

**DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL****REPORT TO: POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 14 SEPTEMBER 2015****REPORT ON: LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN MONITORING - 2014/2015****REPORT BY: DIRECTOR, LEISURE AND COMMUNITIES****REPORT NO: 324-2015****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 2014 to 31 March 2015.

**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.
- 2.4 Support the development of a consultation and engagement process to undertake an Impact Assessment of the current Local Community Plans in 2016.

**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 13 actions have been added to Local Plans in 2014/15 making a current total of 883 actions.

The Local Community Plan output monitoring exercise for the period 1st April 2014 until 31st March 2015 confirmed that consistent progress has been made. (See Appendix One)

- 465 actions (53%) across all eight areas have been completed.
- 340 actions (38%) are on schedule
- 78 actions (9%) 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.

## **5.0 MAIN TEXT**

Some of the Local Community Planning Partnerships' key achievements for the 2014-2015 period include:

### **5.1 Strathmartine - Key Achievements**

- Strathmartine Active Youth is a project which works with young people in Kirkton using football as a focus. It provides training and volunteering opportunities for young people to enhance their skills, provide mentoring to younger children and provide paid employment through Dundee United Football Club. It is a multi agency partnership which formed to tackle issues involving young people and anti-social behaviour in the Kirkton area. The main outcome is that crime figures have reduced significantly..
- The Kirkton Partnership commissioned a major Community Arts project to improve the appearance of the wall which is at the rear of ASDA This resulted in engaging with Jessie Porter Nursery, Downfield Primary School, Sidlaw View Primary School. The design focuses on the history of the area and what Kirkton means to those living there.
- Strathmartine LCPP has supported the development services which aim to reduce the negative impact of Welfare Reform. Three local Foodbanks supported by local volunteers are responding to the increasing need. In addition, Ardlar Village Trust offers information and public access to IT facilities. Both services are well attended.
- Community Growing projects are in place across all priority areas in the Ward. The Attic Community Garden and Ardlar Environmental group both received 'Thriving' awards in the Better Neighbourhood Awards in 2014. Community Growing gardens in Kirkton, St. Marys and Ardlar are being developed. These new growing spaces will provide valuable new learning opportunities and fresh produce for the local community.
- It is a local and city-wide priority to improve the quality of open green space and play areas. Improvements have increased public amenities by putting in noticeboards and more seating. As well as upgraded equipment to play parks in St. Mary's and at Balmuir Road. Work has also progressed to improve the landscape at Sheltered Housing Complexes in both St. Mary's and Kirkton.

### **5.2 Lochee - Key Achievements**

- Phase 1 of the Highgate Redevelopment Plan was completed in summer 2014 with the opening of Bank Street, new car parking and community space and associated Environmental Improvement works. The Highgate Redevelopment Plan offers a number of housing opportunity sites and the Sinclair St site is estimated to be completed October/November 2015. A second housing site on St Ann Lane is to start on site in August 2015.
- Plans to spend the Regeneration Funding secured for play facilities at South Road Park and Whorterbank are progressing. The Lochee Regeneration Forum has also supported the development of a Play Trail throughout the Menzieshill estate based on safe travelling routes to the new Primary School Campus
- The establishment of the Lochee Integrated Team includes staff from the Regeneration Team, Adult Learning, Lochee Pathfinder, Social Work and School and Family Development Workers. The team is currently working on a number of projects that focus

on early years and their families in the Lochee Ward

- The Lochee Pathfinder Integrated Team have successfully ran free school holiday programmes in local schools providing family fun and a hot meal
- Gala days were held in Lochee, Charleston and Menzieshill and continue to attract high numbers and are an important part of the community calendar
- New groups in the ward who have had support from the Regeneration Team include the Lochee Linties Singing Group, Lochee Community Gardeners and a Family Cooking Group
- A pilot project that sees the Community Regeneration Worker and a Housing Officer make home visits to new families with young children housed in the Lochee Ward is showing signs of success. A 'Welcome to Lochee' pack has been developed and given to the families. This includes community information and details of services that are available locally.

### **5.3 West End - Key Achievements**

- Following substantial investment to improve access to the upper floors, community and partner use of the enhanced space at Blackness Library has increased.
- £10,000 Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration allocation made to the LCPP was very much welcomed. Projects funded include: City Church lunch club, Addaction recovery champion, community noticeboard and environmental improvements at a sheltered complex.
- The Job Club operating from Mitchell Street Centre is providing support for local people in increasing numbers.
- Friends of Magdalen Green have been tirelessly fundraising to revamp the playpark at Roseangle. This dedicated community effort, with support from various organisations has seen £160,000 raised. The fantastic new park was formally opened on 17 April 2015 by Minister for Health, Wellbeing and Sport, Shona Robison.
- Time 2 Give, the West End Timebank is strengthening with number of members and hours exchanged increasing.
- Welfare Reform continues to have a negative impact within parts of the west end community. Regular contact is maintained with the partner agencies who are supporting individuals.
- Friends of Riverside Nature Park have been supported to develop and deliver a range of activities, events and volunteering opportunities in the Park. These include guided walks to identify birds and wildflowers, a beastie hotel making session, a bioblitz, hedgerow planting and litter picks.

