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Notice is given that a Meeting of the **Communities Committee** is to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Windmillhill Street, Motherwell, ML1 1AB on Monday, 03 February 2025 at 10:00 AM which you are requested to attend.

The agenda of business is attached.

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Members :

G Woods, P Patton, D Ashraf, C Barclay, A Beveridge, B Burgess, A Bustard, D Crichton, K Duffy, F Fotheringham, K Harmon, M Hughes, J Jones, J Keltie, A Khan, M McBride, B McCluskey, B McCulloch, P McDade, L Mitchell, L Nolan, N Shevlin, A Smith, J Toner, C Williams.

Agenda

- 1 **Declarations of Interest In Terms of the Ethical Standards In Public Life Etc. (Scotland) Act 2000**
- 2 **Community Board Local Development Programme** 7 - 64
Submit a report by Chief Officer (Strategic Communication and Engagement) providing an update on the progress of the Community Board Local Development Programme projects.
- 3 **Community Boards and Partnership Communications Strategy** 65 - 76
Submit report by Chief Officer (Strategic Communication and Engagement) providing an update on key progress linked to supporting the development of the Community Boards model.
- 4 **Campsies Grant Award Programme - Round 3 Funding** 77 - 90
Submit report by Chief Officer (Strategic Communication and Engagement) seeking approval to grant awards to a variety of organisations through the Campsies Grant Fund, as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.
- 5 **Community Safety Strategy 2025-2030** 91 - 168
Submit report by Chief Officer (Strategic Communication and Engagement) seeking approval of the new Community Safety Strategy (2025-2030).
- 6 **Local Outcome Improvement Plan Performance Report 1st April 2024 – 30th September 2024** 169 - 200
Submit report by Chief Officer (Strategic Communication and Engagement) providing a snapshot of the progress of the 9 Local Outcome Improvement Plans for the period from 1 April to 30 September 2024 and detailing the implementation of the Management and Monitoring Framework approach.

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| 7 | <p>Grant Awards Programme (GAP) 2025-26</p> <p>Submit report by Chief Officer (Strategic Communication and Engagement) providing an overview of applications received for the Council's revised Grant Awards Programme for 2025/26 and seeking approval to allocate discretionary funding to Community and Voluntary Sector organisations.</p> | 201 - 222 |
| 8 | <p>Active and Creative Communities and Community Facility Usage and Footfall - Q3 24-25 and Q3 23-24</p> <p>Submit report by Chief Officer (Operations) providing an overview of a range of sports culture and leisure venues and community facilities, comparing quarter 3 of 2024-25 and quarter 3 of 2023-24.</p> | 223 - 234 |
| 9 | <p>Active NL: Supporting Health in North Lanarkshire</p> <p>Submit report by Chief Officer (Community Operations) outlining the current support offered by the Active Health programme, the results from the support provided and planned next steps.</p> | 235 - 242 |
| 10 | <p>Motherwell Half Marathon</p> <p>Submit report by Chief Officer (Community Operations) seeking approval to host a half marathon event in Motherwell.</p> | 243 - 248 |
| 11 | <p>North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership: Annual Oversight and Outcomes Report 2023/24</p> <p>Submit report by Chief Officer (Business and Digital) seeking approval of the North Lanarkshire Partnership Strategic Leadership Board's annual oversight and outcomes report 2023/24.</p> | 249 - 274 |
| 12 | <p>Driving Digital Locally – Communities Update</p> <p>Submit report by Chief Officer (Business and Digital) providing an update on the progress of key 'digital locally' activities and the planned next steps.</p> | 275 - 286 |

Contracts

**Contract Awarded Below Committee Approval
Threshold**

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Submit report by the Chief Officer (Assets and Procurement) notifying of the Contracts Awarded since the last meeting of the Committee with a value below the financial threshold requiring approval.

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Communities Committee

Does this report require to be approved?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Ref SP/MC

Date

03/02/25

Community Board Local Development Programme

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Executive Summary

This report provides an update on progress with the Community Board Local Development Programme (LDP) projects previously approved by committee.

In addition, the report seeks in-principal approval for new potential projects as proposed by local community groups.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Communities Committee:

- (1) Recognises progress with the remaining 2022/23 programme and 2023/24 onwards and approve projects which have potential for delivery in future financial years depending on availability of budget and community support (Appendix 1).
- (2) Recognises the capital budget allocated to the LDP for each Community Board area in the new capital programme from 2024/25 onwards. (Appendix 2).
- (3) Notes the examples of completed project case studies (Appendix 3)
- (4) Recognises the delivery of play area projects for 2023/24 (Appendix 4).
- (5) Approves amendments to existing projects and further project proposals and project criteria.
- (6) Acknowledges current challenges faced in achieving delivery of the Local Development Programme;

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority All priorities

Ambition statement (20) Improve the involvement of communities in the decisions, and development of services and supports, that affect them

Programme of Work All Programmes of Work

1. Background

- 1.1 The Policy and Strategy committee agreed, in March 2019, that all projects from 2019/20 onwards, recommended by Community Matters partnerships (now replaced by Community Boards) should be subject to agreement by the former Youth, Equalities and Empowerment Committee before proceeding beyond the in-principle/ conceptual stage. Further approvals are now sought through the Communities Committee as required.
- 1.2 The current capital programme was reviewed and a new capital programme for 2024/25 to 2028/29 was agreed by Council in March 2024. The LDP has secured funding for the new five-year plan totalling £10.369 million. The allocation of funding includes a new capital allocation to support the Community Asset Transfer (CAT) process. A total amount of £2.3 million from the LDP has been allocated to support CAT over the five-year budget period. This funding will be augmented by £670,000 from the Shared Prosperity Fund to provide a £3 million fund to support CAT over the next five years.
- 1.3 The indicative allocation of LDP funding by Community Board area is set out in the table in Appendix 2 of this report. The level of funding shown for each Community Board area excludes the CAT element of £2.3 million, which will be allocated via the process approved by the Policy and Strategy Committee in June 2024.
- 1.4 Appendix 2 shows the allocation of LDP by Community Board area over the five years of the capital plan. The allocation for each Board area is a calculation based on population size and deprivation. The population percentages are drawn from the National Records for Scotland 2020 mid-year estimates and the 2020 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). 85% is allocated based on population, while 15% of the LDP budget is allocated based on deprivation. The 15% figure is drawn from the proportion of people who were “income deprived” in the 2020 SIMD.
- 1.5 Appendix 3 of the report contains case studies of a recently completed LDP projects, the Plains outdoor gym in the Airdrie community board area, Holytown Main Street hoardings in the Bellshill community board area and the Roman Road play area in the Motherwell community board area. The purpose of the case studies is to provide elected members with greater insight into how LDP projects are developed and delivered, from initial proposals through to the completion of the project. All future LDP reports to Committee will include LDP project case studies.
- 1.6 One of the key priorities for the LDP is the delivery of upgraded and new play facilities across all nine Community Board areas. Appendix 4 illustrates the progress made on the 2023/24 play area projects. 23 of the 24 play areas in the programme have been completed by December 2024, with the two remaining projects due for completion in October 2024. A programme for 2024/25 is under development and with an initial start to the procurement process in December 2024.
- 1.7 The amount allocated to each area reflects a reduction of up to 10% which will be earmarked for delivery and other associated costs in relation to agreed projects, this will include technical support, tendering processes, design and project management and administration.

2. Report

Criteria for Local Development Programme

2.1 To be eligible for inclusion in the Community Board Local Development Programme, projects must meet the priorities of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and substantially subscribe to previously agreed criteria. The following are examples of some of the key criteria:

- link to LOIP priorities
- be publicly visible and accessible.
- come from community groups or individual.
- improve community safety.
- benefit a large number of people.
- improve the appearance of an area.
- maximise the use of alternative sources of funding.
- be a capital projects on council owned land.

All Local Development Programme proposal forms should indicate which, if any, of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan priorities the project supports. Where the project does not align with identified priorities, evidence must be provided to show how the project will support improved local outcomes.

2.2 Project progress

Information on current and potential future projects is contained within Appendix 1. The figures in Appendix 1 are notional/indicative potential project costs and no budget has been allocated to specific projects.

The Community Board Local Development Programme highlights the council's commitment to community led neighbourhood regeneration. Prioritisation work has been undertaken taking account of the allocated budgets and criteria to schedule project delivery of the current holding over the five-year budget cycle. These priorities may change as projects develop and clearer costs become available.

Where feasibility checks have identified that the project is not viable, the recommendation within Appendix 1 is to delete such projects from the list moving forward.

Projects seeking approval.

2.3 Table 1 provides a summary of the LDP projects seeking committee approval in this cycle. In total, sixteen projects from seven of the nine Community Board areas are seeking Committee approval.

Table 1. Projects seeking approval from this cycle of Community Boards

Community Board Area	Project Name	Project Description	Project Potential Cost	Additional external or partner funding available	Additional Notes
Airdrie	Calderbank Welcome Road Sign	Welcome Sign	£3,000		A site has been identified, north of Brownsburn park.
Airdrie	Chapelhall/ Bellside Road Parking	Surfacing	£40,000		Design spec to proceed
Airdrie	Caldercruix Wheeled Sport Area	Wheeled sports area	£50,000		Facility for bicycles, scooters etc.
Bellshill	Ella Gardens Mossend Parking	Additional parking spaces from house 9-23	TBC		Feasibility undertaken.
Coatbridge	Greenend Play Area	Full refurb. Add to wheeled sports provision, extra play equipment	£100,000 + £50,000		Request from T&R Org. Feasibility checks completed. Consultation underway. On site consultation complete with positive comments. Projects team handing extension to wheel sports area
Coatbridge	Whifflet Park Additional Swing Bay	Play area upgrade	£5,000	£0	Additional swing bay
Coatbridge	Bargeddie Play Area	Play Area upgrade	£100,000		Feasibility ongoing. One unit being kept / rest of equipment needs to be replaced Consultation has been completed

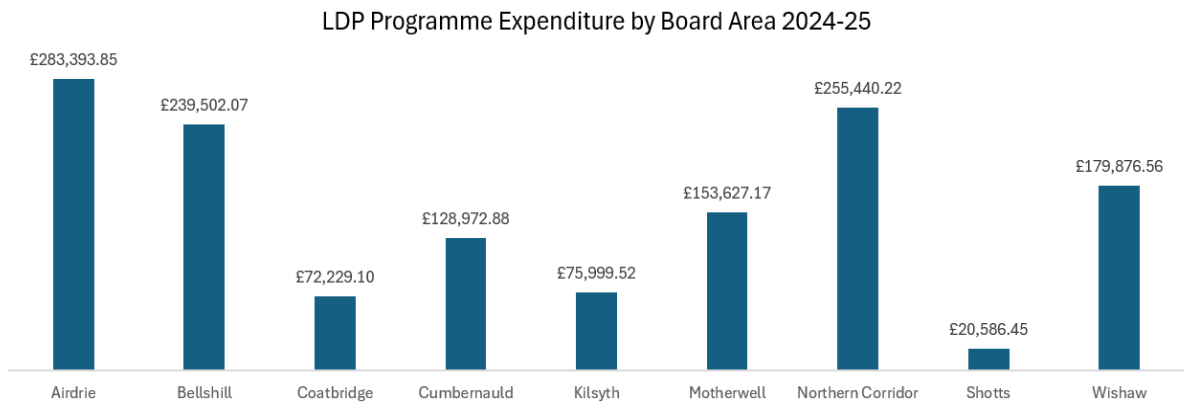
					with positive results Designs spec. completed.
Coatbridge	Willson Street/ Calder Street lining bays	Mark out parking bays to encourage considerate parking from neighbours	TBC		Positive on Feasibility checks Projects team waiting on clarification from roads on lining policy
Coatbridge	Secret Garden (CCCG Community Garden)	Partnership with Friends of Dunbeth Park	TBC		Proposal received.
Coatbridge	Bargeddie MUGA	Development of Bargeddie MUGA	£90,000		Proposal received Nov 24 Being reviewed by Projects team
Cumbernauld	Main Street Cumbernauld Village gap site Hoardings	Design of the hoardings to include historical information and images of the Village	£6,000 approx.		Proposal form received. Hoardings to be replaced.
Motherwell	Craigneuk Living Christmas Trees	To have a living Christmas tree erected at the war memorial in Craigneuk instead of a yearly Christmas tree.	£1,400 or £700 for half		Proposal Form received.
Northern Corridor	Path Improvement works at Strathkelvin Railway Path, Moodiesburn	The project would involve improvement works at the path area at Strathkelvin Railway Path, Moodiesburn (next to the Bow Wow Right of Way entrance). Works would	£10,000		Positive on Feasibility checks

		involve scraping back shrubs and bushes			
Wishaw	Newmains Community Council MUGA	Clarification on project one survey findings is received	£140,000		Awaiting survey results. Follow up meeting with Community Council being arranged. Working with local organisations to develop a Community Action Plan. Future engagement Looking for match funding
Wishaw	Waverly Drive Play Area	Replacement and upgrade of Waverley Drive Play Area	£100,000		Consultation complete. Design spec. to be produced.
Wishaw	Cambusnethan Memorial Park Play Area	Replacement and upgrade of Play Area	£100,000		Consultation complete. Design spec to be produced.

LDP programme and financial position

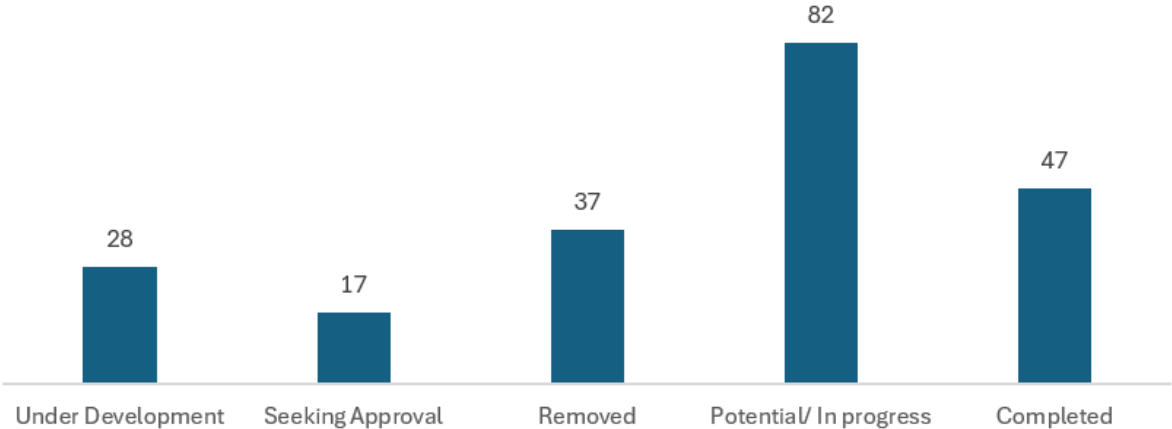
- 2.4 Graph 1 below sets out LDP project spend by Community Board areas for financial year 2024/25, from 1st April 2024 to 9th December 2024. The data shown on the chart illustrates the actual spend on the ledger at this date.
- 2.5 The total expenditure to date is £1,247,752. This is the total spend for the LDP programme, which includes council capital funding for the programme, including carry forward from financial year 2023/24, and, where relevant, Scottish Government Play Area Renewal Funding and developer contributions. These funding sources are dedicated to the funding of play areas and Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs).

2.6 **Graph 1. LDP Programme Expenditure by Board Area 2024/25**



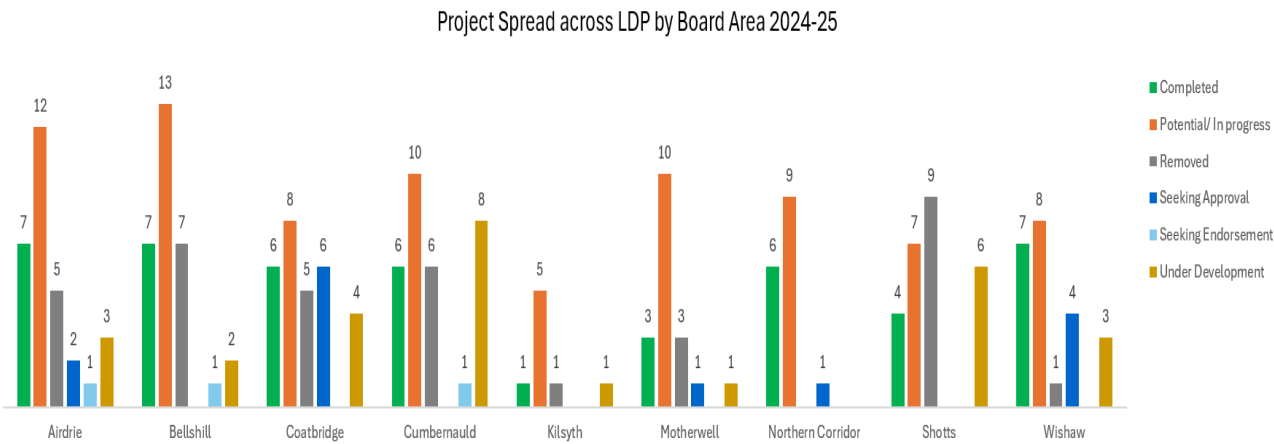
- 2.7 The graph illustrates project spend by board area in the current financial year, as of 8th December 2024, based on payments made by the LDP project team. It should be noted that there is a considerable variation in expenditure across the Community Board areas. This reflects, to a large extent, the type of project that has been completed in each area since the start of the financial year and the relative size of each Community Board area. For example, Airdrie, Bellshill, and Northern Corridor show a high level of spend. Bellshill and Northern Corridor Community Board areas have had large MUGA projects installed this year, and Airdrie has recently completed two play areas.
- 2.8 Conversely, Shotts shows a small expenditure as of 8th December 2024. As more projects complete over the remainder of the year, project expenditure by Board area will show less variation than presently.
- 2.9 Graph 2 below shows the breakdown of LDP projects by development stages for financial year 2024/25. It shows the scale of the LDP programme, in terms of the number of projects that have been approved (potential) and are in progress, a total of eighty-two, and the number that are under development (28) and seeking approval (16). This is a very large number of projects, fully detailed in Appendix 1, and indicates the high level of demand for LDP projects from the Community Board areas of North Lanarkshire. Graph 2 also illustrates that 47 projects have been completed, with more in the pipeline to be completed by the end of the financial year.

Graph 2. Number of LDP projects by development stage 2024-25
Project Counts across LDP



2.10 Further detail at a Community Board level is provided in Graph 3. This illustrates the number of projects at each development stage by Community Board area. Graph 3 shows more detailed information on the status of projects for each Community Board area. As with the information included in each of the graphs, this will be updated for each future report.

Graph 3. LDP projects by development stage by Community Board area 2024/25



3. Measures of success

- 3.1 Projects delivered within agreed timescales taking into account all relevant factors and budgetary considerations.
- 3.2 Local communities are involved from the earliest stage in the development of project designs and delivery and are generally satisfied with the outcome.
- 3.3 People in communities whose voices are seldom heard are engaged in putting forward/influencing projects within their community.
- 3.4 The governance role of the Community Boards is consolidated in terms of project development, approvals, and monitoring processes.

4. Supporting documentation

- 4.1 Appendix 1 – Community Board Local Development Programme 2023/24 onwards
- 4.2 Appendix 2 – Budget Information
- 4.3 Appendix 3- Your community asked, we delivered: LDP project case study, Plains Outdoor Gym, Airdrie, Holytown Main Street Hoardings Bellshill and Roman Road play Area, Motherwell.
- 4.4 Appendix 4 – Play Area Development List 2023/24



Stephen Penman
Chief Officer (Strategic Communication and Engagement)

5. Impacts

5.1 Public Sector Equality Duty and Fairer Scotland Duty 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? https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-community/equalities/equality-and-fairer-scotland-duty-impact-assessments Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
5.2 Financial impact Does the report contain any financial impacts? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, have all relevant financial impacts been discussed and agreed with Finance? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact? Each of the projects in the attached Appendices, if deemed appropriate for delivery and where budget is available is supported through funding available via the Community Board Local Development Programme capital allocation. Consideration will also be given to maximising external and other partner contributions where possible.
5.3 HR policy impact Does the report contain any HR policy or procedure impacts? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Yes, have all relevant HR impacts been discussed and agreed with People Resources? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?
5.4 Legal impact Does the report contain any legal impacts (such as general legal matters, statutory considerations (including employment law considerations), or new legislation)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Yes, have all relevant legal impacts been discussed and agreed with Legal and Democratic? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?
5.5 Data protection impact 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 dataprotection@northlan.gov.uk Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

5.6	<p>Technology / Digital impact</p> <p>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?</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>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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
5.7	<p>Environmental / Carbon impact</p> <p>Does the report / project / practice contain information that has an impact on any environmental or carbon matters?</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>Several of the projects will have a positive effect on the local environment, contributing to safer areas to play and addressing issues traffic congestion in specific areas.</p>
5.8	<p>Communications impact</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>The LDP is discussed widely with community groups and local consultation will be communicated as required. In conjunction with local communities, a communications approach will ensure that projects are promoted positively.</p>
5.9	<p>Risk impact</p> <p>Is there a risk impact?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input 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>There are no significant financial risks which have been identified at this stage in the financial year, however this will continue to be closely monitored. Some projects may not proceed as a result of e.g., community consultation or site investigations and outstanding budgets will be re-allocated to other projects which will be reported to a future Community Board. It should be acknowledged that there are nationwide challenges in relation to supply of materials and there is also an impact on material costs leading to potentially higher contract costs which could impact on delivery of projects.</p>
5.10	<p>Armed Forces Covenant Duty</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</p>

Armed Forces community to make sure that they do not face disadvantage compared to other citizens in the provision of public services.

5.11 Children's rights and wellbeing impact

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?

Yes ☒ No ☒

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).

Information is provided regarding upgraded and new play areas across North Lanarkshire.

If Yes, has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) been carried out?

Yes ☐ No ☒

Airdrie				
Project Name	Project Description	Progress	Budget	Notes
Holehills Kickabout Area	New Play Area	Under Development	TBC	Seeking Permission from Education. No proposal form yet. Possibility of developing dual access. Liaised with Forward Planning Team Potential to resurface the MUGA with polymeric surface
Lost Villages	Heritage Project	Under Development	TBC	Feasibility checks & consultation to be done.
Airdrie Boulevard of Lights	Replace trees that must be removed	Under Development	£10,000	Proposal form under development
Calderbank Welcome Road Sign	Welcome Sign	Seeking Endorsement	£3,000	A site has been identified, north of Brownsburn park proposal form to be returned from the community organisation
Chapelhall/ Bellside Road Parking	Surfacing	Seeking Approval	£40,000	legal issues resolved Project to now proceed - design spec. under development.
Caldercruix Wheeled Sport Area	Wheeled sports area	Seeking Approval	£50,000	
Ballochney Road Plains Path installation	Surfacing	Potential/ In progress	£20000	Community engagement complete. Surfacing: Path installation. Feasibility check completed.
BMX Pump Track	Funding to support regenerating of the facilities or build a new pump track. Pump Track - Play	Potential/ In progress	£150,000	Proposed site identified following site meeting. To be progressed in 2024/25 Site survey completed. Procurement underway.
Caldercruix Heritage Project	Heritage Project	Potential/ In progress	£30000 (Actual amount:	Site open- May 2024. Project Team to arrange for outstanding minor works to be completed. Completed official

			£42,944.87)	opening Currently waiting on panels
Caldercruix Play Area	Caldercruix Play Area Upgrade	Potential/ In progress	£100000	Design specification underway. Consultation extended as CPO engaging with schools to broaden consultation response.
Community Partnership Initiatives		Potential/ In progress	£10,000	
Community Safety CCTV	CCTV installations	Potential/ In progress	£25,000	£15,000 for Petersburn New Play Area – Completed. Installed end of Aug 24. CCTV Request submitted Queens Crescent, Chapelhall approved. CCTV Request submitted for Luing, Petersburn re fly tipping, due to be installed.
Craigneuk Play Area, Calderigg place,	Play Area	Potential/ In progress	£92,646	Works completed on play area by end of Aug 2024. Project nearly completed, inspection completed, site handed over. Surfacing has been completed hatching completed and ramp still to be completed.
Milton Court Social Place	Seating Area	Potential/ In progress	TBC	Project proposal completed with Tenants & Residents Association. Contact Project Team to progress further.
Petersburn Main Play Area	Renew existent play area and concentrate all play provisions in one play area	Potential/ In progress	£100000	Consultation extended as few responses received Seeking more responses from school.
Toddlers Play Area, Varnsdorf way	Toddlers Play Area	Potential/ In progress	£50000	Feasibility Checks to be done. Site visit completed. Timescale FY 25-26

West end/ Centenary Park	New Interpretation boards	Potential/ In progress	£15,000	Signage ordered, installation areas to be discussed. Signage arrived early December, installation.
Whinhall Allotments	The installation of new path, raised beds and associated ground works	Potential/ In progress	£15,000	Projects Team meet with Contractor Projects team chasing supplier
Plains Community Features, Outdoor Gym	Outdoor Gym	Completed	£24,200 + £13,000 grants from Consortium & Lottery	Works completed August 2024
Rawyards Roundabout	Environmental improvement	Completed	£10000	Veg clearance works complete. Supplementary Planting and general maintenance work ongoing.
Gartleahill Play Area	Play Area	Completed	£99,908	Project completed, inspection completed, site handed over CPO to arrange for official opening date in Spring 25.
Crowwood Road, Calderbank	Parking	Removed	£15,000	Progressing in FY 2024-25. Community engagement underway. Location & scope to be confirmed Removed due to presence of trees and on a corner
Four Isles Community Centre, Fencing Project	Install fencing to create outdoor area behind the community centre	Removed	£10,000	Group who proposed project have disbanded therefore project no longer required. Propose to remove from the list.
Glen Road, Petersburn	Parking	Removed	£15,000	Removal after feasibility checks.
Holehills Development, Play Area Kenilburn Ave,	Play Area	Removed	£10000 + Housing Develop-ers off-	Due to be delivered 24/25 Site visit complete, location identified Negative responses received during consultation, hence

			site contribu tion	removed. Suggestion of Muga as compensation Moved to removal due to lack of support for development
Bellshill				
Project Name	Project Description	Progress	Budget	Notes
Easter Wood Crescent Parking Viewpark	Additional parking spaces	Under Development	£2,000	LDP project proposal submitted. Location to be checked in with residents. Lining can help to create thirty spaces approx. CPO meeting Councillor to confirm location No contact available of the proposers
Telford Street Parking	Additional parking spaces	Under Development	TBC	Proposal form to be completed. Feasibility checks underway.
Ella Gardens Mossend Parking	Additional parking spaces from house 9-23	Seeking approval	TBC	Proposal form received.
Juniper Place Parking Viewpark	Additional parking spaces	In progress/ Potential	£15,000	LDP project proposal submitted. Feasibility checks are positive. No services present. Timescale FY 25-26. Waiting on Roads to confirm.
Alder Bank Parking Viewpark	Additional parking spaces	In progress/ Potential	£15,000	Timescale FY 25-26 LDP project proposal submitted. Site visit completed; services check completed Feasibility checks are positive, creating spaces opposite to the road Waiting for roads to confirm
McCracken Drive Parking Viewpark	Additional parking spaces	In progress/ Potential	£15,000	LDP project proposal submitted. Site visit to be arranged. Possibility of eight bays. Presence of lighting service. To be procured end of Dec 24.

Belvidere Crescent Parking Bellshill	Additional parking spaces	In progress/ Potential	£15,000	Project proposal submitted. Six potential spaces.
Clay Crescent Muga & Play Area Renewal	The area distinctly lacks sufficient open space public sports facilities. Using existing red ash paved football pitch which is a health and safety concern for causing injuries.	In progress/ Potential	160,000 SG	Timescale FY 25-26 Proposal form received. Site visit completed. Equipment to be upgraded/replaced Online Consultation completed, seventeen positive responses, one negative response. Project to go ahead. Design spec to be completed
Laburnum Rd footbridge and environment Viewpark	To repair side panels of an existing footbridge. Addressing litter and fly tipping issues	In progress/ Potential	£10,000	Timescale FY2024-25 To be completed by Structures Team of Council. Scope to be determined by the Structures Team.
Sycamore Ave, Viewpark Community Garden	To create community garden or dog walking area	In progress/ Potential	£25,000	Timescale FY 2025-26. Subject to Community Asset Transfer (CAT) inquiry. Design and development paused for outcome of CAT.
Main Street, Holytown Community Garden	Community Garden	In progress/ Potential	£25,000	Ideas from residents for design and development received. Products selected by Community Group, awaiting costs/lead times from supplier. Project team to meet with contractor re estimated completion
Viewpark Gardens Office Cabin	The proposed project involves the installation of a portable cabin on site, which can help to create a multi-purpose space which	In progress/ Potential	£20,000	Timescale FY 2025-26 for delivery in conjunction with local group subject to legal agreement. LDP Proposal submitted. Subject to CAT. Hearing arranged Feb 25.

	can benefit the community.			
Community Safety CCTV	Additional CCTV in locality in conjunction with community safety partners	In progress/ Potential	£25,000	FY 2024-25. Holytown CCTV: Proposal received from H Environmental group. With Community Safety for further investigation.
Bellshill Gateway-community Garden	Bellshill Gateway-community Garden	In progress/ Potential	£25,000	LDP contribution (Internal transfer to greenspace) to existing Gateway project for the community garden construction. To be completed by end of FY 24-25
Liberty Road, Parking Bellshill	Additional parking spaces	In progress/ Potential	£30,000	LDP proposal submitted and approved at CB June 2024. Potential for eight spaces only as services present near location. Design development in progress. Consultation conducted & residents updated.
Orbiston bing project	Vegetation clearance to footpaths and existing pedestrian routes.	Completed	£10,000	Veg clearance completed March 2024; however additional works identified. Usage of the site to be assessed based on Hub building getting build in future years.
Crowflat View, Viewpark	Car parking project	Completed	£10,209.80	Works completed.
Napier Square (north side), Bellshill - car park project	Car Parking	Completed	£15,804.40	Works completed.
Baird's Ave, Viewpark	Play facilities improvement Project Upgrading play equipment in an existing play area	Completed	£99,578	Works completed July 24, site open, inspection completed. Footpath complete end of Nov 24. Official opening December 24.

Holytown Main Street fencing	Hoarding	Completed	£15,000	Hoardings installed by end of Oct 24. Installed and now with graphics Completed end of Nov 24.
Rosevale Crescent MUGA	Potential MUGA facility	Completed	£30,000 + £10000 External Funding	Completed July 24 and open to use. Footpath works to be completed by mid Oct 24. Surfacing completed, date for opening event to be agreed.
Telford Street Parking Bellshill	Additional parking spaces	Removed	£15,000	LDP project proposal submitted. Location to be confirmed. Project not moving forward
Windsor Road Parking	Additional parking spaces	Removed	£30,000	Roadworks to create access. Site visit completed. Project out of LDP Scope
Hamilton Place Play Area (Quarry Street Play Area)	New play area development	Removed	£130,000	Timescale FY 25-26. LDP Project Proposal submitted. Site visit completed. Removed due to site near houses Proposer came back with alternate suggestions, but project cannot go ahead due to budget restrictions, Team may consider natural play
Redwood Crescent, Viewpark Community Garden	Project to create a community greenspace.	Removed	£30,000	Feasibility and designs completed. Paused for further investigation re CAT. Original proposer withdrew proposal. Looking for responsible group/owner for the project 4 Nov 24: Moved to removal
Lilac Crescent Parking	Car Parking	Removed	£17,500	Approved at CB March 2024. Design development and consultation underway. Consultation completed May 24. Unclear responses received from residents. Removal Project Removed.

Clydesdale Rd/Mossend Primary School – car parking	Car Parking	Removed	£35,000	Further consultation required with Education and Roads to determine final proposal. Removing after feasibility checks
Douglas Street, Viewpark	Car parking	Removed	£18000 - £100,000 DC	. Feasibility checks suggest project not viable due to presence of light and services.
Coatbridge				
Project Name	Project Details	Progress	Budget	Notes
Kirkwood Tenants & Residents Community Garden		Under Development	TBC	Proposal Received:
Lomond Road Townhead Parking Bays		Under Development		Proposal form to be completed
Cliffonville & Coatdyke Community Garden		Under Development		Proposal form to be completed
Bargeddie MUGA	Development of Bargeddie MUGA	Under Development	£90,000	Proposal being reviewed by Projects team
Greenend Play Area	Full refurb. Add to wheeled sports provision, extra play equipment	Seeking Approval	£100,000 + £50,000	Request from T&R Org. Feasibility checks completed. On site consultation complete with positive comments, Projects team handing extension to wheel sports area
Whifflet Park Additional Swing Bay	Play area upgrade	Seeking Approval	£5,000	Additional swing bay
Bargeddie Play Area	Play Area upgrade	Seeking Approval	£100,000	Feasibility ongoing. One unit being kept / rest of equipment needs to be replaced Consultation has been completed with positive

				results Designs specs completed.
Greenend Wheeled Sports Area	Development of Greenend Wheeled Sports Area	Seeking Approval	£50,000	Proposal received 11 Nov 24
Willson Street/ Calder Street lining bays	Mark out parking bays to encourage considerate parking from neighbours	Seeking Approval	TBC	Proposal received. Positive on Feasibility checks Projects team waiting on clarification from roads on lining policy.
Secret Garden (CCCG Community Garden)	Partnership with Friends of Dunbeth Park	Seeking Approval	TBC	Proposal received
Cumberland place and sharp avenue Parking	Parking	Potential/ In progress	TBC	Creating parking spaces, congested area. Potential issues identified with this project. Need to check with roads Waiting on roads feedback Projects team to chase roads for feedback
Community Safety – CCTV Additional CCTV in locality in conjunction with Community Safety Partners		Potential/ In progress	£25000	As required
Carnbroe Welcome Signage & Heritage panels	Signage on Roundabouts re welcome & safe driving & heritage panels to safely screen mine cap in community garden	Potential/ In progress	£10,000	Project requested by CCAR – proposal submitted; initial feasibility completed. Design process completed with CCAR. Only one signage to be placed. Requesting permission from landowner Signage ready to be placed still waiting on permission from landowner LDP team to follow up with roads on location
Kelso Quadrant Community space,	Create a useable community	Potential/ In progress	£10000	Design workshop completed, site drawing in progress, initial clear & cut back completed.

	space on currently unused waste ground to rear of properties			Waiting to be installed and for costs from contractors
Shining Stars Outdoor Learning Space Project	Use space at rear of building to create secure learning and performance space for ASN theatre school	Potential/ In progress	£10000	Initial feasibility completed; project proposal form submitted. Design of outdoor education space in process with project members. Initial clearance of site undertaken.
Greenwood Crescent Community Garden	Community Garden	Potential/ In progress	£5000 + £5000 matched resource from Housing	Proposal submitted, agreed matched resources with Housing. Internal transfer to housing. Project requested by tenants. Community consultation completed To be completed by Spring 25.
Langloan Community Space	reclaiming community spaces in Langloan. Goal Posts, roll bars & seating area.	Potential/ In progress	£5,000	Awaiting delivery of Roll Bars. Benches to be arranged, waiting on installation on Roll Bars Will be completed by end of Dec, benches, and bases to be installed by new year - planters to be ordered by LDP team.
Community Partnership Initiatives		Potential/ In progress	£10,000	
Oak Place, Greenend Parking Bays	Creation of additional parking bays to alleviate congestion	Completed	£10,733	17 April 2024: Works completed
Bargeddie restrict access to quad bikes	Environmental improvements	Removed	£0	Block access to quad bikes request from residents. Proposal received
Mitchell Street, Kirkwood Parking	Parking approx. six bays	Removed	£10K	Feasibility checks completed Removed, due to unsuitability of site.

Cumbernauld				
Project Name & ID	Project Details	Progress	Budget	Notes
Lime Crescent, Abronhill	Parking	Under Development	TBC	Application received. Potential location to be identified. Feasibility checks to be carried out Site visit completed awaiting confirmation from roads
Kildrum Welcome Signage	Three metal signs to be installed saying "Welcome to Kildrum," like the "Welcome to Seafar" signs recently installed.	Under Development	TBC	Feasibility checks to be arranged.
Springfield Road Car Parking	Additional car parking at Springfield Road in Cumbernauld Village, in the vicinity of 56-78, 80-98 and 100-114 Springfield Road.	Under Development	TBC	Feasibility checks to be arranged
Roadside Cumbernauld Village Car Parking	Additional car parking by extending the current car park at Roadside in Cumbernauld Village, at the junction of Roadside, Baronhill, Carrick Road, and The Auld Road. The car park could potentially be extended onto the landscaping	Under Development	TBC	Feasibility checks to be arranged

	to the north-west.			
Kildrum Entrance Feature	Entrance wall feature to be constructed. Is requested that this be able to accommodate the metal house shields which came off the exterior of the former Cumbernauld High School buildings before demolition. The shields are being retained locally for re-use and are available to view on request.	Under Development	TBC	Feasibility checks to be arranged
Cumbernauld New Town Heritage Signage	Refurbish and reinstate original Cumbernauld New Town signage, to designs by town artist Brian Miller	Under Development	TBC	Proposal form received
Allanfauld Road Seafar Play Area	Install a new play area at Allanfauld Road, Seafar, Cumbernauld	Under Development	TBC	Proposal form received. Timescale FY 25-26
Main Street Cumbernauld Village gap site Hoardings	Design of the hoardings to include historical information and images of the Village	Seeking Endorsement	£6,000 approx.	Proposal form received. Hoardings to be replaced.

