

# North Lanarkshire Council Report

## Communities Committee

Does this report require to be approved?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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### LOIP Performance Report 1st April 2024 – 30th September 2024

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#### Executive Summary

This report provides a snapshot of progress linked to key priorities for each of the nine Local Outcome Improvement Plans for the period 1st April 2024 – 30th September 2024. The report also provides an overview of progress with implementation of the Management and Monitoring Framework and work to develop the role of the Local Partnership Teams. Members of the Communities Committee are requested to acknowledge progress with LOIP priorities and implementation of the supporting partnership delivery approaches.

#### Recommendations

It is recommended that the Communities Committee:

- (1) Acknowledges progress to date with delivery of key LOIP priorities and the individual Outcome Reports at Appendix 1.
- (2) Endorses ongoing work to continue to develop, strengthen and embed the supporting partnership delivery approaches.

#### The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority	Enhance participation, capacity, and empowerment across our communities
Ambition statement	(19) Improve engagement with communities and develop their capacity to help themselves
Programme of Work	Statutory / corporate / service requirement

## **1. Background**

- 1.1. The Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) Management and Monitoring Framework has now been in use since June 2022 as a significant tool in ensuring effective management, oversight and reporting of progress on LOIP priorities by community planning partners at a local level through the Local Partnership Teams.
  - 1.2. Summary updates on LOIP progress for each Community Board area in the period 1st April 2024 – 30th September 2024 are attached as Appendix 1.
  - 1.3. Local Partnership Teams meet six-weekly with the purpose of ensuring oversight for delivery of LOIP priorities, with priority focused subgroups meeting as locally agreed and required to ensure targeted partnership action. Local Partnership Teams ensure use of the Management and Monitoring Framework and continue to refine the approach to reporting on progress to this Communities Committee, NLP Strategic Leadership Board and Community Boards.
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## **2. Report**

- 2.1 The LOIP Management and Monitoring Framework was implemented for partners to highlight and report where community planning in North Lanarkshire is making a difference and helping to empower communities to help themselves. The Framework is a tool to assist the Local Partnership Teams in planning and managing their workloads around key priorities and reporting progress and outcomes to a range of audiences including the Community Boards, the Communities Committee, the NLP Strategic Leadership Board and individual agency leadership teams as appropriate.
- 2.2 The Framework also allows Local Partnership Teams to see at a glance where a workstream is on track, or potentially at risk of slipping and/or where there are significant challenges that merit consideration from strategic leaders.
- 2.3 The Framework underpins quarterly updates to individual Community Boards, six monthly reporting to the Strategic Leadership Board and statutory annual public performance reporting as per the reporting schedule in the '*Framework for Demonstrating Improved Outcomes for Communities.*' The Framework should streamline reporting, ensure consistency, and allow partners to focus on critical issues or significant developments.
- 2.4 The LOIP six-monthly Performance Outcome updates are attached as Appendix 1. These provide a summary of key highlights across the strategic priorities identified in each LOIP. Planned future actions for the period 1st October 2024 to 31st March 2025.

### **Local Partnership Teams (LPTs)**

- 2.5 Local Partnership Teams share a collective responsibility for ensuring action at a local level to drive forward the LOIP priorities and ensure that progress is regularly updated through the Management and Monitoring Framework.
- 2.6 Local Partnership Teams, made up of senior partnership officers continue to meet six-weekly. Priorities for each area have a clear delivery mechanism in place through creation of operational subgroups or pre-existing partnership groups or processes.

- 2.7 Significant work has been undertaken with partners to ensure accountability and ownership for delivery of actions, participation in Local Partnership Teams and use of the framework to inform monitoring. Examples include:
- Consultation with LPT members and a review of the Management and Monitoring Framework to streamline and improve the reporting process for LOIP priority leads. This informed amendments to the system implemented from the reporting cycle from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024.
  - Self-assessment, planning and review sessions with each of the four LPTs during summer 2024 to inform and identify development improvement actions for the operation of each individual LPT.
- 2.8 This work builds on previous work with LPTs since their inception, including online and in person development sessions for LPTs collectively, with their own areas and around specific themes. Work continues to be developed within the LPT model, and the Framework continues to be improved, reflecting the complexity and some of the challenges associated with partnership working, for example staff turnover, ongoing community voluntary sector engagement and partnership ownership and accountability.

### **Community Board Chairs and Improvement Activity**

- 2.9 The nine Community Board chairs have been brought together initially as a short-life task group to coordinate the approach to reviewing response to the Community Board self-assessment activity that took place in 2023/24. This work included:
- Analysis of data from the initial survey – a booklet was produced outlining NL wide improvement actions and matters for local consideration.
  - Arranging localised sessions to consider results for each board (delivered August /September 2024).
  - To assist with organising the Community Board conference planned for Easter 2025.
- 2.10 A report was being produced for each of the boards to agree their own improvement actions at their November/December 2025 meetings and this concludes the self-assessment work other than monitoring of progress. The Chairs' wish to continue to meet to consider matters relevant to all boards, share good practice and continue to explore any challenges collectively. They will also continue to be involved in the organisation of the planned Community Board conference.

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### **3. Measures of success**

- 3.1 Performance Framework in place.
- 3.2 Number of LOIP priorities that can be evidenced as progressing.
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**4. Supporting documentation**

4.1 [North Lanarkshire Local Outcome Improvement Plans](#)

4.2 Appendix 1 Update on progress with delivery of Local Outcome Improvement Plans for the period 1st April 2024 – 30th September 2024.



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## 5. Impacts

<b>5.1 Public Sector Equality Duty and Fairer Scotland Duty</b> Does the report contain information that has an impact as a result of the Public Sector Equality Duty and/or Fairer Scotland Duty? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?  If Yes, has an assessment been carried out and published on the council's website? <a href="https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-community/equalities/equality-and-fairer-scotland-duty-impact-assessments">https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-community/equalities/equality-and-fairer-scotland-duty-impact-assessments</a> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5.2 Financial impact</b> Does the report contain any financial impacts? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Yes, have all relevant financial impacts been discussed and agreed with Finance? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?
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<b>5.4 Legal impact</b> Does the report contain any legal impacts (such as general legal matters, statutory considerations (including employment law considerations), or new legislation)? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, have all relevant legal impacts been discussed and agreed with Legal and Democratic? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?  The Local Outcome Improvement Plans serve to meet the council and community planning partnerships duties under part 2 of the Community Empowerment Act (Community Planning) specifically relating to Locality Planning. The approach has evolved over several years and Legal and Democratic Services have been engaged in this process.
<b>5.5 Data protection impact</b> Does the report / project / practice contain or involve the processing of personal data? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Yes, is the processing of this personal data likely to result in a high risk to the data subject? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, has a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) been carried out and e-mailed to <a href="mailto:dataprotection@northlan.gov.uk">dataprotection@northlan.gov.uk</a> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>5.6 Technology / Digital impact</b> Does the report contain information that has an impact on either technology, digital transformation, service redesign / business change processes, data management, or connectivity / broadband / Wi-Fi? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?

	<p>Where the impact identifies a requirement for significant technology change, has an assessment been carried out (or is scheduled to be carried out) by the Enterprise Architecture Governance Group (EAGG)?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>5.7</b></p>	<p><b>Environmental / Carbon impact</b></p> <p>Does the report / project / practice contain information that has an impact on any environmental or carbon matters?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?</p>
<p><b>5.8</b></p>	<p><b>Communications impact</b></p> <p>Does the report contain any information that has an impact on the council's communications activities?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?</p> <p>Information contained within this report is regularly shared and communicated with Community Boards and through the council's social media channels. A similar report is provided to senior partners through the NLP Strategic Leadership Board on a six-monthly basis. Work is ongoing to ensure effective communication around delivery of LOIP priorities and to improve the use of a range of engagement mechanisms.</p>
<p><b>5.9</b></p>	<p><b>Risk impact</b></p> <p>Is there a risk impact?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the key risks and potential impacts, highlighting where the risk(s) are assessed and recorded (e.g. Corporate or Service or Project Risk Registers), and how they are managed?</p>
<p><b>5.10</b></p>	<p><b>Armed Forces Covenant Duty</b></p> <p>Does the report require to take due regard of the Armed Forces Covenant Duty (i.e. does it relate to healthcare, housing, or education services for in-Service or ex-Service personnel, or their families, or widow(er)s)?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the provision which has been made to ensure there has been appropriate consideration of the particular needs of the Armed Forces community to make sure that they do not face disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public services.</p>
<p><b>5.11</b></p>	<p><b>Children's rights and wellbeing impact</b></p> <p>Does the report contain any information regarding any council activity, service delivery, policy, or plan that has an impact on children and young people up to the age of 18, or on a specific group of these?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact and the provision that has been made to ensure there has been appropriate consideration of the relevant Articles from the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).</p> <p>If Yes, has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) been carried out?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>

