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## COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIC BOARD THURSDAY, 7TH MARCH, 2019

**Date:** 7 March 2019

**Time:** 2.00 p.m.

**Location:** Committee Room 2, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells

<b>BUSINESS</b>		
1.	<b>Apologies</b>	
2.	<b>Minute</b> (Pages 3 - 6) Consider Minute of previous meeting of the Community Planning Strategic Board held on 22 November 2018. (Attached)	All
3.	<b>Draft South of Scotland Regional Skills Investment Plan</b> Presentation.	Grant McDougall
4.	<b>Digital Learning Project</b> (Pages 7 - 16) Update on the Project.	Angela Cox
5.	<b>Community Planning</b>	
	(a) <b>Community Plan and Locality Plans</b> (Pages 17 – 28) Update. (Draft Tweeddale Locality Plan attached)	Jenni Craig
	(b) <b>Theme Group Updates</b> (Pages 29 - 44) (i) Our Economy, Skills and Learning (attached) (ii) Our Health, Care and Wellbeing (attached) (iii) Our Quality of Life (attached) (iv) Our Place (attached)	
6.	<b>Best Value Audit</b> Briefing	Jason McDonald
7.	<b>Brexit</b> Planning arrangements update.	Philip Barr

8.	<b>Third Sector Interface</b> Update	Marjorie Hume
9.	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
10.	<b>Dates of Next Meetings</b>  The dates of the next scheduled meetings of the Strategic Board (all starting at 2pm) are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday 13 June 2019</li> <li>• Thursday 12 September 2019</li> <li>• Thursday 21 November 2019</li> <li>• Thursday 5 March 2020</li> <li>• Thursday 11 June 2020</li> </ul>	

**Note: Members are reminded that should they have a Declaration of Interest to make on an item of business, they should do so at the appropriate time.**

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Councillor Stuart Bell*	Scottish Borders Council
LSO Stephen Gourlay	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
Councillor Carol Hamilton*	Scottish Borders Council
Ms Karen Hamilton	NHS Borders
Mrs Marjorie Hume	Third Sector representative
Mr Tony Jakimciw	Borders College
Superintendent Angus MacInnes	Police Scotland
Councillor George Turnbull*	Scottish Borders Council
Ms Elaine Morrison	Scottish Enterprise
Mr Simon Mountford	Registered Social Landlords representative (SBHA)
Mr John Raine	NHS Borders

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Mr David Gordon	Waverley Housing
Mr Grant McDougall	Skills Development Scotland
Mr Colin McGrath	Community Council Network representative
Mr Bill White	Live Borders



## **SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIC BOARD**

### **MEETING**

**Date:** 22 November 2018 @ 2pm

**Location:** Council Chamber, Scottish Borders Council, Council Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells

**Attendees:** Councillors Mark Rowley (SBC)[Chair], Councillor Sandy Aitchison (SBC), Councillor Stuart Bell (SBC), Councillor Carol Hamilton (SBC), Mr Tony Jakimciw (Borders College), Mr Mike Jaffray (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service), Mrs Marjorie Hume (Third Sector), Ms Elaine Morrison (Scottish Enterprise), Councillor Simon Mountford (RSLs representative), Mr John Raine (NHS Borders).

#### **Also in**

**Attendance:** Clare Furze (Scottish Government), Tim Patterson (NHS/SBC), Philip Barr, Jenni Craig, Stuart Easingwood, Shona Smith, Jenny Wilkinson (all SBC).

#### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Ms Karen Hamilton (NHS Borders), Councillor Watson McAteer (SBC) and Superintendent Angus MacInnes (Police Scotland).

#### **2. MINUTE**

The Minute of the previous meeting of the Strategic Board held on 14 June 2018 had been circulated.

#### **DECISION**

**APPROVED the Minute.**

#### **3. ACTION TRACKER**

The Board noted that a core programme of agenda items for Area Partnerships was currently being developed for the year ahead, with partners feeding in ideas. All other actions were complete.

#### **4. INTEGRATED CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S PLAN 2018 - 2021**

- 4.1 Copies of the Integrated Children and Young People's Plan in the Scottish Borders 2018 – 2021 had been circulated. Stuart Easingwood, Interim Service Director Children & Young People, gave a presentation on the Plan, highlighting the work of the multi-agency Children & Young People's Leadership Group which gave strategic leadership and direction across the agencies. Details were given of the progress made under the previous Plan. The CYP Leadership Group had recently carried out a self-evaluation resulting in a new approach to tackle persistent issues, focussing on early intervention

and prevention, engaging with and listening to children, young people and their families. This was at the core of the Plan as the perception by adults could be different from that experienced by children in reality. The Plan had a shared vision that in "working together we will ensure all children and young people have a sense of belonging, self-worth and self-confidence to achieve their unique potential." There were 4 priorities: keeping children and young people safe; improving health and well-being and reducing inequalities; targeting support to maximise life experiences and opportunities and ensuring inclusion; and increasing participation and engagement.

- 4.2 In response to members' questions, Mr Easingwood confirmed that with regard to the data required for priorities and outcomes, these were provided through linkages with other Forums, with work ongoing to establish the frequency of reporting progress. An action plan would be produced which would say what would be done, who would lead on this, and the outcomes which would be measured. All public protection areas in the Borders - including adults, children, domestic abuse, etc. - were being reviewed with the aim of bringing in a whole family approach, cutting across agencies to identify needs. A review of how existing resources were deployed would need to be carried out to look at whether work could be undertaken more efficiently and effectively, including using the partnership approach to work collaboratively wherever possible.

#### **DECISION**

**AGREED to approve the Integrated Children and Young People's Plan in the Scottish Borders 2018 – 2021.**

#### 5. **COMMUNITY PLAN AND LOCALITY PLANS**

With reference to paragraph 8 of the Minute of 14 June 2018, Jenni Craig, SBC Service Director Customer & Communities, advised that no comments had been received from partners about the content of the Community Plan so no changes needed to be made. A paper on a proposed performance monitoring framework would be brought to the Strategic Board for consideration at their next meeting in March 2019, with a performance report at the June meeting. With regard to Area Partnerships, Tweeddale had finished the cycle of "theme" meetings, with the other areas one behind, and work was underway to develop Locality Plans. It was hoped that all Locality Plans would be finalised in spring 2019 and these would then be brought to the Strategic Board. All partners had attended, led and contributed to Area Partnership meetings and had given some feedback, although further feedback on the operation of the Area Partnerships would be useful. More work was needed to attract harder to reach groups to attend these meetings so their voice could be heard. A recent meeting had been held with Community Council representatives from the Eildon Area to explore further various aspects of the Community Empowerment Act and the role of Community Councils in community planning. This had been a really open and helpful meeting and it was hoped to repeat this with other areas. An update would be brought to the next meeting of the Strategic Board.

**Noted.**

#### 6. **THEME GROUP UPDATES**

##### 6.1 **Our Economy, Skills and Learning**

Copies of an update by Theme Leads Rob Dickson and Angela Cox from the Economy and Low Carbon Group were issued at the meeting. Mr Bryan McGrath, SBC Chief Officer Economic Development, highlighted areas of

progress against the outcomes along with any issues and risks. Ms Morrison, Scottish Enterprise, advised that she was happy to provide any information on Scottish business data if this would be helpful. In terms of Economic Strategies, Mr McGrath advised that both Scottish Borders and Dumfries & Galloway Councils economic strategies would be part of a future South of Scotland Enterprise Agency strategy, and the 2 Councils were working in partnership at the moment. It was vital that the Community Planning Economy and Low Carbon Group continued to identify a set of ambitious projects/programmes for this strategy. Practical issues had been raised about the interface/equipment required for College/school systems in the Digital Learning pilot project.

**Action:**

**AGREED that Angela Cox would provide an update on the Digital Learning Project to the next meeting of the Strategic Board in March 2019.**

**6.2 Our Health and Wellbeing**

Copies of an update by Theme Leads Rob McCulloch-Graham and Tim Patterson on Health and Wellbeing had been circulated. Dr Patterson advised that progress updates had been included against 2 of the outcomes with the 3<sup>rd</sup> outcome (improved support and care for older people) to be picked up in the next update. The work of the Group aimed to change the environment and culture to integrate the notion of public health into everything organisations did. Obesity was a real problem and going up each year, with a related increase in diabetes as a consequence. A lot of ill health was related to a person's socio-economic situation so health assessment needed to be included in any future policy making. Dr Patterson was happy to offer support to any partner organisation in terms of advice or training. Members discussed mental health in general, including the impact of social media. The Lifestyle Advisory Service could provide support for physical and mental health.

