

# Action Note

<b>Meeting:</b>	<b>Irvine Locality Partnership</b>
<b>Date/Venue:</b>	6 March 2023 at Dreghorn Fire Station, Dreghorn, Irvine at 6.00 p.m.
<b>Present:</b>	<p>Councillor Shaun Macaulay (Chair)  Councillor Marie Burns  Councillor Christina Larsen  Councillor Nairn McDonald  Councillor Matthew McLean  Councillor Louise McPhater  Councillor Chloé Robertson  Paul Blackwood, Senior Lead Officer (SFRS)  Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer  Elaine Baxter, Locality Co-ordinator  Inspector David Cameron, Police Scotland  David Dunlop, Community Council Representative  Marjory Dickie, Community Representative  Donna Fitzpatrick, Community Representative  Sally MacIntyre, Community Representative  Annie Small, Community Representative  Ian Wallace, Community Representative  David Phillips, Community Representative  Thomas Reaney, Head of Neighbourhood Services, NAC  Donna Anderson, Youth Participation Officer, NAC  Vicky Andrew, Project Delivery Officer, NAC  Justin Jones, MSYP  Chloe Smith, Youth Worker, NAC  Paul Bleakley, Head Teacher, Loudon Montgomery Primary School  Melanie Anderson, Committee Services, NAC</p>
<b>In Attendance</b>	Debbie Alexander, Cunninghame Housing Advocacy Project (CHAP) (applicant in respect of Agenda Item 3 (CIF))
<b>Apologies:</b>	<p>Councillor Robert Foster  Councillor Angela Stephen  Barbara Conner, TSI</p>

## ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p><b>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present to the Irvine Locality Partnership meeting and Paul Blackwood (Scottish Fire and Rescue Service) was introduced as the new Senior Lead Officer Partnership.</p> <p>Apologies for absence were recorded.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Action Note and Log</b></p> <p>The action note from the meeting held on 5 December 2022 was approved as a correct record and the implementation of decisions confirmed.</p>	

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<b>2.1</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>  The Lead Officer advised that a number of date options would be available for proposed 'walkabouts' in respect of the Great Harbour Project. This would happen at the next Locality Networking Meeting, with a view to scheduling one daytime and one early visit.  Noted.	<b>Lesley Forsyth</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Community Investment Fund</b>  The Partnership received a report from the Locality Officer with details of Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Applications as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Community Housing Advocacy Project - CHAP</b></li></ul> An expression of interest by CHAP for funding support in the amount of £91,534 for two Advice Workers to establish outreach venues throughout the Irvine locality.  Debbie Alexander from CHAP was in attendance and provided the Locality Partnership with an overview of the project.  The Partnership sought and received clarification on areas including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Measures to avoid duplication of service provision;</li><li>• opportunities for partnership working (including with organisations such as Christians Against Poverty);</li><li>• the longer-term sustainability of the project;</li><li>• CHAP's pilot projects elsewhere in North Ayrshire; and</li><li>• plans for longer-term funding</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Irvine Angling Club</b></li></ul> An expression of interest by Irvine Angling Club for funding support, in the amount of £33,000 towards replacement of the disabled angling platform and the purchase of materials for angling equipment.  In the absence of a representative of Irvine Angling Club, members of the Locality Partnership who had met with the applicants provided further information on concerns which the club had expressed since submission of the expression of interest, around matters including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• legal responsibilities associated with the platform;</li><li>• ongoing maintenance responsibilities; and</li><li>• whether it was in fact appropriate for the club to assume responsibility for this work</li></ul> The Partnership discussed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the importance of the platform in terms of allowing people with a disability an opportunity to access the river unassisted;</li></ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the potential to deliver the project in a different way, including via Community Justice payback;</li> <li>• water safety training and support available from Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS); and</li> <li>• rising costs around labour and materials.</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership, having expressed support for both projects, agreed that (a) CHAP be invited to proceed to a full CIF application; and (b) that officers (i) undertake further discussions with NAC colleagues on the situation as it related to the platform and, based on the outcome, (ii) discuss arrangements and next steps with Irvine Angling Club.</p>	<p><b>Lesley Forsyth</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Street Naming Report</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report from North Ayrshire Council Planning Department on a street name for a residential development on a site to the north of Annick Drive, Dreghorn.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to name the street Annick Grove.</p>	<p><b>Lisa Dempster</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Memorials and Plaques</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report from the Head of Neighbourhood Services on the proposed options in terms of memorials and plaques.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• whether there were any additional staffing resource requirements associated with management the 'digital remembrance' option;</li> <li>• practical issues around other forms of remembrance, such as padlocks on bridges and other structures;</li> <li>• issues around recent vandalism of flowerbeds and the possibility of locating any adopted for remembrance purposes in quieter areas;</li> <li>• the successful use of 'metallic memorial trees' elsewhere, including a two-dimension style for indoor use, as adopted by Ayrshire Hospice;</li> <li>• issues around a 'saturation' of memorial benches in seafront areas and the need to identify and promote other suitable locations;</li> <li>• options for different styles of memorial bench;</li> <li>• the potential to locate a 'metallic memorial tree' in each locality, subject to demand;</li> <li>• whether the 'living memorial trees' option would relate to specific, identifiable trees, or if the expectation was that it would relate to sponsoring tree planting more generally; and</li> <li>• initiatives, such as memorial tiles located within a community centre</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed:</p> <p>(a) to express support in principle for the range of memorial options presented, for consideration by the Council's Cabinet; and</p>	<p><b>Thomas Reaney</b></p>

