



North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

## Irvine Locality Partnership

Monday 5 June 2023, 6.00 p.m. at Fullarton Community Hub.

### BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	<b>Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.</b>	-	-	Cllr Macaulay	
2.	<b>Action Note</b> Review the action note and action log and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 4	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	Is this an accurate record of the meeting. Have all actions been completed?
<b>DECISION REQUIRED</b>					<b>6.10 – 6.50 pm</b>
3.	<b>Vice Chair</b> The Locality Partnership are asked to consider three applications for the Vice Chair vacancy.	Pg 11	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	To consider and agree new Vice Chair of the Locality Partnership.
4.	<b>Community Investment Fund</b> The Locality Partnership are asked to consider two Community Investment Fund Applications.  <b>Full Application</b> • CHAP  <b>Expression of Interest</b> • LP Project Development Worker	Pg 14  Pg 21	Enclosed	Euan Lees	LP to consider two CIF Applications.
5.	<b>Grants</b> The Locality Partnership are asked to consider grant reports:  • Elderly Grants • Irvine Common Good	Pg 24 Pg 26	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	LP to consider grant report.
<b>LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES</b>					<b>6.50 – 7.50 pm</b>
6.	<b>Communities and Place Fund</b> Shona McAllister will provide an overview on the Communities and Place Fund which will be launched in June 2023.	-	Presentation	Shona McAllister	Receive update and discuss ways the LP can support/share information of this fund.

7.	<b>Youth and Education Overview</b> The Locality Partnership will receive updates linking in with the Locality Priorities.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers Justin Jones	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
8.	<b>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships</b> The Locality Partnership will receive update on the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue in Irvine.	- Pg 28	Verbal	David Cameron Brian Renfrew	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
9.	<b>Chit Chat Poverty Action Plan</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an update from Chloe Smith on the work of the Irvine Chit Chat Poverty Action Plan.	-	Verbal	Euan Lees	Discuss next steps.
10.	<b>Locality Officer Update</b> The Locality Partnership will receive an update on the work of the Irvine Locality Team during the last quarter.	Pg 29	Enclosed	Euan Lees	Receive update and discuss how LP can further support this work.
<b>AOCB</b>					<b>7.50 – 8.00 pm</b>
11.	<b>AOCB</b>			Cllr Macaulay	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.
<b>REPORTS FOR INFORMATION</b>					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roads, Structures &amp; Streetlighting Report</li> <li>North Ayrshire Youth Work update</li> <li><a href="#">LDP3</a></li> </ul>	Pg 35 Pg 51	Enclosed	Cllr Macaulay	Locality Partnership are asked to note the reports and share as appropriate.

## Distribution List

## **Elected Members**

Councillor Shaun Macaulay (**Chair**)  
Councillor Marie Burns  
Councillor Robert Foster  
Councillor Scott Gallacher  
Councillor Christina Larsen  
Councillor Nairn McDonald  
Councillor Matthew McLean  
Councillor Louise McPhater  
Councillor Chloe Robertson  
Councillor Angela Stephen

## **Community Representative**

Marjory Dickie  
David Dunlop, Irvine Community Council  
Donna Fitzpatrick  
David Phillips  
Sally MacIntyre  
Irene McIlwain  
Annie Small  
Abbie Stevenston  
Ian Wallace

## **CPP/Council Representatives**

Elaine Baxter, Locality Officer  
Paul Blackwood, Senior Lead Officer  
David Cameron, Police Scotland  
Barbara Conner, TSI  
Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer  
Brian Renfrew, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

## **Irvine Locality Partnership Priorities**

**Supporting  
Skills and  
Work  
Opportunities**

**Enhancing our  
Mental Health  
and Wellbeing**

**Alleviating  
Poverty**

**Championing  
Green Health  
and the Natural  
Environment**



<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>	

<p><b>2.1</b></p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	<p><b>Lesley Forsyth</b></p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Community Investment Fund</b></p> <p>The Partnership received a report from the Locality Officer with details of Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Applications as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Community Housing Advocacy Project - CHAP</b></li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p>Debbie Alexander from CHAP was in attendance and provided the Locality Partnership with an overview of the project.</p> <p>The Partnership sought and received clarification on areas including:</p> <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> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <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> <p>The Partnership discussed:</p> <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>	

	<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>

	<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 LGBT+ 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>

<p><b>7.</b></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><b>8.</b></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>	

	<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>	
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<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>
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<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>	
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<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.

## **Irvine Locality Partnership**

**Date:** 5 June 2023

**Subject:** Vice Chair of Irvine Locality Partnership

**Purpose:** To appoint a new Vice Chair of the Irvine Locality Partnership.

### **1. Overview**

Since the refresh of Locality Partnership Community Representatives in summer 2022, the post of Vice Chair of the Irvine Locality Partnership has been vacant.

As per the Locality Partnership Standing Orders, the Locality Partnership can appoint its own Vice Chair. Community Representatives of the Irvine Locality Partnership were asked to note their interest in becoming Vice Chair. One Community Representative noted their interest. Details are noted within Appendix 1 of the report.

It is expected that the Vice Chair will have:

- Good knowledge and understanding of their Locality and its place within North Ayrshire.
- Experience or skills of advocating for and representing the views of the community they represent.
- Good communication and networking skills.
- Understanding of community structures and activity

### **2. Ask of the Locality Partnership**

The Locality Partnership are asked to agree the appointment of a new Vice Chair of the Irvine Locality Partnership.

**Name:** Jennifer McGee

**Title:** Policy & Community Planning Officer

## **Appendix 1**

**Annie Small** - Annie has been an active member of the community for a number of years and has been a member of the Irvine Locality Partnership since its conception in 2017.

Annie also has a wealth of experience being a member/volunteer of various groups and committees such as:

- Vice Chair of Ayrshire Hospice Ladies Who Lunch
- Director Irvine Burns Club
- Irvine Lasses Burns Club
- Irvine Seniors Forum

Annie is keen to continue to work in the Irvine community to improve things and give a voice for everyone.



## Community Investment Fund Application Form: Irvine Locality

### The CIF will support proposals and projects that:

- Connect with:
  - The North Ayrshire Fair for All Inequalities Strategy.
  - the Community Planning Partnership and Locality priorities; and
  - North Ayrshire Council's values, priorities, and business objectives.
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities.
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible.
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council.
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project.
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

### When to apply and how?

- LPs should continue to engage with their communities and stimulate interest in the CIF. The Locality Partnership will then strategically assess the applications, make links, and look at the funding 'in the round'.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form, which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.
- The finalised proposal will go to the next suitable Cabinet for final approval.
- Forms should be returned to your Locality Co-ordinator, by email if possible:

**Elaine Baxter**

**Irvine Locality Coordinator**

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**Support and information will be available for groups who are not successful.** For more information see the guidance form here: <http://www.northayrshire.community/wp-content/uploads/sites/60/2018/06/community-investment-fund-guidance-notes-17-12-17.pdf>

APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE  
Community Investment Fund

1. Details of your organisation

Name of Organisation: Community Housing Advocacy Project (CHAP)

Postal Address for

Correspondence:

Name of Contact Person: Debbie Alexander

Position in Organisation:

Contact Telephone Number:

E mail address

2. Brief description of your organisation

*Please include -*

*[a] Legal status, e.g., voluntary organisation, public/private limited by shares or guarantee.*

*[b] How long has organisation been in existence?*

*[c] Aims & objectives.*

*[d] General activities or services provided.*

CHAP is a non-profit, private company limited by guarantee (company number SC213344), and a registered charity (charity number SC028100) which was established in 2000. Initially established and managed by a small group of volunteers to deliver housing advocacy, it was identified that housing is very rarely a stand-alone issue, and individuals usually experienced other benefit-related issues, and were facing various debts. Therefore, CHAP has developed services over the past 23 years to adapt to the ever-changing needs of the residents of North Ayrshire. This has taken into account various socio-economic events such as the economic recession, Covid-19, and the current ongoing cost-of-living crisis. The organisation is governed by a Board of six voluntary trustees with various managerial backgrounds.

Our mission is simple, yet far-reaching – we exist to ensure people are not disadvantaged through a lack of awareness of, access to, and information regarding their rights. We are a positive and helpful influence providing support and hope to individuals facing housing, welfare rights, and debt issues, standing alongside our clients as they face some of life's most difficult challenges.

All the services provided by CHAP have in common an ethos which supports social inclusion and justice for all. CHAP provides support to individuals who are most in need to receive much needed information and assistance to address issues that affect their everyday lives. Our service empowers individuals to have their views and opinions heard by the decision-makers and overcome barriers of literacy and communication challenges.

We provide education and advice to individuals through an early intervention and prevention approach, breaking the cycle of exclusion, and helping them to avoid financial difficulties in the future. This covers areas such as income maximisation, budgeting, responsible borrowing, using credit unions to save, etc...which will in turn instil good practice and give individuals the financial literacy and resilience needed, empowering them to make sound financial decisions and avoid problem debt. Where clients do present with issues which have already reached a stage which is causing stress, CHAP can assist by providing real, practical steps that can be taken to obtain better outcomes.

Anything can happen to anyone, at any time. People can suddenly find themselves in a vulnerable situation and may not know where to turn. By accessing the CIF funding, CHAP wants to make our advice and advocacy services more readily accessible throughout the Irvine area, and in turn help as many people as possible by assisting people to build their own financial knowledge, capability, and resilience, this will help them to avoid getting into financial difficulty in the future, and in turn, avoid these issues having a negative impact on their quality of life.

In the last year (ending March 2023), we helped 858 clients, as well as their families with a variety of debt, housing, and welfare rights issues. One of the main services we provide, is ensuring that our clients have access to the maximum amount of income they are entitled to. A report carried out by *entitledto.co.uk* showed that an estimated £15 billion in benefits goes unclaimed annually due to people being unaware of their benefit entitlement and being unfamiliar with the benefit system. By assisting with benefit applications, and challenging decisions on our clients' behalf where required, we help to ensure that people are able to access the appropriate benefits. We also ensure that when a client does not receive a favourable decision, they have the opportunity to challenge these decisions, by submitting a reconsideration/redetermination on their behalf, and providing representation at First Tier Tribunals when required to ensure the client's voice is heard in relation to their case.

In the year April 2022 – March 2023, CHAP has achieved over £2.3m in financial gains for our clients. This has been in relation to successful benefit applications, included backdated payments, debt write-offs, sequestration (bankruptcy), and hardship payments. By helping people to maximise their income; therefore, having more money in their pockets, this not only helps the person and their families directly, but it also helps to boost the local economy, and also provides people with more options and dignity in life. Not only do we help to improve individual's financial circumstances, but assistance provided also has a fundamental impact on other areas of their life. We have a thorough evaluation practice in place which captures the impact that our services have on our clients' lives. In the last year, the following improvements have been made to our clients' lives after their engaging with CHAP:

- 84% said that they have experienced a reduction in stress.
- 73% said that we helped to improve their finances.
- 54% said that we assisted to improve their quality of life.
- 46% said that we helped to increase their confidence.

### **3. Title and summary of proposal**

Tell us a bit about your idea. Please describe in as much detail as possible, what the funding will be used for. Please include where it will be held / delivered, who is your target audience, who will benefit from it and how and indicate any partners that are involved.

