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# STRONGER TOGETHER

A Vision for the Future of South Lanarkshire

THE SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

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# Foreword by Members of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership

## Welcome to “Stronger Together”

The South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership is pleased to introduce the second edition of “Stronger Together”, the Community Plan for South Lanarkshire.

Since the first Community Plan was published in December 2000, much has been achieved and the benefits of working together are now being seen. Communities are more fully engaged in the Community Planning process, participating in discussions on policy and project delivery. Partners are delivering better co-ordinated programmes, projects and services as a result.

With much progress being made on delivering the objectives identified in “Stronger Together”, it is time to refresh the plan. This second edition refines our direction, updates the priorities and provides a focus for our combined efforts over the next ten years.

We intend to build upon the considerable work carried out so far, however, we realise that some of the improvements may take a long time to deliver. It is not just the responsibility of the public sector agencies to implement change, everyone living or working in South Lanarkshire has a role to play. There are opportunities for people to play an active part in their community to help others and to shape our proposals.

The Partnership’s main role will continue to be to co-ordinate the wide range of programmes and actions contained in the plan on behalf of South Lanarkshire’s citizens and communities and to monitor, report and feed back on the progress made.

South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership



## WHAT IS COMMUNITY PLANNING?

**Community Planning is the process where the main public sector organisations work together in a local authority area to plan and deliver better public services, following consultation and involvement with local communities. The process was first introduced in 1998 when South Lanarkshire was chosen as one of five pathfinder areas to pilot the process in Scotland.**

The first edition of “Stronger Together” the Community Plan was prepared in 1998 and then formally launched to coincide with the creation of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership in December 2000.

Community Planning became a statutory process in Scotland in April 2003 when the Local Government Act 2003 came into force. The Act places a statutory duty on local authorities to initiate and maintain a community planning process, for the main public sector agencies to be involved and for the community to be engaged.

### What is the South Lanarkshire Community Plan?

The Community Plan “Stronger Together” highlights the partnership’s vision, aims and objectives, within which programmes, projects and the services of the public sector, community and voluntary groups can be shaped, delivered and improved. The vision is deliberately long term, extending over 10 years, because some of the challenges facing South Lanarkshire do not lend themselves to quick fixes.

In this second edition of the plan our key aims and objectives have been refined. These are supported by a series of improvement actions which partners will address and progress over the next ten years.

## Guiding Principles

In delivering the aims, objectives and improvement actions contained within the Community Plan, the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership is guided by a common set of principles which it applies to working with partners and the community. These principles include:

▶ **Partnership Working**

Partners will work together agreeing key priorities and providing better services, targeted to the needs of South Lanarkshire residents.

▶ **Engaging the Community**

Partners will engage the community in ongoing dialogue to help target programmes, projects and services to local needs, taking on board the principles contained in the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership's Engagement Framework.

▶ **Openness, Trust and Transparency**

Partners will work together to build mutual trust and respect, developing more transparency in decision making

▶ **Adding Value, Continuous Improvement and Sustainability**

Partners will work together to add value, achieving more together than each could achieve individually, striving to improve services in a manner that is sustainable in the longer term.

▶ **Equality of Opportunity and Access to Services**

Partners will promote equality of opportunity, recognising diversity irrespective of age, race, gender, sexual orientation or disability and be able to show that they have taken account of the needs of these communities in the planning and delivery of services as specified in the Scotland Act 1998.



## Who is the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership?

The South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership is made up of representatives from:

- South Lanarkshire Council
- NHS Lanarkshire
- NHS Greater Glasgow
- Communities Scotland
- Scottish Enterprise Lanarkshire
- Strathclyde Fire and Rescue
- Strathclyde Police
- Strathclyde Passenger Transport
- Chamber of Commerce
- South Lanarkshire Youth Council
- Community and Voluntary Sector Organisations

## Role and Responsibilities of the SLCPP

The South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership has a specific role and responsibility for setting the strategic direction for Community Planning by:-

- ▶ Identifying and addressing the key economic, social, physical and environmental issues facing South Lanarkshire
- ▶ Developing a widely supported joint vision for South Lanarkshire
- ▶ Establishing key aims and objectives and associated strategies for delivery by partners
- ▶ Ensuring the strategies and their supporting programmes and projects are being addressed and progressed by partners and that these are compatible with Stronger Together
- ▶ Overseeing the work of the theme based partnerships
- ▶ Ensuring that the community is engaged in the process

## Other Community Planning Structures

The work of the Partnership is managed by the Community Planning Co-ordination Group which is an officer working group giving support to the Partnership. This Group is also responsible for engaging with communities through an annual conference and through the Community Planning Consultative Forum which is organised two or three times a year.

There are also seven key Theme Partnerships whose role is to engage with communities, develop plans and deliver actions on the ground. These partnerships are Community Regeneration, Community Safety, Rural, Local Economic Forum, Health and Care, Youth and Sustainability. More information on each of these themes is contained in the enclosed Community Planning Partnership Guide.

Diagram 1 gives an indication of how these structures relate to each other and to the Community Planning Partnership.


Information and activity flows from the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership to the Theme Partnerships and vice versa, taking on board the views of the Community through the Conference, the Community Consultative Forum, Citizens' Panel, Community Councils and other engagement mechanisms.

Work being taken forward by each Theme Partnerships can be either specific to one Partnership or can relate to a number, as much of the work is cross cutting and common to more than one partnership. Progress can be made by officers, organisations and members of the public, through being more aware of these cross cutting links, resulting in better integrated and more innovative service delivery.

