

# Report

Report to:	<b>Executive Committee</b>
Date of Meeting:	<b>7 September 2011</b>
Report by:	<b>Executive Director (Education Resources)</b>

Subject:	<b>Draft Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014</b>
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## 1 Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to advise the Executive Committee on:-

- ◆ the progress of the refresh of the Youth Strategy for 2008 - 2011

## 2 Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that the draft Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014 be approved;
- (2) that arrangements to launch the new Youth Strategy be approved.

## 3 Background

3.1. The third Youth Strategy (2008 – 2011) for South Lanarkshire was developed through consultation with young people across South Lanarkshire, utilising the Young Scot channels of information for identifying the key issue areas that young people are most interested in.

The Youth Strategy (2008 – 2011) has provided the overarching framework and the associated Youth Action Plans for the past three years have ensured that young people's priorities have been taken forward. The Youth Strategy priorities needed to be refreshed to reaffirm and take account of the changing issues that young people in South Lanarkshire encounter.

- 3.2. To take this process forward, members of the South Lanarkshire Youth Council developed a schedule of visits, opportunities and events for young people to get involved in over July and August 2010.
- 3.3. The process of refreshing the Youth Strategy also drew on key findings of recent engagement with young people. Such engagement included the MCMC 'Our Futures' peer research findings as well as the engagement with young people on the Education Resources Plan 2010 – 2011.
- 3.4. The draft Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014 is attached as appendix 1.

## **4 Youth Strategy 2008 – 2011 Priorities**

4.1. The Youth Strategy 2008 – 2011 Priorities were:-

- Health and wellbeing
- Youth friendly services
- Learning and working
- Youth rights and responsibilities
- Inclusion in decision making

Those priorities reflected the identified key issues for young people as well as the strategic commitments that Corporate Connections Board (CCB) partners have in carrying out their day-to-day business.

Under the banner of “Stronger Together Edition 2”, these priorities also reflect the Community Planning Partnerships key drivers, being:

- Successful and Inclusive Communities
- Safe and Healthy Communities
- Working and Learning Communities

In addition to other Partnerships Plans, such as Connect, the Council Plan.

Through yearly Youth Action Plans, targets were developed to address the youth agenda of the Youth Strategy 2008 – 2011 over the past three years. This included the addition of the Single Outcome Agreement and subsequent Youth Partnership Improvement Plan.

## **5 Consultation with Young People**

5.1. To facilitate the process of engaging young people to develop the new Youth Strategy for 2011 – 2014, members of the South Lanarkshire Youth Council met and planned meetings during June 2010 to create questions (drawing from the previous questions used for the Youth Strategy 2008 – 2011) to be asked of other young people, through the support of Youth Learning Services staff and the Corporate Connections Coordinator.

5.2. Following on from the previous Youth Strategy consultation, Youth Councillors again hosted a stall within Town Centre areas over the summer period as well as utilising opinion meters (to collect random samples of young people) in key areas identified as yielding higher levels of public interaction.

5.3. Through the different approaches, young people’s engagement in the whole process of refreshing the Youth Strategy was far reaching and inclusive. To support this, VOiCE (Visioning Outcomes in Community Engagement – developed by the Scottish Community Development Centre and the Scottish Government) was used within the planning phase to ensure effective participation.

5.4. As planned, members of South Lanarkshire Youth Council (SLYC) had a number of visits to groups and events over the summer, complemented by the actions of partners on the Board by identifying groups to take part in the process. Groups and events visited and approached to take part included:

- Football Diversionary Programme
- Universal Connections
- Regen:fx Youth Trust
- ‘Get into Care’

- Young Carers
- Disability groups including EK Disability Sports Group
- Biggar Youth Project
- SoLVE
- Islamic Academics
- Hyzone
- HIPY
- StreetBase/Liber8
- 'Who cares?'
- Gypsy travellers
- LGBT Scotland
- Youth Democracy Project
- Vertigo Theatre Group
- Youth Theatre (EK)

Fun days and events included:

- Larkhall Fun Day
- Citizen's Advice Bureau AGM
- Blantyre Gala Day
- Live'n'Loud Overtoun
- Summer trips

Standpoints were situated in the following locations between the dates 20 July 2010 and 28 July 2010 (inclusive):

- Tesco Store Lanark
- Morrisons Store (Cambuslang)
- Morrisons Store (Lindsayfield East Kilbride)
- Regent Centre Hamilton

5.5 Through these opportunities the total amount of respondents was 707. The qualitative and quantitative responses were presented to the Corporate Connections Board (16 October 2010) after which the Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014 was drafted.

## **6. Draft Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014 priorities**

6.1. The priorities of the Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014 will remain unchanged as:

- Health and wellbeing
- Youth friendly services
- Learning and working
- Youth rights and responsibilities
- Included in decision making

Originally 'Included in decision making' was renamed to 'Effective contributors' to reflect the changing policies of the last 3 years, both locally and nationally, as well as articulating well with the identified needs by young people. On reflection with young people at the Corporate Connections Board 16 December 2010, it was agreed to keep the original wording as it was clearer to understand.

