

Report

Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	2 November 2022
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Community Planning Update: Quarter 4 Progress Report 2021/2022; Annual Outcome Improvement Report; and Thematic Boards
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ♦ advise the Executive Committee of progress made against the outcomes within the Community Plan 2017 to 2027 as at the end of March 2022 and provide an update on the Partnership's Thematic Board structure as part of the review of Community Planning

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Executive Committee is asked to approve the following recommendations:-

- (1) that the progress made to date against the outcomes within the Community Plan 2017 to 2027 be noted (see Appendix 1);
- (2) that the content of the Annual Outcome Improvement Report (see Appendix 2) be noted; and
- (3) the recommended changes to Thematic Board activity identified through the work to review Community Planning as set out at Section 5 below are approved.

3. Background

- 3.1. The South Lanarkshire Community Plan was approved in October 2017 and sets out the priorities and outcomes for the partnership over 10 years from 2017 to 2027.
- 3.2. A report setting out the Community Plan Reporting Framework was approved by the Board on 5 September 2018. This report outlined a plan to meet the requirement to publish a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan Progress Report as required by the Community Empowerment Act. It was agreed that an Annual Outcome Improvement Report would be published alongside the Performance Progress report from IMPROVe.
- 3.3. The 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 Community Planning Partnership (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. Since then, a variety of workshops have been held with the Board and representatives from the Thematic Partnership Boards. Work on the review ceased as partners responded to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, there's a renewed focus on this work.

- 3.6. This report provides a summary of the progress made against the Community Plan up to the end of March 2022 and in line with the target setting requirements of the Community Empowerment Act (stretch targets at years 1, 3 and 10), it sets out performance at year 5 of the Community Plan (see Appendix 1). It also includes the 'Annual Outcome Improvement Report' for 2021/2022 as detailed in Appendix 2. A new Community Plan 2022 to 2032 was approved by the Board on 22 June 2022, therefore, this report will be the final submission of the progress made against the Community Plan 2017 to 2027. The report also provides an update on Thematic Board activity as part of the wider review of Community Planning. A more detailed report on the review, as the partnership progresses this work, will follow.

4. **Progress to date**

- 4.1. The principles underpinning the framework remain to ensure that the Partnership Board receives clear performance reports which are produced to a common timescale and a common standard across the Partnership.

4.2. **Community Plan Performance Highlights**

There is a significant amount of work being undertaken by the partnership across South Lanarkshire to reduce poverty, deprivation and inequality. The following gives examples of our performance where we have met targets in relation to some of the key areas of work that we are progressing:-

- ♦ **Inclusive Growth: 1,934 residents with multiple complex barriers were supported into work, education or training (significant increase from 477 in 2020/2021)**
- ♦ **Financial Inclusion: South Lanarkshire Credit Union Adult Memberships has increased by 3.3% (24,385 members)**
- ♦ **Supporting Parental Employment and Childcare: Continued increase in the uptake of nursery places through Early Learning and Childcare for 2-year-old children rising from 471 children to 795 children**
- ♦ **Improving Housing: 98% of the council's housing stock met the Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH1), an increase from 93.88%**
- ♦ **Education, Skills and Development: 925 GradU8 opportunities were available (compared to 500 in 2020/2021) and 331 young people took part in the Foundation Apprenticeship Programme**
- ♦ **Health Inequalities: The Integrated Care Fund, through a partnership approach, funded 12 projects identifying a range of positive outcomes including health and wellbeing improvement and greater resilience and independence**
- ♦ **Safeguarding from Risk or Harm: Police Scotland and Medics against Violence delivered 25 drug education workshops to a total of 2,074 young people across targeted schools and areas in South Lanarkshire**
- ♦ **Improving the Local Environment and Communities: 4,786 Health Walks were delivered by the Get Walking Lanarkshire Programme during 2021/2022**

- 4.3. The outcomes within the Community Plan are reported in full within this Quarter 4 report, using the latest information available. The report shows whether outcomes are being achieved to facilitate change and progress against the associated improvement actions. It also highlights progress on specific outcomes to inform good practice, learning and sharing across the Partnership.