Please include -

*[a] What outcomes your organisation wishes to achieve.*

*[b] Is this a new service / project?*

*[c] Does a new organisation need to be set up?*

### **CHAP Advice Outreach**

CHAP believes that advice services should be available and accessible to everyone in the community, and therefore wants to remove any barriers that may prevent individuals from reaching out for help. The project we are proposing is an extension of the existing CHAP services, to establish new outposts within local community settings throughout the Irvine area. If successful, the funding from CIF will allow for advice workers to be based within various community locations throughout Irvine. Making our services accessible locally, in established and trusted environments, means that people will be able to gain assistance with a variety of benefits, housing, and debt issues on their doorstep. This will mean they do not need to travel all the way to Ardrossan to access our services; therefore, removing any accessibility barriers. By delivering our services from these kinds of premises, which already have a lot of activities happening on a daily basis, this means that people could be attending for any number of reasons; therefore, avoiding the stigma that might be attached to attending the main CHAP office. This funding will further increase our capacity to see clients, reducing waiting times, and providing our services to people within their own communities. The proposed service will be delivered over and above the existing services that we are delivering, both from our main office in Ardrossan and via our other, existing community outreach facilities, giving people more access to advice services which are needed now more than ever. Better Off North

Ayrshire is ending in June 2023, with a contract then being put in place for debt advice across North Ayrshire. The funding from CIF will allow us the opportunity to expand resources to establish more outreach opportunities, specifically within the Irvine area, and will include up to Type III advice and advocacy in relation to Welfare Rights, and Housing as well as Debt where appropriate.

Since April 2022, 38% of clients referred to our services from the Irvine area have failed to engage/attend their appointment. We know that there is a further need for our services in the Irvine area, and by bringing CHAP services to where people are, closer to their home, we are confident that the engagement would increase to ensure that people are gaining the support they need. Since we launched our Kilwinning outreach service in March 2022, we experienced a 110% increase in the number of clients from Kilwinning who engaged with our service, compared with the previous year. This means that those who would never have accessed our services were able to gain assistance with the issues which were negatively impacting various areas of their life, especially their mental health.

We often find that due to the stigma that unfortunately remains attached to reaching out for assistance, especially in relation to money and debt issues, people are more likely to engage with our services if they are anonymised – by accessing assistance in busy and established community facilities, it is not automatically assumed that someone would be going there for help with money-related issues, as they could be accessing the premises for various reasons.

The impact of the cost-of-living crisis is having an affect on everyone. We are seeing an increasing number of clients who now require our services, who never would have previously. Individuals who have never faced financial difficulties are now finding that their finances are being stretched to an unmanageable degree: mortgage and rent rates are increasing, along with the cost of everything else – gas/electricity, petrol/diesel, food, and household essentials. With so much strain being put on family budgets, along with the demands of every-day life, this can culminate in financial crisis. People may feel forced into accessing unaffordable credit, leading to further financial distress. CHAP strongly believes that education, early intervention, and prevention are key; and can offer this as part of a two-tonged approach along with crisis intervention when required.

Whilst engaging with the community, and working with other services, we have often heard people lament ‘if only I had known about CHAP...’ during a difficult time in their lives, it would made things a lot easier to cope with. We never want people to feel this way. We want everyone in Irvine to know that we are there, within their local communities to support them, so that nobody ever needs to experience that feeling of needing help, and not knowing where to turn. By providing our services on an outreach basis, this will increase the number of people who hear about CHAP within their local communities, which could provide that lifeline that someone is searching for.

#### **4. What difference will this project make within the locality and to local services and programmes?**

Please include -

*[a] How you will approach reducing inequality.*

*[b] How this proposal fits with Irvine’s priorities of:*

- 1. Employment and Economy*
- 2. Mental Health*
- 3. Traffic and Parking*
- 4. Influence and Sense of Control*

Outcomes

- Increased number of individuals provided with easy/affordable access to services from the Irvine area.
- Increased number of people with improved financial management skills.
- Increased confidence and overall better quality of life reported by individuals.
- Increase in household finances through income maximisation.
- Reduction in reported stress levels.
- Improved mental health and wellbeing.
- Improved local economy as households will have more money to spend.
- Reduction in levels of debt.

Irvine has an average child poverty rate of around 23% (2020 SIMD), and this ranges from the highest level of 44.87% down to the lowest level of 7.11%. This demonstrates the huge disparity that exists between residents in different areas of Irvine. This is true, even when comparing areas within the same locality, e.g., within one locality/community, there are streets that have the average child poverty area of 44.87%, compared to adjacent communities which have levels of 9.38% and 7.11%. Throughout Irvine, there are communities where the child poverty levels are consistently high, e.g., in Bourtreehill, Irvine Central, and Fullarton.

These levels of child poverty and disparity have real negative impact on the mental health of those at the higher ends of the child poverty scale. Dealing with debt, housing, and benefit issues also has a negative effect on peoples' mental health. When all these aspects are compounded, it can make life extremely difficult for individuals, and can also have a detrimental impact on the family as a whole.

When comparing the unemployment levels within the same areas, there is often a clear correlation between this and levels of child poverty. People who are unemployed and facing rising debts, often feel like these issues are unsurmountable. Many are afraid to take positive steps back into employment because they know that when they do, it means that creditors will be able to take action against them to recuperate debt. By engaging with CHAP's advisers in a trusted environment, clients can begin to remove these barriers by gaining timely and appropriate advice, which can then begin to improve their confidence, remove stress, and allow them to start thinking about making positive steps towards employment.

According to entitledto.org.uk, there was over £15 billion unclaimed benefits in 2020. This includes:

- Child tax credit - £2.49 billion (£3716 per year for each family missing out)
- Pension credit - £1.56 billion (£1695 per year for each individual missing out)
- Council Tax Support - £2.6 billion (£938 per year for each household missing out)
- Housing Benefit - £2.81 billion (£3122 per year for each household missing out)

These figures demonstrate that services which can help to maximise people's income and put money directly into the pockets of individuals and their families are needed now more than ever. Since May 2022, CHAP has achieved almost £2.3 million in financial gains for our clients, of which over £368,000 was for individuals from Irvine. This could be further increased by us having a presence within local communities in the area, as it will allow us to reach disengaged individuals with various accessibility challenges.

CHAP is assisting to increase the income of individuals and families throughout Irvine, which not only has a positive impact on the people themselves; it also has a larger benefit to community regeneration. If local people have more money coming into their households, this will enable them to spend more money locally, support local business, boost the economy, and improve their overall mental health and wellbeing. Improving people's wellbeing and confidence, as well as reducing their stress levels will allow them to move forward in their lives in relation to possible employment or training opportunities, which has a long-term positive affect on their lives.

We have successfully rolled out several outreach facilities in Kilwinning, Kilbirnie, and throughout the Three Towns, which has revealed the full extent of unfulfilled demand for our services, previously not met through issues of accessibility and stigma with people accessing our services within their communities. The CIF funding will allow us to replicate this model in the Irvine area, ensuring the residents have the same access to CHAP services as their counterparts in other areas of North Ayrshire.

The cost-of-living crisis has meant CHAP has already experienced an increase to the demand on our services. In our operational year ending November 2022, we witnessed a 30% increase in referrals to our service, compared to the previous year. Without further funding this increase has the adverse effect of lengthening lead times to first appointment. This in turn leads to despair and to many clients failing to engage with us, something which can only worsen through the continuing cost-of-living crisis. There had previously been levels of financial support put in place by both the UK, and Scottish Governments; however, these support measures are no longer in place, and as such we are anticipating further demands on our services in the months to come.

CHAP advice services will compliment all the community work that is already taking place within the Irvine area. There are various community groups and organisations who are working hard to help people through the current financial crisis, including food provision services, Friends of Redburn, Fullarton Community Hub, as well as various services relating to mental health and wellbeing. CHAP will work in partnership with established community

organisations to ensure that all aspects of peoples lives are addressed, and support is put in place where appropriate.

## **5. Please give an overview of the engagement that has taken place in relation to the project**

With support from the Locality team, we conducted an online survey of community members, and of those who responded, 91% have indicated that they would be more likely to access advice services within a community setting rather than in a traditional office setting. This demonstrates that people are still worried about the stigma that surrounds accessing advice services, and that individuals would rather be seen within a trusted, familiar, and informal setting, which can be the difference between engaging and gaining help, and the individual struggling with issues alone, which often has a long-term negative impact on mental health, and overall wellbeing of individuals and families.

We have been involved in ongoing community engagement in relation to this proposal. This has included attendance at various community 'Chit Chat' sessions, as well as the locality networking events. Through attending these sessions and speaking to members of the community, we have heard from various individuals that the provision of advice services within the community are lacking, and a lot of people do not know where to turn to for support.

When asked if they are worried about the current cost-of-living crisis, 91% also indicated that this is an area of concern for them. Finally, when asked where the best place for would be for advice services to be delivered within the community, the responses were based around community centres, and libraries.

## **6. Please tell us how the project will be managed**

*Please include -*

*[a] How the finances will be managed.*

*[b] Does the proposed project contribute to volunteering or employment opportunities in Irvine? Please include the number of volunteering opportunities and employment opportunities*

*[c] If there are any staff requirements, please outline your HR plans.*

*[d] Is there evidence of partnership working in relation to the project within Irvine locality?*

Staff are responsible to the Service Manager and the Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) are cascaded into staff action plans which in turn, influence personal training plans. The Service Manager reports on KPI's to the CEO on a regular basis, who is required to report to the Board of Directors on a quarterly basis on the outcomes achieved across the services. There is also a Service Support Officer who oversees the setup of new initiatives, reporting and quality assurance.

To successfully deliver the proposed project, CHAP has plans in place to expand our current resources if we are successful in obtaining the required funding. The staff induction and training process is aligned with the Scottish National Standards and Financial Conduct Authority requirements. There are ongoing training procedures in place, with staff having dedicated training time incorporated into their working schedule. Each staff member has an individual training plan which highlights any skills gaps and to allow appropriate training to be sourced to assist them to develop the required technical knowledge. Staff are cross trained to maximise overall staff efficiency and flexibility, reducing the potential impact of a key member of staff being absent or leaving the organisation.

Our accounts are outsourced to an external company, Alexander Sloans. We have external Finance Director who is able to provide us with detailed accounts at individual project level. The management accounts produced are reviewed quarterly by the board and annually by our auditors.

Procedures are in place to ensure that all elements of the services remain inside the allotted budgets. The Chief Executive and the Virtual Finance Director liaise with each other, regularly discussing said budgets. Each service has its own individual budget sheet, and each budget heading is broken down monthly. The Chief Executive is responsible for ensuring that there is enough in the budget to cover any requests, such as staff training, etc. All company transactions are recorded by our Virtual Finance Director and a financial trail is kept for end of financial year auditing. Detailed quarterly management accounts are provided to the Board of Directors for scrutiny.

Other than the board of directors who are volunteers, CHAP currently does not have volunteers involved in the delivery of services. However, this is something we are looking to develop, and we would welcome the support of volunteers in our community based work in the role of ‘peer supporters’.

We have established excellent partnerships with the Irvine Locality Team which has allowed us to gain an understanding of the needs of the residents within the Irvine area, and the issues that are affecting people locally. We have excellent partnerships with Children 1<sup>st</sup>, KA Leisure, Input, and various community centres throughout the Irvine area. We work closely with the Third Sector Interface to help establish other potential partnerships with like-minded organisations.

## 7. Amount of funding being requested

Please supply details of the amount of funding being requested and any **other** funding you have had over the past 5 years, both financially and ‘in kind’.