6.2 The draft Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014 represents the issues identified by young people, the local/national priorities and service priorities of partners, and the commitment of the Council and its partners in addressing the issues of young people.

6.3. Consultation on the draft Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014 took place between January 2011 and April 2011. The draft was made available online in PDF format and was distributed through the Corporate Connections Board. In addition to this, facilities and groups were also provided with the draft. This included:

- Education establishments
- Looked after at home
- Looked after away from home
- Additional support needs
- Voluntary organisations
- Uniformed organisations
- Further education establishments
- Faith based groups
- Sports groups
- Community Learning and Development Partnership

6.4. No negative comments or comments requesting that changes be made were submitted.

6.5 As per previous years, a yearly Youth Action Plan for 2011 – 2012 has been drawn up with partners to take forward the key priorities of the Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014. This is attached as appendix 2.

All targets within the Youth Action Plan 2010 – 2011 were achieved.

Through taking part in the Youth Action Plan target activities over the period 2008 - 2011, the following positive outcomes were achieved by young people:

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number of young people achieving the measure 2008 - 2009</b>	<b>Number of young people achieving the measure 2009 - 2010</b>	<b>Number of young people achieving the measure 2010 - 2011</b>	<b>Total number of young people achieving the measure</b>
Recorded as engaging a service	26,656	38,482	50,838	<b>115,976</b>
Used information and guidance to make positive lifestyle choices	18,179	*6,143	31,250	<b>55,572</b>
Demonstrated positive change in any or all of the following in terms of behaviour, attitude, health related activity, and commitment	Measure was not introduced until 2009 - 2010	13,075	16,180	<b>29,255</b>

\*This dip in figures for this year was expected as there was a change in the format of the reporting forms and in changes to partners reporting mechanisms. As can be seen from the 2010 – 2011 figure, the reporting changes were imbedded.

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Number of young people achieving the measure 2008 - 2009</b>	<b>Number of young people achieving the measure 2009 - 2010</b>	<b>Number of young people achieving the measure 2010 - 2011</b>	<b>Total number of young people achieving the measure</b>
Achieved a nationally recognised award such (e.g. Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, Youth Achievement Awards, SVQ, etc.)	2,361	4,068	6,511	<b>12,940</b>
Participated in local and/or national community planning	1,170	2,914	2,646	<b>6,730</b>
Actively volunteering in their local community	1,854	1,568	2,563	<b>5,985</b>
Accessed community capacity building opportunities	841	989	1,260	<b>3,090</b>

The Youth Action Plan 2011 – 2012 takes account of the findings of the Youth Partnership Survey 2011 particularly in relation to key aspects around informing young people of services and opportunities. Young people identified Facebook as the highest preferred choice of engagement (80%) in relation to informing them of services such as leisure, careers, health, youth provision or what's on in their area.

In addressing this, the Youth Partnership is exploring the development of a Facebook page which young people choose to 'like' and from which any information presented by the partnership, will automatically appear in the young person's Facebook profile page. Young people will be able to like and comment on what is posted but will not be able to post directly onto the Youth Partnership page. This partly serves to moderate potential inappropriate postings on the Partnership page however the page will be moderated daily.

## **7. Way Forward**

7.1. The launch of the Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014 will take place on the 14 October 2011 at the Banqueting Hall, South Lanarkshire Council Headquarters, between 11:30am and 1pm with lunch provided. Members of the South Lanarkshire Youth Council and local members of the Scottish Youth Parliament are currently working on a young person friendly version of the Youth Strategy as well as planning the events on the 14 October 2011.

## **8. Employee Implications**

8.1. None

## **9. Financial Implications**

9.1. None

## **10. Other Implications**

10.1. There are no particular issues associated with risk or sustainability associated with the recommendations contained in this report.

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

11.1 An equalities impact assessment was conducted which resulted in the draft Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014 being agreed as having no adverse affect on the equalities of any protected group within the community.

11.2 Through legislative requirements, the Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014 has been added to the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) register. A pre-screen has been conducted and indicates that a full SEA is not required.

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**Executive Director (Education Resources)**

5 August 2011

### **Link(s) to Council Objectives**

- Living in the Community
- Supporting Communities
- Successful Communities

### **Previous References**

- Executive Committee of 12 March 2008 (Paragraph 18)

### **List of Background Papers**

Youth Strategy 2005 – 2008

Youth Strategy 2008 – 2011

Youth Survey 2011

### **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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# Appendix 1

## Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014

### Community Planning Youth Partnership

For more information or if you want this information in a different format or language, please phone 01698 727672 or email [frank.thomson@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:frank.thomson@southlanarkshire.gov.uk).

## Youth Strategy 2011 – 2014

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## **The partnership**

The South Lanarkshire Corporate Connections Board is in effect the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Youth Theme Partnership. It is made up of:

- South Lanarkshire Council
- South Lanarkshire Youth Council
- National Health Service (NHS) Lanarkshire
- Skills Development Scotland
- Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan)
- Regen:FX Youth Trust
- South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture Trust
- Strathclyde Police
- Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Service

Young people play an active role on the board are represented by two members of South Lanarkshire Youth Council/Scottish Youth Parliament. The wider youth participation network in terms of community planning is highlighted on page 5.



