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**
- **Faster adoption of new technology, e-commerce and digital skills**

RAG Status:

- Green – complete
- Amber – progressing
- Red - challenges re delivery

Theme	Impacted	Project/Action	Lead * key at bottom of table	What is already in place ?	Update & Timescales
Structure:					
		Develop Locality Model & Hubs Welfare calls to individuals within our communities Developing fast/efficient solutions to local issues in partnership	CPP members	Community Assistance Hubs have been set up in each locality: Whole system & person centred approach has been provided during Covid-19 response without complex systems	Model Framework being developed. Principles of Framework being developed. What Matters Hubs now being held virtually. Wellbeing Service are involved in the 12 week pilot CAH weekly community meetings now taking place virtually – please contact Shona Smith/Clare Richards for meeting invites. CAH's now report quarterly to Area Partnerships.

		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			JHIT nutritional advice & support included mapping of Government Food Boxes with Eatwell guidance and recipe planning and development of resources (e.g. recipe packs, understanding vitamin D). TSI staff attending meetings regularly and contributing with 3rd sector knowledge and linking services. TSI organisations (Bavs and The Bridge) have invested in new technology in order to continue remote service effectively. VCB invested in training modules for 3rd Sector Org (volunteers) using SG Boost Fund. SBSEC invested in NCFE level 5 social media and app design training to upskill team members. The SBHA Neighbourhood Teams engaging with Hubs and tenants are benefiting from the more connected service offer, particularly those living in complex situations). SBHA weekly welfare calls and working towards implementing a Community Monitoring Tool software to risk assess our tenants' support needs and determine the levels of contact and intervention required. SBHA rolling out Near to Me virtual Appointments and visits. Active member of housing sector project group with SFHA(Scottish Federation of Housing Associations) to roll-out this virtual platform for delivery of housing services to residents remotely.

Digital:					
	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. VCB worked with Eildon Housing supporting with volunteers for Digital Champions. SBSEC has been training volunteers and young 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. TSI to collaborate in raising awareness of 3rd sector organisations supporting the target group.
	TBA	Connecting Scotland - Expansion Project	SBC/SoSE/CPP	Funding has been secured from Financial Inclusion Hardship Fund and SoSE to work in partnership with partners to expand the Connecting Scotland Project borders wide. This will include addressing any shortfall/oversubscription from previous 3 phases	A more coordinated Digital Strategy in Berwickshire is being developed which will see to bring all digital inclusion projects as a network of resources for the local area. Possibility to support the expansion of Connecting Scotland project Borders-wide.

	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)	https://www.berwickshirehousing.org.uk/news/helping-tenants-to-get-digitally-connected/ BHA and BAVS currently working towards expansion of the project across rural communities in Berwickshire. Demand for devices has increased. Collaboration for a Berwickshire Digital Network between other providers in Berwickshire is currently under way which includes Eyemouth Rotary project & Outside the Box Digital Buddies. This will see a more coordinated Digital Strategy in Berwickshire.
	School pupils, student, community, employers	Digital Skills Hubs	Borders College (in partnership with D&G College)	The hub is intended to pull together the careers and required digital learning and skills for the South of Scotland. The hub involves school, college, range of university and innovation centres as well as local and national employers.	So far 4 Workstream project groups have met and agreed priority actions. These are: • Career Long Professional Learning (CLPL) and mentoring • Upskilling and reskilling for business • Educational Pathways • Improving access to Digital Skills Board and Industry Advisory Group established and have considered the 4 work stream outcomes and priority actions/resource.

