

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 23 October 2019.

Chair: Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Depute Leader, South Lanarkshire Council

Representatives Present:

K Barbour, Group Manager, Head of Prevention and Protection South Lanarkshire, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

G Bennie, Chief Executive, VASLan

A Comrie, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport

V de Souza, Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership

R Leith, Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council

N Mahal, Chair, Lanarkshire NHS Board

P Manning, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

A Murray, Community Planning and Governance Adviser, South Lanarkshire Council

E Paterson, Community Planning and Governance Officer, South Lanarkshire Council

A Waddell, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland

J White, Team Leader, Skills Development Scotland

Attending:

A Bruce, Infant Feeding Development Midwife, NHS Lanarkshire

T Finn, Planning and Building Standards Manager, South Lanarkshire Council

I Ross, Project Manager, Property Management, South Lanarkshire Council

A Singh, Child and Justice Services Manager, Social Work Resources, South Lanarkshire Council

L Sutherland, Associate Nurse Director, NHS Lanarkshire

Representatives' Apologies:

C Campbell, Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire

G Docherty, Interim Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire

A Fairbairn, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

C Hicks, Location Director for South Lanarkshire, Scottish Government

H Mathieson, Head of Operations, South West Region, Skills Development Scotland

M Newlands, Head of Partnerships, Scottish Enterprise

1 Apologies and Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councillor Chalmers introduced herself as the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Board.

Introductions followed by all attending members of the Partnership Board.

The minutes of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 11 September 2019 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

Outcome(s):

(1) Apologies noted and previous minute approved.

2 Town Centres Update

The Project Manager, Property Management, South Lanarkshire Council provided an update on town centre activity across South Lanarkshire.

The nature of town centres across the United Kingdom is in a transitional stage with a broad and complex range of issues. Factors include the economic downturn, internet shopping, the growth of out of town shopping malls, changes in retailer's business models and consumer expectations have resulted in a decline in town centre footfall.

Supporting town centres remains a South Lanarkshire Council (SLC) priority and will continue to work closely with appropriate groups and organisations in each town through a partnership approach to achieve common goals.

Following the National Review of Town Centres, the Scottish Government prepared their Town Centre Action Plan which highlights that town centre activity should be based around the following key themes:-

- Town Centre Living;
- Vibrant Local Authorities;
- Enterprising Communities;
- Accessible Public Services;
- Digital Towns; and
- Proactive Planning.

The review and action plan also developed the 'Town Centre First' principle which requests that "Government, local authorities, the wider public sector, businesses and communities put the health of town centres at the heart of proportionate and best value decision making, seeking to deliver the best local outcomes regarding investment and de-investment decisions, alignment of policies, targeting of available resources to priority town centre sites and encouraging vibrancy, equality and diversity".

In March 2018, the Scottish Government announced a £50m Town Centre Fund aimed at boosting Scotland's town centres. South Lanarkshire was granted £2.5m and welcomed applications from eligible organisations to apply for grants to help improve their town centres.

SLC defines their town centres through the Local Development Plan (LDP) which sets out the hierarchy of towns identifying 3 strategic centres, 7 town centres and 29 local centres which are also known as neighbourhood or village centres.

The increased focus on placing the health of Scotland's town centres at the heart of local decision making has led to the development of a programme of Town Centre Strategies and Action Plans. The aims of the strategies are to support change that can promote additional vibrancy and vitality within each unique town centre and support its sustainable future. The strategy documents set out a range of initiatives which the council and its partners believe will contribute both in the short and long term to town centre activity that supports footfall and generates additional spend.

The 'Your Town Audit' (YTA) process is the standard benchmark for measuring the health of a Scottish Town and uses a combination of data to support regeneration frameworks, local development plans, community charrettes and funding applications. The town centres of Hamilton, Cambuslang, Blantyre and Larkhall have been through the YTA process to date where the findings have been used to inform Town Centre Strategies.

A discussion took place on town centre investment, social housing schemes, social isolation issues, community empowerment and the chatty chairs initiative within shopping centres.

Outcome(s):

(1) The content of the report was noted.

