



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

Irvine Locality Partnership

Monday 3 March 2025, 6.00 p.m. at Redburn Community Centre

BUSINESS

Item	Subject	Pg No	Ref	Officer	Ask of the Partnership
1.	Welcome, Apologies and Declarations of Interest.	-	-	Cllr Macaulay	
2.	Action Note Review the action notes from 2 December 2024 and deal with any outstanding items.	Pg 3	Enclosed	Lesley Forsyth	Is this an accurate record of the meetings. Have all actions been completed?
3.	CIF Project Update Receive update from Micah on their CIF project.	-	Verbal	Helen Hogg	Receive update, discuss and consider partnership opportunities.
LOCAL MATTERS – TACKLING INEQUALITIES					6.40 – 7.55 pm
4.	Youth, Education and Active Schools Overview The Locality Partnership will receive updates linking in with the Locality Priorities. Receive update from Linzi Sloan following recent visit to Irvine Royal Academy from Cabinet Secretary for Education & Skills.	-	Verbal	Head Teachers Fraser Lennox Active Schools	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
5.	Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships 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.	-	Verbal	Michael Cowan Paul Timmons	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
6.	KA Leisure The Locality Partnership will receive updates linking in with the Locality Priorities.	-	Verbal	John McMillan	Receive update and consider learning and partnership opportunities.
7.	Irvine Community Council The Locality Partnership will receive an update from the Chair of Irvine Community	-	Verbal	Chris Pless	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.

	Council on the work of the Community Council during the last quarter.				
8.	Locality Officer Report Receive report and update from the Locality Officer.	Pg 9	Enclosed	Elaine Baxter	Receive update and consider partnership opportunities.
AOCB					7.55 – 8.00 pm
11.	AOCB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Locality Planning 	-		Cllr Macaulay Lesley Forsyth	LP to use this time to raise/discuss matters linking to the Locality, the LP priorities and tackling inequalities.

Distribution List

Elected Members

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

Community Representative

Marjory Dickie
Chris Pless, Irvine Community Council
Donna Fitzpatrick
David Phillips
Sally MacIntyre
Irene McIlwain
Annie Small (**Vice Chair**)
Ian Wallace

CPP/Council Representatives

Elaine Baxter, Locality Officer
Paul Blackwood, Senior Lead Officer
Michael Cowan, Police Scotland
Barbara Conner, TSI
Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer
Paul Timmons, Scottish Fire & Rescue

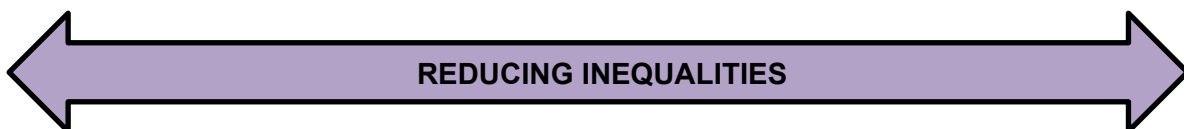
Irvine Locality Partnership Priorities

**Supporting
Skills and
Work
Opportunities**

**Enhancing our
Mental Health
and Wellbeing**

**Alleviating
Poverty**

**Championing
Green Health
and the Natural
Environment**



Meeting:	Irvine Locality Partnership
Date/Venue:	2 December 2024 at Fullarton Community Hub, Irvine at 6.00 p.m.
Present:	Councillor Shaun Macaulay (Chair) Councillor Christina Larsen Councillor Chloé Robertson Councillor Marie Burns Councillor Robert Foster Councillor Louise McLaughlan Lindsey Murphy, Senior Lead Officer Lesley Forsyth, Lead Officer Elaine Baxter, Locality Officer Chris Pless, Community Council Representative David Phillips, Community Representative Annie Small, Community Representative (Vice- Chair) Donna Fitzpatrick, Community Representative Sally McIntyre, Community Representative Michael Cowan, Police Scotland Jacqui Greenlees, Senior Manager, North Ayrshire Council Barbara Conner, TACT
In Attendance	David Hammond, North Ayrshire Council
Apologies:	Cllr Angela Stephen Cllr Nairn Angus-McDonald