				The Hub will form part of the DigiSkills Scotland Network.	Early 'wins' include 'Industry in the Classroom' on cyber security being offered to all schools; integration of Data Science in to other technical subjects at Borders College being shared with D&G college; Staff and pupil/student mentoring scheme and development of progression pathways in Cyber Security to Napier University.
		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. Are 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	Working well in two development currently. Plans to roll out to all supported accommodation in Eildon stock this financial year – including new Extra Care Housing development at Gala. Considering expansion to general needs housing in locations poorly served by broadband.
	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	'CLARE' prototype in stage 2 development and secured access to further COVTECH funding support from SG. Collaborating on a South of Scotland webinar and a SFHA members webinar on IOT opportunities.
	All	Connecting R100 – making broadband progress	SPICe	Delivery of the Scottish Government's "Reaching 100% programme", more commonly known as	https://spice-spotlight.scot/2020/10/05/connecting-r100-making-broadband-progress/

				the R100 programme.	
Education and Skills:					
	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	Through workforce mobility TSI obtained funding through the city deal for free travel pass 16-19 year olds. 16–24-year-old will get 50% of their transport costs funded, further updates on full costs to follow.
	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 MyWoW registrations for all Borders secondary pupils is 82%, nationally 74%.
		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	Borders Learning & Skills Partnership	Currently meeting every 3 weeks: Structure of BSLP being reviewed. Focus on: Advanced manufacturing Digital Skills Hub	New Strategic Board TOR agreed with new name – Borders, Learning, Skills and Employability Partnership. 2 working groups set up focussing on young people and adults (employability) that will feed into Strategic Board. Revisited membership and RSLs will be represented on Strategic Board. Will be co-chaired by Scottish Borders Council and Borders College. Increased focus on employability in light of economic crisis coming out of pandemic.

		skills and agree actions in response.		Apprenticeship models Construction Green jobs Career pathways Developing enterprise skills	
	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/PACE	http://www.borderscollege.ac.uk/find-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. THE (Tourism, Hospitality and Enterprise) modules in Digital Marketing and Leadership in the Rural Visitor Economy launched in partnership with SRUC College. 18 enrolments. Programme launched 22nd April. Extending to 10 online modules by July 2021.
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	Third Sector	http://onlineborders.org.uk/search/apachesolr_search/Feder	http://onlineborders.org.uk/news/guidance-for-re-opening-community-buildings-issue-3

		Guidance for re-opening village halls and community buildings		ation%20of%20Village%20Halls	Consultation around Village Halls took place last month, data is currently being analysed.
	Young People	Under 19 Free Travel	SBC	Under 16s currently pay ½ fares on all local bus services Large numbers of young people currently live off the main bus corridors and therefore may not benefit from the introduction of the scheme	The roll out of under 19 free travel will likely commence from June 2021, with this being extended to under 22's by the end of the current financial year. Ongoing engagement with stakeholders to identify how we can ensure that young people who don't stay on major bus arteries in the Borders have the same opportunities as young people who live in urban areas DRT services may provide an opportunity to link smaller communities into the wider bus network DRT Trial being implemented May/June 2021 on existing SBC DRT services, Possibility of also extending out to involve commercial operators
	Young People	College transport across the region	Borders College/SBC	Remote learning taking place across the region. Pupils are attending practical sessions at College sites in Newtown and Galashiels College bus services were withdrawn at the request of Borders College in 2020 following	Initial discussions have been held with Borders Buses on diverting the service 60 via Eyemouth to assist with transport for pupils to and from Borders College. This needs further analysis as passengers between Berwick and Chirnside will be impacted by the change to a peak service bus. Discussions ongoing with Borders Buses, changes on hold until we have had an opportunity to review patronage when restrictions ease. Possible opportunities to improve bus service connections in Berwickshire area

				changes to the way in which the curriculum was rolled out due to Covid As a result, dedicated college transport officer no longer in post. No direct links from Eyemouth to Borders College for pupils who are undertaking practical classes	Service Level Agreement to be agreed between Borders College and SBC on level of support required from Passenger Transport. Discussions ongoing.
	Young People	Kickstart Scheme 50% Travel Discount	SBC	The Kickstart Scheme provides funding to create new jobs for 16 to 24 year olds on Universal Credit who are at risk of long term unemployment. Passenger Transport in partnership with DWP, Local Operators and Paths for all have implemented a scheme which entitles kickstarters	Funding has been secured for 2021/22 to continue funding the 50% ticket discount All Borders operators are engaged and have adopted the scheme Currently 10 young people benefiting from 50% off travel, we expect user numbers to increase from May onwards

