

Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership – Key Priorities and Action Plan 2020/21

- Opportunities to deliver re-imagined services in partnership
- Minimise the impact on communities
- More efficient decision making
- Alignment to renewal priorities
- Enable a focussed, targeted approach

Theme	Impacted	Project/Action	Lead <small>* key at bottom of table</small>	What is already in place ?	Update/Timescales
Structure:					
		Develop Locality Model & Hubs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welfare calls to individuals within our communities • Developing fast/efficient solutions to local issues in partnership • Linking up services/people more efficiently • Continue to build on locality model – improving process/redesign services & set foundations for the future • Adopting new technology • Emergency funding in place & being distributed as appropriate 	CPP members	Community Assistance Hubs have been set up in each locality: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whole system & person centred approach has been provided during Covid-19 response without complex systems 	Model Framework to be developed and being prepared for wider consultation. Principles of Framework being developed. CAH weekly community meetings now taking place – please contact Shona Smith/Clare

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Digital:					
	Young people	Digital access for young people – Inspire Learning	SBC	Inspire Learning programme: https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20009/schools_and_learning/913/inspire_learning	Currently being rolled out to P4/5 across the Borders
	Vulnerable older people	Connecting Scotland Digital Project – Phase 1	SBC/TSI/RSL's/ Live Borders	https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20027/working_for_us/918/latest_news/2	Approx. 300 devices delivered in Phase 1 and support now in place for next 6 months
	Families	Connecting Scotland Digital Project – Phase 2	SBC/TSI/RSL's/ Live Borders		409 devices being awarded to Scottish Borders in Phase 2. These will support 321 families, 63 care leavers and 25 other vulnerable people
	Older people and those with disabilities	Connecting Scotland Digital Project - Phase 3.	SBC/TSI/RSL's/ Live Borders	Phase 3 will focus on older people and those with disabilities who are living through social isolation and loneliness	Submissions now being made for Phase 3.
	TBA	Connecting Scotland - Expansion Project	SBC/SoSE/BHA/ BAVS	Funding has been secured from Financial Inclusion Hardship Fund and SoSE to work in partnership with partners to expand the Connecting	TBA

				Scotland Project borders wide. This will include addressing any shortfall/oversubscription from previous 3 phases	
	Student's	450 digital devices & data packages distributed	Borders College	http://www.borderscollege.ac.uk/current-students/	Student Portal continuously being updated with resources, guidance & information
		Joint working partnership with Eildon Housing and Borders College	Borders College/Eildon Housing	https://www.eildon.org.uk/2020/02/borders-college-and-eildon-ha-commit-to-future-joint-working-partnership/	Sustainability Summit being held at the end of March/April 2021
	Community	Digital Access Programme	BAVS/BHA	https://www.berwickshirehousing.org.uk/news/berwickshire-housing-association-secures-78k-funding-from-the-supporting-communities-fund/ 'Let's Get Digital Berwickshire' lending library is lending tablet devices with unlimited SIMs via community partner orgs across Berwickshire. (Up to 50 devices are available to loan for up six months) <i>(Funded to summer 2021 only)</i>	https://www.berwickshirehousing.org.uk/news/helping-tenants-to-get-digitally-connected/
		Digital Inclusion Training	Borders College	Providing free Digital Skills training for individuals looking for work or needing support to access digital resources in supporting their daily lives.	3 cohorts already delivered and more being planned

	Eildon Tenants/ Residents	Community Wi-Fi pilot	Eildon Housing	Community Wi-Fi installed in 2 Eildon developments – Sheltered Housing and Learning Disability	
	Eildon Tenants/ Residents	IOT (Internet of Things) in the Borders	Eildon Housing	Internet of Things – working with SG North to install Gateway Network to enable the network to access smart technology	
Education and Skills:					
	Young People	Young Person Guarantee – No-one left behind	Borders College/SDS/ PACE/ Third Sector	https://www.gov.scot/news/delivering-the-youth-guarantee/ A collaborative system-wide review announced on 24 th February 2021: https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/news-events/2021/february/building-a-world-class-career-system/	Being delivered 2020/21 Annual Participation Measure published in August 2020 showed that 94.5% of Borders 16-19 year olds were participating in education, training or employment compared to 92.1% nationally. https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/media/46977/2020_annualparticipationmeasure_scottishborders.pdf