ACTIONS

No.	Action	Responsible
1.	<p>Welcome/Apologies/Declarations of Interest</p> <p>The Chair welcomed those present to the Irvine Locality Partnership meeting and apologies for absence were recorded.</p> <p>Apologies from Cllr Macaulay and Cllr McLaughan re the CIF EOI</p>	Cllr Macaulay
2.	<p>Action Note</p> <p>The action note arising the meeting held on 2 September 2024 was approved as a correct record and the implementation of decisions confirmed.</p> <p>Cllr McLaughlan requested to be removed from the September minute as they were not present.</p> <p>L Forsyth highlighted that the action plan would be circulated moving forward.</p>	<p>J Greenlees</p> <p>L Forsyth</p>

3.	<p>CIF Project Update</p> <p>The Partnership were due to an update from BABCA on their Community Garden CIF project, this will be scheduled for a future meeting.</p>	Elaine Baxter
4.	<p>Grants</p> <p>The Partnership received a report from the Locality Officer: For financial year 24/25:</p> <p>Irvine Running Club for Irvine Common Good:</p> <p>The report highlighted that legal comments state that the application does not meet the criteria for Common Good.</p> <p>Discussion too place around the purpose of the request, the group are well established and could fundraise money themselves or through their membership or other funding for the Centenary Book they would like to produce.</p> <p>The Chair inquired if support could be provided by Council through the Heritage Team to mark the occasion.</p> <p>The Partnership agreed not to award the funds but to offer further support through Council funding and heritage teams.</p>	Rosemay Ramsay
5.	<p>Community Investment Fund – Expression of Interest- Irvine Legacy Centre</p> <p>The Partnership assessed the Irvine Legacy Centre Expression of Interest application:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £100,000 requested for Future Plus project. • Eligibility checklist shows some gaps around coproduction and sustainability in the future and lack of clarity about some of the monitoring and evaluation plans for the project. • PH suggested that some of the activities outlined in the EOI could/ are be delivered by LEP. • Group are in a commercial lease but have expressed interest for CAT separately and are being supported by CLD team for some of their applications for funding. • The partnership discussed that similar provision could already be in place elsewhere and that the EOI contains some gaps. It also is not clear how the group have linked in with other services, for example local food provision. • Questions raised about whether this project would take away from the original aims of the Youth Legacy Hub. • Discussion around the ambitions of the project- could there be more aimed for that certificates for barista training. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion around what will happen for the group if the project is not funded- the group are low on funds so would the provision currently being provided stop? • The group have had £100,000 from CIF for a similar project. <p>The Partnership agreed to ask the group to strengthen their expression of interest to show links with other groups, clarify the CAT position, clarify finances and be more ambitious around the outcomes sought for young people in Irvine.</p>	<i>Elaine Baxter</i>
6.	<p>Locality Action Plan</p> <p>The Locality Partnership discussed the work taking place relating to the annual action plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The plan was taken to the Partnership meeting in September and Locality Network in November but would like to explore further at the Locality Network meeting taking place in February 2025. • Would like for the Community Reps to have more of a say on the Action Plan- ACTION book a meeting toward end of January for Community Reps to assess and develop the plan. Barbara Conner will be involved in this also. • Antisocial behaviour has come up again after being on the previous plan- would like to work with M Cowan to develop this with youth work. • Highlighted that need to clarify action around food provision targeting Castlepark, make clear that provision exists and will be strengthened across the locality. 	<i>Elaine Baxter</i>
7.	<p>Youth, Education and Active Schools Overview</p> <p>Stephen Fraser, Active Schools Co-ordinator shared a handout was at the meeting with the Partnership which linked the work of the Active Schools Team with the Locality priorities.</p> <p>The Partnership highlighted the excellent work underway. Active Schools also link in with other youth provision available in the locality.</p> <p>No representative from schools in attendance.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	
