

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 25 AUGUST 2014

REPORT ON: LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN MONITORING - 2013/2014

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR, LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES

REPORT NO: 281-2014

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 This report presents the findings from the annual output monitoring exercise of Local Community Plans for the period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee agree to:

- 2.1 Recognise the significant level of progress made in terms of outputs achieved by Local Community Planning Partnerships for each area.
- 2.2 Recognise the high level of collaboration, co-operation and support between Dundee City Council, partner agencies and community stakeholders in the implementation of Local Community Plans.
- 2.3 Agree that Dundee City Council should continue to work with public, private and voluntary sector agencies in partnership with local communities to address the long term aspirations, needs and issues identified in each Local Community Plan.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The successful implementation of Local Community Plans are dependent on progressing the agreed priorities within the existing allocation of resources from the Dundee Partnership.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 The Local Community Plan consultation exercise to create the new Plans (2012-2017) confirmed that of a total number of 870 actions (100%) across all eight Wards were prioritised. A further 36 actions have been added to Local Plans since 2012 making a current total of 906 actions.

The Local Community Plan output monitoring exercise for the period 1st April 2013 until 31st March 2014 confirmed that consistent progress has been made. (See Appendix One)

- 455 actions (50%) across all eight areas have been completed.
- 350 actions (39%) are on schedule
- 100 actions (11%) require to be progressed.

Results from across the eight areas confirm that Local Community Planning Partnerships provide an important focus for Council Departments, Community Organisations, Voluntary Organisations and local people to come together to address agreed priorities in a collective manner. Responses from Service Planners/Providers were received from each Local Community Planning Partnership. It was recognised that the Local Community Planning Partnerships are well established and increasingly recognised as an effective model and that they provide a robust structure and an effective mechanism to assist in addressing local priorities and closing the inequalities gap.

Given this is the first year of implementation of the new Plans, progress has been made at an appropriate pace.

Local Community Planning Partnerships undertook a stocktaking exercise in February 2014. The city-wide findings were positive and confirmed the key role that Local Community Planning Partnerships undertake (see Appendix Two).

4.2 Some of the Local Community Planning Partnerships' key achievements for the 2013-2014 period include:

Strathmartine

- In October 2013, the Strathmartine Ward launched 3 community Foodbanks. 40 local people completed training to provide and support this greatly needed service. A session is provided once a week at Chalmers Ardler Church, St. Mary's Community Church and at The Attic Project. Volunteers at each site also provide support and advice to individuals attending.
- The Attic Project in Kirkton received funding from the Strathmartine Regeneration Forum to develop a Community Garden. A group of local volunteers working with Dundee College, Dighty Environmental Project and the Environmental Department created a green oasis at the rear of their premises. The garden provides outdoor learning space for the community where they grow vegetables, herbs and flowers.
- The "Templeton Tangle" Mountain Bike Skills trail was completed and has enhanced the facilities for mountain bikers across the Ward and the city. The idea for the track came from local young people who felt the area needed this facility. The trail winds its way through an underused plantation, providing a range of challenges to help riders learn skills and develop confidence.
- St. Mary's Community Facility Management Group had a visit from the First Minister Alex Salmond in September 2013. The First Minister came to meet the Management Group and to ask them about their experience of supporting a local community-led managed asset. The experience was a very positive boost to the Management Group and to wider community members.
- Extensive engagement activity was held throughout Strathmartine during the year. Equally Well carried out consultation in Kirkton and St. Marys on wellbeing. The findings highlighted many positives features within the communities and where issues were raised these have been fed back to relevant agencies. Reshaping Care for Older People held consultation events in the area to seek the views on how services could be adapted and changed to reflect the changing needs of the older population. In addition, regular sessions were held at ASDA by multi agency teams, providing community information and money advice.
- The Splash programme was rolled out to the Strathmartine Ward and is based at St. Pauls Academy Swimming Pool. The programme aims to remove the barriers which prevent families going swimming together. It provides support in many ways, including a £1 entry to families with a child under 5. The programme is popular and enhances the use of St. Pauls Academy leisure facilities by the community.
- A programme of regular walkabouts in Ardler, Kirkton and St. Marys has ensured that residents can come together with DCC departments to highlight problems in their areas. These walkabouts have also led to physical improvements being made, including; providing adventure play equipment in Birkdale Place, new public amenities at Caird Park, Clatto Park and at Trottick Ponds.

