

Community Planning Partnership Board

4 December 2025 1pm

Fullarton ConneXions, Church Street, Irvine



Present

North Ayrshire Council

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

Cllr Shaun Macaulay, Elected Member

Cllr Charles Currie, Elected Member

Cllr Alan Hill, Elected Member

Cllr Scott Davidson, Elected Member

David Hammond, Executive Director

Sam Anson, Executive Director

Jennifer Wraith, Senior Manager – Sustainability

Laura Neill, Senior Manager – Employability

Lauren McMath, Policy Officer Children's Services

Donna Martin, Strategy & Programme Manager Child Poverty

NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Gordon James, Interim Chief Executive

Lynne McNiven, Director Public Health

Lisa Davidson, Assistant Director (Public Health)

Police Scotland

Superintendent Graeme Gallie

Scottish Fire & Rescue

Kevin Murphy, Area Commander

SDS

Claire Tooze, Area Manager

Ayrshire College

Angela Cox, Principal & Chief Executive

DWP

Pauline Craig, Senior Manager

Scottish Government

Brian Taylor, Location Director

In Attendance

Jacqui Greenlees (NAC), Angela Gibson (NAC), Jennifer McGee (NAC)

Apologies

Craig Hatton (Chief Exec), John Binning (SPT), Caroline Cameron (HSCP), Dean Anderson (DWP), Claire Tooze (SDS), Kevin Murphy (SRFS), Vicki Yuill (Arran CVS), Kayleigh Brown (TACT Scotland), Rhonda Leith (HoS)

Cllr Charles Currie - Elected Member, Cllr John Bell - Elected Member, Cllr Amanda Kerr - Elected Member, Allan Comrie SPT, Dean Anderson, 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 overview of the Board meeting held on 11 September 2025 were approved.

3. Population Health Framework

Lynne McNiven, Director, Public Health, NHS Ayrshire & Arran provided the Board with presentation on the work of the Scotland's Population Health Framework.

The presentation provided the Board with an overview of the ten year vision of the Framework which aims to improve the health and wellbeing of people across Scotland, recognising that health is significantly shaped by factors outside the direct health and care system. A key area of focus within the Framework is the importance of healthy places and communities. This work links closely with our aims as a CPP, from our LOIP priorities to CHES and reducing child poverty.

Discussion took place, views shared/comments included:

- CHES – is the delivery arm – we need to work out how we mobilise the system we are working in – a lot of good work is already happening
- Mapping work is important
- We should take an asset-based approach
- How can we be innovative/share good practice?
- How can we change the message from an education point of view?
- Are we delivering the message in the correct way?
- 21st century living – we need to think about how we manage our planning in regards to having fast food restaurants close to schools
- We need to find ways to encourage pupils to eat in school and take up free meals program
- What is the as is model – What do we want it to be?
- Data-sharing underpins everything
- If we want to turn ambition into reality we need to work together
- It is really important to work with our local communities and demonstrate humility

4 Workshop Sessions

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 – Annual update on the LOIP World priority which is led on by the North Ayrshire Climate Change Steering Group – Jennifer Wraith, Senior Manager Sustainability

Participants were split between 3 tables.

J Wraith provided an update on the work of the North Ayrshire Climate Change Steering Group.

J Wraith asked the group if they had any thoughts/suggestions of opportunities for partnership working.

J Wraith updated the group on the Community Renewable Energy Generation Fund (CREGF), which provides grants for local renewable energy projects. Pollinator packs have been distributed across all areas, and asset mapping is planned to enhance partnership working.

Ideas for further collaboration included 'Bee Friendly Hotels', utilising solar panel sites, and partnering with groups such as Men's Sheds and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. NHS colleagues highlighted their ongoing Sustainability Strategy and opportunities for joint projects, including better use of EV chargers and a feasibility study linking Nethermain Solar Farm with Ayrshire Central Hospital. The Energy Smart scheme was identified as a benefit for lower-paid staff.

Actions:

- J Wraith undertook to link in with Alistair Kay, NHS Ayrshire & Arran's Energy Manager and P Craig from DWP around policy sharing.
- D Hammond to coordinate asset mapping across partners to strengthen wider partnership working.

Session 2 – Annual update on the LOIP Work priority which is led on by the North Ayrshire Local Employability Partnership – Laura Neill, Senior Manager Employability

L Neill provided an overview of the work of the North Ayrshire Local Employability Partnership.

Key points of the presentation were:

North Ayrshire's employability work is centred on strong partnership working, with a focus on improving skills and reducing unemployment, particularly for three priority groups: care-experienced young people (16–24), parents facing barriers, and people with disabilities or long-term health conditions.

Despite progress, challenges remain, including 9,600 residents inactive due to health conditions, high unemployment, and significant child poverty. Your Next Move continues to provide recruitment events and recently delivered the 2025 Employability Awards with strong participation.

Positive signs in earnings and business growth were noted, alongside major annual events such

as the March careers fayre and Employability Week in May. Continued improvement is needed in outreach, referral pathways and CPP involvement, with opportunities identified through further discussions on earnings, deprivation and support via Money Smart.

Actions:

- G Gallie and L Neill to hold further discussions on gross weekly earnings and deprivation.
- D Hammond to explore easier referral pathways and increase CPP involvement, including links to Money Smart.

Session 3 – End of year update on the work around reducing child poverty in North Ayrshire – Donna Martin, Strategy & Programme Manager (Child Poverty) and Lauren McMath, Policy Officer (Childrens Services)

D Martin/L McMath provided an end of year update on the work around reducing child poverty in North Ayrshire.

Key points of the presentation were:

A community-led, person-centred model has been adopted, with funding secured for two areas. Key activities focus on outreach, building relationships with families and encouraging their involvement.

A joint working group has been formed to develop a unified plan for children and families by 2029, with data collection and family engagement central to measuring impact and refining approaches.

Locality network mapping is ongoing, with completion expected in January 2026, followed by locality profile mapping due by March 2026.

5 Locality Planning

J Greenlees provided an update on the feedback received from CPP Partners in relation to the locality review and provided an update on the related actions.

Action : A Gibson has agreed to contact CPP partner reps/LP chairs to arrange meetings in January with David to set out DM2/Local Governance Review/LPP 2.0/CPP context and vision for LPP structure/participation and representation.

6 Partner Discussion and Sharing on Key Developments and Opportunities

D Hammond shared the success of the ACES Kilwinning Street Striker programme with the group advising that the programme has received positive feedback and secured funding from The Weir trust to expand and deliver their street striker /no knives programme to other areas and are looking to target youth football teams.

Action : D Hammond agreed to share the email, after the meeting, with Police colleagues to request they make contact to discuss any opportunities to support and/or work together.

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No other business was discussed.

The Chair conveyed her thanks to everyone for their valuable input and attendance.

The next meeting of the North Ayrshire CPP Board will be held on **Thursday 5 March 2026**.