8.	<p>Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue - Wellbeing and Partnerships</p> <p>The Locality Partnership received an update on the key impact of wellbeing and partnership work being carried out by Police Scotland in Irvine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Cowan introduced himself as the new Police representative for Irvine area. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M Cowan updated on some of the activity taking place since the last meeting. Community Wellbeing Unit working alongside local partners for example turning Point to identify and support community members at risk. Regularly attend reviews for the most vulnerable people led by the ADP. • Regular engagement taking place with children's houses, specifically education around drug and alcohol abuse. • Campus Cops in secondary and satellite primary schools also to educate young people and intervene when require. Work closely with local intelligence officers to build up a local picture. • Vapes and tobacco harm are a big priority, Guy Jenner focusing on this. Carried out a test purchasing operation in October- 5 premises that previously failed only had one failure this time. • Single use vape ban comes in in April 2025 and enforcement will begin on this. • Youth engagement- lots of work taking place with care experienced children and young people. Joint event with East Ayrshire around fire safety skills, search skills and catering and meal preparation class. • Locality Policing team have been involved in reducing antisocial behaviour in Bourtreehill area, youth diversionary activities with five young people. • M Cowan attending Wellbeing Alliance meeting to ensure work is interlinked. • Drop in event took place with Protective Services at Irvine Library focusing on reducing fraud for vulnerable people as have seen rising incidents of this type of crime. • Also participating in 'Message in a bottle' campaign for people with dementia. ACTION- M Cowan will circulate information about this project. • 16 Days of Action has started. • Young driver presentations are also taking place alongside road services and SFRS as well as driving under the influence campaigns which have started in advance of the festive period. Education underway at schools around this. • Festive Action Plan kicks in over the next couple of weeks in Irvine. <p>Partnership highlighted the positive outcomes of the work at Bourtreehill, the work has made a big difference.</p> <p>Highlighted the lack of understanding in the community about drug driving- more education needed around this.</p> <p>Noted.</p>	Michael Cowan
9.	<p>KA Leisure</p> <p>John McMillan provided an update on behalf of KA Leisure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have secured funding around a new youth diversionary project in the new year through Scottish Sports Futures. ACTION- J McMillan will circulate information about this. 	John McMillan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KA Leisure centres are all collecting young people’s clothing, shoes and sports equipment. Let J Macmillan know if you would like resources for a pop up shop. • Active Lifestyle team are still working with activators, walking groups still active from the Portal. • A team moving in to Trinity Church in February, this will open up a larger number of classes and provision can be delivered as well as garden projects. • New pitches being built at Quarry Road, next stage of the work is starting in March 2025 with a view to opening in August/September 2025. • Partnership highlighted feedback around speciality classes has been positive. • L Murphy highlighted that she would like to link in going forward. <p>Noted.</p>	
10.	<p>Irvine Community Council</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"> • Running a cyber security awareness session linking in with cyber security week to make people aware of current scams. • Were unable to plan in any large Christmas events this year, planning to run pop up volunteer sessions in January to June in the new year using PB funds. Quite a lot of interest has been generated so far. • Request the Locality Partnership promote these events as much as possible. B Conner will circulate the info in the TACT bulletin. • D Philips and D Hammond thanked the Community Council for the work undertaken to secure Christmas lights this year. <p>Noted.</p>	
	<p>Locality Officer Report</p> <p>The Partnership received an update from E Baxter as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BABCA community garden will be update at a later date. • Thanked everyone for supporting the PB champions working group. • North Ayrshire wide for youth there were 114 applications, 26 from Irvine and 13 projects funded. Wider locality PB saw over 7000 applications with over 2000 votes cast in Irvine alone. £35,347 PB funds were awarded in Irvine. • Highlighted Irvine CC have been working closely with Irvine Town Board engagements. • P7 transition programme is about to kick off in Irvine Locality. • Bourtreehill Park- a chit chat has taken place around this with work potentially finished around this next year. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D Philips highlighted on behalf of the Seniors Forum the good work ongoing to develop projects moving forward. <p>Noted.</p>	
	<p>CLD Strategic Plan launch</p> <p>The Partnership received an update on plans for the launch of the new CLD Strategic Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E Baxter highlighted that the plan was launched at the recent Joint Cabinet. The Locality Partnership contributed to the plan. ACTION- the plan will be shared and future discussion to take place on whether there is future work to link up on. 	<p><i>Elaine Baxter</i></p>
	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D Fitzpatrick highlighted an issue with CIF project for outdoor gym- there have been issues with access for works as pathway is not wide enough. This means the work is taking longer than expected and costs are rising. ACTION- D Hammond agreed to look into this. • D Philips and C Pless asked the Partnership to promote the engagement being carried out by the Town Board. There is a post on this on CPP website. ACTION- updated links will be shared for upload and sent to TACT for circulation. 	<p><i>David Hammond</i></p>

The Meeting ended at 7.22 p.m.