**Noted.**

**6.3 Our Quality of Life**

Copies of an update by Theme Leads Andy McLean, Murray Leys and Stuart Easingwood on the work of the Quality of Life Group had been circulated. Graham Jones, SBC Safer Communities & Community Justice Manager, presented the update, further advising that the Safer Communities Team was currently working up its business plan for the next 3 years and this would have greater synergy between police and fire service plans and public protection.

**Noted.**

**6.4 Our Place**

Copies of an update by Theme Leads Julia Mulloy and Niles Istephan on the work associated with Our Place were issued at the meeting. Shona Smith, SBC Communities and Partnership Manager, advised that Ms Mulloy and Mr Istephan had submitted apologies for the meeting as both were attending the Scottish National Housing Conference, but would be happy to receive any comments or questions. Key strategies and plans were being developed.

**Noted.**

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 **Third Sector Interface**

Mrs Hume, Third Sector representative, advised that following a review, Scottish Government funding for the Third Sector Interface (TSI) had now been released for one more year. It was necessary for the TSI (which was a partnership in the Scottish Borders) to have an Action Plan submitted by the end of the year to Scottish Government. The Plan had to include a vision, outcomes and how the work fitted in with other services, as well as how it would be measured, along with the inclusion of external factors including funding. The themes for the TSI were also much more cross-cutting. The TSI was due to meet the following week to consider a first draft.

**Noted.**

7.2 **Water Services Consultation**

Mrs Hume referred to a Scottish Government consultation "Investing in and paying for your water services from 2021" which had closed in August 2018. The consultation proposed a reduction or removal of the current 25% discount for single occupants of houses which could impact adversely on the elderly, particularly those in rural communities.

**Noted.**

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Strategic Board would take place on Thursday 7 March 2019 at 2.00pm in Committee Room 2, Council HQ, Newtown St Boswells.

**Noted.**

*The meeting concluded at 4.00 pm.*

# South of Scotland Skills & Learning Network PROJECT **UPDATE**

PROJECT LAUNCH – JULY 2019

## South of Scotland to benefit from multi-million pound SoSEP investment

The South of Scotland is to benefit from an investment of just over 6.6 million pounds as part of plans approved by the South of Scotland Economic Partnership (SoSEP) to enable the creation of a digital learning platform and infrastructure that aims to provide access to learning opportunities for individuals of all ages, irrespective of location.

The investment will see a partnership between Dumfries

& Galloway College and Borders College to develop a network of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) Hubs across the South of Scotland, to address the immediate skills gaps in areas such as Energy and Engineering, Construction and Care. These will be accessible to school and college students and employers wishing to try the latest technologies or upskill their current workforce. A number of digital spokes, located

across the South of Scotland in schools, community venues and in local business premises provide inclusive access. Lessons delivered elsewhere will be open for others to participate in, along with online learning resources. Through this investment, the colleges will collaborate to develop their offer within their respective regions, especially at higher levels, and grow their online flexible learning provision over the next five years.

*Commenting on the announcement, Carol Turnbull, CEO of Dumfries & Galloway College, said:*

“A key role of colleges is to support inclusive economic growth through vocational, professional and technical education and training, and by supporting business innovation. This investment will enable Dumfries and Galloway and Borders Colleges to transform

their educational delivery to meet the needs of learners, industry and communities, and to support business innovation through the use of technology.”



*Angela Cox, CEO of Borders College, said:*

“I am delighted that the SOSEP recognises the importance of skills in supporting our businesses to improve productivity. This project gives us a platform to transform how we provide learning opportunities for everyone within the Borders Region. I look forward to collaborating with Dumfries & Galloway College and other educational providers as we develop and expand our curriculum offer, and see this as the start of a long-term transformation of our educational delivery”.



## THE PROJECTS

# Care Career Academy development

As part of the ambitious plans Borders College and Dumfries and Galloway College will see a significant investment in their respective Care Career Academies. These were set up to encourage individuals to consider the Health & Care sector as a career choice and support programme. The creation of enhanced facilities allowing for greater flexible learning opportunities utilising digital technologies via the planned learning hubs, and the adoption of the latest

technologies will prepare the current and future workforce to adopt new techniques and practice. This innovative partnership between Borders College and Dumfries and Galloway College will allow for the sharing of knowledge and expertise between the two organisations through the utilisation of digital platforms, which will allow training to be provided remotely to users and broaden the training offer from foundation to degree level.

# STEM Hubs

Collaborative working between Borders College and Dumfries and Galloway College will see the two organisations addressing the skills shortage and accessibility of innovative technologies within the Construction and Engineering sector.

Borders College will lead on Construction and Sustainability whilst Dumfries and Galloway College will lead on Engineering and Renewables, bringing to local employers the latest technologies that are transforming these industries.

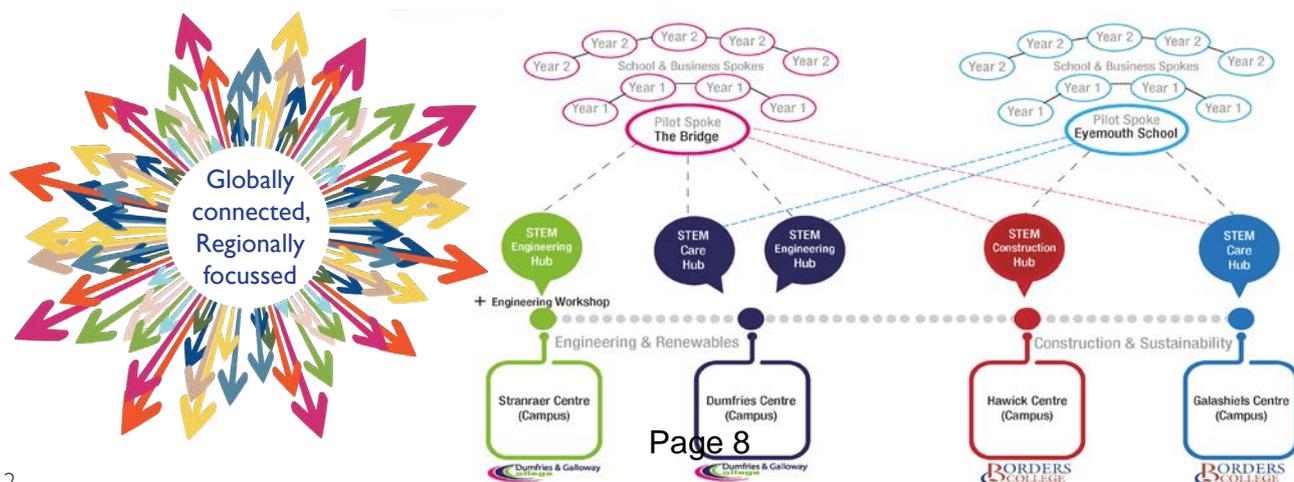
Borders College in Hawick will see the campus reconfigured to provide an enhanced provision for the innovative STEM Hub in Construction and Renewables. Once in place the Hawick Campus will promote training and development of new and emerging technologies in the construction and renewables

industries. This exciting and essential Hub will become a key element for both local and national companies, along with schools and communities, in the upskilling of both the current and future workforce.

The development of the Hub in Dumfries and a mini Hub in Stranraer has seen support given from not only the Energy Skills Partnership but also local and national businesses, with the potential for the Stranraer Hub to open up links with Ireland.

Engineering and Renewables is a much needed and developing sector across the South of Scotland. The facilities will provide cutting edge renewable techniques supported by innovative learning approaches.

Accessibility across the South of Scotland will be enabled by both hubs being virtually connected.





## Care professionals develop in training partnership

Scottish Borders Council, SB Cares, Borders College and NHS Borders have come together to support the delivery of the integrated health and social care partnership by creating the Borders Care Career Academy, which provides a range of flexible training opportunities.

This will enable individuals across the Borders to learn while they earn, develop a range of skills and offer progression onto their chosen career pathways.

The focus is to develop learning and skills opportunities in the work place, on demand, and to provide portable access to learning using digital technologies.

Health and Social Care integration is underpinned by legislation to have a Health and Social Care partnership for every NHS Board in Scotland.

### What the academy will look like

The Care Career Academy will involve the redevelopment and enhancement of the Borders College campus in Galashiels. It will see internal works on classroom space, creating a suite of practice-based learning environments that include a home area and a hospital bedroom.

The two training rooms will consist of a clinical skills lab equipped with Simtech Mannequins, a simulated hospital acute bed space area and a simulated home environment, including a kitchen, bathroom and an outdoor space, all equipped with the most current digital home health care solutions.

With this in mind, Borders College is already working closely with NHS Borders in the development of our new clinical skills lab, and are working closely with SB Cares in establishing our new home care training area.

We are also in liaison with Dumfries and Galloway College in the planning of our new training areas and training provision.