As well as promoting work across organisations there is benefit in promoting cross boundary working between local authorities. Effective strategic planning has been achieved through Clyde Valley Community Plan Partnership, the Clyde Valley Structure Plan and through the preparation of a metropolitan city vision for Glasgow. Work has also been ongoing with North Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership through the

**Diagram 1** The South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Framework





Local Economic Forum's implementations of Changing Gear, the Economic Strategy for Lanarkshire. Vertical linkages are also being made between the Community Planning Partnership and national government through the adoption of Outcome

Agreements in regard to Community Regeneration, Anti Social Behaviour and in the adoption of Closing the Opportunity Gap Targets.

## Other Partnerships

As well as the seven Theme Partnerships associated with the Community Planning Partnership, there are other key Partnerships which are indirectly linked to the Community Planning Process. They also work together on actions which support the objectives of the Community Plan. Some of these Partnerships are outlined in Appendix 1.

These Partnerships enable a wider range of partner agencies to be engaged in the Community Planning process.



## SOUTH LANARKSHIRE IN CONTEXT

**South Lanarkshire is a large and varied area. It covers 177,193 hectares and has a population of approximately 305,410. It consists of heavily populated urban areas to the north and an extensive rural area to the south and west.**

Many parts of South Lanarkshire experience an excellent quality of life with good employment prospects, high standards of health care and low levels of crime. Recently, the economy has been growing, however, some areas of South Lanarkshire are not so fortunate and serious pockets of deprivation exist. These can be either in neighbourhoods within urban areas or within small communities in the rural area. In these areas people may experience disadvantage, encounter problems associated with low income, poor health, low educational attainment and lack of access to employment and learning opportunities.

The Scottish Executive has asked Community Planning Partnerships to “Close the Opportunity Gap” between the relatively affluent and the disadvantaged communities in South Lanarkshire. This means that resources must increasingly be targeted at deprived areas. The ten Closing the Opportunity Gap targets are therefore reflected in this plan.

The recently produced Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation has helped the Partnership to understand the nature and scale of deprivation in South Lanarkshire. The Index is based on an analysis of the worst data zones in Scotland and looks at six key domains.

- ▶ **Employment**
- ▶ **Income**
- ▶ **Education and Training**
- ▶ **Health**
- ▶ **Housing**
- ▶ **Access to Services**

The 2004 analysis of South Lanarkshire's 398 data zones indicates that:

- ▶ 8 data zones are in the worst 5% in Scotland
- ▶ 40 data zones are in the worst 10% in Scotland
- ▶ 66 data zones are in the worst 15% in Scotland

The concentration of the worst data zones fall within three distinct areas, Blantyre/ Hamilton, Cambuslang/ Rutherglen, and Larkhall. In the rural area the worst ranked zone is the Rigside-Douglas Water zone.

These areas are now being targeted by way of wide ranging regeneration policies, programmes and actions. They will be supported by additional investment being directed by the Regeneration Partnership through the Regeneration Outcome Agreement and through Neighbourhood Management Initiatives.

Another source of information which the Partnership uses to identify key issues is survey information gained from the South Lanarkshire Citizen's Panel of 1900 residents. It provides baseline "quality of life" information on how people feel about living in South Lanarkshire. The findings of the fifth Annual Survey, taken together with the Scottish Index of Deprivation, have helped to identify the key challenges.

The Community Planning Partnership will be addressing and progressing approaches to these challenges through the implementation of this plan.



## Challenges

The following challenges for the Partnership have been identified:

### The Local Economy

South Lanarkshire has a good record in creating employment opportunities for local people. However, the success achieved is not evenly spread across all parts of South Lanarkshire. The following figures illustrate the scale of the challenge.

- ▶ Although South Lanarkshire's current unemployment rate is 2.3%, which is lower than the national rate, certain communities are well above this level e.g. Blantyre (5.5%), Larkhall (3.6%) and Cambuslang (3.1%) (*Figures as at December 2004*)
- ▶ There are an estimated 22,000 workless\* people in South Lanarkshire, which is a rate of 14% (2001) (*\*Workless people are those who are unemployed and those seeking or wanting work but who are not necessarily claiming unemployment benefit.*)
- ▶ Skills shortages and people shortages are developing in certain sectors i.e. construction, social care, food processing and call centres.
- ▶ South Lanarkshire is under performing relative to Scotland as a whole in terms of the total number of businesses it has. South Lanarkshire has 21 VAT registered businesses per 1000 population whereas Scotland has 25.
- ▶ South Lanarkshire is also underperforming in terms of new start up businesses. In 2003 South Lanarkshire had 2.29 new start ups per 1000 population as compared with 2.36 in Scotland as a whole.



### Tackling Disadvantage

Individuals and communities who do not share in the prosperity of the area are often held back for a range of physical, economic and social reasons. Poverty in all its forms continues to affect a number of communities with many households surviving on low incomes and being dependent on income support and other benefits. In South Lanarkshire:

- ▶ 51,000 people within South Lanarkshire are considered to be deprived
- ▶ 47,000 people experience income deprivation
- ▶ 35 data zones in South Lanarkshire have over a third of the population being income deprived.
- ▶ 29,000 people experience employment deprivation.
- ▶ 19% of school pupils are in receipt of free school meals and 32% receive clothing grants



## Health and Well Being

The general health of South Lanarkshire's population is relatively poor compared to other parts of Scotland. Although there are some signs of improvement, people living in some areas in South Lanarkshire are more likely to become ill or die younger than in other areas of Scotland. People are living longer and we are dealing with a higher proportion of the population being elderly.