IRVINE LOCALITY PROGRESS REPORT Q4 FEBRUARY 2025



North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership



Locality Priorities



**Supporting Skills &
Work Opportunities**











**Enhancing our Mental
Health & Wellbeing**














Alleviating Poverty



**Green Health &
Natural Environment**

Theme / Action	Locality Priority	Actions	Traffic Light Evaluation	Next Steps
Community Information & Engagement		Populate a Community Book		Raise awareness of Community Book and how to populate
		Community Notice Boards		Use local radio Electronic / online Identify areas to position community notice boards Identify relevant partners to support notice board projects Regular local Whats On Magazine to be delivered door to door
		Community Magazine / INFORM NA		Discussions regarding Irvine only version of INFORM NA Public to have access NOT just organisations
		Over 50s What's On		Contact printers regarding making directory Contact Eddie Gemmell regarding supporting promotion and publicity through media programme Promote through any community group supporting over 50s
Supporting activity to assist in alleviating poverty		Support work related to the cost of the school day and family support		Continue to support existing current provisions Engage / consult with communities in relation to food / larder provision in Redburn / Castlepark
		Support work related to financial inclusion and food insecurities		Create a list of organisations who can provide support on financial issues List to be included in local magazine

Theme	Locality Priority	Actions	Traffic Light Evaluation	Next Steps
		Develop school holiday activity programmes		Look at funding available and potential partners to run and venues
Outdoor Spaces	 	Bourtreehill Park		Contact relevant partners to support Project - Streetscene, NAC Regeneration Officers Support future community engagements in Bourtreehill Engage partners to develop park plans
		Explore option for green gyms and MUGAS / Walking / Heritage Trail		Continue to support Fullarton Hub with Green Gym proposal Engage partners to develop a Harbourside Heritage Trail
		Support the enhancement of open spaces - town centre planters and litter picks etc		Involve NAC Biodiversity Officer Clarify NAC responsibility re litter removal Identify and involve volunteers to improve landscape of town
Local Skills & Paths to employment	 	Deliver opportunities to those in recovery to access support and advice in relation to employability		All family support work should include signposting to employability
		Increase opportunities for those affected by disabilities and support them in relation to employability		Continue to support existing provisions Identify potential new programmes and partners
		Increase opportunities for local young people to access training and employment		Continue to support current provision Support MA Programme Create and design youth employability

Irvine Locality Action Plan

What's been happening in Irvine....

Dreghorn Community Council

The newly formed Dreghorn Community Council Election was uncontested and six community councillors have now been appointed to Dreghorn Community Council, to serve until Autumn 2028. The group have decided on office bearers and have had one informal and closed meeting with another due to be held in February before they have their first public meeting in March. It is hoped they will work in partnership with Dreghorn Gala Committee and Irvine Community Council.

Community Education Pilot

CLD workers, alongside Irvine Royal Academy staff, are facilitating a community education pilot at a local community centre to support young people with ASN, mental health challenges, and anxiety who are not attending school. It offers a welcoming space for learning, socialising, and building confidence, helping them work towards qualifications and future support they might not have accessed otherwise.

Bourtreehill Park

From actions discussed at the Bourtreehill Chit Chat and from Community Engagements the development of Bourtreehill Park is gaining momentum. Funding has been identified that can be used to develop aspects of the park sooner rather than later. The placement and design of a community notice board along with the playpark design and facilities is being discussed with local community and school groups through community engagement sessions. Information gathered by staff from Irvine Locality Team will be presented to the relevant parties for discussion.

Irvine Town Board

Members from the Town Board were out in Irvine with some pop up community engagement events and in November launched the simplified surveys and one for young people which was taken to youth groups.