Amount of funding requested:	£91,534
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Please include detail on -

**[a]** Breakdown of costs if available.

**[b]** Recent quotations where appropriate

When	Funder	Project	Amount
2017-2020	North Ayrshire Council	Better Off North Ayrshire - Digital Access	£904,938
2017/18	North Ayrshire Council	Better Off North Ayrshire – Shared Tenancy	£2,572
2017/18	North Ayrshire Council	Modern Apprenticeship Scheme	£2,838
2017-2022	North Ayrshire Council	Housing Advice Service	£511,146
2017-2022	East Ayrshire Council	Rent Deposit Scheme	£285,303
2017-2022	Scottish Legal Aid Board	Ayrshire Homelessness And Prevention	£638,857
2017-2022	Scottish Legal Aid Board	Money Advice Project	£380,784
2017-2020	SCVO	Community Jobs Scotland	£28,818
2018/19	Nationwide	Community Awards	£44,635
2019/20	SCVO	Wellbeing Fund	£14,224
2019/20	Scottish Government	Benefit Uptake Fund	£16,411
2019/20	Scottish Government	Supporting Communities	£15,220
2020/21	SVCO	Employment Initiative	£2,410
2020/21	North Ayrshire Council	Housing + Money Advice	£94,664
2020/21	North Ayrshire Council	Employment Initiative	£12,502
2020-2022	North Ayrshire Council	New Better Off	£315,955
2021/22	Ayrshire TSI	Communities Mental Health + Wellbeing Fund	£40,875
2021/22	North Ayrshire Council	Long-term Unemployed Fund	£4,382
2021/22	Other	Other	£1,200
2021-2023 (ended Mar 23)	Scottish Legal Aid Board	Debt Advice Journey	£133,360

## 8. Monitoring and evaluation process

Please include detail on –

**[a]** What monitoring, and evaluation processes are planned/in place?

We have a secure, online caseload management system in place for recording and monitoring all activity within our existing services which will be utilised for any new projects. This system is password protected with a two-stage validation. This allows us to run reports to monitor our activity and report on the impact our work has on our clients and their families.

This allows us to capture outcomes such as:

- Number of clients referred.
- % of clients engaged.
- Issues clients need support with.
- Successful outcomes.
- Financial gains.

Additionally, we have an evaluation and service user feedback process in place which allows us to capture the impact that our support has on our clients, their families, and their lives in general. By maintaining a flexible approach to this – clients can provide feedback over the phone or anonymously online – it allows us to gain more open and honest feedback from clients which allows us to make positive changes within the organisation where applicable. The evaluation captures various elements of the client journey, including:

- Satisfaction with the overall service.
- Did they feel at ease with their adviser.
- How easy did they find it to access our services.
- Was their appointment method suitable.
- Has our service improved any of the following for them:
  - ✓ Finances
  - ✓ Health
  - ✓ Improving confidence
  - ✓ Quality of life
  - ✓ Reducing stress
  - ✓ Social circle/activities
  - ✓ Employment
  - ✓ Education
- Any other comments regarding the service.

We conduct service user focus groups in order to speak to clients, providing an open forum for our clients to give us honest feedback and suggestions around what we are doing well, and what improvements we can make. We also use this opportunity to provide information around upcoming service developments so that we can gain reactions and responses to these, ensuring we are on the right track and making changes relevant to service users, and the problems being faced in people's day-to-day lives.

By capturing this information, it allows us to demonstrate what impact the work we do has on individuals, their families, and the overall community.

# Community Investment Fund Expression of Interest Form

***Please see notes on reverse before completing this form.***

<b>Organisation name</b>	Irvine Locality Partnership
<b>Brief details of organisation</b>	<p>The locality partnership will provide support for the communities of Irvine to help them do what is needed to tackle the issues that they have identified as priorities for their local area.</p> <p>The local priorities have been decided by each locality partnership and were based on information gathered about the local area. This includes national data, local statistics and the views of local people through the people’s panel survey and by using local place stand tool to identify need.</p> <p>The Irvine Locality Priorities will be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supporting skills and work opportunities</li> <li>2. Enhancing our Mental Health and Wellbeing</li> <li>3. Alleviating Poverty</li> <li>4. Championing Green Health and the Natural Environment.</li> </ol> <p>To widen participation further and engage locally to engage people views further the locality CLD team delivered locality chit chats in 6 neighbourhoods bringing together services, organisations, community groups and members of the public to engaging with people locally and for them to identify any issues or developments they seen appropriate for their area under each of the locality priorities. This information will form the basis of the locality action plan and has already identified a number of long term projects:</p> <p>Bourtreehill park development Dreghorn Training Academy (social enterprise)</p>

	<p>Fullarton Walk Way          Motocross development (Irvine Beach)          Loudon Montgomery pilot (Alleviating poverty)          Dickson Drive – MUGA and park development and          Drybridge – Accessible pathway connecting          neighbourhoods.</p>
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<b>Locality</b>	Irvine
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<b>Amount Requested</b>	<p>Year 1 costs = £48,609          Year 2 costs = £51,039          Total for 2 year contract = £99,648.00</p>
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<b>Timescale</b>	2 years
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<b>Brief Overview of Proposal</b>	<p>Project Community Development Worker will support the Irvine Locality Partnership and locality officer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tackle and address actions within the locality action plan.</li> <li>• To identify and support social/community assets</li> <li>• To identify and assist partners/community groups to develop additional CIF proposals in line with locality priorities.</li> <li>• To identify and lever in with support, additional funding to support CIF and other local projects.</li> <li>• To build on existing and develop new networks of opportunities, to encourage participation by experience, engaging on a one-to-one basis with community members to build individual and community confidence.</li> <li>• Liaise with other partners, including wider NAC, to ensure their goals are met and delivered within agreed timeframes.</li> </ul> <p>The post holder will be responsible to Irvine Locality Partnership and their work will be directed to meet the partnership needs by the Locality Officer. The Locality Officer will carry out all HR and management responsibilities.</p>
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<b>Timescale</b>	3 years
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<b>Contact Details</b>	Elaine Baxter, Irvine Locality Officer
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North Ayrshire  
Community Planning Partnership

**The Community Investment Fund (CIF) will support proposals and projects that:**

- Connect with:
  - The North Ayrshire [Fair for All Inequalities Strategy](#);
  - the [Community Planning Partnership \(CPP\)](#) and [Locality priorities](#); and
  - North Ayrshire Council's (NAC) values, priorities and business [objectives](#).
- Fulfil a compelling need and do not duplicate existing services or facilities;
- Provide long-term, sustainable, positive results for the greatest number of people possible;
- Exhibit project and/or organisational innovation in their approaches to their work in their way of addressing community challenges and in their request to Locality Partnerships and the Council;
- Come from (an) organisation(s) that is financially viable (can provide financial statements upon request) and efficiently and effectively managed. This can include an organisation to be created to deliver the project;
- Include options or potential for NAC and CPP employee engagement and volunteering where possible; and
- Include measurable outcomes and can report to NAC on outcomes on a regular basis.

**When to apply and how?**

- Groups should have an initial discussion with the relevant Locality Officer. Their contact details are available by emailing [communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:communityplanning@north-ayrshire.gov.uk).
- Initial interest in a CIF application should be via an expression of interest form sent to the Locality Officer. This will be discussed by the LP or an associated working group.
- If the partnership supports a bid then the group will be encouraged to submit a full application form, which they will decide upon before making a proposal to Cabinet for final approval.



## **Locality Partnership: Irvine Locality**

**Date:** 5th June 2023

**Subject:** To update the Locality Partnership on the Elderly Grants Fund 2023/24 budget and to advise the meeting of applications received in respect of the Irvine Common Good Fund.

**Purpose:** To approve the Elderly Grants 2023/24 Budget as set out in Appendix 1 and to consider the applications as outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

**Background:** The Elderly Grants budget is set according to area elderly population and details are attached at Appendix 1.

- The 2023/24 Elderly Grants budget for the Irvine Locality is **£15,049**.
- The Irvine Common Good Fund has a balance of **£26,500** available for disbursement.

### **Key Points for Locality Partnership**

- The Elderly Grants budget is attached at Appendix 1 of this report for information and approval.
- Consideration to be given to the applications at Appendix 2.

### **Action Required by Locality Partnership**

- To approve the 2023/24 Elderly Grants budget
- To consider the applications for grant funding as outlined in Appendix 2 to this report.

**For more information please contact:** *Angela Morrell, Senior Manager, Connected Communities, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Cunninghame House, Irvine.*  
*Email - amorrell@north-ayrshire.gov.uk*

**Completed by:** *Rosemary Ramsay, Funding Officer, Connected Communities*  
*(rosemaryramsay@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)*

**Date:** 22.5.23

## APPENDIX 1

### Elderly Grants Budgt 2023-24      £59,530

	Population Aged 65+	Areas population aged >65 as % of North Ayrshire's Elderly Population	Grant Allocation (£) based on pro-rata allocation	Organisation
Broomlands/Bourtreeshill	1,132	3.67	£2,185	BABCA
Lawthorn/Girdle Toll etc	1,574	5.10	£3,038	LBLB & Girdle Toll Age Concern
Dreghorn	886	2.87	£1,710	Dreghorn Old Peoples Welfare Committee
Drybridge	92	0.30	£178	Drybridge Hall Management Association
Springside	266	0.86	£513	Springside Community Association
Rest of Irvine	3,848	12.47	£7,426	Irvine Joint Wards Old Peoples Welfare Committee
<b>IRVINE</b>	<b>7,798</b>	<b>25.28</b>	<b>£15,049</b>	
Kilwinning Burgh	1,563	5.07	£3,016	Kilwinning Burgh Old Peoples Welfare Committee
Kilwinning Landward	1,786	5.79	£3,447	Kilwinning Landward Old Peoples Welfare Committee
<b>KILWINNING</b>	<b>3,349</b>	<b>10.86</b>	<b>£6,463</b>	
Arran	1,472	4.77	£2,841	Arran CVS (distributed to groups on Arran on our behalf)
Stevenston	1,916	6.21	£3,698	CLASPS Stevenston (HOPE Project)
Ardrossan	2,266	7.35	£4,373	Three Towns OIR
Saltcoats	2,544	8.25	£4,910	Saltcoats Old People's Welfare
<b>THREE TOWNS &amp; ARRAN</b>	<b>8,198</b>	<b>26.58</b>	<b>£15,821</b>	
Kilbimie/Glengarnock	1,536	4.98	£2,964	Kilbimie & Glengarnock Age Concern
Beith	1,582	5.13	£3,053	Beith Old People's Welfare Committee
Dalry	1,251	4.06	£2,414	Dalry Old Folks Treat Committee
<b>GARNOCK VALLEY</b>	<b>4,369</b>	<b>14.16</b>	<b>£8,432</b>	
Cumbræ	492	1.59	£949	Age Concern Cumbræ
Largs	3,803	12.33	£7,339	Age Concern Largs
Fairlie	708	2.30	£1,366	Fairlie Old Folks Welfare Committee
Skelmorlie	771	2.50	£1,488	Skelmorlie Senior Citizens Centre
West Kilbride	1,359	4.41	£2,623	West Kilbride Community Support Group
<b>NORTH COAST</b>	<b>7,133</b>	<b>23.12</b>	<b>£13,766</b>	
<b>NORTH AYRSHIRE</b>	<b>30,847</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>£59,530</b>	

## APPENDIX 2

### IRVINE COMMON GOOD FUND APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2023/24

**Common Good Criteria - The application should benefit all or a significant group of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good relates.**

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Common Good Awards
Irvine Incorporated Trades	Contribution towards the cost of the Marymass Gala Day taking place on 19 <sup>th</sup> August 2022 at the Low Green.  Hire of Fairground Rides - £2,000 Hire of P.A. - £300 Hire of Marquee - £200 Public Liability Insurance - £156 Children's Wristbands - £112.10 Administration Costs - £300.00  Total costs - £3,068.10 Irvine Incorporated Trades are contributing £1,068.10	£2,000	2022/23 - £500

Connected Communities, Finance and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:

**Finance:** The organisation has available funds in the bank to cover their contribution. No written quotes have been provided for the Hire of Fairground Rides, Hire of PA and Hire of Marquee these costs are based on a verbal quotes. The application also states toilets, an electric generator, prizes and refuse collection are required but no costs or quotes have been detailed in the application therefore there is no information on the funding for these services.

**Legal:** In terms of s.15(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1994 when determining whether an application is to receive assistance from Common Good funds the Council should have regard to the interests of the inhabitants as a whole of the area to which the Common Good relates.

This application is for a grant which will be used towards providing and paying for additional fairground rides for younger children and ancillary costs. The applicant being Irvine Incorporated Trades, has provided a clear description of what the proposed grant monies would be used for and have been transparent in their disclosure of all relevant or necessary information, namely their constitution, most recent bank statement and audited accounts. I note that only verbal quotes for costs have been provided.