As a young person in South Lanarkshire, if you wish to raise issues on areas such as your school, community, housing, education, etc., then the diagram above shows the different routes available to you. As the circles move out the levels change from local to national.

A list of information and contact details for each of the above is available from page 23.

The South Lanarkshire Youth Strategy 2008 – 2011 had the following five overarching priorities:

- Health and wellbeing
- Youth friendly services
- Learning and working
- Youth rights and responsibilities
- Inclusion in decision making

Key achievements included:

- 115,976 young people engaging in services
- 55,572 young people demonstrating positive changes in their lifestyles
- 12,940 young people achieving a nationally recognised award such as Duke of Edinburgh's Awards, Youth Achievement Awards, SVQ etc.
- 5 HMIe inspections with 4 'Very Good' and 1 'Excellent' grading for "How well do we meet the needs of our stakeholders?"
- Successful piloting of 'The Street' using immersive theatre to challenge young people engaged in offending behaviour.
- All Youth Learning Establishments achieving Bronze Health Promoting Youth Service status.
- Peer led 16+ Learning Choices research conducted to ensure that the programme meets the needs of young people leaving school.
- 3 new health projects for young people in partnership with NHS Lanarkshire:
  - Just Ask Health Clinic – Larkhall
  - The HUB – Cambuslang
  - Teenage Health Information Project – Lanark
- Increased volunteering within communities
- Increased attendances at both indoor and outdoor facilities through the 'free usage' scheme for under 16's
- Increased attendances within community halls and schools through the 'free usage' scheme for under 16's
- Increased representation of young people on decision making bodies such as:
  - Neighbourhood Management Boards
  - Licensing forums
  - Local Community Groups

## **Priorities 2011 – 2014**

What young people said

Young people's views were sought and researched using the undernoted methods.

- Review of Youth Partnership surveys
- Review of national youth research
- Community based focus groups
- Desktop research and policy searches
- Consultation through opinion meters and face-to-face questionnaires
- Local and Council wide consultation events
- Partner interviews

In engaging with young people, partner's strategies form the platform from which both the issues are taken forward and the priorities are developed. Key strategies include:

- South Lanarkshire Partnership Stronger Together (Edition 3)
- South Lanarkshire Council Plan 'Connect'
- Towards a Mentally Flourishing Lanarkshire
- 16+ Learning Choices
- Working and Learning Together to Build Stronger Communities
- Moving Forward: a Strategy for Improving Young People's Chances through Youth Work

The priorities for 2011 – 2014 are:

- Health and wellbeing
- Youth friendly services
- Learning and working
- Youth rights and responsibilities
- Included in decision making

## Partnership perspective

### Youth Strategy priorities and Community Planning framework (Stronger Together Edition 3)

#### South Lanarkshire Partnership Strategic Aims

- A sustainable economy and environment • Improved health and wellbeing •
- Reduced inequalities and wellbeing • A learning culture •
- A safer South Lanarkshire •

Young People Priorities	Partner Priorities	Youth Strategy Priorities
Feeling safe/living safely Relationships Gender Anti social behaviour Feeling good Leisure/sport Territorialism	Safer South Lanarkshire Healthier lifestyles Physical activity Arts and culture Crime and anti social behaviour Substance misuse Confident individuals	Health and Wellbeing
Cost and accessibility Transport to facilities Location of facilities Getting a good service Information on activities	Access to housing Homelessness Reduced inequalities Transport Confident individuals Tackling inequalities	Youth Friendly Services
Training opportunities Employment opportunities Volunteering Support and information Apprenticeships Community based learning Further education	Access to training and employment Successful learners Improve skills and employability Support and information Life-long learning Supporting transitions	Learning and Working
Knowing your rights and responsibilities Having your say and being listened to Positive images Active in the community Environment/sustainability Sectarianism	Community development Sustainable resources Environment Responsible citizens Confident individuals Respected	Youth Rights and Responsibilities
Included in decision making Awareness of opportunities Right to be included Respected member of the community Able to make a difference	Youth engagement Community involvement Effective contributors Confident individuals Youth forums Transparent processes	Effective contributors

#### Underpinning vision (Single Outcome Agreement)

- To improve the quality of life for all in South Lanarkshire by ensuring equal access to opportunities and to services that meet people's needs •

#### Underpinning Equality Aims (Equality Act 2010)

- Sexual orientation • Marriage and civil partnership • Pregnancy and maternity •
- Sex • Age • Disability • Race • Religion and belief • Gender reassignment •

## Health and wellbeing

*“All my relationships in life are important to me whether it is friends or family. All relationships whether good or bad influence my life and the decisions I make” (young person, aged 14).*

**With young people, we will strengthen practice to ensure young people are able to gain skills and confidence to develop the health and wellbeing attributes they need as they grow in South Lanarkshire.**

Key issues:

Feeling safe/living safely

We will work with young people and partners to help identify solutions that support young people to feel safe and live safely.

Relationships

We will engage with young people so that they know where to get the right support, at the right time, as and when they need it.

Gender

We will work with young people to identify new ways of providing support to meet their needs.

Anti social behaviour

We will work with young people to identify new positive alternatives and seek to support and develop existing positive alternatives.