	Young people	Community Transport	Borders College/SBC Community Transport Officer/Third Sector (Berwickshire)		Borders College have highlighted to Border Buses re the issues for students.
	Young people	DWP Flexible Support Fund Bid (18-24yr olds – digital training and work trials)	Third Sector	https://www.turn2us.org.uk/Your-Situation/Looking-for-work/Flexible-Support-Fund	Grant award numbers TBA
	All	Jobs hub portal, dedicated helpline, secondary education programme, webinars & online learning portal (My World of Work)	SDS/PACE	https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/	Free online courses for those furloughed: https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/learn-and-train/find-free-online-courses <u>Numbers re those accessing these courses TBA</u>
		BLSP Co-chaired by Borders Council and Borders College brings together a range of partners (DYW, DWP, SE, SDS, Schools, College, HW University, Chamber, ESECRD, Employability) to review current and future demand for skills and agree actions in response.	Borders Learning & Skills Partnership	Currently meeting every 3 weeks	

	All	Blended core curriculum offer, specific provision to support economic recovery (Pathway to employment, green energy, sustainable construction, Health & Care, Agriculture etc.)	Borders College/SDS/P ACE	http://www.borderscollege.ac.uk/finance-a-course/	Economic recovery take up has been limited at the moment because of extension of COVID restrictions and support packages. Still available for when impact starts to be realised but concern about the funding support to deliver.
	All	Online Guidance, Information & Resources	TSI	http://onlineborders.org.uk/community/thebridge/coronavirus-information-and-resources http://www.vcborders.org.uk/ https://sbsec.org.uk/ (website currently unavailable) https://youthborders.org.uk/ https://www.bavs.org.uk/covid-19-information-for-the-community-in-berwickshire	
Place Planning & Built estate:					

	All	Output from the Strategic Property Group to brought to CPP as proposals are developed	SBC Strategic Property Group	Scottish Borders Council 17 12 20 (items 12-14)	https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=132&MId=5260&Ver=4
	All	Support to Village Halls - Scottish Government Guidance for re-opening village halls and community buildings	Third Sector	http://onlineborders.org.uk/search/pachesolr_search/Federation%20of%20Village%20Halls	http://onlineborders.org.uk/news/guidance-for-re-opening-community-buildings-issue-3
Early Intervention & Prevention:					
	All	Whole System Approach in Eyemouth	Joint Health Improvement Team	https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/healthimprovement	A successful grant application was submitted to enable community engagement work to take place. The first meeting of the Governance Group took place on 19 01 2021 and are now meeting on a regular basis.
	Vulnerable older people	Community Transport Review	BAVS: Community Transport Development Officer/SBC Community		

			Transport Officer		
	Funding	Supporting & distribution of funding programmes & micro grants	Third Sector	http://onlineborders.org.uk/sites/default/files/thebridge/files/Fallago%20Environment%20Fund%20Covid-19RecoveryProgGrantsAug2020.pdf	Scheme now closed with 38 awards made to local community projects.
	Support	Support, advice & guidance to individuals and organisations	Third Sector	https://onlineborders.org.uk/directory	
	Support	Furlough and Job Retention Schemes implemented	All CPP partners as required/appropriate		
Health & Wellbeing (including Mental Health):					
	All	Promotion of the Wellbeing Service. Active/Mental Health/ Wellbeing Strategy	Live Borders/ Joint Health Improvement Team/LAC Team	http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/our-services/general-services/wellbeing-service/	
	All	Personalised packages of support to individual volunteers	Third Sector	Is there any ambition to set up support groups for those suffering from Long Covid ?	
	All	Flu Vaccination Programme	NHS Borders	https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/latest-news/2020/september/24/flu-vaccination-programme/	Completed