### **5.4 Coldside - Key Achievements**

- A Community Café has been established in Coldside Parish Church. This venture was a direct result of issues highlighted in a survey by members of the Health and Wellbeing Network. This network which is supported by Equally Well seeks to see actions develop in the Ward in response to ongoing and emerging issues.
- Attention has been focussed on improving open and green spaces in Coldside, several areas have benefitted from small improvements and general clean ups. Notably an area along Dens Road which for years had been the subject of many complaints from residents has been thoroughly cleaned up and this has made a huge impact on the appearance of the area.

- Consultation with local residents has been ongoing throughout this year. One of the main pieces of work focussed on the “Windows in the Park” tiled structures at Hilltown Park. Residents were keen to be involved in discussing the future of these and comment, feedback and views were gathered from all sections of the community with the overwhelming majority wishing to restore and keep the eye catching art work.
- The Coldsidde Regeneration Forum continues to grow in strength and ability. There has been a number of funding applications which given the small amount have made a significant impact on the recipients. These include Rosebank Primary Football Team who applied for funding for new strips and a washing machine. Comments from school, parents and children include “all my kids now take part in the football at the school, event my daughter” “out team was enthusiastic but lacked confidence, having complete strips has given a huge boost to the moral of the team and consequently we began the season with a win” “School football at Rosebank has been turned round.”

### **5.5 Maryfield - Key Achievements**

- Picnics in the Park continue at Baxter Park on Thursdays during the holidays. Children and adults attended in good numbers, taking part in activities and making contact with services.
- The opening of the community space at Arthurstone has been a positive addition to Stobswell. A number of agencies and groups have made use of the building. Discussion is required to ensure a sustainable approach to the development of this space.
- The ownership of the former Council premises in Kemback Street has been transferred to the Boomerang Club.
- Adult Learning classes continue to take place at Morgan. Stobswell Adult Learning Association is now an established part of the community.
- Friends of Groups at Swannie Ponds and Baxter Park each support a programme of improvements and activities. Swannie Ponds Park has new signage and fencing, and Baxter Park will soon house a new multi-games area (MUGA).
- The Stobswell Events Group are again planning for the annual festival in Baxter Park – a community event, motorshow and arts celebration.
- Environmental Improvements have taken place most notably at Crescent Lane. This Regeneration Forum funded work was supported by the Environment Department and builds on previous activity in the area.
- Stobswell Forum continued to meet throughout the year and act as a focus for concerns of people locally. It assisted the Advice Café to find funding to open weekly with the support of local volunteers. Additionally documents were produced auditing community groups and places to meet across the north of the ward.

### **5.6 North East - Key Achievements**

- 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.
- Whitfield Development Group secured £250,000 to build a new central recreational park in Whitfield. The new park will be completed by the end of the Summer 2015 and has created 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 series of Family Fun Days have been organised by an inter-agency group of practitioners during local schools holidays. These days have provided families with a

programme of activities and a free lunch.

- A car park at the Cheviot Crescent shops and pathways in Dalclaverhouse have been resurfaced following years of disagreement about ownership.
- Finmill Centre has had a new outside activity space established, thanks in part to the efforts of the Finmill centre Local Management Group and a grant of £32,213 from the North East Regeneration Forum.
- The “My Whitfield” project engaged over 100 people in remembering the Whitfield of the past in order to identify the future aspirations of residents in the area.

### **5.7 East End - Key Achievements**

- Craigie Sports Hub had a successful funding bid to install a 3G pitch.
- £50,727 CRF Environment Funding awarded to revamp Greendykes play area in Craigie
- 3 Asset Transfers progressing well – to create an outdoor community space, indoor sports facility and Community Art facility. Douglas Community Spaces Group have been given a five year lease to develop the open space adjacent to Douglas Community Centre for Community Growing.
- Another successful year for community events – Douglas Festival, Craigiebank and Under 12s Fun Days, Fairfield and Craigie Sports Hubs Gala Days, Brooksbank Gala Week and East End Panto – all well attended and feedback from both local community and service providers incredibly positive.
- Men’s Shed Development Group obtained funding and donation of a shed to start project on the old Primary School site.
- Community Growing Space established .
- Our Place 2 completed over 250 interviews with local people and are set to start work on creating a plan to make improvements in Douglas based on the results.