As a result of this positive collaboration, we have now established our equipment requirements, we are now working through the procurement process, and will be purchasing our new equipment in the near future.

### Future ambition

As principal providers of health and social care training in the Scottish Borders, the future ambition is to create a Hub that provides excellence in training and education that reflects the changes to service delivery, where less people will go into hospital and more people will be looked after in their own home and local community. The training and education of the current and future workforce is essential in taking forward these objectives. Staff and carers will learn how to look after people at home, how to use equipment and technology to stay independent and how to use and give health checks to inform positive interventions.

As people are living longer there will be more people accessing health and social care services but there will be less money to provide these services. Different training and education providers need to work together more effectively and efficiently to make services better for everyone.



*Pictured left to right are: (back row) Philip Barr (Managing Director SB Cares), Lesley Anderson (Curriculum Learning Manager, Borders College), Dorota McCallum, Jill Maben, Maureen Clamp, Elizabeth Gillespie, Angela Cox (Principal, Borders College) and Rob McCulloch-Graham (Chief Officer for Health and Social Care Integration, NHS Borders), and (front row) Shona Haslam (Leader of SBC), Kay Moorhead, Sarah Scott and Nadine McRitchie*



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## INNOVATION STEM HUB, HAWICK – BORDERS COLLEGE

# Innovation STEM Hub, Hawick

### **Vision**

Our vision for the College, and the South of Scotland region as a whole, is for the area to have the best-connected, future-proofed learning systems in the country. This means that every child and potential student can access a wide range of learning within their own community.



### **What will the Hub look like?**

The Hub will involve redevelopment and enhancement of Borders College's current Centre for Business Development, based in Hawick. It will see internal works to extend the upper floor of the Centre, creating flexible space for businesses and individuals to meet. The Hub will give businesses and communities access to technologies that are transforming our industries, including 3D printing, virtual and augmented reality, BIM software, analytical software and drones.

The Hub will include the extension of the College's current partnership with Worcester Bosh, allowing access to renewable technologies in the provision of heat and power. Added to this will be an "ECO room", allowing access to the latest technologies in low-carbon and sustainable construction. Included within the Hub will be three classrooms and linked to the ECO room there will be workshop space available for studying and testing renewable technologies, such as air tightness, insulation and thermal imaging.

### **What will the Hub do?**

The STEM Hub will give businesses access to state-of-the-art technology, including 3D printing, virtual reality and Business Information Modelling (BIM) software, as well as a focus on sustainable energy provision. The Hub will complement and support the STEM Hub centred in Dumfries and Galloway.

The Hub will enable opportunities for upskilling and re-skilling to the current and future workforce, improving the competitiveness and productivity of South of Scotland businesses. Industry training programmes will be offered, the curriculum offered to College students will be adapted and enhanced to include use of the technologies and innovations. The College will work with the Region's schools to deliver STEM masterclasses as part of our school academy programmes.

### **What is our future ambition?**

The Hub will allow increased capacity to deliver a wider range of training to businesses and individuals, and a wider curriculum offer to our students. This has the potential to widen further to include access to degree level qualifications in the Borders. The shared access with Dumfries and Galloway will have potential to extend further geographically, attracting income to the region for commercially available training.

### **Where are we now?**

Tenders are currently out with potential contractors and are due back in by the 18th January. The successful contractor has a completion date of the 16th August to ensure that we are up and running for the next academic session.

**For further information,** please contact Davie Lowe, Assistant Principal – email [dlowe@borderscollege.ac.uk](mailto:dlowe@borderscollege.ac.uk) or call 08700 50 51 52.

**BORDERS COLLEGE - PROPOSED DIGITAL SPOKES**

# Digital Hub and Spoke Project update

- The College has identified a set of rooms and spaces across Borders College campus sites that will be redeveloped as ‘Digital Hub’ rooms. Digital Hub rooms are modern video conferencing enabled spaces on campus sites. The included sites are Scottish Borders Campus, Newtown St. Boswells, Tweedbank and Hawick.
- Initial ‘Digital Spoke’ rooms are planned for Eyemouth, Earlston, Peebles, Selkirk and Kelso High Schools. Digital Spokes are modern video conferencing enabled spaces on sites other than Borders College campuses.
- Digital Hub and Spoke specifications have been finalised. These include High Definition touchscreen displays, high specification conference video cameras, advanced microphone arrays and updated learning spaces. This equipment will combine to enable an outstanding remote or on-site learning and working experience for staff and students.
- New online and remote delivery courses currently undergoing planning/resource building including – Higher Psychology, NPA Health and Social Services, PDA Acute and Community Care, NPA Events, HNC Electrical Engineering and NPA level 6 Software Development.

**Ongoing/upcoming work:**

- Installation work for Spoke/Hub room equipment is planned through March/April.
- A demonstration and pilot of a the VScene web-based video conferencing system is planned with external partner Ajenta and Dumfries & Galloway College.
- A demonstration of an innovative automated laptop loan locker system with LapSafe Products is currently planned. This will allow the College to look at options for automating the deployment of mobile devices and a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) approach for the new learning spaces in the Digital Hubs and across the wider College.
- Continued course development and collaboration between Scottish colleges.
- Planning is underway for a staff pilot of a new video conferencing system as part of future training and testing.



## Proposed Digital Hubs

<b>Scottish Borders Campus</b>			
0.050 - Fujitsu Room	2.005	1.007 Computing Suite	3.004
<b>Recording / Video Conference Pods</b>			
0.036	0.037	0.038	
<b>Borders Care Career Academy</b>		0.053	
<b>Hawick</b>			

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## DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COLLEGE OVERVIEW

# Dumfries and Galloway College overview

**STEM Hub Dumfries** – good progress has been made, and drawings remain on schedule. Contact has been made with SEPA around the permits required for a new composter and rainwater harvesting system. Onsite surveys have taken place over the past week and no issues have been raised at this point. Telephone discussions have taken place with RSP with regards to the use of renewables within the build process to incorporate the HD development.

**Mini STEM Hub Stranraer** – An issue has been identified with the build process at Stranraer, where a major power cable is in the way of the proposed build. This is in the hands of RSP at this time to progress.

**Care Academy progress** – Progress continues to be made and final drawings have had good input from service users.

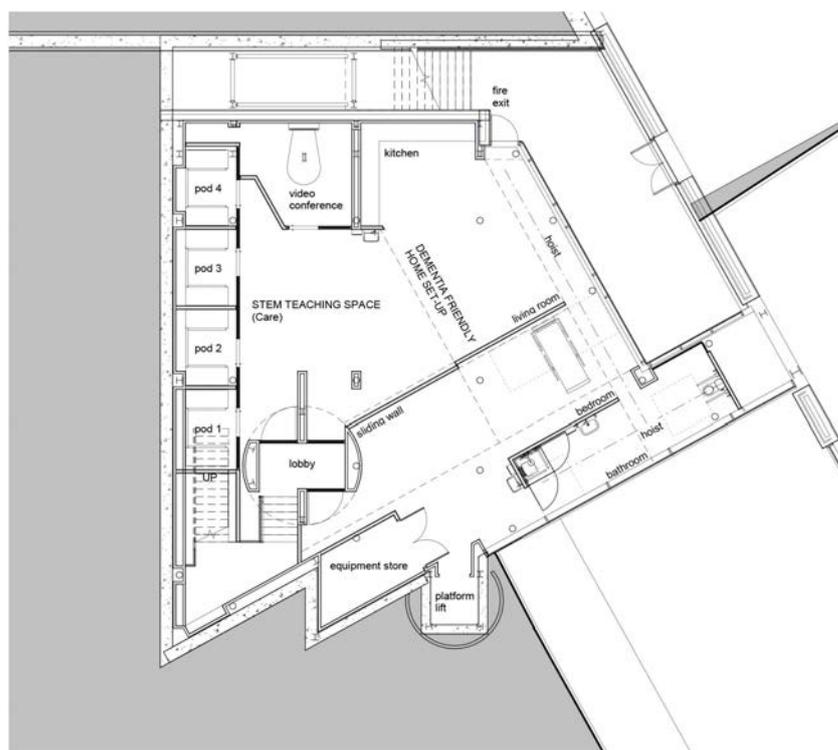
**Digital Technology** – VScene have given the college some equipment to trial, and this has proved successful. Some minor issues have been discovered and resolved. The trial period was extended to the 15th December, but there have been successful connections to VC units, PCs Laptops, I pads and Phones. Visits around Scotland have taken place to witness the latest and best technology being used in teaching. This included visits to Barony for digital classroom experience, Inverness to observe UHI teaching and to the Western Isles to observe the teaching of Gaelic in schools and colleges.