Lochee

- Phase 1 of the Lochee Physical Masterplan is nearing completion. Demolition of the Highgate Shopping Centre, the reforming of Bank Street and new car parks have been developed. Also, a new housing development on Sinclair Street is due to start on site.
- Regeneration funding secured, in partnership with Regeneration Forum and local young people, for improvement of play facilities at South Road Park and a multi-use games area in Whorterbank (photos of consultation process)
- Continuation of the Family Splash programme at Lochee Baths for families living in the Lochee Ward with a child under 5 at an affordable price (Photo)
- Recruitment of the Lochee Pathfinder Senior Officer and community engagement workers. (Extract from newsletter)
- Provision of a holiday programme for Summer and October holidays and a pilot in Easter Holiday at St. Ninian's Primary School that provided family activities and a hot meal (Photo)
- Project Board formed to develop the new Menzieshill Primary School and Community Centre Campus
- Audit of community facilities in Central Lochee completed
- Provision of community drop-in cafes extended to include Lochee Parish Church, St. Mary's RC and Menzieshill Community Centre
- Gala Days in Lochee, Charleston and Menzieshill held in the Summer and a Christmas event in Lochee High Street proved to be well attended and highly successful.

West End

- Capital investment to improve access to the upper floor of Blackness Library completed.
- Local Community Planning Partnership membership continues to strengthen. Community and voluntary sector representation recently expanded.
- £10,000 Community Regeneration allocation made to the LCPP welcomed. Discussion around possible spend items is in progress.
- Job Club in the West End Ward now provides support for local people to gain employment and/or training. Workshops that help to write CV's and help to build confidence around the skills and qualities that individuals in the community have. The Job Club is well attended.
- Time 2 Give, the West End Timebank was formally launched and a Timebank Broker employed. Work currently focussing on explaining the concept and raising the profile of the initiative is being progressed.
- A Welfare Reform session was hosted in an attempt to identify local readiness for the impact as the Reforms roll out. Over 20 local staff and agencies were represented.
- West End Community and Sport Hub were supported to complete improvement works at the Riverside Pavilion and to work towards a lease for the premises.
- Community Spirit Action Group were supported to undertake a Graffiti removal initiative in the Blackness Industrial area.

Coldside

- A Health and Wellbeing Network has been established by local workers from the Communities Section, Equally Well, Voluntary Sector and colleagues from partner agencies. Work undertaken has included a focussed consultation relating to wellbeing, a feedback event, where solutions to issues were identified and actions developed for “Test of Change” activities.
- Attention has focussed on improving open and green spaces in Coldside. Dudhope Play Park is now firmly established as new play area. New play equipment at Dens Road Play Park and environmental improvements have been carried out in various streets around the Ward, including Coldside Library, Hill Street and Stirling Street. Good partnership working between local groups and the Environment Department and Regeneration staff continues to identify areas for improvement.
- The Maxwell Centre Garden Project has completed installing the infrastructure for their garden which was achieved through funding from the Climate Challenge Fund. Additional funding from the Community Regeneration Fund has enabled groups of children from the four local Primary Schools to take part in planting, growing and harvesting vegetables. Partnership work with Barnardos and the gardening programme will continue during the summer holiday, providing a valuable activity for local children.
- Bottom of the Hill Tenants and Residents Group have now opened their Community Lounge at the bottom of the Tulloch Court Multi. Funding has been secured to provide children and family work in the facility; this will help establish the space as a new venue for community use.
- The Hearing Voices Network, (HaVen) is one of the key local voluntary sector projects and has been successful in obtaining £355,000 funding from the Big Lottery to open up a community café in their base at Hilltown.
- Project Board formed to develop the new Coldside Primary School and Community Centre Campus
- Funding application made to Heritage Lottery Fund for the Dundee Law Heritage Project.