## AIRDRIE LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6 MONTHLY OUTCOMES REPORT

**PERIOD COVERED: 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024**

### LOIP PRIORITIES

- Digital Inclusion
- Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing
- Poverty

### PROGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

#### Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, VANL

- Digital Inclusion was adopted as a new LOIP priority in March 2024. Airdrie has seen an increase in the number of individuals who are identifying digital literacies to be a barrier to their everyday life. Due to this a funding application was developed to support a digital literacies programme that targets the outlying villages in particular Chapelhall West and Calderbank. A funding application was submitted to Community Empowerment NL Fund lead by Chapelhall Community Development Group. The application was successful, and the group secured £10,000 to provide a full-time member of staff (one day per week), from Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau to run a weekly drop-in session in Chapelhall Library for any residents looking to enhance their digital literacy skills.
- The staff member offers practical supports to individuals who are / or maybe seeking to complete online applications such as job applications, pay bills and even applying for disability supports such as the blue badge scheme. Airdrie CLD Adult Learning Team will work closely with AAP (Airdrie Action Partnership) to provide longer term supports for any individuals who engage. Individuals can benefit from enhancing not only their digital skills, but they can also strengthen their literacy and numeracy skills.
- It is envisaged this will be a pilot project that if successful can be rolled out to other areas in Airdrie however this will be dependent on securing further grant funding.

#### Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team

- Mental Health Awareness Week. Health Improvement worked with CLD youth team to provide a wellbeing event for young people at the @home centre.
- Resource list and information sheet created for Suicide Prevention week and shared widely with key partners and community members. This contained key services and training opportunities. Ask Tell and Stigma free training continues to be offered to staff and community.
- Airdrie and Villages Information Booklet was taken to Falls Prevention Event held within Monklands Hospital for staff working with Older Adults. Many services were in attendance to provide key information for staff who work with our older generation to ensure a holistic approach is taken to their health and wellbeing. 80+ staff attended, and feedback was very positive.

#### Poverty – Priority Lead, Airdrie Action Partnership / CPT

- The Digital Literacies Project outlined above also addresses the Poverty priority as staff from Citizen Advice will be available to provide advice on how to complete online applications for financial supports including crisis grants, benefits and providing information on fuel poverty and other supports available.

- A new outdoor gym has opened at Moffat View, Plains in August 2024 at a cost of £37,000 funded by an external grant secured by Plains Community Futures of £13,000 and an allocation of £24,000 for the council's Local Development Programme. Cost barrier to accessing gym facilities has been removed as the facility is free to use. The development also addresses the Health & Wellbeing Priority by providing a range of exercise and fitness opportunities suitable for use by anyone over the age of 14 in the local.
- New play area developments were completed in Gartleahill £100,000 and Craigneuk £100,000 both funded by the Councils Local Development Programme. These new developments provide exciting play opportunities where local children and families can engage in the well documented benefits of outdoor play free of charge.

#### **PLANNED ACTIONS/DEVELOPMENTS FOR: 1 October 2024 – 31 March 2025**

##### **Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, VANL**

- The digital literacies project outline above will be delivered in Chapelhall Library. A digital survey will also be carried out at the Winter Warmer, the results of which will inform future digital programmes and activities.
- The Driving Digital Locally Team have delivered a presentation at an over 60s group in Caldercruix with participants recruited to deliver a project that will commence at the end of January 25 in the Foresthill Retirement complex, although taking place here is it open to anyone from the area. These projects look at developing basic digital skills through a 121-buddy system with the school pupil and the older person.

##### **Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- Mental health awareness day- event planned for staff and community within Airdrie Health Centre. With the help of community champions from our local supermarkets Health improvement staff can prepare a quiet place for staff to have a cuppa and get some information on personal wellbeing. Information will also provide to community members and a chance to talk to Health Improvement staff.
- Initial discussions held re winter warmer event. This will be a community event planned in partnership with members of Airdrie Action Partnership. The aim will be to provide key information that cuts across all 3 LOIP priorities. There will be energy advice, active health, falls prevention among other things.

##### **Poverty – Priority Lead, Airdrie Action Partnership / CPT**

- Airdrie Action Partnership has started planning for the Christmas Appeal 2024. AAP intend to take the same approach as the last two previous years and have created a short life working group, developing actions to take this project forward. The Christmas Appeal 2024 works to support vulnerable families and individuals during the winter period/beyond. This collective response aims to streamline all support and donations offered, to ensure the maximisation of resources, prevent duplication of services and make sure vulnerable families and individuals receive the right support at the right time. It is the intention with this approach; Airdrie Action Partnership will establish sustainable solutions for individuals and not just maintain a reactive response.
- AAP operate the Christmas Appeal through the use of an online referral form, the link for the form is shared publicly via social media so that families can self-refer for help, furthermore AAP have aligned the Christmas appeal with North Lanarkshire Councils Empowerment Cluster Model ensuring the referral form is shared with cluster partners such as Education, Social Work, Health, Virtual schools, Community Learning and Development and Third sector agencies who can identify families in need of support, especially during the Christmas period/beyond. AAP have generated funds for this project through fundraising, sponsorship from local businesses and highlighted the data collected/collated from 2023's Christmas appeal for your information below.
- A winter warmer event is being developed to be held early in 2025. This will be a community event planned in partnership with members of Airdrie Action Partnership. The aim will be to provide key information that cuts across all 3 LOIP priorities. There will be energy advice, active health, falls prevention among other things.



# BELLSHILL LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6 MONTHLY OUTCOMES REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024

## LOIP PRIORITIES

- **Poverty and Food Insecurity**
- **Community Resilience and Participation**
- **Community Safety**
- **Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing**
- **Digital Inclusion**

## PROGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

### **Poverty and Food Insecurity – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- Planned work between subgroup priority leads to deliver tackling poverty & food insecurity information to homes in targeted streets across the Bellshill Board area. Police Youth Volunteers teamed up with Health Improvement Staff & Community & Voluntary Sector Staff to post info through doors on accessing Bellshill's Community Fridge and Tackling Poverty Team.
- Great progress has been made in ensuring that the Bellshill Community can access information and advice on tackling poverty & money worries in a range of mediums. The subgroup has worked to ensure the information is available in a range of formats. The Information is available in; English Ukrainian, Easy Read, Arabic and the information is now available in both BSL and Audio format via the IFAN website.  
<https://www.worryingaboutmoney.co.uk/north-lanarkshire>
- Increasing knowledge & confidence of the H&SC workforce around Tackling Poverty Supports through delivering bespoke financial routine inquiry workshops and follow up sessions to ensure implementation of referral pathway to tackling poverty team.

### **Community Resilience and Participation – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Local group in Holytown supported and development work carried out to apply to Recover NL fund. This helped build local capacity, encouraged community responsibility and ownership for the local environment.
- Local community engagement took place in Bellshill in relation to the re-naming of a community centre as part of NLCs Community Hub development. Over 150 community members participated in the engagement and voted for new name as Orbiston Community Centre.
- Engagement carried out via the subgroup, community board meetings and local events, supported local groups and organisations to propose project ideas that would improve the local community. For example, £140,000 upgrade to Bairds Avenue play area in Viewpark, £30,000 towards improving a derelict area in Holytown Main Street and £15,000 to provide additional parking for residents in Bellshill.
- Consultation undertaken with local residents and children from both St Gerard's PS and Noble PS to gather views on proposed upgrade of red blaze pitch to new MUGA on Clay Crescent. Consultation survey was available online and children from local primary schools engaged in workshops where they voted and shared their views on this project. The children also requested additional equipment/features.

### **Community Safety – Priority Lead, Police Scotland**

- Safeguarding our citizens with free bike coaching workshops over this period, funded by CAP offering free coaching sessions, food, drinks. Excellent partnership working between, NLC, Police, SFRS assisted by several third sector organisations.
- Safeguarding our citizens with positive work with local BAME communities over this period and continued inputs and regularly meetings to ensure that reporting and offering safety advice in the area.
- Protecting our communities with work ongoing with Police, NLC identifying hot spot areas of antisocial behaviour and linking with CCTV to address and detect and deter crime.

### **Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- Links between Community & Voluntary & Statutory Sector Supports are being forged. The Community Mental Health Teams are being supported to access community resources for their patients. This is being empowered by local partnership working and access to funding via the community solutions programme. £5000 of Consortium funding has enabled VIP & the CMHT to work together on gardening projects across 3 sites; Bellshill & Viewpark Health Centre's & Bellshill's Community Fire Station.
- Progress has been made in applying for the Empowerment Funding & Consortia funds to secure community spaces to deliver the following Mental Health, Suicide Prevention & Challenging Stigma work. The programmes to be delivered are Ask Tell Save a Life, Stigma Free Lanarkshire Workshop, Stress Control Programme
- This will be supported by Orbiston Neighbourhood Centre & The YMCA. If all funding bids are successful, this would be an additional £8,000 of funding to local organisations to support delivery of the Programmes identified in our framework. The Empowerment fund application is subject to Participatory Budgeting Processes.