- ▶ The latest life expectancy figure for both men and women born in South Lanarkshire is at its highest level ever – 73.9 years for men and 78.1 years for women. (Scotland is 73.5 for men and 78.9 for women). This has an impact on services for older people. East Kilbride has the highest life expectancy for both men and women in South Lanarkshire.
- ▶ Compared to 1995-97 levels, both male and female life expectancy has increased by 0.7% (2003). This increases the average life expectancy by half a year.
- ▶ In 2003, the standardised mortality rate in South Lanarkshire was 2% above the Scottish average.
- ▶ Deaths from strokes were 10%\* higher than the Scottish average, while deaths from Coronary Heart Disease were 11%\* above the Scottish average
- ▶ Deaths from cancers were 5%\* lower than the Scottish average, but this is still not good compared with other European countries.

*\*Source: South Lanarkshire 2nd Annual Health Review*



## Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour

The South Lanarkshire crime rate is lower than other areas in the West of Scotland. However, despite falling crime rates the fear of crime remains the greatest concern amongst local people. The nature and extent of anti-social behaviour is emerging as a major issue within communities in South Lanarkshire particularly in those subject to regeneration activity and neighbourhood management.

- ▶ In 2003 there were (39,468) incidents of anti social behaviour notified to the police in South Lanarkshire, 72.5% were in the nature of complaints (noise, ball games, children playing in the streets) and 38.5 % (10,979) were classified as disturbances.
- ▶ There were 18,159 anti social crimes recorded and these included vandalism, breach of the peace, minor assaults, public drinking, and possession of drugs
- ▶ In 2004 151 people were killed or seriously injured on South Lanarkshire roads.
- ▶ 17% of those surveyed in the 2004 Citizen's Panel felt very concerned about crime locally
- ▶ Vandalism & Fire Raising crimes were at their highest ever (up over a third from 1997) with 302 hoax calls made to Strathclyde Fire and Rescue. 311 fires involving grass heath and forest land and 238 were accidental dwelling house fires.
- ▶ On a more positive note:  
In 2003 the number of crimes and the crime rate were the lowest ever recorded in South Lanarkshire. 18,628 crimes were recorded giving a rate of 644 crimes per 10,000 people.
- ▶ The crime clear up rate i.e. the detection rate is also at its highest level ever and the gap between it and the national rate has almost disappeared.
- ▶ Violent crime was at its lowest level ever – as was theft.

## The Environment

Overall South Lanarkshire enjoys a high quality of environment and amenity which compares well with or surpasses other parts of Scotland. However, some areas of South Lanarkshire still suffer from dereliction, contaminated land, poor urban environments and traffic congestion.

- ▶ There are 650 hectares of vacant or derelict land and 3130 hectares of contaminated land in South Lanarkshire around 1/3 of which is in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area
- ▶ There were 311 fires involving grass heath and forest land, leading to loss of plants, wildlife and amenity.
- ▶ On a more positive note:

South Lanarkshire's municipal waste recycling rate is currently 30% which is its highest level ever and in excess of the Scottish Executive's target of 25% by the year 2006.

- ▶ The Cleanliness Index Monitoring Scheme (CIMS) and Local Environmental Audit and Management Scheme (LEAMS) as verified by Keep Scotland Beautiful show that the cleanliness of streets and open spaces is consistently rated as excellent or above. The challenge will be to maintain it at this level.

## Learning

Continuous improvement has been shown in South Lanarkshire schools for SCE and Higher Grades. The attainment of pupils by the end of 4th year in 2003/2004 is very similar to the national average. For SCQF level 5+ awards at level 3 or better, both South Lanarkshire and Scotland attained 91%. For 5+ awards at level 4 or better attainment levels for South Lanarkshire were slightly below Scotland with 75% for South Lanarkshire and 76% for Scotland and for 5+ awards at level 5 or better, attainment levels for South Lanarkshire and Scotland were the same with 34%.

However, outwith school, low levels of literacy and numeracy remain a problem in South Lanarkshire. Figures for 2003 show:

- ▶ 45,335 or 25% of adults in South Lanarkshire have low\* literacy skills and
- ▶ Around 8078 (4.4%) have very low\* literacy skills

*\*Low means borderline but able to achieve national standards with assistance, very low means difficulty in coping with everyday literacy skills.*

**Working together, the partnership will continue to address these challenges by developing policies and implementing programmes and projects which are aimed at improving the overall quality of life for South Lanarkshire communities and neighbourhoods.**