3 Spatial and Community Planning

The Planning and Building Standards Manager, South Lanarkshire Council provided an overview of Spatial and Community Planning.

The new Planning (Scotland) Act 2019 received Royal Assent in July 2019 and introduced a number of changes intended to strengthen the ability of local communities to get involved in shaping the future of their area. The National Planning Policy is set out in the National Planning Framework and Scottish Planning Policy. South Lanarkshire Council is one of eight member authorities of the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Authority.

The definition of a 'purpose for planning' is to 'manage the development and use of land in the long-term public interest' which is anything contributing to sustainable development or achieving the national outcomes set out in the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act. This reflects one of the overarching aims of the Scottish Government to strengthen links between Spatial and Community Planning.

South Lanarkshire Council's Development Plan currently comprises a statutory requirement to prepare a Local Development Plan (LDP) and the approved Glasgow and Clyde Valley Strategic Development Plan (Clydeplan). The timescales for preparing a new LDP has increased from 5 to 10 years.

The Act introduces the ability of a community body to prepare a Local Place Plan (LPP) for their area which is a proposal for the development and use of land and buildings in the area. There is also uncertainty about how LPP's will sit alongside the existing Neighbourhood Planning processes.

Open Space Strategies are a statutory requirement which will establish policies and proposals on the development, management and use of green infrastructure. Work has commenced on this in association with the Countryside and Greenspace Service and the Glasgow and Clyde Valley Green Network Partnership.

Work on replacing the Local Development Plan (LDP2) started in 2016 and following consultation in 2018, a Proposed Plan was submitted to the Scottish Government in April 2019 and it is anticipated that the LDP2 will be adopted in Spring 2020.

The LDP2 has as its strategic vision the continued growth and regeneration of South Lanarkshire and defines Spatial Strategy Development Priorities which include:-

- Community Growth Areas in East Kilbride, Hamilton, Larkhall, Newton and Carluke which will deliver 9,000 new houses over 20 years;
- Strategic Economic Investment Locations at Clyde Gateway/Shawfield, Hamilton Technology Park, Peel Park and the Scottish Enterprise Technology Park in East Kilbride, and Poniel;
- City Deal projects to support the delivery of the Community Growth Areas;
- Development Framework Sites including the former University of the West of Scotland site;
- Protecting and enhancing the strategic town centres of Hamilton, East Kilbride and Lanark; and
- The Community Plan and associated Neighbourhood Plans.

The LDP2 sets out the requirements for each of these sites that developers should deliver through the planning process. Housing developers will be required to provide affordable housing on new developments and/or make contributions for provision off site in line with the council's Local Housing Strategy and the delivery of the house building programme. The implementation of the council's housing development proposals identified in the Strategic Housing Investment Plan (SHIP) are also supported by the LDP2.

The new Act includes the expectation that Spatial Planning becomes more closely integrated with the council's Community Planning role established in the Community Empowerment Act (CEA). This approach is intended to deliver successful and inclusive communities. Aligning the two areas of planning should also ensure a more joined up and effective community engagement approach and consistent prioritisation of the objectives and its partners is achieved. It is expected that work on preparing the new version of the LDP will not commence until 2021, however, this is dependent on regulations being brought forward by the Scottish Government. Neighbourhood Plans produced under the CEA during this period would be taken into account during the LDP process.

Future aims of the LDP will include working with the Green Team to promote Management Plans and also working closely with the Community Engagement Team and communities regarding nature reserves.

A discussion took place on the issues of public transport in relation to planning decisions on new housing developments and the siting of the new University of the West of Scotland campus and the need for the Scottish Government to produce guidance on preparing LPPs.

Outcome(s):

(1) The content of the report was noted.

4 Children's Services Inspection 2019-2020 Presentation

The Child and Justice Services Manager, Social Work Resources, South Lanarkshire Council gave a presentation on the Children's Services Inspection 2019-2020.