### **Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, VANL**

- An initial meeting has taken place with the Lanarkshire Mosque regarding some ICT support similar to the that of Unitas Court, a successful completed IT intergenerational project. The mosque is keen to access funding for an admin or development post and have been linked to the NLC Employability Team and VANL's Senior Income Generation Officer.
- Voice of Experience is looking to get a group together from the Bellshill locality to participate in some training on ICT basics, including digital security tailored specifically to the group, later in the year and next year as part of VOEF's Digital Befriending work.
- In terms of identifying digital champions within the locality or within an organisation, such as the YMCA (as their IT suite is nearly ready), it was suggested that it might be worth looking at college students to volunteer some time or maybe employees from a local organisation as part of their corporate volunteering programme (if they have one). This is currently being explored.
- Bellshill library will soon be looking for referrals for a support group – the library is also keen to host events and is well set up to do so.

### **PLANNED ACTIONS/DEVELOPMENTS FOR: 1 October 2024 – 31 March 2025**

#### **Poverty and Food Insecurity – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- Support the participatory budgeting process to support communities to have their say on how the empowerment is spent whilst using these opportunities to engage with local people and highlight what is happening locally to tackle poverty and food insecurity.
- Deliver on the targeting of information to the local community on tackling poverty and food insecurity initiative in partnership with local organisations and the young police volunteers.
- The subgroup will continue to use the LPT to secure strong links between the subgroups work and CLD to support the delivery of supporting learners to access tackling poverty team.

#### **Community Resilience and Participation – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Support local groups and organisations to forge partner relationships (where they don't currently exist) to enhance community resilience and participation.
- Engage with and support local groups to develop and propose local projects and access LDP funding
- Discuss and organise local event(s) with subgroup to further engage local communities to build their resilience

#### **Community Safety – Priority Lead, Police Scotland**

- Safeguarding Our Citizens: Due to the increase work with the BAME community it's been identified that some individuals are still missing out and plans are in place moving forward to identify and ensure wider group are covered.
- Enhancing Our Service: Group are keen to identify ways to increase public confidence and discussions ongoing on how to do this and what is needed.

- Protecting Our Communities: Ongoing partnership youth talks in local schools over coming period to educate on Fireworks, Fire antisocial behaviour in the lead to the end of the year.

#### **Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- Work with Police Scotland via the subgroup to support widening of the I AM ME initiative for safe spaces in the Bellshill Community. This will ensure safe spaces identified have staff and volunteers that can be supported to access suicide prevention, mental health awareness training and operate in a non-stigmatising way.
- Implement the Stress Control, Ask Tell & Stigma free programmes between October 2024 & March 2025 subject to successful participatory budgeting and funding outcomes.
- To work closely with CLD teams to focus on the actions around mental health and young people

#### **Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, VANL**

- Driving Digital Subgroup will continue to look for one other member of the Bellshill community board to be a representative on the DDL subgroup for the Bellshill Locality.
- The Comms World Digital Map is updated 3 times per year, this will continue to be promoted alongside A Local Information System for Scotland (ALISS).
- VANL will be carrying out organisational reviews for all Community Solutions funded organisations. This will provide an opportunity to raise awareness of the subgroup, identify digital gaps as well as updates on new and existing digital provision.
- Any gaps may result in referrals and/or partnership working with NLC CLD or applications for funding through Community Solutions (Locality Activity Funding and/or Mental Health and Wellbeing Funding).

# COATBRIDGE LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6 MONTHLY OUTCOMES REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024

## LOIP PRIORITIES

- Digital Inclusion
- Poverty
- Mental Health

## PROGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

### Poverty, Mental Health & Digital Inclusion

- LOIP leads have been working together to form one LOIP joint subgroup to progress the actions within each of the 3 priorities reducing unnecessary meetings. Work has taken place to recruit members to this subgroup. Promotional posters were circulated to encourage interest, update provided at the Community Board meeting in May 2024. First meeting of new joint subgroup in September was postponed due to circumstances out with our control.

### Poverty – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team

- There was a hiatus in progress with this priority due to the loss of the poverty lead. A new poverty lead is now in place and will start to progress the work on this priority.
- The Health Improvement Team continues to inform staff, partners and community around poverty supports e.g. promoting money matters leaflet and the money matters training to help staff to talk about the leaflet, Challenge Poverty Event planned in Coatbridge Health Centre as part of Challenge Poverty Week and support to encourage uptake of free period products making these visible and accessible to the public e.g. in Coatbridge Health Centre reception area.
- Glenboig Development Trust continued support through SCP Meal Delivery Service & Lunch Club, Period Dignity Project, Surplus Food Project, Food Parcels, People's Pantry & Glenboig Pantry @ Buchanan High School. Within the reporting period:
  - 440+ hot meals delivered monthly (Mon-Sat)
  - Lunch Club had 80-90 monthly attendees.
  - Period Dignity project saw 65+ individuals and families accessing monthly.
  - Surplus Food Project – 180+ individuals & families supported monthly.
  - Emergency Food Parcels – 43 individuals & families supported directly.
  - Glenboig Pantry @ Buchanan HS – 150+ staff & pupils of Buchanan High School accessing weekly.
- Kirkshaws NBHC reports in the same period:
  - Community Fridge - 200 users
  - Cooking classes - 100 participants
  - Addiction support group - 20 participants x 20 weeks
  - Playscheme (summer and October breaks) 22 children x 6 weeks
  - Afterschool Club - 20 children x 10 weeks

### Mental Health – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team

- Alongside development of the subgroup, partners are kept informed of mental health services and supports and training opportunities via regular updates at LPT, LPG, Locality Consortium, Coatbridge Community Board meetings, HI newsletter and e-mail/social media updates and events e.g. ASDA Mental Health Awareness Display during Mental Health Awareness Week. Ask Tell Mental Health Awareness workshops are regularly delivered by HI Team.
- New 'Women's Health' group with focus on menopause and accompanying issues has been established by Kirkshaws NBHC, supported by NHS and NLC funding and working at full capacity with scope for further roll out to meet demand. Other provision supporting mental health in Kirkshaws:
- Men's mental health group - 6 participants x 5 months (group meets monthly)
- Craft group - 15 participants x 20 weeks.

- Women's mental health and wellbeing group - 20 participants x 12 weeks
- Inquisitors Group 12 participants x 20 weeks (older adults wellbeing project)

#### **Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- Digital Zone Consultation Coatbridge - We have approval to pilot two digital zones in our current facilities. These digital zones will be open to residents and will be a dedicated space equipped with technology and resources to help them improve their basic digital skills and feel more confident online. Coatbridge Buchanan Centre has been identified as the first location, residents and partners will be involved in helping design the zones and the facilities available.
- Kirkshaws newly refurbished IT suite is fully operational and providing IT learning, digital access to support employment opportunities and digital access for other community organisations

### **PLANNED ACTIONS/DEVELOPMENTS FOR: 1 October 2024 – 31 March 2025**

#### **Poverty – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- The Community Partnership Team are planning 'winter warmer' event in Bargeddie with Safety Zone to include local partners, services and agencies who can provide practical advice and supports around all 3 LOIP priorities.

#### **Mental Health – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- The chair of the Local Partnership Team will meet with the subgroup leads to plan upcoming activity and further development.

#### **Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- The chair of the Local Partnership Team will meet with the subgroup leads to plan upcoming activity and further development.

# CUMBERNAULD LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6 MONTHLY OUTCOMES REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024

## LOIP PRIORITIES

- **Public and Community Transport**
- **Greenspace Maintenance and Environmental Quality**
- **Youth Engagement and Consultation**
- **Digital Inclusion**
- **Targeted Action within Identified Communities across the Board Area**
- **Food and Financial Insecurity**
- **Communication and Engagement**

## PROGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

### **Public and Community Transport – Priority Lead, VANL**

- All mapping and reviewing of local strategic plans and strategies is completed. There is no remit for SPT to engage further with the subgroup, so this task is also completed.
- All mapping of existing public transport, community transport initiatives is completed.

### **Greenspace Maintenance and Environmental Quality - Priority Lead, VANL**

- Identifying with organisations and community groups within the green agenda is ongoing and engagement is generally going well. Present subgroup members continue to promote the subgroup as a place to network and share information.

### **Youth Engagement and Consultation – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Engagement carried out with young people within Holy Cross and Eastfield Primary schools around the proposed LDP Playpark project in Eastfield, Cumbernauld.
- Currently planning youth engagement consultation with MSYPs and Youth Voice that will take place within Secondary Schools across Cumbernauld to identify needs of local young people. Consultation will take place November/December 2024.

