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| Meeting of South Ayrshire Health and Social Care Partnership | Strategic Planning Advisory Group | |
| Held on: | 24th March 2026 | |
| 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. | | |
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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. The Partnership Engagement Officers contribute to the reports.

4. REPORT

- 4.1 The Locality Planning Partnerships continue to meet in each locality area; all localities are currently in the process of updating their Locality Plans and engaging on the priorities and actions that will be reflected in the accompanying Action Plans.
- 4.2 Ayr South and Troon LPPs do not have a current Chair or Vice Chair. Prestwick LPP is without a Chair.
- 4.3 A session has been organised by the Community Planning Partnership for the end of March 2026. Within a discussion of wider Public Service Reform, this session will allow some reflection and consideration to how LPPs can be more effective moving forward.

- 4.4 Summary of key activity from each locality:

4.5 PRESTWICK AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

- 4.6 Since the last SPAG meeting the Prestwick & Villages LPP has:
- 4.7 Held its first meeting of 2026.
- 4.8 Review of Locality Plans and consideration to priorities for LPP.
- 4.9 Following discussions at the previous LPP meeting and the 16th February meeting there was a collective decision to take forward the current priorities with a view to revisit (if allowed) should the need arise as they progressed throughout the following three years period.

4.10 Prestwick LPP Budget – spend

4.11 The (PEO) has been engaging with a number of groups within the locality regarding the underspend for the small grants for this year and has supported a number of groups/organisations to submit a letter of request for funding support that will allow them to provide partnership work between themselves and Prestwick LPP. All four submissions so far have been agreed at the February LPP meeting.

4.12 Planned delivery of partnership working events across locality to deliver ‘Tech Talk’/promote membership/consultations to direct events etc going forward.

4.13 The PEO is working with groups/Organisations to develop/plan/facilitate small events to highlight ‘Technology Enabled Care’ and promote the new Connect service within Prestwick. There will also be the opportunity to consult with participants from within the locality regarding issues which affect them (health and wellbeing etc.) This will provide Prestwick LPP with feedback to allow them to make informed decisions regarding what they plan and take forward in terms of events, support sessions etc.

4.14 Plan for Next Quarter

4.15 Plans are now in place to support Symington Church Hall to host a 12-week course looking at ways of improving exercise, balance and strength particularly with the aim of preventing falls and promoting ageing well. This has resulted from an event developed and organised by the PEO and Staying Ahead of the Curve supported through Prestwick LPP, which identified 15 members of the community who wished to participate. This programme will be in partnership with Prestwick LPP utilising funding from the remaining unallocated Prestwick LPP Small Grants funding.

4.16 Ongoing meetings scheduled to support the plans for Prestwick Academy and Partners to host an Unpaid and Young Carers event in the spring with funding from the remaining unallocated Prestwick LPP Small Grants funding.

4.17 Jennifer Ferguson (Vice Chair Prestwick LPP), attended the following events on behalf of the Prestwick LPP and feedback at the meeting 16th February:

- Community Planning Participation and Engagement Group.
- Ageing Well Session in Ayr.

4.18 TROON AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

4.19 Since the last SPAG meeting the Troon & Villages LPP has:

4.20 Held its first meeting of 2026

4.21 Started working towards development of first Locality Plan for this area, considering priorities for LPP.

4.22 Following a discussion at the previous LPP meeting and a lot of debate at the February meeting, there was a collective decision to revisit the current priorities

and look at how a specific approach could be taken to each. At the next meeting, it is anticipated that thoughts and ideas will then be put forward in support of setting more specific priorities for the next three year period.

- 4.23 Planned delivery of partnership working events across locality to deliver 'Tech Talk'/promote membership/consultations to direct events etc going forward
- 4.24 As agreed PEO has been engaging with a number of groups/Organisations to develop/plan/facilitate small events to highlight 'Technology Enabled Care' and promote the new Connect service within Prestwick. There will also be opportunity to consult with participants from within the locality regarding issues which affect them (health and wellbeing etc.) This will provide Troon LPP with feedback to allow them to make informed decisions regarding what they plan and take forward in terms of events, support sessions etc.
- 4.25 Plan for Next Quarter
- 4.26 PEO has been working in partnership on behalf of Troon LPP with Thriving Communities and Carers Gateway to develop an Unpaid Adult Carers Event which will provide 25 carers from within the locality an opportunity to participate in a well-being programme which will provide information, the opportunity to relax, socialise and try something new. This is planned to take place on 8th April 2026.