The presentation illustrated:

- The Care Inspectorate's intention to carry out a Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People in need of care and protection in the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) area;
- The inspection will include 10 days on site in the weeks beginning 28 October and 2 December 2019;
- The Care Inspectorate will consider each component of the CPP governance structure to see how the partnership is working together. This will include all partners who interface with children and families including Police Scotland and the Third Sector;
- The inspection will take account of the experiences and outcomes of children and young people in need of protection and those who are subject to corporate parenting responsibilities, including those in continuing care;
- The Care Inspectorate have posed 5 inspection questions regarding 'How good is the partnership at':
 - Recognising and responding when children and young people need protection?;
 - Helping children and young people who have experienced abuse and neglect stay safe, healthy and well, and recover from their experiences?;
 - Maximising the wellbeing of children and young people who are looked after?
 - Enabling care experienced young people to succeed in their transition to adulthood?; and
 - Collaborative Leadership?
- As part of the focus on engagement, a series of surveys have been put in place to scope stakeholders experiences and it is expected these will be completed by 18 November 2019. The engagement included a staff survey which provided an 89% response rate; and
- It is proposed that the draft report will be issued to the partnership by 25 February 2020 and the final report by 28 April 2020.

A discussion took place regarding the attendance of inspectors observing committees and focus groups.

The Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership expressed her thanks to all those involved in the Children's Services Inspection and was delighted with the response rate of the staff survey.

The Chair thanked the Child and Justice Services Manager, Social Work Resources, South Lanarkshire Council for his presentation.

Outcome(s):

(1) Presentation content noted.

5 Improving Breastfeeding Rates in South Lanarkshire Presentation

The Associate Nurse Director and the Infant Feeding Development Midwife, NHS Lanarkshire gave a presentation on Improving Breastfeeding Rates in South Lanarkshire.

The presentation illustrated:

- A moderate increase of 45% in breastfeeding rates in South Lanarkshire;
- The benefits of breastfeeding for mums and babies include reduced chronic condition rates, impacts cognitive ability, childhood obesity and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome;
- The cost savings for the NHS of up to £50m;
- The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child which provides the Unicef UK Baby Friendly Initiative which aims to ensure families are supported and children have the best start to relationships and responsiveness;
- Implementing the Unicef accreditation to 'promote, protect, support and sustain the Baby Friendly Standards' by supporting staff and embedding the standards into practice and culture with the aim of achieving the gold award;
- What can be done to build support in society includes:
 - Value breastfeeding in families, breastfeeding mothers and babies should remain together whenever possible;
 - Support colleagues on their return to work to continue breastfeeding; and
 - Consider if premises are 'breastfeeding welcome' and are staff aware of the obligation under the Breastfeeding etc (Scotland) Act 2005.

The Infant Feeding Development Midwife, NHS Lanarkshire also advised of a visit to Burnley to consider the whole town approach on breastfeeding and if the lessons learnt there could be used in South Lanarkshire and also provided an update on the Breastfeeding Summit which took place in 2019 with a further event to be arranged for 2020.

Following discussion, it was agreed that:

- Information on the Burnley approach and a link to the website to be provided to the Partnership Board for further consideration to promote, support and protect breastfeeding;
- An offer to hold the Breastfeeding Summit in 2020 within South Lanarkshire would be discussed with NHS Lanarkshire colleagues; and
- South Lanarkshire Council, as a local authority, would consider a fresh look into supporting breastfeeding.

The Chair thanked the Associate Nurse Director and the Infant Feeding Development Midwife, NHS Lanarkshire for their presentation.

Outcome(s):

(1) Presentation content noted.

6 Update of the Community Plan 2017-2027

The Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council submitted a report seeking approval to reopen the Community Plan for the purposes of aligning this with the Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) and the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan (RRTP).

At its meeting on 14 June 2017, the Board agreed to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan becoming the new Community Plan for South Lanarkshire (which replaced the Single Outcome Agreement) and for Locality Planning to be known as Neighbourhood Planning.

Since the approval of the Community Plan, a statutory requirement for an annual LCPAR and the requirement to develop a RRTP has been introduced.

The intention of the work to align the Community Plan with the LCPAR and the RRTP is to clearly articulate the actions required by the Community Planning Partnership to deliver the plans and consideration will be given to the consistency of reporting across the plans and removing any duplication.