### **Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Digital inclusion continues to be embedded in all priorities as agreed by Cumbernauld Community Board. Any issues identified are reported the NL Driving Digital Locally subgroup via the digital representative from the Community Board.

### **Targeted Action within Identified Communities across the Board Area – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- The subgroup meets regularly
- Great community spirit and willingness to co-production

### **Food and Financial Insecurity – Priority Lead, Cornerstone House**

- Subgroup continues to meet on a regular basis supported by CPT. A range of organisations continue to be involved including Cornerstone House, Cumbernauld Poverty Action, Kildrum Community Council, Pet Pantry, Cumbernauld Foodbank, NLC Tackling Poverty Team and CAB, Highlights include:
- Tackling Poverty Team attending subgroup to ensure linkage to Tackling Poverty priorities.
- Three Cost of living events organised and delivered in May 2024 in Cornerstone House, Kildrum and Abronhill with approximately 160 local people in attendance.
- Period dignity information and products circulated widely across Cumbernauld Board area via period dignity hubs and at events targeted towards local priority communities.

**Communication and Engagement – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Communication and engagement continue to be embedded in all priority subgroups as agreed by Cumbernauld Community Board.
- Communication and engagement Activities via three Cost-of-living events targeted towards priority communities.
- Communication and engagement with young people within Primary schools around proposed LDP Playpark developments.
- Planning consultation with young people across Secondary schools in October/November 2024 to identify needs of local young people.

**IDENTIFIED IMPROVEMENT FOR NLP SLB CONSIDERATION****Public and Community Transport – Priority Lead, VANL**

- SPT have indicated that Cumbernauld is one of the best served communities for public transport therefore further development of services is likely will focus on active and community transport going forward.

**Greenspace Maintenance and Environmental Quality – Priority Lead, VANL**

- Local organisations that attend the subgroup meetings continue to engage well, however they cited capacity issues internally, all partners have been asked to help with promotion of opportunities to get involved in the subgroup and identify suitable organisations to approach.

**PLANNED ACTIONS/DEVELOPMENTS FOR: 1 October 2024 – 31 March 2025****Public and Community Transport – Priority Lead, VANL**

- All group members have agreed to continue to promote the group locally to try and increase membership
- Due to the number of tasks listed on the framework for this priority a review of these tasks will take place, and the group will identify which of these are practical tasks that the group has the resources to take forward and agree a plan of action for how they will achieve this.

**Greenspace Maintenance and Environmental Quality – Priority Lead, VANL**

- Identifying and engaging with relevant organisations working within the green agenda is ongoing and is established as a local network for the green agenda.
- New marketing materials will be prepared, and emails will be sent to invite more people to the group.
- A meeting has now been set up with the NLC greenspace maintenance team to take forward the process for identifying, reporting and rectifying faults.
- The subgroup plans to discuss a way forward to use the Nature Networks ToolBox to create green corridors with the local authority.
- Once additional resource and information has been accessed, the group will be able to work with the council to identify opportunities for capital resource to enhance environmental solutions.

**Targeted Action within Identified Communities across the Board Area – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- Engagement with Senior citizens groups
- Working on the action to better understand Kildrum and its challenges
- Working on action to explore what local data is telling us about the targeted areas

**Youth Engagement and Consultation – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Ensure Local Youth Voice and MSYPs continue to attend and engage in Youth engagement subgroup
- Continue to engage with young people within Primary schools around proposed LDP Playpark developments.

- Carry out engagement and consultation with young people in secondary schools across Cumbernauld Board area. Use findings of the consultation to understand the needs of local young people and identify potential partnership actions moving forward.
- Plan youth engagement consultation in partnership with MSYPs and Youth Voice. Consultation will take place within Secondary Schools across Cumbernauld to identify needs of local young people November/December 2024.

#### **Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Ensure that Digital inclusion continues to be embedded in all priorities as agreed by Cumbernauld Community Board and any issues identified are reported the NL Driving Digital Locally subgroup via the digital representative from the Community Board.

#### **Food and Financial Insecurity – Priority Lead, Cornerstone House**

- Ensure that the Subgroup continues to meet on a regular basis supported by CPT.
- Ensure Tackling Poverty Team continue to attend subgroup to ensure linkage to Tackling Poverty priorities.
- Continue to plan and roll out Cost-of-living events targeted to priority communities with specific focus on income maximisation for older people.
- Organise an engagement event at Antonine Shopping Centre in October 2024 in partnership with the Antonine Centre and local organisations in response fuel poverty issues identified locally.
- Ensure that Period Dignity information and products continue to be circulated widely across Cumbernauld Board area via period dignity hubs and at events targeted towards local priority communities.

#### **Communication and Engagement – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Ensure that Communication and engagement continue to be embedded in all priority subgroups as agreed by Cumbernauld Community Board.
- Continue to communicate and engage with local communities via delivery of Cost-of-living events targeted towards priority communities.
- Continue to Communicate and engage with local people and young people within Primary schools around proposed LDP project developments.



# KILSYTH LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6 MONTHLY OUTCOMES REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024

## LOIP PRIORITIES

- Digital Inclusion
- Food and Financial Insecurity
- Health and Wellbeing
- Improving The Environment with a focus on Kilsyth Town Centre
- Youth Engagement
- Public and Community Transport
- Targeted Action within Identified Communities across the Board Area

## PROGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

### Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team

- Digital inclusion continues to be embedded in all priorities as agreed by Kilsyth Community Board. Any issues identified are reported the NL Driving Digital Locally subgroup via the digital representative from the Community Board.

### Food and Financial Insecurity – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team

- Following on from the successful partnership Cost-of-living event delivered at St Patrick's Primary school in March that targeted parents and carers that was attended by approximately 170 families, discussions have taken place with HT from Banton and Queenzieburn Primary schools around the development of two similar Cost-of-Living events targeting parents and carers within the two villages. A range of Period Dignity products and soup packs will also be provided at the event.
- Period Dignity information and products circulated widely across Kilsyth Board area via period dignity hubs and at events targeted towards local priority communities.

### Health and Wellbeing – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team

- On the subgroup request VANL has provided an update regarding CYP MH&W recent projects completed in local schools. The Health and Wellness Hub, Hope for Autism, Miracle foundation, delivered these projects.

### Improving the Environment with a focus on Kilsyth Town Centre – Priority Lead, VANL

- The subgroup has identified key areas to attend to and have agreed action for each. Members have advised that representatives from Planning, social work, environmental health, greenspace maintenance and transport teams from NLC will be required to progress work.
- There are currently 42 hanging baskets in the village which are watered by a large team of volunteers. All activity fits well with the Kilsyth Town Vision and the Open Space strategy.

### Youth Engagement Consultation – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team

- Subgroup continues to meet on a regular basis supported by CPT with Police and Community Alcohol Partnership, CLD SFRS and community organisations in attendance.
- The subgroup continues to plan local partnership action in response to issues identified by young people through local youth consultation that was previously carried out. Surveys undertaken with Community Alcohol Partnership have been shared with LOIP subgroup.
- Successful partnership Youth Engagement event delivered at Kilsyth Academy targeting young people who attend Future Fridays. Approximately 80 young people attended the event and feedback from young people and organisations was extremely positive.
- Subgroup planning further engagement event with young people from Kilsyth and Villages who attend St Maurice's High school in response to issues identified by local young people.

**Public and Community Transport – Priority Lead, VANL**

- The group have expressed interest in collecting information on and improving the existing active travel infrastructure within Kilsyth. The subgroup members have initially identified a route between Dumbreck Marsh and Colzium Lennox estate that could be progressed through the Connecting Kilsyth Project which the subgroup members are already part of.
- The subgroup is interested in creating a digital map of active travel in Kilsyth however they have agreed that additional capacity and resource will be needed to complete this task.

**Targeted Action within Identified Communities across the Board – Priority Lead, Kilsyth Community Council / CPT**

- Meetings continue to take place with Rennie and Northfield TARA regarding potential development of an LDP play project for older young people near the site of the existing wheeled sports area at Rennie Road.
- Police and Trading standards promoted initiatives including Bogus crime and Scam Van and carried out home visits to vulnerable people in the Community.
- Following consultation with young people in local primary schools and online consultation with local people, the Bogside LDP playpark project onsite 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 and progressing.
- Discussions and site visits have been taking place in relation to a potential LDP environmental project development between Dumbreck Marsh and Colzium Estate.

**PLANNED ACTIONS/DEVELOPMENTS FOR: 1 October 2024 – 31 March 2025****Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Ensure that Digital inclusion continues to be embedded in all priorities as agreed by Kilsyth Community Board and any issues identified are reported the NL Driving Digital Locally subgroup via the digital representative from the Community Board.