Maryfield

- “Picnics in the Park” have become an established part of the Maryfield calendar. Parents and children learn together in Baxter Park whilst connecting with a range of agencies that address a variety of needs. Publicity for the picnics is targeted on the Regeneration area and parents can now be confident of regular activity during each of the school holidays.
- Continued development of the Stobswell Adult Learning Association and the classes at Morgan Academy. A second term from January to March programme saw over 70 people enrol for Yoga, Arts and Crafts, Drawing, Italian, Cooking and Guitar. A strong committee now organises and evaluates the programme. The committee are now looking forward to their Annual General Meeting and the programme for autumn 2014.
- Friends of Swannie Ponds and Friends of Baxter Park each continue their work on improving valuable green space in conjunction with the Environment Department. At Swannie Ponds through working with the Boomerang Youth Group, benches and Notice Boards have been installed. Friends of Baxter Park meanwhile held a series of public events and activities throughout the year to celebrate the 150 anniversary.
- The Ward’s play parks were given a face-lift and hanging baskets brightened-up the Albert street area. This was able to take place through the work of the Maryfield Regeneration Forum the Environment Department and Stobswell Forum. Tackling physical and environmental issues continues to be a feature of joint work in the area.
- Volunteers and Committee members at Dundee Transport Museum were supported in their work to establish a Museum in what was previously a disused slaughter house. This major undertaking will come to fruition in 2014-2015, however already the signs are positive that the Museum will contribute to enterprise and culture in this part of the city.

- Celebration in the Park successfully took place last August and attracted many visitors. This annual event sees people coming together from across Stobswell and further afield. As part of the Blues Skies festival, art, music, dance science and sports all featured as part of the day's activities.
- Locally based agencies including Dundee International Women's Centre, The Hot Chocolate Trust, Boomerang, Dundee Employment and After Care Project, Stobswell Forum and Woodside Community Group were amongst those supported to make contributions to the local community. Alongside the schools and the faith based groups, they continue to provide space for activity and add to the Wards calendar of events. A great deal of this is captured in "Blank Space" the Wards Community Magazine which is circulated and produced four times a year via the Boomerang Project.
- New links were made with Dundee International Sports Centre (DISC). Pupils from Glebelands and Clepington Primaries were invited to take part in sports during in-service days. In addition Dundee's Brazilian community used DISC for a day of celebration, music and sport. As a result DISC, has now become home the Dundee Futsal team.

North East

- A new community building in Whitfield called "The Crescent" opened in April 2014. This is a new community facility which was built to replace the old community centre, library, health centre, GP surgery and social work office with a new multi-functional building that also incorporates shop units. The Crescent has been built in conjunction with the new Ballumbie Primary School to create a new centre to Whitfield as the first main component phase in the area's regeneration.
- After 12 months of consultation and fund-raising the local resident's group, supported by the North East Development team and working in conjunction with the Environment Department has completed the various development phases of the Mill O' Mains Park Masterplan. This will give residents of the area a high quality space with new play facilities, seating, new exercise equipment and woodland walks.
- A network of under 12's children's clubs has been provided in the Crescent, Ormiston Lounge, Finmill Centre, Families House and the Mill O' Mains Pavilion. This was inspired by the North East Regeneration Forum and financed through the Dundee Partnership Regeneration Fund.
- Whitfield Development Group secured £250,000 to build a new central recreational park in Whitfield. This new park will be built in 2014 and will create a children's under 5's play park, a youth area, a new 7 a-side football pitch, a zip wire, a dog agility area and free exercise equipment.
- A low cost weekly lunch club was established for members of the public on a Wednesday in the Community Services Complex, 101 Whitfield Drive. This has been developed through the Link-Up Project and Healthy Living Initiative, and utilises the skills of local volunteers who have been recruited from the area. Various learning and training courses have been completed by the volunteers who also launched the lunch club as a separately constituted local organisation in 2014.