**Staff development** – is taking place with key individuals being approached to assist with the development of both staff and materials. The role of e-learning technologist is progressing well and the College has identified staff who may

take on this role. Discussions are ongoing with two staff members who may be in a position to work with curriculum staff to transfer current learning material into electronic resources which can be delivered across the hub and spoke network. In line with this, the College has started the process of staff development to ensure that curriculum staff have the necessary skills to deliver digitally. The Head of HR has completed an ICT skills audit. Results of this are being examined and appropriate training will be sourced to meet needs.

**Curriculum development** – Courses have been identified for delivery commencing in August 2019. Academic staff are currently working on developing a three year rolling curriculum plan for delivery through the project:

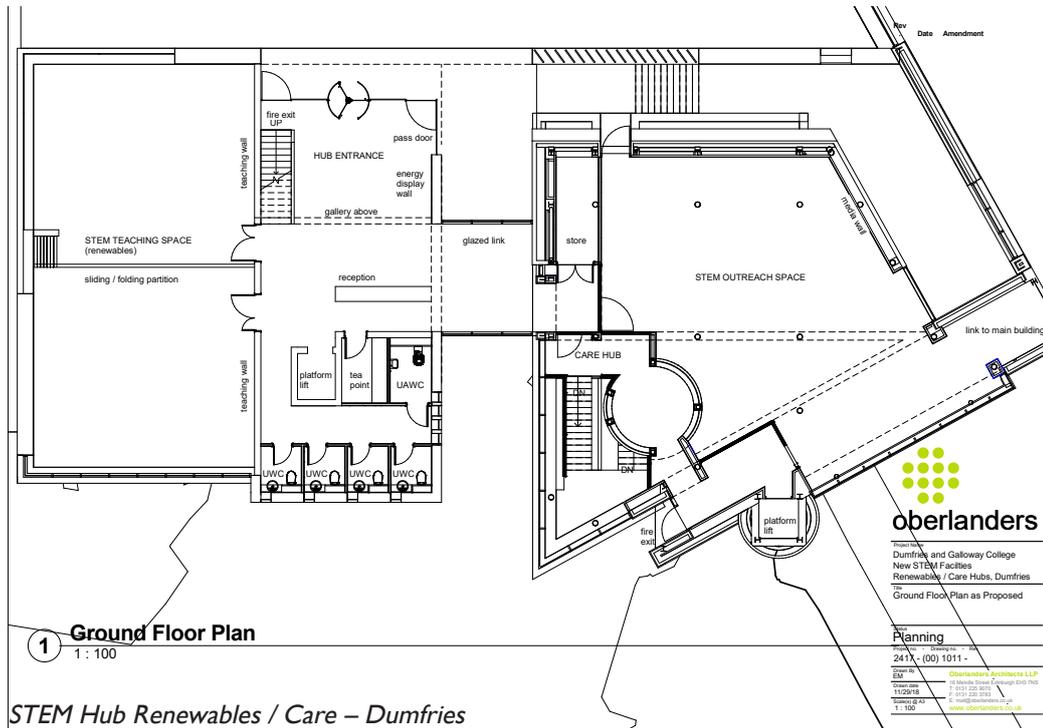
- **Care staff** will be developing an SQA National Progression Award (NPA) in Health and Social Care: Promoting Re-ablement (which is an SCQF level 6 award) course over the next two academic blocks and will offer this course from



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STEM Hub Renewables / Care – Dumfries

DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COLLEGE OVERVIEW



**What is Vscene?**  
 Developed specifically for the research and education sectors, Vscene removes geographical barriers and enables remote conferencing and collaboration. Vscene is a video conferencing service that has evolved out of education and research to deliver a seamless and intuitive service that meets the needs of its users. It allows you to establish links with other organisations or

August. This will be complemented by HN in Social Services, which is being developed by Borders College.

- **Engineering** – Good progress is being made by our engineering department on the provision of an HNC in engineering to be delivered digitally. Units within the course may well also be used in short courses for “upskilling”. As with the care course, this will be developed over the next two academic blocks and is scheduled for delivery in August 2019.
- **Renewables** – Dumfries and Galloway College also plans to offer our 12 weeks CREST course through this project, and again, good progress on developing this course has been made.
- **Short courses / upskilling** – The Head of Service for short courses, open learning and work-based learning has produced a new curriculum plan and is currently deciding upon a small number of courses to offer via the project.

**Video conferencing technology**

Meetings have taken place with Ajenta to discuss VC requirements for the hubs / spokes. It has been agreed in principle that both Borders and Dumfries and Galloway Colleges use the same equipment. A number of other colleges and universities are planning to migrate to this technology.

campuses, record lectures / classes, facilitate group work, assessments and feedback sessions or simply have a video conference.

Vscene facilitates new opportunities in teaching and learning as, when used as a virtual classroom environment, remote students or those with mobility difficulties or other impairments are able to participate in learning using the Vscene platform. Ajenta and Jisc are working in partnership to bring the next evolution of Vscene. Ajenta are responsible for the management and development of the service whilst ensuring that it remains competitive and innovative. Ajenta have exciting plans to enhance the Vscene service to better meet user needs over the next 12 months.

**Staff development visits**

Visits have taken place to E-Sgoil and UHI Inverness to support staff development. A brief account of these visits is as follows:

**Development Visit: UHI Inverness, Inverness**  
 Calum Rodgers, ICT Services Manager

As part of the fact-finding for the Digital Hubs and Spokes, we visited the An Lòchran building situated on the Inverness campus of UHI. This is a purpose-built facility that houses Highland and

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Island Enterprise, the research and development departments of UHI, and the research and consultancy divisions of SRUC. The partnership aims to encourage young people to get more involved in STEM-based subjects.



The two main rooms of interest with regard to the SOSEP project were the digital display room (#hellodigital) and the STEM Hub. The digital display room has a large matrixed screen made up from nine smaller screens that can be used to display any multimedia desired. It features screen casting, allowing any device to connect to it without the use of wires. It also has video conferencing facilities allowing remote meeting attendance from anywhere in the world. The STEM Hub is a flexible space that can be used for events. It features mobile CTouch interactive

displays, which can be positioned anywhere in the room and can connect wirelessly to the UHI network. Floor boxes are placed strategically in the room to provide power and data as required. After seeing both of these rooms it allowed me to have some good ideas for our Hub spaces and I have already been looking into mobile screens and multimedia walls. These will give us the necessary technology to deliver STEM in the best way possible.

### Development Visit: E-Sgoil, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis

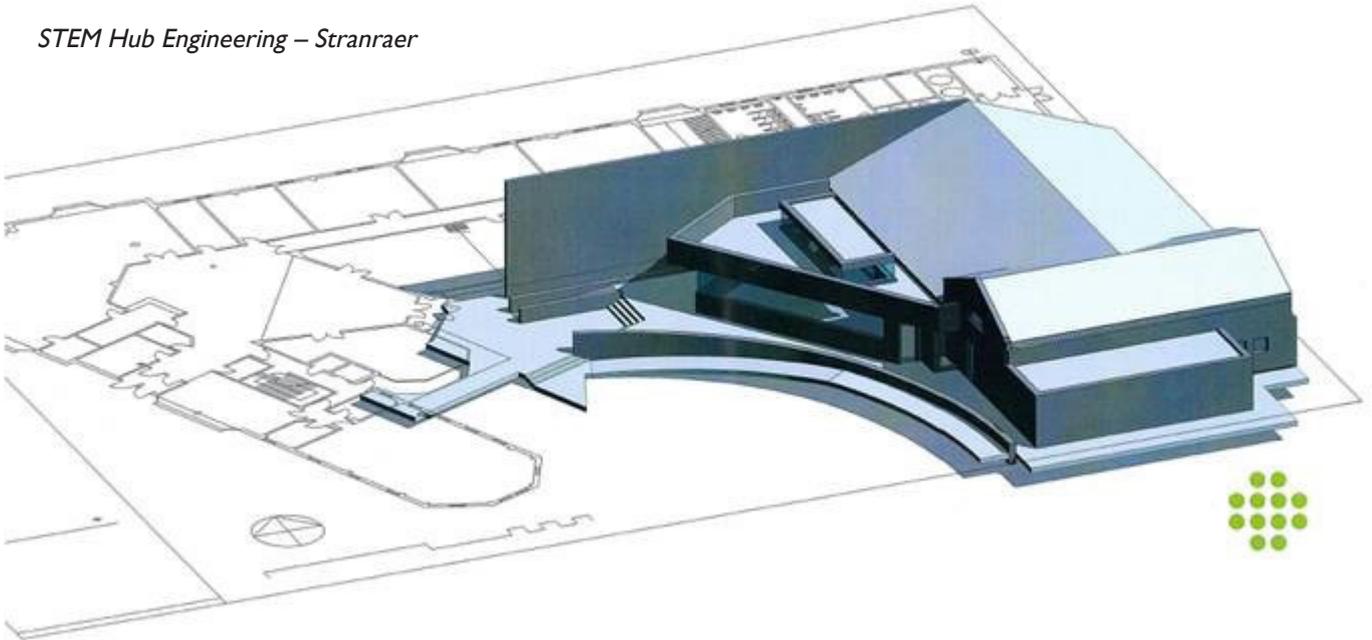
Michael Youd, Head of Human Resources  
Laura Webster, Head of Curriculum



■ E-Sgoil was established in August 2016 as a result of a number of different geographic, demographic, talent and workforce management issues experienced by the Education Service within

## DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY COLLEGE OVERVIEW

### STEM Hub Engineering – Stranraer



the Western Isles to primarily focus on the Gaelic medium. E-Sgoil has 200 pupils within the Western Isles and 500 in total, not including adult returners. One further impetus for change was the historical issues for school pupils of attending college who had high drop-out rates, travel distances and poor online resources, which were not student-focused with historically low attainment, particularly around Christmas.