Feeling good

We will engage young people in all aspects of health and wellbeing to ensure that support meets the identified needs of young people.

Leisure/sport

We will work with young people to support them to access leisure and sport opportunities

Territorialism

We will continue to support communities to seek positive solutions to safety concerns where they live.

## Good Practice

### 'The Street'

Led by Regen:fx Youth Trust, using immersive theatre to challenge young people engaged in offending behaviour, discussing through peer-led workshops, the consequences of their actions and alternative decisions that they can make.

The success of the pilot is highlighted further by the Scottish Government's recognition that this model has "the potential to reduce offending by young people in communities across Scotland" and has been published as a good practice case study on the Scottish Government's Community Safety website.

## **Youth friendly services**

*“As a student the cost of activities is important as I can not afford to do all that I wish to do”  
(young person aged 19).*

**Young people seek services for a number of different reasons and the service they receive should not impact on their ability to access that service or limit their potential to achieve their outcomes.**

**We will ensure that services take account of the needs of young people and take steps, where needed, to address any negative impact that arises on the ability of young people to access a service.**

Key issues:

Cost and accessibility

We will engage with both partners and young people to seek new ways in which cost and accessibility can be addressed.

Transport to facilities

We will work with young people to support them to raise concerns about transport issues and with partners to take into account these issues when delivering a service.

Location of facilities

We will engage with young people and partners to ensure that young people have a say in the development of new facilities and that partners take account of location when delivering services.

Getting a good service

We will work with partners to ensure that both customer satisfaction and service improvements meet the needs of all users.

Information on activities

We will work with partners to ensure that information is available to all young people, in formats that support their participation and accessibility.

Good practice:

Through the South Lanarkshire Council ‘Under 16 free usage’ scheme, groups of young people under the age of 16 and affiliated to local Sports Councils, were able to gain free access to both indoor and outdoor leisure facilities. In 2009 – 2010, 250,349 attendances were recorded, up 38.6% on the previous year.



## **Learning and working**

*“Ability to give young people opportunities even in difficult times”(young person aged 17).*

**In these challenging times it is no surprise that young people consistently say that employment and post school positive destinations are a priority in their lives.**

**We will engage service providers to develop new training/learning opportunities and qualification opportunities, to support young people to get into work, tackle inequalities, and achieve positive school leaver destinations.**

Key issues:

### Training opportunities

We will work with partners to develop new and engaging training opportunities that will support young people to develop the skills and confidence they need to enter the world of work.

### Employment opportunities

We will work with partners to ensure that young people are knowledgeable about employment opportunities open to them, presenting them in different formats.

### Volunteering

We will identify new volunteering opportunities that support young people’s personal and social development.

### Support and information

We will further develop ways in which young people are supported and informed of opportunities, to ensure equality of opportunity.

### Apprenticeships

We will work with service providers to promote existing opportunities and develop new opportunities.

### Community based learning

We will provide community based learning opportunities that support young people to achieve and develop their skills and confidence.

## Further education

We will work with providers to support entry into further education and tackle inequality issues.

## Good practice

### Sportworx

Sportworx is specifically designed to provide opportunities for young people to maximise their social, educational and personal development. Young people get the opportunity to participate in an organised and certificated programme that is geared towards the achievement and attainment of professional sporting and educational qualifications.

By linking with key partner agencies, Sportworx are able to provide opportunities for participants to volunteer with these agencies whilst further enhancing their skills and knowledge.

Sportworx were recently runner-up in the National Lottery Awards 2010, and were highly commended for the work they do in supporting young people gain the skills, confidence and qualifications to help them into employment.

## **Youth rights and responsibilities**

*“Some people don’t listen, they think they know you” (young person, aged13).*

**Young people’s rights and responsibilities are well recognised and embedded in policies that shape services in local communities.**

**We will continue to ensure that young people are equipped to be confident individuals, and recognised as equal partners within communities.**

**We will tackle inequalities that impact on young peoples’ rights to access services or that impact on their capacity to be equal members of society.**

Key issues:

Knowing your rights and responsibilities

We will ensure that young people are fully aware of their rights and understand the key role they play in society, through training and support.

Having your say and being listened to

We will ensure that young people are better informed of opportunities to have their say and that service providers effectively engage with young people.

Positive images

We will work with young people to tackle media perceptions of young people to demonstrate the positive contribution young people to communities.

Active in the community

We will promote and develop more opportunities to for young people to take a lead role in the life of their community.

Environment/sustainability

We will work with young people to identify new opportunities to safeguard the future and improve the natural environment around them.

Sectarianism

We will continue to support young people to challenge this issue as responsible members of their community.

Good practice

Volunteering

3,424 young people volunteered within their communities supporting them to become:

- Confident individuals
- Successful learners
- Effective contributors
- Responsible citizens

Through this volunteering, young people have had the opportunity to develop new skills, realise their potential and actively contribute to the life of their local communities.

Many have received awards for their efforts including Millennium Volunteer Awards of 50, 100 and 200 hours volunteering, Youth Achievement Awards at Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum.