The question is, does this proposal benefit the 'interests of the inhabitants as a whole of the area to which the Common Good relates'? It would seem that it might, as the application states that there are "other attractions available for adults". In addition, it is stated that each of the seven Crafts in the Incorporation are holding small events, "which will attract the participation of people of all ages". Taking all of the above into consideration, it is my view that this event has the potential to benefit people of all ages within the community, as legally required.

If the decision is to award funding, the benefit to the community should be clearly recorded, as it is likely that the auditor will require this information.

**Connected Communities:** Irvine Incorporated Trades Gala will benefit residents all ages and will provide an opportunity for them to socialise and enjoy themselves, promoting community cohesion and tackling social isolation. The event encourages people to visit the area and will benefit the local economy. Connected communities have now received copies of quotes and will ensure that receipts are provided to support financial monitoring returns.

Connected Communities are satisfied that this project meets the criteria of the Common Good Fund.

## IRVINE COMMON GOOD FUND

### APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE 2023/24

#### Common Good Criteria -

The application should benefit all or a significant group of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good relates.

Applicant	Purpose of Grant	Amount Requested	Previous Common Good Awards
Irvine Joint Wards Old Folks Committee	<p>Looking for financial assistance towards social activities for senior citizens (between all 6 wards as long as they reside in a KA12 postcode):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribution of £9,000 will contribute towards a summer outing, Christmas dinner (including transport), catering, entertainment and any other event expenditure.</li> </ul>	£9,000	2022/23 - £9,000 2019/20 - £9,000 2018/19 - £8,000 2017/18 - £8,000 2016/17 - £8,000 2015/16 - £8,000 2014/15 - £8,000 2013/14 - £8,000

Connected Communities, Finance and Legal Services have been consulted and their comments are as follows:

**Finance:** 23/24 budget available for disbursement for Irvine common Good is £26,500.

**Legal:**

In terms of Section 15(4) of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994, the Council in administering the Common Good Fund shall have regard to the interests of the inhabitants of the area to which the Common Good relates.

It is not clear that this application can be so justified, restricted in age as this group is. A grant to an Applicant, restricted in age and purpose, as this Applicant is and not to inhabitants of the area generally accepted to be the Royal Burgh of Irvine cannot normally be justified. However, if the Committee is of a mind to grant this application, the benefit to the community should be clearly minuted, in case the auditor should require this information in the future.”

**Connected Communities:**

The application is for a summer trip and Christmas dinner for the older people of Irvine (KA12 postcode), which is not technically the Burgh of Irvine. However, historically this award has been agreed by Members.

## **Irvine Locality Partnership**

**Date:** 5 June 2023

**Subject:** Scottish Fire and Rescue: Wellbeing and Partnership Working.

**Purpose:** To provide the Locality Partnership with an update on relevant activity linking to wellbeing and partnership working and the priorities of the Irvine Locality Partnership:

1. Supporting Skills and Work Opportunities
2. Enhancing our Mental Health & Wellbeing
3. Alleviating Poverty
4. Championing Green Heath and the Natural Environment

### **1. Overview of relevant activity linking to the Locality Priorities, Wellbeing and Partnership Working since the last meeting.**

- Dreghorn Fire Station crews engaging with Campus Cops at local schools Greenwood Academy & Royal Irvine Academy. Crews delivering water safety presentations to pupils.

### **2. Asks of the Locality Partnership**

Brian Renfrew

Station Commander  
Dreghorn Community Fire Station



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# Irvine Locality Progress Report

March – May 2023

**Irvine  
Community Chit  
Chat, engagements,  
consultations,  
Action Plans and  
Potential  
longterm CIF  
Projects**

Previous outstanding projects that were previously identified by community as areas of need with regard to locality priorities and still require support from locality partnership. This would be a great opportunity for community reps to get involved in local projects for example:

Drynridge Management Hall – identified issues with local pathways around the neighbourhood.

Locality rep - (Ian Wallace) discussion required at LP meeting to identify sources of support and to share where we are in terms of the community consultation that Drybride carried out in local area.

**Bourtreehill Park Development**

Identify locality rep:

NAC ranger services are working in partnership with Irvine locality team, GH partnership and TCV to identify a stakeholders group to move forward with developing a group to take forward actions for the development of the park and activities.

**Dreghorn Training Academy**

Identify locality rep:

Partnership with Greenwood Academy, PTA, Dreghorn CA, Irvine CLD team, Ayrshire College, Irvine JC, DWP and Princess Trust. Looking at developing a training academy trying to re-engage pupils and community members in education by providing opportunities out in the community working with a range of partners to open and run a community café in the local community centre. This will be open to pupils and community members. Developing a social enterprise where community members can access community courses in IT, customer service, Health and Hygiene certificate (Rehis), Barista Level 1. A pilot will take place during the month of June, with a view of launch in August.

**Fullarton Walk Way**

Locality rep: Donna Fitzpatrick

Looking at developing an area along the walkway as identified in previous chit chats.

**Irvine Motocross**

Met with Jim Ingram (Chairperson) and Denise Fraser (capacity and empowerment officer) on Thursday 11th May to discuss the process of the group taking on a CAT of the proposed land near the Beach Park, for the purpose of establishing a safe motocross facilities. Also attended site visit to discuss proposed CAT. Provided advice on establishing SCIO, and a copy of expression of Interest Form.

Aiming to provide on-going support through the attendance of regular meetings, and regular updates as the groups SPOC.

Identify locality rep: Youth Forum member?

**Dickson Drive, Muga and park development**

Identify Locality rep: Community Council member? Marjory? Sally?

Castlepark CA carried out a community survey in local area for the need of developing the MUGA and surrounding green area. Ideas from community included sports track, community growing initiative, outdoor gym and develop new muga.

Need to re-engage conversations with Streetscene and community groups (Castlepark and Irvine youth Forum)



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Euan Lees will provide the partnership with action plan for alleviating poverty.



**Supporting Skills  
and Work  
Opportunities**

## **Input**

Continuing to liaise with the organisation and provide support as and when requested. Currently liaising with Stuart Gemmell to develop ideas for delivery for the new Digital Job Coach post which has been created through CIF funding. Fiona Eager started in the role of Digital coach on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April, and has been networking with various partners and making contact with the associations. Providing support in orientation and identifying key areas for possible delivery. The digital coach will be running taster digital for beginners classes at Towerlands Community centre. The classes that are being run are: Making Posters Using Desktop Publishing on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 10am – 3pm, and Presentations Using PowerPoint from Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 10am – 3pm.

## **Literacy & Numeracy**

Castlepark Early years are working in partnership with Irvine CLD team and NAC Multiply team organised a sign up day for parents of pupils attending school to come along and take part in numeracy workshops. Currently 14 learners are engaging support in adult learning as part of employability pipeline from CEIS referrals for literacy and numeracy support.

## **Community Based Adult Learning**

The current run of an **Introduction to Computing Skills** started on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 10.30-12.30pm in Redburn Community Centre, with 10 learners attending regularly. The course will run for 10 sessions and will aim to teach learners the basics of computing (including Email, Internet Safety, Social media, and Microsoft packages)

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**Basic Literacy Classes** re-started on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Trindlemoss Day Adult Learning Opportunities, with 21 learners. The class is aimed at learners with additional supported learning needs. Following on from the success of the class, I've been liaising with Input to deliver basic computer skills at Towerlands Community Centre. I have also been liaising with the Multiply Team to also organise Numeracy workshops.

A List of New Scot learners has been collated by Morag Reid (Locality Link Worker) that are interested in attending **An Introduction To Videomaking Skills**. In partnership with Jim Gibb (Digital Participation Officer) 2 taster sessions were run on Wed 26<sup>th</sup> April and Wed 10<sup>th</sup> May at Irvine Library. Following on from this some learners have expressed attending a 6 week course that will run from Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May at Redburn Community Centre. Focus will look at creating a collaboration film on live in North Ayrshire as a New Scot.

Discussions being held with Fraser Lennox (Ayrshire College) to deliver accredited computing course **NPA Digital Literacies (formerly PC Passport)**, with will aim to run in August at Towerlands Community centre. Discussion also being had on running **NPA Customer Services** as part of the training academy project at Townend Community Centre.

## Literacies & numeracy

Castlepark Early years expressed interest in running literacy and numeracy workshops for parents. I met with Lorna Mess and Tracey Stevenson on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March to discuss workshop, and following on from this I have connected Paul Montgomery from the multiply Team to deliver a taster/sign up on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May for numeracy workshops.

Jennifer Haining is Continuing to provide **adult literacy/numeracy /employability support** to clients of CEIS North Ayrshire and Pipeline/other community partners. As part of her role in Multiply team.

## Townend Skills Hub Project

This project will be running a pilot project in the month of June on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for 3 weeks to gauge community interest. After the summer, this will develop into a skills hub for Greenwood Academy and the CLD team to utilise going forward as a way to engage pupils who current are not engaged with education and hopefully parents/ carers who need literacy/ numeracy support to engage with CLD colleagues and partners through a community setting, rather than through the school. Greenwood are very excited about this project and see a lot of potential going forward. Partners include parent council, community association, Ayrshire College, Princess Trust and Scottish Fire Service.



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#### Enhancing our Mental Health & Wellbeing

#### **BABCA**

BABCA currently provided with on-going support through the attendance of regular monthly meetings. Weekly updates are also received from Chairperson.

Association held successful lunch for Overs 50's which will took place on Thursday 16th March in Towerlands CC with 70 members of the community attending. BABCA volunteers provided the lunch provision with Bingo will also be provided on the day.

The association also ran a Christmas Fayre on Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022.

Café has now re-opened every Monday and Wednesday providing soup, snacks, teas and coffees for any groups and centres users. The café is also open every Friday to provide free soup for all attendees.

Currently Liaising with Donna Morrison (Community Facilities) regarding transfer of ownership of the swing park to BABCA for the purposes of setting up community garden to grow fresh produce for the Farm Basket. Discussions also being held with Streetscene regarding advice on the removal of the tree. BABCA are currently getting quotes for the removal of the tree. Discussions been held with Irvine Newtown Mens shed to make planters, and support being provided by David Meechan (Green Health partnership) and Andrew Todd (Park Ranger). Once contract has been drafted and signed, work will commence in the garden.

BABCA held a successful Coronation Celebration event on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, at Towerlands Community Centre. Free food, bouncy castle, and family fun activities were provided.

BABCA have their AGM scheduled to take place on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Auchengate Residents Association**

Continuing to provide support to chairperson and newly formed committee. Delivered Committee Training and capacity building Support on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April to members of the committee. Also provided guidance in establishing a bank account.

Following on from this the committee have now set up a bank account, and ran a successful Gala day on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May for the Local residents.



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## Alleviating Poverty

BABCA received £5000 from Corra Household Hardship Fund, towards covering the cost of hardship payments towards energy bills for families that are financially struggling. Energy Bill payments are being made to farm basket users, and community members that have come forward.

Irvine CLD team, BABCA, The Farm Basket and the Sew Lovely group 'A Guide To Making A Canny Cooker' Film has been made, and is available to view on the CPP website alongside a handouts. For future training Canny Cooker training opportunities learners will be directed to the training video and handout on the CPP website.

Irvine Locality CLD team, Loudon Montgomery, Micha Project and Loudon Montgomery PTA are working in partnership to look at a project reducing the cost of the school day.

Micha Project is a non-profit and volunteer run community organisation that run a number of initiative Pan Ayrshire wide. With an aim of:

- Helping Families
- Recycling and sustainability
- Relieving Poverty
- Supporting Wellbeing Initiative

They are currently piloting the project in Loudon Montgomery Primary the Micha project would support the parent council to organise bring and badge it day's and supply the badges and special iron press (at a low cost). All they require is a template of the school badge. This could be a potential social enterprise scheme that generates income for the parent council to re-invest in other cost of school day initiatives.

