning Team included the formation of Neighbourhood Partnerships at a locality level. These were approved by the CPP Board in December 2019.
- 3.4. These recommendations brought together community planning areas into 4 collaborative, locality-level, Community Partnership Boards; Rutherglen and Cambuslang, Clydesdale, East Kilbride and Hamilton which is still in development. Boards include representatives from development trusts, community councils, neighbourhood planning action groups and other local community anchor organisations. They are chaired by community leaders who have a place on the CPP Board.
- 3.5. These Partnerships provide a link for the CPP to take forward the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Plans alongside its community partners.

#### **4. Current Progress**

- 4.1. The third meeting of the Community Partnership Board was held in June 2023. Further development work is required to increase the current membership. Over the last few months, the team attended meetings of local groups to encourage participation. The intention would be for representatives from this newly formed network to be invited to the development sessions of the established Community Partnership.
- 4.2. At the meeting of the 22 March 2023, the CPP Board agreed to continue with the allocation of Lived Experience Funding to the Community Partnerships. £2,000 has been allocated to East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership which will be supported to use this funding within its local area to gather the experiences of local people to inform a better understanding of inequalities.
- 4.3. East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership continues to receive a monthly register of local and national information that is of interest relating to policy development and delivery. Local information is provided by some partners and is also acquired from a range of national sources.
- 4.4. The CPP Development Officer is currently undertaking a mapping exercise to review how representative each of the current groups are of their local area. Where gaps have been identified, the Officer has been attending meetings with Community Councils and Neighbourhood Planning Groups to promote the CPP and provide an update on partner activity.
- 4.5. Further mapping of the East Kilbride locality is to take place which will include face-to-face and online communication of CPP objectives and activities.
- 4.6. A Community-Led Plan was developed in [Sandford and Upper Avondale](#) and there was also a Neighbourhood Plan in 2020/2021 developed by the Westwood Community. This provides the opportunity for wider resources to support actions over localities with a view to improving outcomes and to work in partnership at a locality level across South Lanarkshire. East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership will be at the forefront of this activity, linking the local community to the CPP.
- 4.7. The CPP Board agreed to develop new neighbourhood planning arrangements in East Kilbride in 2022. Initial development work has begun in the areas of Crosshouse, Greenhills and Whitehills in East Kilbride. Discussions have started with the Child Poverty Working Group about the potential for developing a thematic approach to the Neighbourhood Plan around child poverty.
- 4.8. A community mapping exercise has been completed and the first East Kilbride stakeholders' meeting is to take place at the end of August and there has been a good response from stakeholders. The stakeholder group will include practitioners from the Child Poverty Working Group to support the child poverty element of the plan.

After the stakeholder discussion, the intention is to have the consultation going live in October. The Community Engagement Team will work with stakeholders in the consultation, with support from the Child Poverty Working Group, to engage children, young people and their families through existing work and networks.

## **5. Next Steps**

- 6.1. The East Kilbride and Strathaven Community Partnership had a meeting on 15 June 2023 and it was agreed to hold a future development session. All stakeholders would be invited to this and the initial plan was for the session to be held in September. The Community Partnership Board would also like to invite representatives from the 2 established Community Partnerships (Clydesdale and Cambuslang and Rutherglen) to the session with a venue still to be agreed.

## **6. Can Do Community Challenge Fund**

- 6.1. The ['Can Do Community Fund'](#) is a 1-year investment fund from South Lanarkshire Council for neighbourhoods in the Community Partnership area that do not have Participatory Budgeting funding. This funding aims to address specific needs and targets projects identified through consultation with local communities. Monies are not available in areas where a Neighbourhood Plan is in place.
- 6.2. Community organisations, including Community Councils, have the opportunity to apply for grants up to £10,000 to tackle identified issues within their areas, whether they require revenue, capital funding or a combination of both. The fund has a £200,000 limit for the whole of South Lanarkshire and could benefit a minimum of 20 projects.
- 6.3. Area Committees will be requested to make the final decisions on those applications that have met the funding criteria and have evidenced community support.

## **7 Employee Implications**

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

## **8. Financial Implications**

- 8.1. Financial resources to support Community Partnership activity are outlined at 4.2. and Council funding available for community groups at 6.2.

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

- 9.1. There are no implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

## **10. Other Implications**

- 10.1. There are no risk or sustainability issues associated with the content of this report.

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

- 11.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to existing policy, function or strategy and therefore no impact assessment is required. Consultation on local community plans and neighbourhood plans is carried out on an ongoing basis with each community involved in the process. Consultation with Community Partnerships is ongoing.

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23 August 2023

**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
- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress, and improve
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live
- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible

**Previous References**

- ◆ None

**List of Background Papers**

- ◆ None

**Contact for Further Information**

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