	All	Health & Safety measures being put in place re office accommodation etc.	All CPP partners	https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/info/20014/social_care_and_health/1018/covid-19_business_information/5	SBC Property Recovery Board meeting weekly re access to SBC properties
	All	Covid-19 Vaccination Programme	NHS Borders	https://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/latest-news/2021/january/7/covid-19-vaccination-programme-update/ https://www.nhsinform.scot/covid19vaccine?fbclid=IwAR0K9Lzk5_lxtuQDmANf_k-mEmy0KE6kBp9pGotpevG5Q1pRBslhGUjcG1Q http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/patients-and-visitors/community-testing/	Being rolled out 7 th Jan 2020
Poverty:					
	Child Poverty	Child Poverty Action Plan 2020/21	All	Child Poverty Annual Report 2019/20 & Child Poverty Report and Action Plan 2020/21.	https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/directory/83/strategies_plans_and_policies_directory/category/710
	Families	Child Payment for under 6's –	Social Security Local Delivery Service	https://www.gov.scot/policies/social-security/scottish-child-payment/	Child Payment: Applications open

		Child Heating Allowance – for those with children who have a high rate care requirement		https://www.gov.scot/news/new-benefit-help-with-heating-costs/	Nov 2020, payment Feb 2021. Child Heating Allowance: Dec 2020
	Foodbanks/ Fareshare	Developing sustainable, local approaches to food security and to further develop FareShare network	Eildon Housing supported by CPP	https://fareshare.org.uk/what-we-do/ FareShare Borders depot opened in April 2020 plus 22 FareShare outlets being supported in the Scottish Borders	Eildon Housing and SBC will continue to support FareShare for the immediate future.
	All	Financial inclusion - Money Worries App which will signpost individuals to a variety of support	Health Improvement Team/SBC/CA/RSL's		NHS Borders Money Worries App now live w/c 22 02 2021
	Anti-Poverty	Draft Anti-Poverty Strategy being developed	SBC	Draft Strategy being presented to SBC Council 25 February 2021 for approval	Approved by Council 28 02 2021
	Financial Inclusion Hardship Fund	Allocation of the Scottish Government “Addressing future need to support individuals at financial risk 2020/21” Focussing on vulnerable families, digital poverty, food security and other essential emergencies	Scottish Borders Council	https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s49398/Item%20%20-%20Covid-19%20Responses%20-%20Proposals%20to%20Further%20Support%20Individuals....Committee%20Report.pdf	Approved by SBC Executive 9 Feb 2021
Employment & Economy:					
	All	SOSE/REP - Furthering the sustainable economic and social development of the	SOSE/REP	https://www.southofscotlandenterprise.com/news	SOSE is delivering its Operating Plan 2020/21. An

		<p>South of Scotland & improving the amenity and environment of the South of Scotland:</p> <p>SOSE Operating Plan now published which focusses on: Adaption and Diversification, Economic Recovery Loan Fund, Crisis, Community Ideas & Community Asset Development</p> <p>REP Economic Strategy & Action Plan being developed: Emphasis on place, Children & poverty, business & wider community support, tourism & blue health</p> <p>£2.7m invested in South of Scotland Destination Alliance</p> <p>Significant SOSE Covid-19 Business Support measures plus 2 Support Programmes which include – Enterprises & hospitality/events/leisure</p> <p>SOSE Consultation Strategy being developed which will lead to SOSE Action Plan & key priorities longer term priorities for SOSE</p>		<p>https://www.southofscotlandenterprise.com/media/1187/sose_consultation-strategy20_interactive.pdf</p>	<p>Annual Report and Accounts will be produced at the end of the financial year.</p> <p>REP is meeting monthly. Its priority is the development of a Regional Economic Strategy and consultants have been engaged to assist in this work which will involve widespread engagement with stakeholders.</p> <p>Team SoSE continues to meet regularly to share intelligence on Covid and Brexit and to co-ordinate activity.</p> <p>An Engagement Framework has been published which sets out how SOSE intends to engage with</p>
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					stakeholders, particularly around the development of an Action Plan with longer term priorities for SOSE
		Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal	The Borderlands Partnership	https://www.borderlandsgrowth.com/ https://www.borderlandsgrowth.com/News	
		Employability Challenge in the Scottish Borders		https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s49403/Item%2010%20-%20Executive%20report%20on%20Employability.%20090221.pdf	
	All	Partnership Action for Continuing Employment (PACE)	SDS/DWP/LA/SoSE		
Data/supporting evidence:					
		Develop a Covid-19 Vulnerability Assessment to identify those most in need at Ward level.	SBC to produce initial draft with partner input	Scottish Borders Strategic Assessment: https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/downloads/download/211/strategic_assessment Scottish Borders ScotPHO Vulnerability Index 2020	Completed and circulated