				50% off their transport costs to and from employment All Bus operators in the region have signed up to the scheme.	
	Young People	School Transport Planning	SBC	The school planning process is carried out on an annual basis and the process has not changed significantly for a number of years New software is available which can plan routes digitally which will assist us with planning a more efficient network for home to school transport whilst also reducing staff time	Engagement with education and procurement colleagues has taken place and the planning has now commenced. Data is now coming in from schools and we should have a first draft of a network complete by the end of April.
	Vulnerable/ Older People	Community Transport Review	BAVS: Community Transport Development Officer/SBC	Currently 4 named partners operating CT across the Borders	BAVs are currently carrying out a review of CT services Revised level of funding agreed for flow centre, SBC has committed to Supporting the flow centre for a further year beyond which was previously agreed

			Localities Transport Officer	BAVS, The Bridge, RVS and	Work on an service level agreement is almost finalised which will formalise the arrangement between the CT operators and SBC
	ALL	NHS discounted Travel	SBC/NHS Borders	Borders Buses offered free travel to NHS staff throughout the pandemic to keep people connected with the BGH. SBC subsequently submitted a bid to Paths for All to continue this scheme and extend it out to people who were attending the BGH to try and stimulate travel on bus and reduce single occupancy car journeys. Scheme extended to all Borders Operators The scheme will run until September 2021	Analysis shows that there are almost 3000 tickets a month now being sold with journeys peaking between 06:30 and 08:30 with almost 30% of the tickets being sold at this time
	ALL	Local Bus Services	SBC	Current local bus network has seen significant drop in	Opportunity to engage and work with local communities and transport operators in 2021 to develop a new travel network that meets the needs of the communities we serve

				patronage following Covid -19 with levels at around 35% of pre covid levels. Some competition between subsidised and commercial services	Potential to bid into the Bus partnership fund in October 2021 to develop and deliver ambitious schemes which will encourage people to move towards public transport. Bid being prepared for the Community Renewal Fund to implement DRT trials across the Scottish Borders to improve transport links for people who live off core bus routes.
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 Governance Group are now meeting on a regular basis to plan and deliver the community engagement work. Two workshops have taken place involving community members and stakeholders. The first to identify barrier to health weight and the second to develop a vision statement and commence development of an action plan. Outputs to date include an asset map, causal map and identification of priorities. Next steps are to co-produce a draft action plan.
	Vulnerable older people	Community Transport Review	BAVS: Community Transport Development Officer/SBC Community Transport Officer		Berwickshire Wheels provided transport to 57 vaccination appointment in Berwickshire, 100% of passengers are older adults. What Wheely Matters project has been consulting with communities and transport providers around sustainable transport options. The focus of the project is around DRT, Zero Emissions Community Garage and links with e-bikes.

					Conversations around buddy scheme to support the use of public transport networks where this exists. Borders CT providers are working closely and finding solutions around sustainable transport options.
		SBHA Ageing Well Strategy	SBHA		Ageing Well Strategy seeks to ensure sustainable housing for older people
Health & Wellbeing (including Mental Health):					
	All	Personalised packages of support to individual volunteers	Third Sector		TSI Borders Mental Health and Wellbeing Forum, led by The Bridge took place in Feb 2021, this brought together Borders 3rd Sector in discussion around how to collaborate and conversation around service commissioning. Is there any ambition to set up support groups for those suffering from Long Covid ?
	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 Support across the Borders for 3rd Sector and village halls has been put in place, this is a collaboration between Bavs and The Bridge to ensure the safeguard of local halls in re-starting face to face activities. A professional risk assessor has been working closely with Village Halls and developing risk assessment plans and delivering training. SBC Property Recovery Board meeting weekly re access to SBC properties SBHA developing new flexible blended working arrangement Workforce Lateral flow Covid testing?