The Bring and Badge it! days is also a good way the parent councils to engage with parents to come along with their own brand of polo-shirt and jumpers reducing the cost by almost 60% to parents.

INFORM North Ayrshire TACT have produced inform North Ayrshire and have collated information and advice from a number of organisations, charities and community groups able to provide a range of services to assist those in need of a helping hand.

CHAP have submitted full application for Community Investment Fund. CHAP aim to put money, housing and debt support in place for people in the Irvine area. Strong links with Children first and NAC money and debt advice team.

#### Redburn Breakfast Club

Continues to operate fortnightly during term time and weekly during school holidays. Numbers continually increasing weekly.



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**Championing  
Green Health  
and the Natural  
Environment**

### **Town centre anti-social behaviour**

As part of the Safer-Shores initiative, There will be 4 youth workers out for the May bank holiday weekend in partnership with Police Scotland to help tackle anti-social behaviour around the beach/ harbour/ mall/ town centre. This is based on a request from Police Scotland as well as comments that have been received by local shop keepers and community councillors.

**Bourtreehill Park**  
**See attached action plan.**

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## **Locality Partnership: Irvine**

**Date: 05 June 2023**

**Subject: Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme 2023/24**

**Purpose:** To advise the Locality Partnership of the proposed Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2023/24.

### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 North Ayrshire Council has a statutory obligation under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to manage and maintain its public road network. The adopted road network within North Ayrshire has a total length of 1044km. The core roads assets are currently estimated at a value of approximately £1.7billion.
- 1.2 North Ayrshire Council is responsible for the maintenance of the adopted local road network including lighting and structures assets as well as its other non-adopted road assets. However, the Council has no responsibility for the maintenance of the Trunk Road Network which falls to Transport Scotland and their management contractor, Amey. The Trunk Road network includes the A78, the A737 from Kilwinning to the Renfrewshire Boundary and A738 from the Pennyburn Roundabout to the A737 Dalry Road Kilwinning.

### **2. Current Position**

- 2.1 The Council's Roads Service has adopted an asset management approach to road maintenance to allocate available road maintenance funds to locations that will offer the most beneficial return on the investment.
- 2.2 The Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) and the roads assets maintenance strategy follows the recommendations contained within the 'Well Maintained Highway's Code of Practice, ensuring that the Council's statutory obligations as delegated Roads Authority are met.
- 2.3 In complying with the Code of Practice, an effective regime of inspection, assessment and condition recording is well established which assists in not only providing a road network for the future but one that promotes social inclusion and contributes to economic growth within the area. This approach also ensures the Council is providing value for money on any investment attributed to road maintenance.

### **3. Proposals**

- 3.1 North Ayrshire Council's roads are the Council's largest community asset and play a vital role in supporting the local and wider economy by facilitating the movement of people, goods and services and connecting people with economic and social opportunities.
- 3.2 The proposed Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2023/24 has been developed in accordance with the strategy contained within the Roads Asset Management Plan (RAMP) to deliver the maximum return on investment and ensures the provision of an effective road network throughout North Ayrshire.
- 3.3 Road Condition is measured nationally through the Scottish Road Maintenance Condition Survey (SRMCS). The measure in place, the Road Condition Index (RCI), records the percentage of the Council's roads which should be considered for maintenance. North Ayrshire's RCI has been improving in recent years and is currently 33.9%.
- 3.4 The estimated carriageway maintenance backlog figure for North Ayrshire is currently £34.8 million. The 'steady state' figure for maintaining our roads at present condition is £4.3 million per year. The capital budget supported by revenue funding is £4.45 million for 2023/24. An additional £0.5m has been identified from the 'core infrastructure, property and vehicles renewal investment' capital budget allocation, taking the total investment in the road network to £4.95m for 2023/24. This level of investment outpaces the 'steady state' figure and should therefore contribute to an improvement in the road network condition over time.
- 3.5 Road lighting condition is measured through programmes of structural and electrical assessment and testing and is complemented through the ongoing review of age profile and material type life expectancy. The results are categorised and recorded in the lighting asset management database to inform a prioritised list of replacement schemes. Lighting is allocated an annual Capital budget of £1.000m to address a 'steady state' position of maintaining our lighting at present annualised depreciation rate.
- 3.6 Bridge and retaining wall condition is also evaluated through a robust inspection programme. General inspections are undertaken every 2 years, while an in-depth 'principal inspection' is carried out every 6 years and the results of the inspections are used to inform work programmes. The results of the inspections are input into a Structures database which is then used to calculate an average Bridge Structure Condition Index (BSClav). The BSClav is currently 85.79 (2021/22 figure) which falls within the 'good' classification of 85 to 94 this figure is a slight fall on the previous year. The allocated capital budget of £935,000 is supported by a small amount of revenue funding giving a total of £1.07m.
- 3.7 Details of how condition assessments are carried out and how roads, structures and lighting locations are prioritised for inclusion in our maintenance programme are provided in Appendix 2. The assessment matrix used for

scoring and ranking footways for inclusion in our footway resurfacing programme is attached in Appendix 3. The assessment matrix used for scoring and ranking structures for inclusion in the Structures Maintenance Programme is attached in Appendix 4.

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The Roads Maintenance Programme 2023/24, which was approved by North Ayrshire Council's Cabinet on 21 March 2023, is attached in Appendix 1a and 1b.
- 4.2 Details of how condition assessments are carried out and how roads, structures and lighting locations are prioritised for inclusion in our Maintenance Programme are provided at Appendix 2.
- 4.3 A copy of the assessment matrixes used for scoring and ranking carriageway and footways for inclusion in our resurfacing programmes is attached in Appendix 3.
- 4.4 The assessment matrix used for scoring and ranking structures for inclusion in structures maintenance programme is attached in Appendix 4.

#### **5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 That the Locality Planning Partnership are asked to note the approach taken to determining the Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme.
- 5.2 That Locality Planning Partnership are asked to note the Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Programme for 2023/24, as shown at Appendix 1a and b.

Name: Campbell Dempster

Designation: Senior Manager (Roads Network), Neighbourhood Services

Date: 18 May 2023

<i>Carriageway Resurfacing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Stanley Road / Galloway Place	Saltcoats	Carried forward from 22/23	£100,000
B706 Dunlop Road	Barrmill	Roundabout and exit towards A736 include circle at McHardy Crescent	£120,000
The Strand / Townhead	Beith	Eglington Street to Kirk Road	£65,000
B780	Kilbirnie	Loadingbank towards Roundabout	£140,000
Stuart Street	Millport	Cardiff Street to Clifton Street	£180,000
Parkhouse Road	Ardrossan	McDowall Avenue to Garage	£110,000
Sorbie Road	Saltcoats	Approach to Traffic Lights	£55,000
Shore Road	Stevenston	near the level crossing	£55,000
Ardeer Road	Stevenston	From Railway Bridge to Roundabout	£140,000
Old High Road	Stevenston	Mayville Street to A738	£105,000
Mayville Street / Glebe Street	Stevenston	High Road to Boglemart Street	£80,000
Middleton Road	Irvine	Part Length	£150,000
East Road / High Street	Irvine	mini roundabout to Kirk Vennel	£60,000
Braehead	Dalry	Braehead to speed limit signs	£160,000
Netherlee Crescent	Dalry	Including Ryeside and Templand Road	£80,000
Caledonia Road / Argyle Road	Saltcoats	Sorbie Road to Jacks Road	£210,000
Main Street	West Kilbride	West Kilbride Parish church to Headrigg Gardens	£75,000
Merlewood Road	West Kilbride	Full Length	£15,000
Castlepark Gardens	Fairlie	Full Length	£60,000
Alexander Avenue	Largs	Holehouse Road to Burnside Road	£95,000
Brisbane Road	Largs	Boyd Street to Seamore Street	£25,000
Waterside Street	Largs	Including junctions at Silverdale	£80,000
Stakehill	Largs	Part Length	£65,000
Anderson Terrace	Ardrossan	Part Length	£60,000
Chapelhill Mount	Ardrossan	Part Length	£100,000
Carson Drive	Irvine	Ayr Road to just passed Gray Crescent	£60,000
Castlepark circle	Irvine	Leven Place to existing joint	£130,000
Harbour Road	Irvine	Victoria Roundabout to Portland Roundabout	£140,000
Station Road	Springside	Part Length	£95,000
Barra Crescent / Place / Lane	Irvine	3 cul de sacs and part of main entrance road	£70,000
Gigha Crescent	Irvine	From Roundabout to end	£50,000
Greenside/Mid-rig/Chapelgill	Irvine	Part Length	£40,000
B778	Kilwinning	South of Mossculloch to Goldcraigs Depot	£150,000
Beechwood	Kilwinning	Part Length	£50,000
Corsehill Road	Kilwinning	Part Length	£110,000

Kennedy Road	Saltcoats	Full Length, Including West Doura Junction	£114,000
Station Road	Skelmorlie	Part Length	£30,000
Seton Terrace	Skelmorlie	Skelmorlie Castle Road for approx 50m	£20,000
Hillview	Skelmorlie	Part Length	£25,000
Martin Square	Saltcoats	Part Length	£60,000
Sannox Drive	Saltcoats	Even side	£60,000
Greenhead Avenue	Stevenston	Full Length	£75,000
Ardchoille Drive	Stevenston	Full Length	£20,000
			<b>£3,684,000</b>

### *Carriageway Surface Dressing*

<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
B781	West Kilbride	Blackshaw Farm to Gill Farm	£16,000
			<b>£16,000</b>

<i>Carriageway Screeding</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Glebe Street	Saltcoats	Springvale Street to Glebe Place	£14,000
Lawson Drive / Ashgrove Street	Ardrossan	Lawson Drive past shops to Ashgrove	£24,000
Whitlees court	Ardrossan	Part Length	£18,000
Pollock Crescent	Kilwinning	Part Length	£22,000
C68	Beith	Junction with U42 to A736	£45,000
U42 Lugtonridge Road	Beith	South Nettlehirst and Lugtonridge	£28,000
Dipple Road	Kilbirnie	Part Length	£67,000
C99	Dalry	Stoopshill to the joint before the B707	£106,000
C20	Kilwinning	South Lodge cottage to Torranyard	£71,000
U8 Boag Road	Beith	Part Length	£46,000
Brownmuir farm to boundary	Beith	Full Length	£17,000
Woodside	Beith	Woodside to boundary	£22,000
Bogside	Beith	Part Length	£50,000
Kilruskin Road	West Kilbride	Part Length	£20,000
			<b>£550,000</b>

<b><i>Footway Resurfacing</i></b>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Thorntree Avenue	Beith	Part Length (Full Length Odd Nos, 38-56 Even Nos)	£26,000
St Margarets Avenue	Dalry	Kittyshaw to Houston Crescent (incl 2 cul-de-sacs)	£50,000
North Street / Braehead	Dalry	Regal Court to Braehead Place	£43,000
St Andrews Road	Ardrossan	Number 1 to Number 35	£28,000
Kilruskin Drive	West Kilbride	Full Length	£29,000
Provosts Loan	Cumrae	Full Length	£17,000
Braeside Ave and Meadowbank Rd	Largs	Part Lengths	£36,000
Main Street	Dreghorn	One side only from No.108 to change in surface	£10,000
Stronsay court	Irvine	Full Length	£5,000
Clements Place	Stevenston	Full Length	£9,000
Oakland Drive	Stevenston	Full Length	£5,500
West Doura Way / Court	Kilwinning	Whitehirst Park PS to shop, including car park and shop footpaths and the slabbed area outside shop	£17,500
Murray Avenue	Saltcoats	Mid Dykes Road to road end (Both Sides)	£15,000
Longfield Avenue	Saltcoats	Part Length	£14,000
Wellpark Road	Saltcoats	Number 23 to Number 31 (One side only)	£4,000
Kenilworth Drive	Saltcoats	Footpath from Kenilworth Drive to Munro Place	£6,000
Miller Road	Saltcoats	Full Length	£15,000
			<b>£330,000</b>