Afton Road, Parking	Parking	In progress/Potential	£15,000	Request for additional parking- feasibility checks completed. Community council identified project as priority one, out of applications submitted. Potential for two additional parking bays by changing orientation. (Presence of trees) Design completed Ready to go out for tender
Birch Road, (Abronhill)	Parking	In progress/Potential	£25,000	Three proposals submitted. Potential for ten parking bays. To be included within infrastructure frameworks Consultation Sent out - positive responses received
Handrails, Kildrum (2 Areas)	Pathway Handrails for two areas	In progress/Potential	£10,000	Proposal submitted by CC and supported by local community. Site visit on 7 Nov 24 one location eliminated, handrails to be ordered for only two sites
Community Notice boards, Kildrum (3)	Community Notice Boards	In progress/Potential	£7,500	Proposal submitted by CC and supported by local community. Locations confirmed. Signage ordered, to be delivered early 2025.
Netherwood Place,	Parking	In progress/Potential	£15,906	Issues with disabled bays. Redesign necessary. Possible removal, pending further engagement.
Cumbernauld Peace Garden Memory Walk	Memory Walk	In progress/Potential	£10,000	Potentially combining two projects (Memory Walk & Dementia Garden) Engaged with contractor to identify better site and awaiting design layout Site visit complete, identifying path and design work still

				ongoing Awaiting layout designs
Eastfield Play Area	Playpark	In progress/ Potential	£10,000 0	Balloch site identified, proposal submitted by local community. School Children Consultation completed June 2024. Online Consultation completed July 2024; positive responses received Specs completed.
Melrose Road, Greenfaulds	Parking Improvements	In progress/Pote ntial	£10833. 75	Outstanding technical issues to be resolved. Awaiting confirmation from Roads.
Community Partnership Initiatives	Funding to support community partnership initiatives	In progress/Pote ntial	£10,000	
CCTV	CCTV	In progress/Pote ntial	£25000	FY 2024-25: Burns Road CCTV installation - Removed Installed & Operational Clouden/Ellisland Rowan Road Carbrain Gully
Glencairn Road Boulder removal and extra parking spaces	Environmental & Parking	Completed	Approx £2k	Feasibility checks completed. Boulders can be removed and placed in Kildrum Primary School. Works Completed Oct 24: FY It was part of Braehead Play Area project
Cumbernauld Heritage Project, Kildrum	Heritage Project	Completed	£4,900	Restoring of underpass painting/mural. Artist added in NLC systems. Completed Oct 24 Official opening on 12 Nov 24 1pm
Watch us grow,	Environmental Improvements	Completed	£10000	Natures Scotland License received, funding to be released by mid-September 24

				Funds transferred, project complete Oct 24
Ellisland Road, Kildrum Parking	Parking	Removed	0	Additional parking not feasible
Darroch Way, Seafar	Parking	Removed	£15000	Feasibility checks indicated removal due to presence of water pipe underground.
Pine Court Car Parking	Additional car parking in Pine Court in the Abronhill area of Cumbernauld, by extending the parking provision on the right-hand side of the street when entering from Pine Road.	Removed	TBC	To be removed due to existent disabled parking
Kilsyth				
Project Name & ID	Project Details	Progress	Budget	Notes
Kilsyth Old Peoples Welfare Committee – centre renovations	Contribution towards improvements works at Old Library (Burngreen)	Under Development	TBC	Organisation seeking third party funding support for essential building and facility improvements. Proposal will require to be updated
CCTV		In progress/Potential	£10,000	Barlandfauld CCTV completed: £14k
Argyll Place Parking,	Additional parking spaces required	In progress/Potential	£15,000	To be progressed in 2024-25. To be part of Newlay's Programme of Work. To be completed by end of Nov 24

Banton Parking,	Parking bays	In progress/Potential	£12,552	Issues with street lighting & location, hence timescale changed to FY 25-26. Further Feasibility checks, identify no longer feasible Consultation to be conducted
Rennie Road Play Park,	Replace Play Area	In progress/Potential	£80,000	Community Group (Tenants and Residents) now established. Site visit completed & location confirmed. CPO met with community group; Proposal received. Using Natural Play Consultation completed; positive responses received re design spec.
Community Partnership Initiatives Funding to support partnership initiatives		In progress/Potential	£1,500	
Bogside Park,	Play Park Upgrade	Completed	£15,000 + £50,000 Scottish Government	Project completed
Croy Community Hub, community garden	Outdoor Community Space (Garden)	Removed	£15,000	Community engagement required. Following Community Consultation, project no longer progressing.
Motherwell				
Project Name & ID	Project Details	Status	Budget	Notes
Rail bridge Project, Craigneuk	Collaborating with the community to develop a rail bridge art project, which will include the potential for improvement	Under Development	TBC	Early stages, scoping of project required. No proposal form received to date. Further community guidance required from Glencassels community development project. Land ownership checks in progress.

	works on Glencairn Road			No proposer present currently
Craigneuk Living Christmas Trees	To have a living Xmas tree erected at the war memorial in Craigneuk instead of a yearly Xmas tree.	Seeking Approval	£1,400 or £700 for half	Proposal Form Received.
Community Partnership Initiatives	Funding to support community partnership initiatives	Potential/ In progress	£10,000	
Community Safety CCTV	Additional CCTV in locality in conjunction with Community Safety Partners	Potential/ In progress	£25,000	Potential CCTV for issues in Muirhouse: Antisocial Behaviour 9.5K, needs 2 CCTV
Duchess Park, Hamilton Road	New Notice boards/signage	Potential/ In progress	£5,829	Approved to order Notice boards and signage. Signages ordered Waiting delivery for signages
Fife Drive, Forgewood play park improvement and expansion	Replace missing equipment and consider adding some more play equipment to improve the park	Potential/ In progress	£80,000	Further discussion with the local organisation and community in progress. Application received. Consultation completed. Feedback from consultation to be completed
Newarthill Tree Lighting Project	Community Council want to light up five trees next to the welcome to Newarthill entrance feature	Potential/ In progress	£15,000	Completed December 24

George St Park, constructing walking path	LDP form received from the group regarding constructing a walking Path round the park, with bench, Trim trail, and a bog garden etc.	Potential/ In progress	Indicative £80K to £100K: SG	Site visit completed, Layout options to be produced. Layout proposal to be completed
Coursington Crescent Parking	Additional parking	Potential/ In progress	£15,000	Timescale FY 24-25 Proposal form submitted. Site visit and scope checks completed. Potential for ten spaces. Presence of gas service along the fence but no issues found
Lighting on pathway at dog park, welfare park, Newarthill	Lighting project	Potential/ In progress	TBC	Proposal form submitted. Location confirmed Solar lighting to be extended and site visit to be arranged. Issues identified re different surfacing
Jerviston Play Area Replacement	Play Area replacement	Potential/ In progress	TBC (SG)	Proposal form submitted. Consultation underway. Timescale FY 25-26. Streetscene to be contacted Site visit to be organised by project team
Outdoor Gym, Glenmore Rd-Lomond Walk, Newarthill	Development of an outdoor gym for community use	Potential/ In progress	£40,000	Proposal form received from Community Action Newarthill. Location confirmed, feasibility checks are positive. Consultation to be arranged
Newarthill Glenburn Ave. Parking	Parking	Removed	£8498.50	Additional fibre cabling installed on site, no longer feasible to proceed with the project.
Wittagreen Crescent Play Park	Replace play park	Removed	£0	Proposal form submitted. Project removed after feasibility checks
Lyons Quadrant, Craigneuk	Additional parking bays to	Removed		Need to establish full scope of work. To proceed next financial

	alleviate congestion			year. Consultation completed end of May 24 -> Negative responses received; project removed No response re alternate site
Northern Corridor				
Project Name	Project Details	Progress	Budget	Notes
Path Improvement works at Strathkelvin Railway Path, Moodiesburn	The project would involve improvement works at the path area at Strathkelvin Railway Path, Moodiesburn (next to the Bow Wow Right of Way entrance). Works would involve scraping back shrubs and bushes	Seeking Approval	£10000	Proposal received. Positive on Feasibility checks.
Moodiesburn Outdoor Gym	Establish an outdoor gym facility	Potential/ In progress	£20,000	Proposal form signed by Moodiesburn Community Action. Location updated: Pivot Community Centre, Glenmanor Drive. Feasibility and service checks complete; and agreed with community
Lochside Play Area, Gartcosh	Refurbish Play Area	Potential/ In progress	£10,000 + £80,000 (SG Funding) £8000 - > drainag e issues (Develo per's	Work schedule to be reassessed and then start date will be confirmed. Additional drainage works identified. Scope to be reidentified. Drainage and groundworks to be on site for 18th Nov Drainage and groundworks on site, to be completed by late Jan 25

			contribution)	
Auchinloch Community Council Outdoor gym	Establish outdoor gym facility in Auchinloch	Potential/ In progress	£20,000	Timescale financial Year 2024-25. Approved at Community Board 21 Feb. 2024. Project identified through Auchinloch Community Action Plan. Feasibility checks on potential sites completed.
Frankfield Road, Cardowan ash area project	To provide a new whin dust gravel surface on the ash area next to Cardowan Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) facility, at Frankfield Road, Cardowan. A new surface would support improved delivery of bike hub activities by Cardowan Community Hub.	Potential/ In progress	£10,000	Proposal received. Site visit & feasibility checks completed. Timescale FY25-26
Moodiesburn Play Area	Create play area at top end of Moodiesburn	Potential/ In progress	£75K	Timescale Financial Year 2024-25. Identified by Moodiesburn Community Action Group consultation. Consultation with schools and community completed April 2024. Proposed site on ground at St. Michael's PS, Blackwoods Crescent approved for use. Site visit completed by Project Team
Cardowan Community Meadow Outdoor Gym	Establish outdoor gym	Potential/ In progress	£20,000	Timescale Financial Year 2024-25. Endorsed at Community Board 21/02/2024.

	facility in Cardowan.			Project identified through Cardowan Community Action Plan. Feasibility checks on potential sites completed.
Moodiesburn Christmas Tree Project	Erect permanent Christmas Tree in Moodiesburn.	Potential/ In progress	£3,000	CPT and Streetscene to conduct further feasibility check on potential sites (Pivot CC). Project may be carried out as part of Council Christmas Trees in villages initiative (TBC). Timescale FY 25-26 Service checks to be conducted as ground conditions are critical.
CCTV Community Safety	Additional CCTV in the locality in conjunction with community safety partners	Potential/ In progress	£15,000	
Community Partnership Initiatives	Funding to support community partnership initiatives	Potential/ In progress	£3,000	
Dunalistair Drive Play Area, Millerston	Replace Play Area	Completed	£60,000 + £60,000 Scottish Government Funding	Completed March 2024 Surfacing works in progress. Official opening date Friday 13th December 24
Kelvin Drive, Moodiesburn Wheeled sports facility	Wheeled sports area	Completed	£20,000 + £133,000 (Developer's contribution)	Works completed, May 2024. Price will be agreed and works to be completed by mid-December 24
Blades Court, Gartcosh Parking	Car Parking bays	Completed	£7430	Completed March 2024

Lochside, Gartcosh Parking	Car Parking bays	Completed	£13,853	Completed March 2024
Frankfield Road, Cardowan MUGA	Cardowan MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) project	Completed	£107,291	Works completed July 2024 Official Opening to occur January 2025
Northern Corridor Community Volunteers: Locality Heritage Project	Further develop local heritage project	Completed	£5000 External Grant	Timescale Financial Year 2024-25. Approved at Community Board 21 Feb. '24. Stage 2 implementation of the project. Completed July '24
Shotts				
Project Name	Project Description	Progress	Budget	Notes
Allanton sports pitch 5 a side goal posts	Allanton sports pitch 2 x 5 a side goal posts	Under Development	TBC	Early stages future new housing development was agreed at committee. Update awaiting from projects team. Proposal form received
Eastfield Harthill future play park improvements	To improve play provision in the local community: Renew items of equipment to improve play provision	Under Development	TBC (Potential of using SG funding)	To note in the very near future work will begin on a 4g pitch and infrastructure within Hawthorn Drive Harthill which is funded through separate council capital allocation. Site visit completed. Site needs a full renewal. HEG fund (through windfarm credits) in Harthill keen to support project financially. They may also be willing to act as proposers of the project.
Shottskirk Road Shotts Car Parking Improvements	To improve accessibility and car parking locally	Under Development		Proposal form submitted. Feasibility checks in progress.
Alexander Peden PS Harthill	Community access to play and greenspace opportunities. Project to install fencing	Under Development	TBC	Initial discussions with education services re access to playpark. Update 9/10/24. devised potential illustrative plan for community access in terms of fencing. Passed

	and installing gate			forward to planning team on 15/10/24
Hirst Gardens Parking	Installation of parking bays	Under Development	TBC	Proposal form received. Awaiting feasibility checks.
Shotts Leisure Centre Outdoor Gym	Outdoor Gym	Under Development	£30000	Timescale FY2025-26. Delivery dependent on budget and feasibility. Update -No indication or evidence in several years of this project being of priority to local community. If agreed this project under development could be deleted. New venue possible, potential of new heritage project to align with multigym
Salsburgh Community Council - Solar Lighting	Solar lighting & pathways at outdoor community space to aide community safety	Potential/ In progress	£5000	Future years delivery dependent on budget and feasibility. Project Team met with Contractor CC have confirmed project. Update -project endorsed at community board meeting Tuesday 19th November.
Stane Gardens, Additional benches	Request for additional benches at Stane Gardens Includes notice board for Torbothie Wildflower Garden - Update CB - noticeboard is a separate entity and not associated with Stane Gardens.	Potential/ In progress	£3000	Future years delivery dependent on budget and feasibility. Service cannot fund, looking for LDP contribution. Looking for 2 to 3 benches. Update 2/10/24 rescheduled site visit to be planned with Tom. Signages for Torbothie was ordered Site visit to be rescheduled Update -project endorsed at community board meeting 19/11/24
Nevis Place Parking	Installation of parking bays and lining of parking area in existent area	Potential/ In progress	£1000	Initial engagement taken place. Proposal form submitted. Lining of bays to be included in current contracts. To be completed by end of Nov 24

				Waiting for response from roads. Update -project endorsed at community board meeting 19/11/24
Community Partnership Initiatives	Funding to support community partnership initiatives	Potential/ In progress	£2000	Approved at Community Committee
Ts housing Stane Corner Parking	Manse Road defining park bays and directional signage improvement to be undertaken along with a community awareness campaign to promote car park usage	Potential/ In progress	£10000	Contractor appointed for delivery. Site visit completed, still waiting on car parking sign marking pavement Signage installed New car park sign installed. Directional signage on main road to be installed. Bays to be lined on flagstones. Arts /community awareness project to be delivered by Spotlight Shotts from January 2025.
Community Safety CCTV	Additional CCTV in the locality in conjunction with community safety partners	Potential/ In progress	£25,000	Programme of camera upgrades and new installations undertaken including support towards a deployable CCTV trailer. None so far
Salsburgh Feature Lighting	Project to install lighting on entrance features and war memorial	Potential/ In progress	£10000	Background planning being finalised before installation. Columns installed, Lighting handed over, site visit planned. Completed December 2024
Laggan Path Parking	Parking Project	Removed	£10000	Currently assigned to 2024/25 delivery. Site visit & Feasibility checks completed. Not feasible at current site due to size restrictions. Proposer notified site not feasible. If agreed delete from programme.
Muldron Terrace, Parking	Development of parking bays to	Removed	£10302	Main build completed but lining and top dressing to be

	reduce congestion			finalised. Completed May 24
Hartwood mobile CCTV initiative	Issues raised on August 24 community board about ongoing damage and vandalism that is occurring in and around home farm which is empty but still has equipment within it.	Removed	TBC	Following discussion, the mobile cameras would be used for land that is privately owned and is not within the scope for the use of the equipment hence project removed
Harthill Environmental Improvements	This potential LDP project supported by local people will look at furthering the scope of the environmental improvements being delivered by NLC Housing that could be delivered through the LDP budget.	Removed	TBC	Awaiting contact from community members for initial discussion and site visit. Update 2/10/24 still no contact from local people will send another email to clarify their position. Removed due to no further progression from local people
Summerhill Place, Parking Allanton	Parking project at Allanton	Removed	£20000	future years delivery dependent on budget and feasibility. Proposal form received. emailed proposer to confirm project unviable due to underground water and electricity systems. This and the loss of existing parking spaces and the cost of excavation works make the project unviable.
Salsburgh Community Council - commemorative	Commemorative Railway Hutch	Removed	£15000	Timescale FY 25/26. Delivery dependent on budget and feasibility. Site visit completed.

				Proposer resigned as Chair. Update -Community Council looking at other options and this is not a priority at present. If agreed this project to be deleted from under development.
Salsburgh Community Council Wider improvement programme for King George V Park	Wider improvement programme for King George V Park	Removed	TBC	Future years delivery dependent on budget and feasibility. Proposal form received. Service cannot fund so unlikely to move forward. Project removed
Erskine Way Shotts Parking Improvements	To increase the number of spaces available for local household vehicles.	Removed	TBC	Removed due to electricity and gas cabling which hinders progress. Also, after a thorough check it was found that the proposal site was not under NLC ownership.
Belmont Drive Parking	Installation of parking bays	Removed		Engagement undertaken. Proposal form with projects team for feasibility checks. Not supporting increased number due to parking close by funded recently by LDP. Contacted proposer to confirm project not feasible due to recently installed and nearby parking.
Convenanter Road Harthill Parking and accessibility improvements	Installation of parking bays	Removed	TBC	Proposal form received. Feasibility checks completed; Removal due to presence of water services, out of LDP scope.
Lochaber Road Parking	Parking project	Completed	£28,314	Main build installed. Lining and top dressing still to be completed. Meeting held with street scene to agree a solution and location of a new gate access. Completed May 2024
Hartwood Play Area upgrade	Funding to support local organisation with play area refurbishment	Completed	£15,000 LDP for year 3 + £70,000 EKF external	Play area handed over. Inspection completed. Drainage and other remedial measures have been identified for action across several months' time frame.

			funding sourced by organisation	Drainage issue resolved. Site open Contractor's hopeful that all actions completed by 11/10/24. 12 Nov 24: Draining issue resolved, and site is now fully complete
Torbothie Rd Shotts Parking	Creation Of Off-Street Parking on Torbothie Road (176-180) to alleviate local issues.	Completed	£12,900	Contractor appointed for delivery. Expected to complete by July 2024. Delayed but projects team assurance of completion in short term Completed June 24
Wishaw				
Project Name	Project Details	Status	Budget	Notes
Cleland Parking	Lack of parking at Crossgates Ave, Crosshill Dr & Fraser St	Under Development	TBC	Project idea raised by local community – Site visit completed. Further checks required. Proposal submitted. Service checks completed, locations to be agreed.
Wishawhill/St Matthews Socialtrack Project	Environmental & Woodland improvements around Wishawhill Woods including further development of pump track/cycling facilities	Under Development	Third Party Contribution TBC + Potential of up to £100,000 funding from Sports Scotland Facilities Fund	Idea being developed in partnership with Social Track and Green Action Trust. Proposal to be submitted in due course. proposal still yet to be created, CPO contacted Greenspace - may be removed due to no further progression

Overtown solar lighting on pathway	Built in Solar Lighting on pathway	Under Development	Third Party Contribution TBC + Potential of up to £100,000 funding from Sports Scotland Facilities Fund.	LDP Proposal currently being worked with local organisation. Arrange site visit and check feasibility as well as durability Drawings received from contractor; Projects team to commit further investigating
Newmains Community Council MUGA	Clarification on project one survey findings is received	Seeking Approval	£140,000	Awaiting survey results. Follow up meeting with Community Council being arranged. Working with local organisations to develop a Community Action Plan. Future engagement planned for the summer. Looking for match funding
Cleland Christmas Trees	NLC funding of 50% costs towards community Christmas trees in Cleland in partnership with Cleland community council	Seeking Approval	£1000	Proposal form signed. NLC funding of 50% costs towards community Christmas trees in Cleland in partnership with Cleland community council Awaiting on invoice to be created
Waverly Drive Play Area	Replacement and upgrade of Waverley Drive Play Area	Seeking Approval	TBC (SG Funding)	Consultation complete. Design spec to be produced.
Cambusnethan Memorial Park Play Area	Replacement and upgrade of Play Area	Seeking Approval	TBC (SG funding)	Consultation complete. Design spec to be produced.
Cleland Sydney Devine Memorial	Memorial Plaque for Sydney Devine	Potential/ In progress	£4k to £5k	Proposal received. Positive response received in community board. Awaiting

	in his town of birth.			plaque design details from community group. Narrative received. CPO to engage with Project Team re plaque design details
Coltness Welcome Sign	Welcome Sign	Potential/ In progress	£20,000	Joint site visits complete. Consultation in progress. Project team conducting feasibility checks to progress. Contractor confirmed. Works to commence date still to be identified
King George V Play Area, Wishaw	Replace Play Area	Potential/ In progress	£150,000	Completed early December 2024
Cleland MUGA	Creation of new MUGA	Potential/ In progress	£70,000 (Potential to use SG funding)	Possible removal as no community group present or match funding available. Looking for alternative ideas with community council.
CCTV	Additional CCTV in locality in conjunction with community safety partners	Potential/ In progress	£25,000	As needed. None so far
Community Partnership Initiatives	Funding to support community partnership initiatives	Potential/ In progress	£10,000	
Newmains Community Council Village Welcome Sign	Creation of welcome sign	Potential/ In progress	£20000	Timescale FY2024-25 Received positive response re design from Community Council. Works commenced. To be completed by end of Nov 24
Branchalwood Estate, Coltness	Environmental improvements	Potential/ In progress	£16,000	Nature Walk Upgrades. Idea being developed by local neighbourhood group. Proposal form submitted with location plan. Pathway Improvement works

				to be started end of Aug 24. Signages ordered Project partially completed, waiting on signage delivery. Budget likely to increase.
Cleland Public Park	Refurb and extend play area	Completed	£55,000	Contract awarded. Work to commence in June 2024 Works completed; Inspection completed Aug 24. Signage installed. Handover completed.
Lyman Drive Play Area	Replace Play area - upgrade park	Completed	£40,000	Consultation and Design specification completed. Contractor appointed. Works completed, fencing installation in progress. Inspection completed Opening pending as project Team trying to arrange fence painting through contractor, is waiting for a cost.
Newmains Play Area at Community Hub	Improved play area facilities in conjunction with local community	Completed	£175,000	Works completed
Overtown Brighter Neighbourhood Group - Outdoor Gym	Outdoor Gym	Completed	£45,000	Works completed and site handed over May 24
Park Quadrant Parking	Junction improvements	Completed	£10,264 .85	Works completed May 24
Install new swing bay Parkside Play Area, Cleland	Additional works	Completed	£5K external funding	1 Nov 23: works completed
Greenfield Drive (Cambusnethan Parking)	Parking	Completed	£9907.8 8	Completed 1 Mar 24
Cambusnethan Dog Walking Area	Dog Walking Area at Cambusnethan memorial park	Removed	TBC	LDP Project Proposal received from Cambusnethan CC in support of the community for a formal dog walking area at the Memorial Park. LDP not supporting anymore Dog Walking areas but open

				to development of other local development
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Appendix 2

LDP 5-year allocation by Community Board

Year	Airdrie	Bellshill	Coatbridge	Cumbernauld	Kilsyth	Motherwell	Northern Corridor	Shotts	Wishaw
2024/25	£180,318	£134,642	£151,700	£158,383	£38,080	£174,494	£85,190	£49,722	£115,471
2025/26	£240,537	£177,823	£206,856	£212,200	£50,519	£232,809	£105,025	£65,964	£154,512
2026/27	£269,137	£199,039	£226,740	£237,506	£56,546	£260,494	£127,953	£73,833	£172,947
2027/28	£236,643	£174,944	£199,297	£208,740	£49,700	£229,046	£103,305	£64,266	£152,011
2028/29	£266,973	£197,366	£224,840	£235,494	£56,069	£258,402	£116,545	£73,211	£171,494

Your community asked, we delivered.

PLAINS OUTDOOR GYM

Address: Moffat View, Plains, ML6 7NL

Proposal received: 10 Nov 2022

Approved at CB: 7 Dec 2022

Works Completed: 7 June 2024

Budget: £37,000

Introduction

The focus of this case study is the new Outdoor Gym at Moffat View, Plains. The total budget for the development was £37,000 which included external grants totalling £13,000 from the Lottery and Community solutions secured by Plains Community Futures. This was matched with an allocation of £24,000 from NLC Local Development Programme. The case study sets out the background and process for the development and the delivery of the project, which was completed in June 2024.

Background

Before the outdoor gym was developed residents would have to travel out with the village to access facilities which was problematic to residents who rely on public transport which can be unreliable. The cost of accessing a gym could also be prohibitive to people. These barriers to participation meant that some residents were being denied the opportunity to gain the well documented benefits that participating in these type of leisure activities brings. Plains Community Futures wanted to develop a facility in the village.

Community Involvement

Plains Community Futures successfully applied to the Lottery and Community Solutions for grants totalling £13,000. The group then approached the Community Partnership Team for

advice on developing such a facility and potential match funding options. The group submitted a project proposal form requesting support through the Local Development Programme. The proposal was approved by Airdrie Community Board as detailed above. The Community Partnership Officer continued to liaise with the group, provided advice on outdoor fitness equipment and developed the Design specification with the group. The group consulted on design proposals and provided progress update to the wider community via their social media channels.

Project Delivery

The Community Partnership Team procured the facility as a Design and Build contract and managed the installation and construction works. The site was completed on 7th June 2024 and a photocall was arranged to official open the site.

[Locals' welcome new outdoor gym in Plains | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

Local Outcome Improvement Plan

The creation of the gym directly addresses the priorities of Poverty plus Health & Wellbeing by providing a facility that is free of charge that can be used by local residents. The many benefits of getting outdoors and exercising has been well documented, and residents can access gym facilities in their local area rather than having to travel out with the village.

PLAINS OUTDOOR GYM





LDP project case study: Holytown hoarding, Main Street, Holytown

This case study focuses on an area of derelict land on Main Street, Holytown. The case study sets out the background and process for the development and the delivery of the project, which was completed in November 2024.

Background

The project idea came after discussions between elected members and local residents who raised concerns about the continuation of the deteriorated fencing of derelict land on Main Street in Holytown. The lack of fencing securing off the derelict land is also attracting litter, fly tipping and anti-social behaviour.

Discussion centred around hoarding boards being installed with images from Holytown positioned throughout the boards.

An LDP proposal form was then submitted by the Holytown Environmental Group and endorsed by Bellshill Community Board in June 2024.

Project Development

The Community Partnership Officer (CPO) and Assistant Community Partnership Officer (ACPO) engaged with local pupils from Christ the King Primary School and Holytown Primary School to ascertain what type of images they would like to see on the boards, and they were also asked if they would like to draw pictures of these suggestions.

The CPO, ACPO and Holytown Environmental Group (HEG) researched historical photographs with the assistance of North Lanarkshire Heritage Centre. They were able to locate ten photographs which met copyright laws. HEG also suggested including a photograph of a painting that is exhibited in Holytown Community Centre which was created by a local gentleman many years ago. HEG contacted the family, and they were delighted to give permission for the painting to be used for this purpose.

Site meetings took place to reflect on what would be possible, taking into consideration the site structure and gradient, ensuring the visuals would be in the best possible place. Suggestions were brought together to improve the appearance of the site and provide the community with a focal point of interest. Agreement was reached to have a background map with photographs throughout. A picture drawn by a pupil from Holytown Primary School was selected to be added to the side of the boards to be interpreted as a welcome sign. Anti-graffiti laminate will be used to preserve the images.

Installation of the hoarding boards began on 14 October 2024 with the graphics fitted on 14 and 15 November 2024. Below are photographs showing the considerable improvement to the area. While the boards were being installed there were many local community members stopping to enquire about the work and provide positive feedback on the work being undertaken.

Images 1 and 2: Site for Holytown Boards, Main Street, Holytown



Images 3 and 4: Installation of Hoarding Boards



Images 5 to 8: Installation of new Boards with historical images and Holytown sign





LDP project case study: Roman Road Play Area, Motherwell

This case study focuses on a new play area, designed for children up to 14 years of age, on Roman Road in Motherwell. The case study sets out the background and process for the development and the delivery of the project, which was completed in June 2024. The budget for the project was £140,000.

Background

An initial petition was received from 171 local residents for a new play area on an area of land where a play area had historically existed and then removed as no longer functional. The Community Partnership Officer (CPO) for the Motherwell area discussed with local resident that had initiated the petition and discussed how this project could be developed.

Local residents had provided details of strong support for the project and the proposal was then submitted and endorsed by Motherwell Community Board in June 2022.

Project Development

The CPO engaged and consulted with local pupils from Cathedral Primary School and Muir Street Primary School to gauge what type of equipment they would wish to play on, providing examples of play equipment and possible themes. The CPO also visited Lanarkshire Deaf Club to engage with young people and determine what they would like to see in the play area which is located across from their club.

Local residents were consulted via letter and asked to complete an online survey to support the project.

A contract for the play area was awarded in December 2023, with an initial meeting with the successful contractor and the LDP project team in January 2024. The team and the contractor agreed a timescale and delivery plan, with a start date of May 2024. This time allowed for the design build and delivery of the play equipment for the play area, which took approximately three months. It also meant that the installation of the play area would take place in the Spring and early summer when the weather and ground conditions would be better.

Due to the location of the play area and Motherwell's proud industrial heritage, the park's unique design incorporates imagery inspired by the steel industry into both the play equipment and ground surfaces, blending heritage with fun and activity. Along with this the park has sign language panels and fencing surrounding the park to support safety of children.

The installation of the play area was completed in June 2024, and following sign off by independent inspectors the play area was opened to the public. The CPO ran a design competition with pupils from local schools, Cathedral Primary School, and Muir Street Primary School, to "design a sign" for the new play area, with the winning design being turned into the official play area sign. The images below provide before and after views of the new Roman Road play area.

Image 1: Site for Roman Road Play Area, Motherwell



Images 2 and 3: New Roman Road Play area





Play Area Development Update 2023/24

Community Board	Project Name	Project Description	Project Potential Cost	Additional external or partner funding available	Additional Notes
Airdrie	Gartleahill play area	Replacement and upgrade of existing play area	£20,000	£80,000	Installation completed September 2024
Airdrie	Craigneuk play area	New play area	£90,000	£0	Installation completed September 2024
Airdrie	Holehill/ Kenniburn Avenue	New play area	£50,000	£0	Project delayed. No suitable site identified.
Airdrie	Moffat View Play Area	Replace existing play area	£50,000		Installation completed September 2023
Airdrie	Plains Outdoor gym	New outdoor gym facility	£35,000	£0	Installation completed Spring 2024.
Bellshill	Baird's Avenue Park	Improving play facilities and equipment at an existing play area	£30,000	£70,000	Installation completed July 2024
Bellshill	Rosevale Crescent/Calder Park MUGA project, Mossend	Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) facility	£30,000 + additional external funding	£100,000 Developer contribution	Installation completed June 2024
Coatbridge	Kirkwood Junior Play area	New play area for younger children	£60,000	£0	Installation completed June 2024
Cumbernauld	Millcroft Road	Upgrade Play Area		£80,000 Scottish Government Play Park renewal fund.	installation completed end of March 2024
Cumbernauld	Braehead Road	Upgrade Play Area		£50,000 Scottish Government Play Park renewal fund.	installation completed end of March 2024

Kilsyth	Bogside Park	Replacement and upgrade of existing play area	£15,000	£65,000 Scottish Government Play Area Renewal Fund	Installation completed August 2024
Motherwell	The Loaning Motherwell	Improvements to play area	£50,000	£100,000 Scottish Government Play Park renewal fund	Installation completed September 2023
Motherwell	The Roman Road	Improvement and renewal of a play area	£50,000	£90,000 Scottish Government Play Park renewal fund	Installation completed June 2024
Northern Corridor	Moodiesburn Kelvin Drive Wheeled sports facility	Wheeled sports facility	£20,000	£133,000 Developers Contribution	Installation completed May 2024.
Northern Corridor	Frankfield Road MUGA	New Multi Use Games Area	£130,000		Installation completed May 2024.
Northern Corridor	Dunalistair Drive Play Area	Replacement play area	£120,000		Installed completed September 2023
Northern Corridor	Lochside Play area Gartcosh	Replacement play area	£0	£80,000	Completion due February 2025
Shotts	Hartwood	Funding to support local play area refurbishment	£15,000		Installed December 2023. Opened in June 2024
Shotts	Hareshaw	Additional play equipment	£5,000		Installation completed September 2023
Wishaw	Overtown	Outdoor Gym	£45,000		Installation completed in May 2024
Wishaw	Lyman Drive play area	Replacement play area	£0	£40,000 Scottish Government Play area renewal funding	Installation completed October 2024
Wishaw	Newmains	Improved play area	£150,000		Installation completed September 2023
Wishaw	Cleland Public Park	Refurb and extend play area	£50,000.00		Installation completed October 2023
Wishaw	King George V Play area	Refurbish and extend the play area	£150,000		Completed November 2024.
Wishaw	Parkside	Install new swing bay	£5,000		Installation completed September 2023

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Communities Committee

Does this report require to be approved?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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03/02/25

Community Boards and Partnership Communications Strategy

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Executive Summary

This report provides an update on key progress linked to supporting the development of the Community Boards model including updates on the 17th cycle of Community Board meetings which took place throughout November/December 2024.

- progress with the delivery of the nine Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPs) and the implementation of an associated Monitoring and Management Framework and Partnership delivery approach
- Progress with the Community Board Development Programme
- Work to commence development of a Partnership Communications Strategy
- Continued development of a Partnership Communications Strategy

As previously agreed by committee, reports on the work of the nine Community Boards are provided to the committee relating to each committee cycle. Progress is also reported to the North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Strategic Leadership Board to reflect the statutory nature of the Boards in Community Planning terms in providing local governance for the Local Outcome Improvement Plans. This report covers cycle 17 Community Board meetings.

The process and focus of reporting on the work of the Community Boards will continue to be reviewed and elements included within the Local Outcome Improvement Plan monitoring and management framework.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Communities Committee:

- (1) Recognises work to continue to develop and improve the integrated approach to supporting the local Community Board model.

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority	Enhance participation, capacity, and empowerment across our communities
Ambition statement	(20) Improve the involvement of communities in the decisions, and development of services and supports, that affect them

1. Background

- 1.1 Community Matters - A Framework for Working with Communities set out the Community Planning Partnership's commitment to engaging with communities underpinned by a set of principles and approaches designed to deliver on key priorities associated with working with communities which included the creation of Community Boards. The framework was approved by the Policy & Strategy Committee at its meeting on 19 March 2020.
- 1.2 The Community Boards are integral to supporting community participation and providing a single coordinated approach to governance for local communities, reflecting statutory and regulatory requirements. The Boards continue to develop in a manner consistent with influencing and delivering the Plan for North Lanarkshire outcomes at local level. This is being driven through the Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPs) for each of the nine areas, ensuring a partnership focus on supporting service design, delivery and community action reflecting both the ambitions within The Plan for North Lanarkshire and the priorities and circumstances of individual areas. The LOIPs are published on the North Lanarkshire Council website and were circulated to all Community Boards.
- 1.3 The monitoring and management framework for the delivery of the LOIPs is in place and operational along with supporting partnership delivery approach through the establishment of Local Partnership Teams. This is being used to inform reporting to Committee, the North Lanarkshire Partnership (NLP) Strategic Leadership Board and individual Community Boards. A separate LOIP update is provided to the Communities Committee and the NLP Strategic Leadership Board on a 6 monthly basis providing a snapshot of highlights and future priorities for each of the board areas and a detailed progress report is submitted to each of the 9 Community Boards annually.
- 1.4 The seventeenth cycle of Board meetings has now taken place, and an example of an agenda is included in Appendix 1.

Table 1 – Cycle 17 Community Board Meetings

Area	Meeting Date & Time	Location
Shotts	19/11/2024 at 6:30pm	Online via Teams
Northern Corridor	20/11/2024 at 7:00pm	Chryston Parish Church
Coatbridge	21/11/2024 at 6:30pm	Coatbridge Community Centre
Cumbernauld	26/11/2024 at 6:30pm	Muirfield Centre
Kilsyth & Villages	27/11/2024 at 6:30pm	St. Patrick's Primary School
Wishaw	28/11/2024 at 6:30pm	St Ignatius, Wishaw Academy Campus
Airdrie	04/12/2024 at 6:30pm	Cairnlea Church, Airdrie
Bellshill	05/12/2024 at 6:30pm	Lanarkshire Mosque
Motherwell	10/12/2024 at 6:30pm	Online via Teams

2. Report

Community Boards – Cycle 17

Representation at Community Board Meetings

- 2.1 At the 17th cycle of Community Board meetings, attendance reflected a good mixture of partners, elected members, community groups and local people at all Board meetings. Approximately **216** people attended this cycle of meetings which was a slight decrease on the previous cycle of meetings but there were **74** community organisations and increase of **10** organisations from the previous cycle with **76** community representatives in attendance. In addition, **15** individual local people attended meetings which was a slight decrease from the previous cycle of Board meetings.
- 2.2 A broader range of community representation is generally in evidence at Community Board meetings. **8** new organisations attended Community Boards in Cycle 17.
- 2.3 The categories of participants in Cycle 17 Community Boards are as set out in Table 2 below:

Table 2 - Participants (Cycle 17)

Participants at Community Boards (Cycle 17)	
Community Councils	Tenants and Residents Associations
Historical/Cultural Groups	Community Forums
MSYP/Youth Fora	Police Scotland
Scottish Fire & Rescue	NHS Lanarkshire
Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire	NL Disability Access Panel
Elected Members	Council Officers
Faith Groups	Parent Councils
Local people/residents	Voice of Experience Forum
Community Organisations	African Collaborative

Participation in meetings

- 2.4 Work is continuing by all Community Planning Partners to encourage wider representation at Community Board meetings. Meeting information is circulated across social media channels including NLC website and My_Town pages four weeks in advance of each meeting with additional promotion scheduled 1 week in advance and on the day of the Board Meeting. Posters are also circulated to approximately **1300** Community Board members and local groups and organisations for wider local circulation to Community Councils and Tenants and Residents Associations and wider networks to raise awareness about Community Board meetings. All Community Planning Partners, Elected Members, and Board members have

responsibility for encouraging wider participation at Board meetings and for using information from wider engagement activity through LOIP subgroups and community networks to represent the views of the wider community as appropriate.

There was a marked increase in the number of Community groups represented at this cycle of Board meetings in comparison to the previous cycle in August/September 2024 for example, in the number of Parent Council's, Tenants and Residents associations, Community Council's represented. 15 Community Council's and Tenants and Residents Associations in attendance at this cycle of Board meetings.

Agenda items

- 2.6 During Cycle 17, **seven** out of **nine** Community Boards had agenda items put forward by community groups and organisations in advance of Board meetings. Examples of Agenda items put forward included: Gartcosh Community Hub, Community lets, petition process and refugee support offered by NLC in the Northern Corridor, Anti-social behaviour on public transport in Kilsyth; Housebuilding in Abronhill and Public Transport in Cumbernauld; Public Wi-Fi access in Community Centres in Coatbridge, Parking restrictions in Bellshill Town Centre, proposed housing development at Clydesdale Street Mossend in Bellshill, Spotlight Shotts Programme of Events in Shotts and Braidhurst High and redevelopment of Wishaw Wood pump track in Motherwell; Chapelhall Community Group in Airdrie.

In addition to the agenda items above, local community groups provided updates at some Boards including Central Scotland Adventures, Kilsyth Old People's Welfare at Kilsyth Board, Moodiesburn Community Action Group at Northern Corridor Board, Kirkwood Tenants and Residents at Coatbridge Board and Hartwood Community Development Group in Shotts and Social Track, Cathedral Primary School Parent Council, Motherwell Community Trust and Motherwell Pheonix in Motherwell.

- 2.7 Council officers were also asked to attend or provide updates to Board meetings in response to agenda items and issues raised by community representatives. Council and Community Planning Partnership Partners will continue to be invited to attend in relation to specific agenda items raised. External organisations are also invited to attend Board meetings in response to agenda items raised by communities as required. For example, in this cycle, the Team Leader for Water Management was asked to attend the Kilsyth Community Board and NLC Greenspace and Country Parks Manager was asked to attend Northern Corridor Community Board.

Opportunities to provide updates and share views.

- 2.8 As previously reported, all **nine** Community Boards endorsed Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIPs) which have been published and can be accessed via this [link](#). Community Board agendas are now organised around LOIP priorities and updates from communities and partner agencies are linked to priorities where possible to ensure clear focus on progress towards achieving actions to address the key priorities that were identified by local communities. Local people can also raise ad hoc issues or share local information through the Community Matters section of the agenda.
- 2.9 Positive progress continues to be made with subgroups meeting to progress agreed actions to address local priorities where this is the most appropriate mechanism. Work is ongoing and meetings are taking place and scheduled with local community groups and organisations to further develop subgroups.

- 2.10 Community Board Self Evaluation Workshops were carried out across 9 Community Boards throughout November/December 2024. Community Board Chairs were invited to participate in a working group to discuss the findings of the Self Evaluation that was previously carried out. The purpose of these workshops was to enable Community Board members to discuss these findings and agree proposals for improvements moving forward.

Special Board Meetings

- 2.9 No special Board Meetings were requested at this round of Community Boards.

Community Board Local Development Programme (LDP) Projects

- 2.10 As previously reported, community organisations requested a positional statement regarding outstanding Local Development Programme projects. The LDP report, continues to be split by Community Board area, and detailing the status of projects, was circulated in advance of Cycle 17 Board Meetings. The project proposal form identified in previous reports to committee, continues to be utilised to record LDP project ideas and suggestions put forward from local communities. LDP continues to be a set item on the agenda at all Community Board meetings and is subject to a separate report to this committee.

Involving Communities

- 2.11 Cycle 17 meetings saw continued involvement of seldom heard voices in Community Board meetings. The Community Partnership team will continue as a priority to proactively work with local community groups and people with lived experience to support this objective.

