
COMMUNITY PLAN 2018 – PROGRESS REPORT

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1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the Community Plan 2018 Progress Report.**
- 1.2 Community Planning Partnerships are required to publish a report on their Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP), known in the Borders as the Community Plan, on an annual basis.
- 1.3 The Strategic Board agreed its first Community Plan under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 in May 2018. The Plan included 15 outcomes sitting under four themes setting out measures and targets for each.
- 1.2 The Progress Report sets out progress on achieving a selection of the outcomes identified in the Community Plan

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Strategic Board approves the Community Plan 2018 Progress Report prior publication and to submission to the Scottish Government.**

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Strategic Board agreed its Community Plan in May 2018. The Plan included 15 outcomes sitting under four themes setting out measures and targets for each, these being:

- Our economy, skills & learning
 - More people working productively for higher wages
 - More business people benefitting from greater investment and better support for their new and existing businesses, particularly in key growth sectors
 - More highly skilled workers
 - More people shopping, visiting and spending in local town centres
 - More people benefiting from better connectivity
 - More LAC (looked after and accommodated) children and young people in positive and sustained destinations
 - More children, particularly those living in poverty, achieving higher levels of attainment
- Our health, care and wellbeing
 - More people in good health and leading an active lifestyle at every age and stage of life
 - More people in good mental health at every age and stage of life
 - Improved support and care for older people
- Our quality of life
 - Fewer people experiencing violence (incl. domestic abuse)
 - Fewer people experiencing antisocial behaviour
 - Fewer people killed or seriously injured on our roads
- Our place
 - More people able to afford to heat their homes
 - More people living independently in affordable and sustainable homes

3.2 Community Planning Partnerships are required to report on their Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP), known in the Borders as the Community Plan, on an annual basis. A new Community Plan has been developed to reflect the changed priorities in the Borders following the pandemic and Cost of Living Crisis. This will therefore be the last report on the 2018 Plan.

3.3 The Progress Report will be submitted to the Scottish Government and made publicly available.

4 DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMMUNITY PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

4.1 In developing the Progress Report (appendix one) a conscious decision was made to change from the previous format which was data heavy in favour of a shorter version that would clearly set out how actions undertaken had contributed to the identified outcomes/aims. Rather than include all 15 outcomes the report represents progress on a selection of outcomes under each of the four themes. Supporting information has been included for one

outcome under each theme to illustrate some of the work that has been taking place.

- 4.2 During the data collection stage it was identified that some data categories had changed since the Plan was created. Where this was the case the data reported on has been changed to ensure that like for like information was being compared. It should also be noted that the frequency of which data is published varies. The most recently published data available has been used when compiling the Progress Report.

5 HIGHLIGHTS

- 5.1 There have been a number of very positive changes since the Plan was agreed five year ago including:

- Our economy, skills & learning
 - 4% increase in pupils gaining 5+ awards at level 5
 - 7% reduction in the geographical areas with no 4G signal in the Scottish Borders
- Our health, care and wellbeing
 - 6% reduction in the number of adults who are overweight
 - 15% reduction in the number of multiple emergency hospital admissions.
- Our quality of life
 - 20% decrease in the number of anti-social behaviour incidents recorded. However, should be noted that there has been a 2.6% increase in the number of online anti-social behaviour incidents record over the same period.
 - 20% decrease in the number of people seriously injured on our roads compared to a 9.9% increase in Scotland over the same period.
- Our place
 - 125 new affordable homes completed in 2022/23
 - 5% decrease in fuel poverty

- 5.2 It should be noted that factors outwith the control of the Community Planning Partnership may have affected the changes reported (both positively and negatively). Going forward the Partnership will ensure that measures reported on include ones which are solely affected by the actions undertaken by the Partnerships itself.

IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

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

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

The Community Planning Partnership is required, under the Community Planning (Scotland) Act 2015, to submit an annual report detailing progress made on delivering the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan. Not doing so puts the CPP in breach of its statutory duty.

5.3 **Integrated Impact Assessment**

An IIA Stage 1 has been completed. No impacts have been identified and a full IIA is not required.

5.4 **Sustainable Development Goals**

No impact on the UN Sustainable Development Goals has been identified as arising from the proposal contained in this report.

5.5 **Climate Change**

No impact on climate change has been identified as arising from the proposal contained in this report.

5.6 **Rural Proofing**

n/a

5.7 **Data Protection Impact Statement**

There are no personal data implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.8 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

No changes are required to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposal contained in this report.

6 **CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The Progress report has been circulated to, and discussed by, the Community Planning Partnership Joint Programme Board

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