

Report

Report to:	Community Wealth Building Commission
Date of Meeting:	12 December 2023
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Larkhall Plan Partnership
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ present the Larkhall Plan Partnership (LPP) to the Commission, outlining its work as an example of effective community partnerships and potential contributor to Community Wealth Building (CWB)

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) note the content of the report and a presentation by the LPP
- (2) consider an invitation to visit Larkhall, meet some of the people involved and see what is being achieved

3. Background

3.1. The community of Larkhall is in a unique geographic position, being close to the urban area of Hamilton, while on the edge of the rural Clyde Valley.

3.2. It is a Community Growth Area, with the population expected to increase by 25% to an estimated 17,000 in the next 5 to 10 years, which will bring challenges, coming at a time of financial pressure on public services.

3.3. The LPP was established in 2018, on behalf of the Larkhall community, partly to respond to those challenges but primarily as a group determined to focus on the opportunities that may present themselves in the future. It has had a considerable impact on the operational and strategic developments in the town, in partnership with the statutory sector and as a stand-alone organisation.

4. Current Position

4.1. The LPP works in partnership with Larkhall Community Network, which was established as part of the local community's response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Together they comprise a partnership of third, public and private sector organisations.

4.2. The LPP views CWB as an opportunity from which local groups can benefit and to which they can contribute.

4.3. The LPP provides a structure that enables creative thinking and project development, enhancing all aspects of community life, building strong partnerships and healthier, more prosperous communities in Larkhall and the surrounding areas and villages.

4.4. The LPP's presentation to the Commission will share its vision of what it hopes CWB will mean for Larkhall. The LLP hopes that Commission members will recognise the value of the contribution voluntary organisations can bring to the CWB agenda.

5. Next Steps

5.1. The LPP has issued an invitation to the Commission or a delegation, to visit Larkhall. This would provide the opportunity to view plans to develop community spaces, meet some of the people involved and see what is being achieved.

5.2. The LPP urges the Commission to deliver a partnership plan that enables and empowers communities to become strong, healthy, and prosperous and makes an offer to engage in those activities.

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 climate change, sustainability or environmental implications as a result of this report.

9. Other Implications

9.1. There are no risk or other implications associated with the content of this report.

10. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

10.1. There are no Equality Impact Assessment or consultation implications associated with this report.

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24 November 2023

Link(s) to Council Values/Priorities/Outcomes

Values

- ◆ Focused on people and their needs
- ◆ Working with and respecting others
- ◆ Accountable, effective, efficient and transparent
- ◆ Ambitious, self-aware and improving
- ◆ Fair, open and sustainable
- ◆ Excellent employer

Priorities

- ◆ We will work to put people first and reduce inequality
- ◆ We will work towards a sustainable future in sustainable places
- ◆ We will work to recover, progress and improve

Outcomes

- ◆ Our children and young people thrive
- ◆ Good quality, suitable and sustainable places to live

- ◆ Thriving business, fair jobs and vibrant town centres
- ◆ Caring, connected, sustainable communities
- ◆ People live the healthiest lives possible
- ◆ Inspiring learners, transforming learning, strengthening partnerships

Previous References

- ◆ None

List of Background Papers

- ◆ None

Contact for Further Information

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

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