Work is ongoing with youth groups to encourage them to provide a presentation/ update to Community Boards in Community Board areas. At this cycle of meetings, three young people including MSYP attended the Cumbernauld Community Board meeting to provide an update on their role and involvement in youth engagement activity. Further information will be provided in due course.

A range of engagement and consultation opportunities with have taken place with young people between August/September and November/December Board Meetings demonstrating a strong commitment to involving young people in shaping their community and addressing issues that matter to them. Further information on activity that has taken place is included in **Appendix 2**.

Our Lives – An exploration of the lived experiences of North Lanarkshire's

- 2.13 Black, Asian, and other Minority Ethnic People

Community Planning Partner organisations continue to progress the work associated with the recommendations set out in the Our Lives Research.

The development of the partnership action plan will track, and measure progress of joint initiatives being undertaken by the partnership, where there is collective

responsibility. This will be presented to the Strategic Leadership Board at a future meeting of the Board.

One such initiative to note is the development of a Cultural Committee for North Lanarkshire which aims to support and develop activity to reflect and celebrate the rich cultural diversity across the authority. While still in its infancy, it is being designed by our minority ethnic communities with support from partner organisations.

Moving Forward

2.14 Community Board Chairs

In cycle 17, **7** out of **9** Community Board meetings were chaired by Community representatives. The Airdrie Board meeting on this occasion was chaired by a Council Officer as the Chair was unable to attend the meeting.

Community Board Development Programme

- 2.15 As previously reported, Community Board Members have finally been removed from the NLC employee mandatory e-learning list and will no longer receive enrolment or reminder emails to complete the e-learning. There is now a new hub for Community Board Members only, where a specific setting has been added to the audience set up removing them from the mandatory e-learning.

An activity report run in November 2024 identified that 73 members have logged in and accessed different areas of the hub with a lot of activity from some members during November 2024.

The Role of Chief Officers as Community Coordinators

- 2.16 As previously reported, Community Coordinators are in place and attending their designated Community Board Meetings. Community Coordinator updates continue to be a standing item on all Community Board agendas as well as participation in discussion relating to a range of local matters. Community Coordinators meet with key senior partners between Board cycles to discuss common matters, any leadership action required, and to collectively consider input to future meetings.

Future Board Meetings

- 2.17 The next cycle of Community Board meetings will be held in February/March 2025. Following consultation with community group representatives and elected members who attend Community Boards, it was identified that most Boards preferred a mix of online and face-to-face meetings moving forward and during Cycle 17, **seven** Board meetings took place face-to-face in Community Facilities and two online via Teams.

Cycle 18 meeting dates are set out in Table 3 below.

Table 3 – Community Board Meeting Dates (Cycle 18)

Community Board	Day	Date
Shotts	Tuesday	18/02/2025
Northern Corridor	Wednesday	19/02/2025
Coatbridge	Thursday	20/02/2025
Cumbernauld	Tuesday	25/02/2025
Kilsyth & Villages	Wednesday	26/02/2025
Wishaw	Thursday	27/02/2025
Airdrie	Wednesday	05/03/2025
Bellshill	Thursday	06/03/2025
Motherwell	Tuesday	11/03/2025

Local Outcome Improvement Plans – Partnership Delivery, Monitoring, and Management Framework

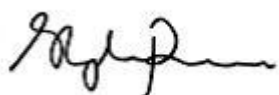
- 2.19 As previously reported, the online LOIP monitoring, and evaluation framework is in place. This management tool is being used by community planning partners to ensure that progress towards addressing key priorities that were agreed with local communities is monitored, recorded, and reported.

3. Measures of success

- 3.1 Delivery of LOIP outcomes and increased levels of engagement with local communities and partners, resulting in generally positive impacts on communities across a variety of priorities and key issues identified through effective locality planning and the implementation of the Community Boards, particularly in areas where further consultation has been required.

4. Supporting documentation

- 4.1 Appendix 1 – Example of Cycle 17 Community Board Agenda.



Stephen Penman
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5. Impacts

<p>5.1 Public Sector Equality Duty and Fairer Scotland Duty</p> <p>Does the report contain information that has an impact as a result of the Public Sector Equality Duty and/or Fairer Scotland Duty?</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>If Yes, has an assessment been carried out and published on the council's website? https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-community/equalities/equality-and-fairer-scotland-duty-impact-assessments</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>5.2 Financial impact</p> <p>Does the report contain any financial impacts?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>

	<p>If Yes, have all relevant financial impacts been discussed and agreed with Finance?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?</p>
5.3	<p>HR policy impact</p> <p>Does the report contain any HR policy or procedure impacts?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, have all relevant HR impacts been discussed and agreed with People Resources?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?</p>
5.4	<p>Legal impact</p> <p>Does the report contain any legal impacts (such as general legal matters, statutory considerations (including employment law considerations), or new legislation)?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, have all relevant legal impacts been discussed and agreed with Legal and Democratic?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?</p>
5.5	<p>Data protection impact</p> <p>Does the report / project / practice contain or involve the processing of personal data?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, is the processing of this personal data likely to result in a high risk to the data subject?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, has a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) been carried out and e-mailed to dataprotection@northlan.gov.uk</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.6	<p>Technology / Digital impact</p> <p>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?</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>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>
5.7	<p>Environmental / Carbon impact</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>
5.8	<p>Communications impact</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>

If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?	
5.9 Risk impact	<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>
5.10 Armed Forces Covenant Duty	<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>
5.11 Children's rights and wellbeing impact	<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>

Community Board Agenda (Cycle 17)

AGENDA (example)

1. **Welcome and Introduction:**
 - CPT to record the minutes of Board meetings.
2. **Apologies**
3. **Minute of previous meeting and matters arising**
4. **Local priorities** Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) updates:
 - Local priorities for each Community Board Area
 - Local partner updates from Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, NHSL, VANL related to LOIP priorities.
5. **Community Matters**
6. **Local engagement/investment**
 - Local engagement/consultation
 - NLC Transport Strategy
 - Community Safety Strategy
 - Funding opportunities
7. **Standing agenda items**
 - Community Coordinator update
 - Local Development Programme (LDP) update
8. **AOCB**
 - Community Board Self-evaluation update
9. **Date and time of next meeting.**

Case Studies - Youth engagement and consultation

The following activity has taken place between August/September and November/December Bord Meetings. The following activities demonstrate a strong commitment to involving young people in shaping their community and addressing issues that matter to them.

Cumbernauld

Young people in Cumbernauld have been engaged and consulted in local decision-making processes and in community activities including:

- **Young people attended and actively participated** ensuring youth representation at Community Board Meetings
- **Youth Action Cumbernauld provided a stall and carried out consultation** at the Cumbernauld LOIP Food and Financial Insecurity subgroup's Challenge Poverty Event that was held at the Antonine Shopping Centre. The young people consulted with 50 people during the event.
- **The Community Partnership Team engaged with 28 young people** aged 12-17yrs from Kildrum and Carbrain who attend Greenfaulds High School on 20th November 2024 to find out their views on issues that affect them including community safety issues. Young people provided a range of feedback and expressed interest in contributing to the identification of future Local Development Plan (LDP) projects within their local areas.
- **Community Safety Strategy 2025-2030** -Youth Action Cumbernauld (YAC), The Space and LGBTQI+ youth group actively participated in consultation workshop to provide their views on the development of the new Strategy. Information was also shared with the North Lanarkshire Youth Council.
- In addition, **consultation sessions in Primary schools** have enabled young people to inform planning and design of local play areas.

Northern Corridor

Young people in Northern Corridor have been engaged and consulted in local decision-making processes in the following ways:

- **Youth consultation sessions** have been carried out by the Community Partnership Team between June-December 2024 with 70 young people, from across Northern Corridor areas who attend Chryston High School. Session delivery was supported by the local CLD Youth Worker and MSYPs covering the Coatbridge and Chryston constituency.
- **Additional consultation sessions** are planned in early 2025 with young people from the Northern Corridor who attend Glenboig Development Trust youth activities, Our Lady's High and St. Maurice's High schools.

- In addition, **regular consultation sessions** have enabled local young people of all ages to inform planning and design of play areas, Multi-Use Games Areas, a pump track and a wheeled sport facility across several Northern Corridor villages.

Bellshill

Consultation was carried out with children in St. Gerard's Primary and Noble Primary Schools around the development of Clay Crescent Muga. 24 children were consulted from 18 from St. Gerard's Primary School who all lived on Clay Crescent and 6 children from Noble Primary School Pupil Council. Children from both schools were excited to discuss the possibility of a new MUGA, discussed the games they would play and offered suggestions around additional items that would work alongside the new MUGA including storage for bikes and benches/seating.

A further **consultation session** was held with students from Cardinal Newman High School as part of the Period Dignity initiative. The session aimed to gather insights into students' experiences, challenges, and perceptions related to menstrual health.

It was a focus group discussion and used open discussions and feedback to gather data. The session explored the following:

- Awareness and Access to Period Products
- Stigma and Inclusivity
- Suggestions for Improvement

The discussion generated actionable insights and recommendations which included

- Enhance awareness campaigns within schools and communities to improve knowledge of product availability.
- Foster inclusivity by integrating mixed-gender menstrual health education to address misconceptions and normalize discussions about menstruation.
- Establish anonymous feedback mechanisms, such as QR codes, to gather ongoing student input.

The engagement highlighted potential gaps and offered practical solutions to address them. These insights will help to better meet the needs of students and create a stigma-free, supportive environment for menstrual health.

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Communities Committee

Does this report require to be approved? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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Campsies Grant Award Programme - Round 3 Funding

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Communities Committee to provide grant awards to a variety of organisations in Cumbernauld through grant funding currently available within the Campsies Grant Fund. The total amount available in this round is £225,000

Information and recommendations are provided in relation to Round 3 of the programme which closed on 19th November 2024. 39 applications were submitted by the deadline. The total amount requested was £326,995.

The limit available for grant funding for each project is £10,000 per application. This was to allow more groups to potentially benefit by way of smaller funding awards. The fund was open to all eligible community groups, including those who had received Campsies funding in the previous two rounds.

Consistent with the previous round, the grants process seeks to support community and voluntary organisations contribution toward achieving outcomes included in the Plan for North Lanarkshire within the boundaries of Cumbernauld.

All applications have now been assessed and it is recommended that only groups that met the criteria most effectively be funded. Details of the funding recommendations are included in Appendix 2.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Communities Committee:

- (1) Approve the funding recommendations (appendix 2) for the Campsies Grant Awards programme for the third round of applications and note that successful applicants will be made aware of any conditions that require to be satisfied before award levels are finalised and made,
- (2) Acknowledge that the Campsies funding stream, once grant allocations are paid out, will be fully committed and no further rounds are required at this time.

- (3) Acknowledge that in the event of further grant funding becoming available local community organisations will be made aware of the future funding rounds in due course and encouraged to make applications.

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	All Programmes of Work

1. Background

Funding Allocations – Campsies Grant Awards Programme

- 1.1 At its meeting on 20 August 2013, the former Learning and Leisure Services Committee approved the arrangements for the introduction of the Council's Grant Awards Programme together with an associated scoring system against which all applications are assessed. This process was used to consider the applications received for the Campsies Grants Programme also.
- 1.2 A list of projects commended for funding by the CCCL Board was initially reported to the Youth, Equalities and Empowerment Committee on 26th August 2019. Thereafter, at its next meeting on 28th October 2019, the Youth, Equalities and Empowerment Committee approved the criteria and application process for considering further projects brought forward by community organisations.
- 1.3 Subsequent reports have been submitted to the Community Empowerment Committee in respect of funding agreements: as well details of the grant application form and guidance notes and recommendations from the first round of the Campsies Grant Award Programme. Furthermore, a report was approved at the Community Empowerment Committee in November 2021 in relation to Round 2 of the Campsies Grant Fund
- 1.4 The Community Partnership Team are responsible for the management and administration of the Campsies Grant Award Programme.
- 1.5 The programme was funded from the balance of unaccounted funds at the time of the winding-up of CCCL and the transfer of assets into the council. £586,161 was available for the programme.
- 1.6 Two Rounds of the programme were delivered during 2021 and funding awards approved for 32 local community and voluntary organisations.
- 1.7 Performance monitoring arrangements previously outlined at the Community Empowerment Committee meeting held on 31 January 2022 is concluded for the majority of the funded organisation and will continue for those organisations until all projects have been fully delivered.

2. Report

Round 3 Recommendations

- 2.1 Round 3 of the Campsie's Grant Award Programme opened on 16 October 2024 and closed at the close of business on 19th November 2024.
- 2.2 Promotions for round 3 were ongoing throughout the period, with information circulated on social media and across local networks.
- 2.3 Two information sessions were held online for elected members and a further two community information sessions were held: one online and one in-person. Out with these sessions, all organisations who requested further information were engaged with accordingly.
- 2.4 A total of 39 applications have been received from a variety of organisations and groups operating in Cumbernauld, these are summarised in Appendix 1.
- 2.5 All applications have been assessed and scored by council officers and colleagues in Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire. The scoring system informs prioritisation of the applications in terms of their impact on supporting the Plan for North Lanarkshire and Local Outcome Improvement Plan priorities. Recommendations are provided in Appendix 2. Based on these recommendations, 27 organisations can be offered a grant at the full value requested resulting in a total value of £222,361 being awarded.
- 2.6 All recommendations are based on in-principle approvals and are subject to organisations meeting any additional conditions agreed by officers. These will be discussed and agreed with the relevant organisations in due course.

Application Assessments

- 2.7 In general the assessment and scoring process demonstrated a wide range of compliance levels with the priority areas set out within the application criteria, with scores ranging from 1-16. In terms of the assessment process, a lower score indicates a higher quality application.
 - Scores of 1-7 have been allocated 100% of the funding requested
 - Scores of 8 and above – No funding awarded.
- 2.8 Given the number of applicants who applied for the maximum level of funding, it was not possible to fund all applications and it was determined by the scoring panel that it should be recommended that a cut-off at 7 points would allow all applications which met the criteria sufficiently well with direct linkages to North Lanarkshire Partnership priority outcomes as well as allowing mid scoring applications who were able to articulate relevant impacts and/or contributions to North Lanarkshire Partnership priority outcomes be funded.

Public Sector Equality Duty and Fairer Scotland Duty

2.9 Fairer Scotland Duty

The approved award criteria have been subject to an integrated Fairer Scotland Duty/Equality Impact Assessment.

2.10 Equality Impact Assessment

The approved award criteria have been subject to an integrated Fairer Scotland Duty/Equality Impact Assessment.

3. Measures of success

- 3.1 Outcomes delivered by the Grant Funded Organisations meet those set out in their applications.
- 3.2 Suitably robust governance and oversight arrangements in place to consider and allocate the residual balance of funds transferring from CCCL to the council.
- 3.3 Funding allocated to projects which benefit Cumbernauld while also supporting The Plan for North Lanarkshire whilst considering wider relevant criteria.
- 3.4 Impact and outcomes delivered by the funded projects meet those as set out in the initial applications and as per assessment recommendations.
- 3.5 Compliance with Following the Public Pound requirements and accountability and transparency of the funding allocation, monitoring and reporting procedures.
- 3.6 Increased number of local community groups involved in the process ensuring a wider approach to community engagement in relation to project design and delivery.
- 3.7 Increased awareness of grant application and assessment process within communities leading to increased application levels for projects leading to wider benefits for the Cumbernauld area.

4. Supporting documents

- 4.1 Appendix 1 Applications received
- 4.2 Appendix 2 Funding recommendations



Stephen Penman
Chief Officer (Strategic Communication and Engagement)

5. Impacts

5.1	<p>Public Sector Equality Duty and Fairer Scotland Duty</p> <p>Does the report contain information that has an impact as a result of the Public Sector Equality Duty and/or Fairer Scotland Duty?</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>If Yes, has an assessment been carried out and published on the council's website? https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-community/equalities/equality-and-fairer-scotland-duty-impact-assessments</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p>Financial impact</p> <p>Does the report contain any financial impacts?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, have all relevant financial impacts been discussed and agreed with Finance?</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>All necessary funding is available to progress grant awards</p>
5.3	<p>HR policy impact</p> <p>Does the report contain any HR policy or procedure impacts?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, have all relevant HR impacts been discussed and agreed with People Resources?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?</p>
5.4	<p>Legal impact</p> <p>Does the report contain any legal impacts (such as general legal matters, statutory considerations (including employment law considerations), or new legislation)?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, have all relevant legal impacts been discussed and agreed with Legal and Democratic?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?</p>
5.5	<p>Data protection impact</p> <p>Does the report / project / practice contain or involve the processing of personal data?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, is the processing of this personal data likely to result in a high risk to the data subject?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, has a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) been carried out and e-mailed to dataprotection@northlan.gov.uk</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.6	<p>Technology / Digital impact</p>

<p>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?</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>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>5.7 Environmental / Carbon impact</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>5.8 Communications impact</p> <p>Does the report contain any information that has an impact on the council's communications activities?</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>5.9 Risk impact</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>5.10 Armed Forces Covenant Duty</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>5.11 Children's rights and wellbeing impact</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>

**Campsies Grant Awards Programme
Round 3 – Applications Received**

Ref No	Name of Organisation	Cumbernauld Ward(s) Covered	Total Applied for	Purpose	Based in Cumbernauld
CAM (R3) - 79	Cumbernauld Action on Care of the Elderly (CACE)	2, 3, 4	£9719	to offer more variety of activities that encourage health and wellbeing through social, cultural and leisure activities. Invite experts from health promotion team to focus on nutrition and mental health. To offer transport to these activities	Yes
CAM (R3) - 80	Cumbernauld and District Women's Aid (CADWA)	2, 3, 4	£10000	to employ a 0.5 fte children and young people's support worker	Yes
CAM (R3) - 81	Cumbernauld Environmental Society	2, 3, 4	£5775	to purchase equipment to develop and maintain the Cumbernauld Community Peace Garden	Yes
CAM (R3) - 82	Tony's Safe Place	4	£8700	to rent a community drop-in hub for mental health and wellbeing support, to cover costs of utility bills and advertising costs	Yes
CAM (R3) - 83	Watch us Grow	3	£10000	costs for a kitchen and bathroom refurbishment for the at home project to enable students to practice skills to help them live more independently in their homes	Yes
CAM (R3) - 84	The Scottish Centre for Children with Motor Impairments (SCCMI)	2	£9310.51	to support the launch of a new and innovative early support service for the families of babies and infants with a confirmed neurological condition	Yes

CAM (R3) - 85	Pet Pantry Cumbernauld	2, 3, 4	£8221	to employ a part-time worker to carry out deliveries and collections allowing project to expand and to increase support to local schools and nurseries	Yes
CAM (R3) - 86	Westfield Senior Citizens	2	£3900	costs for 2 day trips and weekly exercise classes for 45 older people, Arts & Crafts programme, knitting, card making and Christmas/Easter celebration materials	Yes
CAM (R3) - 87	Cumbernauld and Carbrain Community Hub	3, 4	£10000	to expand services for community café currently running at St Mungo's Church	Yes
CAM (R3) - 88	Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Care	2, 3, 4	£10000	to employ 2 key members of staff to support continued operations of organisation	Yes
CAM (R3) - 89	Cornerstone House Centre Ltd	2, 3, 4	£10000	delivery of a programme entitled "Cumbernauld Rise and Shine Peer Pursuit and alleviation of the severely negative impact that the cost of living crisis is having on the Centre's ability to sustain operation of the community-owned building	Yes
CAM (R3) - 90	St Margaret of Scotland Primary School and Nursery Class Parent Council	3	£9983.53	to support the school by providing a variety of sports, PE and football equipment	Yes
CAM (R3) - 91	Take Heart for the Nations	2, 3, 4	£10000	to establish a home budgeting advice programme for families experiencing food poverty and the effects of the cost of living crisis	Yes

CAM (R3) - 92	Scottish Spina Bifida Association	2, 3, 4	£10000	Staffing, support, premise costs for peer support groups for Positive Connections Project	Yes
CAM (R3) - 93	Aura Domestic Abuse Service (SACRO)	2, 3, 4	£9978	to develop a group to support young people	No
CAM (R3) - 94	Kildrum Community Council	4	£9360	to purchase "no cold calling" signs for paths and streets and also stickers for front door of flats	Yes
CAM (R3) - 95	Kildrum Regeneration Trust	4	£9000	artwork, time and materials to paint murals in 2 underpass	Yes
CAM (R3) - 96	North Lanarkshire Ethnic Minorities Association	2, 3, 4	£9973.60	to support 12 week programme consisting of 3 projects	Yes
CAM (R3) - 97	Cumbernauld Rugby Club	3	£10000	for essential costs to allow to deliver activities - volunteer education, employee costs, lease, kit, equipment, marketing	Yes
CAM (R3) - 98	Dance VibeZ	2, 3, 4	£9750	programme costs, venue hire, costumes, surveys etc to create an inclusive dance programme that nurtures untapped talents in ethnic minority communities	Yes
CAM (R3) - 99	Tryst 77 Handball Club	2, 3, 4	£8500	to cover costs of primary schools coaching tournaments, ball and goal packs, training fees, assistance towards travel for English League	Yes
CAM (R3) - 100	Cumbernauld Academy Parent Council	2, 3, 4	£5250	to assist with costs of community café, Christmas food boxes, kindness lockers, supplies for Christmas cards, Community Garden, undertaken by pupils, supported by staff and parent council	Yes

CAM (R3) - 101	Freedom City Church	2, 3, 4	£9849	to assist with utilities, room hire, catering, staffing, expenses for Family Support Group. Admin costs. Training costs and materials	Yes
CAM (R3) - 102	Cumbernauld Poverty Action	2, 3, 4	£6528	to assist with costs of staff time, admin, monitoring, volunteer costs, office supplies for project to provide crisis support to local men	Yes
CAM (R3) - 103	Cumbernauld Resilience	3,4	£4650	to assist with costs of 4 Christmas dinner events, with festive themed entertainment	Yes
CAM (R3) - 104	Airdriehead Community Allotments	2	£670	to assist with costs of community events, Gas BBQ, Fold up tables and Arts and Crafts Materials	Yes
CAM (R3) - 105	Raw Taekwondo	2,4	£10000	to assist with costs of updating competition technology	Yes
CAM (R3) - 106	St Lucy's Youth Zone	4	£6529	to assist with costs of hiring a gaming van, residential trip, workshops, various outings	Yes
CAM (R3) - 107	Cumbernauld FM Limited	2.3,4	£9970	to assist with costs of improving its older equipment and invest in the next phase of the organisation	Yes
CAM (R3) - 108	Cumbernauld Village Community Council	4	£5010	to install a quick composter. To maintain community orchard, tools, polytunnel, trees	Yes
CAM (R3) - 109	Palacerigg Community Trust	4	£10000	to assist with costs of updating the lecture theatre	Yes
CAM (R3) - 110	Abronnhill Parish Church	4	£7272	to provide Christmas lunch, garden party in summer for families, continue with free hall hire for warm spaces	Yes
CAM (R3) - 111	Mugstock Limited	3	£9996	to assist with costs of "warm Space", Creative workshops and events and activities	Yes

CAM (R3) - 112	Sacred Heart Youth Zone	2, 3, 4	£1100	to take children on trip to theatre, also for rent, heating and use of church hall	Yes
CAM (R3) - 113	Cumbernauld Colts Football Club	4	£10000	to continue to fund Football Development Officer position	Yes
CAM (R3) - 114	Dullatur Village Playgroup	2	£10000	to assist with the sustainability of the group through the next 12 month period	Yes
CAM (R3) - 115	Dullatur Toddler Group	2	£10000	to sustain and improve the group in the climate of financial uncertainty	Yes
CAM (R3) - 116	Cumbernauld Community Forum	2, 3, 4	£10000	to assist with costs of annual Gala Day in June and a Strictly Senior Dance	Yes
CAM (R3) - 117	Glencryan Parent Council	2, 3, 4	£8000	to assist with costs to set up a sensory outdoor hut that can be used all year round open to all children	Yes

CAMPSIES GRANT AWARD PROGRAMME**Round 3 – Funding Recommendations**

Name of Organisation	Grant request	Recommendation	Grant Award
Cumbernauld Action on Care of the Elderly (CACE)	£9719	Approve	£9719
Cumbernauld and District Women's Aid (CADWA)	£10000	Approve	£10000
Cumbernauld Environmental Society	£5775	Approve	£5775
Tony's Safe Place	£8700	Approve	£8700
Watch us Grow	£10000	Approve	£10000
The Scottish Centre for Children with Motor Impairments (SCCMI)	£9310.51	Approve	£9310.51
Cumbernauld and Carbrain Community Hub	£10000	Approve	£10000
Cumbernauld and Kilsyth Care	£10000	Approve	£10000
Cornerstone House Centre Ltd	£10000	Approve	£10000
Scottish Spina Bifida Association	£10000	Approve	£10000
Aura Domestic Abuse Service (SACRO)	£9978	Approve	£9978
Kildrum Community Council	£9360	Approve	£9360
North Lanarkshire Ethnic Minorities Association	£9973.60	Approve	£9973
Dance VibeZ	£9750	Approve	£9750
Freedom City Church	£9849	Approve	£9849
Cumbernauld Poverty Action	£6528	Approve	£6528
Cumbernauld Resilience	£4650	Approve	£4650

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St Lucy's Youth Zone	£6529	Approve	£6529
Cumbernauld Village Community Council	£5010	Approve	£5010
Abronhill Parish Church	£7272	Approve	£7272
Mugstock Limited	£9996	Approve	£9996
Sacred Heart Youth Zone	£1100	Approve	£1100
Pet Pantry Cumbernauld	£8221	Approve	£8221
Take Heart for the Nations	£10000	Approve	£10000
Airdriehead Community Allotments	£670	Approve	£670
Palacerigg Community Trust	£10000	Approve	£10000
Cumbernauld FM Limited	£9970	Approve	£9,970.00
Westfield Senior Citizens	£3900	No award	Nil
St Margaret of Scotland Primary School and Nursery Class Parent Council	£9983.53	No award	Nil
Kildrum Regeneration Trust	£9000	No award	Nil
Cumbernauld Rugby Club	£10000	No award	Nil
Tryst 77 Handball Club	£8500	No award	Nil
Cumbernauld Academy Parent Council	£5250	No award	Nil
Raw Taekwondo	£10000	No award	Nil
Cumbernauld Colts Football Club	£10000	No award	Nil
Dullatur Village Playgroup	£10000	No award	Nil
Dullatur Toddler Group	£10000	No award	Nil
Cumbernauld Community Forum	£10000	No award	Nil

Name of Organisation	Grant request	Recommendation	Grant Award
Glencryan Parent Council	£8000	No award	Nil
Total Requested	£326,995	Total Allocated	£222,361.11
Balance	£2,638.89	Carry over to future funding rounds	

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Does this report require to be approved?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Community Safety Strategy 2025-2030

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Executive Summary

The Scottish Government's ambition for a Safer and Stronger Scotland is one where local communities flourish and become stronger, safer places to live, offering improved opportunities and a better quality of life. The Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 places a duty on local authorities and the relevant chief constable to publish a strategy setting out how it will tackle antisocial behaviour in its area. Existing effective community safety partnership arrangements have been in place for some time in North Lanarkshire, which seek to make North Lanarkshire's communities safer and feel safer for everyone to prosper. These partnership arrangements adopt a holistic, integrated approach to improving community safety in North Lanarkshire, recognising the inter-connectedness of the various aspects of community safety and align with The Plan for North Lanarkshire. The purpose of this report is to seek approval on a new Community Safety Strategy for North Lanarkshire for the five-year period 2025-2030 which provides one overall strategy incorporating the various community safety areas including the Antisocial Behaviour Strategy.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Communities Committee:

- (1) Acknowledge the progress made to date in relation to the development and consultation to produce a new Community Safety Strategy for North Lanarkshire for the five-year period 2025-2030.
- (2) Approve the new Community Safety Strategy - Improving Community Safety in North Lanarkshire: A Strategy to Improve Lives 2025-30; and
- (3) Acknowledge the arrangements to monitor, evaluate and report progress towards achieving the strategic outcomes.

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority All priorities

Ambition statement All ambition statements

Programme of Work All Programmes of Work

1. Background

- 1.1 In North Lanarkshire we have a collective shared ambition with partners to reduce inequalities, increase prosperity, inclusiveness and outcomes for all, as set out in The Plan for North Lanarkshire. Improving community safety makes an enormous contribution to achieving this ambition, through making North Lanarkshire a better place to live, work and visit, where homes, workplaces and public spaces are safe and feel safe for everyone to prosper.
- 1.2 Within North Lanarkshire the majority of community safety activity is coordinated at a local level through localised partnership working, with the Community Boards and the North Lanarkshire Partnership Board adopting a governance and strategic role respectively. All partners with a role in Community Safety are represented through these community safety planning structures. Engagement with communities to improve community safety is crucial and is key to identifying local issues and action required. Local individuals and communities are involved through nine Community Boards. Progress in respect of community safety matters is reported to the Community Safety Partnership Forum and Communities Committee.
- 1.3 Tackling antisocial behaviour makes a significant contribution to improving community safety. The Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 places a duty on local authorities and the relevant chief constable to publish a strategy setting out how it will tackle antisocial behaviour in its area. It had previously been the intention to review the Council's Antisocial Behaviour Strategy in 2019, with a view to producing a refreshed Antisocial Behaviour Strategy to reflect the current key strategic priorities and actions for the next five-year period.
- 1.4 It is widely acknowledged that a collaborative partnership approach is more effective in addressing the broad and often inter-connected needs of individuals and communities, and that the spectrum of community safety activity is broad and far reaching. Initially focussing on the prevention and reduction of crime and antisocial behaviour, community safety now encompasses all aspects that help people to be and feel safe in their communities, extending to important issues such as gender-based violence, community justice, counterterrorism, home and fire safety amongst others.
- 1.5 Recognising the existing strong community safety partnership arrangements in place within North Lanarkshire that underpin a holistic, integrated approach to addressing not only the needs of communities, but also the broad spectrum of activity that takes place in relation to community safety, and the legislative requirement to publish an Antisocial Behaviour Strategy, it was decided that the establishment of an all-encompassing Community Safety Strategy would be most appropriate way forward. This approach will better galvanise capacity to better utilise and target resources and activity through the North Lanarkshire Partnership to improve outcomes for individuals and communities in North Lanarkshire.

2. Report

- 2.1 A Community Safety Strategic Steering Group was established on 26th June 2024 to progress the development and implementation of a new Community Safety Strategy for North Lanarkshire. This group reviewed a range of available evidence and data to help identify the key community safety issues, challenges and priorities for North Lanarkshire.
- 2.2 To gather intelligence and to ensure the new strategy is reflective of the key community safety issues affecting communities and individuals, a range of consultation activity was

undertaken to help inform the development of the new strategy: Improving Community Safety in North Lanarkshire, A Strategy to Improve Lives 2025-30. A copy of the Equality Impact assessment (**Appendix 2**) and Initial Consultation Statistical report (**Appendix 3**) are attached to this report.

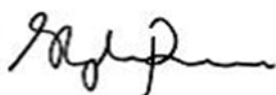
- 2.3 Consultation was carried out with a range of stakeholders and included activities such as online surveys, targeted engagement workshops, stakeholder meetings. The draft Strategy was also published on the council's website for consultation in December 2024 and is attached to this report. (**Appendix 1**)
- 2.4 The strategy sets out five key strategic priorities which are underpinned by the following five key themes:
- Effective community involvement, influence and ownership.
 - Strong partnership working, governance and decision making.
 - Tackling inequalities.
 - Prevention and early intervention; and
 - Place based approach.
- 2.5 These themes set out the fundamental building blocks of the approach to be taken by community planning partners to improve community safety in North Lanarkshire. Five priority areas for action have been directly informed by the feedback received through the consultation process and are to:
- Effectively tackle antisocial behaviour.
 - Improve Road Safety
 - Reduce serious violence and disorder.
 - Tackle harm from problematic alcohol and drug use.
 - Tackle gender-based violence.
 - Reduce harm from unintentional injury and fire.

3. Measures of success

- 3.1 Development and implementation of the Community Safety Strategy 2025-2030.

4. Supporting documentation

- 4.1 Appendix 1 – Improving Community Safety in North Lanarkshire, A Strategy to Improve Lives 2020-25
- 4.2 Appendix 2 – Fairer Scotland/Equality Impact Assessment
- 4.3 Appendix 3 – Initial Online Consultation Report statistics



Stephen Penman
Chief Officer (Strategic Communication and Engagement)

5. Impacts

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IMPROVING COMMUNITY SAFETY IN NORTH LANARKSHIRE

STRATEGY TO IMPROVE LIVES 2025-2030

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Foreword

As the Chair of North Lanarkshire's Community Safety Partnership Forum, I am pleased to present North Lanarkshire's new Community Safety Strategy. This strategy has been co-produced collaboratively involving our communities, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Health and Social Care, NHS Lanarkshire, a range of Council services, such as Community Partnership Team, Housing Solutions, Community Operations, Education and Families including Community Justice Services and the Community and Voluntary Sector.

It sets out the vision for community safety in North Lanarkshire and the strategic outcomes that the Council and its partners will work towards to help achieve this collective vision.

The strategy is grounded in a successful track record of strong partnership working and forward-thinking approaches to prevention as well as intervention to improve community safety across North Lanarkshire. Recognising that community safety is fundamentally about improving people's quality of life and encompasses everything that helps people to be safe and to feel safe in their homes, within their community, at places of work or leisure. Improving community safety is a crucial priority for our communities, the Council, and our partners.

This strategy demonstrates our ongoing commitment to making a real difference to people's lives in North Lanarkshire, through tackling a wide range of issues such as antisocial behaviour, serious crime and disorder, road safety, gender-based violence, home, and fire safety. By addressing these important issues, we know that we can help enable communities to be more inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe.

Cllr Woods, Convener of Communities Committee.

Foreword

As Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Leadership Board, I am proud to present the North Lanarkshire Community Safety Strategy, a collective vision for creating a safer, stronger, and more resilient community for all.

Community safety is a fundamental cornerstone of wellbeing and quality of life. It affects how we live, work, and thrive in our neighbourhoods, shaping the future for individuals, families, and businesses alike. This strategy reflects the commitment of our partners, stakeholders, and residents to tackle the root causes of safety concerns while fostering a culture of trust, cooperation, and shared responsibility.

In North Lanarkshire, we recognise that the challenges facing our communities are complex and interconnected. This strategy outlines our shared priorities and the practical actions we will take to ensure that everyone feels safe and supported.

At the heart of this strategy is a belief in partnership. Importantly, this strategy is not just about reacting to problems; it is about building preventative approaches, empowering communities, and creating a positive environment for future generations.

Chief Superintendent Stevie Dolan

Chair, Community Planning Partnership Strategic Leadership Board

Special Thanks

To all tenants, residents, communities, and the following organisations and partners who have helped produce this strategy:

- Community Boards
- Community Councils
- Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire
- NHS Lanarkshire
- North Lanarkshire Council
- North Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership (NLADP)
- North Lanarkshire Federation/Tenants and residents Associations
- North Lanarkshire Youth Council/MSYPs
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL)

Introduction

The definition of community safety has changed over the years and has become increasingly broad and far reaching. Initially focussed on the prevention and reduction of crime and antisocial behaviour, community safety now encompasses all aspects that help people to be safe and feel safe in their communities, including important issues such as gender-based violence, community justice, serious organised crime, counterterrorism, home safety and fire safety amongst others.

It is recognised that community safety is set within a much broader holistic context of enabling communities to be resilient and safe, through effective engagement and empowerment, and that much wider social, economic, and physical factors all impact on community safety.

In North Lanarkshire we have a collective ambition that is shared with partners to reduce inequalities, increase prosperity, inclusiveness, and outcomes for all, as set out in The Plan for North Lanarkshire. Our vision for community safety is aligned with our overarching ambition which is to:

‘Make North Lanarkshire a better place to live, work and visit through integrated partnership working to build strong, inclusive, vibrant, engaged communities, where homes, workplaces, and public spaces are safe and feel safe for everyone to prosper’. (EQIA 2020-2025)

Building on the existing strong partnership arrangements we will endorse a holistic, integrated approach across partners to address the needs of people and communities in North Lanarkshire, recognising the broad spectrum of activity that contributes to community safety and seek to extend our influence further to support communities to be empowered to realise solutions that work best for the people who live, work, and visit North Lanarkshire.

This Community Safety Strategy also comprises of our Antisocial Behaviour Strategy for North Lanarkshire as required by the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 due to the inter-connectedness of tackling antisocial behaviour with the other community safety strands and benefits of considering all strands in a holistic way to better utilise and target resources and activity as a partnership.

Strategic Context

National Context

The Scottish Government, Safer Communities Directorate provides the national context for all Community safety activity. The Directorate works with partners to enable everyone in Scotland to live in communities where they feel secure and are safe from harm. Action is being taken on a range of community safety priorities to help build safer communities.

The Scottish Government's National Performance Framework contains 11 National Outcomes and National indicators that measure progress towards these with Community Safety aligned to many of these outcomes with a particular connection to:

- Children and Young people: We grow up loved, safe and respected so that we realise our full potential
- Communities: We live in communities that are inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe
- Environment: We value, enjoy, protect and enhance our environment
- Human rights: We respect and fulfil human rights and live free from discrimination

Other national strategies and programmes and plans of relevance include Vision for Justice in Scotland, Three Year delivery Plan 2023/24 to 2025/26 which sets out the Government's vision for the justice sector to deliver a just, safe and resilient Scotland with safer, more tolerant and inclusive communities free from inequality and hate.

In addition, Equally Safe: Scotland's strategy for prevention and eradication of violence against women and girls was refreshed in 2024. Equally Safe sets out a vision to address violence against women and girls, to stop violence occurring, build the capability and capacity of support services and strengthen the

justice response to victims and perpetrators. The strategy is informed by the experience of victims and by the expertise of professionals and has three priorities:

- Achieving greater gender equality
- Intervening early and effectively to prevent violence and maximising the safety and wellbeing of women, children and young people; and
- Tackling perpetrators.

Local Context

The [Plan for North Lanarkshire](#) is the overarching strategic plan for North Lanarkshire and the [Programme of Work](#) set out the direction for all partners, the council, stakeholders and, most importantly, for each of our unique communities and the people who live, learn, work, invest and visit within North Lanarkshire. This provides the framework for all other strategies and plans, including the Community Safety Strategy. The plan identifies that whilst trends show strong improvements in key areas, such as employment, investment and educational attainment, there are still unacceptably high levels of deprivation, child poverty and clear areas of inequity and inequality remaining. As such, it is recognised that there is an element of social exclusion across some of our towns and communities in North Lanarkshire and The Plan seeks to reduce this exclusion through improving prosperity and outcomes for all, ensuring that all our communities' benefit, improving equality of opportunities for all. Community Safety is pivotal to achieving this vision and contributes to all five high level strategic priorities set out in The Plan given the broad context in which community safety exists, making a particular specific contribution to outcomes 3 and 4: Safety is pivotal to achieving this vision and contributes to all five high level strategic priorities set out in The Plan given the broad context in which community safety exists, making a particular specific contribution to outcomes 3 and 4:

Outcome 3: Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities.

Outcome 4: Enhance participation, capacity, and empowerment across our communities

There are also a number of other local strategies and plans that community safety plays a key role in, including the Equalities Strategy (2019-24) which is currently under review and will be completed in 2025, the Local Housing Strategy (2021-26), the Tenant Participation Strategy (2025-30) and Community Matters – A Framework for Working with Communities amongst others. This reinforces the far-reaching impact of community safety and its interconnectedness across different policy areas.

Within North Lanarkshire the vast majority of community safety work is coordinated at a local level through all relevant council services and community planning partners. These issues are also addressed through the Locality Partnership Teams with the North Lanarkshire Partnership Strategic Leadership Board taking a governance and strategic role. All partners with a role in community safety are represented on community planning structures and include, Elected Members, Housing, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Health and Social Care, NHS Lanarkshire, North Lanarkshire Alcohol & Drug Partnership (ADP), Education and Families, Environmental Services, the Housing Community Safety Team, VANL and other Council services. Involvement from communities is vital in these structures and representation from community members is comprised within nine Community Boards with Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) subgroups such as community safety and targeted action that feed into the community safety agenda.

