

Community Planning Partnership Board
5 March 2026 10am
Fullarton ConneXions, Church Street, Irvine



Present

North Ayrshire Council

David Hammond, Executive Director (**Chair**)
Cllr Scott Davidson, Elected Member
Sam Anson, Executive Director (Education)
Stewart Robbie – Business Manager (Education)
Laura Neill, Senior Manager – Employability
Joanne Inglis, Senior Manager – Children & Families
Deobrah Gott, Head of Centre (Marress House)

NHS Ayrshire and Arran

Sharon Hackney, Senior Manager (Allied Health Professions)
Dr Ruth Campbell, Consultant Dietitian in Public Health Nutrition

Police Scotland

Superintendent Graeme Gallie

Scottish Fire & Rescue

Kevin Murphy, Area Commander

SDS

Claire Tooze, Area Manager

Ayrshire College

Angela Cox, Principal & Chief Executive

Scottish Government

Brian Taylor, Location Director

KA Leisure

Malcolm McPhail, Chief Executive

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), 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, Cllr Alan Hill - Elected Member, Cllr Anthony Gurney – Elected Member, Cllr Chloe Robertson – Elected Member, Cllr Shaun Macaulay – Elected Member, , Lesley Bowie NHS, Lisa Davidson (Public Health) Rebecca Brown (Scottish Enterprise), Suzanne Chow (Police Scotland), Laura Barrie (KA Leisure),

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 4 December 2025 was approved.

3. Workshop Sessions

The workshop sessions were conducted as plenary discussion.

They are designed to encourage closer discussion, increase understanding of the partners' areas of work and provide opportunities for partnership working and support.

CHES Progress Update/Workshop Sessions – Sam Anson, Executive Director (Education)

S Anson provided an update on the work of CHES.

The presentation provided the Board with a recap on progress so far and aimed to raise awareness of programme progress, gather partner input to support a whole-system approach, and seek feedback on the proposed “Good North Ayrshire” language used within the programme.

Discussion took place regarding funding with views shared/comments included that the priority/focus should be on delivery.

Action: S Anson and A Cox agreed to meet and further discuss funding options.

Workshop 1 – Good Start

J Inglis and D Gott provided an update on the CHES Good Start workstream.

The workstream has spoken with families and local partners across Irvine to understand what support they need. This has included input from GP's, health visitors, early years settings, and immunisation clinics, alongside wider community engagement.

Work with NESTA has mapped the early years system to identify what helps families, what creates barriers, and where unmet needs exist. This will inform future planning and shared learning with other participating areas.

Education's Early Years Service is exploring a long-term partnership with *Thrive at Five*, which could make North Ayrshire one of two pilot councils in Scotland. The team also plans to improve multi-service coordination by using existing buildings as informal community hubs.

Discussions are underway with the Scottish Government on trialling changes to the Bourtreehill health visiting pathway—removing the 4-year review when children have no concerns and adding a universal 18–20-month visit. This is still subject to NHS approval.

Discussion took place, views shared/comments included

- Is there an opportunity to integrate training into college programmes for Early Years students?
- There is a requirement to look at budgets and how we allocate resources
- We should think about what assets we already have available ie Fullarton Hub and

Children's First building in Bourtreehill

- We should think about how to formalise commissioning – ie England take a different approach however this would be an opportunity to do something different

Workshop 2 — Good Job

Laura Neill, Senior Manager Employability

L Neill provided an update on the Good Jobs Workstream.

The presentation highlighted

- North Ayrshire's Good Jobs workstream within the wider CHES and Good North Ayrshire programmes, emphasising that improving access to fair and sustainable employment is central to reducing child poverty and tackling worsening health inequalities.
- Progress to date— including data-driven work, community engagement, and the identification of priority neighbourhoods—while setting out key actions across post-school employment, early intervention in schools, improved data sharing and strengthened community involvement.
- That the work connects directly to the £20M Pride in Place programme, aimed at long-term, community-led regeneration, with the overarching goal of improving health and wellbeing across North Ayrshire.

Discussion took place around how the Board can support the Good Jobs workstream.

Action: D Hammond agreed to meet with L Neil to discuss further.

Workshop 3 – Good Health

R Campbell and S Hackney provided an update on the Good Health Workstream.

The main priority areas were based on looking at what's happening locally, linking back to earlier engagement on the Our Garnock Valley Plan, trying to understand Public Health Scotland data and meeting with local health services/GP's.

The emphasis is that progress can be made by working in partnership with the Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP).

Partners have agreed to explore support for cardiovascular/heart-disease prevention in Dalry and Kilbirnie, acknowledging that the Active North Ayrshire Health programme (KA Leisure) is not currently operating in these towns.

There is a strong agreement that partnership working is essential for taking the work forward.

The team are working with Public Health Scotland (PHS) to test the Place Standard Tool – Food Environment Pilot, with staff now fully trained.

The PHS's review on deindustrialization has provided valuable insights, highlighting the importance of hope, the need for support following major economic change, and the role of community cohesion in wellbeing.

Discussion took place around the wider issues of people's ability to access good food due to the cost-of-living crisis, and challenges around parents having the skills or confidence to cook healthy, unprocessed meals.

Action: A Cox and R Campbell agreed to meet to discuss further.

4 Place Director/ CPP Charter discussion

J Greenlees delivered a presentation providing an update on the draft Place Director/ CPP Charter. J Greenlees introduced Brian Taylor from Scottish Government as the Place Director for North Ayrshire. Scottish Government are seeking final endorsement of the draft charter from North Ayrshire CPP by 13 March.

Following discussion, the group agreed to approve the Place CPP Charter.

Action: D Hammond agreed to respond to Scottish Government to confirm that North Ayrshire's CPP Board discussed and agreed to endorse the CPP Charter.

5 Community Cohesion

D Hammond provided an update on Community Cohesion advising that it is National Community Cohesion week w/c 9 March.

Discussion took place with views/comments shared including concerns around social media, a desire to think about how we can communicate better with young people, and the impact of social media on mental health.

Action: D Hammond agreed to add as an item to the agenda for the next CPP Board meeting on 2 June.

Action: D Hammond/J Greenlees agreed to discuss further with the Council's comms team.

6 Partner Discussion and Sharing on Key Developments and Opportunities

No items were raised.

7 AOCB

No other business was discussed.

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

The next meeting of the North Ayrshire CPP Board will be held on **Tuesday 2 June 2026.**