■ E-Sgoil makes use of the latest in Web and Cloud Technologies, which have been developed over the past decade via the Scottish Schools Digital Network (SSDN), which was brought about by the Scottish Government, Education Scotland and partner stakeholders including Local Education Authorities.

■ E-Sgoil now delivers across Scotland and also

around the world, not just in Gaelic. Delivery takes place across Scotland from Shetland in the north, Aberdeen City in the east, and Argyll and Bute in the south-west. E-Sgoil also delivers internationally to New Mexico, Thailand and Canada. It is run as a business by charging for delivery to other local authorities at a charge of 'cost plus 10%'. The model has been so successful that the Welsh government have replicated and Highland Council are now under e-Sgoil.

■ E-Sgoil clearly have a model which works, and Dumfries and Galloway College can take significant learning from the experiences. There are possible options for collaboration with e-Sgoil, which we should pursue to allow staff to develop and learn digital and remote delivery methods, and establish a collaborative relationship.

### STEM Hub Renewables / Care – Dumfries



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# Scottish Borders

## Tweeddale Locality Plan

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## Introduction

Welcome to the Tweeddale Locality Plan. This plan builds on the Scottish Borders Community Plan and sets out:

- The priorities for improving the area over the next five years
- The actions that will be carried out
- The commitment to work in partnership and use our shared resources<sup>i</sup> in the most effective way to reduce inequality

<sup>i</sup> **Resources** – this could be: funding (e.g. budget or grants), people (e.g. staff of volunteers) or assets (e.g. land, buildings or equipment)

This plan will help those who are in greatest need, and focuses on what action can be taken to improve the quality of life for those who live in Tweeddale.

In bringing together this plan we have asked, and will continue to ask, local people across Tweeddale what would make the area better.

This plan is structured around four themes:

- Economy, Skills & Learning
- Health, Care & Wellbeing
- Safer Communities
- Environment & Place

<sup>i</sup> **Area Partnership** – bringing together organisations, groups, individuals and businesses from across the locality to collectively work together

**Community planning partners** – those organisations who are taking forward the Scottish Borders Community Plan

**Local service providers** – those organisations who are providing services locally (e.g. GPs, Community Nurses, Business Advisors, etc.)

From the Area Partnership<sup>i</sup> meetings to date we have gathered all the comments and feedback which you gave and prioritised what you told us is important to you and what will make a difference to the lives of people in the Tweeddale area.

Communities, community planning partners<sup>i</sup> and local service providers<sup>i</sup> will need to work together in partnership to plan and deliver better services that meet the needs of the people who use them.

At a Borders-wide level this is done through the Scottish Borders Community Plan and the Community Planning Partnership. The key actions are detailed at the end of this plan.

At a Locality level this is done through the Tweeddale Locality Plan and the Tweeddale Area Partnership.

At a local level, services and communities continue to respond to their local community needs. Local plans, including local community action plans, are referenced at the end of this plan.

# Tweeddale Locality Area Profile 2018

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## Engaging with our communities

In developing this plan, we have spoken with a number of people at the Tweeddale Area Partnership meetings over the past year. Going forward, our aim is to reach out to a wider range of people within the community as we recognise the importance of engaging with everyone in our community.

We will continue to build on this draft plan, and gain further understanding of the needs and ambitions of our communities.

A vital part of this will be ongoing engagement and communication with the people of Tweeddale, and to create further opportunities for people to talk to us in person, to take part in surveys or online. We want as many people as possible to be involved.

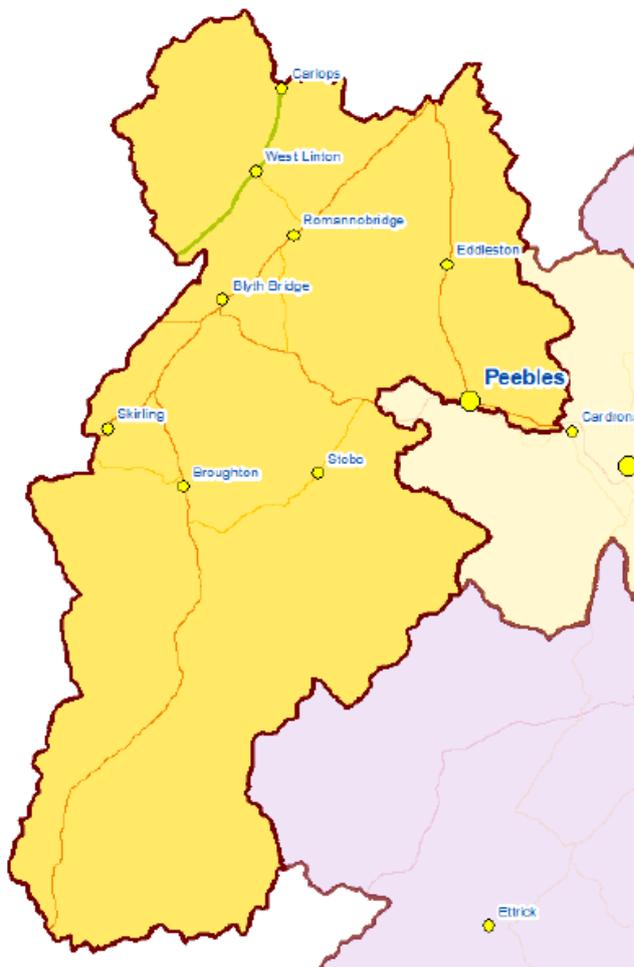
We have gathered the feedback that you gave us to help shape this plan, and it is really important that you continue to give us your views and thoughts as this plan will have an impact on the community that you live in.

We want the people in Tweeddale to get involved and help us deliver the actions in this plan, and we welcome your views on how we do this.

What contribution could you make to your community to make it a better place?

For information on how to get involved, join a local community group or community council, take part in local volunteering opportunities, please contact XXXXXX.

## Tweeddale Wards



**Tweeddale West**  
 Population – 10,408  
 Peebles – 8,535  
 West Linton – 1,766



**Tweeddale East**  
 Population – 10,918  
 Peebles – 8,535  
 Innerleithen – 3,141  
 Cardrona – 896  
 Walkerburn - 695

## Economy, Skills & Learning

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Tweeddale is:

- **To improve transport networks and connections within Tweeddale**

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Review the availability and suitability of business premises
- Develop commercial / industrial sites and premises to encourage new business to the area
- To provide an “Enterprise Hub” for start-ups and growth of businesses
- Enhance marketing and promotion of the Tweeddale tourism offer
- Improve broadband and mobile coverage
- Develop stronger links with colleges, schools and businesses to create a joint approach to education and upskilling the workforce
- Increase practical skills and knowledge for primary and early secondary school children & young people
- Create a mentoring model within the community to build knowledge, skills and confidence
- Increase training opportunities for local trades

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

## Health, Care & Wellbeing

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Tweeddale is:

- **To improve the availability, accessibility and connections to services for people living in rural areas and towns across the Tweeddale area to reduce loneliness and social isolation**

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Increase the availability of locally based rehabilitation services
- Increase the range of care and support options available (across the locality) to enable people to remain in their own homes and communities
- Increase the range of housing options available across the locality and plan for future housing needs
- Improve support for unpaid carers
- Improve transport networks and connections to allow access to services
- Develop intergenerational community hubs

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

## Safer Communities

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Tweeddale is:

- **Community connections need to be further developed to share information and activities across the Tweeddale Area**

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Increase support to individuals to help them be active members of their community
- Reduce anti-social behaviour
- Have stronger links to the SBC Community Action Team with a particular focus on road safety

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

## Environment & Place

Through the Area Partnership you told us your key priority for Tweeddale is:

- **Ensure that Tweeddale residents have access to appropriate housing, and the environment is clean and safe**

Other priorities that are important to the Tweeddale community:

- Improve the provision of suitable housing (sheltered, extra care, young people with disabilities) by developing a range of flexible accommodation for communities at every age and stage of life
- Tackle fuel poverty
- Identify opportunities where green space can be improved and local access to growing projects can be developed
- De-cluttering and environmental improvement campaigns are undertaken in key streets/areas within Tweeddale locality

What would success look like, how can we work in partnership to achieve this and how do I get involved?

## How we will measure success

The Tweeddale Area Partnership will feedback every year on the progress made in delivering the priorities within this plan. By monitoring the progress we make, we can measure the difference made to local people and communities. Progress and achievements will be shared with the Community Planning Partnership and other public bodies as well as being shared and celebrated with the wider community.

We will continue to ask the community their views and encourage more people to participate in the Area Partnership. As the needs of the locality change, we will ensure the priorities and actions within the plan reflect these changes.

## Local Plans for Tweeddale

### **Local Community Action Plans**

- Innerleithen
- Newlands
- Peebles
- Tweedsmuir
- Walkerburn

### **Learning Community Partnership Plans**

- Tweeddale Learning Community Partnership Plan

## Strategic Action Plans

The key strategic action plans that have an impact on Tweeddale are:

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# Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board

## Community Plan Action Plan update February 2019

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Our Economy, Skills &amp; Learning: Leads - Rob Dickson and Angela Cox</b>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. More people working productively for higher wages</b></li> <li><b>2. More business people benefitting from greater investment and better support for their new and existing businesses, particularly in key growth areas</b></li> <li><b>3. More highly skilled workers</b></li> <li><b>4. More people shopping, visiting and spending in local town centres</b></li> <li><b>5. More people benefitting from better connectivity</b></li> <li><b>6. More LAC (looked after and accommodated) children and young people in positive and sustained destinations</b></li> <li><b>7. More children, particularly those living in poverty, achieving higher levels of attainment</b></li> </ol>

### Progress in Current Reporting Period

- Priority 1 – 9 Businesses have accessed Flexible Workforce Development Funding since September to support their business to improve productivity. This is predicted to grow but only marginally because the fund is only available to Levy paying employers. Over 350 people across the Borders have accessed training in the workplace through Borders College since September.
- Priority 1,3 – Borders Council led Textiles Centre of Excellence is now established in Hawick High School with a training offer in place shortly to support the skills shortages identified by the local textile industries.
- Priority 3 - SOSEP funded Digital Skills & Learning Network Project progressing within the timescales agreed. Pilot project in Earlston and Eyemouth High School commenced. Peebles, Selkirk and Kelso High School infrastructure will be fitted over the next 3-4 months allowing for delivery from August.
- Priority 3 - Regional Skills Investment Plan research almost completed for SOS. Borders College and Schools will respond as necessary to the areas of need.
- Priority 3 – Foundation Apprenticeship offer in the Borders expanded for 2019-20 to include Health & Social Work, Child Care, Civil Engineering, Food and Drink Tech, Accountancy and Business Skills. Modern Apprenticeship recruitment continues to grow with around 650 apprenticeships underway in the Borders (SDS figures). Borders College delivering on over 350 of these with a further 20% increase in contract this financial year (April-April).

- Priority 5,7 – Borders College and Stow Primary School are piloting bite size learning opportunities for school pupils and adults through after school clubs and workshops. Coding Club being is launched in the next 2 months.
- Priority 6 – There are 224 looked after children in the Scottish Borders (March 2018), 70 are enrolled at Borders College. Target Success Rate for this cohort is 64%. This will be an 8.3% increase since 2016-17 but still below the College average of 69%. A revised Corporate Parenting Strategy is currently being drafted to align with SBC Strategy Core Commitments.
- Priority 6 – Borders College and Schools are collaborating in a Borders Young Talent Project, funded by the Robertson Trust, to provide mentors to young people in schools to build their confidence and aspiration to progress in their education post school to college or university. There are currently 35 school pupils are being supported.
- Priority 7 – In schools SIMD Decile 1&2 (most deprived) pupils perform less well than the national average, SIMD 7 pupil perform better with all others in line with the national picture. In Borders College - the success rates for students from the most deprived households (SIMD 1&2) also fall below the national trend. Both organisations have detailed action plans with interventions in place to support the most vulnerable to be successful.

### Issues and Risks

- Cultural mindsets around the adoption of technology as a delivery method and the value of work placed learning for school pupils.
- Capacity (skills and resource) available to deliver the level of upskilling required for businesses to be competitive in the future. Especially around Digital and Technology adoption.
- Long term sustainability of Borders Young Talent Project. Funding ends 2020.

### Planned Activity in Next Reporting Period

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# Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board

## Community Plan Action Plan update March 2019

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Our Health, Care &amp; Wellbeing: Leads – Rob McCulloch Graham and Tim Patterson</b>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. More people in good health and leading an active lifestyle at every age and stage of life</b></li><li><b>2. More people in good mental health at every age and stage of life</b></li><li><b>3. Improved support and care for older people</b></li></ol>

### Progress in Current Reporting Period

#### Obesity and Physical Activity

- NHS Borders uses a Tiered approach to reduce overweight and obesity in the Borders and support people to improve their diets. These pathways are now being reviewed as a result of the establishment of the Borders Diabetes Prevention Partnership and the new East of Scotland Diabetes Prevention Partnership.
- Walk It is the Scottish Borders branch of the Paths for All Health walk programme. Walk It aims to encourage exercise as part of a health lifestyle and promotes walking as an ideal way of getting fit and relieving stress. Walking lies within the capabilities of most people and is a realistic goal for inactive people, in addition, it's free and does not require special equipment. Walk it walks are accessible to all and an easy activity to undertake. Health walks are normally held on a weekly basis and walkers will often stay on to share a cup of tea or coffee. There are now twenty seven walking groups covering all the major towns and some Borders villages. There are over one thousand registered walkers and over seventy volunteer walk leaders. While not specifically aimed at older people eighty per cent of its walkers are aged over 55.
- The Healthy Living Network works closely with partners including the Community Capacity Building team to develop and support initiatives in local communities, for example, the Eyemouth Tea Dance offers a social space where older people undertake physical activity and access healthier eating while the Reminiscence Group in Burnfoot allows people to meet and discuss cultural and social heritage of Hawick.
- The Health Improvement team coordinates a maternal healthy weight programme which enables a Health Improvement specialist midwife to refer pregnant women with a high BMI to Live Borders for exercise classes as well as providing healthy eating advice using motivational interviewing approaches. The offer of physical activity is designed to minimise discomfort or embarrassment for women who participated.

- A partnership approach between Live Borders and the Health Improvement team has led to the provision of community based physical activity options for people with a range of health conditions. NHS Borders healthcare professionals are able to refer patients to discounted exercise classes, including Steadi classes for people who have experienced a fall or is likely to fall in the future. In addition, people referred can choose to purchase up to 12 weeks membership at a reduced rates.
- Councils and their partners are working to create community environments that support healthier eating and make it easier to stay active through strategies and programmes such as the “Daily Mile” initiative, community gardens and numerous projects focused on food as well as the work of local government in developing cycling and walking networks and green spaces. All of this involves taking a multi-faceted approach, involving among other things, the public and private sector working together to help transform the environment to support healthier choices.

## Smoking

The new Wellbeing Service is commencing implementation from 7 January 2019. This will provide evidence based, early interventions supporting lifestyle change and emotional wellbeing. The Wellbeing Service will integrate the following services which currently provide wellbeing support:

- Quit Your Way (QYW) – smoking cessation service
- LASS –lifestyle advice and support to increase physical activity, reduce weight and eat healthily
- Doing Well (DW) – support to improve low to moderate mental wellbeing

The new service will continue to be provided in Primary Care. The benefits associated with the Wellbeing Service include:

- Improved patient journey (no need to transfer between services)
- Increased accessibility
- Provision of holistic support thus increasing availability of specific lifestyle and wellbeing work across Borders
- Equity of delivery across Borders region
- Increased capacity in service will reduce demands on GP time

Action 15 Mental Health funding will allow recruitment of additional staff which will increase the availability of the service.

This enhanced service will deliver increased opportunities for smoking cessation across Borders. All advisers are now trained to deliver. In Q1 of 2018-19 the LDP target for successful 12 week quits in the 40% most deprived areas of Borders was achieved.

- In the Borders, Community Midwives can automatically refer pregnant women who are smokers to the Quit Your Way. Pregnant women are further supported by the Specialist Midwife to gain a greater understanding of the risks associated with smoking during pregnancy and enable them to make a more informed choice. Improvements in information sharing to offer more consistent support on transition from midwife to health visitor.