- 4.4. The report uses a "traffic light" system to indicate if there are any concerns about whether a target will be reached or whether an action will be completed as intended. In general, a blue status indicates that the action to achieve change has been completed. A green status indicates that there are no concerns about meeting a target

or achieving an action. Amber and red are used to flag up where there might be slippage or deviation from plans. The following definitions are used:-

Status	Definition
Blue	The action to achieve change has been completed
Green	On course to achieve the target or complete the action as planned/the timescale or target has been met as per expectations
Amber	There has been minor slippage against timescale or minor shortfall against target
Red	There has been major slippage against timescale or major shortfall against target
To be reported later	For some measures, the statistics are not yet available to allow us to say whether the target has been reached or not. These will be reported when available
Contextual	A small number of measures are included for “information only”, to set performance information in context

4.5. The Community Plan outcomes report

There are 120 measures within the Community Plan and there are 2 tables which give a summary of the progress towards the Community Plan outcomes. The tables are set out as follows:-

No.	Priority	Measure Type
Table 1	Overarching Objective: Tackling Poverty, Deprivation and Inequality Progress	Summary of Statistical Measures
Table 2	Overarching Objective: Tackling Poverty, Deprivation and Inequality Progress	Summary of Interventions

Table 1 – Overarching Objective: Tackling Poverty, Deprivation and Inequality Progress – Statistical overview

Priority	Status by year										Total	
	Blue		Green		Amber		Red		Report Later/Not Available			
	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21
Reducing Child Poverty	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
Reduction in Employment Deprivation	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
Reduction in Income Deprivation	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
Total	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	6

Table 2 – Overarching Objective: Tackling Poverty, Deprivation and Inequality Progress - Interventions

Priority	Status by year										Total	
	Blue		Green		Amber		Red		Report Later/Not Available			
	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21
Inclusive Growth	0	0	19	16	0	0	2	1	0	4	21	21
Financial Inclusion	1	0	9	9	2	2	0	0	0	1	12	12
Supporting Parental Employment and Childcare	0	2	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	4	8	8
Improving Housing	1	1	13	14	2	0	0	0	0	1	16	16
Education, Skills and Development	0	0	7	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	8	8
Health Inequalities	2	0	16	9	3	0	1	0	0	13	22	22
Safeguarding from Risk or Harm	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	3
Improving Local Environment and Communities	4	0	16	16	3	6	1	1	0	1	24	24
Total	8	3	89	74	13	9	4	2	0	26	114	114

- 4.6. Of the 120 measures, 8 (7%) have been completed, 95 (79%) are judged to be on course to achieve the targets set, while 4 (3%) are judged to be considerably off target and a further 13 (11%) are judged to be slightly off target. There are no measures with contextual data or to be reported later.
- 4.7. It is important to note that the data within the report does not always refer to the current reporting year. What is shown is the most recent data available, on the strength of which a judgement is made about whether the targets set in the Community Plan are likely to be achieved.
- 4.8. Progress for the period ending Quarter 4, 2021/2022 for the overarching objective and priority themes have been summarised in the following tables.
- 4.9.

Overarching Objective: Tackling Poverty, Deprivation and Inequality												
Number of measures	Blue		Green		Amber		Red		Report Later/ Not Available		Total	
	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21	21-22	20-21
	8	3	95	74	13	9	4	2	0	32	120	120
Red/ Amber measures	There are 13 amber measures and 4 red measures for this priority. The amber and red measures are listed below with explanatory commentary.											

Inclusive Growth

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Red	Increase number of business start ups	Numbers of new enterprises/ businesses established	The latest Business Demography figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2020) suggest that the number of new enterprises (based on VAT registrations) in South Lanarkshire has fallen for the first time in 3 years (by -135 over the last year that figures are available, 2019/2020) from 1,195 in 2019, down to 1,060 in 2020.

Responsibility (Lead): Lanarkshire Economic Forum

Partner action to improve the outcome

The slight decrease in the number of new business startups is possibly due to general downturn in economic activity as a consequence of COVID-19 and of the transition to a new Business Gateway contractor. The Business Gateway contractor has been awarded additional funding from the Community Renewal Fund (UK Government Programme to support people and communities most in need to pilot programmes and new approaches) and tasked with focusing support in traditionally harder to reach localities in rural area and areas of high deprivation, together with a mobile business support engagement unit, with the challenge of increasing business startups in these areas. It is hoped that these new initiatives will reverse the negative trend in startups recorded recently.

