**Community Planning Partnership Board**
7 September 2026 2pm
Garnock Committee Room, Cunninghame House, Irvine

North Ayrshire
Community Planning Partnership

## Present

**North Ayrshire Council**
Cllr Anthony Gurney **(Chair)**
David Hammond, Executive Director
Sam Anson, Executive Director (Education)
Cllr Alan Hill - Elected Member
Colin Bradford, Regeneration Manager
Calum Couston, Programme Manager

**NHS Ayrshire and Arran**
Gordon James, Chief Executive

**Police Scotland**
Chief Supt Conrad Trickett

**Scottish Fire & Rescue**
Paul Storrie, Group Commander

**Ayrshire College**
Angela Cox, Chief Executive and Principal

**KA Leisure**
Malcolm McPhail, Chief Executive

**Scottish Government**
Julie McLachlan, Unit Head, Place Based Service Change and Delivery

## In Attendance

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

## Apologies

Craig Hatton, Chief Executive, Caroline Cameron, Director (HSCP), Rhonda Leith, Head of Service (Connected Communities), Cllr John Bell - Elected Member, Cllr Charles Currie - Elected Member, Cllr Scott Davidson – Elected Member, Dean Anderson (DWP), Lesley Bowie (NHS), Brian Taylor (Place Director) Lisa Davidson (Public Health), Kevin Murphy (SFRS), John Binning (SPT), Vicki Yuill (Arran CVS), Rebecca Brown (Scottish Enterprise), Claire Tooze, Area Manager (SDS)

## 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 6 June 2026 was approved.

## 3. Workshop Sessions

The workshop sessions were conducted as plenary discussion.

### Workshop 1 – Pride in Place

### Colin Bradford, Regeneration Manager and Calum Couston, Programme Manager

C Bradford and C Couston provided an overview of the Pride in Place (PiP) work taking place in the Three Towns and Irvine.

The presentation highlighted the following:

- **Funding:** The programme supports 284 UK communities with up to £20m over ten years. Irvine joined Phase 1 in September 2023, and Three Towns received a £20m award under Phase 2 in December 2025.
- **Purpose:** The programme aims to strengthen communities, improve places and increase local control. Projects outside the indicative intervention areas require a business case and UK Government approval.
- **Governance and planning:** Neighbourhood Boards currently operate as Locality Partnership sub-groups and the UK Government objective is that Boards should become community-led bodies within three years. Boards require an independent, non-elected Chair and a majority of members who live or work locally. They will develop and deliver ten-year regeneration plans and four-year investment plans, informed by extensive community consultation.
- **Accountability:** North Ayrshire Council will act as accountable body, managing funding in partnership with the Boards and ensuring fair distribution, appropriate financial governance and compliance with subsidy control and procurement requirements.

The update outlined Irvine's £20m Pride in Place allocation over ten years, split 75% capital and 25% revenue, with capital funding available from 2026/27. The Irvine Neighbourhood Board, established in August 2024, operates as a sub-group of the Irvine Locality Planning Partnership, working with the Council and community. North Ayrshire Council acts as accountable body. Board membership includes the MP, MSP, local councillors and Police representation, in line with Phase 1 requirements.

The presentation also highlighted:

- **Three Towns:** The Neighbourhood Board is established as a sub-group of the Locality Partnership, comprising the local MP, three elected members and seven community representatives, with a non-voting senior Council officer. Funding is split 63% capital and 37% revenue.
- **Community engagement and planning:** Consultation on the regeneration plan is underway, including a mail drop to all addresses and engagement through secondary schools. The final public consultation event is scheduled for 28 October 2026 at Saltcoats Town Hall. Plan submission to the UK Government is due in November 2026, with delivery funding and implementation expected from spring 2027.
- **Pride in Place Impact Fund:** A separate £1.5m capital fund, running until March 2027,

supports North Coast & Cumbrae, Kilwinning, Garnock Valley and Arran through community grants, participatory budgeting and Council-led projects. The first grant round supported 15 projects, with remaining funding in North Coast and Garnock Valley scheduled to reopen for applications in September 2026.