East End

- An Older Person's Steering Group has been established in partnership with the Re-shaping Care Team. So far, they have run 3 community engagement events, a "Get to Know Your neighbour Breakfast" and a "Get Active, Get Involved event at Douglas Sports Centre. Future proposals include a Men's Shed project and a possible Peer Education Project with Focus on Alcohol and the Health Network.
- An East End Health Network has been set up following an Equally Well survey locally. The group is developing Tests for Change and seek to lead the LCP Health agenda in the East End Ward.

- As well as the Douglas Festival, both Craigie and Midlin are to have their own festivals this summer. Craigie is a new event, while the Midlin Festival has been revived due to increased local interest. All festivals have been well attended.
- Douglas Community Spaces Group has now started building raised bed plots for the Community Growing Project. Around half of the 20 plots are expected to be taken by local residents immediately.
- The Douglas area has been selected to be a Big Lottery Our Place 2 community which will result in a five year long project aimed at increasing the uptake of funding opportunities by the local community.

The Ferry

- A monthly dementia café drop-in opened in the newly converted St Aidan's Centre. The café provides support and services for people with dementia and their carers. LCPP funding has been identified to increase the drop-in to twice monthly.
- The Friends of Broughty Ferry Library continue to raise money for a community facility next to the library. A successful logo competition was lodged with the local schools in 2013 and regular fundraising activities are organised.
- Steering Group to establish a Timebanking service (Ferry Time) has been successfully developed.
- A new LCPP Working Group for tourism has been established. Local representation ensures links with the wider city tourism group.
- The Memory of Broughty Ferry booklet was produced to recognise the 100th year of Broughty Ferry being incorporated as part of Dundee City and has successfully raised substantial funds for community projects to be distributed through Broughty Ferry Community Council.
- Newly constituted North Barnhill Tenants and Residents Group are working together to secure improvements to the environment in North Barnhill in partnership with the Environment Department and other agencies.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.
- 5.2 The principles behind Local Community Planning is to empower all sections of the community to participate in decision-making, to encourage collective action and engagement in the political process and the representation of interests.
- 5.3 Local Community Plans can be made available in other formats and languages on request and are written with minimal use of jargon. Local Community Plans, Local Community Engagement Plans, Plan Summaries and updates on progress made in Local Community Plans are posted on the Dundee Partnership website www.dundeepartnership.co.uk/content/local-community-planning. Priority will be given to taking forward actions contained in Local Community Plans which address poverty, inequality, and tackle social exclusion. The production of Local Community Plans are helping make services, projects and initiatives more sensitive to the needs of all sections of the community.
- 5.4 An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and is attached to this report.

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted on this report.

6.2 Chairs of Local Community Planning Partnerships.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN MONITORING REPORT SUMMARY

MONITORING PERIOD - 1ST APRIL 2013 - 31ST MARCH 2014

	TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIONS (ACROSS ALL 8 WARDS)	ACTIONS COMPLETED	ACTIONS ON SCHEDULE	ACTIONS NOT YET PROCESSED
Number	906	455	350	100
%	100%	50%	39%	11%

It should be noted that percentages of actions completed reflect the first two years of implementation of Local Community Plans. Also that the Local Plans are rolling Plans and can incorporate new actions as agreed by Local Community Planning Partnerships.

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- It was reassuring to undertake this exercise and receive positive feedback.
- Local Community Planning Partnerships are generally seen as being effective in terms of partnership working and recognised across the city by most strategic planners and service providers.
- Most Local Community Planning Partnership representatives are clear about their role and some Council Departments eg Housing and Social Work have been proactive in creating departmental networks for their respective departments. The same was also the case for NHS Tayside.
- The issue of changing memberships was highlighted as an issue in terms of maintaining consistency and continually briefing new members. The extent of effort required from Communities Officers and Local Community Planning Partnership Chairs to brief new members on a continual basis is acknowledged.
- Local Community Planning Partnerships are seen as a strategic vehicle to reach large number of people through the networks which they are connected to. This largely relates to the number of presentations requested and in the main these presentations have been accommodated and have been seen as helpful. The down side is that for some Local Community Planning Partnerships this has had a negative impact on the time available given to progressing matters relating to Local Community Plans at Partnership meetings.
- The role of Communities Officers was acknowledged as being pivotal both in terms of servicing Local Community Planning Partnerships, facilitating partner agencies to tackle actions and being a rich source of local intelligence in each Ward.
- There are clear variations in terms of the duration of different Local Community Planning Partnership meetings and the duration and timings of Local Community Planning Partnership meetings, however this is for each Local Community Planning Partnership to determine what suits their Ward best.
- The fact that the meetings are publicised in the local Press as being open to the public but are not public meetings continues to be an acceptable irony.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT TOOL