### **5.8 The Ferry - Key Achievements**

- Broughty Ferry was nominated as a finalist in the Academy of Urbanism Great Neighbourhood Award. Local Community representatives attended an Award Ceremony in London.
- Friends of Broughty Ferry Library continue to fund raise for the Community Wing and have hosted a number of very successful events including ‘What’s in a Name’ where over 100 people attended a talk by Calum Webster.
- Launch of the Land Train in May 2014. As well as running in the Ferry the train has been seen at a number of Community festivals throughout Dundee.
- A successful Environment workshop in November 2014 leading to the development of an Action plan for the Esplanade and Beach.
- LCPP funding awards which have improved the environment of Community groups eg N Barnhill Tenants and residents and Grove Eco group.
- Successful community events including Gala week, Christmas lights “switch-on” and for the first time a Festive Train and Santa's Grotto. All events were well attended and provided opportunities for charities and local groups to fundraise and showcase their work.

- Grove Academy 125<sup>th</sup> year Celebration Event was a great success with over 100 people attending a dinner and evening of entertainment.

## **6.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management.
- 6.2 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.
- 6.3 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](http://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.

- 6.4 An Equality Impact Assessment is attached to this Report.

## **7.0 CONSULTATION**

- 7.1 The Chief Executive, Executive Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted on this report.
- 7.2 Chairs of Local Community Planning Partnerships.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 8.1 None.

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## APPENDIX ONE

## LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN MONITORING REPORT SUMMARY

MONITORING PERIOD - 1ST APRIL 2014 - 31ST MARCH 2015

	<b>TOTAL NUMBER OF ACTIONS (ACROSS ALL 8 WARDS)</b>	<b>ACTIONS COMPLETED</b>	<b>ACTIONS ON SCHEDULE</b>	<b>ACTIONS NOT YET PROGRESSED</b>
<b>Number</b>	883	465	340	78
<b>%</b>	100%	53%	38%	9%

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.

## EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT TOOL

### Part 1: Description/Consultation

<b>Is this a Rapid Equality Impact Assessment (RIAT)?</b> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Is this a Full Equality Impact Assessment (EQIA)?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Date of Assessment:</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> August 2015	<b>Committee Report Number:</b> 324-2015
<b>Title of document being assessed:</b>	Local Community Plans 2012-2017
<b>1. This is a new policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed</b> (If yes please check box) <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>This is an existing policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed?</b> (If yes please check box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>2. Please give a brief description of the policy, procedure, strategy or practice being assessed.</b>	Gather monitoring data to assess progress made with the first three full years of operation of Local Community Plans 2012-2017.
<b>3. What is the intended outcome of this policy, procedure, strategy or practice?</b>	Annual monitoring of actions progressed in Local Community Plans.
<b>4. Please list any existing documents which have been used to inform this Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment.</b>	Local Community Plan monitoring returns 2014/2015 from each Ward.
<b>5. Has any consultation, involvement or research with protected characteristic communities informed this assessment? If yes please give details.</b>	Consultation has taken place with Local Community Planning Partnerships which include community representatives.
<b>6. Please give details of council officer involvement in this assessment.</b>  (e.g. names of officers consulted, dates of meetings etc)	Assessment undertaken by John Hosie, Community Regeneration and Health Manager.
<b>7. Is there a need to collect further evidence or to involve or consult protected characteristics communities on the impact of the proposed policy?</b>  (Example: if the impact on a community is not known what will you do to gather the information needed and when will you do this?)	No.

## 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
<b>Ethnic Minority Communities including Gypsies and Travellers</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Gender</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Gender Reassignment</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Religion or Belief</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>People with a disability</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Age</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Socio-economic</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Pregnancy &amp; Maternity</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Other (please state)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Part 3: Impacts/Monitoring**

<p><b>1. Have any positive impacts been identified?</b></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>	Yes.
<p><b>2. Have any negative impacts been identified?</b></p> <p>(Based on direct knowledge, published research, community involvement, customer feedback etc. If unsure seek advice from your departmental Equality Champion.)</p>	No.
<p><b>3. What action is proposed to overcome any negative impacts?</b></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>	None.
<p><b>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?</b></p> <p>(If the policy that shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination you must stop and seek legal advice)</p>	The content of the report does not show actual or potential unlawful discrimination.
<p><b>5. Has a 'Full' Equality Impact Assessment been recommended?</b></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>	No.
<p><b>6. How will the policy be monitored?</b></p> <p>(How will you know it is doing what it is intended to do? e.g. data collection, customer survey etc.)</p>	Local Community Planning Partnerships will monitor progress made with Local Community Plans for their respective Wards on an annual basis.

**Part 4: Contact Information**

<b>Name of Department or Partnership</b>	Chief Executive, Communities & Policy Division
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<b>Type of Document</b>	
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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