<b><i>Lighting Deteriorated Infrastructure Replacements</i></b>		
<i>Area</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Longhill Seton Terrace Sandy Brae Road	Skelmorlie	£90,000
Corsehill Drive	West Kilbride	£55,000
Lindsay Crescent Auchenmaid Drive Linn Avenue The Roundel Castlehill Drive	Largs	£80,000
Tarryholme Drive Warrix Avenue Kirk Vennel Parterre Benbain Place Golf Place Ravenscroft Braeside Whyte Avenue	Irvine	£205,000
Schoolwell Street Grange Road Kerelaw Road Sinclair Street Loccard Road Limekiln Road	Stevenston	£127,000
St Inans Drive Rowan Avenue Bigholm Road Backburn	Beith	£70,000
Milton Road Ladyland Drive	Kilbirnie	£87,000
Findlay Avenue West End Sharon Street	Dalry	£59,000
		<b>£773,000</b>

<b><i>Lighting Deteriorated Column Replacements</i></b>			
<i>Area</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Various Unplanned Locations			<b>£169,000</b>

<b><i>Lighting Deteriorated Column Inspections</i></b>			
<i>Area</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Various Locations			<b>£58,000</b>

<i>Structures Projects</i>			
<i>Structure</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Kersland Culvert	B714	UV liner culvert repairs	£80,000
Seven Acres Mill Bridge	U54	Bridge Replacement	£450,000
Roughwood Bridge	U12	General Repairs	£30,000
Threadmill Bridge	C99	Replacement / Strengthening	£160,000
Carsehead Bridge	B714	General Repairs	£35,000
			<b>£755,000</b>

Carriageway Resurfacing: £3,684,000

Carriageway Surface Dressing: £16,000

Carriageway Screeding: £550,000

Footway Resurfacing: £330,000

Lighting Infrastructure Replacements: £773,000

Deteriorated Column Replacements: £169,000

Deteriorated Column Inspections: £58,000

Structures Projects: £755,000

**Overall Mainland Total: £6,335,000**

<i>Carriageway Resurfacing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Benlister Road	Lamlash	8 Park Terrace to road end	£40,000
Golf Course Road	Blackwaterfoot	Queenscliff to Car Park	£30,000
B880 String Road	Brodick	Patching Various Locations	£200,000
A841		3 sections between Brodick & Sannox	£160,000
A841	Lochranza	Patching Works - Ballarie Bridge towards Sannox	£70,000
			<b>£500,000</b>

<i>Carriageway Surface Dressing</i>			
<i>Street</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
A841	Brodick	Junction B880 to slipway past Shore Lodge	£60,000
A841	Lamlash	Strathwillan Road Junction Brodick to Glenisle Hotel	£140,000
			<b>£200,000</b>

<i>Structures Projects</i>			
<i>Structure</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Estimate Cost</i>
Culvert West of Ballymeanoch	C147	Retaining wall strengthening	£70,000
Dougarie Bridge	C147	Temporary Strengthening/ Scour repairs	£50,000
Catacol Bridge	C147	Temporary Strengthening/ Scour repairs	£60,000
			<b>£180,000</b>

Carriageway Resurfacing:       £500,000  
Carriageway Surface Dressing:   £200,000  
Structures Projects:                £180,000  
**Overall Arran Total:               £880,000**

## **Condition Assessment and Prioritisation Process**

- 1.1 The Audit Scotland Follow-up report, Maintaining Scotlands Roads published in August 2016 stated that Councils should use their RAMPs to establish long term investment plans for maintaining the road network taking into account whole-life costing and treatment options.
- 1.2 As part of the Roads Asset Management process, annual condition assessments are carried out on the public road network as part of the inspection regime. All locations are assessed using a risk based approach.
- 1.3 Condition assessments are carried out simultaneously with the Safety Inspections in accordance with the pre-determined timescales contained within our Safety Inspection Manual. All faults noted during these inspections are logged within our electronic Routine Maintenance System (RMS).
- 1.4 For carriageways, to take account of whole-life and different treatment options the carriageway maintenance programme is developed using road asset management principles. Lifecycle planning is at the core of this approach and takes into account, hierarchies, condition and local community priorities. Preventative treatments are used to prolong the life of carriageway surfaces before their condition deteriorates and requires extensive resurfacing.
- 1.5 The main factors considered are:-
  - Road Condition – based on detailed visual inspection and the Scottish Road Maintenance Conditions Survey (SRMCS).
  - Road Hierarchy – this takes account of the strategic importance of the road and is determined from our Local Transport Plan.
  - Assistance to Council and Community Priorities – this takes account of other priorities such as economic development, access to shops, amenity housing or schools.
- 1.6 Carriageways and footways are both condition assessed and scored in accordance with the assessment table below. These condition scores, RCI data, road hierarchy information and priorities information as above are utilised through our electronic WDM Scheme Manager to target locations for improvement works in order to optimise investment.

## **Assessment Table**

<b>Extent</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>			
	<b>1 (Acceptable)</b>	<b>2 (Safe but poor appearance)</b>	<b>3 (Minor deterioration)</b>	<b>4 (Major deterioration)</b>
1 - Up to 25%		<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>
2 – 25% to 50%		<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>
3 – 50% to 75%		<b>7</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15</b>
4 – 75% to 100%	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>16</b>

Each location is also reviewed at least once a year depending on its location within the Roads Hierarchy as part of the routine inspection process.

- 1.7 There are various types of surfacing materials and processes available depending on the particular road type, location and level of existing deterioration. Options available for treatment include preventative measures such as surface dressing and resurfacing options such as screeding, resurfacing (inlay and overlay), depending on the severity of deterioration full reconstruction may be the most effective option.
- 1.8 The level of investment associated with the varying treatment types identified in the table below was established using the Society of Chief Officers of Transportation in Scotland's cost projection model, developed as part of the Roads Asset Management Planning project. The model assists with identifying the effect of various treatments on the on-going condition of the carriageway. This enables a more accurate design life for the treatments currently available to be developed and ensuring value for money on their use. Costs for works can vary from the figures below depending on restricted working arrangements, traffic management required and the extent of preparatory works necessary to enable resurfacing. There is also an additional uplift for island working of up to 50% for works on Arran and Cumbrae.

## Treatment Option Table

Treatment Option	Cost per Sqm 2021/22	Cost per Sqm 2022/23	% Change	Extension to life
Surface Dressing	£3.30	£3.60	+9%	Up to 10 years
Screeding	£9.00	£11.50	+28%	5 – 10 years
Inlay HRA	£18.00	£22.00	+22%	Up to 20 years
Overlay <100mm	£20.70	£26.50	+28%	Up to 20 years
Inlay 100mm	£27.26	£32.30	+18%	Up to 20 years
Reconstruction 300mm	£112.40	£140.00	+25%	Up to 20 years

- 1.9 Street Lighting column replacement is prioritised through non-destructive strength testing to determine the level of deterioration associated with the columns. Following testing, columns are categorised within the Asset Management database for road lighting.
- 1.10 Testing is carried out in accordance with the Institute of Lighting Engineer's Technical Report No.22 Managing a Vital Asset: Lighting Supports as well as UK Lighting Board Code of Practice: Well-lit Highways.
- 1.11 Once results are input, the database then compares these results against the more general age profile to determine a final list of priority repairs. This produces recommendations in order of priority for both individual units and whole streets or areas.
- 1.12 Recommendations are generally categorised as Category A through K as follows:
- A: Immediate replacement
  - B: Replace urgently or reinspect within 6 months
  - C1: Column Material failure, replace as soon as possible or reinspect within 1 year
  - C2: Bracket failure, sleeve where possible or replace unit within 1 year
  - D: Foundation failure, realign, reinstate and reinspect within 6 months
  - E: Material approaching failure, replace as part of planned maintenance programme or reinspect within 2 years
  - F: Material approaching failure, replace as part of planned maintenance programme or reinspect within 5 years

- G: Condition reasonable, but age expired and certified insured for 2 year periods until replaced
- H: Condition reasonable, but age expired and certified insured for 5 year periods until replaced
- I: Acceptable condition but age expired and insured for 5 years periods until replaced.
- J: Sound condition but age expired & visually poor (evidence of concrete cracking etc.)
- K: Sound condition and not age expired – no current requirement for strength structural inspection, visual only at planned maintenance cycle.

1.13 Where non-urgent replacement recommendations (Category F through to J) are on an individual column basis, the data is further analysed to determine a percentage value for recommended replacement numbers against the balance of units in a street. If this figure exceeds 30% then the entire street will be considered for higher prioritisation which will address the design class standard of the street beyond individual replacement for safety reasons only.

1.14 The structures programme is identified based on the structures prioritisation matrix which ranks assets based on a number of factors including its condition, safety, and usage.

**Structure Name:**  
**Date when the scoring is carried out:**

Enter score based on the description in the following coloured cells

Priority Ranking for structure capital programme

No.	Factors	Maximum Score			Structure Name:	Structure Score Input	Net score	% of total Score	Additional commentry
1	Type of Bridge	1	Score 1 if road bridge and 0 if foot bridge	Culverts, Subways which carry road shall be considered as road bridge as per this scoring system. Structures which carry only pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians shall be considered as footbridge.			NA		
2	Route Factor	40	Score based on NAC route hierachy	Route hierachy Cat 2 - SPT/ NAC strategic routes - 40 Cat 3a - Main distributor routes - 30 Cat 3b - secondary distributor routes - 20 Any other category - 10 Routes serving fewer than 5 properties - 5			0	0%	
3	HGV Restriction factor	60	Score based on weight capacity	Weight restriction 3 tonnes - 60 7.5 to 13 tonnes tonnes - 50 18 tonnes - 40 26 tonnes - 30 No weight restriction - 0			0	0%	
4	Condition factor	10	Score based on the condition of the bridge	Sliding score based on 0 for very good condition to 10 for poor condition. (10 - (BCI crit/ 10))			0	0%	
5	Deterioration factor	10	Score based on the rate of deterioration of the structure	Sliding score based on 0 for very slow deterioration to 10 for rapid deterioration			0	0%	
6	Pedestrian factor	20	Score based on pedestrian usage. Bridges with footways of heavy pedestrian usage shall score a maximum of 30.	Structures with footways in heavily used urban areas score 20. Score 20 if route is access to a school or railway station. Apply a sliding scale going down to 0 for rural structures without footways.			0	0%	
7	Flooding factor	40	Score based on the potential for the existing structure to contrubute to flooding	A structure that makes no contribution to flooding risk will score 0. Structures that are know to increase the risk of flooding due to restrictions in width or soffit height will score 30.			0	0%	
8	Scour factor	60	Score based on risk of collapse due to expose to scour in heavy flow conditions	Risk of collapse of structure due to scouring. Structures which have been deterioted severely because of inadequate scour protection and on verge of collapse score maximum. Scour risk based on a sliding scale.			0	0%	
9	Parapet Condition Factor	15	Score based on the condition of the parapets	Structures with substandard Parapets with poor conditon will score 15 . Structures with substandard parapets with a 'monitor only' recommendation will score 10. Structures which have parapets to current standards will score 0.			0	0%	
10	Parapet Risk Factor	10	Score based on risk in the event of a parapet collapse leading to high risk injuries and human casualties.	What is the likelihood of severe injury or even death while the parapet is open to use considering the condition of the structure. Risk based on a sliding scale.			-5	100%	

11	Delay factor	10	Score based on whether existing restrictions such as limited width cause delays at the structure	Structures where delays are caused by width, weight, height or other restrictions such as traffic lights will be given a score higher than zero. Delays less than 2 minutes at peak times will score 5 and longer than 2 minutes will score 10. Score maximum if fire station, railway station or hospital affected by delay.		0	0%	
12	Structure Risk factor	10	Score based on risk in the event of a Structure collapse leading to high risk injuries and human casualties.	What is the likelihood of someone getting a high risk injury or even death while the structure is open to use considering the condition of the structure. Risk based on a sliding scale.		0	0%	
13	Maintenance factor	20	Score based on maintenance required to keep the existing structure open.	Score based on known maintenance history and requirement. No maintenance requirement will score 0. Listed structures score 15.		0	0%	
14	Diversion factor	10	Score based on the length of the diversion route if the structure is closed in an unplanned manner with no finite time limit.	Score based on diversion length. Any diversion equal to or more than 20 miles scores 20. Score 1 for each 2 miles of diversion up to 20. Score 10 if a road closure adversely affects a fire or railway station or hospital. Score 10 if there is no alternative diversion.		0	0%	

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Note maximum score that can be achieved for road bridge= 500

Priority level Chart		Structure Name: 00-Jan-00 Date of Scoring: 00-Jan-00							
Priority Level Indicator		Overall works (500)		Structure works (100)		Parapet works (70)		Scour Protection (60)	
		Level	Score	Level	Score	Level	Score	Level	Score
No Action Rquired									
Low Priority									
Medium Priority									
High Priority									
Immediate action required									

Note : Works are divided above into three sub categories as each work can be independent and each has its own significance in terms of attention required.