## **Included in decision making**

*“Because everybody’s view matters” (aged 15).*

**Young people are more confident and effective in their contribution to shaping services, taking a lead role in forums and meetings, and being equal partners.**

**We will explore new ways to build on this success to embed further, the ethos and practice of promoting opportunities and effective engagement.**

Key issues:

### **Included in decision making**

We will build on the good practice that exists to further develop opportunities for young people to be effective contributors, deciding on changes within communities and services.

### **Awareness of opportunities**

We will work with young people to better develop existing processes that inform them and through this, develop better engagement.

### **Right to be included**

We will build on the good practice and continue to ensure that service providers embed this value further in their consultation processes.

### **Respected member of the community**

We will recognise young people’s participation and promote their contributions.

### **Able to make a difference**

We will ensure that engagement is meaningful and effective, and that it delivers against the National Community Engagement Framework.

## Good practice

### Education Resources priorities 2010 – 2011

More than 1,500 young people participated in deciding and agreeing the priorities for Education Resources for 2010 – 2011. Through this process young people were given the opportunity to agree or disagree with the priorities, make suggestions and indicate where work was required to meet these priorities. This process will continue yearly as part of the local improvement plans within Education Resources.

## Measuring progress

### How will you know we have delivered?

The South Lanarkshire Youth Strategy is successful because robust measures for monitoring and evaluating progress are used and new measures developed as required. We will continue to use this approach as well as introduce new approaches, linking directly to the South Lanarkshire Council's Plan "Connect".

You will know how well we are doing because in future:

- More young people will be accessing health and wellbeing support
- More young people will be able to access services
- More young people will be getting service information
- More young people will be accessing training/learning opportunities, apprenticeships and qualifications to support their journey into the world of work
- More young people will be involved in the life of their community
- More young people will be contributing to planning locally and nationally

We will report progress through the following processes:

- Regular meetings involving service providers and the Council Spokesperson for Youth regarding targets.
- Two meetings per year involving young people and service providers to discuss priorities and progress.
- Regular update reports to the Corporate Connections Board – Youth Theme Partnership.
- Publication of annual reports based on annual action plans
- The use of nationally recognised quality indicators.
- The monitoring of uptake in priority development areas.
- Regular e-updates through the [www.lanlinks.org](http://www.lanlinks.org) website.

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## **Glossary of planning and decision making bodies**

### **South Lanarkshire Youth Council**

Consisting of volunteers aged between 12 and 25, the Youth Council seeks to influence decision makers such as South Lanarkshire Council, Strathclyde Police and Lanarkshire Health Board.

There are 4 geographical areas:

- Hamilton
- East Kilbride
- Clydesdale
- Cambuslang, Rutherglen, Uddingston and Bothwell.

If you wish to join your local area Youth Council or raise concerns, please contact the Chairperson through [chair@slycmail.org.uk](mailto:chair@slycmail.org.uk) or phone Ronnie Crichton by phone on 01698 727672 or via email, [ronnie.crichton@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:ronnie.crichton@southlanarkshire.gov.uk)

### **Spokesperson for Youth**

Councillor Davie McLachlan is the Spokesperson for Youth for South Lanarkshire. Meeting and talking with young people, Councillor McLachlan raises youth issues with services within South Lanarkshire Council and supports young people locally to take forward their concerns.

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### **Youth Partnership**

Known as the Corporate Connections Board, this forum brings service providers and young people together to discuss young people's concerns and thoughts about service improvement or developments in the community.

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### **South Lanarkshire Council Executive Committee**

This forum is made up of 24 elected members within South Lanarkshire. Meeting monthly, the agenda and minutes of each meeting can be viewed through the South Lanarkshire Council website, [www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk](http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk)

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## **Community Planning Partnership**

Community Planning involves the Council working with its main public sector partners to better plan and deliver services that meet the needs and aspirations of communities. This is delivered through “Stronger Together: Edition 2”.

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## **Scottish Youth Parliament**

The Scottish Youth Parliament exists to allow young people the opportunity to discuss and debate issues before taking the outcomes to decision-makers. There are 10 areas covered by subject committees. In South Lanarkshire there are 8 Members, 2 covering each geographical area highlighted with the Youth Council information above.

To find out more about what is happening nationally please visit [www.scottishyouthparliament.org.uk](http://www.scottishyouthparliament.org.uk)

To get more information locally please contact Ronnie Crichton on 01698 727672

## **Scottish Government**

The [devolved](#) Government for Scotland is responsible for most of the issues of day-to-day concern to the people of Scotland, including health, education, justice, rural affairs, and transport.

To find out what is happening nationally please visit [www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk)

## **United Kingdom Parliament**

Parliament examines and challenges the work of the government through debates in both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. For ore information about Parliament and how it works please visit [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk)

## **United Kingdom Youth Parliament**

The Youth Parliament aims to give the young people of the UK, between the age of 11 and 18 a voice, which will be heard and listened to by local and national government, providers of services for young people and other agencies who have an interest in the views and needs of young people. Agreements with Scotland have been made to ensure that the young people in Scotland are represented by the organisation.