Part 1: Description/Consultation

Is this a Rapid Equality Impact Assessment (RIAT)? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is this a Full Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Date of Assessment: 30th June 2014	Committee Report Number: 281-2014
Title of document being assessed:	Local Community Plans 2012-2017
1. This is a new policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed (If yes please check box) <input type="checkbox"/>	This is an existing policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed? (If yes please check box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Please give a brief description of the policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed.	Gather monitoring data to assess progress made with the first two full years of operation of Local Community Plans 2012-2017.
3. What is the intended outcome of this policy, procedure, strategy or practice?	Annual monitoring of actions progressed in Local Community Plans.
4. Please list any existing documents which have been used to inform this Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment.	Local Community Plan monitoring returns 2013/2014 from each Ward.
5. Has any consultation, involvement or research with protected characteristic communities informed this assessment? If yes please give details.	Consultation has taken place with Local Community Planning Partnerships which include community representatives.
6. Please give details of council officer involvement in this assessment. (e.g. names of officers consulted, dates of meetings etc)	Assessment undertaken by John Hosie, Community Regeneration and Health Manager.
7. Is there a need to collect further evidence or to involve or consult protected characteristics communities on the impact of the proposed policy? (Example: if the impact on a community is not known what will you do to gather	No.

the information needed and when will you do this?)	
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Part 2: Protected Characteristics

Which protected characteristics communities will be positively or negatively affected by this policy, procedure or strategy?

NB Please place an X in the box which best describes the "overall" impact. It is possible for an assessment to identify that a positive policy can have some negative impacts and visa versa. When this is the case please identify both positive and negative impacts in Part 3 of this form.

If the impact on a protected characteristic communities are not known please state how you will gather evidence of any potential negative impacts in box Part 1 section 7 above.

	Positively	Negatively	No Impact	Not Known
Ethnic Minority Communities including Gypsies and Travellers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender Reassignment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or Belief	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People with a disability	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Socio-economic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy & Maternity	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Part 3: Impacts/Monitoring

<p>1. Have any positive impacts been identified?</p> <p>(We must ensure at this stage that we are not achieving equality for one strand of equality at the expense of another)</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>2. Have any negative impacts been identified?</p> <p>(Based on direct knowledge, published research, community involvement, customer feedback etc. If unsure seek advice from your departmental Equality Champion.)</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>3. What action is proposed to overcome any negative impacts?</p> <p>(e.g. involving community groups in the development or delivery of the policy or practice, providing information in community languages etc. See Good Practice on DCC equalities web page)</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>4. Is there a justification for continuing with this policy even if it cannot be amended or changed to end or reduce inequality without compromising its intended outcome?</p> <p>(If the policy that shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination you must stop and seek legal advice)</p>	<p>The content of the report does not show actual or potential unlawful discrimination.</p>
<p>5. Has a 'Full' Equality Impact Assessment been recommended?</p> <p>(If the policy is a major one or is likely to have a major impact on protected characteristics communities a Full Equality Impact Assessment may be required. Seek advice from your departmental Equality lead.)</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>6. How will the policy be monitored?</p> <p>(How will you know it is doing what it is intended to do? e.g. data collection, customer survey etc.)</p>	<p>Local Community Planning Partnerships will monitor progress made with Local Community Plans for their respective Wards on an annual basis.</p>

Part 4: Contact Information

Name of Department or Partnership	Chief Executive, Communities & Policy Division
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Type of Document	
Human Resource Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
General Policy	<input type="checkbox"/>
Strategy/Service	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Change Papers/Local Procedure	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidelines and Protocols	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

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