North Lanarkshire Community Safety Planning Arrangements

There are two Community Partnership Managers, four Assistant Community Partnership Managers and a Housing Community Safety Team within North Lanarkshire Council with specific responsibility for driving forward Community Safety across North Lanarkshire in partnership with Communities, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Registered Social Landlords, Procurator Fiscal, Children's Reporter, NHS Lanarkshire and Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire, the Third Sector, local businesses and other Council services.

The Housing Community Safety Team has a specific remit for tackling antisocial behaviour and has responsibility for delivering on the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 requirements. All community safety related policy, plans, strategies, and performance related business are reported to the Communities Committee and the Community Safety Partnership Forum. Community Planning Partnership structures work closely with Public Protection and Justice Services, and a range of other partnership boards and forums, including:

- North Lanarkshire's Alcohol and Drug Partnership
- North Lanarkshire's Violence Against Women Strategic Group
- North Lanarkshire's Local Housing Strategy Steering Group
- North Lanarkshire's Equality Board
- North Lanarkshire's Mental Health and Addictions Partnership Board
- North Lanarkshire's Long-Term Conditions and Frailty Partnership Board
- North Lanarkshire's Integrated Joint Board
- North Lanarkshire Children's Services Partnership Board

Strong partnership arrangements have been in place in North Lanarkshire for several years, providing a vehicle for partners to collectively meet the needs of local people especially for those people in most need. These robust partnership arrangements provide the foundations to build stronger links across partners and areas to improve how we work together to improve community safety in North Lanarkshire.

Our Successes

The previous Community Safety Strategy has achieved a range of successes over the past 5 years that have resulted in positive outcomes in relation to community safety. These have included:

Enhanced CCTV provision in conjunction with partners across North Lanarkshire with an additional **27** cameras installed and operational 24 hours per day 7 days a week funded through North Lanarkshire Council's Local Development Programme (LDP). Between 2022 and 2024, cameras were deployed in Airdrie, Kilsyth, Cumbernauld, Wishaw, Salsburgh, Harthill, Shotts, and Abronhill. These cameras were deployed in response to reports of antisocial behaviour and community safety issues to Police, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and NLC Housing. CCTV cameras have benefitted community safety in local communities through recording **12,076** (2022-2024) incidents of which **4,134** (2022-2024) were community safety incidents and detected **324** (2022-2024) missing people. In addition to static cameras, **deployable cameras** have been purchased through NLC Local Development Programme funding (LDP) providing a swift, more targeted response to reports of anti-social behaviour and community safety issues across North Lanarkshire which has further enhanced Community Safety within local communities and has helped identify areas that may require siting of permanent cameras.

A Contextual Safeguarding multiagency approach endorsed by North Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee has been successfully adopted within North Lanarkshire Council; the aim of which is to take a wider approach to identify and tackle the influences that adversely impact on a young person's safety and to protect young people at risk of extra familial harm. This involves professionals and partners taking protective actions to make places where young people have experienced abuse, safer. Agencies have been supported through training to develop practice, systems and structures, for identifying, assessing and intervening with contexts and groups, where young people are at risk of significant harm in the community, ensuring we do so through a child welfare lens.

North Lanarkshire Council's Local Development Programme (LDP) funding has delivered **83** car parking and road improvement projects that were identified by local people between April 2020 and March 2024 improving road safety in communities across 9 Community Board areas facilitated by the Community Partnership Team with further road safety projects identified by local people planned for 2024-2025.

Operation MotoX was funded through NLC Local Development Programme Funding (LDP) in response to increased complaints about antisocial behaviour caused by off-road bikes in rural and built-up areas which proved challenging for Police to respond to during normal Policing duties. The four quad bikes allow officers to quickly reach areas that patrol vehicles are unable to access. There is currently an Off-Road Bike Action plan where officers deploy on Quads to hotspot areas during peak hours to deter and detect offenders. Since the implementation of this plan there has been many off road, unregistered bikes and quad seizures whereby riders have been charged with various Road Traffic Offences. The Quad bikes are an invaluable asset to Lanarkshire Police Division, are well utilised and well received by the public and have achieved an overall reduction in ASB incidents involving off-road motorcycles and quad bikes which have also assisted in conducting patrols in hard-to-reach areas in relation to missing person enquiries. Quad deployments have been very well received by the public and are utilised for public facing events such as gala days, parades and community events.

43 Fire Reach Courses have been delivered by Scottish Fire and Rescue service engaging with approximately **400** young people across North Lanarkshire. (CS Strategy Annual Review 2023-2024). The Fire Reach programme is open to all secondary schools in North Lanarkshire. During the school holidays, the team collaborates with partners such as Community Learning and Development to target and support young people such as those in conflict with the law; care experienced young people and young people as part of the resettlement programme.

A pan Lanarkshire Partnership Approach to Water Safety (PAWS) group has been established with two overall targets to reduce accidental drowning deaths in Lanarkshire and reduce risk amongst the highest-risk populations, groups, and communities and contribute to the reduction of water-related suicide. PAWS has three key stages to assist in the delivery of these targets: Prevention, Improved Incident Response and Review. PAWS has built upon existing good practice undertaken by partner agencies across Lanarkshire and allocates responsibilities in a clear framework agreeable to all agencies concerned formalising these into agreed actions that are reported to the Community Planning Partnerships in North and South Lanarkshire. This coordinated and proactive approach assists in the delivery of the three key stages of PAWS and is consistent with the targets of Scotland's Drowning Prevention Strategy.

Serving and proxy purchasing of alcohol ongoing initiatives have been carried out ranging from bottle marking schemes where Police and Trading Standards liaised with premises and marked bottles to identify their source to national proxy purchasing campaigns and integrity checks. The Licensing

Department reviews incidents daily and proactively attend premises where issues are detected to speak to the license holder and reiterate their responsibilities under the Licensing Scotland Act 2005, conducting scenario-based training to premises targeting new and inexperienced staff around the selling of alcohol and issues that may arise.

Bike Marking events have been provided by Police in partnership with North Lanarkshire Council's, Community Partnership Team for local people in a range of venues across NLC. Bike marking events provided cycle security advice and offered security marking and registration onto the Bike Register's online database. Registering helps Police and retailers identify and verify legitimate owners of bikes that have been stolen or are being resold.

North Lanarkshire Multi Agency Risk Assessment Conference, (MARAC) a multi-agency model for responding to the needs of high-risk victims of domestic abuse receives funding from North Lanarkshire Council and North Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership which has enabled the establishment of a MARAC team to support the administrative functions of the process to take forward training and evaluation activities.

The Antisocial Behaviour Response Service was reviewed to ensure efficacy in meeting local needs. The service, located within the wider Community Safety Hub, recognised the inter-connectedness of the Antisocial Behaviour Response Service and alignment with other wider activity areas of the Community Safety Hub and operates 365 days per year via a 24-hour helpline. Service level agreements have been reviewed with Registered Social Landlord (RSL) partners ensuring Anti-social behaviour services are being delivered across tenures.

The number of antisocial behaviour (ASB) contacts has substantially increased due to the change of service delivery and with upgraded technology and staff training ASB response has improved to meet demand.

Antisocial behaviour incidents captured via the CCTV system can occur across a broad range of categories including gathering crowds, fighting or drinking in the street, threatening behaviour, etc. One of the most reported issues is domestic noise and to address this a collaboration between the Antisocial Behaviour Response Service and local Registered Social Landlords (RSL's) has seen the development of a Noise App which enables tenants to capture recordings of antisocial behaviour on their own devices and submit these to a case management system. A pilot programme to test the system has been

completed and will be evaluated and considered for further role out. If implemented, the Noise App will be less intrusive and will over time, reduce the reliance on Sound Monitoring Equipment and the Out of Hours Witnessing Service which continues to provide on-site assistance.

A **‘Break the Cycle’** programme designed to tackle Anti-social behaviour has been successfully delivered in educational settings across North Lanarkshire and plans are in place to extend this to local sports facilities and wider communities.

A [Housing Domestic Abuse Policy](#) in 2022 was developed and implemented in partnership with North Lanarkshire’s Violence Against Women Strategic and Operational Group with the clear intention to prevent and eradicate domestic abuse ensuring access to a range of appropriate housing options advice, information and support where it does occur. This was followed up by a staff training programme to raise awareness and ensure survivors of domestic abuse receive the support they need.

All NLC Housing new-build homes deliver the **principles of ‘Secure by Design’** and achieve certification from Police Scotland and any open space part of a new development is reviewed within the planning application process to ensure adherence to regulations. Housing have worked positively with partners to identify and challenge residents causing antisocial behaviour (ASB), offering intervention and support to prevent future ASB incidents, whilst also providing additional support to victims. Tactical assessments are completed regularly, and in-depth discussions take place with partner agencies to address hotspots, find solutions supported by intelligence and analytics data.

A Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) has been developed in consultation with local people, key stakeholders and seldom heard voices for each of the 9 Community Board across North Lanarkshire. The LOIP consists of a range of priorities identified by local communities including Community Safety and targeted action within identified communities. Subgroups have been developed and are working to progress key actions to address community safety issues identified by communities across North Lanarkshire.

Community Alcohol Partnerships have been developed across North Lanarkshire and are playing a key role in targeting education to reduce alcohol harm in children and young people, regarding the risks and dangers of alcohol consumption and promoting diversionary activities through partners with a view to improving health and wellbeing. The initiative also focusses on educating and supporting local licensed traders.

North Lanarkshire Suicide Prevention Partnership Board (SPPB) convenes every 8 weeks. The SPPB examines current live time data provided by Police Scotland of those who have died by probable suicide, with themes and trends discussed at this local level. The SPPB then make decisions regarding future work based on the information provided. SPPB review the Local Action Plan at each meeting with discussions including information provided on current Suicide Prevention Training, including the Living Works Training Programmes ASIST, Safe TALK and Suicide Talk; we continue to develop and create a coordinated approach to public awareness campaigns which maximises impact; we work together with 3rd sector partner agencies to upskill staff in order to support communities affected by suicide; we continue to identify and facilitate preventative actions targeted at risk groups, including considering the needs of children and young people.

Key Themes

A wide range of evidence has informed the key strategic priorities that will help achieve our vision to **‘Make North Lanarkshire a better place to live, work and visit through integrated partnership working to build strong, vibrant, engaged communities, where homes, workplaces, and public spaces are safe and feel safe for everyone to prosper’**.

Recognising that safe communities that are resilient, inclusive, and tolerant are conducive to creating communities in which individuals can thrive and prosper, how we deliver community safety will require a collective effort from communities and all partners. Underpinning our priorities are key themes which set out the fundamental aspects of our approach in taking forward the of safer communities in North Lanarkshire:

Effective Community Involvement, Influence and Ownership

We will support and enable communities to identify and tackle issues that are most important to them. It is recognised that the involvement and participation from communities and individuals within communities is pivotal to creating safer communities. It is also recognised that it may be challenging for some individuals and communities to have their voice heard, and that some people may face barriers to engagement and that there are also topics that people may not be comfortable discussing openly. The partnership will endeavour to ensure a range of engagement methods that optimise involvement from all, with a particular focus on creating conditions in which communities that experience exclusion are supported to be involved and have real control and influence over decisions that are made.

Strong Partnership Working, Governance and Decision Making

The partnership recognise that community safety is complex and multi-faceted and to create safer communities we need to address the needs of people and communities holistically. Evidence tells us that interventions in one area can result in improvements in other outcomes, reinforcing the need for effective integrated partnership working across a broad range of areas.

Tackling Inequalities

Evidence tells us that despite improvements in a range of important areas persistent inequalities still exist in our communities. We recognise that the poverty, disadvantage and inequalities that exist for some people in North Lanarkshire can be further exacerbated if they have protected characteristics (North Lanarkshire Council, Equality Strategy 2019-2024) (Add update when available). We are committed to tackling inequalities and improving outcomes for all, as such we will target our efforts and resources on communities in greatest need. We will do this through improved collaborative working recognising that communities and individuals in greatest need who are often in contact with a range of services for different reasons and effective support is that which addresses needs in a holistic way, taking a whole systems approach across services and is available when required.

Prevention and Early Intervention

We know that prevention and early intervention is effective if people are supported to change their behaviours, reduce risk and achieve sustainable long-term changes in communities and amongst individuals and families. We will focus on acting at an early stage working closely with partners to help build capacity and resilience in communities and individuals to help create healthier and safer communities.

Place Based Approach

We will adopt a 'Place Principle' approach to our activity, to strengthen cross-sector collaboration with communities and partners and to optimise outcomes recognising the value of a place-based approach in aiding a better shared understanding across sectors of issues and increasing capacity and flexibility to respond to these issues.

There are significant positive impacts that high quality outdoor space, which is safe and welcoming has on both physical and mental health. We know that access to green space varies significantly across different social groups and that good access can reduce the impact of deprivation through improving health and wellbeing and creating stronger communities. This strategy therefore plays an even more important role going forward, providing community-centred mechanisms in which communities can become more empowered, building on their resilience to create and shape safer stronger communities in which individuals and communities are better connected, inequalities are reduced, and everyone has the opportunity to thrive and prosper.

Our Strategic Priorities

Priority 1: To effectively tackle antisocial behaviour

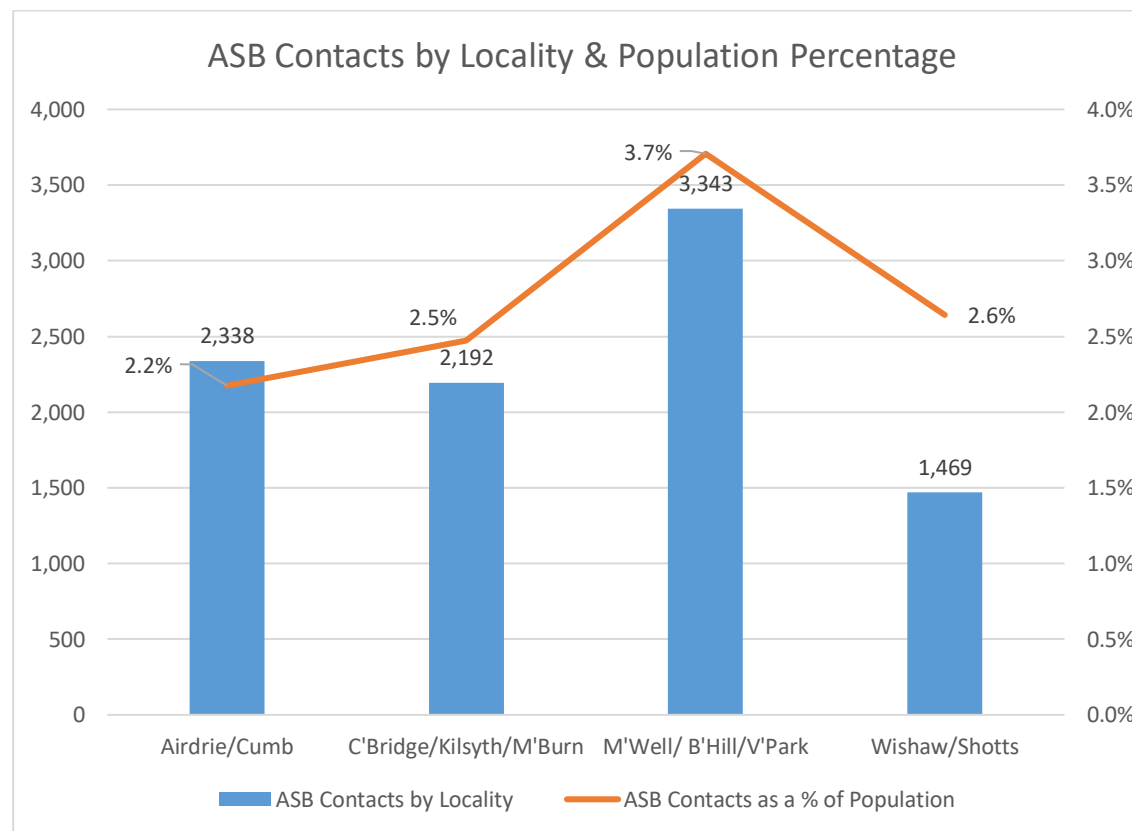
Evidence tells us:

- A key action for antisocial behaviour (ASB) within the previous strategy was to complete a review of the service to ensure efficacy in meeting local needs. The delivery of the ASB service changed in 2020/21 as well as the reporting which included all complaints for all tenures and as a result the

number of contacts made to the service increased by 54% in 2020/21 compared with the previous year. The number of contacts then fell by 2% over 2021-2023 but increased by 4% in 2023/24. Due to the significant change to the way ASB contacts are recorded, it is challenging to draw comparisons with data from the previous strategy.

- The number of ASB contacts resolved in 23/24 increased by 5% on the previous year.
- Two-thirds (68.1%) of ASB contacts relate to domestic noise accounting for most callouts, with 15.3% due to criminal activity and 11.9% due to harassment.
- The top three categories of domestic noise complaints have remained consistent since 2018/19 and were recorded in 2023/24 as: loud music (27.7%), banging (27.2%), and shouting and swearing (19.9%).
- The top three categories of criminal activity complaints have also remained consistent and were recorded as misuse of drugs (25.7%), violence (17.2%) and vandalism (16.6%). Misuse of drugs has fallen by 1.7% in the five years from 2018/19 to 2023/24. In addition, threats account for a further 13.4% of criminal activity complaints.
- 58.7% of ASB contacts are made from North Lanarkshire Council tenants with 10.6% of these in multi-storey towers, 14.8% are made from owner occupiers, 6.3% are from private sector tenants and 2.3% are by housing association tenants.
- The remaining 17.9% of ASB contacts comprise individuals who wished to remain anonymous and individuals who have been referred to the service from other partner agencies.
- In 2023/24 most contacts received were in relation to a repeat subject, with 76% of contacts over the year relating to a subject who had been reported on at least one other occasion. This is an increase of 19% since 2018/19.
- 62.9% of contacts in 2023/24 were made out with normal office hours during the evenings, overnight and at weekends.
- The number of contacts has increased in most months of the year and decreased in April, July, and August of 2023/24. Monthly information is variable across previous years but has previously shown a rise in ASB in the summer months rather than across the year.
- The graph below illustrates the level of ASB contacts by each locality and the proportion of those contacts by the population of each area. This highlights that the Motherwell/Bellshill locality had the greatest level of ASB contacts in 2023/24 accounting for 35.8% and is proportionately 3.7% of

the population. One-quarter (25%) were in Airdrie/Cumbernauld which is 2.2% of the area population and 23.5% were in Coatbridge/Kilsyth/Moodiesburn which is 2.5% of the population. The number of ASB contacts in Motherwell/Bellshill and Coatbridge/Kilsyth/Moodiesburn increased during 2023/24 compared to the previous year. Please note that locality areas have changed since the previous strategy was written and it is therefore not possible to draw comparisons with earlier data.



- Although the Wishaw/Shotts locality has the lowest proportion of all ASB contacts at 15.7% in 2023/24, this equates to a greater proportion of the area population at 2.6%.

- The majority of ASB subjects (those who are the subject of the complaint) are tenants living in council housing and accounts for 66.2% and this figure has risen since 2018/19. Owner occupiers account for 9.6% of ASB, 5.3% are private sector tenants, 4.8% are people living in homeless temporary accommodation and 1.9% are housing association tenants. 12.2% of ASB subjects were area related and not tenure specific.

Our key actions:

We will continue to collaborate and work innovatively to improve our evidence and intelligence in identifying key areas of focus to target resources and activity to effectively tackle antisocial behaviour.

- We will proactively adopt a preventative approach to address and prevent antisocial behaviour through the roll out of our 'Break the Cycle' programme to sports and leisure facilities and wider community facilities.
- We will continue our programme to upgrade CCTV cameras and network to improve detection of ASB and target resources effectively
- We will invest in re-deployable CCTV camera trailers and target specific areas where ASB and criminality is identified as well as proactively target large public gatherings.
- The Community Partnership Team will continue to work closely with other partners to ensure Local Development Programme Funding is invested appropriately in local communities to address Community Safety issues
- We will evaluate the success of the Noise App pilot and consider the efficacy of implementation across North Lanarkshire with the aim of enabling local people to directly record and report incidents of excessive noise.
- We will review our Antisocial Behaviour Response Service Out of Hours provision to establish the viability and feasibility of extending the service beyond its current operating hours.
- We will collaborate across partners to develop and deliver awareness raising sessions to assist local communities in understanding what ASB is and how it can be tackled. This will include corporate communications and public relations activity.

- We will review our categories for ASB and Criminality to ensure incidents of attempted suicide and serious mental health concerns are recorded and reported.
- We will work collaboratively to implement environmental changes to minimise antisocial behaviour in public spaces
 - We will work in partnership to proactively address challenges around problematic areas for ASB.
 - We will collaborate with partners to decrease the sale of alcohol to young people.
 - We will ensure the effective use of existing legislation to tackle ASB e.g. CRASBO, Fixed Penalty Notices for Environmental Offences, Antisocial Behaviour Orders
- We will work closely with the NLADP to monitor drug and alcohol trend data to target appropriate interventions across the community and reduce harms whilst diverting people into the right supports.

Priority 2: To improve road safety

Evidence tells us:

- Up to 90% of all accidents and casualties in North Lanarkshire occur on 'through routes' and in town centres
- The number of children killed or seriously injured has reduced significantly in North Lanarkshire over the past decade
- Insurance, seat belt and driving licence offences have all reduced by 1.3%, 1.1%, and 6.4% respectively
- Driving using mobile phone offences has increased by 23.0%
- Speeding and dangerous driving offences have increased by 1.3%, and 0.7% respectively whilst disqualified driving reduced by 15.8% over the 5-year period
- Drink and Drug driving has increased by 22.6% however roadside drug tests have been introduced during this period and the rise can be attributed to the capacity and legislation changes to test for drugs at the roadside and to positive drugs testing. Lanarkshire Division has had one of the highest figures in Scotland due to the productivity and capability of the Road Policing officers based at Motherwell.
- Dangerous driving has increased by 0.7% whilst driving whilst disqualified has reduced by 15.8%

Our key actions:

- We will implement 20mph zones in town centres and main shopping centres and continue to review and deliver 20mph zones on an annual basis
- We will continue to explore innovative methods to reduce speed within our communities and respond to complaints of speeding through education and engineering
- We will work collaboratively with partner organisations to address poor driver behaviour

- We will continue to provide a dedicated road safety engineering section to investigate accident trends and implement road safety engineering measures where appropriate
- We will continue to invest in the infrastructure of roads to improve cycling and walking safety and improve connectivity within North Lanarkshire
- We will encourage and actively promote the benefits of walking to school
- We will support the delivery of on-road cycle training in school (this service is no longer provided by roads, but may still be supported by Education Services)

Priority 3: To reduce serious violence and disorder

Evidence tells us:

The following statistics compare the most recent completed year 2023-2024 against the 5-year mean. It should be noted that some increases in detection are due to proactive work carried out by Police Scotland.

- Overall, crime and offences across North Lanarkshire have decreased by 15%.
- However, whilst housebreaking has reduced by 15.3%, shoplifting has increased by 36.5%. Changes in reporting and categories may have influenced the house breaking figure.
- Sexual crime, rape/attempted rape and indecent/Sexual assault reports have increased by 39.2%. This figure includes non-recent crimes and increased confidence in reporting historical crimes can have an impact. There is a continual increase in online sexual crimes due to increased dependence on the online world.
- Serious assaults have reduced by 16.1%
- There has been an increase of 4.2% in common assaults recorded
- Robbery attempts have increased by 44.6%.
- Hate crime has decreased by 19.7%. There is currently a pause on comparing hate crime due to new legislation and recording processes. On the 1st of April 2024 the new Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 went live and will provide equal protections for all social groups.
- The number of complaints regarding disorder has reduced by 4.9%
- Drug possession and production has decreased by 25.0% and 50.7% respectively however drug supply has increased by 12.7%. Possession crimes may now be dealt with by Fixed Penalty Notices or recorded Police warnings.

Our keys actions:

- We will increase positive engagement with complainers of violence to maximise accurate reporting and investigating.
- We will reduce residential indoor violence by targeting repeat locations and offenders.
- We will reduce the number of people carrying weapons and serious violent crimes involving the use of weapons through a range of tactics including prevention, early intervention, education and enforcement.
- We will increase the disruption of persons involved in serious and organised crime.
- We will reduce hate crime through effective engagement, education and enforcement.
- We will ensure effective use of third-party reporting tools for hate crime.
- We will commit specialist officers to investigate patterns of housebreaking and target reoffenders.
- We will increase the use of mobile automatic number plate recognition to reduce road crime.
- We will encourage prevention activity through campaigns on a range of subjects including domestic abuse, cybercrime and road safety.
- We will collaboratively support education in relation to the risks of drug use, including multi-substance use and develop appropriate resources to support behaviour change/increased harm reduction measures.
- We will increase intelligence and detection in relation to the supply of all drugs.
- We will work collaboratively to reduce offending, diverting people from justice into appropriate treatment and care where substance use is a factor via arrest referral pathways.
- We will monitor drug trends via national and local intelligence to target interventions that will reduce harm and support people into the right supports in their community.

Priority 4: To reduce harm from problematic alcohol and drug use

Evidence tells us:

- North Lanarkshire has some of highest levels of alcohol and drug related harms in Scotland.
- There were 2,812 drug related crimes in North Lanarkshire in 2019/20 latest figure available. This is a rate of 82.4% per 10,000 population share compared with 64.6% across Scotland.
- The age-standardised death rates for alcohol-specific deaths in the most deprived 20% of areas in Scotland has been consistently higher than the rest. Since 2001 the death rate in the most deprived areas has remained the highest of all five SIMD quintiles although the gap has narrowed slightly.
- What we see in North Lanarkshire is not unique and reflects a national picture where data trends are synonymous with the wider evidence base on substance-related harms ([Problem drug use in Scotland](#))
- In 2021, of those entering police custody in North Lanarkshire, and responding to vulnerability assessment survey, 42% reported having mental health issues, 16% dependent on drugs and 13% dependent on alcohol.
- There were 1,417 alcohol specific deaths in 2023, two thirds of which were male, and rates 4.5 times higher in deprived areas (National Records of Scotland, 2024b). North Lanarkshire had a higher rate of alcohol related death than the Scottish average.
- In the Scottish Crime and Justice Survey 2021, two-fifths of victims thought the person was under the influence of alcohol, and one in three violent crimes the person was felt to be under the influence of drugs
- Levels of support across communities were significantly below the level of prevalence, with just over 13% feeling their community was supportive of those living with drug or alcohol addiction, rising to 19% who felt their community was supportive of families affected. Both statements indicate very high levels of substance-related issues for communities (89%) and very low community support for people living with addiction (13%), or for their families (19%).

- The Scottish Families report 'Hidden in Plain Sight' commissioned by North Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership NLADP) in 2020, identified that majority of community survey respondents (9 in 10 people) felt their community had an issue with alcohol or drug use, with just 7% believing this not to be the case.

Our keys actions:

A North Lanarkshire where individuals and families experience less harm from the effects of problematic alcohol and drug use. People are safer, healthier and treated with dignity to make informed choices around their own care and empowered to find their own type of recovery.

- North Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) will offer a range of support services to help individuals experiencing harm from substances, their own use or someone else's, with provision in place across all localities.
- We will work with key agencies and communities to ensure people have early access to support for problem substance use. Early intervention strategies will be put in place to prevent problem use with support offered through a range of community-based responses.
- We will work with people who use substances to problematic levels to ensure they are supported to access treatment and support at the earliest opportunity and to find their own type of recovery.
- We will support outreach activities to ensure people are offered evidence, based harm reduction support. This will include the provision of harm reduction materials such as injecting equipment, Blood Borne Virus and wound care for those who need it to ensure safety to those individual and the wider community.
- We will work to ensure young people and families receive evidence based, effective education on substances, harm reduction measures and how to access help when problems develop. Through the provision of effective, evidence-based education both within and beyond school.
- We will support efforts to identify young people at risk of substance use disorder and conflict with the law and support contextual safeguarding efforts to ensure those at risk of exploitation are identified and supported at the earliest opportunity.

- We will take steps via the ADP to ensure workforce capability and confidence around substance use issues is increased through learning and workforce development. To strengthen the wider workforce knowledge, skills and confidence to respond to those needing support around substance use, their own or someone else's.
- We will take a whole systems approach to ensure there are effective pathways between justice and community services including arrest referral pathways, prison through-care and diversion opportunities. This will take account of housing, advocacy and connections to the community.
- We will offer support to ensure more families are involved in the care and treatment of their loved ones with access to support in their own right – even where their loved one is not engaged with treatment.
- We will support wider training, distribution and use of Naloxone to prevent drug deaths in NL working with NLADP and Health colleagues

Priority 5: To tackle Gender Based Violence and protect people at risk of harm.

Evidence tells us:

- The number of domestic abuse incidents reported to Police Scotland has decreased over the past 3 years by -8.2%
- In 4 out of every 5 domestic abuse incidents that Police Scotland attend there is female victim and a male perpetrator
- Data for all forms of gender-based violence collected by Violence Against Women Strategic Group services which include NHS Lanarkshire, Gender Based Violence Services, Women's Aid, Aura, ASSIST, Social Work and Housing suggests a decrease of 13% over the last three years. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic we did see an increase to 5473 gender-based violence referrals in 2021 to 2022. For 2023 to 2024 this reduce to 4720 referrals.
- Generally, the data suggests that gender-based violence is a significant issue in North Lanarkshire but not any more so than in other areas of Scotland

Our keys actions:

- We will promote the use of the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse to prevent repeat patterns of abuse occurring. We will promote the use of Sexual Assault Response Coordination Service (SARCS).
- Justice Service will continue to use the Up2U programme with people who are involved in domestic abuse offending.
- We will increase awareness of domestic abuse and gender-based violence to discourage offending and increase reporting.
- We will champion awareness and effective application of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018.
- We will work to maintain Equally Safe at Work employer accreditation Bronze Award for NLC and explore progression to Silver Award.
- We will work with NLC Education to take forward violence against women prevention activities in Education establishments.
- We will Implement Safe and Together, a model of work with domestic abuse cases where there are children.
- We will continue to develop best practice in delivering MARAC, a domestic homicide prevention model in North Lanarkshire and prepare for the process being placed on a statutory footing.

- We will continue to implement North Lanarkshire Violence Against Women Strategy and Action Plan for North Lanarkshire.
- We will work with North Lanarkshire Adult and Child Protection Committees and Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) Strategic Oversight Group to continue to improve strategic linkages across the Public Protection agenda in North Lanarkshire.
- We will Increase support provision for families, including children and young people, impacted by alcohol and other drugs.

Priority 6: To reduce harm from unintentional injury and fire

Evidence tells us:

- There has been a slight increase in the number of accidental dwelling fires, up 5% over the past 3 years.
- 2,063 Home Fire Safety Visits have been carried out in 2023/24 in North Lanarkshire
- Most accidental dwelling fires occur in the Motherwell and Ravenscraig areas.
- In 2021 there were 92 casualties and 67 in 2023/24 which is a 31% decrease.
- Fire fatalities remain low, with 3 in 2023/24 which is an increase of 1 on the previous year.
- Most injuries from accidental dwelling fires are minor with most people receiving first aid on site. For those who do attend hospital, most of their injuries are considered 'slight'.
- The highest number of casualties are in the 30-39 years age group followed by 50-59 years age group.
- Cooking food remains the main cause of accidental dwelling fires in North Lanarkshire.
- In 2020/21 there were 1528 deliberate fires (primary and secondary) and 1451 in 2023/24, this is a 5% decrease.
- In 2020/21 there were 105 non-domestic property fires and 85 in 2023/24, this is a decrease of 21%.
- Smoking is the main cause of death from fire in the home across Scotland however, there are few fatalities in North Lanarkshire.
- Those who drink alcohol and smoke are more likely to lose their life in a fire.
- Those from the most deprived areas are much more likely compared to those from the least deprived areas to experience an unintentional injury.
- The rate of falls in those aged 65 and over is decreasing.
- Inactivity lasting more than two days could impact walking independently in older people. For people over 80, ten days in bed ages muscles by ten years. One week of bed rest results in a 10% loss of muscle mass.
- Deaths from poisoning has increased nationally, doubling since 2011, this is in line with the National Records of Scotland statistics showing recent increases in drug related deaths

- The number of emergency admissions in North Lanarkshire due to unintentional injury has increased over the past 3 years by 5.6%
- Falls account for the largest proportion of unintentional injury emergency hospital admissions in North Lanarkshire, accounting for 61.7% of all injuries.
- Unintentional injury emergency hospital admissions are most common in North Lanarkshire amongst the 75+ age group, which accounts for 44.2% of injuries.
- Deaths by unintentional injury in North Lanarkshire have increased by 9.6% over the past 3 years.
- Suicide rates in North Lanarkshire have increased in recent years and are above the national rate.
- Men are a high-risk group in respect of suicide. Research being undertaken by Glasgow University informs that, “In the UK, suicide is the leading cause of death for men under 50, and men aged 45 to 64 are the biggest age-specific suicide risk”. In North Lanarkshire, numbers are around three times the female number. This is largely consistent across all 10-year age grouping.
- Most suicides in North Lanarkshire are out with deprived areas, which contrasts with the rest of Scotland.

Our keys actions:

- We will provide Home Fire Safety Visits to address the main causality factor of accidental dwelling fires and to reduce resulting casualties and fatalities
- We will tackle antisocial fire related behaviour through effective use of intelligence and working collaboratively across organisations and partners
- We will continue to deliver our Fire Reach Programme to support our personnel to engage effectively with young adolescents
- We will support the Fire Safety Support in Education programme through the specialised work of the Community Action Team
- We will continue to implement the range of fire stopping and active and passive fire safety measures in NLC multi-storey tower blocks
- We will increase the number and variety of emergencies attended by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to support partner agencies in protecting the community
- We will work with housing organisations that provide specialist housing to improve fire safety for vulnerable groups using the new national fire safety guidance for specialist housing

- We will work with partner organisations to reduce the number of unwanted fire alarm signals
- We will implement a Falls Strategy to reduce the number of slips and trips in the home
- We will increase participation in physical activity opportunities recommended to improve bone health and strength, and raise awareness of active health opportunities such as 'Get Walking' North Lanarkshire to improve health and reduce risk of falls
- We will continue to improve home safety for young children through working with our early year providers to raise awareness of home safety with parents
- We will work with the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to promote harm reduction and reduce substance related deaths and harm in our communities
- We will support efforts to reduce harm from drugs overdose via effective non-fatal overdose response supports across NL communities working closely with SAS/Harm reduction and community sector
- We will continue to undertake several initiatives and tests of change, that have an impact on Falls.
- We will continue Active Wards approach offering patients support and education during hospital stay to promote mental and physical activity throughout hospitalisation and encouraging patients to continue activities following discharge to assist fall prevention, deconditioning, loss of confidence and independence.
- We will proactively target groups at most risk of suicide through effective social media campaigning.
- We will implement the actions contained in Lanarkshire's Tobacco and Vaping Programme plan to reduce the prevalence of smoking in North Lanarkshire (17.6%, Scottish Surveys Core Questions 2022) and in doing so reduce the risk of unintentional fire and injury
- We will improve awareness of suicide amongst our education establishments and consider further how to sensitively increase awareness amongst primary education settings
- We will continue to carry out a range of tailored training on suicide prevention including Suicide Talk, Safe Talk, ASIST and Storm Training.

Consultation and Involvement – what you told us.

This strategy has been co-produced with our communities and all our community safety partners and includes:

- Tenants and Residents Federation of North Lanarkshire
- Tenants and Residents Associations
- Community Councils
- North Lanarkshire Youth Council/youth fora
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- NHS Lanarkshire
- Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire
- Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire
- Elected Members
- Community Boards

Engagement in relation to the strategy has taken place with a broader range of stakeholders and has included:

- North Lanarkshire Adult and Child Protection Committees (Draft strategy circulated requesting feedback)
- The Children's Reporter (Draft strategy circulated requesting feedback)
- The Procurator Fiscal (Draft strategy circulated requesting feedback)

Engagement opportunities that have informed the development of this strategy have included:

- Community Safety Strategy Steering Group Meetings (SFRS, Police Scotland, NHS, VANL and Council Services)
- An initial online public survey. (Aug/Sept 2024)
- Face-to-face and online discussions with key priority groups/seldom heard voices (Nov/December 2024).
- Surveys circulated to Community Councils, Tenants and Resident's Associations, English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) Groups and Refugees, MSYPs and NLYC.
- Community Board updates provided (Nov/Dec 2024).
- Community Safety Draft Strategy Consultation (Dec 2024/Jan2025)
- Community Matters and Local Partnership Team engagement

An Initial Community Strategy consultation was discussed and agreed with the Community Safety Strategy Planning Group on 14th August 2024 with the consultation going live on North Lanarkshire Council Website between 16th August 2024 and 2nd September 2024. **397** responses were received from across all 9 Community Board areas in North Lanarkshire.

The community safety issues that were identified as being of the highest priority by the people of North Lanarkshire through all Community Safety Strategy consultations, focus groups and discussions were as follows:

- Tackling Antisocial Behaviour
- Improving Road Safety
- Reducing serious Violence and Disorder
- Tackling harm from problematic alcohol and drug use
- Tackling Gender based violence
- Reducing harm from unintentional injury and fire

In addition to the community safety priorities identified above, there were several challenges identified in relation to creating safer communities in North Lanarkshire. These included:

Poverty and cost-of-living impact on Community safety were recurring themes identified across most Community Board areas with poverty being identified by local people as a contributory factor in anti-social behaviour, crime and community safety issues.

Crime and Anti-social behaviour were also recurring themes identified across all Community Board areas. Local people reported feeling that rundown areas contributed to an increase Antisocial behaviour, vandalism, thefts and assaults. A rise in anti-social behaviour amongst young people, vandalism/graffiti both racist and sectarian were also identified.

Alcohol and substance misuse was a recurring theme across most Board areas. Young people reported feeling unsafe going out at night or going to shops on their own due to having to pass people with drug/alcohol dependency who congregate nearby. Alcohol marketing around schools and places young people attend and alcohol and drug consumption in housing closes were identified as issues. Local people identified links in relation to problematic tenancies and alcohol and substance misuse.

Road safety issues was a recurring theme across all consultation. Older people and hearing-impaired people identified dangers on roads in relation to electric cars which they are less able to hear. Older people also reported taking unsafe routes across roads to avoid using dark overgrown underpasses which they reported felt intimidating and where they felt unsafe.

Poor driver behaviour and driving standards were reported as well as speeding and unsafe parking at and near schools. Further dangers were identified by those with mobility challenges and vision impairments who reported having to navigate onto roads to avoid street furniture and cars parked on pavements. Low level street lighting was also identified as being challenging for the deaf community as this contributes to feelings of vulnerability and lack of safety.

There were also a range of responses received in relation to road safety following the decision taken by NLC in relation to school transport provision which came into effect in August 2024 coinciding with the Community Safety online consultation.

Mental Health and its impact on community safety was identified as a recurring theme across all Community Board areas. Issues identified included mental health issues caused by poverty, delays in accessing Mental Health supports and the impact on Police in dealing with Mental health issues. There were also linkages made between Mental health and antisocial behaviour and crime.

Exploitation of young people in North Lanarkshire was also identified through consultation including financial, sexual and criminal exploitation.

Environmental Issues were identified by older people who reported feeling unsafe when they were unable to see due to overgrown bushes/vegetation and overhanging trees. Racist and sectarian graffiti was also identified as adding to people feeling unsafe within their community.