It was also suggested that links were made between the current Neighbourhood Plans and the Community Plan.

Outcome(s):

- (1) The reopening of the Community Plan to align with the Local Child Poverty Action Report, the Rapid Rehousing Transition Plan and Neighbourhood Plans was approved.

7 Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme (SRRP) Report – May 2018 to June 2019

The Executive Director (Housing and Technical Resources), South Lanarkshire Council submitted the second annual report on the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme (SRRP) covering the period May 2018 to June 2019 for noting.

The report also provided an overview of the new Global Refugee Resettlement Programme being introduced by the Home Office from April 2020.

A final report on the current programme will be submitted to the Board by autumn 2020.

The Chair praised the good work which was being carried out to deliver the SRRP.

Outcome(s):

- (1) The content of the report was noted; and
- (2) A final report on the current Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme to be presented to the Board in Autumn 2020.

8 Community Planning Partnership Community Participation and Empowerment Strategy

The Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council provided the Board with an update on the draft Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Community Participation and Engagement Strategy for noting.

The South Lanarkshire CPP developed a Community Engagement Framework in December 2015. Following the introduction of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, there is now a requirement to develop a partnership Community Participation and Empowerment Strategy and to review the Framework.

Work has commenced on developing the strategy and a consultation on the key components will be carried out with local groups and the wider community over a 13 week period with anticipated results available at the end of January 2020.

The Community Participation and Empowerment Strategy Writing Group will review the findings of the consultation which will shape the content of the strategy.

Work will also commence to update the Community Engagement Framework which will outline various tools and techniques to support employees when working with communities and will be aligned to the strategy.

Consideration will also be given to renaming the strategy to a more user friendly title.

A report on the draft strategy will be presented to a future meeting of the Board.

Outcome(s):

- (1) The content of the report was noted; and
- (2) A report on the draft strategy be presented to a future meeting of the Board.

9 Community Participation and Empowerment Event

The Community Engagement Manager, South Lanarkshire Council provided the Board with an outline proposal for the 2019 Community Planning Conference for noting.

It was proposed that the next conference takes place on 9 December 2019 and will provide an opportunity to increase the understanding and awareness of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. The proposed aims and themes for the conference include:

- Fostering connections between local organisations;
- Share learning and resources between local organisations;
- Increasing Community Planning Partnership Board Members' awareness of local activity; and
- Thinking together about what we can do next.

The Board was asked to approve the proposed timing and themes of the conference and to task the Community Engagement Team with progressing the arrangements to hold the conference on 9 December 2019.

Outcome(s):

- (1) The proposed timing and theme of the conference was approved; and
- (2) The Community Engagement Team are tasked with progressing the arrangements.

10 Community Planning Budget and Expenditure

The Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources), South Lanarkshire Council submitted a report providing an overview of the current Partnership Budget spend as at Period 6 to 13 September 2019 for noting.

The Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland advised that Police Scotland had £15,000 additional monies to contribute to the Community Planning Partnership budget and would provide further details of the proposed funding.

Outcome(s):

- (1) Budget noted; and
- (2) Police Scotland to provide further details of the proposed additional monies for the Community Planning Partnership Budget.

11 South Lanarkshire Register for Information

The Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council, submitted a report on the South Lanarkshire Register for Information which provided an update on the information circulated to Community Planning Partners from 16 August to 30 September 2019.

Outcome(s):

- (1) The content of the report was noted.

12 AOCB

The Chair wished to extend her congratulations to South Lanarkshire Council's Clydesdale Integrated Community Support Team who won the final of the Cosla Excellence Awards within the Local Matters Category.

The Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership advised that 50 submissions on behalf of NHS Lanarkshire had been put forward for shortlisting to the Scottish Health Awards.

The Chair, Lanarkshire NHS Board advised that the NHS Lanarkshire Partnership Board were looking for a new member to join and information regarding the vacancy would be circulated to partners.

Outcome(s):

(1) Noted.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 5 December 2019 in Committee Room 5, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA.