
SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT 2018-19

Report by Service Director, Customer & Communities

SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC BOARD

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1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report presents the first performance report against the Scottish Borders Community Plan, for 2018-19.**
- 1.2 The Scottish Borders Community Plan was created in November 2017, and refreshed in May 2018. The Community Planning Partnership are required to produce an annual report detailing the performance against the plan.
- 1.3 This first report is presented at Appendix 1 and includes data where provided for the remainder of 2017/18 and 2018/19. Due to the timespan over which the report has been prepared, some of the actions described and summary comment may be more recent. In addition, the range of topics and diverse sources of information has led to time frequencies and periods varying from measure to measure.
- 1.4 A further report for 2019-20 will be brought to a future Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board at the earliest opportunity.

2 STATUS OF REPORT

- 2.1 This report would have been produced for the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board earlier in 2020 but has been delayed through Covid related impacts.

3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 I recommend that the Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board acknowledges and notes the performance summarised in Section 5 and detailed within Appendix 1 along with Actions intended for the next 12 months.**

4 BACKGROUND TO COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE REPORTING

- 4.1 The Scottish Borders Community Plan was created in November 2017, and refreshed in May 2018. The Community Planning Partnership are required to produce an annual report detailing the performance against the plan.
- 4.2 This first report is presented at Appendix 1 and includes data where provided for the remainder of 2017/18 and 2018/19 however the range of topics and diverse sources of information has led to time frequencies and periods varying from measure to measure. Performance data has been provided from across a range of Community Planning partners.
- 4.3 Due to the timespan over which the report has been prepared, some of the actions described and summary comment may be more recent.
- 4.4 Performance is set against a suite of indicators intended to evidence achievement against an extensive range of ambitious outcomes, across four Community Planning 'Themes'
- Our Economy, Skills & learning
 - Our Health, Care & Wellbeing
 - Our Quality of Life
 - Our Place
- 4.5 Against the stated outcomes within each theme, the report covers an understanding of the position, why the Community Planning Partnership want to improve it, a selection of performance information and charts, measures and targets, key actions, plans, strategies and initiatives. Summary commentary from 'Theme leads' is also provided.

5 UPDATES AGAINST EACH THEME

- 5.1 Theme: Our Economy, Skills & Learning
- a) **Planned outcome - More people working more productively for higher wages:** Whilst prior to the reporting period, Gross Value Added (GVA) & wages grew in the period to 2017 but remained below Scotland. The establishment of the new South of Scotland Enterprise Agency and the successful progression of the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal are opportunities to support economic development and drive economic growth with the additional resources that will become available.
 - b) **Planned outcome - More Highly Skilled Workers:** Occupational employment projections (2019-2029) highlight greatest net requirements in 'Professional Occupations', 'Skilled Trades Occupations', 'Sales and Customer Services Occupations' and 'Elementary Occupations'. Based on 2018 data, qualification levels for 16-24 year olds in the Scottish Borders are below Scotland overall in the SCQF 7-12 bands although this is less pronounced when looking at the broader 16-64 year old age groups.
 - c) **Planned outcome - More people benefitting from better connectivity:** As of 2019, the Scottish Borders had caught up with and was slightly better than Scotland overall for availability of faster

broadband connectivity (Premises unable to receive 30Mbit/s) but remained worse than the average across local authorities in Scotland overall for geographic area with no reliable 4G signal.

- d) **Planned outcome - More business people benefitting from greater investment and better support for their new and existing businesses, particularly in key growth sectors:** There was an improvement in total growth sector business numbers in the Scottish Borders through to 2018, and was higher than the average per local authority in Scotland.
- e) **Planned outcome - More people shopping, visiting and spending in local town centres:** A slight reduction in average weekly footfall in Borders towns was experienced in 2018. Retail vacancy rates (to 2017-18) increased and were higher than Scotland overall.
- f) **Planned outcome - More children, particularly those living in poverty, achieving higher levels of attainment:** The gap between pupils from the most deprived and the least deprived SIMD quintiles achieving expected levels of Literacy and Numeracy remains albeit narrowed across a number of measures in 2018-19 compared to 2017/18.
- g) **Planned outcome - More LAC (looked after and accommodated) children and young people in positive and sustained destinations:** The percentage of Looked After Leavers in a Positive Destination remained significantly lower in 2017/18 than for all School Leavers. (76% positive destination for Looked After for full year, 69% for Looked After for part year, 93% for All School Leavers).

5.2 Theme: Our Health, Care & Wellbeing

- a) **Planned outcome - More people in good health and leading an active lifestyle at every age and stage of life:** The gap between Scottish Borders and Scotland in rates of Adults Overweight and also Smoking in Pregnancy narrowed however some of the data precedes the reporting period. Diabetes type 2 figures continued to grow but slowed in 2018.
- b) **Planned outcome - More people in good mental health at every age and stage of life:** More recent data for the Warwick-Edinburgh Mental Wellbeing Scale (WEMWBS) and the General Health Questionnaire (GHQ12) is required to be able to comment on performance during the reporting period.
- c) **Planned outcome - Improved support and care for older people:** Unplanned hospital admissions have grown between 2017-18 and 2018-19 having fallen in the 2 years prior to that. Bed days relating to delayed discharge from hospital reduced in 2018-19 but remain higher than 2016-17. The percentage of Resource Spent on Emergency Stays reduced in 2018-19.

5.3 Theme: Our Quality of Life

- a) **Planned outcome - Fewer people experiencing violence (incl. domestic abuse):** The Serious assault rate per 10,000 population

grew in 2018/19. The number of incidents of domestic abuse reduced in 2018/19 having grown in the 3 years prior.

- b) **Planned outcome - Fewer people experiencing anti-social behaviour (ASB):** Racially aggravated harassment/conduct and reported ASB incidents (both rates per 10,000 population) remained relatively flat in 2018/19.
- c) **Planned outcome - Fewer people killed or seriously injured on our roads:** The numbers of fatalities and seriously injured on the roads was above Scottish Government targets in 2018. Numbers continue to fluctuate on an annual basis although the longer term trend was downward.

5.4 Theme: Our Place

- a) **Planned outcome - More people able to afford to heat their homes:** Households in fuel poverty data precedes the reporting period. The Number of private sector measures installed has grown in 2018-19.
- b) **Planned outcome - More people living independently in affordable and sustainable homes:** Housing completions grew in 2018-19 but remained below target. The Affordable Housing total was well above target in 2018-19.

6 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

There are no costs attached to any of the recommendations contained in this report.

6.2 Risk and Mitigations

Effective performance reporting arrangements will help to ensure that community planning partners are aware of weaknesses and can take corrective action, therefore mitigating any risks more effectively.

6.3 Integrated Impact Assessment

There are no adverse equality/diversity implications. Performance reporting may help the Community Planning Partnership to identify and address any equality / diversity issues and improve processes and procedures.

6.4 Acting Sustainably

Economic, social and environmental impact of Community Planning Partnership actions can be monitored more effectively if there are effective performance reporting arrangements in place.

6.5 Carbon Management

There are no significant effects on carbon emissions arising from the proposals contained in this report.

6.6 Rural Proofing

This report does not relate to new or amended policy or strategy and as a result rural proofing is not an applicable consideration.

6.7 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes to be made to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals contained in this report.

Approved by

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