4.27 GIRVAN/SOUTH CARRICK

- 4.28 Extensive engagement has taken place in relation to the Locality Plan and the priorities to ensure they still meet the communities' needs. This has been done through face-to-face meetings with local groups, consultation with the LPP members, as well as an online survey. The plan will link in with local and national strategies.
- 4.29 The LPP continues to encourage speakers from different organisations/groups to attend and speak to the members about the work they do in the community which also gives opportunity for joint working.
- 4.30 We are working with our colleagues in the MSK team to deliver a MSK Community Appointment Day on Friday 20th March. Patients on the MSK waiting list have been invited along to be assessed on the day. There will also be numerous stallholders to allow patients to receive information at the same time. The telecare hub will also be available for patients to access.
- 4.31 The LPP is working in partnership with VASA to deliver the 'Big Cheerio' event on Wednesday 25th March in The Wave Hub in Girvan. The event will be to give people as much information on preparing for passing away including Power of Attorney, writing a will and funeral services.
- 4.32 A tech demo session has been organised for Thursday 30th April in Girvan Library, and it will showcase what is available to help keep people independent in

their homes. Murray Waugh from the Telecare Hub will deliver a presentation on what is available.

- 4.33 Work is taking place to open a Connect Hub in Nursery Court in Girvan. The date for the opening still has to be confirmed.

4.34 Plans for next quarter

- 4.35 Refresh and delivery of a Girvan and South Carrick Locality Plan that describes locality priorities and key actions for the next 3 years.

- 4.36 Ongoing participation and delivery of agreed actions with regards the review of the Girvan Community Hospital site.

4.37 MAYBOLE/NORTH CARRICK

- 4.38 The Maybole and North Carrick Connect Hub is now open and a timetable is being built up which will have different services that will be available for the community to access.

- 4.39 Engagement has taken place in relation to the Locality Plan and the priorities to ensure they still meet the communities' needs. This has been done through face-to-face meetings with local groups, consultation with the LPP members, as well as an online survey. The locality plan will be a 3-year plan and will link in various other strategies and pieces of work taking place in Maybole and North Carrick.

- 4.40 We had recently recruited a Chair for the LPP meetings – Simon Glendenning. Simon has extensive knowledge of the locality and will be a great link to other groups such as the Community Council. Continued engagement will take place to increase the community membership for the LPP meetings.

- 4.41 A second small grants process has taken place to distribute the remaining funding, and 11 groups were successful in gaining funding. These groups will be allocated a mentor which will support them through the evaluation process.

- 4.42 The LPP members allocated some funding to celebrate unpaid carers. Two wellbeing sessions have been organised at the Community Wellbeing Hub in Maybole, and carers from the locality will be invited along to have a sound bath, then they will mix up their own aromatherapy oils whilst enjoying light refreshments. We have also allocated a small amount of funding to each of the schools in Maybole and North Carrick for them to celebrate Young Carers Action Day on Wednesday 11th March.

- 4.43 A tech demo session has been organised for Wednesday 22nd April in Maybole Library, and it will showcase what is available to help keep people independent in their homes. Murray Waugh from the Telecare Hub will deliver a presentation on what is available.

4.44 Plans for next quarter

4.45 Refresh and delivery of the Maybole and North Carrick Locality Plan that describes locality priorities and key actions for the next three years.

4.46 Continue to develop the Connect hub.

4.47 AYR NORTH

4.48 This report provides an update on recent activity, participation trends, subgroup development, and community engagement within the Ayr North area. It also outlines emerging challenges and opportunities linked to resourcing, meeting structures, and future planning.

4.49 Participation and engagement

- Poll circulated following the January meeting to assess meeting venue and interest for priority-based subgroup structure had poor online uptake, but excellent in-person interest.