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Red	Increase number of business start ups	Numbers of new enterprises/ businesses sustained	<p>The latest Business Demography figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2020) indicates that the 3-year business survival rate in South Lanarkshire (or businesses first registered in 2018 still trading in 2020) has fallen, dropping by -1.2% over the last 12 months, from 54.4% of businesses surviving 3 years (2016 to 2019), down to 53.2% of registered businesses surviving 3 years (2017 to 2020).</p> <p>According to the latest ONS Business Demography figures, the rate of 3-year business survivals in South Lanarkshire continues to run below the Scottish average (for the second consecutive year), with 53.2% of businesses registered in South Lanarkshire in 2017 still trading in 2020, -2.7% lower than the Scotland wide figure of 55.9%.</p>

Responsibility (Lead): Lanarkshire Economic Forum

Partner action to improve the outcome

The new Business Gateway contractor, Elevator, which has just completed its first year of delivery in Lanarkshire, is specifically tasked with increasing business start-ups and also to increase the business survival rate.

In addition, the Economic Development Service has refocused SLC business support grant funding towards improving these areas of performance with a new agile small grant, widening the scope from £10k up to £20k sustainability and growth grants and a new start up grant administered through Business Gateway. Additional Economic Development resources have also been secured with new officers with a focus on some key sectors including improved marketing and promotion, developing business networks and encouraging inward investment which, it is hoped will see these statistics improve over the next 3 years.

Financial Inclusion

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Amber	Maximise uptake of benefits and entitlements for low income households	Review and promote the Money Matters/NHS Lanarkshire Telephone Advice Line referral process and service for pregnant women and families with young children, increasing referrals by 5% of the 2020/21 rate by March 2022	<p>Whilst the 5% increase was not met, primarily due to the pandemic, there was still an increase in referrals compared to the previous year with the service generating significant financial gains for clients, these being in the region of £1.5m. This demonstrates the effectiveness and value of the service and the importance of it to the vulnerable client base it serves.</p> <p>The service is still operating and is highly successful, providing an excellent return on investment in relation to the number of new or expectant mothers it helps and in generating financial returns for those clients. It is also a key service in helping tackle child poverty.</p>

Responsibility (Lead): Health and Social Care Partnership

Partner action to improve the outcome

This target has not been met due to the pandemic and restrictions that have been in place. The service is currently exploring with NHS Lanarkshire the scope to extend the energy support project for households on prepaid meters and the Financial Wellbeing Support Fund to GP surgeries to allow Community Link Workers to make referrals for patients who are experiencing financial hardship.

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Amber	Promote and encourage savings	Sustain the number of young people who are members of the Credit Union	<p>The level of junior memberships across South Lanarkshire has dropped marginally over the past year (by -3.9% or -279 members), from 7,203 at 31 March 2021, down to 6,924 at 31 March 2022. The drop in junior memberships has been attributed to the continued lack of promotional activity in schools, but several of the local Credit Unions are hopeful that this trend will be reversed once school contacts can be re-established.</p> <p>Although the 2021/2022 figures confirm that there has been a decline in junior memberships, the level of junior shares at the South Lanarkshire Credit Unions has continued to increase. The amount being saved by young people is up by more than a quarter (+25.7%) over the past year, from £1.64 million at 31 March 2021, up to £2.04 million in junior shares at 31 March 2022, the highest figure on record.</p>

Responsibility (Lead): Getting it Right for South Lanarkshire Children's Partnership Board

Partner action to improve the outcome

The drop in junior memberships has been attributed to the continued lack of promotional activity in schools over the past two years. Several local Credits Unions are intending to re-establish school activity over the next school year, however, once COVID-19 restrictions are fully lifted. Local Credit Unions are hopeful that re-starting work in schools will reverse the recent drop in trends.

Supporting Parental Employment and Childcare

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Amber	Support low income parents (in particular women) to progress to and sustain employment in well paid jobs	Increase the income of 50 employed parents within their Workplace	41 employees successfully increased their hours and ensured job security within the workplace. Parents continue engaging with the service, longer term reporting of results will be captured in 2022/2023.
Responsibility (Lead): Lanarkshire Economic Forum			
Partner action to improve the outcome			
It has been found that some employers are unable to offer enhanced hours until courses are complete. This has slightly impacted the predicted target. Moving forward, the council's Employability Team will be working with employers to ensure that in work progressions are in place at the earliest possible opportunity.			

Improving Housing

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Amber	Improve housing conditions and local housing affordability	Build 5,290 new homes by 2022 (1,000 new council houses by 2021; a further 500 affordable homes by 2021; 3,790 new private sector homes by 2022)	<p>657 additional homes for social rent were delivered across South Lanarkshire in 2021/2022. This included 604 new build council and RSL properties and an additional 53 homes secured through the council's Open Market Purchase Scheme.</p> <p>The council aims to meet its wider target to deliver 1,000 additional council homes later in 2022/2023, with a further 156 due to be completed later this year. Initially expected for delivery by 2021, delays to the programme occurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and more recently as a result of wider issues impacting the supply of materials for developers.</p> <p>In relation to the private sector, a total of 5,574 new homes have been completed since 2017-18 in South Lanarkshire, including 1,028 in 2021-22.</p> <p>To ensure progress continues to be made, the council has ensured there is a five-year housing supply in place through the Local Development Plan to meet any future demand for housing.</p>
Responsibility (Lead): Housing and Technical Resources, South Lanarkshire Council			
Partner action to improve the outcome			
South Lanarkshire Council continues to increase the number of affordable homes available for rent in South Lanarkshire despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic and other external factors impacting the construction industry. The council is working closely with key partners including the Scottish Government, Registered Social Landlords and developers to ensure as many high quality, affordable new homes can be delivered as possible, contributing to the wider targets set. In addition, the council continues to make full use of its Open Market Purchase Scheme to purchase suitable properties from the private sector and utilise them for social rent across all areas of South Lanarkshire.			

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Amber	Prevent and reduce impact of homelessness (linking to Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan)	Achieve the annual target of homes directed to homeless households as set out within Local Letting Plans and agreed with HomeFinder partners	53% of council lets and 33% of HomeFinder Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) lets were directed to homeless households during 2021-22. This was slightly below the agreed target of 55% for the council and for HomeFinder RSLs, below the average target of 48%.
Responsibility (Lead): Housing and Technical Resources, South Lanarkshire Council			
Partner action to improve the outcome The council and its HomeFinder partners will continue to work together to meet the housing needs of homeless households across South Lanarkshire. While the challenging targets set for lets to homeless households during 2021/2022 were not met, the actual number of vacant properties let to homeless households during the year increased when compared to the previous year. In 2020/2021, the council allocated 1,030 properties to homeless households, compared with 1,154 during 2021/2022. Similarly, HomeFinder Registered Social Landlords partners allocated 114 properties to homeless households in 2020/2021, compared with 136 during 2021/2022.			

Education, Skills and Development

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Amber	Life chances of young people in the most deprived communities are improved	Continue to work to close the gap in outcomes for the young people in the most deprived 20% data zones and their peers in the least deprived 20% data zones	<p>Although the positive destination rate for those in the most deprived datazones has increased, the gap has widened slightly from 6.3% to 6.4% from the previous year.</p> <p>The positive destination rate for young people in the most deprived 20% datazones rose in 2019/2020 from 90% to 92% in 2020/2021, however, the rate increased more for those in the least deprived 20% datazones.</p> <p>Examination of the destination data shows that young people from the 20% most deprived datazones are over-represented within the group of young people entering a negative destination. 43% of those with a negative destination are from deprived datazones – 55 young people out of 127 in negative destinations within the School Leaver Destination Return (SLDR) cohort. For some schools, the proportion is as high as 83%.</p>
Responsibility (Lead): Getting it Right for South Lanarkshire Children's Partnership Board			
Partner action to improve the outcome The Youth Employability Team will hold meetings with the schools with the highest gaps to review the destination planning processes and identify improvement actions. The team is also working closely with SDS to carry out ongoing post-school tracking including home visits to identify and support young people in negative post-school destinations.			