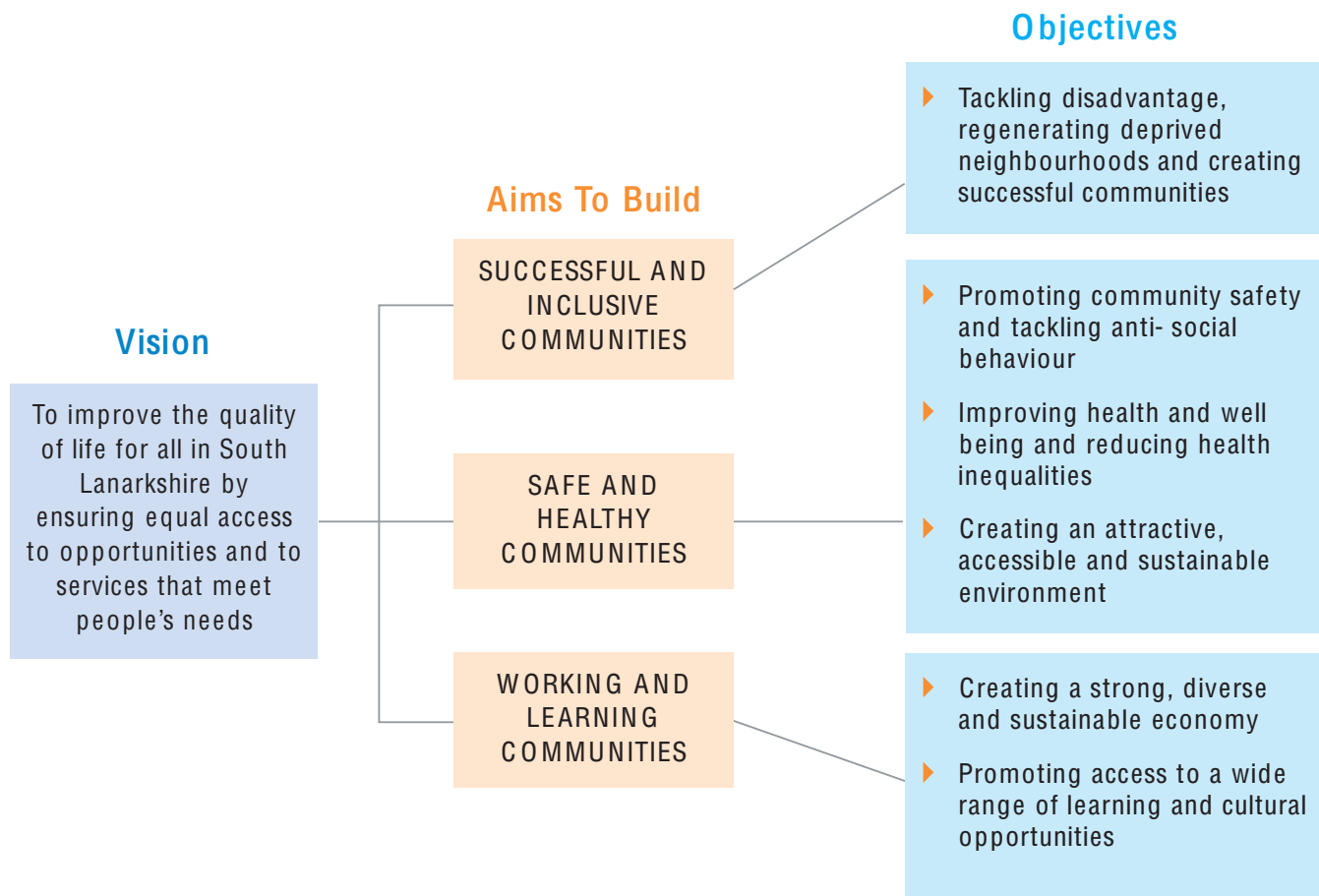
# OUR VISION

To address the challenges previously outlined South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership has established the following vision.

**“Stronger Together” aims to improve the quality of life for all in South Lanarkshire by ensuring equal access to opportunities and to services that meet people’s needs.**

The Partnership shares a vision for the area that builds on the following aims and objectives.

- ▶ Successful and Inclusive Communities
- ▶ Safe and Healthy Communities
- ▶ Working and Learning Communities



While each objective relates to a particular aim it is recognised that they all tend to interact and relate to each other, cutting across organisational and departmental boundaries. This has generated a culture of integrated action and joint working on cross cutting issues.



# 1. AIM: SUCCESSFUL AND INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES

**We aim to build communities where people feel included and involved and have access to a range of quality jobs and services. Working together with the community we seek to build better communities and neighbourhoods where people can have a decent quality of life and improved access to opportunities and services. We aim to close the opportunity gap for neighbourhoods that are most deprived.**

## OBJECTIVE 1.1: TACKLING DISADVANTAGE, REGENERATING DEPRIVED NEIGHBOURHOODS AND CREATING SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITIES

Targeting services to close the opportunity gap between disadvantaged neighbourhoods and the rest of South Lanarkshire is a key priority for the Community Regeneration Partnership, set up in June 2004 as one of the seven Theme Partnerships in the Community Planning Partnership. It prepared a Community Regeneration Statement in 2004 in response to this challenge which is built on the active engagement of local people through a network of community engagement opportunities.

The Regeneration Statement focuses its attention on:

- ▶ South Lanarkshire's Towns and Villages
- ▶ Investment in Housing and Neighbourhoods
- ▶ Area Based Regeneration Programmes
- ▶ Enterprise, Employability and Learning
- ▶ Environmental Quality

A key component of the Statement is the development of local community based approaches to regeneration. Such approaches and supporting programmes target our most deprived neighbourhoods in:-

- ▶ Blantyre and North Hamilton
- ▶ Cambuslang and Rutherglen
- ▶ Larkhall and surrounding area
- ▶ The Rural area

Closing the Opportunity Gap is the approach that carries through to mainstream housing renewal, environmental improvement and regeneration programmes. This is reflected in the Community Planning Partnership's Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA) which covers the period 2005-08 and highlights the improvement actions that the Partnership is taking to renew particular deprived neighbourhoods in South Lanarkshire.

## IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS

The following are the main improvement actions envisaged over the next ten years.