**Food and Financial Insecurity – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Ensure subgroup continues to meet to progress key actions identified within this LOIP priority.
- Ensure that Period Dignity information and products continue to be circulated widely across Kilsyth Board area via period dignity hubs and at events targeted towards local priority communities.
- Continue to arrange quarterly cost of living events rotated across Kilsyth and Villages Board area.
- Arrange Cost-of-living events targeted towards parents and carers of children who attend Queenzieburn and Banton Primary with the support of the Head Teacher schools in October/November 2024.

**Health and Wellbeing – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- Engagement with Senior Citizens groups
- Continuing dialogue with local clusters regarding gaps in CYP MH&W counselling
- Digital Safety Events for over 60s – partnership project with Voice of Experience

**Improving the Environment with a focus on Kilsyth Town Centre – Priority Lead, VANL**

- Subgroup members have identified a route between Dumbreck Marsh and Colzium Lennox estate that they are looking to improve environmentally. The group have carried out walkabouts and have initially discussed this with CPT. A funding application has been submitted to the Community Empowerment Fund and discussions are also taking place about the possibility of potential LDP funding.

**Youth Engagement and Consultation – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Ensure subgroup continues to meet regularly to progress partnership actions in response to issues identified through previous consultation carried out with young people.
- Continue to arrange and deliver partnership youth engagement event targeting young people from Kilsyth and Villages who attend St Maurice's High School in response to issues identified by young people.

**Public and Community Transport – Priority Lead, VANL**

- Moving forward the subgroup will direct its focus on developing active travel routes within the community.

**Targeted Action within Identified Communities across the Board – Priority Lead, Kilsyth Community Council / CPT**

- Continue to meet with Rennie and Northfield TARA to support the organisation to develop proposal for Play area for older young people near the wheeled sports area on Rennie Road.
- Carry out consultation with young people in schools and online consultation with local people in relation to the proposed LDP play project.

# MOTHERWELL LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6 MONTHLY OUTCOMES REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024

## LOIP PRIORITIES

- Digital Inclusion
- Community Engagement
- Community Safety
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Tackling Poverty and Inequalities
- Environment
- Transforming Motherwell

## PROGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

### Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, VANL

- VANL has launched its new digital platform for volunteer registrations and recruitment. Kinetic allows individuals to create their own volunteering accounts and find volunteering opportunities that suit them, with a referral made to the volunteer-involving organisation (VIO) automatically. VANL continues to work with VIOs to encourage as many as possible to promote their volunteering opportunities on the platform.
- The sub-group continues to map provision of digital support services within the Motherwell locality and link this to the Comms World database on an ongoing basis. A link has also been made to North Lanarkshire Council's CLD department to share their mapping information on digital provision, to ensure a comprehensive list. All organisations providing digital services are all encouraged to list their information on ALISS.

### Community Engagement – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team

- Engagement work with communities to encourage people bring forward Ideas to improve their community, through the Local Development Plans (LDP) highlights being upgrading Roman Road Playpark with £140k invested, Improving Parking at Kinloch drive and Robert Burns Avenue. Other LDP projects that are currently under-development include: Muirhouse CCTV, Fife Drive Play Park, Newarthill Tree Lighting.
- Consultation undertaken with nursery children at local Family Learning Centre, public in local community centre and on street consultation for Fife Drive Play Area upgrade as part of LDP project in Forgewood. Various methods of consultation used including online, paper and face to face to try to reach as many local residents as possible to gather views and ask children what equipment they would like to see in their play area.
- Muirhouse and Flemington Community Group were supported to apply for Local Activity Fund through the Motherwell Consortium. The group were successful in securing £5000 to organise two local community events including the and to purchase equipment to organise annual events and to allow other groups to use.
- Several organisations across Motherwell, including Good Deed group, The Best Way group, Health and Wellbeing group have received bespoke support from the Community Partnership Team (CPT) and partner agencies. This support covers areas such as governance, funding and financial management, and action planning, ensuring that local groups are equipped with the tools to operate effectively and sustainably.

### Community Safety – Priority Lead, Police Scotland

- Safeguarding our citizens with free bike coaching workshops over this period, funded by CAP offering free coaching sessions, food, drinks. Excellent partnership working between, NLC, Police, SFRS assisted by several third sector organisations.
- Protecting our communities with various operations and works carried out over the period, including joint anti-social visits, community safety inputs and close monitoring from CCTV. There has been perceived decrease in youth disorder and positive feedback from town centre staff and residents.
- Safeguarding our citizens having engaged with local community groups via a network of meetings and board meetings to identify key issues.

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- The subgroup membership continues to grow with good representation from both community and voluntary sector and statutory services which helps to strengthen collaboration and increase partnership working in relation to mental health and wellbeing.
- 'Take Time for your Mental Health' event took place during Mental Health Awareness Week. 18 staff and volunteers from local organisations in Motherwell came along to take time for their own mental health by taking part in some chair-based exercise and a silent disco to promote the theme of "Movement: Moving more for our mental health". Mental health support resources were also available. Whilst we all support others in our roles, it was important to recognise the importance of taking time for our own mental health. By supporting staff and volunteers own mental health, they can then in turn better support the people they are working with.
- Ask, tell: Save a Life, Mental Health, Compassionate Conversations and Suicide Prevention Workshop was delivered during Suicide Prevention Week. This is to raise awareness around suicide prevention and encourage compassionate conversations around Mental Health, reducing stigma. 33 people from various organisations attended the workshop on Tuesday 10th September in New College Lanarkshire – Motherwell Campus. There is now increased confidence within organisations and individuals to have compassionate conversations about mental health and know where to look for support following the workshop.
- A programme of training/workshops have been delivered to upskill SAMH volunteers, increase their confidence and knowledge to have conversations about various topics while supporting people in the community. The sessions included, Understanding Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination, Impact: Mental Health and Tobacco, Worrying About Money, and Ask Tell: Save a Life

### **Tackling Poverty and Inequalities – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- The subgroup membership continues to grow with good representation from both community and voluntary sector and statutory services which helps to strengthen collaboration and increase partnership working to tackle poverty and inequalities.
- Strong links have been created between New College Lanarkshire (NCL) and community support organisations. NCL are launching a Wellbeing Academy to support students and staff with 3 main campaigns- Getting to Know You, Be Well to Do Well and Be Financially Fit. Organisations will be doing outreach work within the wellbeing academy at the Motherwell campus, taking the services to where the people are. Multiple organisations are involved such as CAB, NLDF, SAMH and NHS Health Improvement. Launch of Wellbeing Academy is due to take place in October.
- Support services are linked in with the Marantha Centre Motherwell Foodbank. Service users have an increased awareness of the cash first approaches available to access in the community. CAB provide an outreach clinic within the foodbank on a weekly basis to support the service users, providing information on income maximisation, debt advice, benefit checks etc. Routes to Work have also started to attend to provide employment support to those accessing the foodbank to tackle poverty. SAMH are also in attendance to provide support for wellbeing.
- Subgroup partnered with CLD Sum It Up Team to host a Back-to-School Family Fun Day in Forgewood Community Centre. The event supported families struggling with the financial cost of entertaining children during the summer holidays but also provided support with costs of getting children ready for going back to school. Support for families on offer included free haircuts, free school uniform including school bags and lunch boxes, free stationery and support information from multiple stall holders such as CAB, TPT, Routes to Work, Period Dignity, NL Carers Together, SAMH and many more. Activities on offer included Magician, Animal man, Face Painting, cooking sessions and arts and crafts. Over 120 people attended the event and benefited from the support on offer.

### **Environment – Priority Lead, VANL**

- To assess the quality of transport links within the Motherwell locality (an Environmental Sub-Group listed priority), the subgroup designed a transport survey, which was shared with the Motherwell mailing list in July 2024. This was discussed at the last CB meeting and then community matters shared the survey further. Results will be shared in due course. This survey has generated some interest in subgroup membership.
- The sub-group is working closely with Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub (LCAH) who attended their last meeting to share information on their £1000 seed grant fund and their £500 grand funding for events to which voluntary sector groups can apply. LCAH also shared information on their planned activity and events to encourage other groups to get involved. Subgroup members also had a presentation from Trees for Cities about the work they

are doing in North Lanarkshire. Any information gained within the subgroup is shared in the update prepared for the Community Board.

- The issue for funding for organisations delivering environmental projects is a regular discussion point at subgroup meetings. The group works closely with VANL's Senior Income Generation Officer and receives monthly information on sources of funding to which groups and projects can apply.

#### **PLANNED ACTIONS/DEVELOPMENTS FOR: 1 October 2024 – 31 March 2025**

##### **Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, VANL**

- Identification and progression of any additional inter-generational digital projects between local sheltered housing complexes and local school pupils.
- Bringing all digital LOIP sub-groups across North Lanarkshire together to identify any opportunities for joint working and/or a NL-wide event.

