

Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership	Strategic Planning Advisory Group	
Held on:	18th March 2025	
Agenda Item:	5	
Title:	Locality Planning Partnerships Update	
Summary:		
This report provides a brief update in relation to Locality Planning in South Ayrshire and, the progress of the Locality Planning Partnership's (LPPs).		
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Recommendations:		
It is recommended that SPAG members note the content of this paper.		
Route to meeting:		
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LOCALITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIPS UPDATE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides a brief update in relation to Locality Planning in South Ayrshire and, the progress of the Locality Planning Partnership's (LPPs).

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Strategic Planning Advisory Group note the contents of this report.**

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Chairs of each LPP are given the opportunity to update SPAG on progress of activity within each of their respective Localities.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 The Locality Planning Partnerships continue to meet in each locality area and there are local themes that each are considering.

- 4.2 Priorities have been developed following engagement with communities and using local profile information. These priorities form the work of the LPPs and are key to the delivery of activity reflected in each Locality Plan.

- 4.3 As the December 2024 SPAG meeting was cancelled, this report provides an update since the last meeting.

- 4.4 Summary of key activity from each locality:

4.4.1 PRESTWICK AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

4.4.2 September 2024

- 4.4.3 The main focus of our September LPP meeting was discussion around the Mental Health & Wellbeing, and the Dementia strategies consultation. We held our PB event, which was well supported by on-line voting. There were 12 successful applications. We also attended the launch of the S. Ayrshire Ageing Well strategy in Ayr.

4.4.4 October 2024

- 4.4.5 In October we held a very successful Carers Day event in Prestwick Academy, with a massive contribution from the school pupils and staff. We hosted an Older Peoples' event in the 65 Club, highlighting welfare rights issues and access to services, and featuring an inter-generational craft activity. We also met up with Monkton Chatty Space group to discuss possible support we can offer in the new year. Our October LPP meeting

saw presentations on the work of the Dietetic Health Improvement Team and Living Streets' Walking Places Project. Unfortunately, our Chairperson, John Simpson, resigned for personal reasons, although he remains very much involved in the LPP.

4.4.6 November 2024

4.4.7 Our November LPP meeting included a presentation from VASA on the Connect South Ayrshire service, and input from the Suicide Prevention Service, who were attending for the first time.

4.4.8 From January 2025

4.4.9 The Prestwick LPP membership has grown over recent months, strengthening the LPP approach. Sadly, the Chair, John Simpson, stood down last year and the LPP has not identified a chair going forward. The HSCP Senior Manager currently chairs the group.

4.4.10 The LPP has a real sense of supporting and actively doing events to support the communities across Prestwick, Monkton and Symington. There have been 2 events in Prestwick, held in Monkton, the first focussing on The Cost of Living Crisis and Money Matters and the second celebrating International Women's Day.

4.4.11 Small Grant applications have been sought across the LPP locality and a number of groups have applied and been successful in receiving funding. Further engagement and enquiries have been made.

4.4.12 A Community Engagement event on 6th February, was well attended and a mix of Partnership disciplines and community groups came together and network. Key to this was to build relationships and start to understand the complexity of our systems and how to navigate to. Further events will be arranged over the course of the year.

4.4.13 Moving forward the Partnership Engagement Officer is proactively engaging with groups and Community Council to promote engagement at the LPP.

4.4.14 The LPP recently agreed a number of key priorities and themes to inform meeting moving forward:

- Fire Safety
- Carers
- Children Services – The Promise
- Health and Social Care Partnership- Locality Work
- Power of Attorney

4.4.15 TROON AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

4.4.16 The LPP has recently re-established with key members in attendance. The main focus of the LPP over September and October was the Participatory Budgeting events. 11 groups were successful and provided with funding.

4.4.17 The main focus moving forward will be to consider the membership of the group and the Partnership Engagement Officer has been pro-active in engaging with community groups to encourage attendance.

4.4.18 The LPP in December 2024, saw a greater membership in attendance and there was positive discussion around priorities, progress and focus for 2025.

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4.4.22 Ongoing conversations regarding priorities

4.4.23 Contact recently made with Marr College regarding Carers Day and plans no progressing.

4.4.24 Troon LPP also does not have a chair and HSCP Senior Manager currently support this.

4.4.25 GIRVAN/SOUTH CARRICK

4.4.26 Girvan and South Carrick Locality Planning Partnership organised and delivered a Participatory Budgeting (PB) process, which was successful. Following the PB event in September 2024, 13 groups received the full allocation of what they had bid for and 1 group receive a part funding. Due to how the budget was allocated this year, some of the funding went to groups in the South Carrick villages. Learning will be taken from this year to ensure we are continuously improving our processes and ensuring it is as fair and inclusive as possible.

4.4.27 Our Chair continues to attend and contribute to the Girvan Site Review meetings and good progress is being made there. They are hoping an eye screening clinic will be up and running soon in GCH as well as a Carers Wellbeing Programme which started in February 2025.

4.4.28 We have had a variety of presentations at our meetings which have included Mental Health and Wellbeing and Dementia Strategies presentations and a presentation on Primary Care and a day in the life of a GP.