Health and Inequalities

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Red	Improve health during pregnancy	40% of eligible women (BMI of 30 or more) are referred to the Healthy Lifestyle in Pregnancy Service by March 2022	<p>A blended model was adopted following the pandemic from May 2020 whereby service users are given the option to attend virtually via the NHS Near Me platform. In terms of progress towards the key performance indicators, in 2021/2022, 15% of eligible women (BMI of 30 or more) were referred to the service which falls short of the target of 40%.</p> <p>During this period, awareness raising and update training sessions for staff have been unable to take place due to staff capacity to attend training. Maternity staff have also had periods of reduced face to face activity due to restrictions and have not had the same opportunity to discuss referral to the service.</p>

Responsibility (Lead): Health and Social Care Partnership

Partner action to improve the outcome

During the period of reporting, pressures in the health system in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic meant that staff were unable to be released for awareness raising and training sessions to promote referral to the service. Maternity Services also had periods of reduced face to face activity due to the social restrictions and so there was reduced contact with patients and so fewer opportunities to discuss referral to the service. It is anticipated that awareness raising and training for staff will resume as we recover from the pandemic and increased contact with patients will increase referral opportunities towards the target goal.

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Amber	Improve health during pregnancy	30% of eligible women referred to the Healthy Lifestyle in Pregnancy Service (opt-in) and who engage with the service by March 2022	<p>Of the 15% of eligible women referred to the service, 22% engaged. As above, maternity staff have had reduced face to face activity due to restrictions and have not had the same opportunity to encourage engagement beyond referral.</p> <p>A service evaluation took place to ascertain if the blended model approach was suitable and meeting the needs of the service users. It was found that the reduced need for travel, convenience of being able to attend appointments from their own home and the ability to still see health professionals on screen at times when restrictions were in place were hugely supportive and beneficial of this approach. A number highlighted that they were pleased the Healthy Lifestyle in Pregnancy support had continued in some format throughout the pandemic, especially when so many other services had proven difficult to engage with.</p>

Responsibility (Lead): Health and Social Care Partnership

Partner action to improve the outcome

As above, resuming normal service will increase referrals to the Healthy Lifestyle in Pregnancy Service and the service will work with maternity colleagues to look at barriers to engagement and explore how these can be reduced and engagement promoted.

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Amber	Empowering communities to improve their own health and wellbeing	Relaunch the Building and Celebrating Communities in the second quarter (April - June) of 2021 through the introduction of an identifiable coordinator to lead on engaging with communities to support and build more proactive, inclusive and collaborative engagement within local communities, providing support to enable the identification of improvements to localised health and wellbeing.	<p>The Building and Celebrating Communities (BCC) Coordinator post was filled in July 2021. Since then, there has been a considerable effort to re-introduce the BCC ethos across the South Lanarkshire area and Health and Social Care Partnership.</p> <p>This includes working with the National Development Team for Inclusion (NDTi) and the Community Led Support (CLS) programme piloted in Clydesdale. The BCC provision now sits with an agreed model of asset-based community development. BCC grants are targeted to commence May 2022.</p> <p>BCC Grants are targeted to: Community Groups, Voluntary Organisations and Community Interest Companies who support individuals with long term unemployment, individuals with long term physical or mental disabilities, individuals with poor physical or mental health, young or single parents, elderly individuals with little to no support system, vulnerable adults and children, young people and individuals who are socially isolated.</p>
	Responsibility (Lead): Health and Social Care Partnership Partner action to improve the outcome A BCC Coordinator has now been appointed and good progress is now being made to take forward this agenda and a revised target of May 2022 has been set to issue grants.		

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Amber	Empowering communities to improve their own health and wellbeing	Establish 10 newly funded service initiatives to support communities to take responsibility for their own health, care and wellbeing needs in each of the HSCP localities by April 2022	<p>As a result of various COVID restrictions, this target has not been met and no grants have been issued to date. However, the application process is live and applications have been received. VASLan is now inviting applications from organisations and community groups across South Lanarkshire to apply for the small grant scheme Building and Celebrating Communities (BCC) programme. It is a programme to get the community groups and grassroots organisations to get BCC appropriate initiatives off the ground.</p> <p>The BCC programme is based on the principles of Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD). It challenges the wider traditional approaches that try to solve urban and rural development challenges by focusing on the needs and deficiencies of individuals, and communities. The principles demonstrate that people, local assets, and individual strengths are keys to ensuring sustainable community development and that people have a life of their choosing. Open for Application: Building and Celebrating Communities (BCC) small grant scheme Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (vaslan.org.uk)</p>
	Responsibility (Lead): Health and Social Care Partnership Partner action to improve the outcome This target has not been met due to the pandemic and restrictions that have been in place. It is hoped further initiatives can be identified in the coming months as restrictions ease and community groups are re-established.		