##### **Community Engagement – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Plan and develop a Community Engagement Development session for the subgroup to identify key aims and objectives as a collective.
- Increase the opportunity for local residents have to be involved in decision making processes such as Community Boards, LOIP subgroups, Participatory Budgeting and engagement with consultations.
- Continue work in partnership with the community safety LOIP subgroup along with Police Scotland and Scottish Fire Rescue Services in relation to incidents of anti-social that have taken place within the Muirhouse area of Motherwell, with requests for CCTV to be taken forward to reduce community concerns.

##### **Community Safety – Priority Lead, Police Scotland**

- Safeguarding our citizens - Work being discussed to formalise areas for No Cold Calling Zones NCCZ in Motherwell to increase awareness and safety to vulnerable residents.
- Safeguarding our citizens - Partnership work ongoing regarding increase reports of antisocial behaviour in Motherwell, ward 18. Joint visits, housing checks and CCTV input encouraged to identify the issues in the area.
- Protecting our communities - Work to look at how as a group we can affect the rise in acquisitive type crimes - Thefts by Shoplifting, Housebreakings, Common thefts.

##### **Mental Health and Wellbeing – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- Subject to successful funding outcomes, a winter wellbeing roadshow will be delivered across Motherwell. This will involve organisations attending already established community groups/venues, providing advice and support to individuals on keeping well in the winter. This will include themed weeks offering support on mental health and wellbeing, physical health, financial wellbeing and energy support. This is also an opportunity to provide further signposting to other programmes available in the community, reducing social isolation and loneliness.
- Delivery of Ask, tell: Save a Life, Mental Health, Compassionate Conversations and Suicide Prevention Workshop and Stigma Free Lanarkshire - Understanding Mental Health Stigma and Discrimination Workshop to organisations within Motherwell to encourage compassionate conversations, promote good mental health and support people to seek help.

##### **Tackling Poverty and Inequalities – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- Following the success of the Back-to-School event targeted at families, the subgroup will host a similar event, aimed at adults. The event will focus on cost-of-living advice and support but will also include activities to support with better mental health and wellbeing. A range of support services will be in attendance.
- Organisations will begin outreach service within New College Lanarkshire's Wellbeing Academy at Motherwell Campus.
- Invite guest speakers to attend the subgroup meeting to promote initiatives available to support the Motherwell Community.

**Environment – Priority Lead, VANL**

- Activity proposals will be discussed based on the results from the Quality of Transport Links Within the Motherwell Locality Survey.
- Work will continue to identify existing and new environment activities.
- Any funding opportunities will be shared with subgroup members.
- During VANL organisational reviews with Community Solutions funded organisations any environmental activities will be captured and organisations invited to join the subgroup.
- The subgroup will be promoted at the NL CVS locality network event for Motherwell and Bellshill in November 2024.

**Transforming Motherwell – Priority Lead, NLC Growth Team**

- NLC New Supply Team have completed the soft strip out of Motherwell Town Hall and works are due to start on site in Jan 2025, with completion early 2026.
- Braidhurst industrial estate Refurb and New Build progressing well and due to complete at the end of the year with new units marketed in the New Year.
- Ongoing snagging works with the Rail station taxi/drop off road and associated bin store due for completion before year end.

NORTHERN CORRIDOR LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6 MONTHLY OUTCOMES REPORT

PERIOD COVERED: 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024

LOIP PRIORITIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health Inequalities</li><li>• Children and Young People</li><li>• Social Integration and Inclusion</li><li>• Community Transport</li><li>• Moodiesburn West</li><li>• Building Local Relationships, Trust and Communication</li></ul>
PROGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS:
<p><b>Health Inequalities – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A number of successful MH&amp;W project within the locality. Local groups are supporting the community on the daily basis in advocacy and social activities reducing health inequalities.</li><li>• Successful application of Cardowan Community Meadows to Growth Pot – the group continues to build their capacity and strength to be able to better achieve its objectives in helping the local community.</li><li>• Both Chryston and Muirhead (vaccination) Clinics are fully operational</li></ul> <p><b>Children and Young People – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Successful engagement consultation took place with young people within Chryston High School in June 2024 to identify issues that were important to young people in the Northern Corridor. 55 young people attended 5 workshops that were delivered by CPT with the support of MSYPs and CLD staff.</li><li>• Meetings were held with MSYPs to prepare a presentation to Northern Corridor Community Board around the initial findings of the youth consultation. MSPs attended the Board meeting in August and presented the initial findings. Further Youth engagement Consultation is planned for September 2024.</li><li>• Frankfield Road Muga project in Cardowan was completed in June 2024. This project was developed following consultation with young people in local primary and secondary schools.</li><li>• Police and SFRS engaged with local schools to jointly deliver inputs around fireworks, crime and community impact, online safety, no knives better lives, cyberbullying and drug awareness.</li></ul> <p><b>Community Transport – Priority Lead, Glenboig CDT / CPT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Subgroup meeting regularly and attended by local organisations, elected members and transport providers including SPT and First Bus.</li><li>• Two problematic bus routes were identified and discussed with SPT. New service providers now identified and in place to improve issues identified.</li><li>• Special meeting being arranged to discuss local transport issues in relation to young people.</li></ul> <p><b>Moodiesburn West – Priority Lead, Moodieburn Community Action / CPT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Moodiesburn Community Action Group (MCAG)in regular attendance at Northern Corridor Community Board meetings and progressing actions identified at community listening event.</li><li>• MCAC key partners in the development of LDP projects in the Moodiesburn area including new playpark and outdoor Gym which are planned to go to tender in Quarter 3.</li><li>• MCAG recently applied to Community Empowerment NL fund to host further Community consultation event. The organisation is planning a community listening event in Quarter 3.</li></ul> <p><b>Building Local Relationships, Trust and Communication – Priority Lead, VANL</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A review of this LOIP actions and tasks took place in October 2024. At the next meeting the actions for the next 6 months will be agreed, and a plan will be developed on how to action these, along with what resources and organisations or NLC departments will be needed to attend.</li></ul>



## PLANNED ACTIONS/DEVELOPMENTS FOR: 1 October 2024 – 31 March 2025

### Health Inequalities – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team

- Literature/leaflet to be developed to explain GP referral services/self-referral services etc. Developing Assistive Technology Project, Exploring volunteer drivers' project.
- Subgroup will continue to look at ways to access funding for community spaces.

### Children and Young People – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team

- In partnership with MSYP's, carry out further Youth engagement consultation in schools and community settings (September 2024) to identify issues for young people in the Northern Corridor
- Continue to engage with young people around the proposed development of LDP projects.
- Following engagement and consultation with young people identify partnership actions in response to issues identified.

### Social Integration and Inclusion – Priority Lead, VANL

- Review of all LOIP actions and tasks due in November 2024 along with creating a plan for resources and partners required for implementation

### Community Transport – Priority Lead, Glenboig CDT / CPT

- Ensure subgroup continues to meet regularly attended by local organisations, elected members and transport providers including SPT and First Bus.
- Continue to identify and discuss problematic local transport issues with transport providers and identify potential solutions.
- Arrange special meeting to discuss local transport issues in relation to young people.

### Moodiesburn West – Priority Lead, Moodieburn Community Action / CPT

- Continue to support Moodiesburn Community Action Group (MCAG) to attend Northern Corridor Community Board meetings and progress actions identified at community listening event.
- Continue to engage with MCAC in the development of LDP projects in the Moodiesburn area including new playpark and outdoor Gym planned to go to tender in Quarter 3.
- Continue to support MCAG progress further Community listening event in Quarter 3.

### Building Local Relationships, Trust and Communication – Priority Lead, VANL

- Improved communication with NLC department that manages to My Northern Corridor facebook page to improve use for communicating events and activities across the area to the public.
- Investigate how more partners can attend more of the existing community events to ensure good working relationships and exchange of information face to face with residents.
- Review of CommUnity Agreement to link in with wider 6 month review due in November.
- Look into and discuss with Board and NLC, the feasibility of utilising PB approaches for community priorities that raise petitions.
- The LOIP group was involved in the development of the Community Agreement [NLP-CommUnity-Agreement-3.pdf](#) and look forward to its 6-month review and how the agreed principles are being implemented to help improve working relationships and communications.

# SHOTTS LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6 MONTHLY OUTCOMES REPORT

**PERIOD COVERED: 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024**

- **Digital Inclusion**
- **Community Engagement**
- **Community Safety**
- **Mental Health and Wellbeing**
- **Tackling Poverty and Inequalities**
- **Environment**
- **Transport**
- **Town and Community Hubs and Town Vision**

## **PROGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS:**

### **Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, VANL**

- Initial discussions have taken place about identifying volunteer digital champions for the locality, to work in conjunction with the local library and other organisations, such as Getting Better Together. This will primarily support individuals and small groups of residents who want to improve their digital skills.
- Good progress has been made with the ongoing mapping and curation of digital training provision for volunteers. There are a number of quality training courses available online and a list has been compiled, which will be added to as other provision is identified. These opportunities will be linked to the Comms World database at the next scheduled upload date.
- Mapping and curation of digital support services has progressed, with local churches being approached in the most recent activity. These services will be linked to the Comms Works database at the next scheduled upload date.