Plans are being prepared on the basis of the old guidance assuming that not much will change and they have received £200,000 of funding for building capacity but have not yet received the new official guidance from UK Government as yet for official guidance.

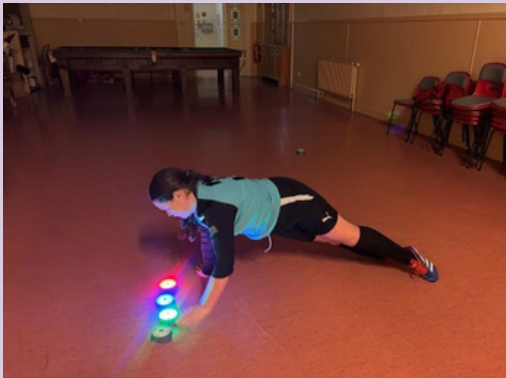
Local Events

Irvine Locality community groups were supported by CLD staff to help organise and held various festive events in November and December. These included a lively St Andrews Day lunch with entertainment, with over 80 in attendance, at the Redburn Centre, followed by their Xmas lunch the next day. The Breakfast Club were also supported by other local groups to host their annual Xmas lunch at The Redburn Centre with around 50 in attendance. The Young Carers Centre and Friends of Redburn also hosted successful Xmas parties for over 100 local children and young people.

Youth Work Update



**YOUTH
WORK**
NORTH AYRSHIRE



Over 150 children and young people had improved mental health and wellbeing outcomes by taking part in a CLD activity



Community Education Pilot

Working alongside Irvine Royal Academy CLD staff have been facilitating a programme for 7 young people who do not attend school with the aim of them gaining school qualifications

Youth Groups

91 young people are registered within the various different youth groups offered by NAC across different community centres within Irvine and all of our youth groups are busy, showing a need for the provision within Irvine.



Towerlands Mural

The mural at Towerlands Community Centre is almost complete, local artist Tragic O'Hara with the support of BABCA and local young people has designed and created a mural depicting Towerlands from being a farm to being a well-used community hub within the Bourtreehill area. The mural recognises the changes that have taken place over the years and highlights the groups that use the centre regularly.



Case Study : Irvine Royal Community Pilot

Community Learning and Development (CLD) workers are currently working in partnership with staff from Irvine Royal Academy to facilitate a community education pilot based in a local community centre which aims to support young people with Additional Support Needs (ASN), mental health conditions, and anxiety who are not attending school. The program provides an alternative, inclusive learning environment that fosters personal development, social engagement, and re-engagement with education in a non-traditional setting with relationship and confidence building being key with the hope that they will be able to gain qualifications and receive support regarding their future after school they otherwise would not have been able to access.

The CLD approach, combining one-to-one and group support, has helped build trust, confidence, and emotional resilience in young people. Initial sessions focused on emotions and relationship-building in a non-academic way, encouraging participation. The first five weeks emphasize fun, creative activities, making learning more engaging. A flexible, person-centered approach allows school staff to join later, supporting young people at their own pace. Collaboration with schools, professionals, and youth services ensures well-rounded support. Parental involvement has also been crucial, providing much-needed encouragement for families struggling to find suitable education options for their children.



This programme works because it provides a safe, supportive environment where young people feel less anxious and more engaged in learning, helping them build confidence, develop social connections, and work towards reintegration into education or training. The mix of fun activities, emotional support, and flexible learning keeps them attending. School staff will support qualifications in the final weeks, while employability workers can guide older participants toward training or work. By reducing isolation and offering a tailored, non-traditional approach, the programme helps young people progress in a way that suits their needs, increasing their chances of a positive future.

"It gets me out the house and I have enjoyed the games"

"Its not like CAMHS or school - its warm and welcoming"

Adult Learning Update



ADULT LEARNING NORTH AYRSHIRE

Approximately 105 adults are engaged in regular CLD Adult learning activities within Irvine



New Redburn Discovery Award Group

Members of the ICT Group within Redburn who are over 50 have decided that as part of their learning they will form a sub group called the Redburn Discovery Group and use their new IT knowledge and skills to help them achieve this.