### Area Based Initiatives

Implementing the South Lanarkshire Regeneration Outcome Agreement for 2005/08, focussing activities on the most deprived “data zone” neighbourhoods in:

- ▶ Blantyre and North Hamilton
- ▶ Cambuslang and Rutherglen
- ▶ Larkhall
- ▶ Rural Areas

### Housing and Neighbourhoods

- ▶ Implementing the Local Housing Strategy, designed to improve the range and quality of housing in South Lanarkshire, including progressing an ambitious housing investment programme to upgrade the Council’s housing stock to provide quality housing for all
- ▶ Continuing to promote new partnership housing initiatives to provide new homes for rent or sale
- ▶ Addressing the particular needs of homeless people
- ▶ Addressing particular housing needs e.g. elderly and disabled
- ▶ Regenerating particular neighbourhoods as part of the Partnership’s approach to Neighbourhood Management initially in Whitehill, Fernhill, High Blantyre and Fairhill. Neighbourhood Management Plans will then be developed for Hillhouse, Strutherhill, Cathkin, Cairns, Burnhill, West Whitlawburn and the rural areas of Forth, Glespin, Rigside and Carstairs Junction.

### Money Advice Services

- ▶ Development of Local Credit Unions
- ▶ Citizen’s Advice Bureau
- ▶ South Lanarkshire Council’s Integrated Benefits and Money Advice Services

This area based work together with the approach to neighbourhood management implements the community plan at local level, engaging communities and partners in its design and delivery.

### Towns and Villages

Continuing to invest in South Lanarkshire’s Towns and Villages to ensure they reach their full potential including:-

- ▶ Hamilton Ahead – completing the final phases of the redevelopment of Hamilton Town Centre
- ▶ East Kilbride – ensuring the former New Town continues to prosper and grow in the face of ever increasing competition
- ▶ Cambuslang and Rutherglen – completing the redevelopment of Cambuslang precinct and Rutherglen Main Street
- ▶ Lanark – completing improvements to Lanark High Street
- ▶ Carrying out targeted improvements in rural villages e.g. Douglas, Rigside, Carluke and Kirkmuirhill

### Some of our key measures in tackling disadvantage and regenerating deprived neighbourhoods include:

**Promote** community regeneration within the most deprived neighbourhoods through improvements in employability, education, health, access to local services and quality of the local environment by 2008

**Improve** service delivery in rural areas so that agreed improvements to accessibility and quality are achieved for key services in remote and disadvantaged communities

**Increase** the availability of appropriate financial services and money advice to disadvantaged communities to reduce their vulnerability to financial exclusion and multiple debts

**Increase** the quality and range of homes available



## 2. AIM: SAFE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

**We aim to build communities where people feel safe and healthy, giving them the chance to feel good about themselves, where they live, work and spend their free time.**

### OBJECTIVE 2.1: PROMOTING COMMUNITY SAFETY AND TACKLING ANTI -SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The Partnership fully recognises that everyone has the right to live in a community where they feel safe. Combating crime and enhancing community safety through tackling Anti-Social Behaviour, protecting vulnerable people, supporting victims and preventing accidents are important considerations for the Partnership. The need to understand the communities' concerns and develop local solutions to meet those concerns is essential.

Working to reduce crime levels and making streets and neighbourhoods safer remain key priorities. Continuing to target persistent offenders, reducing the number of house breakings and improving detection rates will help to make people feel safer. Reducing the incidence of vandalism and the harassment of bus and rail employees and passengers will make people feel safer travelling by public transport

Anti social activities and disturbances such as disputes with neighbours, youths causing annoyance, street drinking and street football and fly tipping, need to be tackled through partnership. The Anti Social Behaviour Strategy promotes an approach which includes programmes of diversionary activities, the development of neighbourhood management and the introduction of problem solving. Mediation and the use of a range of enforcement tools such as Anti Social Behaviour Orders and Acceptable Behaviour Contracts may also be used in specific circumstances.

The abuse of alcohol and the trafficking of illegal drugs closely relate to the incidence of violent crimes and crimes of violence, disorder and theft.

The major cause of fire in the home is the careless disposal of cigarettes. The risk of being seriously damaged in such a fire increases with excessive consumption of alcohol or addiction to both alcohol and drugs which are factors being dealt with by the Health and Care Partnership and the LADAT. (Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Action Team).

Introducing road safety measures and flood prevention schemes in high risk areas will also increase the safety of communities.

## IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS

Specifically, the Partnership will implement its Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour Strategies which will focus upon a number of improvement actions, including:

- ▶ Increasing police presence in particular areas
- ▶ Employing and locating community wardens in appropriate areas to tackle anti-social behaviour
- ▶ Progressing the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy and the use of tools such as Anti-Social Behaviour Orders, Acceptable Behaviour Contracts, Closure of Premises, Dispersal Measures
- ▶ Implementing the local problem solving approach in areas encountering significant amounts of crime and anti-social behaviour
- ▶ Targeting drug action activity
- ▶ Reducing the number of malicious calls, the incidence of malicious fire raising and the number of malicious attacks on fire crews
- ▶ Increasing the range of diversionary activities for young people
- ▶ Developing a Restorative Justice System for young people involved in minor offending
- ▶ Ensuring children and young people are safe from all forms of harm and abuse
- ▶ Improve services to victims of anti social behaviour
- ▶ Continuing to raise travel awareness and travel safety initiatives
- ▶ Continuing the implementation of the road safety engineering programme

Some of our key measures in combating crime, the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour include:

**Reduce** the number and rate of recorded crime

**Reduce** the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour

**Reduce** the number of fatalities or serious injuries on South Lanarkshire's roads

## OBJECTIVE 2.2: IMPROVING HEALTH AND WELL BEING AND REDUCING HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Making South Lanarkshire a healthier place for people to live is high on the Partnership's agenda. Compared with other parts of Scotland and the UK, the health of South Lanarkshire's population is poor, particularly in relation to coronary heart disease and strokes.