4.50 Subgroup structure and resourcing

- An advantage for the subgroup structure is that practitioners remain essential due to their direct relationships with communities, established trust, and ability to organise accessible venues and timings convenient for both practitioners and community members.
- The concern is that services are already overloaded with meetings and attendance needs to be balanced with workload.
- For subgroups to function effectively, resources must be reconsidered. Partnership-in-kind alone is insufficient.
- Suggestion: Review PB funding and small grants, with the possibility of allocating any budgets directly to subgroups to support action(s).
- The main Ayr North LPP group will maintain oversight, reducing expectations for practitioners to attend both the main group and subgroups.

4.51 Interim management of the Ayr North LPP meeting structure has slightly changed

- Agendas have been adjusted to allow more time for verbal updates, as pre-submitted updates were not effective.
- This approach has strengthened collaboration, with partners actively networking and identifying new opportunities.
- Example: Residents and SAC officers had been trying to get a community council going however, an informal invitation by a Police Scotland officer for a coffee and chat at the Ayr Police Station was the perfect catalyst to establish the Ayr North Community Association.

4.52 Speakers

- Ayrshire Independent Living Network
- Improving Your Cancer Journey

4.53 These contributions added value to discussions around community wellbeing and support services.

- Ayr North Community Action Plan (2026 – 2030)

4.54 SAC Place Planning is collaborating with Ayr North LPP and local groups (Ayr North Community Association, Lochside Neighbourhood Group, Working for Wallacetown team, and Friends of Newton Park) to co-produce a community-led action plan. Community engagement included 522 responses collected from residents across Ayr North (Braehead, Craigie, Dalmilling, Heathfield, Lochside, Newton, Northfield, Wallacetown, and Whittlets), with the involvement of community groups and four local primary schools.

4.55 AYR SOUTH AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

4.56 The group have met in January and February with attendances remaining stable and in line with those of the 2025 session. After some initial research and consultation with members, it has been agreed that the priorities of the LPP will not change for the current session, Promoting Good Mental Health & Wellbeing, Community Connectedness and Supporting our Ageing Communities.

4.57 Following a poll of members, it has been agreed that due to the numbers attending the meeting and the makeup of the group that from February 2026 Ayr South & Villages LPP will meet bimonthly and that these meetings will be held in venues across the locality in a view to ensure fairness and equity.

4.58 Outside of the regular bimonthly meeting, three small working groups will be created to allow more focussed work to be undertaken on the priority issues identified over the past 12 months. Small working groups will allow people to be involved in shaping areas of work that they may have a particular interest in rather than a generalist approach. These groups will also allow external agencies and organisations to become involved with the LPP in a capacity and manner suited to their workload. Working groups will be expected to work autonomously and feed back into the main LPP at the scheduled meetings throughout the year.

4.59 In addition to the three themed working groups, the Locality Planning Partnership also supports the Ayr South & Villages Rural Resilience Partnership, a small group created by the LPP to focus on how small rural villages and communities can help support one another in times of crisis such as power outages, storms and inland flooding. This group will meet at least four times per year and will also report into the LPP at scheduled meetings, we are currently recruiting members for all of these working groups.

4.60 We have been very fortunate to have two new members to the group representing Annbank and Mossblown and we have been approached by residents from Coylton who are interested in hearing more about the LPP.

4.61 We have had speakers attending our recent meetings to discuss the HSCP Ageing Well Strategy, Improving your Cancer Journey and staff from Ayrshire Independent Living Network to discuss Micro Enterprises.

5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

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

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

6.1.1 No implications

6.2 Human Resource Implications

6.2.1 No implications

6.3 Legal Implications

6.3.1 No implications

6.4 Equalities implications

6.4.1 No implications

6.5 Sustainability implications

6.5.1 No implications

6.6 Clinical/professional assessment

6.6.1 N/A

7. CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

7.1 Chairs/ Acting Charis of each LPP are asked to provide content for this report based on the meetings in each respective locality. The Partnership Engagement Officers facilitate this process.

8. RISK ASSESSMENT

8.1 Low risk

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