	All	Covid-19 Vaccination Programme	NHS Borders/Scottish Fire & Rescue	Covid-19 Vaccination Programme is operational and managed by NHS Borders.	Delivery of the vaccinations commenced in early December 2020. The programme has offered first doses to all known individuals within JCVI priority cohorts 1-9. Mop ups and second doses are continuing. Now moving into phase 2 of the programme, delivery to the under 50s. All of the adult population will be offered their first dose by the end of July, subject to vaccine supply. Berwickshire Wheels provided transport to 57 vaccinations appointments in Berwickshire.
	Vulnerable Households	Service Champions	SBHA		Trained Neighbourhood Team members with enhanced knowledge of specialist areas (incl. Domestic Abuse, Dementia, Veterans, Addictions, Suicide Prevention, Mental Health, Fuel Poverty, Fire Risk Assessments, and LGBTQX) are supporting and mentoring colleagues in handling of complex cases, promoting appropriate referral pathways.
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

	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. Developing approached to longer term food security approach, including bid for community renewal fund.
		Social Housing Fuel Support Fund	RSLs/ Scottish Government		The Borders Housing Network (BHN) recently secured £450,000 from the Scottish Government's Social Housing Fuel Support Fund. In the last month, SBHA has supported 46 Tenants to benefit from this fund, with c£30,000 having already been claimed.
		Warm & Well Project	SBHA/Change works		Established in March 2020 and funded through the Scottish Government's Investing in Communities Fund. Specialist advisor providing support to households in fuel poverty, particularly families, and skills development of colleagues to embed energy advice. To date, 119 tenants have received support and benefited from c£25,000 in financial savings.
		Equalities & Diversity Ambassadors	SBHA/SFHA		Cohort group of team members, Board and tenants undertaking programme of training on equalities and diversity to champion inclusion of services to all.
	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 Consultation now live until 16 May for both individuals and organisations: https://scotborders.citizenspace.com/

	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%208%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 South of Scotland & improving the amenity and environment of the South of Scotland: SOSE Operating Plan now published which focusses on: Adaption and	SOSE/REP	https://www.southofscotlandenterprise.com/news https://www.southofscotlandenterprise.com/media/1187/sose_consultation-strategy20_interactive.pdf	SOSE is delivering its Operating Plan 2020/21. An Annual Report and Accounts will be produced at the end of the financial year. 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. Team SoSE continues to meet regularly to share intelligence on Covid and Brexit and to co-ordinate activity. An Engagement Framework has been published which sets out how SOSE intends to engage with stakeholders, particularly around the development of an Action Plan with longer term priorities for SOSE

		Diversification, Economic Recovery Loan Fund, Crisis, Community Ideas & Community Asset Development REP Economic Strategy & Action Plan being developed: Emphasis on place, Children & poverty, business & wider community support, tourism & blue health £2.7m invested in South of Scotland Destination Alliance Significant SOSE Covid-19 Business Support measures plus 2 Support Programmes which include – Enterprises & hospitality/events/leisure SOSE Consultation Strategy being			

		developed which will lead to SOSE Action Plan & key priorities 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	National marketing campaign ongoing including a short video on PACE redundancy support: https://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/support-with-business-	881 individuals received PACE information between 1 April 2020 – 31 March 2021. 83 customers received a service from SDS during this time. (These figures do not include clients who received a service from other PACE partners)

				change/pace-free-advice-on-redundancy/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Making%20Skills%20Work%20-%20Scottish%20Borders%20-%20Feb%2021&utm_content=Making%20Skills%20Work%20-%20Scottish%20Borders%20-%20Feb%2021+CID_e5f274edc89c6afe81e33f19ffc9dc0f&utm_source=Campaign%20Monitor%20email%20campaign&utm_term=PACE%20support	Fortnightly PACE meetings around response to redundancies in place, chaired by SDS with representation from SBC, SoSE and DWP

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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
SFRS	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
SDS	Skills Development Scotland
SoSE	South of Scotland Enterprise
TSI	Third Sector Interface