### **Community Engagement – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- A collaborative effort between Harthill Eastfield and Greenrigg (HEG) Community Fund, Harthill Village Association, and Spotlight Shotts resulted in securing funding and resources for two full-day community engagement events in Harthill and Shotts. These events, held on 31 August 2024 in Harthill and 28 September 2024 in Shotts, successfully brought together over 300 residents (50 from Harthill and 250+ from Shotts) to discuss community needs and priorities. The events applied the Place-Based Standards Approach, ensuring a focused engagement process that considered the unique characteristics of each locality. Discussions with CVS (Community and Voluntary Services) and local anchor organisations were also held to strengthen the engagement and follow-up processes.
- As a result of the events, priority communities for targeted action have been identified, including Dykehead, Eastfield, and Salsburgh. The insights and data gathered will be instrumental in developing Neighbourhood Action Plans, aligning local strategies with the wider community planning framework. Notably, the events also led to a direct boost in participation with four new members committing to join the local Community Board, enhancing local governance structures. These partnerships underscore a coordinated approach to community empowerment, ensuring that local voices are embedded into decision-making processes.
- Through comprehensive discussions and community surveys, over 80 residents, Community Board members, and CVS organisations were involved in identifying key training needs to enhance participation in community and civic life. This grassroots-level consultation has been crucial in pinpointing the areas where individuals and organisations require support to fully engage in community initiatives.
- Following this, 14 CVS organisations received bespoke support from the Community Partnership Team (CPT) and partner agencies. These tailored inputs covered critical areas such as governance, funding and financial management, action planning, and service delivery, ensuring that local groups are equipped with the tools to operate effectively and sustainably. Organisations were also briefed on the Local Development Plan (LDP), empowering them to align their activities with this capital funding resource, which will further enhance their capacity to advocate for and implement community-driven projects.

### **Community Safety – Priority Lead, Police Scotland**

- Community Safety Subgroup aligned with the Mental health Subgroup meeting collectively having a wider capture of partners to share information having a wider scope of influence in the community.
- Revised Actions under the M&M Framework identifying most appropriate leads on:
  - Protect & educate young persons
  - Protect vulnerable persons
  - Engage with communities & partner to improve service delivery
- SFRS & Police Scotland delivered Safety Talks to pupils within Calderhead High School covering the topics of Water Safety, Road Safety and the impact of Anti-Social Behaviour.
- SFRS delivered hazard awareness training to Shotts Home Support Teams.
- Police Scotland Community Officers hosted local surgeries with elected members in both Shotts & Harthill.
- Focus on ASB in Harthill due Community & Councillor concerns. Joint visits conducted by PS & NLC Housing officers with tenancy warnings being given. Attendance at Contextual Safeguarding Meeting for known offenders.
- Increased police patrols at Hartwood Hospital site in response to Community Board concerns. Ongoing liaison with site owner & SFRS.

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- Several events were held during Mental Health Awareness week in May to bring communities together and take part in activities. A Face-to-face Stigma Free Lanarkshire: Understanding Stigma and Discrimination Workshop was delivered to 42 members of the MH&WB subgroup, Consortia members and members of the community. GBT hosted the event at Springhill Hall in Shotts, good interaction and discussion was generated. SAMH were in attendance to offer signposting and support, the event was followed by a mindfulness session and refreshments.
- SAMH represented the MH&WB subgroup at the Harthill Open Door event on the 31st of August offering signposting and mental health support following on from concerns raised by members of the community at the last 2 community board meetings regarding mental health.

### **Tackling Poverty and Inequalities – No Priority Lead, Currently Under Review**

- Routes to Work have worked in partnership with NHSL to create and provide training for Wishaw & Shotts HV Team along with development of HV referral pathway to RTW. All families in Wishaw and Shotts, engaged with the universal HV Pathway will receive routine enquiry of employability, with appropriate referral to employment support.
- Routine Enquiry of Financial Wellbeing Session have been presented with District Nursing Team in Wishaw & Shotts to increase confidence and knowledge of staff when supporting patients with financial wellbeing with plans to continue in to quarter 3&4 with other teams in Health & Social Care.

### **Environment – Priority Lead, VANL**

- New “Walking For Health” and “Women For Health” programmes started in August and facilitated by Getting Better Together. These are popular and progressing well.
- The sub-group is working closely with the Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub (LCAH) who attended their last meeting to share information on their £1000 seed grant fund and their £500 grand funding for events to which voluntary sector groups can apply. All partners have promoted these funds and the wider work of LCAH.

### **Transport – Priority Lead, VANL**

- Getting Better Together also started a ‘Big Bus’ programme providing breakfast for 100 children to change their habits and behaviour. This project is in conjunction with Calderhead High School and also provides formal Velotech qualifications. The programme will also involve peer to peer education, free bike maintenance, learning mechanical principles and a Dr. bike session.

## **PLANNED ACTIONS/DEVELOPMENTS FOR: 1 October 2024 – 31 March 2025**

### **Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, VANL**

- Identification and progression of any additional inter-generational digital projects between local sheltered housing complexes and local school pupils.
- Bringing all digital LOIP sub-groups across North Lanarkshire together to identify any opportunities for joint working and/or a NL-wide event.

### **Community Engagement – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Engagement with local ethnic groups and/or residents, and Young People: Recognising the need for more inclusive outreach, targeted engagement with local ethnic residents; and children and young people will be a priority for the next six months. This will involve culturally sensitive approaches and youth-friendly platforms to ensure diverse voices are heard in local decision-making. By tailoring approaches, we aim to foster a more inclusive community environment where every individual can contribute to and benefit from local development initiatives.
- A skills and experience audit will be conducted to assess the strengths and gaps within the subgroup membership. This will help identify areas where additional expertise or representation may be needed, ensuring a well-rounded and effective team.

### **Community Safety – Priority Lead, Police Scotland**

- Social Track reaching out to GBT & CAP for funding application to host local Pump Track Events.
- Introduction of HUB partnership Pilot between PS, NLC & SFRS with the purpose: To provide a Statutory forum for direct communication from partners regarding community safety issues. To harness and coordinate the collective abilities of partners in addressing risks. To review the impact of activity as it pertains to community safety, crime, disorder and associated risks and improve safety of our communities. To place prevention and early-stage intervention as the primary aim. To focus on sustainable outcomes and consider wider social issues, including anti-social behaviour and fear of crime affecting quality of life, including associated public health, social and economic factors.

### **Mental Health and Wellbeing – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- World Mental Health Day Event October 2024,
- Scottish Mental Health Art Festival, hosted by Spotlight Shotts October 2024.

### **Tackling Poverty and Inequalities – No Priority Lead, Currently Under Review**

- Further Worrying About Money Sessions are planned until March 25, to continue to build confidence and knowledge to local organisation when supporting community members with financial wellbeing. As well as further Financial Wellbeing Sessions for H&SC staff.
- Routes to Work, HV Team and HI will continue to evaluate the pilot of Routine Enquiry of Employability with plans to be embedded into practice in other HV team in North Lanarkshire.
- Discussions around improving Tackling Poverty referral process and recording system.

### **Environment – Priority Lead, VANL**

- Identifying small test of change projects (i.e. upcycling theatrical costumes to allow other performance groups to make use of them; cooking on a budget to avoid food waste; a new bike project and encouraging relevant organisations interested in pursuing such projects to apply for Community Solutions LAF funding or similar.
- Focus on work with local secondary school to discuss ways in which environmental issues could be incorporated or expanded into the current syllabus.

### **Transport – Priority Lead, VANL**

- School Travel Plans: Collaborating with schools to develop and implement alternative travel plans aimed at reducing car dependency and promoting active transportation options like walking, cycling, or public transit for students and staff.
- There is a plan to check the local transport provision as this changes during the year.

# WISHAW LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN 6 MONTHLY OUTCOMES REPORT

**PERIOD COVERED: 1 April 2024 – 30 September 2024**

## LOIP PRIORITIES

- Digital Inclusion
- Community Engagement
- Community Safety
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Tackling Poverty and Inequalities
- Environment

## PROGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

### Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, VANL

- Good progress has been made with the ongoing mapping and curation of digital training provision for volunteers. There are a number of quality training courses available online and a list has been compiled, which will be added to as other provision is identified. These opportunities will be linked to the Comms World database at the next scheduled upload date.
- In terms of identifying gaps in provision of public wi-fi within the Wishaw Locality, the sub-group was able to identify that there is no general wi-fi access within the town centre. Two exceptions were the Wishaw Health Centre and University Hospital Wishaw. Mobile phone connectivity is also very uneven across Wishaw and includes several networks.
- North Lanarkshire Council has recently launched the new Digital and IT Strategy and is available for local communities to access across North Lanarkshire. Promotion of this strategy has begun via VANL to ensure that communities have access to the digital vision for North Lanarkshire. Further promotion has been planned for the next reporting period.