Community Safety Survey and consultation

Dates	Consultation Format	Target Group
16 th Aug 2024 to 2 nd Sept 2024	Online survey	All people who live, learn, work and visit North Lanarkshire
13 th Nov 2024	Focus group	Young people/MSYP
20 th Nov 2024	Focus Groups (x3)	Young people S1-S6
19 th Nov 2024	Focus group	Older People and people with long term disabilities
Nov 2024	Circulation of CS survey	Community Councils, Tenants Participation Team
Nov 2024	Circulation of CS Survey/QR code	CLD, ESOL groups and groups that support Refugees
Dec 2024 to Jan 2025	Online draft strategy consultation	All people who live, learn, work and visit North Lanarkshire, key stakeholders

Measuring and Reporting Progress

Monitoring and Evaluation

Robust effective monitoring and evaluation systems are required to measure progress as a partnership towards achieving our key strategic outcomes. To help measure progress achieved, a range of key indicators have been identified. These outcome measures will be monitored on an ongoing basis through the Community Safety Partnership and existing community planning structures.

An annual review of the strategy will be carried out by the Partnership enabling the opportunity for consideration of trends in data, progress, and emerging issues to be reflected in the strategy review.

More detailed area specific performance measures are monitored through service and organisation specific performance monitoring frameworks.

Reporting

Progress will be reported formally on an annual basis by the Community Safety Partnership to the Communities Committee and the Community Safety Partnership Forum, the North Lanarkshire Partnership Strategic Leadership Board and nine Community Boards. Progress will also be reported to a wider range of stakeholders including tenants, residents, individuals, and communities through the publication of the review on the Council's website and through the community engagement structures. The first review of the new strategy will take place in March 2026. Legislative Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Legislative statutory monitoring and reporting requirements as set out in the Antisocial Behaviour etc. (Scotland) Act 2004 are overseen by the Housing Community Safety Team and include a comprehensive range of mechanisms which include an annual Scottish Housing Regulator Charter Return, Customer Satisfaction Surveys and internal performance monitoring of key indicators to inform progress and formal reporting.

Annex – Summary of Community Safety Strategy Indicators and Actions.

Priority 1: To effectively tackle antisocial behaviour.		
Indicators	Frequency	Lead Source
Number of antisocial contacts	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts resolved	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts by locality	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts by month Annual North Lanarkshire Council	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts due to domestic noise	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts due to criminal activity	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts due estate issues	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts due to harassment	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts due to non-domestic noise	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council
Number of antisocial contacts	Annual	North Lanarkshire Council

Priority 2: To improve road safety		
Indicators	Frequency	Lead Source
Number of people seriously injured	Annual	Scottish Government, Transportation
Number of people slightly injured	Annual	Scottish Government, Transportation
Number of children killed	Annual	Scottish Government, Transportation
Number of children seriously injured	Annual	Scottish Government, Transportation
Number of people convicted of dangerous driving	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of people charged for disqualified driving	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of people charged of driving license offences	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of people charged of driving without insurance	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of people charged of driving without a seat belt	Annual	Police Scotland

Number of people charged of driving whilst using a mobile phone	Annual	Police Scotland
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Priority 3: Reduce Reducing serious Violence and disorder		
Indicators	Frequency	Lead Source
Number of overall crimes recorded	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of serious assaults	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of murders	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of robberies	Annual	Police Scotland
Number hate crimes	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of vandalism and malicious mischief crimes	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of housebreaking thefts	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of detections for drugs	Annual	Police Scotland

Priority 4: Reduce Harm from problematic alcohol and drug use		
Indicators	Frequency	Lead Source
Number of services commissioned to offer support across NL	Annual	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
Number of people naloxone trained	Annual	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
Number of naloxone kits distributed	Annual	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
Number of Near Fatal Overdose's followed up within 48 hours	Annual	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
Number of assertive outreach engagements for those disengaging from treatment	Annual	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
Number of workforce development opportunities offered an attended via the ADP	Annual	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
Number of young people at risk of substance use disorders and conflict with the law supported	Annual	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
Number of families engaged on support across NL in relation to substance use	Annual	NLADP

Priority 5: To tackle gender-based violence and protect people at risk of harm		
Indicators	Frequency	Lead Source
Number of domestic abuse incidents reported to Police Scotland	Annual	Police Scotland
Number of referrals to VAWG specialist services	Annual	Violence Against Women Working Group (VAWG)

Priority 6: To reduce harm from unintentional injury and fire		
Indicators	Frequency	Lead Source
Number of accidental dwelling fires	Annual	SFRS
Number of fire fatalities	Annual	SFRS
Number of fire casualties	Annual	SFRS
Number of deliberate primary fires	Annual	SFRS
Number of deliberate secondary fires	Annual	SFRS
Number of fires in non-domestic buildings	Annual	SFRS
Number of malicious calls	Annual	SFRS
Number of detections for drugs	Annual	NHSL
Number of emergency hospital admissions due to unintentional injury (total)	Annual	NHSL
Number of emergency hospital admissions due to unintentional injury (under age 15 years)	Annual	NHSL
Number of emergency hospital admissions due to unintentional injury (aged 65 and over)	Annual	NHSL
Number of emergency hospital admissions aged 65 and over due to falls	Annual	NHSL
Number of suicides	Annual	NHSL

Strategic Priority 1: To effectively tackle antisocial behaviour	Lead Partner/s
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We will work in partnership to proactively address challenges around problematic areas for ASB.	North Lanarkshire Council
We will collaborate with partners to decrease the sale of alcohol to young people.	North Lanarkshire Council
We will ensure the effective use of existing legislation to tackle ASB e.g. CRASBO, Fixed Penalty Notices for Environmental Offences, Antisocial Behaviour Orders	North Lanarkshire Council
We will work closely with the NLADP to monitor drug and alcohol trend data to target appropriate interventions across the community and reduce harms whilst diverting people into the right supports.	North Lanarkshire Council
The Community Partnership Team will continue to work closely with other partners to ensure local Development Programme Funding is invested appropriately in local communities to address Community Safety issues	North Lanarkshire Council

Strategic Priority 2: To improve road safety	Lead Partner
We will implement 20mph zones in town centres and main shopping centres and continue to review and deliver 20mph zones on an annual basis	North Lanarkshire Council
We will continue to explore innovative methods to reduce speed within our communities and respond to complaints of speeding through education and engineering	North Lanarkshire Council
We will work collaboratively with partner organisations to address poor driver behaviour	North Lanarkshire Council
We will continue to provide a dedicated road safety engineering section to investigate accident trends and implement road safety engineering measures where appropriate	North Lanarkshire Council
We will continue to invest in the infrastructure of roads to improve cycling and walking safety and improve connectivity within North Lanarkshire	North Lanarkshire Council

Strategic Priority 3: Reducing serious Violence and disorder	Lead Partner
We will increase positive engagement with complainers of violence to maximise accurate reporting and investigating.	Police Scotland
We will reduce residential indoor violence by targeting repeat locations and offenders.	Police Scotland
We will reduce the number of people carrying weapons and serious violent crimes involving the use of weapons through a range of tactics including prevention, early intervention, education and enforcement.	Police Scotland
We will increase the disruption of persons involved in serious and organised crime.	Police Scotland
We will reduce hate crime through effective engagement, education and enforcement.	Police Scotland
We will ensure effective use of third-party reporting tools for hate crime.	Police Scotland
We will commit specialist officers to investigate patterns of housebreaking and target reoffenders.	Police Scotland
We will increase the use of mobile automatic number plate recognition to reduce road crime.	Police Scotland
We will encourage prevention activity through campaigns on a range of subjects including domestic abuse, cybercrime and road safety.	Police Scotland
We will collaboratively support education in relation to the risks of drug use, including multi-substance use and develop appropriate resources to support behaviour change/increased harm reduction measures.	Police Scotland
We will increase intelligence and detection in relation to the supply of all drugs.	Police Scotland

We will work collaboratively to reduce offending, diverting people from justice into appropriate treatment and care where substance use is a factor via arrest referral pathways.	Police Scotland
We will monitor drug trends via national and local intelligence to target interventions that will reduce harm and support people into the right supports in their community.	Police Scotland

Strategic Priority 4: Reduce Harm from problematic alcohol and drug use	Lead Partner
We will offer a range of support services to help individuals experiencing harm from substances, their own use or someone else's, with provision in place across all localities.	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
We will work with key agencies and communities to ensure people have early access to support for problem substance use. We will put early intervention strategies in place to prevent problem use with support offered through a range of community-based responses.	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
We will work with people who use substances to problematic levels to ensure they are supported to access treatment and support at the earliest opportunity and to find their own type of recovery.	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
We will support outreach activities to ensure people are offered evidence, based harm reduction support. This will include the provision of harm reduction materials such as injecting equipment, Blood Borne Virus and wound care for those who need it to ensure safety to those individual and the wider community.	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
We will work to ensure young people and families receive evidence based, effective education on substances, harm reduction measures and how to access help when problems develop. Through the provision of effective, evidence-based education both within and beyond school.	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
We will support efforts to identify young people at risk of substance use disorder and conflict with the law and support contextual safeguarding efforts to ensure those at risk of exploitation are identified and supported at the earliest opportunity.	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
We will take steps via the ADP to ensure workforce capability and confidence around substance use issues is increased through learning and workforce development to strengthen the wider workforce knowledge, skills and confidence to respond to those needing support around substance use, their own or someone else's.	NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership
We will work with the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to promote harm reduction and reduce drug related deaths in our communities	North Lanarkshire Council Health and Social Care NHS Lanarkshire Police Scotland
We will support efforts to reduce harm from drugs overdose via effective non-fatal overdose response supports across NL communities working closely with Substance Advice Service/Harm reduction and community sector.	NHS Lanarkshire
We will support wider training, distribution and use of Naloxone to prevent drug deaths in NL working with NLADP and Health colleagues	Alcohol and Drug Partnership

Strategic Priority 5: To tackle Gender Based Violence and protect people at risk of harm	Lead Partner
We will promote the use of the Disclosure Scheme for Domestic Abuse to prevent repeat patterns of abuse occurring. We will promote the use of Sexual Assault Response Coordination Service (SARCS).	Police Scotland
Justice Service will continue to use the Up2U programme with people who are involved in domestic abuse offending.	Police Scotland
We will increase awareness of domestic abuse and gender-based violence to discourage offending and increase reporting.	Police Scotland
We will champion awareness and effective application of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018.	North Lanarkshire Council
We will work to maintain Equally Safe at Work employer accreditation Bronze Award for NLC and explore progression to Silver Award.	North Lanarkshire Council/ NHS Lanarkshire
We will work with NLC Education to take forward violence against women prevention activities in Education establishments.	North Lanarkshire Council
We will Implement Safe and Together, a model of work with domestic abuse cases where there are children.	North Lanarkshire Council
We will continue to develop best practice in delivering MARAC, a domestic homicide prevention model in North Lanarkshire and prepare for the process being placed on a statutory footing.	North Lanarkshire Council
We will continue to implement North Lanarkshire Violence Against Women Strategy and Action Plan for North Lanarkshire.	North Lanarkshire Council
We will work with North Lanarkshire Adult and Child Protection Committees and MAPPA Strategic Oversight Group to continue to improve strategic linkages across the Public Protection agenda in North Lanarkshire	North Lanarkshire Council
We will Increase support provision for families, including children and young people, impacted by alcohol and other drugs.	North Lanarkshire Council

Strategic Priority 6: To reduce harm from unintentional injury and fire	Lead Partner
We will provide Home Fire Safety Visits to address the main causality factor of accidental dwelling fires and to reduce resulting casualties and fatalities	Scottish Fire and Rescue
We will tackle antisocial fire related behaviour through effective use of intelligence and working collaboratively across organisations and partners	Scottish Fire and Rescue North Lanarkshire Council
We will continue to deliver our Fire Reach Programme to support our personnel to engage effectively with young adolescents	Scottish Fire and Rescue
We will support Fire Safety Support in Education Programme through the specialised work of the Community Action Team	Scottish Fire and Rescue

We will continue to implement the range of fire stopping and active and passive fire safety measures in NLC multi-storey tower blocks	Scottish Fire and Rescue North Lanarkshire Council
We will work with housing organisations that provide specialist housing to improve fire safety for vulnerable groups using the new national fire safety guidance for specialist housing	Scottish Fire and Rescue North Lanarkshire Council Registered Social Landlords
We will work with partner organisations to reduce the number of unwanted fire alarm signals	Scottish Fire and Rescue
We will increase the number and variety of emergencies attended by Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to support partner agencies in protecting the community	Scottish Fire and Rescue
We will implement a Falls Strategy to reduce the number of slips and trips in the home	Health and Social Care NHS Lanarkshire
We will proactively target groups at most risk of suicide through effective social media campaigning	Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire Council
We will improve awareness of suicide amongst our education establishments and consider further how to sensitively increase awareness amongst primary education settings	Health and Social Care North Lanarkshire Council
We will continue to carry out a range of tailored training on suicide prevention including Suicide Alert, Safe Talk, Ask Tell, ASIST and Scottish Mental Health First Aid Training	Health and Social Care
We will increase participation in physical activity opportunities recommended to improve bone health and strength and raise awareness of active health opportunities such as 'Get Walking' North Lanarkshire to improve health and reduce risk of falls.	Health and Social Care NHS Lanarkshire
We will continue to improve home safety for young children through working with early year providers to raise awareness of home safety with parents	Health and Social Care NHS Lanarkshire
We will implement the actions contained in Lanarkshire's Tobacco and Vaping Programme Plan to reduce the prevalence of smoking in North Lanarkshire and in doing so reduce the risk of unintentional fire and injury	Health and Social Care NHS Lanarkshire
We will increase participation in physical activity opportunities recommended to improve bone health and strength, and raise awareness of active health opportunities such as 'Get Walking' North Lanarkshire to improve health and reduce risk of falls	NHS Lanarkshire
We will continue to improve home safety for young children through working with our early year providers to raise awareness of home safety with parents	NHS Lanarkshire
We will continue to undertake initiatives and tests of change, that impact on Falls.	NHS Lanarkshire
We will continue Active Wards approach offering support and education to patients during hospital stays promoting mental/physical activity and encouraging patients to continue activities following discharge to assist fall prevention.	NHS Lanarkshire

We will proactively target groups at most risk of suicide through effective social media campaigning.	NHS Lanarkshire
We will implement the actions contained in Lanarkshire's Tobacco and Vaping Programme plan to reduce the prevalence of smoking in North Lanarkshire.	NHS Lanarkshire
We will improve awareness of suicide amongst our education establishments and consider further how to sensitively increase awareness amongst primary education settings	NHS Lanarkshire
We will continue to carry out a range of tailored training on suicide prevention including Suicide Talk, Safe Talk, ASIST and Storm Training.	NHS Lanarkshire

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Section 1. About the Policy

1.1 Name of the policy / strategy / function / procedure:		
Community Safety Strategy 2025-2030		
Is this a: -		
A new policy /strategy / function / procedure / service / project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Budget saving	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Review of policy /strategy / function / procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Review of Service	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (please specify)		
Is this a key strategic decision subject to the Fairer Scotland Duty (FSD)?		
Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
1.2 Person Responsible for the policy etc.		
Name:	Job Title and Service / Team:	
Matt Costello	Community Partnership Manager, Community Partnership Team, NLC	

1.3 What is the scope of the assessment?	✓	Detail where appropriate
Whole of the organisation	x	
Service specific		
Discipline specific		
Other		

1.4 What is the policy/ strategy/ function/ saving trying to achieve / do?
The Community Safety Strategy vision is to:

Make North Lanarkshire a better place to live, work and visit through integrated partnership working to build strong, inclusive, vibrant, engaged communities, where homes, workplaces, and public spaces are safe and feel safe for everyone to prosper.

The strategy sets out the plan for North Lanarkshire Council and its partners to help achieve this aim through the following six strategic priorities a range of corresponding actions.

- Tackling Antisocial Behaviour
- Improving Road Safety
- Reducing serious Violence and Disorder
- Tackling harm from problematic alcohol and drug use
- Tackling Gender based violence
- Reducing harm from unintentional injury and fire

1.5 If this is a budget saving, how will the saving be achieved?

N/A

2.1 Who are the stakeholders and beneficiaries?

The Stakeholders and beneficiaries are wide ranging and include:

- The People of North Lanarkshire
- Community Boards
- Community Council's
- Community and Voluntary Sector
- Elected Members
- Health and Social Care, North Lanarkshire
- Housing Associations and Registered Social Landlords
- Independent Sector
- NHS Lanarkshire
- North Lanarkshire Council
- North Lanarkshire Federation of Tenants and Residents
- North Lanarkshire Youth Council
- North Lanarkshire Adult Protection Committee
- North Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee
- People who work in North Lanarkshire
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Tenants and Residents Associations
- The Children's Reporter
- The Procurator Fiscal
- Visitors to North Lanarkshire

2.2 What current data, consultation, research and other evidence or information is available relevant to this assessment? (This is a desktop exercise)

There is a range of data and evidence relevant to this assessment.

The previous Community Safety Strategy 2020-2025 set out five key strategic priorities

underpinned by five key themes: Effective Community Involvement; Influence and Ownership; Strong Partnership Working, Governance and Decision Making; Tackling Inequalities; Prevention and Early Intervention; and Place Based Approach. This Strategy was reviewed annually, and reports were submitted and agreed by Council Committee.

Community Safety Annual Review August 2022 provided an update on annual progress in relation to the 5 key strategic priorities and 57 agreed actions within the Community Safety Strategy between April 2020 to March 2022. This report covered 2 years due to Covid pandemic.

Community Safety Annual Review August 2023 provided an update on annual progress in relation to the 5 key strategic priorities and 57 agreed actions within the Community Safety Strategy between April 2022 to March 2023.

Community Safety Annual Review August 2024 provided an update on annual progress in relation to the 5 key strategic priorities and 51 agreed actions within the Community Safety Strategy between April 2023 to March 2024. The number of agreed actions reduced as 6 actions no longer fall within the responsibility of NLC Roads Department.

Our Lives Research an exploration of the lived experience and future needs of North Lanarkshire's Black, Asian and other Minority Ethnic People carried out by University of the West of Scotland, Herriot-Watt and North Lanarkshire Council in 2021. **47** people from different ethnic backgrounds, age groups and religions contributed to the research that looked at a range of areas including safety and security. Recommendations included considering safety of BAME families when offering housing and supporting Syrian women to report discrimination. The research also suggested that consideration be given to how places of worship could be used for planned engagement. It was further identified that domestic abuse happens within these target groups but is hidden, and that girls suffer more bullying because they wear the hijab. Potential benefits identified in relation to awareness raising in schools regarding other cultures and religions.

The Women's Town Centre Safety Survey was carried out by NLC in Nov 2023 during 16 days of activism/International day for violence against women which focussed on Motherwell and Coatbridge Town Centres with **404** women responded to the survey.

109 responses were received in response to the Coatbridge survey, 49% of respondents were aged 45-64 years, 3% of whom aged 25-44 years were from minority ethnic backgrounds. 82% used the Town Centre in the daytime and only 8 women used the Town Centre at night, one for employment and 6% did not use the Town Centre. 73% of respondents reported that they have at some point felt unsafe in the Town Centre. Issues identified as contributing to feeling unsafe included people with substance and alcohol dependency within the area, antisocial behaviour

295 responses were received in response to the Motherwell Survey, 45% were aged 45-65 years, 27% were aged 65+ and 37% of those considered themselves to have a disability. 12% reported that they used Town Centres at night, 2% of whom are employed there, 3% of respondents never use the Town Centre. 95% of respondents reported that they have at some point felt unsafe in the Town Centre. Issues identified as contributing to feeling unsafe included speeding bikes and e-scooters, people with substance and alcohol dependency within the area and car parking restrictions resulting in women having to walk through unlit areas.

Community Safety Strategy Steering group was established in June 2024 and is made up of representatives from Council Services (Community Partnership Team, Housing, Legal Services,

Transportation, Social Work, CLD), NHS Lanarkshire, NL Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP), Police Scotland, SFRS, VANL, convened monthly and meeting to oversee and contribute to the development of the new Community Safety Strategy 2025-2030.

Initial Community Safety Strategy Online Consultation was carried out with residents of North Lanarkshire via North Lanarkshire Council Website from 16th August to 2nd November 2024 identified key priorities and themes that local people wished to be included within the new Strategy. **397** people responded to the consultation covering all 9 Community Board areas. Six priorities were identified by local people including, effectively tackling antisocial behaviour; improving road safety; reducing serious violence and disorder; tackling harm from problematic alcohol and/or drug use; tackling gender-based violence; reducing harm from unintentional injury and fire.

Due to limited feedback from older people, people with disabilities and people defined by race, colour, nationality and ethnic or national origins, it was agreed to carry out further targeted consultation as follows:

Face-to-face consultation took place on 13th November 2024 with a group of 10 LGBTQI+ young people and MSYP aged 16-18 years. Young people identified their top three community safety priorities: tackling gender-based violence, reducing serious violence and disorder, and addressing harm from alcohol and drug use. They identified key challenges that prevent communities feeling safe including lack of mental health services and limited activities for young people, which sometimes leads to anti-social behaviour such as gathering on buses at night; poverty limiting young people's access to safe spaces and activities; homophobic graffiti; gang activity and overcrowded public buses was also raised as issues.

Face-to-face consultation took place in Muirfield Centre on 19 November 2024 with 21 older residents some with disabilities who attend Cumbernauld Action for Care of the Elderly (CACE) who target approx. 150-180 older people 65+ years across Cumbernauld, Kilsyth and Northern Corridor areas and a representative from Deaf Service Lanarkshire who support thousands of people who are deaf/hard of hearing 30+ years across Lanarkshire. Participants provided feedback and their views around Community Safety priorities and challenges for example older people and those with hearing-impairments identified dangers on roads in relation to electric cars which are more difficult to hear. Older people also reported taking unsafe routes across busy roads to avoid using dark overgrown underpasses which they stated felt intimidated and unsafe.

Discussions identified that written English is not first language for deaf people therefore best to provide a signed video or carry out face-to-face consultation with an interpreter. Issues identified included: poor lighting identified by both groups; deaf people need well-lit areas as they are dependent on other senses; underpasses intimidating to older people who won't use preferring to walk across roads as feels safer although this was also identified as dangerous, trees/bushes overhanging paths can block out light and is can be intimidating, Request for SFRS to reinforce

messages re fire safety for deaf people as deaf people unsure of how to use new fire alarm systems and can put themselves at risk, danger re electric cars as deaf people and older people can't hear. Older people apprehensive about passing groups of young people. Bins/street furniture/cars parked on pavements problematic for disabled people who need to go onto the road to pass which is dangerous.

Two focus groups were organised for people defined by race, colour, nationality and ethnic or national origins to provide feedback around the Community Safety Strategy. In addition, surveys with QR codes were circulated to 18 organisations that support people defined by race, colour, nationality and ethnic or national origins across North Lanarkshire to ensure they had an opportunity to feed into the development of the CS Strategy.

Consultation surveys and QR codes were also distributed to Community Councils, Tenants participation Team, CLD ESOL groups and groups supporting refugees to ensure they had an opportunity to feed into the development of the CS Strategy.

The Draft Community Safety Strategy was written, agreed by the Community Safety Strategy Steering group based on consultation with residents. Consultation about the draft strategy was carried out online over NLC social media channels during December 2024 to gather views on the draft strategy.

National Outcomes for Scotland Consultation with Parliament in connection with the Review of National Outcomes was put before the Scottish Parliament Scottish Ministers in May 2024, in accordance with the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

This Review began in May 2022. Public engagement took place in March/June 2023, followed by analysis and development of the proposed changes to the National Outcomes. This document supported consideration by the Scottish Parliament of proposed changes to the National Outcomes for Scotland. It described the process through which representatives of communities in Scotland and others have been consulted as part of a review of the National Outcomes and the results of that consultation.

National Outcomes actively seek to promote equality and ensure equality groups have equal access to the realisation of the Outcomes. Impact Assessments (Equalities Impact Assessment), Fairer Scotland Duty Assessment, Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment, Strategic Environmental Assessment) were carried out in 2018 National Outcomes to understand any improvements that could be made in this Review, as well as on the proposed revised National Outcomes set out in this document. The evidence gathered throughout the Review was used to better understand the interests of equality groups, and these were reflected.

The National Performance Framework (NPF), Scotland's wellbeing framework sets out a vision of societal wellbeing through the National Outcomes, and charts progress towards this through a range of social, environmental, and economic indicators and has evolved to a wellbeing framework with shared National Outcomes for Scotland.

As a result, a series of changes to the NPF and the National Outcomes were proposed including:

- Children and Young People - The definition of this Outcome proposed change to reflect that being loved, safe and respected are positive outcomes in their own right
- Communities - This Outcome has a slightly revised definition to include 'connected' which emphasises the important role of transport and digital connectivity to the wellbeing of communities.

[Parliamentary report - Review of National Outcomes - complete with annexes.docx](#)

[Consultation with Parliament in connection with the Review of National Outcomes | National Performance Framework](#)

The UNCRC contains 54 articles that cover all aspects of a child's life and sets out the civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. The convention is universal and applies to every child. The convention also explains how adults and Government must work together to make sure all children can enjoy these rights.

Every child has rights, without discrimination of any kind against the child, parent, or legal guardian (Article 2).

[UN Convention on Rights of a Child \(UNCRC\) - UNICEF UK](#)

Fairer Scotland Duty requires us to consider how we can reduce and tackle socio-economic disadvantage experienced by people when making strategic decisions.

2.3 Considering the information in Section 1 and 2.1 and 2.2

2.3.1 If this policy is subject to the FSD what does it suggest about the impact or potential impact on socio-economic disadvantage? (please refer to [FSD Interim Guidance](#))

Low income	Potential positive impact via improved opportunities to prosper and thrive through safer communities and improved wellbeing.
Low wealth	Potential positive impact via improved opportunities.
Material deprivation	Positive potential impact via improved opportunities that will improve ability to afford resources and services.

Area deprivation	Positive potential impact via improved provision of resources/opportunities within areas specifically targeted focus on communities at risk.				
2.3.2 Are any of the people communities listed below likely to be more affected (benefit more or less) by this policy than others?					
People who share one or more of the protected characteristics of the Equality Act 2010	Yes	Details	No	Details	Don't Know
Age (a particular age or range of ages)	X	Range of actions specifically focus on younger population: awareness raising in schools as preventative/ proactive approaches to reduce ASB.			
Disabled people and people with long term health conditions	X	Strategy contains actions that tackle hate crime and disabled people are affected by hate crime.			
Women or men, girls or boys	X	Strategy includes specific actions to tackle gender-based violence and hate crime.			
People defined by their race, colour and nationality, ethnic or national origins.	X	Strategy includes specific actions to tackle hate crime, and as such people defined by race, colour, ethnic or national origins are affected more (assessed positive impact).			
Married people and civil partners	X	Strategy includes specific actions related to gender-based violence which			

		may impact on married people/ civil partners.			
Pregnant women and new mothers (including breastfeeding women)	X	Strategy includes actions that tackle gender-based violence that may impact on this target group.			
Lesbian, gay and bisexual people	X	Strategy includes specific actions to address hate crime.			
People transitioning from one gender to another	X	Strategy includes specific actions to address hate crime.			
People of different religions or beliefs or non-beliefs	x	Strategy includes specific actions to address hate crime.			
<u>Other groups</u>					
Children and families	X	Impacted through improved opportunities, prospects etc.			
Care experienced young people					X
Homeless people					X
Looked after and accommodated people					X
Armed Forces / ex service personnel					X
Carers – paid / unpaid, family members	X	Through improved opportunities and quality of life for 'cared for' person.			
Asylum seekers					X

Employees – full and part time. Including SES, MAs etc.					X
Others					X

2.4 Do you have evidence or reason to believe that this policy will, or may potentially, have a bearing on any of the following: (Please tick all that apply).

	Yes	No	Don't Know
1. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010?	X		
2. Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not	X		
3. Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not?	X		
4. Protect and promote human rights?	X		
5. Reduce socio-economic disadvantage			

Please provide details.

The Strategy improves the Council's ability to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation through setting out the range of powers and measures the partnership plans to implement to achieve this.

The strategy advances equality of opportunity between people who share protected characteristics and those who do not by creating improved opportunities for people to thrive and prosper through enhanced, quality environment and integrated communities that enable people to achieve their potential.

The Strategy helps foster good relations between people who share protected characteristics and those who do not through the development of more cohesive, resilient communities in which individuals and communities are empowered and involved, therein developing good relations between individuals and communities.

Protecting and promoting human rights is at the core of the CS Strategy, and is evident throughout all the strategic priorities, contributing towards protection and promotion of human rights.

As outlined in section 2.3.1 there is a positive impact on socio-economic disadvantage resulting from this strategy.

Section 3. What else do I need to know/find out?

3.1 Further consultation – Please use the table directly below to say who you will consult with (tick Yes or No). Consider those groups from section 2.3 where you ticked yes or don't know. Once consultation has taken place provide the details below.

<u>People and communities</u>	Yes	No	Describe what you did, with whom and when. Please provide a brief summary of the responses gained and links to relevant documents, as well as any actions
Age (a particular age or range of ages)	X		The draft Community Safety Strategy was widely consulted upon, to ensure engagement from a range of individuals reflecting community involvement. All groups detailed in this section were consulted in the process of developing the draft strategy. In addition to the online consultations that were responded to by all age groups. Targeted focus groups were also carried out with older people, young people (12-25yrs)
Disabled people and people with long term health conditions	X		Feedback from initial online Community Safety consultation Aug 2024 identified that 18.69% of people who responded considered themselves to have a disability. Workshop took place in Muirfield on 19/11/24 with NL Disability access forum/Deaf Services Lanarkshire. Additional focus group is being arranged with people who attend deaf services Lanarkshire to gather additional data that will help inform partners about the needs of deaf people in relation to community safety issues.
Women or men, girls or boys	X		Feedback from initial online Community Safety consultation Aug 2024, identified evidence of men, women and young people aged 16 – 60+ age range having contributed to the consultation. Although limited feedback received from 16-24 age range (2.53%).

		<p>It was agreed to carry out further consultation with young people. Additional consultation took place with 10 LGBTQI+ Young people on 13/11/24.</p> <p>Additional three consultation workshops took place with 21 young people in Greenfaulds High School on 20th Nov 2024 which included discussion on Community Safety.</p>
People defined by their race, colour and nationality, ethnic or national origins.	X	<p>Feedback from initial consultation identified that few people in this target group engaged in the initial consultation (1.25%).</p> <p>Two focus groups were organised for people defined by race, colour, nationality and ethnic or national origins to provide feedback around the Community Safety Strategy. In addition, surveys with QR codes were circulated to 18 organisations that support people defined by race, colour, nationality and ethnic or national origins across North Lanarkshire to ensure they had an opportunity to feed into the development of the CS Strategy.</p> <p>Consultation surveys and QR codes were also distributed to Community Councils, Tenants participation Team, CLD ESOL groups and groups supporting refugees to ensure they had an opportunity to feed into the development of the CS Strategy.</p>
Married people and civil partners	X	Included within wider online consultation around the CS Strategy
Pregnant women and new mothers and breastfeeding women.	X	Included within wider online consultation around the CS Strategy
Lesbian, gay and bisexual people	X	Included within wider online consultation around the CS Strategy
People transitioning from one gender to another	X	<p>Included within wider online consultation around the CS Strategy</p> <p>Consultation took place with 10 LGBTQI+ Young people on 13/11/24.</p>

People of different religions or beliefs or non-beliefs	X		<p>Two focus groups were organised for people defined by race, colour, nationality and ethnic or national origins to provide feedback around the Community Safety Strategy. In addition, surveys with QR codes were circulated to 18 organisations that support people defined by race, colour, nationality and ethnic or national origins across North Lanarkshire to ensure they had an opportunity to feed into the development of the CS Strategy.</p> <p>Consultation surveys and QR codes were also distributed to Community Councils, Tenants participation Team, CLD ESOL groups and groups supporting refugees to ensure they had an opportunity to feed into the development of the CS Strategy.</p>
<u>Other groups</u>			
Children and families	X		Included within wider online consultation around the CS Strategy
Homeless people	X		
Looked after and accommodated people	X		
Armed Forces / Ex-service personnel	X		Included within wider online consultation around the CS Strategy
Care experienced young people	X		
Carers – paid / unpaid, family members	X		Included within wider online consultation around the CS Strategy
Asylum Seekers			Two focus groups were organised for people defined as refugees and asylum to provide feedback around the Community Safety Strategy. In addition, surveys with QR codes were circulated to 18 organisations to ensure they had an opportunity to feed into the development of the CS Strategy.

Trade Unions	X		
Employee Equality Forum	X		
Others	X		

3.2 What additional research or data is required?

There is a commitment to review the new strategy annually and as part of this annual review there will be a requirement to measure progress which involves the collation and analysis of data on a cyclical basis.

3.3 What does the additional research and data tell you about potential or known effects?

The initial online Community Safety Strategy consultation Aug/Sept 2024 received 397 responses from residents from all 9 Community Board areas with responses from all age groups from 16-60+ yrs. Biggest majority of responses received from Females 315. 18.69% of respondents considered themselves to have a disability.

The data identified the following Community safety issues were the highest priority by the people of North Lanarkshire through all Community Safety Strategy consultations, focus groups and discussions:

- Tackling Antisocial Behaviour
- Improving Road Safety
- Reducing serious Violence and Disorder
- Tackling harm from problematic alcohol and drug use
- Tackling Gender based violence
- Reducing harm from unintentional injury and fire

In addition to the community safety priorities identified above, there were several challenges identified in relation to creating safer communities in North Lanarkshire. These included:

Poverty and cost-of-living impact on Community safety were recurring themes identified across most Community Board areas with poverty being identified by local people as a contributory factor in anti-social behaviour, crime and community safety issues.

Crime and Anti-social behaviour were also recurring themes identified across all Community Board areas. Local people reported feeling that rundown areas contributed to an increase in Antisocial behaviour, vandalism, thefts and assaults. A rise in anti-social behaviour amongst young people, vandalism/graffiti both racist and sectarian were also identified.

Alcohol and substance misuse was a recurring theme across most Board areas. Young people reported feeling unsafe going out at night or going to shops on their own due to having to pass people with drug/alcohol dependency who congregate nearby. Alcohol marketing around schools and places young people attend and alcohol and drug consumption in housing closes were identified as issues. Local people identified links in relation to problematic tenancies and alcohol and substance misuse.

Road safety issues were a recurring theme across all consultation. Older people and hearing-impaired people identified dangers on roads in relation to electric cars which they are less able to hear. Older people also reported taking unsafe routes across roads to avoid using dark overgrown underpasses which they reported felt intimidating and where they felt unsafe.

Poor driver behaviour and driving standards were reported as well as speeding and unsafe parking at and near schools. Further dangers were identified by those with mobility challenges and vision impairments who reported having to navigate onto roads to avoid street furniture and cars parked on pavements. Low level street lighting was also identified as being challenging for the deaf community as this contributes to feelings of vulnerability and lack of safety.

There were also a range of responses received in relation to road safety following the decision taken by NLC in relation to school transport provision which came into effect in August 2024 coinciding with the Community Safety online consultation.

Mental Health and its impact on community safety was identified as a recurring theme across all Community Board areas. Issues identified included mental health issues caused by poverty, delays in accessing Mental Health supports and the impact on Police in dealing with Mental health issues. There were also linkages made between Mental health and antisocial behaviour and crime.

Exploitation of young people in North Lanarkshire was also identified through consultation including financial, sexual and criminal exploitation.

Environmental Issues were identified by older people who reported feeling unsafe when they were unable to see due to overgrown bushes/vegetation and overhanging trees. Racist and sectarian graffiti was also identified as adding to people feeling unsafe within their community.

Section 4. Assessing the impact and strengthening the policy

Considering all the evidence you now have from section 1-3, how will the policy affect different people and communities in relation to equality, socio-economic disadvantage and human rights?

4.1 How does/will the policy and resulting activity affect those with the characteristics listed below (including employees)? Please use the table below to provide details.

	Detail any Positive impact	Detail any adverse impact	If adverse, how can we mitigate this? Where no mitigating action is planned' please say why not
Age (a particular age or range of ages)	Positive Impact – Via range of specific actions focussed on younger age groups and older population age groups.	No adverse impact identified	
Disabled people and people with long term health conditions	Positive Impact – Via hate crime specific actions and improved overall outcomes achieved through improved, integrated and inclusive communities.	No adverse impact identified	
Women and men, girls and boys	Positive Impact via gender-based violence actions.	No adverse impact identified	
People defined by their race, colour and nationality, ethnic or national origins.	Positive Impact via hate crime specific actions, increased opportunity and reduced disadvantage.	No adverse impact identified	
Married people and civil partners	Positive Impact via gender-based violence actions.	No adverse impact identified	
Pregnant women and new mothers (including breastfeeding women)	Possible potential positive impact via improved opportunities.	No adverse impact identified	

Lesbian, gay and bisexual people	Positive Impact via specific hate crime actions and creation of more inclusive communities.	No adverse impact identified	
People transitioning from one gender to another	Positive Impact via specific hate crime actions.	No adverse impact identified	
People of different religions or beliefs or non-beliefs	Positive Impact specific hate crime actions.	No adverse impact identified	
<u>Other groups</u>			
Children and families	Positive Impact through improved opportunities, and increased capacity to achieve potential.	No adverse impact identified	
Homeless people	Indirect positive impact through improved services, amenities and support for individuals and communities.	No adverse impact identified	
Looked after and accommodated people	Indirect positive impact through improved services, amenities and support for individuals and communities.	No adverse impact identified	
Armed Forces / Ex-service personnel	Indirect positive impact through improved services, amenities and support for individuals and communities.	No adverse impact identified	
Care leavers	Indirect positive impact through improved services, amenities and support for individuals and communities.	No adverse impact identified	
Carers – paid / unpaid, family members	Positive impact via improved outcomes for 'cared for' person and	No adverse impact identified	

	therein improved quality of life for the care provider.		
Asylum Seekers	Positive Impact via specific hate crime actions and creation of more inclusive communities.	No adverse impact identified	
Employees – full and part time. Including SES, MAs etc.	Generally positive impact via improved overall prospects created through more sustainable, thriving, attractive communities.	No adverse impact identified	
Others	Overall, this strategy will have a positive impact on all groups, with no adverse impact identified for any group. As the community safety issues affect everyone who lives, works or visits North Lanarkshire the impact is significant, but positive.		No adverse impacts identified however further consultation, and annual review will help to identify any potential impacts moving forward.

4.2 What measures could be taken to strengthen the policy / strategy to help advance equality of opportunity, foster good relations, promote human rights and reduce socio-economic disadvantage.

Robust consultation with local communities and individuals to help identify further meaningful measures and specific consultation and involvement from people who share a protected characteristic.

The CS Strategy will be made available on request in a range of languages and formats, including large print braille, audio, electronic and accessible formats.

Carry out annual review of the CS Strategy through collation and analysis of data to measure progress on an annual basis.

4.3 Considering questions 4.1 and 4.2 what actions / measures will be put in place before introducing this policy please provide details.

Action	Timescales	Responsible Officer	Review details (include timescales)
Strategy Steering Group Established to progress development of CS Strategy	26/6/2024	Christine Boyle	Established and meeting monthly.
Review of previous Community Safety Strategy	June-Sept 2024	Christine Boyle/CS Strategy Steering Group	Complete - updated by Steering Group members.
Initial CS online consultation	16th Aug – 2 nd Nov 2024	Christine Boyle	Consultation complete and report of findings discussed with Steering group.
Targeted Consultation following initial CS Consultation	Nov 2024	Christine Boyle/ Annette Warren, Vicki Peacock and Leanne Robb	<p>Consultation completed with 16 older people and rep from Deaf service Lanarkshire 19/11/24</p> <p>Consultation workshop with people defined by their race, colour and nationality, ethnic or national origins was organised.</p> <p>As a result of the issues raised further face-to-face consultation with Deaf people in Lanarkshire is planned.</p>
Update Community Boards regarding CS Strategy progress	Nov/Dec 2024		

Draft Strategy Consultation	Nov/Dec 2024		
CS Strategy presented at Committee	3 rd February 2025		
Prepare strategy for publishing	Feb-March 2025		
Launch Strategy	March 2025		
Annual Review	April 2026		

Section 5. Monitoring, evaluating and reviewing

5.1. How will you monitor the impact and effectiveness of the new policy?

The strategy will be reviewed on an annual basis and a comprehensive and robust performance framework will support the strategy to help measure progress and effectiveness.