- In response to the high levels of exposure to second hand smoke in one area local Health Visitors supported an initiative to improve their confidence in raising the issue of second-hand smoke with their clients. This involved completing on line training from ASH Scotland and working up a new 'script' to support questions contained at routine data collection periods and supply of additional resources for distribution to homes. Health Visitors have since agreed to adopt this way of working across Borders.

## Alcohol and Drugs

- The Borders Alcohol and Drugs Partnership brings together the main partners in minimising the harm resulting from our relationship with alcohol and drugs in the Borders. The ADP is responsible for amongst other things;
  - Ensuring there is the correct range of drug and alcohol services available informed by evidence and based on identified need
  - Making the decisions on how the funding from Scottish Government will be spent and putting in place performance management arrangements to track progress
  - Implementing drug and alcohol strategies, including working with the Scottish Drugs Recovery Network to implement recovery and with local partners to take forward the whole population approach on alcohol and effective prevention and early intervention interventions for alcohol and drugs.
  - The ADP is currently developing new proposals to reduce harm from alcohol and drugs within the Borders in response to the new national draft Scottish alcohol and drugs harm reduction strategy.
  - Communicating the impact of activities to stakeholders including service users and the public.
- The ADP has worked with key stakeholders to develop proposals related to new Scottish Government funding which will align with local and national priorities. These proposals were approved in principle at the October IJB meeting and additional detail developed for the IJB meeting in January. Work is now underway to ensure appropriate contractual and monitoring arrangements.
- During 2019-20 the ADP will work with stakeholders to develop a new local strategy in response to updated national publications on alcohol and drug prevention and support systems.
- The ADP is being supported to explore co-location of alcohol and drugs services in one building to improve patient pathways and joint working.
- The ADP Support Team and Health Improvement Team are working with teaching staff to update alcohol, drugs and tobacco education in schools. A working party comprising the above and including primary representation is producing resources and a CPD plan.

## Mental Health

- The Borders Children and Young People's Leadership Group (CYPLG) is redesigning the support for children and young people and ensuring there are clear pathways to support including:
  - The introduction of a new commissioned service to support emotional wellbeing, partners are committed to renewing pathways to support, so that services are clear about roles, sources of help and referral routes within their locality
  - Rolling out the Growing in Confidence programme to build resilience in staff, in parents and in young people by equipping them with skills and confidence to manage stress and cope effectively with emotions and relationships
  - Building capacity in youth work, which is key in engaging with young people, building confidence and skills and enabling access to opportunities, all of which are fundamental for emotional wellbeing

- Promoting access to information and tools for young people to look after their own mental health. A considerable number of people of all ages across Borders, including young people have been involved in developing a local guide to wellbeing as resource for young people. School websites are being updated with information on sources of help
  - The development of guidelines and training for staff to support young people at risk of self harm or suicide. Resources for young people and families are also being prepared.
- The Scottish Borders Council, NHS Borders and the Borders Health and Social Care Partnership are working with partners at the local level to develop integrated approaches that balance protecting and improving our communities' mental wellbeing with mental healthcare and treatment. A Borders Mental Health Strategy has been developed to provide a framework for delivery of mental health activities in Scottish Borders for all age groups, bringing together the range of work including promotion of population mental health, prevention of mental health problems, delivery of care and treatment of mental illness and support for recovery.
- The strategy provides the means for ensuring delivery of commitments from the national strategies on mental health and suicide prevention and enables implementation of the local Mental Health Needs Assessment recommendations and Scottish Borders Health & Social Care Partnership Strategic Plan objectives as they relate to Mental Health. Strategic Priorities include:
    - People are able to find and access information and advice on mental health and wellbeing
    - Communities are more confident about what they can do to promote mental health
    - Improved support pathways for people who are at risk of or experience mental ill health
    - Frontline staff have the appropriate levels of knowledge and skill to enable them to provide the best support and signposting
    - Individuals will have an increased understanding of their own mental wellbeing
    - Improved access to services and reduced barriers particularly for those with dual diagnosis.
  - The Borders Mental Health Improvement Steering Group is also leading an action plan to:
    - Provide information and tools to help people keep themselves mentally healthy in the Borders, through the Six Ways to Be Well resources
    - Build capacity to promote wellbeing across different statutory, third sector and community settings across the Borders
    - Provide clarity about the structure and pathways to reduce mental ill-health and maximise mental wellbeing
  - Partners are developing a programme of work on Arts and Wellbeing which will include activities during Mental Health Awareness week in May 2019.
  - Further training is being planned on mental health improvement and suicide prevention for a range of staff including BGH.

## Issues and Risks

### Obesity and Physical Activity

- We are living in an obesogenic environment which makes it difficult to maintain a healthy weight. Opportunities for people in the Scottish Borders to be physically active must be explored and healthy dietary choices made easy so that individuals can avoid the serious health consequences of overweight and obesity such as diabetes, heart disease and some cancers to which they may lead. Much of this work requires the efforts of all the Community Planning Partners within the Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership.

- Addressing complex challenges like diet and physical inactivity requires the whole system to work collaboratively, bringing together local and national decision-makers within healthcare, transport, planning, education and many other sectors. Success depends on clear leadership and effective partnership working at all levels to deliver meaningful and lasting change. We need to build on existing efforts and help strengthen national and local activity. A significant amount of work is under way to address these challenges, but building on this through partnership working across all sectors will be central to success in meeting this priority.
- A workshop in Feb will be looking at the contribution of a wide range of services to prevention and early intervention, supporting healthy eating and active living with children, young people and families.

## Smoking

- The overall rate of smoking in the population has decreased steadily with the introduction of a range of public health measures; however complex challenges remain in supporting the remaining population of smokers to quit. This group is less likely to respond as readily to the standard cessation support offered and experience in the Quit Your Way service indicates that clients tend to also have a range of health and social problems to contend with. In 2015-16 deployment of smoking cessation advisors was re-aligned to the most deprived areas, to focus our service delivery to those areas with greatest smoking prevalence and therefore need, whilst also recognising the complex health inequalities that exist for this group.
- The number of quit attempts made in Scotland with the help of NHS smoking cessation services in 2016/17 fell for the fifth consecutive year, there was an 8% decrease from 2015-16. This was reflected locally where our overall quit attempts fell from 1029 in 15-16 to 951 in 16-17. The reasons for the fall in quit attempts is likely to be the result of a combination of factors, including increasing use of electronic cigarettes, which may be viewed as a step towards quitting.
- The rate of smoking in pregnancy appears higher in the Scottish Borders than the Scottish average and is particularly high in the most deprived areas. The reduction of smoking in pregnancy remains a very high priority.

## Alcohol and Drugs

- Reducing harm from substance use in the Scottish Borders continues to be a priority, the trend in drug related mortality must be reduced.
- Similarly a significant proportion of the adult population drink in excess of recommended limits. Long term excessive drinking is linked to earlier mortality, the impact of current behaviours is yet to be seen.
- Local Scottish Borders community planning partners need to develop locally tailored approaches to the issues faced on the ground to design health-promoting environments which support healthier choices and reduce harm. Scottish Borders Council in particular has the power and duty to protect and improve public health through the licensing of alcohol sales. The continual development of over-provision policies and the bye-law restriction of drinking in public spaces would complement action by local trading standards on underage tobacco sales as part of an approach to creating healthier communities.

## Mental Health

- Parity of esteem must be maintained between mental and physical health, with both being considered within all policies.
- Achieving good mental health is not the sole responsibility of mental health services. There is a need to ensure a broad approach that supports mental wellbeing for all, provides the right support at the right time for those who experience mental illness and provides every opportunity for recovery. To achieve this will require co-production between statutory organisations, voluntary organisations, service users & carers. Success will mean not doing more of the same; it will require creativity and innovation to deliver services that are fit for the future.
- Health in All Policy assessments need carried out on any significant service changes within the Borders to ensure that persons with mental health problems are not disadvantaged by the change.
- Children and young people's mental health has been identified as a priority at national level in the recent Mental Health Strategy for Scotland. There is a need for Scottish Borders partner organisations to understand better the support children and young people need and to take action to address those needs. An event is planned in the Spring to bring stakeholders together and identify areas for improvement, with reference to recent recommendations from the national Taskforce on CYP's Mental Health.