For more information please visit [www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk](http://www.ukyouthparliament.org.uk)

## **British Youth Council**

As the National Youth Council for the UK, the British Youth Council aims to support all young people in the UK to exercise your right to participate in decisions which affect you and to have a voice on issues about which you have a strong opinion.

For more information please visit [www.byc.org.uk](http://www.byc.org.uk)

## **YouthLink Scotland**

As the National Youth Work Body in Scotland, YouthLink acts as the collective voice of youth work and to represent the needs and interests of the youth work sector with regard to policy and practice, to government and other stakeholders.

For more information on training, events and youth work practice, please visit [www.youthlinkscotland.org](http://www.youthlinkscotland.org)

**Youth Strategy objective 1:** To develop on good practice between service providers and young people to ensure that young people are more able to meet their health and wellbeing needs at times and places that suit them, including access to sexual and mental health issues.

**Connect Objective/Value:**

- Improve health and increase physical activity

Action	Measure	Responsibility
'It's Your Choice' substance misuse awareness educational workshops to S1 pupils in Cambuslang and Rutherglen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people completing workshop</li> <li>• No. of young people stating positive impact of workshop on their health and wellbeing</li> </ul>	<b>Strathclyde Police</b>
Provide support to young offenders on supervision or probation to address their offending behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 80% of young people are seen within one week of receiving a probation order</li> </ul>	<b>Social Work Resources</b>
Move the Goalposts diversionary initiative and league	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people participating in diversionary activities</li> <li>• Reduction in risk taking behaviour</li> </ul>	<b>Strathclyde Police</b>
Support agreed actions within the joint health improvement plan's 5 Priorities  Implement See Me local action plan within the Health Promoting Youth Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better partnership working</li> <li>• No. of young people accessing information</li> <li>• No. of youth facilities signed up to the see me pledge and action plan</li> </ul>	<b>NHS Lanarkshire</b>
Support the implementation of the children and young persons actions included in the Towards a Mentally Flourishing Lanarkshire action plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better partnership working</li> <li>• Increased knowledge of staff on health and wellbeing issues</li> </ul>	<b>NHS Lanarkshire</b>

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<b>Action</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Signpost Services for Young People with focus on vulnerable Young People such Young Carers and Looked After and Accommodated Young people in line with Equally Well	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better informed young people</li> <li>• Better partnership working</li> <li>• Enhanced delivery of 'Equally Well'</li> </ul>	<b>NHS Lanarkshire</b>
Appropriate training for staff such as mental health awareness, suicide prevention and self harm prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of staff participating in training</li> <li>• Increased knowledge of staff on health and wellbeing issues</li> </ul>	<b>NHS Lanarkshire</b>
Implement PMA (positive Mental Attitudes) pack in Youth Work and in line with experiences and outcomes of health and wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better partnership working</li> <li>• Increased knowledge of staff on mental health and wellbeing issues</li> </ul>	<b>NHS Lanarkshire</b>
Raise awareness of the implementation of self harm and suicide prevention pathway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better partnership working</li> </ul>	<b>NHS Lanarkshire</b>
Deliver a minimum of 180 health related programmes for young people and their families.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 750 children, young people and adults participate in at least one physical activity</li> <li>• No. of children, young people and adults recognising their new skills and actively applying them</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Learning Service</b>
Offer weekend, Lunchtime and school sport and health opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people accessing Sport and health opportunities in local communities and schools</li> </ul>	<b>South Lanarkshire Leisure</b>
Two day school of sport for young people with a physical disability  One day sports festival for young people with a disability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people accessing School of Sport and Sports Festival</li> </ul>	<b>South Lanarkshire Leisure</b>

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Offer local sports clubs in local communities and organise a annual two day school of sport at the National Sports Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people accessing Sport Programmes in local communities</li> <li>• No. of young people accessing a two day school of sport at the National Sports Centre</li> </ul>	<b>South Lanarkshire Leisure</b>
Road Safety Initiatives for Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of schools receiving additional 'Crash Magnets' S3 – S6 resources</li> <li>• No of schools with S1 – S3 pupils receiving 'Your Call' inputs</li> <li>• 200 subsidised 'Pass Plus' places for newly qualified drivers</li> </ul>	<b>Enterprise Resources</b>
Deliver a range of engagement activities to 2,500 young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2,500 young people taking part in activities</li> <li>• Feedback from participants</li> </ul>	<b>Strathclyde Fire and Rescue</b>
<p>Initial assessment of needs for all young carers referred to the Young Carers Service</p> <p>Provide support to young carers to achieve a break from their caring role</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of new young carers referred</li> <li>• No. of young carers accessing breaks from their caring role</li> </ul>	<b>Social Work Resources</b>

**Youth Strategy objective 2:** To ensure that young people's needs are taken into account by service providers when they are developing access and relevant information.

