

Action Note

Meeting:	Irvine Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	5 June 2023 at Fullarton Community Hub, Irvine at 6.00 p.m.
Present:	<p>Councillor Shaun Macaulay (Chair) Councillor Marie Burns Councillor Robert Foster 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 Inspector David Cameron, Police Scotland Barbara Conner, TACT Marjory Dickie, Community Representative Donna Fitzpatrick, Community Representative Sally MacIntyre, Community Representative Irene McIlwain, Community Representative Ian Wallace, Community Representative David Phillips, Community Representative Justin Jones, MSYP Chloe Smith, Youth Worker, NAC Shona McAllister, Programme Manager, Regeneration Euan Lees, Community Development Worker, NAC Diane McCaw, Committee Services Officer, NAC</p>
In Attendance	Debbie Alexander, CHAP (CIF Application)
Apologies:	<p>Councillor Angela Stephen David Dunlop, Community Council Representative Elaine Baxter, Locality Officer Linzi Sloan, Head Teacher, Irvine Royal Academy.</p>

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No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present to the Irvine Locality Partnership meeting and apologies for absence were recorded.</p>	
2.	<p>Action Note and Log</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>	
3.	<p>Vice-Chair</p> <p>The Chair advised that a nomination had been received for the role of Vice-Chair.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed the importance of the role in ensuring that the views of community representatives were represented on the Locality Partnership Agenda.</p>	

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	<p>Ian Wallace moved that Annie Small be appointed to the role of Vice-Chair and the motion was seconded by David Phillips.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed to appoint Annie Small to the role of Vice-Chair.</p>	<p><i>Lesley Dunlop</i></p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Community Investment Fund</p> <p>Councillor Robertson joined the meeting at this point.</p> <p>The Partnership received a report from the Locality Officer with details of Community Investment Fund Applications and Expressions of Interest as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Housing Advocacy Project – CHAP – Full Application <p>CHAP applied 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 and clarification on issues raised at the previous Locality Partnership meeting in relation to:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• opportunities for partnership working, including community action teams;• measures to avoid duplication of service provision;• the importance of early engagement;• the longer-term sustainability of the project and future funding;• the success of projects within other locality areas;• accreditation of debt management staff; and• figures in terms of service users. <p>Debbie Alexander left the meeting at this point.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• concerns around multiple funding streams covering the same posts;• that the application related to two new posts and not existing posts; and• duplication of service provision. <p>The Partnership agreed that CHAP revise their application to (a) provide additional information in relation to (i) figures of those utilising the service, and (ii) any duplication of service provision within the Irvine area; and (b) be invited to attend the September meeting with an updated proposal.</p>	<p><i>Lesley Forsyth/ Elaine Baxter</i></p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LP Project Development Worker <p>An expression of interest by Irvine Locality Partnership for funding support, in the amount of £99,648 towards 2-year costs for a Project Community Development Worker.</p> <p>The Partnership was advised that a more relevant funding source had emerged for this application and that, at present, the expression of interest was withdrawn.</p>					
5.	<p>Grants</p> <p>Elderly Grants</p> <p>The Locality Partnership, following discussion in terms of the historic boundary area, agreed to approve the Elderly Grants budget for the Irvine Locality in the sum of £15,049, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p>Irvine Common Good Fund</p> <p>The Locality Partnership agreed to award the following:-</p> <table><tr><td>Irvine Incorporated Trades</td><td>£2,000</td></tr><tr><td>Irvine Joint Wards Old Folks Committee</td><td>£9,000</td></tr></table>	Irvine Incorporated Trades	£2,000	Irvine Joint Wards Old Folks Committee	£9,000	<p><i>Lesley Forsyth</i></p> <p><i>Lesley Forsyth</i></p>
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6.	<p>Communities and Place Fund</p> <p>Councillor Larsen joined the meeting at this point.</p> <p>The Partnership received a presentation from Shona McAllister, Programme Manager Regeneration on the Communities and Place grant funding which has been created to help communities deliver projects which support local priorities and local business needs.</p> <p>The presentation included information on the four themes within the fund namely, People and Skills, Local Business, Multiply and Communities & Place, the application process, including timescales and scoring, and the decision-making process.</p> <p>The Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the funding available for projects in 2023/24 and in future years; and• the scope for future funding applications to align with localised issues and action plans. <p>The Partnership thanked Shona for her presentation and agreed that the presentation slides be circulated to the Partnership.</p> <p>Councillor McPhater left the meeting at this point.</p>	<p><i>Lesley Dunlop</i></p>				

