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THEME: A GOOD PLACE TO GROW UP, LIVE IN AND ENJOY A FULL LIFE				
Theme lead: Police Scotland		Group members: Police Scotland, SBC, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service		
Outcomes	Actions	Time frame	Progress	RAG
The Borders has a clear and planned pathway to Net Zero.	The Partnership will establish a definitive baseline of Area-Wide Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and develop a regional approach to delivering emissions mitigation and a climate-ready region.	12 months	<p>An initial meeting of the Practitioners Group took place on 13 September, and agreed Terms of Reference. A further meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday 6 December. Preparatory to 6 December meeting, efforts are being made to collate an overview of each organisation's priorities, plans, current projects, future plans and collaborative opportunities.</p> <p>A workshop to address the wider governance and delivery requirements of the CPP is scheduled for 6 November. For Net Zero, in particular, partners will need to understand how climate action is scoped, agreed and delivered through the Partnership Board, Programme Board and delivery theme groups, recognising the paramount and pervasive nature of the climate imperative.</p>	


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<p>Cleaner greener travel, less emissions and increased choice for communities within the Scottish Borders.</p>	<p>Increase the range and availability of sustainable transport.</p>	<p>Some steps within 12 months; further steps beyond 12 months</p>	<p>On the 2nd of May 2022, Scottish Borders Council, supported by the Workforce Mobility Project, launched the PINGO Demand Responsive Transport pilot in the Berwickshire locality.</p> <p>PINGO is an innovative way of delivering public transport which is not based on a traditional fixed route bus service, but defined by customers booking their trip through the PINGO App or by calling the dedicated hotline.</p> <p>The service exceeded 12000 journeys in its first 11 months of operation with users of the Scottish Governments Under 22 free travel scheme accounting for over 40% of all journeys.</p> <p>The pilot has been extended for a further 12 months through to March 2024 with further enhancements coming online in the next 12 months, the service continues to show consistent passenger growth in the Berwickshire catchment.</p> <p>The data gathered will feed into the wider network review helping us to understand how Demand Responsive Transport can interwork with fixed line bus services in a rural context.</p> <p>As we continue to recover from the Covid – 19 pandemic, some fixed route local bus service are starting to see growth.</p> <p>In order to accommodate new travel patterns, some key transport corridors will benefit from</p>	
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			increased frequencies and later hours of operation from July 2023.	
Communities at the heart of decisions shaping the future and making decisions that affect their towns and villages.	Community Planning Partners to recognise and support Place Making (with the development of place plans in at least 15 communities across the five localities of the Borders) by being active in the governance of Place Making.	12 months	<p>A summary note from the in-person Place Making workshop for Community Planning Partners in June has been prepared by Scottish Futures Trust and shared with the team developing the Community Plan to ensure community led planning is incorporated into the thinking.</p> <p>Summary note attached.</p> <p> ScottishBordersCPPPI acemakingNote24082</p> <p>Place Making conversations are continuing across the Borders with 58 out of 69 community council areas having expressed an interest or are actively developing a Local Place Plan for their area. Updates and further information are being captured in Scottish Borders Councils Place Programme pages.</p> <p>Place Programme</p> <p>The four towns that are part of the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal Place Programme have formed “Town Teams” and are actively working on a Local Place Plan. Community Planning Partners are represented on some of those teams or are feeding into the conversations at a community level.</p>	

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			Further involvement from partners is welcomed and SBC will encourage dialogue with partners as the plans develop.	
Fewer people experience domestic abuse in Scottish Borders	Recognition-Respond-Refer: Empower communities to identify and take action to address domestic abuse through delivering increased awareness of 'coercive control' in the Scottish Borders and an understanding of what to do and who to contact	12 months	First draft of Community Domestic Abuse Infographic has been produced, reviewed and approved and is currently being revised for use on mobile devices in order to make it accessible for all.	

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Briefing on the Independent Strategic Review of Funding and Commissioning of VAWG Services

Background and Context

The Independent Strategic Review of Funding and Commissioning of Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) Services was set up with a remit to develop a more consistent, coherent, collective and stable funding model that will ensure high quality, accessible specialist services across Scotland for women, children and young people experiencing any form of VAWG.

Extensive consultation was conducted by a Scottish Government independently appointed Strategic Board, and locally the Scottish Borders Violence against Women Partnership submitted a response; the VAW National Network collated responses and individual services supported responses from national bodies such as Scottish Women's Aid and Rape Crisis Scotland.

Summary of Recommendations: extracted from main Report published June 2023

1. Legislation to support VAWG on a statutory footing. This will include: a right in law to our minimum core services; a public duty on service providers to ensure that the full range of minimum core services are provided, and a public duty on prevention identifying children and young people as co-victims in relation to domestic abuse.
2. Minimum Core Services - a range of services which are required to provide safety and support for women, children and young people wherever and whenever they need it. These services are intended to be a floor not a ceiling – additional services can be provided but there should never be fewer than the minimum core.
3. Participation of women, children and young people and the needs of all victims/survivors of Violence Against Women Children and Young People (VAWCYP) should be included and resourced in the development and implementation of all aspects of the new model.
4. Funding and Commissioning of Violence Against Women and Girls Services - providing these minimum core services as a right in law means that there will no longer be a competitive fund run by the Scottish Government. Funding for VAWG will be provided through collaborative commissioning arrangements and should be agreed for at least an initial three-year period, with the option of two further years thereafter.

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5. The current national, competitive fund for essential services provided by the SG will be replaced by ring fenced, devolved funding for VAWCYP minimum core services to local authorities and their statutory partners.
6. The Scottish Government will also fund national prevention work, including campaigns and the establishment of the Istanbul Convention Implementation Observatory. partnership with others and a training programme for all professionals.
7. Mainstream Services have a key role in responding to VAWCYP, and we are therefore recommending the development of a whole system, intersectional, gendered, child rights response to VAWCYP as a prerequisite to achieving the transformational shift required, including training for staff in mainstream services, delivered through a national training strategy.
8. As noted above, we recommend that Violence Against Women Partnerships (VAWPs) should be put on a statutory footing and included in Public Protection arrangements at local authority level. Investment in developing the infrastructure of VAWPs is essential and should include appropriate levels of resource for coordination and administration, and capacity building to support monitoring and evaluation. Resources should be provided to support VAWPs to undertake a strategic commissioning role within their local areas to meet local needs and circumstances and to carry out local needs assessments.
9. VAWPs should also be resourced to ensure that the experience of women, children and young people inform their local strategy and that their work is grounded in an intersectional understanding of VAWG. Standards and Regulation

Current status

The VAW National Network have responded to the Recommendations in the Report and on the whole support the Recommendations whilst acknowledging the impact on local authorities and local VAWPs in moving to a new funding model and a statutory footing for violence against women.

Cosla, as co-authors of Equally Safe have also responded to the Recommendations and will discuss further the implications for local authorities.

The Scottish Government have indicated that they will publish an Implementation Plan in December 2023, detailing the first steps in progressing the range of recommendations from the Report. This is likely to require some discussion at local level between the VAW Partnership and key stakeholders in relation to resources required to implement the first phase of the recommendations.

The full report can be accessed on

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[The Independent Strategic Review of Funding and Commissioning \(www.gov.scot\)](http://www.gov.scot)

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