Section 6. Making a decision and sign-off

Recommendation	Tick	Comment (where applicable, please give more information e.g. where to pilot, what modifications, etc.)	Timescales
Introduce the policy	X	Following consultation on the draft strategy.	2024
Adjust the policy then introduce			
Introduce the policy with justification regarding potential adverse impact			
Stop and withdraw the policy			

Name of Policy			
Head of Service /Senior Manager sign-off:			
Name	Job title and division/ team	Date	Signature
Stephen Penman	Chief Officer - Strategic Communications & Engagement • Chief Executive's Office		

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CS Strategy 2025-2030
Initial Online Consultation Report

This Initial Community Strategy consultation was discussed and agreed with the Community Safety Strategy Planning Group on 14th August 2024. The consultation went live on North Lanarkshire Council Website from 16th August 2024 and closed on 2nd September 2024. **397** responses were received from across all 9 Community Board areas in North Lanarkshire. The following is a breakdown of responses provided:

Highest priorities identified by respondents. (Respondents were asked to pick three)

Ethnicity	Responses	Number of respondents
Tackling gender-based violence	23.68%	94
Improving road safety	62.22%	247
Reducing serious violence and disorder	47.36%	188
Effectively tackling anti-social behaviour	75.31%	299
Reducing harm from unintentional injury and fire	4.28%	17
Tackling harm from problematic alcohol and/or drug use	45.59%	181
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Breakdown of responses per Community Board area.

Board Areas	Responses	Number of respondents
Airdrie	7.24%	28
Bellshill	7.49%	29
Coatbridge	12.14%	47
Cumbernauld	31.78%	123
Kilsyth and Villages	3.62%	14
Motherwell	14.47%	56
Northern Corridor	9.30%	36
Shotts	5.94%	23
Wishaw	8.01%	31
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X10 skipped question

Breakdown of respondents per age group

Age group	Responses	Number of respondents
16-24	2.53%	10
25-49	58.33%	231
50-59	22.73%	90
60+	16.41%	65

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x1 respondent skipped question

Breakdown of respondents by gender

Gender	Responses	Number of respondents
Male	17.93%	71
Female	79.55%	315
Prefer not to say	2.53%	10
Other (please specify)	0%	0
		396

x1 respondent skipped question

Breakdown of respondents in relation to disability

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?	Responses	Number of respondents
Yes	18.69%	74
No	78.54%	311
Prefer not to say	2.78%	11
		396

x1 respondent skipped question

Breakdown of respondents per ethnicity.

Ethnicity	Responses	Number of respondents
White, Scottish other British, Polish, Gypsy Traveller or other white	97.98%	389
Asian, Asian Scottish/British or other Asian	0.50%	2
African, African Scottish/British or other African	0.25%	1
Arab, Arab Scottish/British or other Arab	0.00%	0
Mixed multiple ethnic group: White and Black Caribbean, White and Black African, White and Asian, any other mixed background	0.25%	1
Other ethnic group: Arab other	0.25%	1
Prefer not to say	0.76%	3
		397

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Communities Committee

Does this report require to be approved? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Ref SP/LP

Date

03/02/25

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

From Stephen Penman, Chief Officer (Strategic Communication and Engagement)

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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 1st April 2024 to 30th 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.

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.



Stephen Penman

Chief Officer (Strategic Communication and Engagement)

5. Impacts

5.1	<p>Public Sector Equality Duty and Fairer Scotland Duty</p> <p>Does the report contain information that has an impact as a result of the Public Sector Equality Duty and/or Fairer Scotland Duty?</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>If Yes, has an assessment been carried out and published on the council's website? https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-community/equalities/equality-and-fairer-scotland-duty-impact-assessments</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.2	<p>Financial impact</p> <p>Does the report contain any financial impacts?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, have all relevant financial impacts been discussed and agreed with Finance?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?</p>
5.3	<p>HR policy impact</p> <p>Does the report contain any HR policy or procedure impacts?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, have all relevant HR impacts been discussed and agreed with People Resources?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?</p>
5.4	<p>Legal impact</p> <p>Does the report contain any legal impacts (such as general legal matters, statutory considerations (including employment law considerations), or new legislation)?</p> <p>Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, have all relevant legal impacts been discussed and agreed with Legal and Democratic?</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>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.</p>
5.5	<p>Data protection impact</p> <p>Does the report / project / practice contain or involve the processing of personal data?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, is the processing of this personal data likely to result in a high risk to the data subject?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, has a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) been carried out and e-mailed to dataprotection@northlan.gov.uk</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
5.6	<p>Technology / Digital impact</p> <p>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?</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>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>5.7</p>	<p>Environmental / Carbon impact</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>5.8</p>	<p>Communications impact</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>5.9</p>	<p>Risk impact</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>5.10</p>	<p>Armed Forces Covenant Duty</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>5.11</p>	<p>Children's rights and wellbeing impact</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.

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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

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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 23rd 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 have been given information 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

- Health Inequalities
- Children and Young People
- Social Integration and Inclusion
- Community Transport
- Moodiesburn West
- Building Local Relationships, Trust and Communication

PROGRESS AND HIGHLIGHTS:

Health Inequalities – Priority Lead, NHS Health Improvement Team

- A number of successful MH&W project within the locality. Local groups are supporting the community on the daily basis in advocacy and social activities reducing health inequalities.
- 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.
- Both Chryston and Muirhead (vaccination) Clinics are fully operational

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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Community Transport – Priority Lead, Glenboig CDT / CPT

- Subgroup meeting regularly and attended by local organisations, elected members and transport providers including SPT and First Bus.
- Two problematic bus routes were identified and discussed with SPT. New service providers now identified and in place to improve issues identified.
- Special meeting being arranged to discuss local transport issues in relation to young people.

Moodiesburn West – Priority Lead, Moodieburn Community Action / CPT

- Moodiesburn Community Action Group (MCAG) in regular attendance at Northern Corridor Community Board meetings and progressing actions identified at community listening event.
- 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.
- 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.

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

- 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.

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

- 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 H&SC.

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

- 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

- 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

- 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,
- 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

- Further Worried 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&S 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.
- Worring 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.

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Communities Committee

Does this report require to be approved?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Grant Awards Programme (GAP) 2025/26

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Executive Summary

The report presents the Communities Committee with an overview of applications received for the Council's revised Grant Awards Programme for the 2025/26 financial year. It seeks approval to allocate discretionary funding to Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS) organisations based on the scoring framework outlined in Section 2 of the report.

The Grant Awards Programme provides annual funding to CVS organisations that contribute to the local priorities detailed in each of the nine Local Outcome Improvement Plans as well as the priorities and high-level ambitions set out in The Plan for North Lanarkshire. Full guidance and criteria for the funding programme are available [here](#), along with the application form and guidance notes.

This report enables us to ensure that a transparent and equitable approach is used to communicate our plans to distribute funds and highlights our commitment to support organisations that deliver meaningful benefits to communities across North Lanarkshire.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Communities Committee:

- (1) Approve the funding recommendations for the 2025-2026 grant awards programme as outlined in section 2.7 and Appendix 1 of this report.
- (2) Endorse the use of the unallocated funds and returned funds for the purposes outlined in Section 2.9 of this report.

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority	Enhance participation, capacity, and empowerment across our communities
Ambition statement	(20) Improve the involvement of communities in the decisions, and development of services and supports, that affect them
Programme of Work	All Programmes of Work

1. Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 6 February 2024, North Lanarkshire Council approved the arrangements for the introduction of a revised Grant Awards Programme together with recommendations on:
- The purpose of the grant scheme
 - Who can apply
 - How much can be applied for
 - Types of activity that can be funded
 - Assessment arrangements
 - Scoring panels
 - Scoring
 - Award allocation and decision making
- 1.2 The budget allocated for distribution to Community and Voluntary Sector organisations is set by the full Council during its meeting to set the Revenue Budget. This year the meeting held on 15 February 2024, approved a core budget of £460,783 for the Grant Awards Programme.
- 1.3 In addition to this, earmarked reserves were approved over a two-year period to provide a transitional support payment to nine organisations, most impacted by the decision to implement a lowered upper limit of £10,000 from the previous £50,000.

2. Report

Grant Awards Programme 2025/26

- 2.1 A total of 90 applications have been received for the 2025/26 programme, 36 of which are from organisations applying for the first time. The total amount requested by Community Groups and organisations is £762,376. This is over 165% more than the available budget.
- 2.2 All applications have been assessed by council officers, then scored by a panel comprising officers from council services and from community planning partners (Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire and NHS Lanarkshire Health Improvement).
- 2.3 A scoring system, which takes consideration of the overall quality of the applications received, along with the findings from the technical assessment, and a closer look at the answers provided by the applicants to make a professional judgement on how well the organisations has described the activities and projects they plan to deliver, how well they have demonstrated the need for these and how the projects and/or activities will contribute with the Local Outcome Improvement priorities.
- 2.4 Organisations applying for funding to work in a fixed community board area were asked to use the Local Outcome Improvement Plan for that area. Refer to table 1 below.

Table 1: Local Outcome Improvement Plan Priorities by Community Board area

Airdrie	Coatbridge	Bellshill	Wishaw	Motherwell	Shotts	Cumbernauld	Kilsyth	Northern Corridor
Poverty	Poverty	Poverty & Food Insecurity	Tackling Poverty & Inequalities	Tackling Poverty & Inequalities	Tackling Poverty & Inequalities	Food & Financial Insecurity	Food & Financial Insecurity	Children & Young People
Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing	Mental Health	Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing	Mental Health & Wellbeing	Mental Health & Wellbeing	Mental Health & Wellbeing	Youth Engagement & Consultation	Health & Wellbeing	Health Inequalities
Digital Inclusion	Digital Inclusion	Digital Inclusion	Digital Inclusion	Digital Inclusion	Digital Inclusion	Digital Inclusion	Digital Inclusion	Community Transport
		Community Safety	Community Safety	Community Safety	Community Safety	Greenspace Maintenance & Environmental Quality	Improving the environment with a focus on Kilsyth town centre	Social Integration & Inclusion
		Community Resilience and Participation	Community Engagement	Community Engagement	Community Engagement	Communication & Engagement	Youth Engagement	Building local relationships trust & communication
			Environment	Environment	Environment	Public & Community Transport	Public & Community Transport	Moodiesburn West
				Transforming Motherwell	Town & Community Hubs & Town Vision	Targeted action within identified communities across the Board area	Targeted action within identified communities across the Board area	
					Transport			

- 2.5 Organisations operating in more than one community board area or across North Lanarkshire were directed to use the crosscutting Local Outcome Priorities of tackling poverty, digital inclusion, mental health and well-being and young people.

Allocation of Funding / Scoring Panel and Scoring

- 2.6 The allocation of grant awards is based on a multi-layered scoring process, which integrates the findings from the technical assessment with the findings and independent scoring of those involved in the scoring panels, combined with a weighted focus on professional dialogue to reach a consensus on the overall potential impact of the proposed projects and activities. All scoring panels are chaired and monitored and moderated by officers from the Community Partnership Team.
- 2.7 It is the intention to offer as many full awards as possible (this being the offer matching the amount requested by the applicant). However, this is based on the standard of applications demonstrating clear plans and a high likelihood of achieving positive outcomes and impacts with regard to the Local Outcome Improvement priorities.
- 2.8 Each application has the potential to achieve 100 points in total. Once all of the applications have been scored, a scoring table is created which presents the scores from the highest to the lowest.
- 2.9 Each year scoring thresholds with notional awards will be developed; taking into consideration the available budget, the total number of applications and the total value of funding requested.

Scoring Threshold for 2025/26

- 2.10 Table 2 below – details the thresholds used for the 2025/26 financial year

Table 2: Thresholds and Allocation Level

Scoring Thresholds	Allocation Level
Score between 80% - 100%	100% of the funding requested
Score between 60% - 79%	Matched to the % score achieved <i>For example, 65% = 65% of the funding requested</i>
Scores 0% - 59%	Zero award

Summary of Grant Award Recommendations for 2025/26

2.11 Using the threshold levels in Table 2 above the summary details for the 2025/26 awards are listed in Table 3 below:

Table 3: Summary of Grant Awards Recommendations for 2025/26:

Total number of organisations scoring between 80% - 100%	33
Value of Awards Offered:	£288,769.00
Total number of organisations scoring between 60% - 79%	29
Value of Awards Offered:	£170,771.30
Total number of organisations scoring between 0% - 59%	28 (inclusive of one withdrawn application)
Value of Awards Offered:	£0.00
Grant Total of Recommended Awards:	£459,540.30

2.12 Itemised award recommendations for 2025/26 are provided in Appendix 1

2.13 Earmarked reserves were approved over a two-year period to provide a transitional support payment to nine organisations, most impacted by the decision to implement a lowered upper limit of £10,000 from the previous £50,000. The organisations affected include:

- Ethnic Minorities Law Centre
- Cragneuk Lifelong Learning Association
- Viewpark Family Centre Association
- Cumbernauld YMCA
- Lead Scotland
- Parent Action for Safe Play
- Utheo Ltd
- Kirkshaws Neighbourhood Centre
- Focus Youth project

2.14 The transitional arrangement is as follows:

- 2025/26: one-off award of 50% of differential between £15,000 and previous £50,000 threshold (£79,000 total) for organisations affected
- 2026/27: one-off award of 25% of differential between £15,000 and previous £50,000 threshold (£39,000 total) for organisations affected.

- 2.15 In addition, Focus Youth Bellshill has historically received up to £88,000, previously as a direct funding package but now amalgamated into the overall Grant Award Programme. A further one-off grant, in addition to the arrangements set out above, of £15,000 in each of 2025/26 and 2026/27 was approved.

Unallocated Funding or Returned Funding

- 2.16 Unallocated funds, which for the 2025/26 year total £1,240.70, are equivalent to less than 0.3% of the available budget. Along with any returned funding, this will be used for a discretionary micro fund (which was identified as part of the Grant Awards Programme review work as an increasingly used option by some comparator benchmarking authorities).

Process Improvements and Learning

- 2.17 The improvement recommendations from the Grant Awards Programme Review will continue to be implemented over the next two years, with the intention to have completed all recommended improvements for the 2026/27 financial year. While most improvements have been implemented, four remain to be actioned:

1. *Involvement of community board members within the scoring panels:*

Following a recent shadowing opportunity being offered to all current community board chairs. Formal recruitment and training for this will commence from April 2025 for board members interested in being involved in the updated participatory scoring process.

2. *Move to an online/digital grant funding platform:*

Options for this are currently being researched, and more information will be shared in due course.

3. *Review Learning and apply to other community focused grant funding:*

Key improvements when appropriate will be considered for other community focused grant awards.

4. *Consider additional options for capacity building support to CVS organisations requiring assistance and to target support to the nine organisations most impacted by the implementation of the grants review:*

Initial dialogue between the Community Partnership Team and Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire to consider joint support options and training needs of the CVS organisations registered with the council has happened and will be progressed further in 2025.

- 2.18 Direct offers of advice and assistance will be made to all nine CVS organisations involved in the transitional support arrangements. Early contact has been made with some already and a full roll out of the offer will be made to all organisations in advance of the 2025/26 funding period.

- 2.19 Moving forward it will be important to seek the views of all stakeholders involved in the delivery of the Grant Awards Programme. A systematic approach will be taken to consult and take feedback. Identified issues or further improvements will be fully considered. Our commitment remains to continually improve internal process and to simplify the applications process and administrative burden for all applicant organisations.

3. Measures of success

3.1 As per the (The Plan for North Lanarkshire) Framework for demonstrating improved outcomes for communities. The main measure of success for the Grant Awards Programme will be:

- Improved engagement with communities through enabling greater community control and influence over the provisions of services and activities based on identified need, and improved relationships with residents and community planning partners.
- Delivery of relevant services, projects and activities by Community and Voluntary Sector Organisations which contribute to the priorities within the nine Local Outcome Improvement Plans.
- Community and Voluntary Sector organisations deliver various community focused outcomes, as set out within their application. These will often link to the key priorities and high-level ambitions statements set out in The Plan for North Lanarkshire.

4. Supporting documentation

4.1 Appendix 1 Applications received and recommendations



Stephen Penman
Chief Officer (Strategic Communications & Engagement)

5. Impacts

<p>5.1</p>	<p>Public Sector Equality Duty and Fairer Scotland Duty 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? https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-community/equalities/equality-and-fairer-scotland-duty-impact-assessments Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Financial impact Does the report contain any financial impacts? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, have all relevant financial impacts been discussed and agreed with Finance? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact? Details of Grant Award Programme applications assessed to date and recommendations, are listed in Appendix 1, awards will be met from the Council's grant award programme revenue budget allocation for 2025/26</p>
<p>5.3</p>	<p>HR policy impact Does the report contain any HR policy or procedure impacts? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Yes, have all relevant HR impacts been discussed and agreed with People Resources? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?</p>
<p>5.4</p>	<p>Legal impact Does the report contain any legal impacts (such as general legal matters, statutory considerations (including employment law considerations), or new legislation)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Yes, have all relevant legal impacts been discussed and agreed with Legal and Democratic? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?</p>
<p>5.5</p>	<p>Data protection impact 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 dataprotection@northlan.gov.uk Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>5.6</p>	<p>Technology / Digital impact 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>

<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>5.7 Environmental / Carbon impact</p> <p>Does the report / project / practice contain information that has an impact on any environmental or carbon matters?</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>Many of the organisations funded via the Grant Awards Programme deliver programmes/services that impact positively on the environment of North Lanarkshire communities</p>
<p>5.8 Communications impact</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>Those organisations who are approved for funding will be promoted across the council website and social media platforms, with a view sharing good news and examples of best practice.</p>
<p>5.9 Risk impact</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>5.10 Armed Forces Covenant Duty</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>5.11 Children's rights and wellbeing impact</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>

Grant Award Programme
2025-2026
Applications received and Recommendations.
Applications received.

Name of Organisation	Board Area	LOIP Priority	Amount Requested	Outcome	Award
Airdrie Citizens Advice Bureau	Airdrie	Covid 19 Recovery and Renewal, Mental Health and Wellbeing and Poverty	£9262.99	Successful	£9,262.99
Bear Necessities	Airdrie	Health and Wellbeing and Poverty	£7125	Successful	£5,165.63
CABIA	Airdrie	Mental Health and Wellbeing, Poverty	£7268	Successful	£5,360.15
Calderbank Community Art Group	Airdrie	Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing	£2170	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Clarkston Bowling Club	Airdrie		£2500	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Hilltop Parent Council	Airdrie	Mental Health and Wellbeing	£9900	Successful	£9,900.00
HOPE for Autism	Airdrie	Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing, Community Engagement, Digital Inclusion	£7596.6	Successful	£7,596.60
Jackson Youth Group	Airdrie	Mental health and wellbeing	£5225	Successful	£3,461.56

Name of Organisation	Board Area	LOIP Priority	Amount Requested	Outcome	Award
Maggie Keswick Jencks Cancer Caring Centres Trust	Airdrie	Mental Health and Wellbeing, Social Integration and Inclusion, Food and Financial Insecurity, Health Inequalities	£8852	Successful	£8,852.00
Make and Create Arts	Airdrie	Poverty, Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing	£6240	Successful	£4,680.00
Parkinson's Self Help Group (North Lanarkshire)	Airdrie	Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing, Poverty	£7811.63	Successful	£7,811.63
Recovery Scotland	Airdrie	Digital Inclusion, Community Resilience and Participation, Building local relationships and Trust Communication, Community Engagement, Poverty, Food and Financial Insecurity, Children and Families, Social Integration and Inclusion, Green space maintenance and environmental quality	£9843.6	Successful	£6,275.30
The Moira Anderson Foundation	Airdrie	Mental Health and Wellbeing, Community Empowerment	£10000	Successful	£10,000.00
Focus Youth Project	Bellshill	Mental Health and Wellbeing, Digital Inclusion, Poverty, Community Resilience and Participation	£10000	Successful	£10,000.00
Home-start Glasgow and North Lanarkshire	Bellshill	Poverty and Food Insecurity, Community Resilience and Participation, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Digital Inclusion, Support all children and young people to realise their full potential, Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities	£10000	Successful	£7,500.00

Name of Organisation	Board Area	LOIP Priority	Amount Requested	Outcome	Award
Utheo Ltd	Bellshill	Digital Inclusion, Digital NL, Community Resilience and Participation, Improved Health and Wellbeing, Scottish Government Volunteering Action Plan	£8235	Successful	£8,235.00
Viewpark Conservation Group	Bellshill	Poverty and Food Insecurity, Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing, Lanarkshire Mental Health Strategy, Community Safety Strategy, Community Resilience and Participation, NL Live, Learn, Work, Invest and Visit Plan, NL Plan for NL Linked Strategy – Biodiversity Action Plan 2024-2027, NL Plan of Redesigning of Parks and Greenspaces, NLC Community Learning and Development, VANL,	£8699.2	Successful	£6,850.62
Viewpark Family Centre Association	Bellshill	Community Resilience and Participation, Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing, The Plan for NL, Service Priorities< Health and Social Care Integration, Third Sector Planning Groups	£10000	Successful	£7,750.00
VIP-Pass Community Project	Bellshill	Poverty and Food Insecurity, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Community Resilience	£10000	Successful	£6,125.00
YMCA Bellshill & Mossend	Bellshill	Digital Inclusion, Community Resilience and Participation, The Plan for NL, Health and Social Care Community and Third Sector Planning Groups	£10000	Successful	£6,875.00
10th Coatbridge Boys' Brigade	Coatbridge	Poverty, Mental Health	£7500	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Bannan Fitness Club (SCIO)	Coatbridge	Mental Health, Poverty	£4749.99	Successful	£2,909.37

Name of Organisation	Board Area	LOIP Priority	Amount Requested	Outcome	Award
Carnbroe Community Action for Residents (CCAR)	Coatbridge	Poverty, Mental Health	£10000	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Cliftonville & Coatdyke Community Group	Coatbridge	Mental Health & Wellbeing, Poverty	£9936	Successful	£7,203.60
Deaf Services Lanarkshire	Coatbridge	Mental Health, Poverty	£10000	Successful	£10,000.00
Elutheria Ltd T/A The Safety Zone	Coatbridge	Poverty, Mental Health, Digital Inclusion	£10000	Successful	£7,125.00
Friends of Dunbeth Park Group	Coatbridge	Poverty, Mental Health	£10000	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Hope 2 Help	Coatbridge	Poverty, Health & Wellbeing, Digital Inclusion	£6550	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Kanokwai Judo Club	Coatbridge	Health & Wellbeing, Mental Health, Poverty	£10000	Successful	£6,375.00
Kirkshaws Neighbourhood Centre	Coatbridge	Digital Inclusion, Health & Wellbeing, Poverty	£10000	Successful	£10,000.00
Lanarkshire Community Food and Health Partnership	Coatbridge	Poverty & Food Insecurity, Poverty, Mental Health & Wellbeing	£10000	Successful	£7,250.00
North Lanarkshire Muslim Women & Family Alliance	Coatbridge	Digital Inclusion, Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing	£8961.86	Successful	£6,945.44

Name of Organisation	Board Area	LOIP Priority	Amount Requested	Outcome	Award
Parent Action for Safe Play	Coatbridge	Mental Health, Poverty	£9996	Successful	£9,996.00
20th Cumbernauld Guide Unit	Cumbernauld	Youth Engagement, Mental Health	£1750	Successful	£1,750.00
Cornerstone House Centre Ltd	Cumbernauld	Food and Financial Insecurity, Targeted action within identified communities across the Cumbernauld board area, Communication & Engagement, Digital Inclusion	£10000	Successful	£10,000.00
Cumbernauld & Kilsyth Care	Cumbernauld	Targeted action within identified communities across the Cumbernauld board area, Health & Wellbeing, Financial Security, Youth Engagement/Consultation	£10000	Successful	£10,000.00
Cumbernauld Action on Care for the Elderly (CACE)	Cumbernauld	Targeted action within identified communities across the Cumbernauld board area, Food & Financial Security, Digital Inclusion	£7804	Successful	£7,804.00
Cumbernauld Bron Association	Cumbernauld	Youth Engagement and Consultation, Digital Inclusion, Communication & Engagement	£3463	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Cumbernauld Poverty Action	Cumbernauld	Food and Financial Insecurity, Target action within identified communities (Kilsyth & Cumbernauld LOIP) – Digital Inclusion (Kilsyth LOIP)	£8131	Successful	£8,131.00
Cumbernauld Resilience	Cumbernauld	Food & Financial Inclusion, Targeted Action	£5700	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Kildrum Community Council	Cumbernauld	Targeted action within identified communities across the board area	£6566.15	Unsuccessful	£0.00

Name of Organisation	Board Area	LOIP Priority	Amount Requested	Outcome	Award
Kildrum Regeneration Trust	Cumbernauld	Targeted action	£8079.58	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Palacerigg Community Trust	Cumbernauld	Public and Community Transport, Youth Engagement, Food and Financial Insecurity, The Plan for NL	£8700	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Pet Pantry	Cumbernauld	Food and Financial insecurity, Targeted action within identified communities across the board area, Improve economic opportunities and outcomes, Support all children and young people to realise their full potential, Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities, Enhance participation, capacity and empowerment across our communities	£8534	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Play and Learning Support (PALS)	Cumbernauld	Young People, Mental health and Wellbeing, Tackling Poverty, The Plan for NL	£7736.2	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Raw Taekwondo Scotland	Cumbernauld	Youth Engagement and Consultations	£10000	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Sacred Heart Youth Zone	Cumbernauld	Food and Financial Insecurity, Youth Engagement and Consultation	£1450	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland	Cumbernauld	Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities, Enhance participation, capacity, and empowerment across our communities, The Plan for NL, Engage children and families in early learning and childcare programmes and making positive transitions to school, Invest in early interventions,	£10000	Successful	£10,000

Name of Organisation	Board Area	LOIP Priority	Amount Requested	Outcome	Award
		positive transitions, and preventative approaches to improve outcomes for children and young people, Engage with children, young people , parents, carers and families to help all children reach their full potential, Improve economic opportunities and outcomes, Brighter futures, Encourage the health and wellbeing of people through a range of social, cultural, and leisure activities.			
Croy Community Hub	Kilsyth	Youth Engagement, Health and Wellbeing, Food and Financial Insecurity	£10000	Successful	£10,000
Kilsyth Old Peoples Welfare Committee	Kilsyth	Health and Wellbeing	£4175	Successful	£2,505.00
African Collaboration Group	Motherwell	Mental Health and Wellbeing Awareness, Reducing Stigma, Early Intervention, Promoting Healthy Coping Strategies, Encouraging Help-Seeking Behaviour, Environment, Tackling Poverty and Inequality	£10000	Successful	£7,875.00
African Lanarkshire for Mental Health	Motherwell		£9920	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Community Action Newarthill	Motherwell	Mental Health and Wellbeing, Improve the Health and Wellbeing of our Communities, Improve NL Resource Base	£9098.15	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Craigneuk Lifelong Learning Association	Motherwell	Mental Health and Wellbeing, Improve the Health and Wellbeing of our Communities, Support all children and young people to realise their full	£10000	Successful	£6,000.00

Name of Organisation	Board Area	LOIP Priority	Amount Requested	Outcome	Award
		potential, Tackling Poverty and Inequalities, Improve the Health and Wellbeing of our Communities			
Glencassels Community Development Project	Motherwell	Tackling Poverty and Inequalities, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Community Engagement, The Plan for NL, Community Boards	£10000	Successful	£7,750.00
New Opportunities Project	Motherwell	Tackling Poverty and Inequalities, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Community Engagement	£10000	Successful	£10,000.00
NL Titans	Motherwell	Mental Health and Wellbeing, Community Engagement, Support all children and young people to realise their full potential, Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities	£9583.8	Unsuccessful	£0.00
North Lanarkshire Disability Forum	Motherwell	Tackling Poverty, Digital Inclusion, Mental Health and Wellbeing	£10000	Successful	£6,000.00
One Parent Families Scotland	Motherwell	Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing, Poverty/Financial Insecurity, Covid 19 Recovery and renewal/Community Resilience and Participation, The Plan for NL, NL Local Child and Poverty Action Plan	£10000	Successful	£10,000.00
Reeltime Music	Motherwell	Mental Health and Wellbeing, Poverty, Community Engagement, Supporting Inclusive Growth and Prosperity, Enhancing Skills and Education, Reducing Poverty and Inequality, Fostering Community Engagement and Resilience	£10000	Successful	£10,000.00

Name of Organisation	Board Area	LOIP Priority	Amount Requested	Outcome	Award
The Health and Wellness Hub	Motherwell	Mental Health and Wellbeing	£9926	Successful	£9,926.00
The Miracle Foundation	Motherwell	Learn and Invest Priorities in NL, Contribution to Health and Social Care and GIRFEC Wellbeing Indicators, and delivery on The Promise, VANL Sub Groups	£9999.77	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Victim Support Scotland	Motherwell	Mental Health, Poverty, Community Safety, Improve Health and Wellbeing of our Communities	£9600	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Cruse Scotland	NL Wide	Cross-cutting priority of Mental Health & Wellbeing/Priority across most LOIP's i.e. Motherwell, Airdrie, Bellshill, Wishaw, Kilsyth, Coatbridge, Northern Corridor and Shotts, Covid-19 Recovery and Renewal LOIP priority for Airdrie, Wishaw, Shotts and Motherwell, Tackling Poverty LOIP priority for areas including Airdrie, Bellshill, Motherwell and Wishaw, Cross-cutting priority of Young People, Engagement with Young People LOIP priority for Cumbernauld	£5400	Successful	£5,400.00
Deafblind Scotland	NL Wide	Mental Health & Wellbeing Strategy for Lanarkshire, North Lanarkshire Equalities Policy	£5430	Successful	£3,258.00
Equal Futures	NL Wide	Mental Health & Emotional Wellbeing	£9617.58	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Ethnic Minorities Law Centre	NL Wide	Poverty	£10000	Successful	£6,375.00

Name of Organisation	Board Area	LOIP Priority	Amount Requested	Outcome	Award
Family Service Unit Scotland (Circle)	NL Wide	Tackling Poverty, Digital Inclusion, Mental Health & Wellbeing, Young People	£10000	Successful	£10,000
Lanarkshire Rape Crisis Centre	NL Wide	Community Safety, Mental Health & Wellbeing, Tackling Poverty	£7542.96	Successful	£5,657.22
Lead Scotland	NL Wide	Tackling Poverty, Digital Inclusion	£9999.19	Successful	£7,499.39
Radio Clyde Cash for Kids	NL Wide	Tackling Poverty, Mental Health & Wellbeing, Young People	£10000	Successful	£10,000.00
Recycled Bikes Scotland Limited	NL Wide	Targeting of resources to communities experiencing the highest level of inequality, improving local service – Airdrie LOIP, Redistribution of resources to communities experiencing the highest levels of inequality and deprivation/Climate Change – Wishaw LOIP, Share resources and partnership working targeting of resources to communities experiencing the highest level of inequality – Cumbernauld, Community Empowerment, supporting community groups and organisations – Bellshill LOIP	£10000	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Scottish Refugee Council	NL Wide	Community Engagement/Resilience and Participation LOIP priority for Bellshill, Motherwell, Shotts and Wishaw, Poverty/Poverty & Food Insecurity LOIP priority for Airdrie, Coatbridge, Bellshill, Motherwell, Shotts and Wishaw, Mental Health & Wellbeing LOIP priority for Airdrie, Bellshill, Coatbridge, Kilsyth, Motherwell, Shotts and Wishaw, Social Integration & Inclusion LOIP priority for	£5495	Successful	£5,495.00

Name of Organisation	Board Area	LOIP Priority	Amount Requested	Outcome	Award
		Northern Corridor, Tackling Inequalities/Targeting of resource to communities experiencing highest level of inequality LOIP priority Airdrie, Bellshill, Shotts and Wishaw			
2nd Clyde (Moodiesburn) Scout Group	Northern Corridor	Children and Young People, Social Integration and Inclusion, Moodiesburn West	£10000	Successful	£10,000.00
Auchinloch Community Council	Northern Corridor	Health Inequalities, Social Integration and Inclusion, Building relationships, trust and communication, Children and Young People	£7500	Successful	£7,500.00
Friends of Gartcosh	Northern Corridor	Building local relationships, trust and communications, Social integration and inclusion	£8576.8	Successful	£8,576.80
Gartcosh Development Trust	Northern Corridor	Social Integration and Inclusion, Building relationships, trust and communication, Children and Young People, Help our children and young people to reach their full potential, Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities, Enhance participation, capacity, empowerment in our communities, Ambition statements	£10000	Successful	£7,750.00
Glenboig Development Trust	Northern Corridor	Mental Health, Poverty, Digital Inclusion< health inequalities, Social Integration and Building Local relationships, trust and communications, The Plan for NL	£10000	Successful	£10,000.00
The Conservation Volunteers	Northern Corridor	Mental Health	£9134	Successful	£9,134.00

Name of Organisation	Board Area	LOIP Priority	Amount Requested	Outcome	Award
Getting Better Together	Shotts	Mental Health and Wellbeing, Environment, The Plan for NL, GIRFEC, NL Community Climate Action Network, NL – The Promise, Community Solutions, Tackling Poverty and Inequalities	£8398	Successful	£8,398.00
Ponies Help Children	Shotts	Mental Health and Wellbeing	£10000	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Shotts Galadaye Committee	Shotts	Community Engagement, Community Safety, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Tackling Poverty and Inequalities, Environment, The Plan for NL, Community and Voluntary Sector Strategy for NL	£10000	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Spotlight Shotts	Shotts	Community Engagement, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Poverty and Inequality	£10000	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Achieve More Scotland	Wishaw	Health Inequalities, Youth Engagement/Children and Young People, Poverty, Community Resilience and participation	£10000	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Ballsandboots	Wishaw	Tackling Poverty and Health and Wellbeing of Young People	£8700	Unsuccessful	£0.00
Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust	Wishaw	Tackling Poverty, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Inequalities	£10000	Successful	£6,000.00
MADE4U in ML2	Wishaw	Community Engagement, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Tackling Poverty	£10000	Successful	£6,250.00
Newmains Community Trust	Wishaw	Mental Health and Wellbeing, Tackling Poverty and Inequality, Environment, The Plan for NL	£10000	Unsuccessful	£0.00

Name of Organisation	Board Area	LOIP Priority	Amount Requested	Outcome	Award
Orchard Primary and Nursery Parent Council	Wishaw	Community Engagement, Mental Health and Wellbeing, Tackling Poverty and Inequalities, The Plan for NL, Lanarkshire's Mental Health Strategy, VANL	£2943.72	Unsuccessful	£0.00
The Haven (Caring counselling Communication Centre)	Wishaw	Mental Health and Wellbeing, Digital Inclusion, Improve the Health and Wellbeing of our Communities, Enhance participation, capacity, and empowerment across our communities, Support all children and young people to realise their full potential, Improve the Health and Wellbeing of our Communities	£5000	Successful	£5,000.00

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Communities Committee

Does this report require to be approved?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Date

03/02/25

ACC and Community Facility Usage and Footfall Q3 24-25 and Q3 23-24

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Executive Summary

For the information of elected members, this report provides an overview of usage of a range of sports, culture and leisure venues and our community facilities, comparing quarter 3 of 2024-25 and quarter 3 of 23-24.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Committee:

- (1) Acknowledges usage and footfall associated with the council's sports, culture, leisure and community facilities.