Concentrations of ill health exist in South Lanarkshire for a range of reasons; low income, lack of education, misinformed life choices, poor housing, drug misuse or lack of access to facilities. Lack of exercise is also emerging as a key factor and there is serious concern that today's children are not taking enough exercise to be tomorrow's healthy adults.

The Partnership is promoting a holistic approach to health and this will involve addressing environmental, housing and employment issues as well as aspects relating to health and social care. Improving health care in South Lanarkshire increasingly requires partners to work together.

The Health and Care Partnership has been set up to reduce health inequalities among communities, to achieve a step change in the health of the people of South Lanarkshire and to improve the effectiveness of health and care services. The Partnership looks at education, employment and income and the effect that can have on health. It leads on health improvement activity, in particular through the promotion of healthy eating, healthy lifestyles, increased exercise, through

reducing exposure to health risk and by developing better access to health and social care services. The Partnership increasingly wishes to encourage individuals to take responsibility for their own health and well being by making informed lifestyle choices.

Joint working across organisations has begun to make a difference to service delivery with the NHS Boards, working with SLC Social Work and Housing Resources to deliver the Joint Future Local Partnership Agreements. This is leading to more integrated services for vulnerable groups, including the elderly. Patient information is now being shared across organisations through the single shared assessment

process. This method of joint working is being actively supported by the Partnership.

Partnership working is also prevalent in the field of public health protection where continued vigilance requires to be maintained to protect the public from hazards such as pollution, unsafe food, housing and working conditions and is being developed through Joint Public Health Plans.

The next eighteen months will see changes in the Health and Care Partnership as systems and structures in the NHS change. The introduction of Community Health Partnerships will bring further opportunities at local

level to drive forward the health improvement agenda. The redesign and development of clinical services as outlined in “A Picture of Health” (NHS Lanarkshire), the Acute Services Review (NHS Glasgow) and the setting up of Health Protection Scotland (HPS) will lead to considerable change in the way services are delivered and will create new opportunities for service delivery and community involvement.

By tackling health related problems recent initiatives such as Healthy Working Lives aim to improve the employability of specific groups helping to get them back into work.

**The Health and Care Partnership will continue to implement the Health Improvement Agenda which will focus on a wide range of actions.**

**IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS**

- ▶ Working with partners and individuals to improve life circumstances through employment, regeneration, environmental improvements, education and leisure opportunities.
- ▶ Increasing attendance at smoking cessation classes
- ▶ Promoting physical activity
- ▶ Promoting walking and cycling
- ▶ Promoting diet and nutrition
- ▶ Promoting mental health and well being
- ▶ Reducing alcohol and substance misuse
- ▶ Promoting Healthy Living Initiatives
- ▶ Developing Health Promoting establishments including nurseries, schools and Universal Connection centres
- ▶ Progressing the Joint Future Agenda
- ▶ Developing better integrated services for children, young people, and their families

**Some of our key measures in promoting health improvement include:**

**Reduce** health inequalities by increasing the rate of improvement for under 75 coronary heart disease mortality and under 75 cancer mortality by 15% for the most deprived communities by 2008.

**Reduce** the number of Adults smoking in South Lanarkshire

**Increase** the amount of physical activity taken by 16-24 year olds

**Increase** the number of mothers breast feeding

## OBJECTIVE 2.3: CREATING AN ATTRACTIVE, ACCESSIBLE AND SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT

The high quality of the natural and built environment across many parts of South Lanarkshire is a crucial factor in determining people's quality of life, their health and well being. Perceptions of South Lanarkshire as an attractive place to live, work and play, can positively influence the level of inward investment and the number of tourists visiting the area.

We cannot deal with the environment in isolation. We must work with partners to protect and safeguard it in a way that will promote job creation, develop skills and build safe and healthy communities. The Partnership must promote to all that by making small changes to their own behaviour, they can have a real role in protecting the environment for future generations.

The South Lanarkshire Local Plan, the Local Transport Strategy, the Local Housing Strategy and the Tourism Strategy all have key roles to play in promoting sustainable communities and associated patterns of land use, travel and infrastructure.

The LA 21 Partnership was set up in 2003 to concentrate on three priorities, waste, energy and travel. However, now a Sustainability Partnership is being set up to coordinate not just the activities of the LA21 Partnership but also the complementary work of the Biodiversity Partnership, the Community Energy Partnership, the Environmental Enforcement Partnership and the Outdoor Access Forum.

Across these partnerships, partners are working together on the following actions:

- ▶ Reducing waste production and disposal to land fill by promoting recycling
- ▶ Developing sustainable travel patterns offering practical alternatives to the use of private cars
- ▶ Promoting energy efficiency to help reduce fuel poverty and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- ▶ Promoting diverse and sustainable energy generation
- ▶ Promoting sustainable procurement policies across partner agencies
- ▶ Protecting the natural environment for future generations
- ▶ Controlling fly tipping

Significant challenges with regard to our industrial past remain with 3,130 ha of potentially contaminated land and 650 ha of vacant or derelict land. These are being tackled through the Regeneration Partnership.