Safeguarding from Risk or Harm

Change Required	Action to achieve change	Comments
<div>Amber</div> <p>Reduce numbers of direct and indirect victims of domestic abuse. Prevalence in deprived areas nearly double the average. Focus on promoting health and positive relationships</p>	<p>Maintain a minimum of 10 schools participating in the Mentors in Violence Prevention Programme in order to achieve longer term prevention and reduction of domestic abuse</p>	<p>Nine secondary schools are currently running the Mentors in Violence Prevention (MVP) programme. Training has been arranged for May 2022 for an additional 4 secondary schools to introduce the programme in academic year 2022/2023. In addition to this, the identified Social Emotional and Behavioral Needs establishment will also attend this training to consider how the programme can be integrated to their specific needs.</p> <p>An implementation plan is now in place to ensure that the remaining 5 secondary schools will undertake the training in Autumn 2022 to enable implementation in those establishments in academic year 2023/2024.</p> <p>The full evaluation of materials for Additional Support Needs schools is still being awaited from Education Scotland and this will progress as appropriate in due course.</p>
Responsibility (Lead): Community Safety Partnership		
Partner action to improve the outcome		
<p>The Gender-Based Violence Development Officer has been working closely with colleagues in Education Resources to ensure an implementation plan is in place for progression of MVP in all schools across South Lanarkshire. By August 2022, 13 secondary schools will have implemented the MVP Programme which will bring the status from amber to green. The delay in this progression was a result of school closures throughout the pandemic.</p>		

Improving Local Environment and Communities

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Red	Continuous improvement to environmental quality and communities living more sustainably	Development of South Lanarkshire's Open Space Strategy by March 2023 to support the Planning for Place agenda	An audit of South Lanarkshire's existing open space has commenced; however, progress has been affected by the resources available. At the same time, the Scottish Government published a consultation on draft regulations for the preparation of Open Space Strategies (OSS) in December 2021. It is anticipated that this will be finalised by the end of 2022 which will possibly result in the timescales for completing the OSS will be delayed.

Responsibility (Lead): Sustainable Economic Growth Board

Partner action to improve the outcome

The associated Regulations on the preparation of Open Space Strategies are unlikely to be approved by the Scottish Government until the end of 2022 at the earliest. As a result, the legislation covering OSS has not yet come into force. The recent consultation provides a broad understanding of what the OSS is to include and its format as well as the extent of public consultation and engagement that will be required as part of the preparation process, so work will continue on this basis.

The audit and analysis of existing open space has been progressing with the aid of officers in Countryside and Greenspace, however, this has slowed recently due to capacity issues in that service. It is expected recruitment will take place to address this in the coming months and it is anticipated that this work will be completed by the end of 2022. In addition, resourcing in the Planning Policy Team has increased recently following the appointment of a temporary graduate officer.

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Amber	Progress/deliver prioritised access improvements to bus and rail	Consider support for innovative and sustainable methods of improving the accessibility of rural public transport support for innovative and services and look to support community-centred approaches	Workshops for community groups who may be interested in running community Electric Vehicle (EV) pool cars were scheduled for March 2022 but were delayed and have been rescheduled to the proposed Rural Conference on 26 October 2022. In the meantime, as an alternative to the workshops, groups that are delivering EV cars are being linked to those that may want to run them.

Responsibility (Lead): Lanarkshire Economic Forum

Partner action to improve the outcome

Discussions with Scotrail and SPT over improving links and connections and raising awareness of the opportunity of community electric pool car opportunities will continue in 2022 and support of existing projects will continue. Support for community based transport opportunities using innovative funding and delivery. We will continue to investigate options of support from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Community Led Local Development and windfarm funding.

