

## **Community Planning Partnership Board**

5 June 2025 10.00am

Garnock Committee Room, Ground Floor, Cunninghame House,  
Irvine, KA12 8EE



### **Present**

#### **North Ayrshire Council**

Cllr Marie Burns, Elected Member (**Chair**)

Cllr Shaun Macaulay, Elected Member

Cllr Charles Currie, Elected Member

Craig Hatton, Chief Executive

David Hammond, Executive Director

Rhonda Leith, Head of Service

Sam Anson, Executive Director

Caroline Cameron, Director HSCP

#### **Department of Work and Pensions**

Pauline Craig, Regional Lead

#### **NHS Ayrshire and Arran**

Lisa Davidson, Assistant Director (Public Health)

#### **Police Scotland**

Supt Graeme Gallie

#### **Scottish Fire and Rescue**

Kevin Murphy, Local Senior Officer

#### **TACT Scotland**

Kaileigh Brown, Executive Director

#### **SDS**

Claire Tooze, Area Manager

### **In Attendance**

Jacqui Greenlees (NAC), Angela Gibson (NAC), Stewart Robbie (NAC), Jenni Blair (NAC), Laura Kayes (NAC), Donna Martin (NAC)

### **Apologies**

Cllr John Bell, Elected Member, Cllr Scott Davidson, Elected Member, Cllr Margaret Johnson, Elected Member, Angela Cox (Ayrshire College), Claire Burdon NHS, Cllr Alan Hill Elected Member, Cllr Amanda Kerr Elected Member, Allan Comrie, Scottish Partnership for Transport, Angela Cox, Ayrshire College, Dean Anderson DWP, Lesley Bowie NHS, Vicki Yuill Arran CVS

## **1. Welcome and Apologies**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.

## **2. Minute of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes from the Board meeting held on 10 March 2025 was approved.

## **3. Fairer Future's Partnership Presentation (Donna Martin)**

Donna Martin provided the Board with a presentation on the Fairer Futures Partnership, advising that North Ayrshire's Child Poverty figure, after housing costs, have seen the highest drop with the figure falling from 29.2% to 24.3%. This figure is still too high and there is still a lot of work to be done but this is positive news that things are moving in the right direction.

A copy of the presentation will be circulated to the Board for information.

## **Workshop Session**

The workshop sessions were designed to encourage closer discussion, increase understanding of the partners areas of work and provide opportunities for partnership working and support.

### **Session 1**

Participants were split between 2 tables and asked to consider children's rights in relation to the community perspectives on child poverty. Participants had a copy of an illustration which contained all outputs from our Community Conversations. Participants were provided with articles to read and were asked to match each section to what they felt was the relevant UNCRC article on the illustration. There was a lot of discussion on the interconnected nature of the articles, and how multiple articles could be applied to the same topic.

Discussion took place around personal experiences. Views shared included:

- the importance of having access to good public transport especially for those living on Arran or in the Garnock Valley
- access to schools and medical assistance on Arran is made difficult due to ferry issues
- need to evaluate what services are available and identify any gaps in service provision

### **Session 2**

For activity 2, partners were asked to consider the impact of experiencing child poverty. Participants were provided fact sheets which included stats on how poverty can affect health, education, aspirations, and social inclusion. There was discussion on how we would minimise these impacts, for example linking with the NHS, offering more vocational and mentoring options and focusing on early years to lessen the attainment gap.

Views shared included:

- some parents feel unable to support their children's educational aspirations
- shame is a barrier
- as education has improved some parents feel like they haven't received the same level of education which is having a knock-on affect for parents who are feel like they are support unable to support their children's education
- some parents feel like they don't have the knowledge or skills to help with homework
- some parents feel intimidated when entering school buildings
- there is a need to work with/support parents whose children are in their late teens and are entering the workforce as they leave school to support them in the transition.
- Are we putting too much pressure on teachers

At the end of the workshop session D Martin invited each participant from the two tables to share their views with the whole group on what they would take away from the workshop sessions.

Views shared included :

- Presentation and workshop exercises were excellent and keep the focus on what we are trying to do
- Important to focus on what we are trying to achieve
- Encouraging to see everyone working together and linking in with each other
- Illustration is excellent and gives a clear view of what can be done to engage more with parents to help children to thrive
- Delighted to see adult learning overlapping, work being carried out is great and what we expected
- A lot is already happening
- Good conversation took place around how to enable and support people
- Improved communication and delivery are welcome as a way of reframing the language around thriving
- Encouraging to see everyone looking at different approaches and ways of communicating
- Encouraging to see different ways of thinking
- Early intervention is key
- Important to keep in mind not to overcomplicate what is required
- Necessary to take the conversation out into the community
- Early buy in is key
- Vaping in young people is a huge issue, worse than smoking
- There is lots of support out there however work is needed to be done around marketing how to access it

#### **4. CLD Strategic Plan Update**

Angela Morrell provided the Board with an update on the Community Learning & Development Strategic Plan covering the following:

- Key work is not possible without support from everyone involved
- Looking to target unmet needs within North Ayrshire Communities

- Established new protocols and processes for data sharing by introducing a new management information system which has made it more cost effective and allows us to capture case studies using information to look at improvements
- There is an increase in the emphasis of Community Learning & Development as a profession

## **5. CPP Self Assessment Update**

Jacqueline Greenlees provided the Board with an update on the National Community Planning Self-Assessment covering the following:

Proposed areas of focus are:

- Evaluate current CPP governance and identify opportunities for pan Ayrshire working across the 3 CPP's
- Continue to implement the CPP Development Programme
- Develop closer links between CPSOG and CPP Board, focusing on annual performance workshop

A point to highlight on the CPP Development Programme is that a separate session or subgroup is proposed to move forward the work on the CPP Governance Review.

## **6. CHES - Collaboration for Health Equity in Scotland (CHES)**

Sam Anson provided the board with an update on CHES covering the following:

- CHES is currently at the assess and planning stage
- Looking at how partners can work together more effectively
- Looking at health inequalities and how we can support those who need the most help to access services that can help
- North Ayrshire has the highest level of adult loneliness

S. Anson invited anyone with comments to reach out to him, noting that he would include them as discussion items for the next meeting in September

## **7. Child Poverty and Cost of Living - Reflections**

David Hammond provided his reflections on the discussion which took place during the meeting covering the following points:

- It is important that we all continue to engage and redouble our efforts.
- There is an awareness around everyone's diary commitments and turnover of representatives.
- Request for everyone's continued commitment
- Looking at dates in the diary for a further development session
- Looking to increase capacity with funding
- Aware that there is an ongoing commitment and common shared understanding of what community working looks like
- The most important partnership is with our communities

- Look at who our anchor partners are
- Support needs to be available to everyone

## **8. AOCB**

No other business was discussed. The Chair conveyed her thanks to everyone for their valuable input and attendance.

Councillor Currie also noted his appreciation to all those who presented and participated.

The next meeting of the North Ayrshire CPP Board will be held on 11 September 2025.