People carrying out fly tipping do not respect local authority boundaries and an environmental enforcement partnership with North and South Lanarkshire and Glasgow City Councils has been set up involving Strathclyde Police and SEPA to facilitate cross boundary working .

In working towards these priorities, it is also important to focus on the basic but fundamentally important issues involved in:

- ▶ Maintaining cleaner and safer streets,
- ▶ Removing graffiti,
- ▶ Targeting integrated environmental action towards neglected or derelict areas,
- ▶ Providing safe and accessible public transport services,
- ▶ Providing attractive and customer focused waste and recycling services and facilities

- ▶ Promoting practical environmental education challenging communities to take stock of their own environments.
- ▶ Creating a safe and inviting network of footpaths linking key destinations

The Biodiversity Partnership has been set up to protect the quality and variety of natural habitats and species against those influences that might adversely affect them.

Promoting greater access to the outdoors is the responsibility of the Outdoor Access Forum who aim to further develop a South Lanarkshire Core Path Network to encourage better access for walking, cycling and horse riding.

By tackling these diverse issues in a co-ordinated way we can start the process of reversing the many bad habits associated with modern day living that are largely to blame for the environmental problems that we face today.

## IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS

The following actions are being progressed in working towards the protection and enhancement of the environment for both present and future generations to enjoy:

### Promoting Sustainable Travel

Through the preparation and implementation of the Local Transport Strategy and Access Strategy promoting:

- ▶ Travel Awareness
- ▶ Green Travel Plans
- ▶ Improved bus network and interchanges
- ▶ Improved rail network and rail stations
- ▶ Public transport information and marketing
- ▶ Integrated ticketing
- ▶ Walking and Cycling improvements to Core Path Network

### Promoting Sustainable Resource Use and Waste Recycling

- ▶ Setting up the Sustainability Partnership
- ▶ Household Blue Bin Recycling Scheme
- ▶ South Lanarkshire Civic Amenities and Recycling Centres
- ▶ Linking Business Opportunities with Waste Management
- ▶ Developing Sustainable Procurement Policies

### Energy

- ▶ Home Energy Conservation Measures
- ▶ Sustainable Energy Purchasing Policy within new schools and for partner organisations

### Carrying Out Environmental Improvements

- ▶ Pride of Place Job Training and Environmental Improvement Scheme
- ▶ Joint Environmental Enforcement Training and Development Initiative
- ▶ Reduction in Derelict / Vacant Land
- ▶ Implementing the Access Strategy and Action Plan
- ▶ Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
- ▶ Further development of the Rural Communities Trust to re-invest contributions from wind energy companies into community projects
- ▶ Regenerating Urban Woodlands in Hamilton and Blantyre
- ▶ South Lanarkshire in Bloom
- ▶ Air Quality Strategy
- ▶ Controlling Fly Tipping



### Some of our key measures in promoting a sustainable environment include:

**Increase** the amount of recycling of household and business waste

**Reduce** levels of carbon dioxide

**Reduce** the amount of derelict and vacant land

**Maintain** the high level of cleanliness as measured through CIM and LEAM's monitoring schemes

**Protect and maintain** the diversity of species and habitats in South Lanarkshire

### 3. AIM: WORKING AND LEARNING COMMUNITIES

**We aim to build a South Lanarkshire where businesses prosper and where people learn throughout their lives, access jobs and develop in them.**

#### OBJECTIVE 3.1: CREATING A STRONG, DIVERSE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

The South Lanarkshire economy shows signs of sustained improvement. Local businesses and partners can be proud of what has been achieved in the last 10 years in narrowing the performance gap with the rest of Scotland. In particular we can be proud of our success in creating and attracting new employment opportunities to the area.

This improvement continues to bring confidence and prosperity to South Lanarkshire and the Partnership wishes to build on this success. However, not all communities within South Lanarkshire have the opportunity to benefit from the growth in economic prosperity. South Lanarkshire has areas of deprivation with unemployment rates above the national average and 'employability' remains a significant issue particularly in relation to young people and more recently in relation to those who have been off work with a long term illness.

Economic growth and productivity remains a priority in order to create a diverse industrial base. Trends are moving away from traditional manufacturing industries and moving towards the service sector and the knowledge economy. There is a need to expand markets in terms of both geography and products.

Many of the available jobs are temporary or semi skilled and susceptible to changes in the economic cycle. For this reason the Partnership wishes to see strategies and action plans developed which create the right infrastructure for businesses to thrive and to create a highly skilled and adaptable work force to take advantage of the opportunities that may arise.

Developing an entrepreneurial culture and encouraging new businesses remains a key issue for the future success of the local economy. Equally, encouraging existing businesses to develop, grow, diversify and expand into new markets will be an ongoing challenge.

Ensuring modern and competitive premises and infrastructure to cope with the demands of modern business is another critical requirement to ensure that South Lanarkshire remains an attractive and competitive area for businesses to locate and provide employment opportunities.



There is also a need for additional and more affordable housing. If people cannot secure housing locally, employers can experience difficulties recruiting workers. This is a key role for the Clyde Valley Structure Plan.

The Lanarkshire Economic Forum is taking forward the Economic Agenda on behalf of the Partnership and has prepared an economic strategy “Changing Gear: Towards 2010” which has established the strategic direction for the South Lanarkshire economy over the next 6 years. The aim of Changing Gear is to facilitate the growth of a diverse and sustainable local economy through addressing the following priorities:

### Growing Businesses and Enterprise

A strong and diverse business base is critical to the success of the area to encourage a diverse industrial make up and innovation. This will involve creating new businesses and developing new markets both geographical and product related and equally, sustaining existing businesses ensuring they remain competitive.