- 4.4.29 Our first meeting of 2025 took place in February and the LPP trialled a new approach for the meetings where at each meeting we focus on one priority from the locality plan and invite along key speakers to be involved in the discussions. This will then feed into the action plan and ensure the actions are being taken forward. The discussions this month were around the priority of 'Promoting good mental health and wellbeing and physical health'.
- 4.4.30 The Locality Planning Partnership continues to attend a variety of meetings such as South Carrick Community Learning Partnership and the Community Planning Participation & Engagement Group.
- 4.4.31 We have provided some funding to cAyrFest this year which will go towards transport for people in Girvan and South Carrick to attend the event.
- 4.4.32 We held a Community Engagement Event in Girvan on 22nd November, and it went well. This was a chance for staff and community groups to come together and network as well as finding out about what services/supports are available in the locality.
- 4.4.33 Plans for the next quarter
- 4.4.34 Delivery of a Girvan and South Carrick Locality Plan that describes locality priorities and key actions for 2024/2025.
- 4.4.35 Ongoing participation and delivery of agreed actions with regards the review of the Girvan Community Hospital site.
- 4.4.36 MAYBOLE/NORTH CARRICK**
- 4.4.37 The Maybole and North Carrick Locality Planning Partnership organised and delivered a Participatory Budgeting (PB) process, which was successful. Following the PB event in September 2024, 9 groups received the full allocation of what they had bid for and 1 group receive a part funding. We added online voting into the process which allowed a lot more people to participate in the voting and have their say. Learning will be taken from this year to ensure we are continuously improving our processes and ensuring it is as fair and inclusive as possible.
- 4.4.38 Over the last few months, we have had a variety of presentations at the LPP meetings. These include Vibrant Voices and the Mental Health & Wellbeing and Dementia Strategies presentations. We have started to rotate the venues to be more inclusive so every second month, the meetings take place in Kirkmichael. We still offer a hybrid approach, so people have the option to attend face to face or via Teams.
- 4.4.39 In February 2025, we started a new approach for the LPP meetings where at each meeting we focus on one priority from the locality plan and invite along key speakers to be involved in the discussions. This will then feed into the action plan and ensure the actions are being taken forward. Our first meeting in this format went well and positive discussions took place.

- 4.4.40 Continued engagement is taking place in the community to increase the LPP membership and ensure we have the people who live, work and volunteer in the area at the meetings. We are also keen for a community member to take on the role as Chair as we don't currently have one.
- 4.4.41 The Locality Planning Partnership continues to attend a variety of meetings such as North Carrick Community Learning Partnership and the Community Planning Participation & Engagement Group.
- 4.4.42 We provided some funding to cAyrFest which took place in February 2025 and the funding went towards transport for people in Maybole and North Carrick to attend the event.
- 4.4.43 We held a Community Engagement Event on 8th November which brought together staff and community groups to allow them to network and find out about what services/support is being offered in the locality. The event was successful, and we are keen to continue to hold events like this in future.
- 4.4.44 Plans for the next quarter:
- 4.4.45 Delivery of a Maybole and North Carrick Locality Plan that describes locality priorities and key actions for 2024/2025.
- 4.4.46 Introduce a new Chair for the meetings.
- 4.4.47 **AYR NORTH**
- 4.4.48 The group are committed to delivering on the priority areas and associated actions of the Locality Plan.
- 4.4.49 Service updates have changed to Microsoft forms format which is helping to improve number of updates received. These updates will be shared with the public via HSCP website.
- 4.4.50 Our focused priority for this quarter is Supporting an inclusive economy that reduces poverty and inequality with guest speakers - South Ayrshire Information and Advice Hub, Ayr Housing Aid Centre and Police Scotland.
- 4.4.51 We have explored ways in which we best utilise the wide range of services who are attending the LPP and have introduced workshops which has engaged services who are attending in a meaningful manner.
- 4.4.52 The aforementioned workshops will help to shape how we are tackling our priorities in a proactive fashion, increasing partnerships and understanding of services available in the local community.
- 4.4.53 PB funding process has concluded, an update was provided to the LPP, some suggestions have been offered on ways to improve the application process. There has also been a small grants application created for the

remaining amount of PB funding left over which will be distributed to successful groups by end of March 2025.

4.4.54 The LPP is well attended and positive momentum growing through our thematic approach, there is an ongoing commitment from attendees to encourage more residents to attend and contribute to the meeting, with a bring a buddy campaign launched, it is hoped that this approach will ensure residents are attending and influencing the decisions of the group to improve outcomes in the area.

4.4.55 Adult carers event will be part of the Wallacetown Community Arts Festival at Dalmilling Church on Friday 2nd May.

4.4.56 AYR SOUTH AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

4.4.57 Priority: Supporting Community Connectedness

4.4.58 The LPP recognises that strong community connections are essential for the well-being of individuals and the community as a whole. Social connections can reduce isolation, improve mental health, and increase community participation.

4.4.59 In January the LPP was hosted by Annbank Community Association, attendance remained consistent, however it was observed that there was no engagement from local residents. Staff from SAC Information and Advice Hub attended and presented on the varied and diverse range of services available to residents which was well received.

4.4.60 Whilst Community Connectedness is a priority for the group, it remains one of the most challenging issues the group have faced to date due to a number of external factors including low community representation, the diversity of communities within the locality and number of organisations represented.

4.4.61 The use of CONNECT South Ayrshire remains the focal point for all locality-based service enquiries and supports. The website, telephone helpline and shopfront are actively promoted across the locality.

4.4.62 The Ayr South LPP is committed to supporting community connectedness in Ayr South. By working in partnership with residents and local organisations, the LPP strives to create a stronger, more connected community for all.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

5.1 Strategic Objective 6 – we are transparent and listen to you.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications
No implications

6.1 Human Resource Implications

No implications

6.2 Legal Implications

No implications

6.3 Equalities implications

No implications

6.4 Sustainability implications

No implications

6.5 Clinical/professional assessment

N/A

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1. Local consultation, engagement and partnership working is the ethos of Locality Planning and continues on an ongoing basis.

7.2. Chair's of each LPP have provided summary information for inclusion in this report.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1. Low risk

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