				SBHA Tenant Analysis BHA Welfare Calls Shielding Lists Child Poverty Index Third Sector Surveys to establish needs	
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BAVS	Berwickshire Association for Voluntary Service
BHA	Berwickshire Housing Association
CA	Citizen's Advice
CPP	Community Planning Partnership
LAC	Locality Area Co-ordinators
PACE	Partner Action for Continuing Employment
PS	Police Scotland
REP	Regional Economic Partnership
RSL's	Registered Social Landlord's
SBC	Scottish Borders Council
SBHA	Scottish Borders Housing Association
SDS	Skills Development Scotland
SoSE	South of Scotland Enterprise
TSI	Third Sector Interface

Best Value Action Plan:

	Actions:	Timescales	Update
1	Work with the Improvement Service and Scottish Gov't to provide guidance and support to gain insight into best practice in the implementation of the Community Empowerment Act	30 April 2020	Initial discussions have taken place with both the Improvement Service and Scottish Gov't.
2	Conduct a review of the operation of local area partnerships to inform the development of enhanced local decision making service provision and the allocation of resources	31 Jan 2020	Complete - Report to Council 27 08 20 – Area Partnerships are now in the process of making recommendations on how both the Area Partnerships and Community Fund are developed in future: https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=132&MId=5138&Ver=4 Report due to go back to SBC Council on 25 03 2021
3a	Use the experience of the budget consultation process 2020/21 to develop the approach to mainstreaming participatory budgeting. Work with communities to identify priority areas within current budgets.	31 Oct 2020	Participatory Budgeting approach being developed as part of ongoing budget process.
3b	Evaluation of Localities Bid Fund to be undertaken	31 Oct 2020	Complete - Report to Council 27 08 20 - Evaluation of Localities Bid Fund: https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=132&MId=5138&Ver=4
4	Promote the #your part campaign to recognise the contribution of communities	31 Dec 2020	
5	Undertake an organisational review under Fit for 2024 of how to best develop community capacity in the 3 rd sector and localities	TBC	Ongoing

6a	Review Community Plan and Action Plan to ensure actions align to 2020 Strategic Assessment.	30 June 2020	CPP Key Priorities Plan 2021 will inform a future refreshed Community Plan and Action Plan
6b	Agree Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Performance Management Framework through CPP Joint Programme Board and CPP Strategic Board	31 Mar 2020	Complete - 2017/2019 Performance Report has been approved by CPP Strategic Board: https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=185&Mid=5235&Ver=4 2019/2020 Performance Report now needs to be progressed.
7	Completion and publication of Locality Plans and Action Plans	31 Mar 2020	Complete - approved by CPP Strategic Board 10 September 2020: https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=185&Mid=5235&Ver=4
8	Promote stakeholder engagement through Area Partnerships and community engagement events, with training around leadership/national standards of engagement.	31 Dec 20	Area Partnerships will resume virtually in Nov 2020: https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=421&Mid=5295&Ver=4
9a	Community Empowerment Act to become standing agenda item at Area Partnerships with information to raise awareness and provide support to communities.	31 Dec 20	Standing item on AP's agenda & support ongoing: https://scottishborders.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?Cid=421&Mid=5295&Ver=4
9b	Research to be undertaken on SBC performance relative to other local authorities	31 Dec 20	This has been concluded, SBC are in alignment with other local authorities similar to size and geography.
10	Develop regular reporting of progress of community engagement across the whole council, for inclusion in reports to members and CPP Strategic Board	30 Jun 20	Reporting of Citizen Space surveys and consultations is being developed.