## Health Inequalities and Health in All Policies

- Underpinning all our actions to grow our economy must be an approach which targets deprivation and narrows health inequalities.
- The Fairer Scotland Duty places a legal requirement on NHS Borders, Scottish Borders Council and other statutory bodies to set out how they believe they can reduce inequalities caused by socio-economic disadvantage. This goes beyond considering how poverty impacts on service delivery and asks public bodies to address the causes of poverty. Agreeing to tackle this challenge through a whole systems approach would be a significant step forward.
- The Child Poverty Act, efforts to mitigate the effects of benefit changes should also further contribute to reduce inequality. In addition to the Fairer Scotland Duty, the Fairer Scotland Action Plan sets out another 49 actions to tackle poverty and the impact of poverty, many of which intend to have a direct effect on our health. CPP partners are now developing an outline work plan.
- A Health in All Policies (HiAP) needs to be embedded in Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership's and partner organisations which sustains intersectoral collaboration and enables policy decisions to be seen through a health and equity 'lens', with agreement around how success will be measured.
- The health of communities now and in the future depend upon us living within sustainable limits and understanding the impact to the environment and wider determinants of health of our actions and policies

### Planned Activity in Next Reporting Period

- The various planning multiagency groups e.g. ADP Board, Children and Young People's Leadership Group, IJB etc mentioned above in the Borders will continue to develop and monitor strategies and plans to promote health and wellbeing in the Borders.
- A Borders Director of Public Health Report will be published in early 2019 highlighting progress against the new national public health priorities and will support the co-production of initiatives with local stakeholders and communities aimed at improving health and wellbeing in the Borders.
- A Health Improvement Report and Health and Social Care Partnership Report will also be presented to the CPP Programme Board annually.

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# Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board

## Community Plan Action Plan update February 2019

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Our Quality of Life: Leads – Stuart Reid/Stuart Easingwood</b>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>11. Fewer people experiencing violence (including domestic abuse)</b> <b>12. Fewer people experiencing anti-social behaviour (ASB)</b> <b>13. Fewer people killed or seriously injured on our roads</b>

**Actions agreed to achieve outcome 11:**

1. We will work in partnership to reduce repeat offending and victimisation
2. Engage with our partners to educate and inform the community about the effects of anti-social behaviour, hate crime and cybercrime on the most vulnerable in our community
3. Work collaboratively with partners to divert those who commit minor offences or divert away from offending behaviour

**Actions agreed to achieve outcome 12:**

1. We will work in partnership to reduce repeat offending and victimisation
2. Engage with our partners to educate and inform the community about the effects of anti-social behaviour, hate crime and cybercrime on the most vulnerable in our community
3. Work collaboratively with partners to divert those who commit minor offences or divert away from offending behaviour

**Actions agreed to achieve outcome 13:**

1. Education, training and publicity e.g. Advanced Driving Courses
2. Engineering e.g. Accident and Investigation and Prevention site analysis, safer routes to school schemes
3. Enforcement e.g. ZENITH motorcycle campaign, Summer Drink Drive campaign
4. Direct focus on people of all ages

**Progress in current reporting period against the actions detailed above:**

**Outcome 11 – Domestic Abuse**

- Between Apr and Dec 2018 there were 744 domestic abuse incidents, a reduction of -9.9% on the same period the previous year of which 35.5% became a domestic abuse crime.
- During this period there were 552 referrals to the council based Domestic Abuse Support Service, a decrease of -0.4% compares to the same period last year.
- The domestic abuse Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference discussed 79 high risk cases compared to 87 for the same period last year.

**Outcome 12 – Antisocial Behaviour**

- Between Apr and Dec 2018 there were 1175 people being monitored for ASB, a reduction of -5.6% on the same period last year.
- The number of early interventions made by ASB partners increased by +15.8% to 690 during this period.
- The number of racially aggravated crimes, per 10,000 population fell to 11 from 13, a reduction of -9.9% on the same period last year.
- Mediation referrals fell by -22.8% to 88 during this period. The 5 year trend shows the figure to be on the increase annually.

#### **Outcome 13 – Road Safety (Road casualties)**

- There were 10 fatalities during the period Apr to Dec, 2018 compared to 7 during the same period last year. Several motorcycle fatalities contributed to this figure.
- 52 casualties were classed as serious compared to 49 during the same period the previous year.
- 122 casualties were slightly injured compared to 160 during the same period the previous year.

#### **Issues and Risks:**

##### **Outcome 11 – Domestic Abuse**

- The reduction in domestic abuse incidents positively reflects on the work being carried out by police and partner agencies in the Scottish Borders in tackling the perpetrators of domestic abuse. Significant changes in legislation next year will see the introduction of psychological offences, an increase in recorded incidents and crime can be expected as a result of this.

##### **Outcome 12 – Antisocial Behaviour**

- The decrease in all antisocial behaviour incidents is as a direct result of work carried out by our Community Action Team and Community Beat Officers, partnership analysis and work carried out by the SBC Community Safety Officer.

##### **Outcome 13 – Road Safety**

- Whilst there has been an increase in the number of people killed and seriously injured in the Scottish Borders it is positive to see a decrease in slight injuries. 40% of the fatal accidents involved motorcyclists visiting the Scottish Borders. Ideas are being considered with a view to reducing the fatality statistic and further increase the safety message and education.

**Planned activity in next reporting period:**

**Outcome 11 – Domestic Abuse**

- The priority for the domestic abuse services over the next reporting period is to ensure that the structures and processes are in line with the recording requirements for the new Domestic Abuse Act being implemented 1st April 2019.

**Outcome 12 – Antisocial Behaviour**

- Ongoing Core group meetings to be held each month whereby partner's agree interventions in relation to those individuals who are involved in ASB.
- The Gypsy/Traveller liaison function has now been finalised and the Mediation Officer has now taken on this function. Their remit has been captured within the SBC Gypsy/Traveller Policy.
- The ASB Strategy, Policy & Procedure and Information Sharing Protocols have now been updated and will be worked to within the coming months. These have been significant pieces of work and it is hoped they will enhance partnership working to reduce ASB.
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**Outcome 13 – Road Safety**

- Dates are being organised for forthcoming Drivewise fixtures for 2019 for all 4 programmes, under 17's, over 65's, 17-25s and motorcyclists.

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# Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board

## Community Plan Action Plan update - February 2019

<b>Theme</b>	<b>Our Place: Leads – Julia Mulloy and Nile Istephan</b>
<b>Outcomes</b>	<b>12. More people able to heat their homes</b> <b>13. More people living independently in affordable and sustainable homes</b>

### Actions agreed to achieve outcome 14:

- Target resources, information and advice to ensure owner occupiers and private landlords benefit from opportunities for insulation, double glazing, upgraded heating systems etc.
- Ensure effective targeting of energy efficiency measures on those who are experiencing fuel poverty

### Actions agreed to achieve outcome 15:

- Accelerate infrastructure projects to enable affordable housing projects to proceed: engage with development agencies and construction firms to identify housing led growth opportunities
- Liaise with Registered Social Landlords partners to consider a range of new and existing provision that could be adapted to suit changing needs and service configuration

### Progress in current reporting period against the actions detailed above

#### Outcome 14. More People Able to Heat their homes

- Borders Home Energy Forum expected to go to public consultation shortly
- The RSLs remain on target to achieve EESSH by April 2020
- Collaborative work being undertaken between RSLs to attract and secure Govt funding – current options -.....(add Paul's notes)
- Changeworks programme continues to work in Peebles

#### Outcome 15: More people living independently in affordable sustainable homes

- Older People's Housing Strategy launched and governance structure in place - working groups established. Groups working on extra care, technology enabled care, workforce development issues and care village established.
- Rapid Rehousing plan submitted to Scottish Govt targets in 2019 and awaiting feedback on next steps.
- Final draft of Younger People's Housing Strategy being developed, taking account of connections with Integrated Children and Young People's plan.

Area Housing Partnership sessions held and affordable housing identified as a key priority in all areas.

**Outcome 15.**

**Issues and Risks**

- Retaining investment in the Scottish Border for new build projects up to 2021 by meeting spend profiles and ensuring a smooth development decision making process.
- Pockets of lack of community support for investment – particularly for new build.
- Securing contractor base and value for money in tenders for both energy works, planned maintenance and new homes at a time of peak construction investment in social housing across Scotland. This is particularly challenging if projects suffer significant delays.
- The need to connect the role of the Borders Housing Alliance with the Community Planning process and clarify the connections between this and related projects
- Scottish Government Post 2021 Housing strategy – the need to continue sustainable investment opportunities for affordable homes to meet unmet need. All partners have provided feedback on the 2018 consultation.
- Ensuring Borderlands, City Region and Borderlands objectives align on place and connect and support inclusive communities.

**Planned activity in next reporting period:**

**Outcome 14.**

- Conclude action plan on the basis of the affordable warmth strategy
- Pursue joint funding options to increase of support and advice and investment.

**Outcome 15.**

- Engage with elected members on the challenges faced in order to deliver pre-2021 commitments
- One Scottish Govt feedback received develop the Action plan and begin progressing towards commitments.

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