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	<p>(b) that the Lead Officer provide the Head of Neighbourhood Services with a photograph of the Ayrshire Hospice two-dimensional metallic memorial tree currently located at the Portal, as an example of a potential additional option which might be also considered.</p>	<p><b>Lesley Forsyth</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Youth Participation Officer on Mental Health and Wellbeing for Young People and the Project Delivery Officer, which linked in with the Locality Partnership's priority of Enhancing Our Mental Health and Wellbeing.</p> <p>The update provided information on various strands of work, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• mapping of mental health and wellbeing services for young people;</li> <li>• a proposed mural project to allow young people to express themselves and including QR codes linking to support;</li> <li>• a 'barista' project at Redburn and plans to build on this in terms of a 'coffee and care' project;</li> <li>• the planned launch of an equalities programme to support LBGT+ young people and the recent LGBT Silver Charter Mark submission;</li> <li>• work on becoming a 'My Bank' pilot to promote financial literacy;</li> <li>• the ongoing refresh of the Mental Health Toolkit;</li> <li>• establishment of a young parents' group pilot for Irvine;</li> <li>• joint work on the 'green agenda' and climate change;</li> <li>• delivery of the 'Your Resilience' and the 'Take Time' initiatives;</li> <li>• the Mental Health Ambassador programme; and</li> <li>• work with partners, including Ayrshire College</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the LBGT+ Youth Charter;</li> <li>• the importance of work to promote financial literacy on an age-appropriate basis; and</li> <li>• the possibility of support from Mental Health Champions to help train the Fire Service's youth volunteers;</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership agreed (a) to note the range of activities ongoing; and (b) that the Project Delivery Officer liaise with Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Service to arrange for Mental Health Champions to help deliver training to the SFRS's youth volunteers.</p> <p>Councillor McPhater left the meeting at this point.</p>	<p><b>Vicky Andrew</b></p>