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority	Improve North Lanarkshire's resource base
Ambition statement	(24) Review and design services around people, communities, and shared resources
Programme of Work	Statutory / corporate / service requirement

1. Background

- 1.1 North Lanarkshire Council has made a commitment to ensure our residents have access to a range of services and venues across the authority which support their ability to maximise health and wellbeing and give access to areas where they are able to work with others to participate in activities or take part in projects which seek to provide overall community benefit.
 - 1.2 Within this context, the council has a range of venues provided by either Active and Creative Communities or Community Facilities which are used by the community in a range of different ways. Some venues are better used than others and it is recognised that people's habits have changed, particularly in the period following the pandemic.
 - 1.3 In line with our commitment to ensure the best use of the limited resources we have, usage of such facilities is closely monitored and presented within this report for the information of elected members.
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2. Report

- 2.1 Appendix One provides a breakdown of footfall during quarter 3 of 2023/24 as compared to quarter 3 of 2024/25 for Active NL, Community Libraries, Creative Resources and Venues and Museums. Information for community facilities is gathered in a different manner, recorded both by the number of bookings made (count) and the duration of those bookings.
 - 2.2 Quarter three shows a generally positive picture across Active & Creative Communities with increased footfall in larger venues which may have attracted more visitors due to specific winter events scheduled. Some of our venues continue to struggle and we are working on plans to introduce new options for members across the estate to encourage increased visitor numbers wherever possible.
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 - 2.4 The council continues to work with a range of local groups to support increased use of our facilities wherever possible. Work with the Community Ownership and Management Group continues to support community interest in all forms of access including community asset transfer where this approach supports the aspirations of local groups.
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3. Measures of success

- 3.1 A thriving and sustainable council service which supports the delivery of culture, sport, leisure, and community facility services.
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4. Supporting documentation

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Active NL

	2023-24	2024-25	%	Q2 2024-25	Comment
Venues	Q3	Q3	Movement		
Airdrie Leisure Centre	77317	88681	+14.7%	83000	
Aquatec	4906	7505	+52.9%	5258	
Birkenshaw Sports Centre	1556	977	-37.21%	1203	
Broadwood Leisure Centre	136252	157638	+15.76%	125439	
Ian Nicolson Centre	14224	17007	+19.6%	14377	
John Smith Pool	14178	15287	+7.82%	17280	Closure of pool from 31 Dec 2024.
Keir Hardie Centre	8357	16340	+95.5%	12293	
Kilsyth Swimming Pool	30245	23750	-21.5%	23000	
Lochview Golf Centre	8886	10199	+14.8%	20371	
Palacerigg Golf Course	3450	6374	+84.75%	10141	
Ravenscraig Sports Centre	176252	175904	-0.2%	117494	
Shotts Leisure Centre	14184	14173	-0.08%	14124	Plant room works 1 Oct-28 Oct 24. Closure of health suite from 19 Dec 24.
Sir Matt Busby Sports Centre	105189	107178	+1.9%	87332	Filter refurbishment in teaching pool 7-10 October 24.
Time Capsule	108202	116508	+7.68%	136323	Contamination clean-up 24-29 Dec 24.
Townhead	29264	18162	-37.9%	10807	
Tryst Sports Centre	107554	161258	+49.9%	132287	Air-handling works in health-suite 12-26 Dec 24
Wishaw Sports Centre	103843	126680	+21.9%	117692	
Total	943859	1063621	+12.69%	930421	

Community Libraries

	23-24	24-25	%	Q2 2024-25	Comment
Libraries	Q3	Q3	Movement		
Abronhill	2904	6506	+124%	5981	Closed at various times during Nov/Dec 23 due to flooding.
Airdrie	13787	16258	+18%	15400	
Bellshill	13735	17581	+28%	16178	
Chapelhall	3768	4764	+26%	3726	
Chryston	3363	1783	-47%	2624	
Cleland	2947	2947	-15%	3117	
Coatbridge	13502	12649	-6%	14157	
Condorrat	6172	6303	+2%	6405	
Cumbernauld	14692	14829	+1%	16424	
Kilsyth	4625	5904	+28%	5377	
Moodiesburn	3911	4355	+11%	3408	
Motherwell	20793	22201	+7%	23197	
New Stevenson	3321	4229	+27%	3313	
Newarthill	1394	1362	-2%	1665	
Newmains	4665	4590	-2%	4570	
Shotts	1697	2162	+27%	2090	
Stepps	Closed	5879	-	3329	
Viewpark	3071	3892	+27%	3917	
Wishaw	26554	19488	-27%	20895	
Total	145424		+8%	157682	

Outreach Services	23-24 Q3	24-25 Q3	% Movement	Q2 2024-25	Comment
Mobile 1	355	459	29.3%	422	Regular periods of mechanical failure where mobile off the road.
Mobile 2 (off road)					
Outreach Van	234	315	34.6%	319	
Mobile 4	350	321	-50.6%	470	Regular periods of mechanical failure where mobile off the road.
Total	1239	1095	-11.6%	1211	

Creative Venues

Creative Venues	23-24 Q3	24-25 Q3	% Movement	Q2 2024-25	Comment
Airdrie Town Hall	1181	8533	+622%	11684	
Bellshill Cultural Centre	2054	4155	+102%	2145	
Cumbernauld Theatre	19167	22897	+19%	8695	
Motherwell Concert Hall & Theatre	33259	31033	-6.9%		Venue closed – numbers represent Pantomime attendance at Ravenscraig.
Total	55661	66618	+19.6%	22524	

Museums & Collections

Museums	23-24 Q3	24-25 Q3	% Movement	Q2 2024-25	Comment
Summerlee	35324	39734	+12.5%	49654	
NL Heritage Centre	3912	4675	+19.5%	4959	
Total	39239	44409	+13.1%	54613	

Community Facilities

Facility	Centre Status (weeks)	23-24 Q3 Count	23-24 Q3 Duration (hours)	24-25 Q3 Count	24-25 Q3 Duration (hours)	24-25 Q2 Count	24-25 Q2 Duration (hours)	Average Weekly Hours in Q3 2024
Abronhill Community Facility	52	156	237	164	311	138	276	25
Airdrie @ Home Community	52	11	11	12	12	11	33	1
Allanton Cc	52	53	140	59	142	46	126	11
Andrew Hamilton Cc	38	41	134	54	164	26	86	14
Antonine Community Sports	52	59	126	40	98	46	115	8
Auchinloch Cc	38	95	234	155	390	111	230	36
Beechbank Cc	52	114	344	110	329	88	292	26
Burngreen Cc	38	26	87	37	90	24	85	8
Burnhead Cc	52	142	350	283	1108	157	655	88
Calderbank Cc	38	62	163	51	128	23	49	12
Caldercruix Cc	38	11	21	10	19	14	34	2
Chapelside Cc	52	558	2156	579	1813	535	1700	144
Charlotte Toal Cc	52	250	1029	288	1094	236	1010	87
Chryston Cultural Centre	52	173	448	252	604	216	565	48
Cleland Cc	38	9	20	23	71	14	40	6
Coatbridge Cc	52	1252	2984	1508	3522	697	2452	279
Coltness Cc	52	177	476	147	383	137	352	30
Cumbernauld New Town Hall	52	217	505	197	466	199	471	37
Forge Cc	38	111	308	51	123	24	58	11
Four Isles Cc	52	82	303	63	150	69	217	12
Frank Ferguson Cc	52	96	338	84	316	84	326	25
Garrell Vale Cc	52	311	745	367	1059	247	725	84
Gartcosh Cc	52	242	745	259	774	159	499	62

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Gartlea Cc	52	261	849	298	1134	256	952	90
Glenmavis Cc	38	16	27	20	34	12	44	3
Gowkthrapple Cc	38	43	104	44	127	19	79	12
Greenfaulds Cc	52	97	257	95	247	101	272	20
Harthill Cf	52	165	551	168	411	138	339	32
Hattonrigg Cc	38	41	121	65	211	47	160	20
Holytown Cf	38	133	359	139	376	92	265	35
Isa Money Cc	52	103	260	104	261	114	315	21
Jim Foley Cc	52	219	773	199	701	190	683	56
Joe McKay Cc	52	202	614	226	739	202	648	58
John McCormack Cc	38	233	663	259	690	244	686	64
MacAuley Cc	38	98	244	86	230	89	247	21
Michael Sherry Cc	52	71	169	47	137	31	90	11
Mount Pleasant Cc	52	70	157	99	208	84	170	17
Netherton Cc	38	35	84	56	106	22	53	10
New Stevenston Cc	38	63	145	59	145	37	95	14
Newarthill Cf	52	358	1098	346	1094	305	1087	86
Old Monkland C Wing	52	104	231	90	183	62	122	14
Old Monkland Cc	38	114	286	137	404	102	246	37
Overtown Cc	52	124	360	131	380	130	382	30
Pat Cullinan Cc	52	363	1645	345	1815	325	1623	144
Pather Cc	52	283	903	294	918	272	871	73
Pivot Cf	52	432	1320	5	10	0	0	1
Plains Cc	52	59	147	75	197	56	149	16
Pollock Cc	38	45	158	41	135	37	118	12

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Rochsoles Cc	38	48	191	24	59	16	43	5
Salsburgh Cc	38	92	188	94	215	63	144	20
Shawhead Cc	52	128	331	125	262	133	301	21
Shotts Cf	52	193	434	183	510	168	398	40
Springfield Cc	52	63	145	108	267	45	132	21
Tannochside Cc	52	108	286	109	298	108	298	24
The Link	52	163	440	349	1016	339	995	81
The Muirfield Centre	52	670	2139	693	2310	645	2262	183
The Village Cc	38	24	77	36	111	26	102	10
Viewpark Cf	52	635	1679	550	1437	436	1274	114
Westfield Cc	38	61	166	56	173	37	127	16
Totals		10165	29716	10548	30717			

Pivot CF – closed.

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Communities Committee

Does this report require to be approved?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Active NL: Supporting Health in North Lanarkshire

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Executive Summary

Active & Creative Communities (ACC), though Active NL, have been working closely with NHS Lanarkshire for a number of years to provide a range of supported programmes to help people become more physically active whilst also offering rehabilitation opportunities to those who are recovering from minor to major illness or who have a long term health condition.

This report outlines the current nature of the support offered, the impressive results from our work and planned next steps.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Committee:

- (1) Acknowledges the support provided within the Active Health programme and planned next steps.
- (2) Otherwise, recognises the contents of this report.

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority	Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities
Ambition statement	(15) Encourage the health and wellbeing of people through a range of social, cultural, and leisure activities
Programme of Work	All Programmes of Work

1. Background

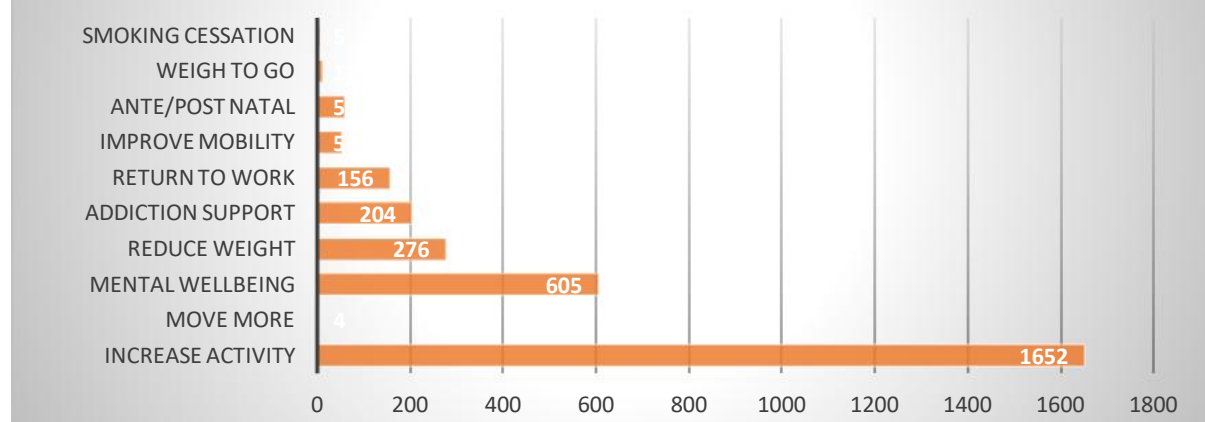
- 1.1 Active Health provides a range of supported programmes to help people become more physically active whilst also offering rehabilitation opportunities to those who are recovering from minor to major illness or who have a long-term health condition.
 - 1.2 Active Health was rebranded in 2012 to a social prescribing model of delivery. Social prescribing is a means of connecting people to community activities to help improve their mental health and wellbeing. The decision to move the programme to this type of model was agreed in partnership with NHS Lanarkshire following an extensive period of monitoring and evaluating of those participating in the programmes (across both North and South Lanarkshire) in terms of the physical improvements they were making and the positive impact on their mental health from being more physically active. This monitoring/evaluation was carried out over a 10-year period.
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2. Report

- 2.1 Active Health is built around five key areas:
 - Active Health (General) – 12 weeks free use of gyms, pools and fitness classes, plus 3 months discounted membership.
 - Active Health (Specialist) – 20 long-term condition classes, plus 3 months discounted membership.
 - Weight to Go – linking in with Lanarkshire Weight Services Management.
 - MacMillan – Move More Circuits – for individuals and families who have been affected by cancer (pre/during and post treatment).
 - Adult Weight Management/Diabetes Management – dietic, psychological and physical support.
- 2.2 Those participating in Active Health programmes are generally referred from a range of sources including NHS Lanarkshire, primarily through GP interventions, other NLC Services and local voluntary and charitable organisations. Reasons for referral vary, but will generally fall into the categories of a desire to:
 - Increase physical activity
 - Improve mental health
 - Tackle issues with mild frailty
 - Improve mobility
 - Reduce weight
 - Support for addiction
 - Support for return to work
 - Ante/post-natal
 - Support for smoking cessation

Reasons for referral in Q1 and Q2 on 24/25 are shown below:

Active Health - Reason for Referral Q1&2



- 2.3 As outlined above, specialist health classes are offered to people affected by a range long-term conditions as detailed below. There are currently 74 specialist health classes running weekly across all the main sports venues:

Strength & Balance	Cardio 1	Cardio II	Back
Frail Older Adults Multiple Sclerosis Parkinson's Disease Stroke Cognitive difficulties COPD Risk of falling (or had a fall) Joint Replacement/Issues Mobility Issues	Cardiac Rehabilitation Mobility Issues Weight Issues Multiple Sclerosis Osteoporosis MSK conditions Chronic Fatigue Stroke COPD Any other long term health condition	Cardiac Rehabilitation Mobility Issues Weight Issues Multiple Sclerosis Osteoporosis MSK conditions Chronic Fatigue Stroke COPD Any other long term health condition	Chronic Back Pain Issues Weight Issues MSK Issues
Move More (Cancer)	Parkinson's	Escape Pain	Weigh to Go
All types of cancer Can be done pre/during/post treatment	Early diagnosis	Hip/knee arthritis	Overweight/Obese

- 2.4 Funding to support the programme comes primarily from the NHS Lanarkshire and the Health and Social Care Partnership with additional support, in kind, from North Lanarkshire Council. In addition, to the operational delivery of Active Health, Active & Creative Communities supports a number of strategic partnerships which aim to further advance good physical health and wellbeing across North Lanarkshire:

- Lanarkshire Weight Management Service
- Lanarkshire Falls Service
- Lanarkshire Green Health Partnership
- Get Walking Lanarkshire
- PHP6 Steering Group (Public Health Priority 6)
- NLC Diet & Nutrition Policy Group

Next Steps

- 2.5 Active Health is a lifeline programme for many people in our community, with a taste of some feedback shown in Appendix One. Funding for Active Health is not mainstreamed within NHS Lanarkshire and as such the actual level of funding can vary from year to year. However, with increasing pressures in the NHS, there is a growing recognition of the value of support which can be delivered within the community. Very recently, health colleagues held a support/intervention day at Wishaw Sports Centre which allowed them to see large number of local people and provide primary health care advice in a community setting. To assist with local access to health care, Active & Creative Communities have also been operating a Near Me service within Chapelhall Library. Near Me is a video consulting service that enables people to attend appointments from home or wherever is convenient.
- 2.6 Currently under discussion is the opportunity to expand Active Health to include support for those with pulmonary conditions and we continue to provide specialist instructors to support patients who are transitioning from hospital back into the community.
- 2.7 More broadly, as was considered at the last Communities Committee, COSLA have recently launched a Physical Activity Strategy for Scotland. While ACC will be represented on the national group in support of delivery of the strategy, we are now working with NHS Lanarkshire on a whole systems approach to public health which will consider the key challenges in Lanarkshire, focusing on:
- Active systems
 - Active places of learning
 - Active travel
 - Active places and spaces
 - Active health and social care
 - Active communications
 - Sports and recreation
 - Active workplaces
- 2.8 Work with NHSL is at an early stage and will be shared with elected members as plans are developed.

3. Measures of success

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The classes have had a remarkable effect on my recovery and my mental health. I did not know any of the other people who attended the classes but have become good friends with a number of them.

The two instructors Clare and Tricia have been extremely helpful in my recovery. They are very knowledgeable ,informative, encourage and support each of the participants. I do not think I could have progressed so well with my recovery without their support.

Hi, A bit about me:-

I have been attending the Strength and Balance class for some weeks now following my GP referral. I had been falling flat on my face and have a chronic back condition (nerve root compression, due to Covid my spinal steroid injections have stopped) and my mental health had deteriorated as I am struggling with additional constant pain and have not been going out.

How this class has helped me:-

Physically - I have benefited in so many ways. Firstly, I felt secure in the knowledge that the instructors knew my medical history and I could try to do exercise in a safe environment .I struggled at first and was encouraged to go at my own speed. Again, this made me more confident so I could try and improve and improve I have. I used to just do mainly sitting exercise then I could do some standing as well. I have noticed that I am more stable on my feet. All the things were coming together, I can stretch more through my balance exercises and can reach higher up cupboards more safely. I now know how to do sit to stands properly. I do these this in the house and it becomes second nature to use my thigh muscles to push up and to take a few heel raises to stop dizziness before I move off. Some quite simple things to know like to push my bottom out when sitting down has made the pain it causes reduce all be it very slightly. These slight changes in doing things I have learned at this class in the right way has helped. another thing that helps control my pain level is concentrating on my foot and ankle movement when I walk. Concentrating on walking correct distracts some of the some of the pain. My overall posture has improved. During the class I tend to do things slower but in the correct position although there are other people in the class for me it's like having my own instructor. we can all ask if we need clarification , due to short term memory issue I have I find this helpful.

Mental Health:-I found that the instructors understood when I asked to sit at the back of the class away from the mirror and others as I felt paranoid at others watching.. This is the first thing I tried to do that involved me going out of my house. Over the weeks I have been able to chat to others which was a surprising benefit to me. I didn't expect to becoming less self-aware and it feels good to talk to other class members. As I feel my stability and my confidence improving, I have been able to go out with my friend for the first time in over 2 years.

I still need to walk with 2 sticks and still have issues going out and mixing with others but overall, I am more confident physically and in return can face more of my pain management and mental health problems. I feel a bit better and for me a little is a massive amount.

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Communities Committee

Does this report require to be approved?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Ref LR/HL

Date

03/02/25

Motherwell Half Marathon

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Executive Summary

This report outlines a proposal to hold a half marathon event in Motherwell in August 2025. The potential benefits are outlined alongside the likely costs and anticipated impact.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Committee:

- (1) Approves the proposal for a half marathon event to be held in the Motherwell area on 3 August 2025.
- (2) Acknowledges the projected costs, as outlined in paragraph 2.5.
- (3) Otherwise, acknowledges the contents of this report.

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority	Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities
Ambition statement	(15) Encourage the health and wellbeing of people through a range of social, cultural, and leisure activities
Programme of Work	All Programmes of Work

1. Background

- 1.1 For a number of years, Active & Creative Communities (and previously North Lanarkshire Leisure) have held an annual 10k event in the Cumbernauld area. Supported by the Suicide Prevention programme and a range of local sponsors, the event attracts around 800 participants each year and is structured around a family friendly format with toddlers' races, 1k, 5k and the final 10k activities, open to all ages and abilities.
 - 1.2 In late 2023, the council was approached by running enthusiasts who enquired about the potential to replicate a similar event, more specifically a half marathon, in the Motherwell area. A short-life working group, led by Active & Creative Communities, was formed to consider the possible options for such an event.
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2. Report

- 2.1 As outlined above, the working group was made up of several representatives including:
 - Active & Creative Communities
 - Roads and Assets
 - Talent & Organisational Development
 - Corporate Communications

Regular input has also been available from local running clubs.
- 2.2 Within an overall context of a Motherwell event, Ravenscraig Regional Sports Facility was considered the most appropriate start/finish point for a half marathon. This venue will also allow for inclusion of a range of free family activities including soft-play, bouncy castles and family games – these will be supported by the wider sports development team. To prevent potential problems with parking, it was agreed that no other events will be held on the same day as a proposed half marathon. The proposed date for the event is 3 August 2025. This date has been chosen as it does not conflict with other running events, suits the overall training schedule for those participating and will not clash with anything else taking place in the local area e.g. large-scale football matches.
- 2.3 A number of different options were considered for a potential route but the preferred option (detailed as Appendix 1) has been chosen to mitigate against any potential traffic management difficulties, taking into account the preference of runners and to ensure continued access to University Hospital Wishaw.
- 2.4 We know from experience with the 10k event that such events have a number of positive benefits for physical and mental health, in addition to offering an important community-based activity for people across North Lanarkshire to participate in.
- 2.5 Following discussions with Financial Solutions, we have identified resources which could be made available should Committee agree to host the event. It is estimated that the overall cost will be circa £60K.

- 2.6 It should be noted that the above costs exclude any income which could be achieved from the event, so the stated costs are very much a worst case scenario. If the experience of the 10k is replicated, it is likely that we may be able to attract some local sponsorship, and runners will be charged a nominal entry fee.
- 2.7 Early discussions have taken place with Active Schools and colleagues within Education, Children and Families to ensure that the event is able to be used as an opportunity for learning for our young people, and particularly those with an interest in Sports Leadership. Subject to a decision to proceed, we will involve our school community in preparations for the event. The Volunteer NL programme will also offer the opportunity to anyone who would like to volunteer on the day and in the preparations leading up to the event.
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3. Measures of success

- 3.1 A successful community event, which supports health and wellbeing, while offering a fun, participative opportunity for all.
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4. Supporting documentation

- 4.1 Appendix 1 Proposed Route for Half Marathon



Lyall Rennie
Chief Officer (Community Operations)

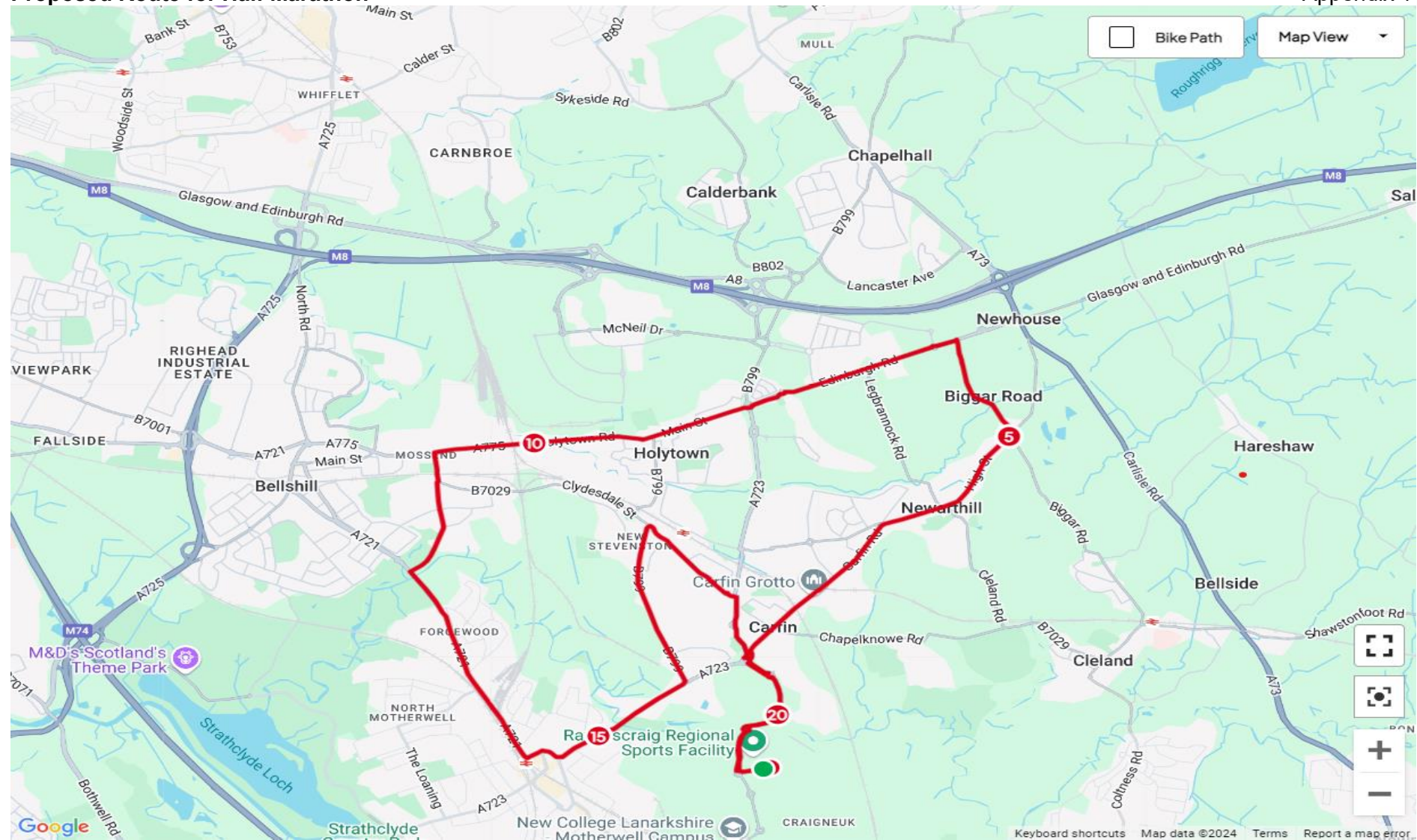
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Proposed Route for Half Marathon

Appendix 1



North Lanarkshire Council Report

Communities committee

Does this report require to be approved? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Ref KH/WC

Date 03/02/25

North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership: Annual Oversight and Outcomes Report 2023/24

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Executive Summary

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 aims to strengthen community engagement and empowerment through a range of statutory duties on public bodies and other organisations. Duties range from increasing levels of community participation in the planning and delivery of public services through to community management or ownership of buildings or land. The Act requires all public sector bodies to work together and to engage with local communities on the issues that matter the most to them with the shared aim of improve outcomes in these priorities. There is a particular emphasis on addressing inequalities, poverty and socio-economic disadvantage in local areas. Community planning partners must also report publicly on their progress including where outcomes have been improved through joint planning, collaboration and effective partnership working - operationally and strategically.

This Annual Oversight and Outcome Report 2023 – 2024 highlights where community planning in North Lanarkshire is making a positive impact in strengthening partnership working and improving outcomes in line with The Plan for North Lanarkshire's shared ambitions and Committee is requested to approve the report attached as Appendix 1.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Communities Committee:

- (1) Approves the North Lanarkshire Partnership Strategic Leadership Board's annual oversight and outcomes report 2023/24 attached as Appendix 1.

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority	Enhance participation, capacity, and empowerment across our communities
Ambition statement	(20) Improve the involvement of communities in the decisions, and development of services and supports, that affect them (24) Review and design services around people, communities, and shared resources
Programme of Work	All Programmes of Work

1. Background

- 1.1 The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 places several statutory duties on community planning partners that are designed to improve outcomes and tackle inequalities in local areas. The Act extends the statutory community planning duty to include a wider sphere of public services – requiring these bodies to work together in planning, resourcing and delivering services with a clear priority focus on tackling inequalities and improving opportunities for communities that experienced the poorest outcomes. In so doing, partners must directly involve community organisations, especially those which address socio-economic disadvantage.
- 1.2 Under the Act's statutory duties Community Planning Partnerships must:
- Prepare and publish a local outcomes plan for their local area which sets out the local outcomes which the Partnership will prioritise for improvement; and,
 - Review and report progress annually in the delivery of this plan.
- 1.3 Community Planning Partnerships must also identify the local communities that experience significantly poorer outcomes when compared both to other parts of the local authority area and elsewhere in Scotland and publish individual improvement plans setting out the issues that partners will prioritise to improve outcomes for people living in these localities.
- 1.4 This report demonstrates and provides assurance that North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership is meeting these statutory obligations. The Outcomes Report 2023/2024, attached as Appendix 1, illustrates where community planning partners are collaborating and working closely with the community and voluntary sector and local people in the planning, delivery and resourcing of public services with shared aims to improve outcomes and reduce inequalities.

2. Report

North Lanarkshire Partnership Annual Oversight and Outcomes Report 2023/2024

- 2.1 An integrated programme of reporting activity supports the North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership in monitoring the progress against priorities while fulfilling its statutory reporting obligations. This comprises:
- 2.1.1 Consideration of this annual outcomes report by North Lanarkshire Partnership (NLP) Strategic Leadership Board and North Lanarkshire Council's Communities Committee with publication via the council's website (Links to the [2022/23 Annual Outcomes Report](#)).
- 2.1.2 Submission and consideration of a composite performance report to the NLP Strategic Leadership Board every six months on partnership activity and progress in taking forward the identified priorities and associated actions across the nine Local Outcome Improvement Plans. Similar reports are considered by North Lanarkshire Council's Communities Committee with publication via the council's website (Links to the [1 April 2023 - 30 September 2023](#) and [1 October 2023 to 31 March 2024](#) Local Outcome Improvement Plan Reports).

- 2.1.3 Preparation and publication of annual progress reports on delivery of the individual Local Outcome Improvement Plan actions in each area and consideration of these by the relevant Community Board.
- 2.1.4 Annual reporting by statutory partnerships and other partnership working groups on thematic plans including for example the Children's Services Plan and the Tackling Poverty Action Plan.
- 2.2 In March 2019, North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership endorsed and adopted The Plan for North Lanarkshire as the Partnership's own long term strategic vision for the area. The Plan provides a single, shared focus and galvanises commitment across all partners to improve outcomes and address deep-rooted inequalities in North Lanarkshire.
- 2.2.1 Reporting is further strengthened through associated annual updates to North Lanarkshire Council's Policy and Strategy Committee on *The Plan for North Lanarkshire's* Programme of Work since inception in 2019. These reports provide a review of progress across all strands of the Programme of Work over the previous year and detail planned actions and reporting schedules for the upcoming year. The report considered by the Policy and Strategy Committee on 14 March 2024 ([Link](#)) highlights the significant achievements to date and sets the strategic direction for the period 2024 and beyond.
- 2.2.2 The Plan for North Lanarkshire is supported by 28 high-level health check indicators which reflect all Partner functions and can be measured over the lifespan of the plan. These health check indicators allow Strategic Leaders to measure progress and assess where outcomes and opportunities are improving and where there is still work to be done.
- 2.2.3 The Strategic Performance Framework – the North Lanarkshire Context ([link](#)), also considered by the Policy and Strategy Committee on 14 March 2024 provides a breakdown of each indicator over several years with supporting commentary and analysis.
- 2.3 Key highlights, described more fully in the Community Planning Oversight and Outcomes Report attached as Appendix 1, include:
 - Continued and enhanced support from partners to families, households, and communities throughout the ongoing cost of living crisis;
 - On-going commitment from partners to support good mental health, tackling mental health stigma and discrimination;
 - The continued commitment across all partners to work collectively and differently in supporting care experienced children, young people and their families, reaffirming their commitment to "The Promise"

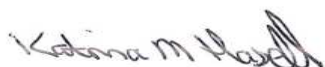
3. Measures of success

- 3.1 Continued compliance by the council and community planning partners with the statutory duties, responsibilities and reporting requirements enacted through the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003 and the more recent, and wider reaching, Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

- 3.2 Effective joint planning, collaboration and partnership working by the council, partner agencies, voluntary and community organisations and local communities themselves resulting in improved outcomes and increased prosperity and growth for all in line with the shared ambitions in The Plan for North Lanarkshire.
- 3.3 Continued development of community planning at a local level through the work of the Community Boards and Local Partnership Teams with increased engagement, participation, capacity and resilience within North Lanarkshire's communities.

4. Supporting documentation

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Katrina Hassell
Chief Officer (Business and Digital)

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Yes ☐ No ☒

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If Yes, has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) been carried out?

Yes ☐ No ☐



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1.The Plan for North Lanarkshire

1.1 Programme of Work



The Plan for North Lanarkshire, launched in 2019, aims to foster inclusive growth and fairer and wealthier distribution. It seeks to improve the area while valuing social benefits. The Plan focuses on integrating policies, services, and systems to tackle economic, social and health challenges. Its goal is to create a meaningful impact, making North Lanarkshire a place people care about.

The Programme of Work is the vehicle driving forward the plan for North Lanarkshire.

North Lanarkshire Council has recently approved its Programme of Work to 2028 with a streamlined set of seven themes identified. Strategic Leaders considered these at an event held in Newmains and St Brigid's Community Hub in March 2024.

1. Transforming Places – an enhanced programme to accelerate transformation of town centres and communities.
2. Invest in North Lanarkshire - accelerated outcome delivery and investment via a more streamlined advisory service and aligned operating model and infrastructure plan.
3. Sustainable Futures - focus commitments to Net Zero Carbon and the associated energy solutions and investments required to make it a reality.
4. Resilient People - deliver whole family support locally, when families need it, in a way that addresses the impacts of poverty and reduces inequality.
5. Brighter Futures - support and improve educational attainment, employment opportunities, entrepreneurship, and volunteering.
6. Digital NL - develop a skilled digital workforce, promote an innovative, sustainable culture and be the Digital Leader for a transformed North Lanarkshire.
7. One Service - ensure services are delivered, regardless of owner, in a streamlined, efficient, and supportive model, with the overall vision of inclusive growth and prosperity for all.

1.2 Programme of Work – Reporting Schedule 2023-2024

The North Lanarkshire Partnership (NLP) - Strategic Leadership Board Programme of Work 2023-2024 and Reporting Schedule was proposed to the Board in April 2023. The schedule recognises the NLP's Partnership's 'Framework for Demonstrating Improved Outcomes for Communities.'

The Strategic Leadership Board agreed the Framework in June 2022 and it reflects the Accounts Commission's Statutory Direction 2023-2025. It is designed to support strategic joint planning and collaborative working between partners and with local communities and voluntary organisations.

The 'Framework for Demonstrating Improved Outcomes for Communities' reporting model is structured around three levels illustrated below.

- Level 1 – the strategic and local context, including 28 Health Check Indicators.
- Level 2 – existing strategies, plans and wider partnership working arrangements at either a North Lanarkshire, or pan-Lanarkshire, level.
- Level 3 – demonstrating improved outcomes in relation to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan priorities.



1.3 Programme of Work – 28 Health Check Indicators Progress

Since The Plan for North Lanarkshire was established in 2019, it has been supported by a suite of 28 Health Check Indicators. The indicators aim to provide the context for North Lanarkshire as a place. This suite of measures is used to provide a robust, consistent, and independent evidence base.

The latest results reported in March 2024 ([Framework for demonstrating improved outcomes for communities](#)) indicate significant gains when comparing to the baseline set when The Plan for North Lanarkshire was established in 2019. They demonstrate positive trends in several key economic and social indicators, including:

- Gross weekly pay continues to remain higher than the national average, and the gap in the hourly rate of pay between males and females continues to narrow and is now smaller than it is nationally.

- The number of working age people claiming employment related benefits has continued the gradual downward trend that started towards the end of 2020. It is now 7% lower than pre-pandemic levels.
- The proportion of the working age population who are economically active has shown signs of improvement for the last four consecutive quarters - reaching 75%. This is the highest position for three years.
- Economic growth continues to show a positive picture with the latest results showing an increase of 5.2% in gross value added per head.
- New community hubs offering direct access to services and support and more integrated whole family support.
- Increased affordable housing through quality developments.
- Revamped town centres becoming vibrant, multi-use spaces.
- Poverty in North Lanarkshire has fallen by 2%.
- Latest figures show a significant improvement in breastfeeding, with 30.4% of babies in North Lanarkshire breastfed at the 6–8-week review.
- The change in crime rates in North Lanarkshire remains lower than the national average.
- Significant transformation in terms of housing, wealth, and employment.



These developments are enabling communities to thrive, they are boosting the local economy, education, housing, and leisure. They are making North Lanarkshire a more attractive place for living, learning, working, investing, and visiting.

Further details on the progress of the Programme of Work are outlined in North Lanarkshire Council's Policy and Committee Report [North Lanarkshire Council's Policy and Committee Report – 'The Programme of Works – Achievements to date'](#).

2. Community Empowerment

2.1 Local Outcome Improvement Plans (LOIP) – Local Partnership Teams



The Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 'Framework for Demonstrating Improved Outcomes for Communities' started in June 2021. It aids local partners in managing, overseeing, and reporting LOIP priorities by community planning partners at a local level through the Local Partnership Teams.

Local Outcome Improvement Plans are aligned to the nine Community Boards are detailed here - [Local Outcome Improvement Plans](#)

Level 3 of the 'Framework for Demonstrating Improved Outcomes for Communities' has a focus on demonstrating improved outcomes in relation to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan priorities.

To support this, Local Partnership Teams meet every six weeks to track these priorities. They have formed subgroups, as needed, for targeted actions. Using the Framework, helps the Local Partnership Teams improve reporting to the NLP Strategic Leadership Board and Community Boards.

Local Partnership Teams share a collective responsibility for ensuring action at a local level. This helps to drive forward the LOIP priorities and ensures that progress is updated through the Framework. Progress is linked to the key priorities of the nine Local Outcome Improvement Plans.

2.2 Development Session - September 2023

This event allowed a review of progress and an opportunity to share best practices. Following the event all participants completed a questionnaire. A partnership short-term working group was set up to take forward improvements.

The group, using feedback from the session and survey, drafted actions to help support Local Partnership Teams improvement plans.

Actions included:

- Creating a Frequently Asked Questions document for local team members. This answers questions raised during the development session.
- Holding planning sessions with Local Partnership Teams to review progress and suggest improvements.

- Each partner agency now holds meetings before and after Community Board meetings to discuss key issues and partnership opportunities.

3. Wider Community Planning and Partnership Engagement

3.1 North Lanarkshire Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan 2023-2028 (CJOIP)

On 6 October 2023, the North Lanarkshire Community Justice Partnership agreed the publication of the North Lanarkshire CJOIP 2023-28. The Strategic Leadership Board endorsed the Plan in December 2023. [Community Justice Outcome Improvement Plan 2023 to 2028.](#)



The Plan sets the direction of community justice in North Lanarkshire over the next five years.

The Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2016 places a legal duty on statutory community justice partners to engage in planning and reporting on their progress towards improving community justice outcomes. The responsibility for community justice sits with all statutory community justice partners. The model places planning at a local level where decisions are made by people who know their area best.

The development of the CJOIP began in September 2022. Stakeholder sessions took place, along with a review of the data. This

helped to provide a robust evidence base to set priorities.

Consultation included surveys to get the views of the public. There was engagement with the North Lanarkshire Community Justice - Third Sector Endorsed Network and focus groups with people with lived experience of being in the justice system.

The North Lanarkshire Community Justice - Strategic Needs and Strengths Assessment (SNSA) was also updated. The SNSA includes data in relation to crime, sentencing and the needs of people in the justice system from North Lanarkshire over the past seven years. The NLCJP Data Inference Report provided analysis of the data to support the review of performance and identified areas for improvement.

Two sessions also took place with statutory partners and stakeholders. Participants included community representatives, those from the voluntary sector, and individuals with lived experience in the justice system. These events aimed to finalise the key findings from local activities and to help identify priorities for the North Lanarkshire CJOIP. They were set within the context of the updated National Community Justice Strategy and Performance Framework.

A draft public consultation version of the North Lanarkshire CJOIP was published in July 2023. Consultation with Community Justice Scotland (CJS), the national leadership organisation for community justice took place as legislatively required. CJS noted that North Lanarkshire CJOIP was a strong public facing plan. They noted that it had good evidence base, and it closely aligned to the national strategy. They recommended that more information relating to the activity undertaken and baselining against national outcomes would help to strengthen the 'golden thread' when identifying priorities.

These recommendations are now built into the finalised North Lanarkshire CJOIP 2023-2028.

3.2 Advancing Race Equality in North Lanarkshire

In 2022, North Lanarkshire Council commissioned the University of the West of Scotland to explore the lived experiences and future needs of North Lanarkshire's Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities. This face-to-face research was a follow-up to an earlier online survey issued in 2021.

The report provided the main findings of the research and its thirty two recommendations based around the themes of:

- An ageing population.
- Digital skills and inclusion.
- Employment and skills.
- Community cohesion and integration.
- Specific experiences of North Lanarkshire's Syrian Refugees who settled more than seven years ago.

The report emphasised the need for a co-ordinated response from all partners. The partner agencies agreed that each partner agency should provide an update on current and planned activity, particularly around the issues highlighted in the research.

In December 2023, the Board received a progress report, including the following key points:

- All organisations received the report. They were asked to publish it online and to prepare their responses.
- Each organisation designated an officer to manage their response. The Officers joined a working group to feedback to research participants and BAME communities.



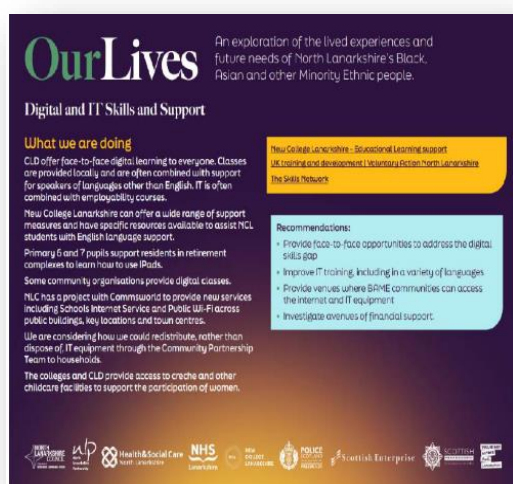
- Partners responses were reviewed and key stakeholders like New College Lanarkshire and Routes to Work, using a template with the following questions:

- What are you currently doing?
- What do you plan to do?
- What challenges do you foresee?

They received fifty-seven pages of responses; these were edited before sharing with the community. The last version, approved by the Lead Officers, is now on the Council website. It can be translated into over seventy languages. Partner organisations have also received the report.

Flash reports have been developed to provide direct feedback to the research participants.

In addition to this work, the following activity has taken place. This brings added value to the research for North Lanarkshire:



- Presentations on the research findings were delivered to North Lanarkshire Violence Against Women - Operational Working Group and the Resettlement and Relocation Member Officer Working Group. Both presentations focussed on the work of those groups.

North Lanarkshire Carers Together used the research report recommendations as evidence to support the need for a BAME Carer and Engagement Worker for North Lanarkshire.

- The application was successful, and the organisation has received £101,616 to fund this post for 3 years. The post holder is also a North

Lanarkshire resident.

- The Council's Museums and Collections Team have used the recommendations as evidence for a funding bid of £60,000 to Museums Galleries Scotland. This funding will be used to appoint a Community Engagement Officer. They will collaborate with members of the BAME community to co-create resources and develop the Council's collections to be more inclusive.
- Education Scotland have asked for permission to share the research with colleagues in the Scottish Government CLD unit, New Scots Team and across the Education Scotland Network.

3.3 North Lanarkshire Partnership Action on Climate Together (ACT) and Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub

North Lanarkshire Partnership previously identified climate action as a strategic priority and Voluntary Action North Lanarkshire (VANL) was tasked with developing the Partnership's approach and strategic direction including supporting community led action.