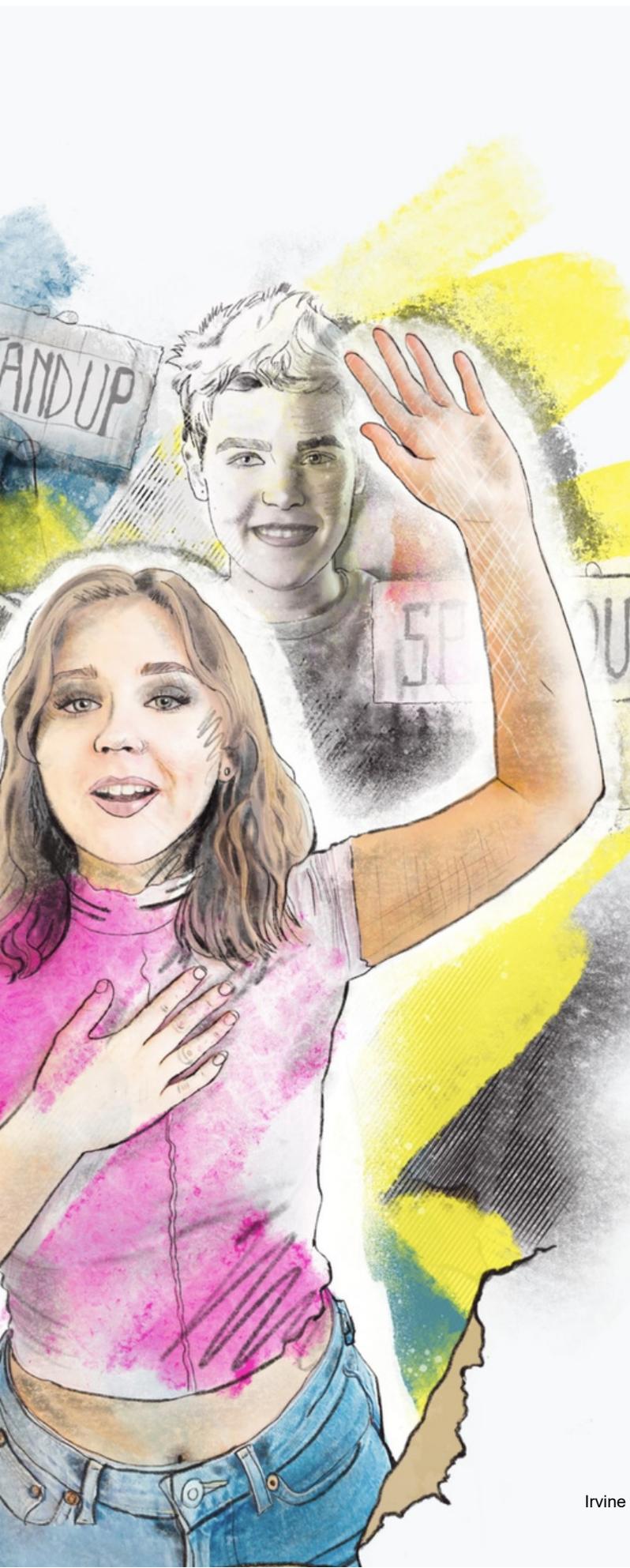
**NORTH AYRSHIRE CONNECTED COMMUNITIES  
NORTH AYRSHIRE WIDE YOUTH WORK**

# QUARTERLY UPDATE

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THIS QUARTERLY REPORT FOCUSSES ON THE YOUTH WORK PRIORITIES OUTLINED IN OUR STRATEGIC PLAN THAT TIES INTO NORTH AYRSHIRE LOCALITY PRIORITIES.

Youth Work is an educational practice contributing to young people's learning and development. Youth work engages with young people within their communities; it acknowledges the wider networks of peers, community and culture; it supports the young person to realise their potential and to address life's challenges critically and creatively and it takes account of all strands of diversity.

**North Ayrshire key priorities:**

- Positive Destinations for 16-19 year olds
- Attainment and Wider Achievement
- Health and Wellbeing
- Young Peoples' Voice and Rights
- Climate Change
- Poverty and Inequality
- Digital Connectivity

## Joint Cabinet

The newly refreshed joint Cabinet took place on May 16th with 110 young people in attendance along with Elected Members, Senior Managers, Heads of Service, Directors and our MSYPs. All 9 secondaries and Lockhart Campus were in attendance. Nearly 500 young people took part in the pre consultation deciding on the key themes. A full action plan will be developed and will be shared at the next Locality Partnership meeting.

Young people took part in Conversations cafes, question and answer sessions and a priority auction covering the key themes of Climate Change and Sustainability, UNCRC, Opportunities and activities for young people, Inequalities and Health and Wellbeing.

The interactive boards were left open for any young people to respond to the key questions and can be found here:



### **Board 1 Link – Climate Change and Sustainability**

<https://easyretro.io/publicboard/Z6nx1A0rhcZUiXsw2pZNYCJLj0a2/8b02f787-8f64-426d-9555-2054a7db4ca1>

### **Board 2 Link – Tackling Inequalities**

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### **Board 3 Link – UNCRC**

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### **Board 4 Link– Opportunities for Young People in the Community**

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### **Board 5 Link – Health and Wellbeing**

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# Members of Scottish Youth Parliament

Our 4 MSYPs attend local and national groups and meetings to represent the views of their peers.

Currently they are linking in with youth forums and youth voice structure and working on specific projects including:

- LGBT
- National Entitlement Card
- Climate Change
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Youth Voice in Schools

Recruitment for notes of interest for any young person aged 14+ who wish to stand as an MSYP for the 2024-2026 term are now opened until 31st July. Locally we have launched a local recruitment drive through social media, press, schools and communities. The voting for these elections will take place in November 2023.

Information and guidance has been sent out to communities and schools. (Please find attached)



## P7 Youth Council

140 young people from all localities attended this interactive day to take part in four workshops ahead of transition into secondary school. These workshops included: developing a Mental Health Toolkit, Health and Wellbeing Curriculum, Transition to Secondary School and Financial Literacies and Life Skills

This also provided an opportunity to consult the Local Development Plan

Schools that attended this event were Beith Primary, Stanley Primary, Whiting Bay Primary, Brodick Primary, St John's Primary, St Anthony's Primary and Annick Primary.



## Joint Youth Forum

This meeting took place in March bringing together all of our youth forums and youth voice groups engaging on the topics of the Local Development Plan and the Mental Health Toolkit. These 40 young people also had the opportunity to share good practice and take part in some teambuilding activities.



# Climate Change Ambassadors

A group of 12 ambassadors continue to work on a range of activities, opportunities, signposting and events around climate change and sustainability.

The group meet fortnightly to look at local and national issues that young people can input on, and the young people feed into the NAC Climate Change Steering Group

Proposed plans for summer include:

- 3 Beach cleans (Three Towns, North Coast and Irvine).
- Community tree plant and time capsule event.
- Climate Change Community and school charter

The young people would like any input from the Locality Partnerships of anything they may want included in the time capsule.



## COMMUNITY BEACH CLEAN



JOIN THE NORTH AYRSHIRE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT MAKE UP THE CLIMATE CHANGE AMBASSADORS AND THE NORTH AYRSHIRE YOUTH WORK TEAM FOR THE FIRST OF OUR SUMMER BEACH CLEANS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THREE TOWNS CLEAN UP CREW. ALL EQUIPMENT IS PROVIDED.

THIS IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT, COME WITH YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, PETS OR ON YOUR OWN.

WHERE:  
ARDROSSAN SOUTH BEACH  
MEETING POINT AT CAR PARK

WHEN:  
SATURDAY 3RD JUNE

TIME:  
6.00PM - 8.00PM



[Email youthwork@north-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:youthwork@north-ayrshire.gov.uk)




# Youth Work Modern Apprenticeship Programme



Our six Modern Apprentices continue to work towards their SVQ in Youth Work and provide support to our locality teams and locality youth groups.

Six MAs that have just completed their qualification in March have all moved onto positive destinations and have all retained sessional youth work opportunities within the team.

Additional training out with their core training has included a pilot for suicide prevention training. Participating in the Fair Jobs Fayre, they have also been working on national consultations including Alcohol Marketing consultation with Alcohol Focus Scotland.

The MAs are additional accredited Mental Health Ambassadors gaining Mental Health First Aid (SCQF Level 6).

Recruitment is now open for our new cohort of Modern Apprentices who will be starting in August. Applications can be found on the My Job Scotland website.



## Working with our New Scots

New Scots youth participation activities includes sporting, cultural, and social New Scots Girls Duke of Edinburgh who play badminton weekly at Kilwinning Academy. The girls are also achieving competence in mountain biking, football and orienteering. The expedition for DofE Bronze will take place in the summer.

New Scots girls attend Swans football in Kilwinning. The group were supported to attend a residential in Inverclyde in partnership with Active Schools. They had their first competitive football game against Greenwood Academy working with Ali Duncan from the school. This was a great success even though the girls lost they enjoyed the game and keen to play again.

In partnership with Active Schools New Scots young people had the opportunity to attend the Scottish Assault Course. This was a trip that included New Scots and Scottish young people.

A very successful quarter with increasing involvement from Ukrainian and unaccompanied New Scots. The work now involves young people from 8 nationalities. It received support from the Princes Trust to buy a football kit, boots, waterproof coats for outdoor activities and a range of trips and additional activities to take place from May 2023, including taking their Dynamic Youth Awards and 8 boys registering for SFA Level 1 Coaching Awards. This is expected to be an ongoing partnership. 27 boys are attended our Nova Scotias Football group. (Kilwinning) and 23 boys attended an Inverclyde residential in March 2023. 9 boys attended the fortnightly Nova Scotias Youth Club (Irvine), 19 young people & 1 parent attended our Mixed Sex Family Volleyball (Kilwinning) and 9 children attended our Children's Football (Kilwinning).



# The Multiply Project

As part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) North Ayrshire Council have secured funding to deliver the Multiply Project.

This project aims to boost people's ability to use maths in their daily life, at home and work targeting learners who are 19+ that have not previously attained a level 2 SCQF, level 5 or higher maths qualification.

Success measures will be:

- More adults achieving maths qualifications / participating in numeracy courses
- Improved labour market outcomes
- Increased adult numeracy across the population

Staff have just come into place within CLD and have already met with CLD teams, partners and relevant services to discuss way forward, pathways, referrals and opportunities.

National numeracy day took place on 17th May followed up with National Employability week where the team promoted the new project at a number of events including the Parent Hub launch, TACT Open Day, Saltcoats Job Fayre and a social media campaign.



Next month they are attending events at HMS Kilmarnock at an employability roadshow event in Arran on the 22nd June.