**Connect Objective/Value:**

- Improve lives of vulnerable children, young people and adults
- Improve the quality, access and availability of housing

<b>Action</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Develop a Youth Partnership Facebook page to inform young people of services such as leisure, careers, health, youth provision or what's on in their area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people accessing information</li> <li>• Feedback from young people on services provided</li> </ul>	<b>Corporate Connections Board</b>
Develop a Youth Partnership Twitter page to inform young people of services such as leisure, careers, health, youth provision or what's on in their area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people accessing information</li> <li>• Feedback from young people on services provided</li> </ul>	<b>Corporate Connections Board</b>
Improve services to looked after away from home young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of supported carers</li> <li>• All looked after young people who require support for independence after leaving care have a pathway plan and coordinator</li> </ul>	<b>Social Work Resources</b>
Develop 'Bored.com' service provision for a young people resource pack	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of packs produced and distributed</li> <li>• Feedback from partners and young people</li> </ul>	<b>Corporate Connections Board</b>
Provide support for staff and other partners in relation to the new Skills Development Scotland on-line service 'My World of Work'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people accessing 'My World of Work'</li> <li>• Feedback from young people</li> </ul>	<b>Skills Development Scotland</b>
Implement Key aspects of Getting It Right For Every Child	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated packages of support for vulnerable young people</li> </ul>	<b>Education Resources</b>

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- Support the local economy by providing the right conditions for growth, improving skills and employability
- Raise educational attainment for all

<b>Action</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Increase the range and availability of media based skills training programmes for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people participating</li> <li>• No. of young people gaining new media skills</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Learning Services</b>
Provide vocational training opportunities for 900 school pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 900 young people engaged</li> <li>• No. of Skills for work SVQ certificate</li> </ul>	<b>Corporate Resources</b>
Register young people for a range of nationally recognised awards and accredited learning opportunities such as Youth Achievement Awards and Duke of Edinburgh Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of nationally recognised awards gained</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Learning Services</b>
Provide a range of locally negotiated programmes across the key themes of Transition; Effective early intervention; personal and social competence; and behaviour	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people gaining nationally recognised awards</li> <li>• No. of young people reporting positive changes in self-esteem, behaviour and confidence</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Learning Services</b>
Provide up to 12 Sportworx alternative curriculum programmes across South Lanarkshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 60 Core participants</li> <li>• Young people achieve a minimum of 180 nationally recognised qualifications</li> <li>• 160 beneficiaries within Primary schools through Junior Sport Worx</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Learning Services</b>
Support for unemployed 16 – 19 year olds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of unemployed 16 – 19 year olds engage with Skills Development Scotland services</li> </ul>	<b>Skills Development Scotland</b>
Leisure Training Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people participating</li> <li>• No. of young people successfully completing training</li> <li>• No. of young people accessing seasonal employment</li> </ul>	<b>South Lanarkshire Leisure</b>
Support for school pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people accessing support opportunities</li> <li>• Feedback from young people</li> </ul>	<b>Skills Development Scotland</b>

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Pure Dead Brill PLUS programme providing personal development training towards employability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No of young people participating</li> <li>• Feedback from participants</li> </ul>	<b>Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire</b>
Create vocational opportunities for disengaged young people (Count Us In)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 90 young people supported in their final year of school</li> <li>• 90 young people supported aftercare</li> </ul>	<b>Corporate Resources</b>
Youth Jobs Fund (YJF): a 50 week wage subsidy programme to support local young people age 16-17 who are looking for work and assist local small and medium sized enterprises to provide quality opportunities by creating jobs for unemployed young people who face significant disadvantages in the labour market.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people accessing the Youth Jobs Fund</li> <li>• No. of small and medium sized enterprises supported</li> <li>• No. of quality opportunities provided</li> </ul>	<b>Enterprise Resources</b>
Get Ready For Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 316 young people starting the programme</li> <li>• No. of young people achieving a positive outcome</li> </ul>	<b>Skills Development Scotland</b>
Skillseekers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 150 young people starting the programme</li> <li>• No. of young people completing a Vocational Qualification</li> </ul>	<b>Skills Development Scotland</b>
Modern Apprenticeships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 860 young people starting the programme</li> <li>• No. of young people completing a Vocational Qualification</li> </ul>	<b>Skills Development Scotland</b>
Routes to Inclusion – Specialist Programmes and Routes to Work South	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum 300 young people engaged and supported into employment/training/other progression</li> </ul>	<b>Enterprise Resources</b>
Events to promote volunteering amongst young people to encourage engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people taking up volunteering as a result of engagement</li> </ul>	<b>Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire</b>



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Delivery of Enhanced Volunteering Initiative (EVI) for young people aged 16+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 31 young people engaged and better prepared for employment</li> <li>• No. of young people accessing volunteering opportunities</li> </ul>	<b>Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire</b>
More Choices More Chances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 800 referred/engaged with</li> <li>• 80% enhanced employability</li> </ul>	<b>Enterprise Resources</b>
400 + Young people participate in an SVQ Qualification and employment or work experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 400 + Young people participate in an SVQ Qualification and employment or work experience</li> </ul>	<b>Corporate Resources</b>
Enhanced support for pupils at risk of not making a successful transition from school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people who participate in supported programmes: Activate; Visions; ICS; and Looked After Away From Home/At Home</li> </ul>	<b>Skills Development Scotland</b>
Increased opportunities to take part in positive diversionary activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the percentage of young people engaging in diversionary activities by 3%</li> <li>• No. of volunteers working in local communities</li> </ul>	<b>Regen:fx Youth Trust</b>
Support for vulnerable young people, and adults to gain employment, education or training.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proportion of care leavers in employment, education and training</li> </ul>	<b>Social Work Resources</b>
Sustain 'The Street' project and develop the programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustained opportunities to explore and share experiences</li> <li>• Sustained opportunities to explore youth issues</li> </ul>	<b>Regen:fx Youth Trust</b>
YouthBike - Target 15 – 18 year olds involved in or at risk of offending behaviour in diversionary educational activity based around motorcycle maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 young people accessing YouthBike programme</li> <li>• No. of young people gaining awards</li> <li>• No. of young people gaining placements on the Motherwell College access course for HNC/HND Mechanics Course</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Learning Service</b>
(H2O) Heading to Other Opportunities and (CO3) Continuing On to Other Opportunities – MCMC programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Up to 100 young people participating in the programme</li> <li>• No. of young people achieving accredited awards such as Digital Cre8tor, REHIS</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Learning Service</b>