### Community Engagement – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team

- The subgroup partners have committed to enhancing the representation of CVS (Community and Voluntary Sector) organisations within the subgroup and the Wishaw Community Board. To date, four new organisations have been successfully recruited and are now participating in ongoing discussions and decision-making processes. This increase in representation strengthens the diversity of voices and ensures that community needs are more comprehensively addressed, especially in areas such as health, social inclusion, and poverty alleviation.
- Subgroup members conducted a thorough review of available data from the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), complemented by insights gathered from previous community consultations. This has allowed us to implement a data-driven targeting of communities for our engagement activities. As a result, Tinto and Greenhead have been identified as priority areas for the next phase of targeted engagement. These communities exhibit high levels of deprivation, and focused outreach here will support efforts to address critical needs such as access to services, educational attainment, and housing conditions. Plans are in place to tailor engagement activities to the specific challenges faced by these areas, fostering more targeted interventions.
- Various community engagement activities have been successfully delivered during the reporting period, with over 140 young people from local primary schools in Wishaw and Murdostoun participating in seven “Design-a-Sign” workshops. These sessions not only encouraged creativity but also facilitated a broader consultation on critical issues such as digital access and online safety. Feedback collected from these workshops has been shared with Police Scotland, and plans are underway to integrate these insights into the ongoing work of the North Lanarkshire-wide digital safety group. To recognize their contributions, participating young people were awarded certificates and prizes during school assemblies, reinforcing positive engagement and ownership in local issues.
- Significant strides have been made in the Newmains Action Planning project. Working closely with Newmains Community Trust and Newmains Community Council, several community engagement opportunities were offered over the summer. These included two Initial Information Sessions, a Coffee Morning, and an Evening

Drop-In Session, all aimed at informing and engaging residents about the forthcoming Community Action Plan. These events received strong local participation, and feedback gathered is currently being used to shape the action plan, ensuring that it reflects the priorities of the local community.

- Two major community infrastructure projects were officially launched during the reporting period: the Overtown Outdoor Gym and the Newmains Play Area. The openings were celebrated with community members, local schools, and elected officials, and were supported by local organisations, including the Brighter Neighbourhood Group and Police Scotland. These facilities are seen as critical investments in local health and well-being, offering spaces that promote physical activity and community cohesion. Both projects were well-received by residents, and further opportunities for community involvement and use of these spaces are being planned.

#### **Community Safety – Priority Lead, Police Scotland**

- Community Safety Subgroup aligned with the Mental health Subgroup meeting collectively having a wider capture of partners to share information having a wider scope of influence in the community.
- Revised Actions under the M&M Framework identifying most appropriate leads on:
  - Protect & educate young persons
  - Protect vulnerable persons
  - Engage with communities & partner to improve service delivery
- SFRS & Police Scotland delivered Safety Talks to pupils within Clyde Valley High School covering the topics of Water Safety, Road Safety and the impact of Anti-Social Behaviour.
- Local Engagement Surgeries - Police Scotland Community Officers hosted local surgeries with elected members in the Newmains and Wishaw areas. SFRS utilised Café within the Houldsworth Centre to promote Home Safety.
- Operation CeCe 24/09 – Trading Standards supported by Police Scotland targeted 5 licenced premises within the Wishaw locality whereby 5 out of 5 premises had illicit tobacco products and all retailers reported to HMRC for civil sanctions.
- Off Road Bike Action Plan – Proactive targeted patrols in identified ‘hotspot’ areas assisted by Road Policing & NLC Trailer Camera. After analytical review for the period during action plan (July & August) resulted in a 72.3% reduced in incidents reported.

#### **Mental Health and Wellbeing – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- As part of Mental Health Awareness Week and Green Health Week in May, the MH&WB subgroup supported the opening of the King George V Community Garden at University Hospital Wishaw in partnership with Clydesdale Community Initiatives. Staff and patients from the Hospital, as well as local organisations, local schools and members of the public were invited to attend the opening of the garden. There was a range of activities on offer during the launch of the garden, such as: short health walk, Silent disco, Mindfulness session, Gardening/planting, TheraPet's & Mental health supports and stalls from SAMH, LAMH and Social Track.
- Mental Health and Wellbeing Subgroup Members Community Mental Health Team, Addictions Recovery Team, LAMH and SAMH continue to provide capacity to facilitate a drop in. Offering signposting, support and workshops at Wishaw Foodbank, Recovery Hub, and Community Cafe at South Wishaw Parish Church (SWPC) as 50% of people attending report, they have experience poor mental health.
- The Houldsworth Information and Advice Hub (HIAH) has been operating in the atrium of the Houldsworth Centre, support is available in the form of regular stalls held by clinical staff and community organisations.

#### **Tackling Poverty and Inequalities – No Priority Lead, Currently Under Review**

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**Environment – Priority Lead, VANL**

- The sub-group is working closely with the Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub (LCAH) who attended their last meeting to share information on their £1000 seed grant fund and their £500 grand funding for events to which voluntary sector groups can apply. All partners have promoted these funds and the wider work of LCAH.
- Social Track (active sub-group member) is working with local secondary schools and has provided 100 mountain bikes with equipment and accessories to local pupils helping them get to school and to get active. They also plan to start a new lease / rental service for adults, allowing individuals to own the bike after their last rental payment. This will also encourage bike use and less reliance on public transport.
- Several ideas were discussed for short-term projects. These included upcycling theatrical costumes to allow other performance groups to make use of them; cooking on the budget to avoid food waste; a new bike project at the existing pump track in Wishaw and bike maintenance sessions.
- The Digital sub-group has identified a need for a Heritage Project linking to the local environment in key areas of Wishaw. Securing funding for this will be a priority but the project could be designed to not only preserve and promote the local heritage but also to engage the community, promote environment, involve active travel and at the same time enhance resident's connection to the area's history.

**PLANNED ACTIONS/DEVELOPMENTS FOR: 1 October 2024 – 31 March 2025****Digital Inclusion – Priority Lead, VANL**

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- Bringing all digital LOIP sub-groups across North Lanarkshire together to identify any opportunities for joint working and/or a NL-wide event.

**Community Engagement – Priority Lead, NLC Community Partnership Team**

- Plans are underway to develop a new approach to gathering and sharing information from local organisations about upcoming events and consultations. This will culminate in the creation of a publicly accessible Community Engagement Calendar, designed to enhance communication and coordination among stakeholders and to ensure that residents are aware of opportunities to participate in local decision-making processes.
- Various digital platforms will be identified and tested to host the Community Engagement Calendar. These platforms will be evaluated for their usability, accessibility, and capacity to reach a broad audience, including those who may face barriers to digital access.
- Recognising the importance of inclusive engagement, the subgroup will design and implement targeted outreach activities to engage with seldom-heard groups. These activities will be tailored to address the unique barriers faced by these groups, such as language, mobility, or digital literacy, ensuring that their voices are meaningfully included in community planning processes.

**Community Safety – Priority Lead, Police Scotland**

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**Mental Health and Wellbeing – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team**

- World Mental Health Day Event October 2024,
- To further evaluate the Houldsworth Information and Advice Hub (HIAH) and drop-in support at South Wishaw Parish Church.

**Tackling Poverty and Inequalities – No Priority Lead, Currently Under Review**

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- Routes to Work, HV Team and HI will continue to evaluate the pilot of Routine Enquiry of Employability with plans to be embedded into practice in other HV team in North Lanarkshire.
- Worried about Money session for staff and volunteers at Foodbank, Community Café, and Recovery Group at South Wishaw Parish Church.
- Discussions around improving Tackling Poverty referral process and recording system.

#### **Environment – Priority Lead, VANL**

- Progression of both the Heritage Project as detailed above to check for viability and the short-term projects also detailed above, which may be eligible for Community Solutions Locality Activity Funding.
- Work with local schools:
  - Collaborating with schools to develop and implement alternative travel plans aimed at reducing car dependency and promoting active transportation options like walking, cycling, or public transit for students and staff.
  - Working with schools to implement green initiatives such as recycling programmes, composting, energy conservation measures, or the establishment of school gardens to promote environmental stewardship among pupils.
  - Involving schools in events related to environmental awareness and sustainable transportation, such as community clean-up campaigns (already happening), tree planting events (already happening), or cycling and walking challenges.
  - Integrating environmental and transportation topics into the school curriculum across various subjects, fostering a deeper understanding of sustainability issues among students.