## Cost of Living Priority Auction

During the Joint Cabinet over 100 young people participated in an interactive Priority Auction around cost of living. This helped us identify areas that young people feel are priority in relation to Cost of Living

Young people were given 10 themes around this to rank in order from most to least important through an interactive priority auction. Below is the overall ranking of the Priority auction:

Priority given by young people in relation to the Cost of Living:

- 1 Support with costs associated to school
- 2 Access to foodbanks and community larders
- 3 Access to holiday and weekend meal provision
- 4 Access to financial literacy education
- 5 Access to school and community swap shops / clothing banks
- 6 Transport Costs
- 7 Employability Support & Guidance
- 8 Costs associated in socialise with friends
- 9 Access to digital equipment & WiFi
- 10 Cost of clubs and activities out with school

A breakdown of each school clusters ranking can be given on request.



## Take Time Families

This programme offers support to families targeting parent/carers and young people to achieve a joined understanding of resilience and emotions in the home. Currently this is running in Kilwinning Library along side the Kilwinning locality team on a Wednesday with around 20 participants.

This was running as a pilot in Corsehill Primary school before being moved into a community based setting and plans in place to run this group after the summer in North Coast .



## Delivery of Your Resilience Programme in School, College and Community Groups

Your Resilience supports young people's mental health resilience. The educational programme is focused on building resilience through life's transitions in 14–20-year-olds, equipping them with the tools and resources to manage their mental health now and in the future.

Currently delivering or planning to deliver with Scratch Group within the Three Towns locality but keen to look at any community groups that would be interested in the 6 week programme.

# Mini Ambassadors Programme – Bounce Back Peer Support Programme

Creating a mental health and wellbeing programme, targeting primary school young people which the BeeYou Ambassadors deliver. Schools identified in the pilot were Castlepark Primary and Hayocks Primary. This is branded as the Bounce Back Award which can be ran with primary schools through a 6-week course.

We have completed this with 14 young people meeting weekly Hayocks Primary.

Currently this is running in Lawthorn Primary in with 3 Mental Health Ambassadors supporting the programme with 30 young people taking part. On completion the young people will become mini ambassadors and will deliver resilience workshop to parents/carers within the school community.

The next programme of this will start in St Lukes Primary on the 30th August.

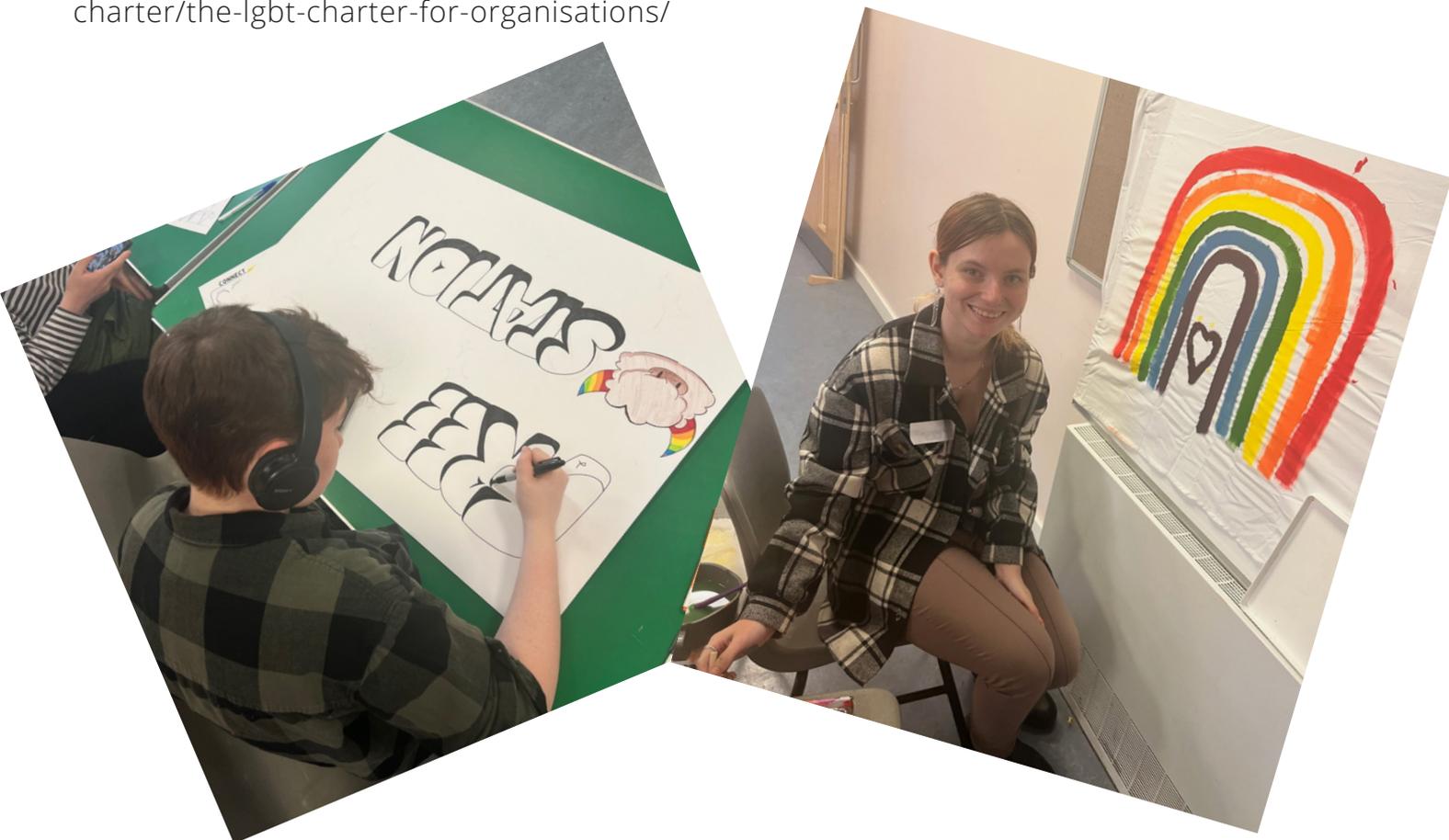


## LGBTQI+

The Equality Project is led by the young people's needs and wants, in a hope to speak truth to power and empower our young people to make positive change within their communities in a safe and nurturing environment. The group has around 20 members and concentrating on LGBTQI+. The group have been meeting in Irvine and Three Towns locality with the next one planned for North Coast and then Garnock Valley

The Equality project will be attending an overnight on the 2nd of June, to take part in Arran Pride walking in the parade and having their own stall and promotion of what mental health and wellbeing community mapping and support for our LGBTI+ young people. We have 28 young people attending this. These young people are from North Coast, Garnock Valley and Irvine and we are keen to get more young people to join.

The youth work team have been successful in obtaining their LGBTYS Silver Charter mark and to celebrate this the group are planning a community picnic, tree planting and time capsule. More information on the Charter can be found here: <https://www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/the-lgbt-charter/the-lgbt-charter-for-organisations/>



## LGBTQI+ (cont)

The group are working in partnership with the Ayrshire Equality Partnership (AEP) forum for 3 satellite events to say on how we can make things better for LGBT+ people living, working and learning in Ayrshire.

Have your say on how we can make things better for LGBT+ people living, working and learning in Ayrshire.

It will include conversations on the following key themes:

- Connections
- Safety
- Services
- Support

The event is open to both LGBT+ people and those who have an interest in positively informing the LGBT+ experience in Ayrshire.

Bookings can be made here:

### **Irvine Royal Academy / 6 June 2023 - 4-6pm**

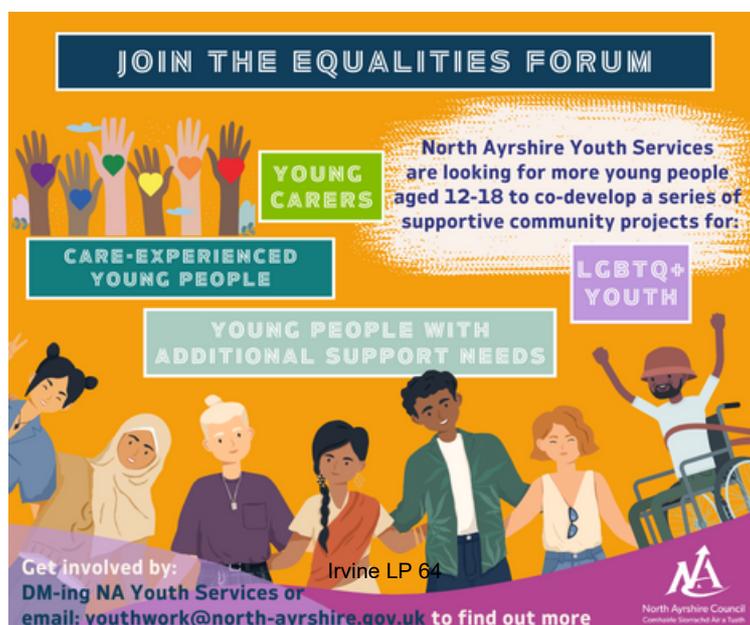
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-lgbt-conversation-in-ayrshire-tickets-639304776797>

### **UWS, Ayr Campus / 8 June 2023 - 4.30 - 6.30pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-lgbt-conversation-in-ayrshire-tickets-638043213427>

### **Ayrshire College, Kilmarnock Campus / 15 June 2023 - 4.15 - 6.15pm**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-lgbt-conversation-in-ayrshire-tickets-639311055577>



## Drama for wellbeing



Using the power of drama therapy to connect young people allowing them to express themselves whilst addressing issues surrounding Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Young people can connect and explore challenging themes as a group and create scripts and performing pieces through drama techniques, showcasing these for the community on the Friday 18th August at the Harbour Arts Centre, Irvine.

Drama is a great outlet of expression, it can provide an escape/release allowing young people to try something new, learn new skills increase social circles and peer support and build confidence within individuals.

The 7 week block will start on Friday 7th July until Friday 18th August at the Harbour Arts Centre, Irvine.

- Session 1 (Primary age 10.30am - 12 noon)
- Session 2 (Secondary age 1pm - 2.30pm)

The expression of interest is now open and is limited to 30 young people for each course. This can be accessed by the QR code above or here: <https://forms.office.com/e/5aTxbdBiF2>

## Take Time on the Road

The Summer Roadshow called Take Time on the road will be done as a pop-up open day style, tying in with different partners and inviting along agencies that have a focus on mental health and wellbeing.

Targeting families across areas of North Ayrshire, hosting 11 events in Irvine, Kilwinning, North Coast, 3 Towns, Garnock Valley and Arran. These events will be led and co-ordinated by the Project Delivery Officers and supported by Connected Communities Locality Teams.



- 4th of July - Irvine 2-5pm Springside Community Centre
- 6th of July - Irvine 2-5pm Redburn Community Centre
- 12th of July- Three Towns 1-4pm Glebe Park - Saltcoats
- 18th of July- Kilwinning 2-5pm Nethermain Community Centre
- 20th of July - North Coast 2-5pm West Kilbride Community Centre
- 24th of July - Garnock Valley 12-3pm Dalry Public Park
- 1st of August - Kilwinning 1-4pm Kilwinning Library
- 3rd of August - North Coast 1-4pm Largs Pencil
- 9th of August - Three Towns 1-4pm Ardrossan South Beach
- 10th of August - Garnock Valley 12-3pm Kilbirnie Public Park
- 17th of August - Arran Mental Health Retreat

The roadshow will provide the following the activities including the Mobile Youth Centre with gaming activities, inflatables, Wellbeing activities and workshops, Yoga workshop, Take Time Campaign and Petting Zoo - Therapets.

A range of partners attending will include the Multiply Project, Relax Kids Ayrshire, Penumbra, Cruse - Connecting Communities Project, The Ayrshire Community Trust, Aberlour Sustain Transitions, West Kilbride Environmental Group, Barnardo's, North Ayrshire Young Carers, West Kilbride Environmental Group, NHS Quit Your Way , Parent Network Scotland and North Ayrshire Council Ranger Service.