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<p>7.</p>	<p>Youth and Education Overview</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">• recruitment of session youth staff following a successful funding application to North Ayrshire Ventures Trust;• expansion of the Board of Trustees for the Irvine Youth Legacy Centre;• plans in the lead up to the summer programme;• methods for improving the mental health of LGBT young people;• Mindful Monday which utilised drama as a method to discuss health matters;• positive engagement within drop-in centres and youth groups;• Irvine Royal Support Groups' participation with Eglinton Country Park and Harbourside Mens Shed;• support provided to the Youth Forum around learning and understanding the work and rules of the Forum;• the success of Food Chat and Chill;• recent visits to the Centre; and• the forthcoming trips to Arran Outdoor Centre and Youth Beatz 2023. <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue – Wellbeing and Partnership</p> <p>The Partnership received updates from Police Scotland (PS) and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) on the wellbeing and partnership work being carried out in the Locality area.</p> <p>The PS update highlighted a number of matters including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• proactive visits targeting under-age vape sales;• partnership work to highlight awareness of fraud/scamming methods to those more vulnerable and through the Fraud Roadshow;• internet safety information on bullying and hate crime provided at Elderbank Primary School;• home security visits carried out following incidents;• personal safety information provided to North Ayrshire Council staff;• attendance at the 'Community Connection Carousel';• an update on the recent 'car cruise' at the Harbourside, Irvine;• the commencement of the 'Safer Shores' initiative; and• the introduction of quad bikes for use within North Ayrshire and the forthcoming launch following the completion of all necessary paperwork.	

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	<p>The Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• training and safety issues for officers using quad bikes; and• the approach taken with regard to the car cruise at the Harbourside. <p>The SFRS update highlighted a number of matters including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ongoing work with TACT to build skills;• the provision of food crisis boxes and welfare packs via the Community Action Teams;• the success of the Youth Volunteer Scheme;• the creation of 'safe spaces' in connection with those at risk of domestic violence or suicide;• the possibility of giving an overview of the Pan Ayrshire Water Safety Strategy;• partnership work in connection with road safety;• performance information in relation to post non-domestic incident response; and• work with Ayrshire College on the Fire Skills Employability Programme. <p>Noted.</p>	
9.	<p>Chit Chat Poverty Action Plan</p> <p>The Partnership received a verbal update from the Community Development Worker and the Youth Worker on progress and highlights in respect of the Irvine Chit Chat Poverty Action Plan and including issues raised at chit chats on:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Redburn foodbank provision;• money debt advice;• transport in the Broomlands and Bourtreehill area;• the provision of community notice boards;• community lunches for over 50s; and• the requirement for digital support. <p>The Partnership discussed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• partnership working with TACT in connection with money and debt advice;• ongoing dialogue in terms of a potential pathway from Drybridge to GlaxoSmithKline;• green space maintenance around parks, and anti-social behaviour where younger people were intimidated by older youths;• Community Council contact with Stagecoach, MyBus and Shuttlebus on a travel plan for the Drybridge to GlaxoSmithKline area;• that active travel applications would be accepted by the Communities and Place Fund;	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • timescales for taking forward some items within the Plan; • that information from TACT be provided to Councillor Burns in connection with the South Ayrshire community transport section offer of joint working regarding bus connections from Troon to Irvine; and • potential funding to run a transport pilot. <p>The Partnership agreed that a report on timescales for taking forward some issue contained within the Plan be provided to the next meeting.</p> <p>Marjory Dickie and Sally MacIntyre left the meeting at this point.</p>	<p><i>Elaine Baxter/ Ewan Lees</i></p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Locality Officer Update</p> <p>The Partnership received a report by the Community Development Worker on the work which had been undertaken in the locality since the last meeting.</p> <p>The partnership asked a question and received further information in relation to engagement with the local community at the harbour area regarding an expression of interest for a motor cross area.</p> <p>The Chair advised that due to time constraints, any additional questions be directed to the Community Development</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>The Chair advised of future plans whereby the Vice-Chair liaise with community representatives prior to production of the Locality Partnership papers in order to ensure that their issues are reflected on the Agenda for meetings.</p> <p>Councillor Burns indicated that an improved system of updating action plans with local issues was required.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Reports for Information</p> <p>Roads, Structures and Streetlighting</p> <p>The Partnership received a report from the Senior Manager (Roads Network), Neighbourhood Services outlining the proposed Roads, Structures and Street Lighting Maintenance Programme for 2023/24</p> <p>Noted.</p> <p>North Ayrshire Youth Work Update</p> <p>The Partnership received report on the youth work across the area which linked into the North Ayrshire Locality priorities.</p>	

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	<p>Noted.</p> <p>LDP3</p> <p>The Partnership were provided with a link to the 'Tell Us About Your Place!' assessment survey which is due to close on 28 June 2023 and which should help inform preparation of a new long-term spatial plan for North Ayrshire.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
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The Meeting ended at 8.25 p.m.