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Amber	Increase Digital Inclusion	Increase public Wi-Fi access across community facilities, including libraries	<p>Work to install public wi-fi in community facilities was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this is now underway in priority sites which includes:</p> <p>Surveys completed, equipment on order and installed by December 2022 within Burnbank Burgh Hall/Library; Hillhouse Community Centre/Library; Fairhill Integrated Facility; Blantyre Library; Fernhill Community Centre; and Halfway Library.</p> <p>Work has been completed at Springhall Community Hall.</p>
	Responsibility (Lead): Lanarkshire Economic Forum Partner action to improve the outcome Wi-fi surveys of the priority sites have been conducted and orders have been placed for the installation work.		

Change Required		Action to achieve change	Comments
Amber	Ensure communities are more actively involved in local decision making	New community partnerships to engage with neighbourhood representative groups will be co-designed in each locality area by December 2020	Community Partnerships in Clydesdale and Cambuslang/ Rutherglen areas are in place. Partnerships in the East Kilbride and Hamilton areas are in development.
	Responsibility (Lead): Community Planning Partnership Board Partner action to improve the outcome Work is progressing to develop the partnerships in the two remaining localities, at an appropriate pace to reflect the needs of the localities. Formalisation of the Terms of Reference is expected by the end of 2022.		

- 4.10. Detailed progress against all outcomes and the related interventions contained within the Community Plan is noted within the Quarter 4 Outcomes Progress Report at Appendix 1.

5. Thematic Group Update – Review of Community Planning

- 5.1. As part of its commitment to deliver Community Planning, the council has hosted and provided Elected Member and administrative support for some of the Boards of the Community Planning Partnership. An overview of the current high level Boards/Groups supported by the council and their status is set out at Table 1 below.

Table 1:

Group	Current status
Community Justice Partnership	Business as usual
Corporate Connections Board (Youth Partnership)	Meetings ceased pending CPP review findings
Corporate Parenting Partnership Board (Promise Board)	Business as usual

Group	Current status
Getting It Right for South Lanarkshire's Children Partnership Board	Meetings ceased pending CPP review findings
Safer South Lanarkshire Board (Community Safety Partnership)	Business as usual
South Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board (South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership)	Business as usual
Sustainability Partnership	No longer meets
Sustainable Economic Growth Board	No longer meets

5.2. A root and branch review of all partnership groups and plans has been carried out to help inform the Community Planning review process and the revised Community Planning structures will be aligned with the new Community Plan. Whilst this work is being progressed, the Board has agreed the following, interim Thematic Board structure:-

1. Board/Group meetings will continue for: the Safer South Lanarkshire Board; South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership Board; Community Justice Partnership and the Promise Board.
2. Getting it Right for South Lanarkshire's Children Board and the Corporate Connections Board (formerly known as the Youth Partnership) meetings will cease.
3. It was acknowledged that the Sustainability Partnership Board and the Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth Partnership Board had stopped meeting.

5.3. The committee is asked to note that work continues to be delivered for the Boards set out at items two and three above through existing/new partnership groups and progress is reported to the Partnership Board. When the new Community Planning structure including Boards have been agreed by the Community Planning Board, their recommendations will be submitted to committee for consideration.

5.4. Committee is asked to approve the Board's recommendation to retain the meetings of the groups set out at 5.2., item 1 above; to cease meetings of the Boards as set out at item 2; and to note the update provided at item 3.

5.5. The purpose of the revision is to ensure the structure is efficient and fit for purpose to deliver the ambitions and priorities of the new Community Plan, which is fully aligned to the Council Plan in values and priorities.

5.6 In line with the aspirations of the administration document "New Hope, New Leadership" which sets out shared priorities for the future, work is underway to review the governance and leadership of local economic development, including the potential establishment of a thematic board dealing with the green economy. This review will prioritise innovative approaches to wealth building and the transition to net zero, while ensuring the correct strategic fit with the newly developed pan-Lanarkshire Economic Forum. The local partners will be involved in the development of this approach to economic transformation.

6. Employee Implications

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

7. Financial Implications

7.1. There are no financial implications associated with this report.

8. Climate Change, Sustainability and Environmental Implications

- 8.1 There are no significant implications for climate change or sustainability in terms of the information contained in this report.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. There are no risk issues associated with the content of this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 10.1. 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.

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5 October 2022

Links to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

- ◆ Links to all Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee – Community Plan Quarter 4 Progress Report 2020/2021 – 3 November 2021

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

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