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'Getting Started in the Environment Programme' environmental opportunities for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15 young people accessing training and employability opportunities</li> <li>• No. of awards gained by young people</li> </ul>	<b>Community Resources</b>
Eddlewood Catering Training Academy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people completing catering and cooking training</li> <li>• No. of young people accessing work placements</li> <li>• Feedback from participants</li> </ul>	<b>Community Resources</b>
Work experience opportunities for S4 pupils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of opportunities accessed</li> <li>• Feedback from participants</li> </ul>	<b>Community Resources</b>
Over 18's Looked after at Home guidance and provision for employability supports for care leavers and young homeless people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 75 young people aged 18-24 either into employment /training or engaged/tracked</li> </ul>	<b>Enterprise Resources</b>

**Youth Strategy objective 4:** To further develop young people's skills and confidence to continue their role in the community whilst raising the positive image of young people.

**Connect Objective/Value:**

- Tackling disadvantage and deprivation
- Sustainable development

<b>Action</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Register and recognise young people's hours of volunteering by Millennium Volunteer Awards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 125 young people receiving awards recognising 50/100/200 hours of volunteering</li> </ul>	<b>Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire</b>
Support young people to take part in the Youth Democracy programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 200 young people participating in the Youth Democracy programme</li> <li>• No. of young people volunteering in their community</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Learning Services</b>
Engage young people in the development of the Community Safety Strategy 2011 – 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Safety Strategy reflecting the issues that young people face living in South Lanarkshire</li> <li>• No. of young people participating in the development of the strategy</li> </ul>	<b>Housing and Technical Resources</b>
Reducing litter and raising environmental awareness through different medias	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people involved in developing the campaign</li> <li>• Feedback from participants</li> </ul>	<b>Community Resources</b>
Recognition and celebration of young people's progress and achievements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 events held</li> <li>• No. of young people recognised</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Learning Services</b>
Provide a range of opportunities for young people to engage in innovative and creative sustainable development activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people participating in activities</li> <li>• No. of young people taking up sustainability and environment volunteering opportunities</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Learning Services</b>
Support Young people to participate in National and International exchange activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 young people participating</li> <li>• Young people able to demonstrate an understanding of different cultures</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Learning Services</b>
Recruit and train a volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of new, active, and trained volunteers</li> <li>• No. committing to 30 hours or more volunteering</li> <li>• No. achieving Millennium Volunteer Awards</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Learning Services</b>

**Youth Strategy objective 5:** To further develop young people’s involvement in decision making regardless of background or geographical location.

**Connect Objective/Value:**

- Increase involvement in lifelong learning
- People focused

<b>Action</b>	<b>Measure</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Engage young people in the evaluation of the antisocial behaviour strategy 2010 – 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people participating in the evaluation of the Strategy</li> <li>• Continued involvement of young people in setting priorities and monitoring progress</li> </ul>	<b>Housing and Technical Resources</b>
Contribute to the ongoing development of Pupil Councils in partnership with all secondary schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people completing training</li> <li>• Improved participation of young people in the life of their school and community</li> </ul>	<b>Youth Learning Services</b>
Roll-out of Whitehill Neighbourhood Management Board (NMB) model to wider Hamilton area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people involved in local decision made at NMBs</li> <li>• Feedback from participants</li> </ul>	<b>Housing and Technical Resources</b>
Engagement of young people on the development of the Sustainable Development Strategy 2012 - 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people participating in the development of the Strategy</li> <li>• Continued involvement of young people in setting priorities and monitoring progress</li> </ul>	<b>Community Resources</b>
Engagement of young people on school meal provision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people participating in the development of school meals provision</li> <li>• Continued involvement of young people in setting priorities and monitoring progress</li> </ul>	<b>Community Resources</b>
Engagement of young people in the design of youth area at Fernhill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people participating in the development of school meals provision</li> <li>• Continued involvement of young people in setting priorities and monitoring progress</li> </ul>	<b>Community Resources</b>
Engage young tenants and service users in the shaping of Housing Services through a variety of engagement events with partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No. of young people participating in the design process</li> <li>• Continued involvement of young people in setting priorities and monitoring progress</li> </ul>	<b>Housing and Technical Resources</b>