New Bike Maintenance Group

The New Town's Men Shed when moving to Eglington Park are looking to take on training in some aspects of bike maintenance. This would allow them to develop not only their skill set but the services they can provide to the public too.

LEARN

Skills Audit

In the next 2 months skills audits will be carried out with all community groups to see where there are gaps that CLD can then put together a training calendar for the locality based on need. This will ensure everyone has the skills they require to carry out their roles.



Case Study : Grandparents Group

Drybridge Hall Management Association (DHMA) as part of their community events calendar proposed that they would hold a Christmas fayre with Drybridge Hall, the aim of the event to raise awareness of Drybridge Hall itself and promote activities planned for the community over the coming months. DHMA reached out to local groups to ask if anyone wished to take a stall and use this to promote their group and activities. The Grandparents Group, which is part of the Multiply Project, took up the offer and through using their newly learned skills provided baked goods to be sold at their stall

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As well as having all this fun the group through informal numeracy sessions 4 learners have completed NAT 1 weights & lengths and NAT 2 measurement.



The group state that they have gained a lot of confidence when using numbers and different strategies and especially enjoy the variety of learning, pace and being challenged. This confidence helps them support their grandchildren in using real life numeracy every day.

Capacity Building Update



COMMUNITY CAPACITY NORTH AYRSHIRE



Friends of the Vennel Discovery Group

Colleagues from East Ayrshire Council's Vibrant Communities team visited Friends of the Vennel Discovery Award Group. They were keen to find out more about the award, how it works and what the criteria would be for forming a group. Irvine Locality staff gave a talk on the process for setting up a group and members of the group spoke in depth about their experiences of the award and how much they enjoy the challenges, while gaining an award along the way. Following a very successful visit, the East Ayrshire Team are now planning on registering various members of their community to allow them to begin their own journey of Discovery. Support will be given by both Irvine Locality team and members of Friends of the Vennel Discovery Award Group.

This group has gained so much confidence from attending this group and were happy to speak to both East Ayrshire workers but also the ICT group at Redburn about setting up their own group and assisting them with that.

Community Benefits



The last few months have been quiet with Christmas and New Year however Ashleigh Construction did donate over £2000 to Irvine Community Council to allow the Xmas lights to be erected and switched on and CLD staff worked with Kasia Smith to provide funding along with the Maritime Museum to facilitate a Yuletide Procession along the harbour ending with a spectacular laser show at the Maritime Museum. Many of the local community groups were successful in obtaining PB money.

Friends of Redburn were given £500 from Spar as part of their Community Grants Scheme



Community Funding / Finance

Applications For Funding

There are a number of organisations CLD staff in Irvine are currently working with including the following:

- **Coast Watch**

This is to support them in applying for funding to host a VE Day event down at the Harbourside in June

- **Fullarton Hub**

- This is to support the hub in applying for funding to enable them to purchase a Green Gym

As well as external funders CLD staff will also be promoting NAC Internal Funds to local groups as well including:

- **NAVT Funding**

Funding will enable projects or services to become self-sustaining, deliver a legacy for the local community, and make a difference to the lives of North Ayrshire residents. Groups must meet other criteria.

- **Common Good Funding**

The purpose of Common Good Funds is to benefit the general population of Irvine.

- **Great Harbourside Funding**

This funding aims to support projects and activities that contribute to the transformation and regeneration of Irvine Harbourside, with a specific focus on free community events, which will increase visitor numbers, visitor expenditure and raise the profile of the Great Harbour regeneration project.



Next Steps

What's coming up within Irvine....

YOUTH



P7 transitions to take place across schools



Community spaces to continue to be utilised by schools to engage more young people currently disengaged



Young people to be consulted re playpark equipment in Bourtreehill Park



Young people under 24 to be made aware of their post school destination options.

ADULT & CAPACITY



Community groups to consider community boards / magazine for a What's On guide in Irvine



CLD staff to carry out skills audit with groups & public engagement on adult learning and training available in Irvine Locality



Bourteehill Park partners to carry out public engagements on play park with locals



Dreghorn Community Council to become active and supported by CLD staff

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