

Action Note

Meeting:	Irvine Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	14 September 2020 – Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams at 6.00 p.m.
Present:	<p>Councillor Marie Burns (Chair) Provost Ian Clarkson Councillor John Easdale Councillor Robert Foster Councillor Christina Larsen Councillor Shaun MacAulay Councillor Louise McPhater</p> <p>Sylvia Mallinson, Community Representative (Vice-Chair) Diane Dean (Co-opted) Donna Fitzpatrick, Community Representative Annie Small, Community Representative</p> <p>Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer (NAC) Eddie Kenna, Scottish Fire and Rescue Gavin Paterson, Partnership Engagement Officer Elaine Baxter, Community Education Locality Co-ordinator Justin Jones, Youth Forum Diane McCaw, Committee Services, North Ayrshire Council</p>
Apologies:	<p>Councillor Angela Stephen Kenny Hankinson, Senior Lead Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Alan Brown, Scottish Fire and Rescue Andy Dolan, Police Scotland Ian Wallace, Community Representative</p>

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present to the Irvine Locality Partnership meeting and apologies for absence were noted. There were no declarations in terms of Standing Order 11.</p> <p>The Locality Partnership then took the opportunity to reflect on the sad passing of Theresa Potter, a highly regarded colleague within the HSCP and a committed local activist who had worked with a variety of organisations. On behalf of the Partnership, the Chair extended her condolences to Theresa's family, friends and colleagues.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 16 March 2020 was approved as a correct record and the implementation of decisions was confirmed.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

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2.1	Matters Arising The action note was discussed and the Chair highlighted that at Item 3, CIF Expressions of Interest, the meeting on 16 March 2020 had agreed that both the Locality IT Upgrade and Castlepark Community Association be progressed as funding bids. Due to Covid and other issues, these applications are not able to be brought back at this stage and both are currently a work in progress. Noted.	
3.	Community Hubs and Next Steps The Partnership received a presentation by the Locality Partnership Lead Officer and discussed the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the excellent collaborative work of the 3 Community Hubs at Redburn, Fullarton and Vineburgh during lockdown to tackle local issues;• the invaluable support of local volunteers;• the success of working with local groups during lockdown to identify local solutions and the value of empowering staff and volunteers to act;• mental health referrals throughout lockdown;• volunteering opportunities going forward with a potential bank of volunteers;• the positive sense of community which had emerged during lockdown; and• the commitment shown by local businesses and partners to work together. The Partnership expressed a huge debt of thanks to Donna Fitzpatrick, Louise McPhater and Elaine Baxter for the tremendous achievement and collaborate work with Council staff and volunteers who put themselves at risk by being on the front line throughout the pandemic lockdown. The Lead Officer advised on matters for consideration moving forward and the Partnership further discussed:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ensuring that the needs of the locality continue to be met in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic;• the potential for a second wave of Covid-19 and structures which are still in place to respond to this;• the need for swift and efficient action in terms of the Partnership and community ownership;• the requirement for a caring and efficient people centred approach to the provision of local support and the importance of responding to different local needs;• the commitment of the Council in terms of community ownership within community wealth building;• issues in terms of poverty, mental illness and social isolation which were already in existence having been accentuated by the pandemic;	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • progress in terms of the Child Poverty Action Plan, food justice and food dignity, cost of the school day for parents, and the production of Scotland's first Anti-Poverty Policy within the Council to address issues within local communities; • the importance of employability as an issue moving forward, particularly following the conclusion of the furlough scheme; • the continuation of essential partnership working; • concern in terms of how a potential resurgence in winter months will affect poverty and mental health; • the requirement to consult with local communities to determine what is needed and to ensure local support is in place; and • letting income for hubs being non-existent which leads to a situation where it is hard to keep delivering services and employ staff and pay bills. <p>Eddie Kenna left the meeting at this point.</p> <p>The Partnership will receive a follow-up questionnaire which will allow them to share any other issues they wish to raise which have not been covered at this meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Locality Officer / Community Rep Update</p> <p>Submitted an update report by Elaine Baxter, Locality Co-ordinator, detailing work which had been undertaken in the locality and highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Digital Irvine project tackling loneliness and isolation; • youth work and adult learning staff accreditation to deliver Playback Ice to focus on mental health and wellbeing and volunteering and employability opportunities; • funding secured from Connected Scotland which has been utilised to purchase 46 iPads and 5 Chrome books for community use; • a worthwhile virtual afternoon tea party where Donna Fitzpatrick provided 30 afternoon tea packs and an online bingo and quiz were held on zoom; and • the recruitment of Digital Champions to support volunteers in the local area. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Locality Officer / Community Rep Update</p> <p>The Community Representatives provided a verbal update highlighting the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that without dedicated volunteers the hubs could not have provided the services they did during the lockdown period; • going forward a worthwhile blended partnership approach between the Council and the communities is required; 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continued connections within the local community are important to ensure no-one slips through the cracks in the system; and • the need to recognise from past experience what requires to be improved on going forward. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Youth Forum Update</p> <p>Justin Jones provide a verbal update on the Youth Forum and highlighted the following:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support to the community hub with a wide range of activities including working in foodbank, making up packs for families, dog walking etc –etc • young people had a keen passion and empathy to help members of the community and were empowered through this; • online youth work programmes including involvement in a Saturday fake away programme run by youth services; • holding youth forum weekly meetings on zoom platform; • Youth Festival 2021 will now take place at Kelburn Country Park on 3-4 August; • arrangements being made for a virtual switch on of Christmas lights; • an Awards for All application being completed to cover overhead costs associated with the lights; • National Secure Adolescence In-Patient Services meetings have now moved online; and • Funding and resources attracted from the Corra Foundation, Asda, Artastic, Tesco Bags for Life. <p>The Partnership recorded thanks to the Youth Forum for the range of activity involvement throughout the pandemic.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>HSCP Locality Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Gavin Paterson (HSCP) on the work of the Health and Social Care (HSCP) Locality Forum, including information on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the production of the HSCP’s next Strategic Plan, which would be prepared on the basis of a 1-year transition plan to be developed by March 2021, followed by a 10-year plan; • plans for engagement with service users, staff and others on two questions, namely what mattered to them with regard to health and social care and how they kept themselves well; and • the next meetings of the Locality forums in mid-October. <p>Noted.</p>	

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8.	AOCB The Chair thanked everyone for participating remotely in the meeting and also thanked Louise McPhater for ensuring both Donna Fitzpatrick and Sylvia Mallinson could join in the meeting via facetime.	
9.	Date of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Irvine LP will take place on Monday 7 December 2020 at 6.00 p.m.	

Meeting ended at 19.50 p.m.