

Report

Report to:	Executive Committee
Date of Meeting:	26 May 2021
Report by:	Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources)

Subject:	Neighbourhood Planning Update
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- provide Members with an update on local community plans.

2. Recommendation(s)

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

- (1) that progress regarding the development of the new Neighbourhood Plans be noted;
- (2) that the forward work plan for developing new Neighbourhood Plans be noted; and
- (3) that the list of communities which have developed/are currently developing plans be noted.

3. Background

- 3.1. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places a statutory duty on Community Planning Partnerships (CPP) to identify smaller areas within the local authority area which experience the poorest outcomes and to prepare and publish locality plans to improve outcomes on agreed priorities for these communities. These plans are required to set out clear priorities for improving local outcomes and tackling inequalities which are agreed by the CPP and community.
- 3.2. The guidance makes it clear that participation with communities must lie at the heart of community planning and that the partners must engage with the communities identified as requiring specific attention and be more than just consultation but involve active engagement and empowerment.
- 3.3. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act stated that each CPP should have its mandatory locality plan(s) in place and signed off for 1 October 2017. At the meeting of the South Lanarkshire CPP Board on 14 July 2017, it considered the results of a statistical exercise undertaken at a datazone level to identify the areas experiencing the poorest outcomes in South Lanarkshire relative to the South Lanarkshire average position which resulted in areas within 9 of the Council's 20 wards as being potential neighbourhood planning areas.
- 3.4. At its meeting of 11 October 2017, the Board agreed to pilot the use of neighbourhood planning activity in South Lanarkshire and recognised that this approach required a longer investment of time within communities to engage and involve people and produce plans.

- 3.5. This report provides an update on the new local community plans that are being developed and the forward programme for 2021/2023.

4. Progress to Date

- 4.1. Three neighbourhood plans were produced for publication in January 2019, covering phase 1 communities. Annual reports were produced detailing year one progress on these in September 2020.

Neighbourhood Planning Wards	Communities Involved
Ward 11 – Rutherglen South Ward 13 – Cambuslang West	Springhall and Whitlawburn
Ward 17 – Hamilton North and East Ward 18 – Hamilton West and Earnock	Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank
Ward 20 - Larkhall	Strutherhill and Birkenshaw

- 4.2. Learning from the phase 1 areas included the recognition that each area is individual in its capacity and the priorities which it identifies, and that the work which is carried out in neighbourhoods as a result must be individualised. In addition, the neighbourhood planning work should strengthen and empower the community within the neighbourhood, developing their capacity to both engage with potential delivery services and to create and deliver upon their own priorities where this is appropriate.
- 4.3. In September 2019, the Board agreed that the neighbourhood planning processes should be rolled out to the following communities:-

Neighbourhood Planning Wards	Priority Communities
Ward 12 – Rutherglen Central and North	Burnhill
Ward 14 – Cambuslang East	Halfway, Westburn, Circuit
Ward 15 – Blantyre	Auchinraith, Blantyre, High Blantyre, Springwells
Ward 19 – Hamilton South	Fairhill

Burnhill, Cambuslang East and Fairhill plans were produced in April 2020. A plan for Blantyre had already been produced by the community alongside Coalfields Regeneration Trust and work there has centred on supporting this.

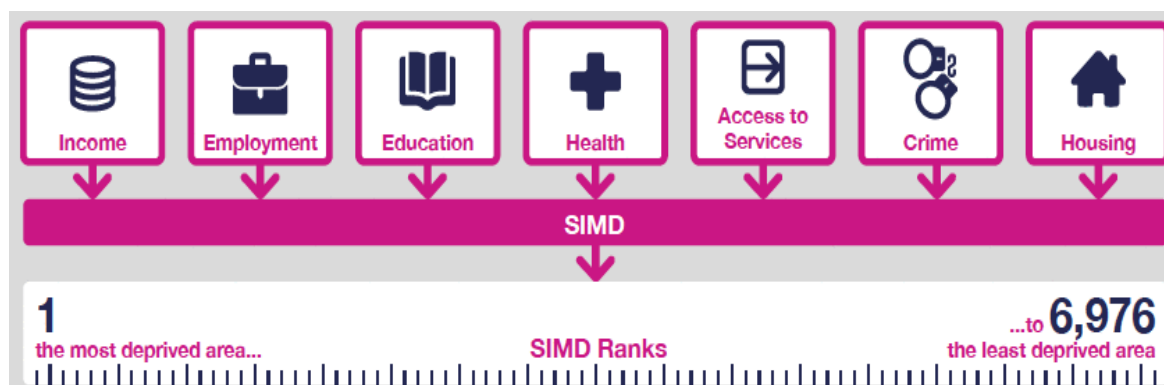
- 4.4. In addition to the work supported directly through the process above, many other communities have identified their own local priorities and produced plans which address these in similar ways to Blantyre. Many of the Clydesdale communities, for example, have worked with consultants to produce their own plans. Westwood in East Kilbride has worked closely with the Council's Community Engagement staff to deliver their own planning process with advice and support from the team. A list of all existing plans is attached to this report at Appendix 1.

5. Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)

- 5.1. The SIMD is the tool that is used to identify which areas the partnership should target to develop neighbourhood plans with a view to improving outcomes as is required by the Community Empowerment Act. SIMD helps to identify the places where people are experiencing disadvantage across different aspects of their lives. When considering the SIMD it is also important to link this to local knowledge and data about the area; and to be aware that the rank of an area is relative to levels of deprivation across the rest of Scotland. Areas are ranked against seven main themes which are shown in diagram 1 below; 1 being the most deprived area in Scotland and 6,976 being the least deprived. These are often further described as percentages with 5% being in the most deprived

areas in South Lanarkshire. The focus of the work of the partnership to date has been on the areas classed as 20% or lower.

Diagram 1 - SIMD Domains



- 5.2. When using the SIMD information, it is important to bear in mind that households will have very different circumstances and differing experiences and perceptions of where they live. Focusing on the strengths and assets of our communities is also important if we are to work together to make South Lanarkshire a fairer and more inclusive place to live, and this is the approach which we take locally when identifying priorities with communities.
- 5.3. The SIMD is updated every four years and was last published in 2020. This information has been used to identify the areas where neighbourhood planning work should be undertaken during 2021/2023. The previous list of areas focussed on the Hamilton and Cambuslang/Rutherglen areas. The most recent list considers areas of deprivation across South Lanarkshire. It also digs deeper into the data to understand the reasons for deprivation in particular datazones and where there are small pockets of deprivation which would be too small to develop a stand-alone local community plan. Where these exist, the new locality planning structures which are in development through the CPP will have a key role to play in identifying approaches to address them.

6. Future Work Plan

- 6.1. Throughout 2020/2021, work has been progressing in new plans as agreed by the Partnership for Whitehill, Fernhill and several areas within Ward 19 in Hamilton. Due to the constraints of the Covid-19 pandemic, this work has progressed at a slower rate than previous plans. This is to ensure that the plans are developed with the community at the forefront and that enough of the community have been involved in their development to make sure that they are truly representative. Alongside the engagement work to develop the new Council and Community Plan and the development of locality planning structures with communities, work in these areas will continue throughout 2021/2022 to develop robust and community led plans for the areas.
- 6.2. Use has been made of the data from the SIMD 2020 to identify where there are larger areas facing inequality of outcome which have not yet been involved in a planning process. These include some areas in East Kilbride, as well as Lanark, and Rutherglen Central. It is proposed that neighbourhood planning approaches are rolled out in these areas in 2022/2023 along with continued work with the locality planning groups to develop support to the smaller pockets in their communities.

- 6.3. The areas proposed for neighbourhood planning in the next two years, therefore, are as show in the table below:-

Neighbourhood Planning Wards 2021/22	Priority Communities
Ward 11 – Rutherglen South	Fernhill
Ward 17 – Hamilton North and East	Whitehill
Ward 19 – Hamilton South	Eddlewood, Cadzow, Laighstonehall, Arden, The Glebe, The Bent
Neighbourhood Planning Wards 2022/23	Priority Communities
Ward 12 – Rutherglen Central and North	Rutherglen Central and North
Ward 6 - East Kilbride South	Greenhills, Whitehills, Crosshouse
Ward 2 – Clydesdale North	Lanark

- 6.4. While the CPP will continue to provide intensive capacity building support within these communities in response to the legislated requirement to address inequalities, the aspiration of the partnership is that all communities within South Lanarkshire will lead on identifying their own priorities and in actioning these priorities in appropriate ways. A range of support and guidance is available for this including access to a toolkit and suggested methodologies which communities can lift “off the shelf” to make use of, and advice and training (at present online). For example, Westwood in East Kilbride has already made use of these resources to develop their own plan. Other communities, particularly in the Clydesdale area, have accessed support available through LEADER or other funding, or through national organisations, to develop their own priorities and again, these are shown in Appendix 1.
- 6.5. Local priorities identified by communities will continue to inform the development of the new CPP locality partnerships and priorities at intermediate level, and along with the in-depth programme of further engagement, the strategic priorities for the new Community and Council Plans which will be developed during 2021. Therefore, there is a real opportunity for all communities to take part in their own engagement exercises to identify their local priorities and ensure that these are reflected within the strategic priorities, and support will be provided to community leaders as detailed above to enable them to do so.