CPP – Completed/Ongoing Actions

		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	Completed and circulated

				Vulnerability Index 2020 SBHA Tenant Analysis BHA Welfare Calls Shielding Lists Child Poverty Index Third Sector Surveys to establish needs	
	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 Successfully launched on 16/03/21, following testing & improvements. Launch week had a combined social media reach of 21,594 Reporting processes are currently being agreed. Following testing there have been 141 downloads of the app. Next steps: • Increased emphasis on communications to raise awareness & encourage downloads • Promote in various community settings in including community testing & vaccination Please find Q1 update: Money Worries App Update.docx

					From April 2020 - March 2021 the Financial Support and Inclusion Team received 430 referrals for pregnant women and families with young children and increased benefits of £1.3m. The majority of these were direct referrals from Health Visitors. We continue to support the Best Start grant scheme. From March 2020 - February 2021 a total claim of £429,889 was gained for Scottish Borders families. In total from December 2018 - February 2021, 4,055 Best Start Grants applications (73%) were authorised in Scottish Borders - this is above the average for Scotland. A total claim of £888,434 was gained for Scottish Borders families over this time period.
	Families	Child Payment for under 6's – Child Heating Allowance – for those with children who have a high rate care requirement	Social Security Local Delivery Service	https://www.gov.scot/policies/social-security/scottish-child-payment/ https://www.gov.scot/news/new-benefit-help-with-heating-costs/	Child Payment: Applications open Nov 2020, payment Feb 2021. Child Heating Allowance: Dec 2020
	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/	Complete & ongoing We continue to seek input from people who are bereaved by suicide in the Borders to shape our work. This year 40 people took part in the Light Up Their Life lantern making project as a way for people to remember those who have died by suicide. Working with Alchemy Film and Arts, the group are also making a video as part of the Scottish Mental Health Arts Festival in May 2021.

					The See Me Schools Mental Health Initiative 120 S6 pupils across Scottish Borders participated in the virtual Emotional Health & Wellbeing toolkit training. We currently have 90 EHWB ambassadors Keeping active/healthy weight: The Healthy Beginnings: MAP of Behaviour Change Learning Programme has been developed as an early intervention and prevention approach to Child Healthy weight in Early Years practitioners in partnershop with JHIT, Health Visiting, Early Years Centres and the Oral Health Team and NHS Education Scotland. 5 trainers have delivered multi-agency training to 100 participants. Unicef Breastfeeding Friendly Initiative (BFI): On the 8th December NHS Borders achieved UNICEF- Sustainability Gold Award for Maternity Services. We are the 3rd board across Scotland to achieve this prestigious award, and the initial UNICEF feedback reflected on the submission of an outstanding portfolio. The Wellbeing Service operates across Borders and is part of the new primary care mental health pathway. Appointments have been offered via telephone and near me and a new psychological first aid intervention offered in response to Covid19. Positive outcomes measured in terms of emotional wellbeing , healthy eating and physical activity. The local Mental Health Improvement and Suicide Prevention Action Plan was adapted to respond to Covid19. Training and capacity building was adapted and the availability of online learning was increased.

					In September 2020 during Suicide Prevention Awareness Week a new Scottish suicide prevention campaign was launched. United to Prevent Suicide calls on people to pledge to help make Scotland the most supportive country in the world. Locally we have developed this into three actions people can take to help prevent suicide.
	Support	Furlough and Job Retention Schemes implemented	All CPP partners as required/appropriate		Complete & ongoing
	Support	Support, advice & guidance to individuals and organisations	Third Sector	https://onlineborders.org.uk/directory	Complete & ongoing Support to new groups and organisations that emerged throughout the COVID19 pandemic is ongoing. This has resulted in many groups changing their legal structure, looking at their governance following OSCR guidelines. This involves SCIOs altering their constitutions to adapt to online meetings and holding of AGMS. An example is the surge of community larders and food provision by third sector organisations. This work is ongoing for all Partners in the TSI. The Bridge and BAVs continue to support thematic areas throughout the Scottish Borders and attend Community Meetings in all localities. Bavs created a Berwickshire resource that is now available to Social Work team in Berwickshire and CAH: https://www.bavs.org.uk/berwickshire-community-food-projects
	Funding	Supporting & distribution of funding programmes & micro grants	Third Sector	http://onlineborders.org.uk/sites/default/files/thebridge/files/Fallago%20Environment%20Fund%20Covid-	Scheme now closed with 38 awards made to local community projects – COMPLETE • Grants obtained and dispersed during COVID19: • National Lottery, • Scottish Government Supporting Communities Fund • Fallago • Scottish Government Wellbeing fund