In April 2021, the Strategic Leadership Board approved the NLP Action on Climate Together (ACT) Now Plan 2021 to 2025. [ACT Now North Lanarkshire – Supporting action to tackle the climate emergency through inclusive and green recovery](#)

ACT supports action to tackle the climate emergency in North Lanarkshire. ACT has a commitment to achieve net-zero carbon emissions by 2030. Key developments have been made during 2023-2024, most notably the establishment of Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub funded by the Scottish Government. There has also been changes to the staffing arrangements within VANL to support the ACT Now Plan and wider community climate action and green wellbeing initiatives.

3.4 Climate and Green Wellbeing Project

This project followed the successful pilot of the North Lanarkshire Community Climate Awareness and Action Project (January-May 2022). The Scottish Government's - Community Adult Learning Fund, funds the project.

To support the delivery of this project VANL:

- Applied for additional funding to support their role in co-ordinating the project.
- Trained Community Climate and Green Wellbeing Champions.
- Worked with New College Lanarkshire to establish ongoing training for Climate and Green Wellbeing Champions.
- Published Community Climate and Green Wellbeing Guides.
- Established a Climate and Green Wellbeing Development Fund to support local action.

Between 2022-2024 VANL received annual project funding of £25,000 from NHS Lanarkshire to support green wellbeing work (£10k) and co-ordination of ACT Now NL (£15K). VANL use the funding to employ a Climate and Green Health Officer to support the early development of the ACT Now Plan. It has also supported initiatives through the Lanarkshire Green Health Partnership including drafting the 'Green Guides'

VANL also used funding secured through the 'Lanarkshire Climate Action Hub' to deliver the following work up to the end of March 2024.

- "Climate conversation" training for around forty people from local communities and Community and Voluntary Sector (CVS). They will form a network of Community Climate and Green Wellbeing Champions to support increased community awareness and action.
- Preparation and launch of a North Lanarkshire CVS Climate Pledge to support local CVS organisations to take action to reduce their own organisation's carbon

emissions and where possible, support wider community action on climate and green wellbeing issues.

- Editing, design, and publication of the six thematic Community Climate and Green Wellbeing Action Guides.

3.5 Community Wealth Building – Engagement events

Community Wealth Building taps into the resources of various sectors to keep more wealth in communities. 'Anchor' organisations, such as colleges, agencies, and major local employers, are central to this effort.

Their goal is to create better jobs, grow businesses, increase community assets, and shorten supply chains. In North Lanarkshire, the Partnership Community Wealth Building Group has hosted engagement events to highlight the Community Wealth Building's five pillars, these cover:

1. Spending
2. Workforce
3. Land and Property
4. Inclusive Ownership
5. Finance.

The events highlighted the role of public partners, local businesses, and the community sector.

Going forward the Partnership aims to create a 'Community Wealth Building Commitment Statement.' This will require all projects and plans to show how they incorporate Community Wealth Building in projects, programmes of work, strategies, and plans.

4. Strategic Priorities

4.1 Mental Health & Wellbeing

In 2020, the Strategic Leadership Board agreed that promoting good mental health should be a priority for leaders in the Community Planning Partnership. A key part of this is tackling mental health stigma and discrimination. Currently only 40% of Scottish employees feel comfortable discussing their mental health with their managers. This highlights that workplaces need to become safer spaces for these conversations.

In addition to this six out of the nine Community Boards identified promoting mental health and wellbeing as a priority area of work.

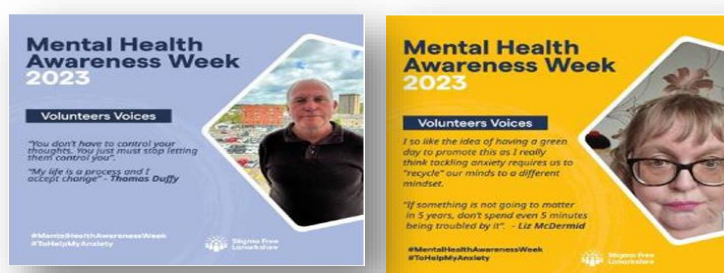
4.2 Stigma Free Lanarkshire



Last year, the Board agreed to continue supporting the Stigma Free Lanarkshire Programme.

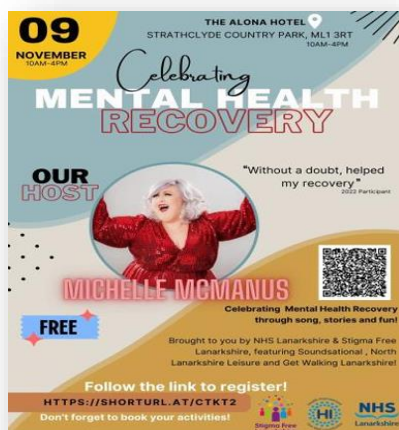
In December 2023, Lanarkshire Links successfully tendered to host the Stigma Free Lanarkshire Team for another three years. This ensures the programme can continue its work in Health and Social Care, Education, Communities, and Workplaces.

This year, Stigma Free Lanarkshire held twelve workshops with 112 participants from various partners in North Lanarkshire. Stigma Free Lanarkshire and the Lanarkshire Association for Mental Health supported seven volunteers with personal experience of mental health issues to share their stories during Mental Health Awareness week. Their experiences help inspire others and shape tools, resources, and policies.



4.3 Recovery

The concept of recovery is central to supporting people with their mental health. Recovery is a journey of healing and transformation. It supports a person with a mental health problem to live a meaningful life in a community of their choice while striving to meet their full potential.



On the 9 November 2023, 160 people with mental health experiences, including forty young ambassadors, gathered to celebrate mental health recovery. The event encouraged everyone to connect and work together to create the conditions for good mental health for all.

4.4 Community Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund

During 2021-2023, a total of £2.6million was allocated to VANL via Scottish Government to fund 86 Community projects and grassroots organisations. An additional £946,000 was allocated to third sector projects in 2023-2024. This funded a further thirty-four projects with circa 3,840 people benefitting.

Previous funding supported a diverse range of projects, including those supporting the mental health of refugees, BAME communities and carers. For the first time during 2023-2024, successful bids were received for projects supporting the mental health of the travelling community and LGBTQ+ communities.

Examples of community focused mental health awareness raising and initiatives during 2023-2024 included:

- Motherwell Health Improvement team hosted a mental health stall at Maranatha Foodbank and promoted 'Time to Talk Day' and Breathing Space's 20-year celebration.
- New public-facing mental health directory for children and young people shared with all community boards.
- The Wishaw LOIP Mental Health and Wellbeing subgroup now offers support every Friday at South Wishaw Parish Church. They host a Foodbank, Addictions, Hub, and Community Café.
- A joint initiative between NHS Lanarkshire - Psychological Services and Motherwell Football Club saw the re-introduction of Stress Control Classes. Following a successful pilot, these open-access classes will be reintroduced across North Lanarkshire.
- "Rabbie Does Strictly" - this initiative saw partners working together to source funding for a community event aimed at promoting mental health and reducing isolation.



4.5 The delivery of The Promise in North Lanarkshire



4.5.1 The Promise – Development Team Impact Evaluation

The publication of The Promise in 2020 and the supporting national implementation plan, provided the foundations for the delivery of The Promise in North Lanarkshire. A localised North Lanarkshire Promise Implementation Plan for 2021-2024, has also been progressed.

The key priority areas identified for the delivery of the Promise include:

- A Good Childhood
- Supporting the whole family
- Supporting the workforce
- Planning
- Building Capacity

In 2020 The North Lanarkshire Promise - Development Team was set up to support the delivery of The Promise across partnerships. The Development Team, which included care experienced young people, have conducted an impact evaluation of the progress of the actions identified in the North Lanarkshire Promise Plan 2021-2024.

The impact evaluation identified that there has been progress in the delivery of key actions which support the delivery of The Promise. Actions for the delivery of The Promise are included in the Children's Services Plan, 2023-2026 - Improvement Plan. The Improving Children's Services Group, on behalf of the Children's Services Board, has oversight of the progress of both these strategic improvement plans. [Children's Services Plan 2021-2023](#).

4.5.2. The Promise Conference

On 3 February 2023 the first The Promise conference took place. Over 230 managers and practitioners from across the children's services partnership and adult services, including third sector partners, as well as elected members, children and young people and senior leaders attended. Post conference evaluations highlighted opportunities to consider both the implementation of 'The Promise' in North Lanarkshire and how local partners can support this work.

On 16 June 2023, the Strategic Leadership Board agreed that the conference would be an annual event for the Council and partners. This reaffirmed the local commitment to The Promise.

4.6 Community Hubs Operating Model

Effective partnership working and place-based approaches to service delivery are shared ambitions in 'The Plan for North Lanarkshire.' Community Hubs play a pivotal role in extending our reach into local communities. They help to create organisational structure and partnership culture to design services around people and communities.

Creating community hubs across our existing estate

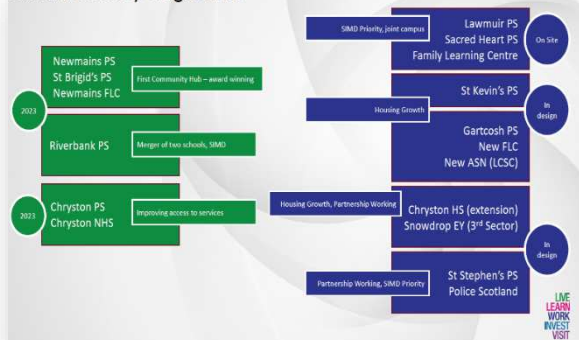


North Lanarkshire Council's network of Community Hubs provides a firm foundation for place-based service delivery, alongside offering excellent opportunities for partnership colleagues to work jointly in developing better integrated services that meet individual, and community needs and support the 'no wrong door approach.'

The Plan for North Lanarkshire and its associated asset management and operating model Programmes of Work have set clear ambitions that Community Hubs should sit at the heart of our communities and provide touchpoints for local people at every stage throughout their lives.

In February 2024, the Board were presented with an update on Community Hubs and the operating model across the Council's existing estate. The work is directed via the Strategic Asset Review and Investment Strategy. Outlined was the current the delivery programme and the programme to invest and rationalise the existing school estate.

Current Delivery Programme



Invest and Rationalise - Existing School Estate



The update also detailed the strategy and vision, including potential hub zones. The operating model has three phases and will be co-designed with communities:

- Phase 1: 2 years 2021-2023**
 Provide shared hub workspaces across communities for our agile staff in support of our future workplace ambitions.
- Phase 2: 3-5 years 2023-2028**
 Extend the hub facilities to the wider workforce, partners, third sector and wider public sector services to enable greater integrated working and reach into communities.
- Phase 3: 5-10 years 2028-2038**
 A fully integrated town and community hub model.

4.7 Tackling Poverty Strategy

The Strategic Leadership Board endorsed the 'Towards a Fairer North Lanarkshire' Tackling Poverty Strategy 2020-2023 and the associated Action Plan at its meeting on 18 June 2020. This merged four of the original The Plan for North Lanarkshire- Programme of Work priorities to ensure and sustain an integrated approach that places supporting positive, fairer outcomes for people at the heart of The Plan for North Lanarkshire.

The 'Towards a Fairer North Lanarkshire' Tackling Poverty Strategy 2023 - 2026 and its updated Action Plan was approved at the Policy and Strategy Committee Meeting on 28 September 2023.

'Towards a Fairer North Lanarkshire' brings together work across the Council and community planning partners. It ensures effective partnerships, co-ordination of planning and resource deployment. In addition, the strategy's action plan includes the statutory data gathering and reporting requirements necessary to prepare and publish a Local Child Poverty Action Report for North Lanarkshire.

4.7 Cost of Living



4.7.1 Cash first approach to food poverty and insecurity

Economic uncertainty continues to impact the poorest households, with the cost-of-living crisis impacting on a substantial number of families. The Joseph Rowntree Foundation reported in October 2023 that:

- 47% of the poorest fifth of households were in arrears with their household bills or behind on scheduled lending repayments.
- 72% percent were going without essentials.
- 58% reported not having enough money for food.

Since 2014, North Lanarkshire has pioneered a Cash First approach to address food poverty and insecurity, ensuring access to crisis grants and sustainable solutions through information and advice services.

This approach has now been adopted by the Trussell Trust, Independent Food Aid Network, and the Scottish Government. It involves referring individuals in food crisis to the Tackling Poverty Team for benefit checks, crisis grant applications, and budgeting assistance, or directly to the Scottish Welfare Fund.

To overcome a 48-hour delay in crisis grant decisions, North Lanarkshire Council successfully applied to the Scottish Government's Cash First Partnership Fund, providing interim payments to families while awaiting grant decisions.

The Tackling Poverty Team has generated £1,211,758 in additional benefits for residents presenting in food crisis, demonstrating the long-term benefits that accessing advice services can bring.

4.7.2 Reduce the Cost of Living

The Tackling Poverty Team created an affordable credit web page. It is now available on the Council's web site. It provides information on local affordable credit sources for residents.

The Council's Tackling Poverty Team received 1992 referrals for Debt Advice in 2023-2024. The total amount of debt dealt with by Tackling Poverty Team was £6,418,776.

4.7.3 Income from Benefits

During 2023-2024, the continuing legacy of the pandemic, significantly the Cost-of-Living Crisis have continued to impact disproportionately on our most disadvantaged residents and communities. This has brought the importance of income maximisation and wider work to tackle poverty into sharp focus, with the impact of low paid and insecure work a particular challenge.

The 'Cost of Living Helpline' was set up in early 2023. There has been an increase of 41.2% in the number of benefit checks completed for residents. This is an increase from 18,521 benefit checks completed in 2022-2023 to 26,158 benefit checks completed during 2023-2024.

The additional benefit income generated by the Tackling Poverty Team and other council services increased by 35.1%, with a total of £47,935,822 of additional benefit income generated via claims, mandatory reconsiderations and appeals for benefits. The external services commissioned by the Council generated £8,256,352M in additional benefit income for the residents of North Lanarkshire.

4.8 Creating Income from Employment

During 2023-2024 North Lanarkshire Council Employability funded the NHS Lanarkshire Demonstrator 2 Programme. This programme focused on placing twenty-three unemployed or low-income parents into paid work placements within the NHS for six months, earning above minimum wage. NHS Lanarkshire recognised this was an effective pathway for securing good employment opportunities for parents. The programme will continue during 2024-2025.

Nine projects were funded (total projects costs £560,000) and delivered by third sector partners across North Lanarkshire to collaborate with parents on low incomes. The focus was on providing activities and removing barriers to make them more job ready.

North Lanarkshire's Working and Routes to Work Ltd, supported eighty-five parents into employment or into better paying jobs with 75% sustaining employment for at least 26 weeks.

The Supported Employment Service worked with over two hundred clients, with forty-three entering employment. The service has a prominent level of sustainable jobs compared to other employability projects.

Other notable schemes, include:

- Reducing energy costs by improving the efficiency of 1446 council homes.
- £1.96m Social Housing Net Zero Heat Fund from the Scottish Government on upgrading non-traditionally constructed homes across North Lanarkshire.
- Bespoke Poverty Awareness Sessions delivered across all our partners. The sessions were planned to ensure that all partners recognise their role in tackling child poverty.

Conclusion

The North Lanarkshire Partnership has effectively demonstrated its commitment to statutory obligations through this Annual Review and Improving Outcomes Report 2023-2024.

The report highlights the successful collaboration between community planning partners, the voluntary sector, and residents. This collective effort in planning, delivering, and resourcing public services underscores a shared dedication to enhancing community outcomes and addressing inequalities. Moving forward, continued partnership and community engagement will be crucial in sustaining and building upon these achievements.

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Communities Committee

Does this report require to be approved?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Driving Digital Locally – Communities Update

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Executive Summary

To fulfil the reporting requirements of the Programme of Work to 2028 this report encompasses areas of work from the Digital North Lanarkshire Programme Board which are linked to the Council's Ambition 18; to ensure our digital transformation is responsive to all people's needs and enable access to the services they need.

Members of the Communities Committee are aware of the twice-yearly updates informing members of progress with the Driving Digital Locally Sub-group, initially set up as part of the former Digital NL programme.

This report provides an update on the progress to date with a number of key 'digital locally' activities which are highlighted within the report. These include the progress of the Driving Digital Locally working group, success of the intergenerational projects which bring together elderly residents and local primary schools, update regarding the stakeholder engagement for the proposed Digital Zones, the Public Wi-Fi project, online chatbot tool, and status of the new booking system implementation.

Recommendations

It is recommended the Communities Committee:

- (1) Acknowledge the contents of this report.
- (2) Acknowledge the success of the project and activities contained within the report which impact on delivery of digital services within Communities.
- (3) Endorse the next steps outlined herein.

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority	All priorities
Ambition statement	(18) Ensure our digital transformation is responsive to all people's needs and enable access to the services they need
Programme of Work	Digital North Lanarkshire

1. Background

- 1.1 Digital North Lanarkshire focusses on the development of a skilled digital workforce, promotes an innovative, sustainable culture and creating digital leaders to facilitate a transformed North Lanarkshire. It continues to build upon the successes and learning from our initial Digital First plans, seeking opportunities to improve and transform services, to change the way the Council interacts with citizens, and to create efficiencies.
- 1.2 The Digital North Lanarkshire Programme of Work aims to provide online, anytime services which meet the needs of our citizens, so it is crucially important for the Council to truly understand those needs. The programme therefore looks to drive effective collaboration and engagement with our citizens, staff, and elected members.
- 1.3 A detailed overview of the Digital North Lanarkshire delivery plan has been presented to all nine Community Boards in early 2024. The Driving Digital Locally sub-group (established in August 2021) remains a key mechanism for multi-channel engagement with community stakeholders.

2. Report

- 2.1 This report provides the Committee with an overview of progress regarding several activities which have a specific focus on improving service delivery for our communities, with many shaped via engagement with and through the Driving Digital Locally sub-group.

Driving Digital Locally

- 2.2 Members are aware that the Driving Digital Locally sub-group was setup in August 2021 with representatives of the nine Community Boards. The group consists of two members from each board area, representatives from across the council where there is a digital and communities' responsibility, and key stakeholders from priority groups and voluntary organisations.
- 2.3 During this year work has been carried out with Community Planning Officers and presentations at community board level to ensure full representation. Following this we have new representatives from Wishaw, Airdrie, Shotts and Northern Corridor, all a very welcome and positive addition to the group.
- 2.4 With Digital Inclusion featuring as a LOIP priority for many areas, the subgroup works continuously to improve effectiveness of their monthly meetings and arrangements for taking relevant information back to their own community. As previously reported, the group introduced a "Spotlight" section in the agenda of the meetings, creating opportunities for organisations to be invited to meetings to present details of local digital projects to the wider group, improving learning and understanding of successes taking place in other council areas. This continues to be a success as part of the agenda.
- 2.5 The subgroup Terms of Reference, reviewed every six months, initially determined the group meet monthly. Following discussion at the August 2024 meeting a review of the frequency of the meetings was carried out due to the demands made on volunteers across multiple community groups.

- 2.6 A survey was carried out amongst members, and it was agreed to move the meetings to six-weekly to allow time to co-ordinate better communication with the community boards.

Intergenerational Project

- 2.7 The **Driving Digital Locally Intergenerational Project** in North Lanarkshire has now supported over 70 elderly tenants and 100 school pupils. It educates older residents about digital technology through one-to-one training with young people, enhancing quality of life and fostering community bonds.
- 2.8 Successful short courses have been rolled out using a one-to-one buddy system linking tenants and pupils. The tenants and pupils discuss the elderly tenants' childhood memories from school life, food, songs and so on; the pupils then bringing elements of this to life digitally. Members will be aware from previous reports that projects have taken place in Wishaw, Coatbridge, Salsburg, Kilsyth and Mossend.
- 2.9 Building on this success of these projects a further two areas were recently delivered. The sixth project took place in November 2024 at Laurel Gardens Retirement Complex, Wishaw, partnering up with St Aloysuis Primary School. As with the others, this project was a great success and was showcased on the STV evening news at the end of November. The seventh project was completed in December 2024 at Kerr Grieve Court, Motherwell partnering with Glencairn Primary School. The Provost visited this latest project on its final day.
- 2.10 Following feedback from the previous sessions, a "How to" booklet was created for tenants, and a weekly overview was developed for pupils and teachers to allow for better preparation in advance of the sessions.
- 2.11 At the end of each session, feedback was gathered through Microsoft forms from each tenant and pupil buddy. This allowed the elderly tenants to utilise the skills they had learned during the project to complete the form online and at the same time provided the project team some meaningful feedback. The results identified:
- 2.12 Elderly Tenants feedback
- 90% of the tenants said they now felt confident using the new digital skills they had learned.
 - 100% of the tenants were satisfied with how the pupils had delivered the project.
 - 89% of the tenants said they would recommend the project to others.
- 2.13 Many commented they had already used the new digital skills in their daily lives, such as using notes to make a shopping list, booking a holiday online, sending an email and sending a photograph to a friend.
- 2.14 One tenant said, "I never thought I would enjoy going back to school and into the classroom, but the children were a pleasure to work with and had so much patience with us. They explained everything so well and showed us repeatedly. I had great fun learning and I am quietly confident that I will continue to learn more and encourage more of my senior ladies to get involved because if I can do it, they can too."
- 2.15 Pupils feedback
- 90% of the pupils said they felt confident and prepared for the course.
 - 70% said they found it easy to communicate with their elderly buddy.

- Many of the pupils said the project helped to express themselves and supported their confidence and patience skills.
- 2.16 One pupil said, "I was feeling nervous before taking part in the project. I felt more confident in what I was doing as the weeks went on. I liked spending time with the residents and getting to know them."
- 2.17 Following the success of the intergenerational project in 2024, we have submitted application to Local Government Chronicle awards under the Digital Impact category, members will be updated on the outcome in a further report.

Stakeholder Engagement

Digital Zone Consultation

- 2.18 As part of our digital vision that no one is left behind and everyone has the same opportunities to get online, approval was given by the Digital North Lanarkshire Board to establish two digital zones across the area by March 2025. The digital zones will be accessible to all residents, partners and local organisations providing dedicated spaces equipped with the latest technology and resources to help individuals improve their basic digital skills and gain confidence online. The first digital zone will be located at the **Buchanan Centre in Coatbridge**, and following an options appraisal the second location has been confirmed as **Chryston Cultural Centre**.
- 2.19 As part of the implementation of these zones we wanted to engage with key stakeholders to gain their ideas and suggestions on what they would like to see in these zones while thinking about their own digital needs. A Microsoft Forms survey was developed for residents and partners.
- 2.20 Engagement with residents took place through a mixture of online and face to face consultation. It was promoted through the council social media platforms and My Towns Facebook pages and through our Gov Delivery newsletter. A series of drop-in sessions were carried out at the main library in each of the Community Board areas giving those who could not complete the survey online the opportunity to either complete in the library online with support or complete it using the hard copy of the survey.
- 2.21 The consultation launched at the beginning of November 2024 and closed on 13 December 2024, with 620 responses received. Analysis will take place early in 2025 with the results being used as a basis to develop the digital zones. The outcome will also be published at that time.
- 2.22 A partner survey was also created online to gauge feedback from those partners who would potentially utilise the digital zone to support their clients. The survey asked how they would use the space available, what equipment would be required and would they require space to deliver short training courses or private rooms with their clients. This survey was launched on 12 December 2024, with a planned closure date of 17 January 2025. Details of requests and responses received will be reported to members at a future committee meeting.
- 2.23 Members will be aware from previous reports that a contract was awarded to Gladstone to roll out a corporate booking solution. Plans are now underway to run a pilot in the Coatbridge area, incorporating the new community hubs, community centres and the library in the Buchanan Centre, Coatbridge. This corporate solution will improve control of the booking process for staff and services and offer an online booking option for members of the public.

- 2.24 The procurement was split into 3 sections:
- Leisure Management and Membership System
 - Community Facilities and School Lets
 - Community Hub bookings
- 2.25 It was recognised by the evaluators that the supplier had ably demonstrated the solutions suitability as a Leisure Management and Membership system, further it also was clear that the solution represented a good fit with Community Facilities and School Lets, albeit it was recognised that current practices around serial lets would require work. The fit for Community Hub booking and desk booking was less demonstrably however the supplier had provided enough evidence of potential that it was agreed that a Proof of Concept on this would be incorporated into the award.
- 2.26 To date the focus has been on migrating the existing solution to the latest version and maximising use within the traditional Leisure management environment, Community facilities and schools lets; this requires a considerable amount of rework to ensure best alignment with solution. The pilot for Coatbridge has been delayed slightly to allow the initial migration to conclude but it is still expected his will be operational by of March 2025.

Tenant Conference

- 2.27 To engage further with tenants in a face to face surrounding, representatives from Business and Digital supported an information stand in the marketplace at the Annual Tenants Conference which took place in the Riverbank Community Hub on 16 November 2024. This was an ideal opportunity to engage directly with the tenants and get their feedback on the digital zone consultation. Hard copies of the survey were available along with IPADS to complete the survey on-line. Staff members were on-hand to support tenants through the survey. This work received a positive response from attendees.
- 2.28 During the conference there was also the opportunity to speak to residents about the digital intergenerational projects taking place in retirement complexes and with further interest shown in additional areas, these will be followed up during 2025.

Digital and IT Strategy 'Plan on a Page'

- 2.29 Members will be aware from previous reports that the Digital and IT Strategy 2024 to 2027 was approved at Policy and Strategy Committee in March 2024. Following the launch of this, work has been undertaken to develop a 'Strategy on a Page'. Several stakeholder engagement sessions took place to develop this, including managers, service representatives and Gartner advisors. This 'on a page' document is intended to give different audiences a quick overview of our strategy and approach to achieve it. The final draft of The Strategy on a Page was issued to the Driving Digital Locally subgroup at their meeting in December 2024 with final feedback sought at the scheduled meeting at the end of January 2025.

Digital Centre of Excellence

- 2.30 The Digital Centre of Excellence (CoE) was set up in January 2024 to find innovative ways to apply digital tools such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Robotic Process Automation (RPA) and Business Intelligence, to enhance our council services.
- 2.31 Members will be aware from previous reports that six processes were selected as Proof of Concepts and using the tool, *Co-Pilot Studio*, and a Chatbot was developed.

- 2.32 Following work with services to ensure webpages were accurate and up to date, the Chatbot “chat with us” was launched at the beginning of October 2024. The bot is situated on the bottom right-hand corner on the council website. A guidance webpage was created to support residents through the process of using the bot.
- 2.33 A soft launch of the Chatbot took place to allow for it to bed-in and gauge usage by residents. Between its launch on 9 October and 5 December, there have been 7960 engaged sessions with, on average, 70% of the queries being resolved. Performance of the bot will continue with a drive to increase accuracy of response rates prior to implementing a full communications campaign. Anecdotal feedback from communities has been positive which most recognising that this is an additional channel offered to engage with the council.

Public Wi-Fi Project

- 2.34 As part of the council’s connectivity contract with Commsworld, progress has been made through the Public Wi-Fi Project, giving staff, pupils and communities access to free public Wi-Fi.
- 2.35 The Council had previously provided both internet access via its Public Access Computing solution mainly delivered through libraries and public Wi-Fi access, however the later was disparate in delivery focused on select service areas, and relied upon 3 different solutions (Town Centres, Libraries and Leisure sites).
- 2.36 The Public Wi-Fi platform is provided by a Commsworld partner Wifinity, who specialise in large scale provisions of this nature. It is delivered over the modern fibre enabled Council Wide Area Network, where each site is provisioned with a minimum 1GB service.
- 2.37 The Public Wi-Fi design can be thought of as 3 linked components, the first is the local access delivered through Wireless Access Points (WAPS) the second is the Councils Wide Area Network (WAN); used as the transport mechanism between the WAPS and the third component, the Wi-Fi portal that provides access to the internet.
- 2.38 That first component has been delivered in 2 distinctly separate ways to control cost, maximise availability and reduce operational complexity.

- (a) The first way re-uses the extensive existing Council wireless infrastructure deployed across the estate, comprising some 3000 WAPS already. Public Wi-Fi is delivered as a virtual service to any WAP that requires it, it is then broadcast using what is known as an SSID (**S**ervice **S**et **I**dentifier) over the air and is visible to any Wi-Fi enabled device that can choose to connect; we call this a “Brownfield deployment”.

Whilst an efficient way of cost effectively and quickly deploying a Wi-Fi service, this method, by reusing existing technology is also layering up additional data traffic over that technology. This may result in local congestion for all SSID networks available via that local WAP network.

- (b) The alternative method “Greenfield deployment” is for sites that have no existing Council infrastructure. In this scenario the supplier installs a complete managed service including WAPS and WAN; this solution can only be used from a wireless perspective to access Public Wi-Fi with no direct access to Council IT services.

- 2.39 The new single consolidated solution replaces the 3 distinct services referenced in paragraph 2.35 and also extends into new areas such as High Schools, Homeless units, Sheltered Housing, and country parks. Due to its design and the underlying design of the Councils wide area network, the service can be deployed to any networked site relatively quickly and simply, albeit local enabling equipment such as wireless access points at a site are also required.
- 2.40 The Public Wi-Fi project included the task of developing a suitable design that could accommodate a single consolidated solution allowing internet connectivity from brownfield and greenfield sites. This solution was provided by Commsworld using Wifinity technology that provides the link between North Lanarkshire's wireless network and the internet for brownfield sites and a direct internet connection from greenfield sites.
- 2.41 The Public Wi-Fi solution is monitored using the Hot Spot Manager, a cloud-based system that provides information on the total number of registered users and the number of active users at that point in time. The monitoring tool also provides various graphical outputs on system usage.
- 2.42 Users of the service are asked to provide first name, second name and email address. This is to ensure the Public Wi-Fi system recognises them as they move from site to site across North Lanarkshire and area to area within a site.

Project Progress

- 2.43 The Public Wi-Fi project kicked off in March 2024 with the design process completed in June 2024. A short proof of concept was then successfully completed at Motherwell Library, limited areas in Motherwell Civic Centre and The Time Capsule, Coatbridge.
- 2.44 With feedback provided from the proof of concept, the new Public Wi-Fi service was switched on at the start of the school term in August 2024.
- 2.45 Public Wi-Fi is currently available in 70 brownfield sites that includes leisure centres, libraries, high schools, integrated day service centres and some key corporate buildings. The service is also available in 4 of 44 greenfield sites that includes, homeless shelters and retirement housing complexes where work is underway to deliver the service.
- 2.46 To assist with project delivery, representatives from services were brought together in a user group to help with the system requirements, design, testing and the rollout priorities for the new service. This group determined the branding, 'look and feel' and requirements for data gathering during registration, balancing capture against use. Corporate Communications are assigned business owners of the Public Wi-Fi service.
- 2.47 Town centre Wi-Fi has been operational across 8 town centres on a separate system for several years. The plan is to consolidate this within the new solution, providing a consistent single system, requiring one registration. However, this has been left 'as is' for now to allow focus on areas currently without service; this consolidation is expected to be completed by March 2025.
- 2.48 The unexpected level of uptake (over 31,000 unique users) of the new Public Wi-Fi service initially overwhelmed the infrastructure configured to support the solution. Issues have been identified and resolved by reconfiguring the supporting infrastructure with increased throughput capacity. However as stated in paragraph 2.38, brownfield deployments are a combined solution with existing Wi-Fi requirements. Should the use

of Public Wi-Fi be that successful that it derogates performance of business activities then alterations will be required.

- 2.49 Monitoring and testing continues as the service is rolled out with regular supplier engagement to review the system performance.

Future Use

- 2.50 Work has recently started to rollout Public Wi-Fi to a further 21 community centres. This work is being funded from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and is aimed to be completed by 31st March 2025.
- 2.51 There is potential to extend the use of the new Public Wi-Fi service to any connected site, beyond the planned >140 should the need arise.
- 2.52 The Public Wi-Fi solution comes with the functionality of displaying adverts and the Corporate Communications team, following training, have tested the system and intend to make full use of this functionality to deliver adverts on Council services and initiatives.

Next steps

- 2.53 Planning is underway for the next phase of development of the intergenerational project. Lessons learned will be reviewed and addresses prior to the developments at Airdrie and Stepps.
- 2.54 Taking the analysis from the digital zone consultation and the feedback from the aforementioned booking system pilot in Coatbridge, work will continue to roll out the digital zone at Chryston and the corporate booking system before the end of March 2025.
- 2.55 Continued monitoring of the use and accuracy of the Chatbot with a view to implementing a communications plan to encourage channel shift with more residents making use of the on-line tool rather than calling the Customer Services Hub will continue.
- 2.56 Continued roll-out of public Wi-Fi as outlined.

3. Measures of success

- 3.1 Success will be measured through the delivery of the activities noted in this report.

4. Supporting documentation

- 4.1 There has been many positive new stories resulting from the Intergenerational project, including the showcase in November on STV evening news. Below are links to some of the coverage.

[Intergenerational project teaches digital skills | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

[Pupils help tenants at retirement complex in Bellshill improve their digital skills - Daily Record](#)

[Generations learning together | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

[School pupils help improve residents' digital skills at Lanarkshire retirement complex - Daily Record](#)

[Back to the classroom for these seniors | North Lanarkshire Council](#)

<https://news.stv.tv/v/primary-pupils-helping-the-elderly-learn-tech-skills>



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5. Impacts

5.1 Public Sector Equality Duty and Fairer Scotland Duty 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> The work being carried out through the IPAD/intergenerational project seeks to maximise the uptake and benefits of digital technology amongst elderly residents in the community and will have a positive impact on their health and wellbeing. Furthermore, this project combined with deployment of the in-flight digital zones will help to address the impacts of digital exclusion within North Lanarkshire's communities. If Yes, has an assessment been carried out and published on the council's website? https://www.northlanarkshire.gov.uk/your-community/equalities/equality-and-fairer-scotland-duty-impact-assessments Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
5.2 Financial impact 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?
5.3 HR policy impact Does the report contain any HR policy or procedure impacts? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Yes, have all relevant HR impacts been discussed and agreed with People Resources? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?
5.4 Legal impact Does the report contain any legal impacts (such as general legal matters, statutory considerations (including employment law considerations), or new legislation)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If Yes, have all relevant legal impacts been discussed and agreed with Legal and Democratic? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, please provide a brief summary of the impact?
5.5 Data protection impact Does the report / project / practice contain or involve the processing of personal data? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<p>If Yes, is the processing of this personal data likely to result in a high risk to the data subject?</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If Yes, has a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) been carried out and e-mailed to dataprotection@northlan.gov.uk</p> <p>Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>5.6 Technology / Digital impact</p> <p>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?</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>The Digital North Lanarkshire Programme has collaboration and self-service at the heart of its design principles, with all appropriately reflected within both internal and external communications.</p> <p>The work being carried out through the IPAD/intergenerational project seeks to maximise the uptake and benefits of digital technology amongst elderly residents in the community and will have a positive impact on their health and wellbeing. This will also address the impacts of digital exclusion within North Lanarkshire's communities.</p> <p>The Digital North Lanarkshire Programme also envisages significant changes to applications, software, hardware, and connectivity, with all duly considered for security, compliance, Digital First and Enterprise Architecture perspectives through the key governance groups of the Enterprise Architecture Governance Group (EAGG) and Data Governance Board (DGB).</p> <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>5.7 Environmental / Carbon impact</p> <p>Does the report / project / practice contain information that has an impact on any environmental or carbon matters?</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>Providing digital services that offer online, anytime access to services will have a positive environmental impact across several important areas such as minimising waste and recycling, thanks to the limited need for paper forms.</p>
<p>5.8 Communications impact</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>Communications activities are detailed within the report.</p>

5.9 Risk impact

Is there a risk impact?

Yes ☐ No ☒

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?

Effective identification and management of risk is considered critical to the success of this programme, with all required processes strictly followed, and all high-level risks and issues regularly reported to the PoW Delivery Board. Paragraphs 2.38 and 2.48 illustrate that reusing existing technology and 'layering up' additional data traffic over that technology, brings risk of potential local congestion for all SSID networks available via that local WAP network. This will be closely monitored, and design amended, as required.

5.10 Armed Forces Covenant Duty

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)?

Yes ☐ No ☒

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.

5.11 Children's rights and wellbeing impact

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?

Yes ☐ No ☒

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).

If Yes, has a Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment (CRWIA) been carried out?

Yes ☐ No ☐

North Lanarkshire Council Report

Communities Committee

Does this report require to be approved? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Ref JMcK/CPT

Date 03/02/25

Contracts awarded below Committee approval threshold

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Executive Summary

In accordance with the Council's [General Contract Standing Orders \("GCSOs"\)](#), GCSO 21.10 requires a summary report be presented to members with details of contracts awarded since last committee, specifically for the spend range:

- over £50,000 but below £500,000 for supplies or services; and,
- over £500,000 but below £2,000,000 for works.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Communities Committee:

- (1) Acknowledge the contract awards made since last committee reporting cycle.

The Plan for North Lanarkshire

Priority All priorities

Ambition statement All ambition statements

Programme of Work Statutory / corporate / service requirement

1. Background

- 1.1 The Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 section 81 requires local authorities to “...make standing orders with respect to the making by them or on their behalf of contracts for the supply of goods or materials or for the execution of works.”.
- 1.2 The Council's [General Contract Standing Orders \(“GCSOs”\)](#) set out the council's specific procurement procedures and responsibilities at all spend levels, and include the reporting requirements of procurement activity, including contracts awards, to committee for either approval or acknowledgement.

2. Report

- 2.1 In accordance with GCSO 21.10, this report summarises the contract awards since last committee, specifically for the spend range:
- over £50,000 but below £500,000 for supplies or services; and,
 - over £500,000 but below £2,000,000 for works.
- 2.2 If you require further information regards the contract awards reported, please refer to the lead service area / Chief Officer detailed in the appendix.

3. Measures of success

- 3.1 All requirements contracted contribute to either the council's programme of work and/or fulfil a statutory requirement.
- 3.2 All contract awards secure best value for the council in accordance with their evaluation criteria.
- 3.3 All necessary diligence has been undertaken in the evaluation and appointment of contractors.
- 3.4 All contract awards are logged in the council's contract register.

4. Supporting documentation

- 4.1 Appendix 1 Summary of contracts awarded.



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5. Impacts

- 5.1 Impacts considered as part of the contract award procedures are recorded in the individual contract award reports held by the lead service area.

Appendix 1 – Summary of Contracts Awarded

Contract	Ref	NLC-CPT-23-119				
	Title	Provision of Sanitary Products				
	Classification	Supplies				
	Lead Service Area / Chief Officer	Stephen Penman, Chief Officer (Strategic Communications & Engagement)				
Competition	Governance by Value	Higher Threshold Regulated Procurement – The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2015				
	Procurement Route	Open Procedure				
	No. of Expressions of interest	23				
	No. of Bids Received	12				
	Award Criteria	Most Economically Advantageous Tender, 70% Quality:30% Price				
	Evaluation Scores – Successful	73.62%				
	Evaluation Scores – Unsuccessful	45.46% - 73.50%				
Award Details	Value	£450,000				
	Contract Duration	Initial 12 months, with options to extend yearly up to a further 36 months subject to funding				
	Contractor Name	Fast Aid Products Limited				
	Contractor Size	Small				
	Contractor Location	Loanhead, Midlothian				
	Status - Payment of Living Wage?	Yes				
	Status - Living Wage Accredited?	No				
Impacts <i>this section highlights which impacts were considered for this contract award procedure</i>	Public Sector Equality Duty and Fairer Scotland Duty <input type="checkbox"/>	HR Policy Impact <input type="checkbox"/>	Data Protection Impact <input type="checkbox"/>	Environment / Carbon Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Risk Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Children's Rights and Wellbeing Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Financial Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Legal Impact <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Technology / Digital Impact <input type="checkbox"/>	Communications Impact <input type="checkbox"/>	Armed Forces Covenant Duty <input type="checkbox"/>	
	Further details regarding these impacts can be obtained from the Lead Service Area / Chief Officer					