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 implications for climate change, sustainability or the environment in terms of the information contained in this report.

9. Other Implications

- 9.1. There are no risk or sustainability 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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Link to Council Objectives/Values

- Links to all council objectives and values

Previous References

- None

List of Background Papers

- None

Contact for Further Information


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Local Community Plans as at May 2021


Appendix 1

Current Plans

Title	Date	Town/Village	Area	Link to current plan where available
Bothwell Futures	2021-2041	Bothwell	Hamilton Area	 BF-Strategic Plan_ Final Copy_April 2021
Blantyre Community Action Plan	2019-2024	Blantyre	Blantyre Area	https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Blantyre-Community-Action-Plan-2019-2024.pdf
Our Place, Our Plan, Burnhill	2020	Burnhill, Rutherglen	Cambulang/Rutherglen Area	https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/262/burnhill_neighbourhood_plan_2020-2021
Our Place, Our Plan, Cambuslang East	2020	Halfway, Circuit and Westburn (whole of Ward 14),	Cambulang/Rutherglen Area	https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/263/cambuslang_east_neighbourhood_plan_2020-2021
Our Place, Our Plan Springhall and Whitlawburn	2019-2029	Springhall and Whitlawburn	Cambuslang and Rutherglen Area	https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/131/springhall_and_whitlawburn_neighbourhood_plan_jan-dec_2019
Carstairs Junction Community Action Plan	2020-2025	Carstairs	Clydesdale Area	https://www.communityactionlan.org/files/CAL/Carstairs_Junction/CJCAPFINAL.pdf
Forth and District Community Action Plan (Coalfields Community Futures)	2015-2020	Forth and District	Clydesdale Area	https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/Forth-Community-Action-Plan-2015-2020.pdf
Lesmahagow Community Action Plan (Community Action Lanarkshire)	2019 - 2024	Lesmahagow	Clydesdale Area	https://www.communityactionlan.org/files/CAL/LesmahagowCommunityLedActionPlanFINAL.pdf
Woolfords, Auchengray and Tarbrax Improvement Foundation – Community Action Plan	2018-2023	Woolfords, Auchengray and Tarbrax	Clydesdale Area	http://www.watif.scot/uploads/3/4/8/6/3/4865641/wat_if_cap_2018_-_2023_web_friendly_.pdf

Sandford and Upper Avondale Community Action Plan	2020	Sandford	East Kilbride Area	https://www.communityactionlan.org/files/CAL/Sandford/SANDFORDANDAVONDALECommunityPlan-compressed.pdf
Our Place, Our Plan, Westwood	2020-2021	Westwood	East Kilbride Area	Not available to download online (PDF attached)  FCOR_Can Do OPOP Neighbourho
Our Place, Our Plan, Fairhill		Hamilton Area		https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/292/fairhill_neighbourhood_planning_annual_progress_report_2020-2021
Our Place, Our Plan, Hillhouse. Udston and Burnbank	2019-2029	Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank	Hamilton Area	https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/130/hillhouse_udston_and_burnbank_neighbourhood_plan_jan-dec_2019
Larkhall Community Plan	2020	Larkhall	Larkhall Area	https://9b023211-6aa7-416e-888b-09c0750c9964.filesusr.com/ugd/f38ce0ac7f3bd4f79d401695e745e9a563512f.pdf?fbclid=IwAR0fjBzcOG7Llo7HqxP2W_FUTZcV3gSIDXQ6oQMfdgwt4zheZavu7c-nmY
Our Place, Our Plan, Strutherhill and Birkenshaw	2019-2029	Strutherhill and Birkenshaw	Larkhall Area	https://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/132/strutherhill_and_birkenshaw_neighbourhood_plan_jan-dec_2019
Kirkfieldbank Community Action Plan	2020-2025	Kirkfieldbank	Clydesdale Area	https://www.communityactionlan.org/files/KFBAActionPlan(11_12_2020)Final.pdf

Plans in development

Title	Town/Village	Area
Carluke Plan	Carluke	Clydesdale Area  ONECarluke C19 Action Plan.pdf
Our Place, Our Plan	Eddlewood/Low Waters	Hamilton Area
Our Place, Our Plan	Whitehill	Hamilton Area
Our Place, Our Plan Fernhill	Fernhill, Rutherglen	Cambuslang/Rutherglen Area