Discussion took place with views shared/comments included that the priority/focus should be on targeting consultation to those who are disengaged, look at how PiP aligns with CHES, Leisure representation on the Three Towns Board, and around building on established partnership links and recognising the importance of partnership input to this important programme.

**Workshop 2 — Local Fire and Rescue Plan for North Ayrshire**

**Paul Storrie, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

P Storrie provided an overview of the draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for North Ayrshire.

The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service are seeking views on the draft Local Fire and Rescue Plan for North Ayrshire.

The Plan sets out their priorities for keeping people safe, reducing risk and working with partners to improve outcomes for communities across North Ayrshire.

Partner feedback will help to ensure the final Plan:

- Reflects local priorities, risks and needs
- Supports effective partnership working
- Delivers the best outcomes for communities
- Informs local service delivery over the coming years.

SFRS are committed to listening to the views of communities and partners. Following the closure of the consultation, feedback will be carefully analysed and a summary of the findings will be published, setting out how responses have informed the development of the final Plan.

J Greenlees advised she would lead the discussion on views of what should be included from a CPP perspective and co-ordinate/pull together a response for submission as a partnership response to the consultation.

Discussion took place with views shared/comments:

- CPP welcomed the draft Plan and its focus on prevention, early intervention and partnership working.
- Partners highlighted vacant and derelict buildings, wilful fire-raising and lithium battery safety as key community safety considerations.
- The positive impact of SFRS education and community engagement activity was recognised, with support for a stronger multi-agency prevention approach.
- Further detail was requested on the role of Community Planning and Locality Partnerships in delivering priorities and engaging communities.
- The CPP highlighted the value of local partnership initiatives, such as the Garnock Valley Taskforce, and the need to reflect the specific needs of rural, remote and island communities within the final Plan.

**4 Governance/Future Developments – CPP development and SOG workplan**

**CPP development and SOG workplan**

J Greenlees provided the Board with a presentation update on the development of the North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership and SOG workplan.

The Board noted the findings from the 2024 Community Planning Self-Assessment, ongoing governance and performance improvement work related to this, progress on Locality Planning 2.0, and emerging opportunities for greater collaboration across the three Ayrshire Community Planning Partnerships, including joint training and shared learning.

The Board considered proposals to refresh the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) alongside the development of LDP3 as far as possible, to better align evidence, engagement and delivery planning. Discussion highlighted the importance of maintaining a focus on delivery and outcomes, the need for clear shared priorities, and the value of strong partnership working across North Ayrshire and Ayrshire-wide structures.

The Board also noted progress across the CPP Development Programme and approved the proposal to refresh the LOIP in line with LDP3 timescales.

## 5 Partner Discussion and Sharing on Key Developments and Opportunities

M McPhail advised that Laura Barrie has produced an infographic showing how KA Leisure are considering proposals to change three of their leisure facilities into community hubs.

**Action:** - M McPhail agreed to share a copy of the infographic after the meeting.

A Cox advised that Ayrshire College are launching a Scottish Wind Technician course. There will be 250 training places available for people working in the wind turbine sector.

G James advised that as part of the Programme for Government discussion is taking place within the health board looking at what a new structure may look like. There will be a GP walk- in facility coming to North Ayrshire – possibly in Irvine.

C Trickett advised that Community Investigation Hubs are moving to a delivery phase going live at the end of September. Police Scotland will look at improving the service delivery of public protection next year and will keep CPP updated.

S Anson advised that he would like to bring a whole family support presentation to a future CPP meeting.

R Storrie advised that a Road awareness event is being held in the Irvine Asda car park on 3 October 2026.

## 6 AOCB

No other items were raised.

The next meeting of the North Ayrshire CPP Board will be held on **Wednesday 9 December 2026.**