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<p>7.</p>	<p><b>Youth and Education Overview</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Irvine Youth Forum, which linked in with Locality priorities.</p> <p>The update provided information on a number of initiatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• youth worker appointments;</li><li>• work with a range of partners and leisure groups, work on issues such as vaping, internet safety, LGBT+ History Month, personal safety, drugs and alcohol, and positive mental health;</li><li>• suspension of the New Scots Girls Group following a lack of engagement from young people; and</li><li>• delivery of an Employability Programme with Irvine Royal Academy</li></ul> <p>The Head Teacher of Loudon Montgomery also provided a verbal update on work going on within the school, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the P7/S1 transition process;</li><li>• a successful Cash for Kids funding bid to support the cost-of-living;</li><li>• a very positive Christmas Fair and delivery of vouchers to families with children in early years/primary; and</li><li>• work with Fullarton Connexions, Fullarton Hub, Children 1<sup>st</sup> and Money Matters</li></ul> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• the excellent work going on in schools to support children and families; and</li><li>• the support available from the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service in terms of delivering talks and practical training on issues such as water safety, as well as the availability of ‘crisis boxes’</li></ul> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p><b>Police Scotland – Wellbeing and Partnerships</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from Police Scotland on the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by Police Scotland in Irvine.</p> <p>The update highlighted areas including the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• recent changes in personnel;</li><li>• the Scottish Police Authority ‘Police Confidence’ survey work;</li><li>• the provision of community safety packs for residents;</li><li>• ongoing shadowing work with the Council’s Environmental Health officers;</li><li>• involvement in the Ukrainian and Syrian Refugee programme;</li><li>• a forthcoming Jobs Fair;</li><li>• work with the Council’s Trading Standards service on issues around the sale of ‘vaping’ products;</li></ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• involvement with the Fullarton Hub and Larder; and</li> <li>• tackling graffiti</li> </ul> <p>The Partnership discussed concerns around access to vaping products by children and young people and difficulties in tackling this given the current legislation.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p><b>9.</b></p>	<p><b>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service – Wellbeing and Partnerships</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from the Senior Lead Officer on the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by Scottish Fire and Rescue in Irvine.</p> <p>The update highlighted a number of areas, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• championing ‘green health’ and the natural environment;</li> <li>• supporting skills and work opportunities;</li> <li>• alleviating poverty, including the provision of ‘crisis boxes’</li> <li>• enhancing mental health and wellbeing; and</li> <li>• a variety of examples of partnership working</li> </ul> <p>In light of the time constraints of the meeting, the Partnership agreed (a) that the presentation slides be circulated following the meeting; and (b) otherwise, to note the update.</p>	<p><b>Jennifer McGee</b></p>
<p><b>10.</b></p>	<p><b>Irvine Community Council</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Chair of Irvine Community Council on the work of the Community Council during the last quarter, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a public meeting held on the Oldhall Incinerator;</li> <li>• a petition submitted to the Council on the subject of parking charges;</li> <li>• planned involvement in key events such as Marymass and Yuletide;</li> <li>• involvement in the Harbourside consultation;</li> <li>• attendance at the recent Community Planning Conference; and</li> <li>• ongoing involvement in a variety of local projects.</li> </ul> <p>In light of the time constraints of the meeting, the Partnership agreed (a) that any questions should be directed to the community council following the meeting; and (b) otherwise, to note the update.</p>	
<p><b>11.</b></p>	<p><b>Locality Officer Update</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report by the Locality Officer on the work which had been undertaken in the locality since the last meeting.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	

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<p><b>12.</b></p>	<p><b>Chit Chat Poverty Action Plan</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the North Ayrshire Youth Worker on progress in respect of the Irvine Chit Chat Poverty Action Plan and on plans to take Chit Chats to local groups next.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed (a) that this item appear at an earlier stage in the Agenda at the next meeting; (b) that the Action Plan update be circulated for information; and (c) otherwise, to note the update provided.</p>	<p><b>Jennifer McGee</b></p>
<p><b>13.</b></p>	<p><b>Bourtreehill Park Action Plan</b></p> <p>In light of the time constraints of the meeting, the Partnership agreed (a) that the Lead Officer circulate a summary of the outcome of the consultation carried out by the conservation Volunteers at Bourtreehill Park concerning green health activities being delivered within the greenspace; (b) to continue consideration of this item for discussion at the next meeting; and (c) that a representative of the Ranger Service be invited to attend the meeting.</p>	<p><b>Lesley Forsyth</b></p> <p><b>Jennifer McGee</b></p>
<p><b>14.</b></p> <p><b>14.1</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Agenda Setting</b></p> <p>Ian Wallace raised concerns about the agenda-setting process and the limited opportunity for community representatives to contribute, notwithstanding recent changes to the format of meetings.</p> <p>The Chair undertook to meet with the community representative separately to discuss further.</p>	<p><b>Jennifer McGee (to facilitate arrangements if required)</b></p>
<p><b>14.2</b></p>	<p><b>Participatory Budgeting</b></p> <p>Community representatives raised concerns about recent difficulties in accessing the Participatory Budget electronic voting system and reluctance/issues around the alternative mechanism for voting in person at the local library.</p> <p>The Chair undertook to ensure that this matter received attention.</p>	<p><b>Rhona Leith</b></p>

Meeting ended at 8.15 p.m.