				19RecoveryProgGrantsAug2020.pdf	• Village Halls Business support grants • Seedcorn fund to social enterprises These grants were used to respond quickly, and often creatively to the emerging challenges faced by communities in the Scottish Borders.
	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	Complete & ongoing. Joint Health Improvement Team developed Covid-19 specific resources for improving and protecting mental health and for preventing suicide which was shared extensively across the partnership. The mental health and wellbeing guide for young people was updated and launched the new guide via a new six week campaign #BordersWellbeing, based on the Six Ways to Be Well, alongside a new health and wellbeing Young Scot microsite and uploaded it to 12,500 Inspire Learning devices. JHIT and the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership have developed online training opportunities to replace existing training plans. Learning is ongoing in terms of technology but online (interactive) training appears to deliver positive learning outcome and increase engagement as the proportion of 'did not attends' has reduced.
	Young People	Young Person Guarantee – No-one left behind	Borders College/SDS/ PACE/ Third Sector	https://www.gov.scot/news/delivering-the-youth-guarantee/	Being delivered 2020/21 – set up complete & ongoing. Annual Participation Measure published in August 2020 showed that 94.5% of Borders 16-19 year olds were participating in

				A collaborative system-wide review announced on 24th February 2021: https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/news-events/2021/february/building-a-world-class-career-system/	education, training or employment compared to 92.1% nationally. https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/media/46977/2020_annualparticipationmeasure_scottishborders.pdf Monthly Participation Snapshot for 16-17 year olds published in April showed that 95.8% were participating compared to 95.3% nationally – https://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/publications-statistics/statistics/monthly-participation-snapshot-for-16-and-17-year-olds/ Scottish Borders Social Enterprise Chamber, on behalf of the Borders TSI is a Gateway for the UK government's Kickstart Scheme, supporting young people into employment and the voluntary sector employers who have the capacity to employ and mentor a young person in the workplace.
	All	Upcycling of digital devices	Newlands Community Development Trust	Donate, refurbish & rehome digital devices	https://renewcrew.org.uk/ COMPLETE - Project now up and running
	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 & continues to respond to demand. Complete & ongoing.
	Vulnerable older people & shielding group	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 provided for 6 months – COMPLETE.

					(Although Phase 1 is complete, an evaluation summary from Connecting Scotland will be shared with CPP as part of future performance reporting) SBSEC has been distributing devices and access to online learning through Connecting Scotland and online centre network. 40 Digital Champions trained across SBHA to provide guidance and support for tenants to use devices and get online and devices supplied to 190 Tenants through the Connecting Scotland above.
	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	Now rolled out to P4/5 across the Borders - completed

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	Ongoing	Initial discussions have taken place with both the Improvement Service and Scottish Gov't., and SBC will continue to monitor the national position in relation to best practice.
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	30 09 2021	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 The recommendations in relation to the Community Fund have been approved and are in process of being implemented. A further report on Area Partnerships will be taken to Council in Autumn 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 03 2021	The approach to Participatory Budgeting has now been agreed as part of the ongoing budget process, with a strategic and operational officer group now established.
3b	Evaluation of Localities Bid Fund to be undertaken	31 10 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	Ongoing	#your part campaign used extensively throughout Covid response and recovery phases

5	Undertake an organisational review under Fit for 2024 of how to best develop community capacity in the 3rd sector and localities	TBC	Ongoing
6a	Review Community Plan and Action Plan to ensure actions alight to 2020 Strategic Assessment.	30 06 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 03 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 03 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 12 2021	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 12 2020	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 06 2020	Reporting of Citizen Space surveys and consultations is being developed.