Overall changes that are anticipated are:

- ▶ less reliance on manufacturing,
- ▶ a more diverse service sector and
- ▶ an increase in jobs in the knowledge economy.

### Creating Employment, Improving Employability and Developing the Workforce

The need to generate employment opportunities for local people will be central to South Lanarkshire’s long term success. The Partnership is committed through a range of programmes to assist economically inactive people to move back into work. The Local Forum’s “Routes to Inclusion” subgroup has a key role in supporting local people to make the transition to employment. Many of South Lanarkshire’s “workless” face barriers in accessing employment and these individuals require support to address these and other basic skills shortages. The Partnership is also keen to encourage people who have long term absence from work due to ill health to get back into work.

The general improvement in the performance of the local economy is resulting in particular sectors experiencing problems in maintaining an adequate supply of labour either due to labour shortage or to skills shortage. Some businesses are

complaining of labour shortages at every level. The Partnership will continue to initiate particular programmes which are aimed at overcoming these deficiencies by either increasing skills or attracting new workers to the area.

The Partnership also recognises that the voluntary sector has an increasing role as a major employer in South Lanarkshire as the social economy develops as a service provider and a number of public services get transferred to the voluntary sector. Funding support is now available for social economy activity from Communities Scotland’s Future Builders, Lanarkshire Key Fund and from the Big Lottery.



## IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS

### Business Support

- ▶ Improving business start-up rates and fostering an entrepreneurial culture
- ▶ Encouraging Businesses to Expand and Develop
- ▶ Enhancing the competitiveness of local companies
- ▶ Encouraging innovation through promoting linkages between companies and the Higher Education sector
- ▶ Encouraging companies to develop into new market opportunities
- ▶ Promoting the uptake of training and skills enhancement within local companies
- ▶ Promoting Tourism
- ▶ Promoting 'Determined to Succeed', a national programme to promote entrepreneurship and vocational skills amongst young people

### Getting People into the Labour market

- ▶ Promoting key local industrial sectors which have scope to develop
- ▶ Raising economic activity rates, by assisting more local residents into the labour market through activities such as:

Routes to Work (South)  
Jobs Access Initiatives  
Social Firm  
Job Rotation Initiatives

Youth Start  
Healthy Working Lives - to encourage those on incapacity benefit back to work

- ▶ Developing the Social Economy

### Infrastructure

- ▶ Completing and enhancing of the strategic road network
- ▶ Improving capacity of the rail network and new stations
- ▶ Improving bus and rail station infrastructure
- ▶ Improving integration between walking, bus, rail and cars

Some of our key measures in creating a strong economy include:

**Reduce** the number of workless people dependent on DWP (Department of Work and Pensions) benefits

**Reduce** the proportion of 16-19 year olds who are not in education, training or employment

**Increase** the number of businesses in South Lanarkshire per 1000 of population

**Increase** the number of new business start ups

## OBJECTIVE 3.2: PROMOTING ACCESS TO A WIDE RANGE OF LEARNING AND CULTURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Life long learning is central to the quality of a person's life and the Partnership wants to ensure that everyone in South Lanarkshire, regardless of their age, ability or social standing, has access to learning, education, arts and cultural activities.

South Lanarkshire's economy requires a more highly skilled and qualified labour force and the Partnership is acutely aware that South Lanarkshire has slightly less highly qualified residents than other parts of Scotland. This is an issue that cuts across all Theme Partnerships and all partners will work together to try to increase the skills of South Lanarkshire's residents to help move them into employment.

Increasing attainment in all schools is important, particularly for young people from disadvantaged areas. However, the traditional role of schools is expanding to become more of a community learning resource for all ages. This will encourage participation and access by local communities and increase local access to learning opportunities. Information, advice and guidance is a critical aspect of

increasing participation and a partnership approach has been developed to co-ordinate this.

To assist in the development of a strategic approach to learning in the community an interagency group, the Community Learning and Development Partnership has been established. This Partnership is working to increase participation in all

forms of learning, to raise the achievements of young people and adults, to improve literacy and numeracy and provide links to employment and other learning opportunities. This has meant closer working with colleges of further education, secondary schools, other learning providers and employers. The Scottish National Cultural Strategy in 2004 provides a framework for action to develop and support Scotland's cultural life - ranging from art, literature, museums, monuments and galleries through to creative industries. South Lanarkshire's own strategy will mirror these objectives at the local level.

There has been considerable investment in cultural facilities in South Lanarkshire. SLC and its partners have invested considerable resources in the redevelopment of Rutherglen Town Hall and the Hamilton Town House complexes in the continued enhancement of museums, libraries, arts venues, halls network, country parks and built heritage. Also involved are the community and the voluntary sector who provide a wide range of activities, events and cultural opportunities on a daily basis to communities throughout South Lanarkshire.

To guide further development of the Arts and to enhance cultural provision, a South Lanarkshire Arts Strategy has been produced with the aim of ensuring that everyone has reasonable access to arts provision, that the quality and diversity is maintained and that the impact is maximised to promote a healthy cultural economy. Many have found that involvement in the arts is a route for self development and career progression and the strategy will help foster new job opportunities in arts and tourism services.

## IMPROVEMENT ACTIONS

### Learning

- ▶ Implementing Community Learning and Development Strategy and Action Plans
- ▶ Establishing Learning Communities
- ▶ Promoting Employability Training e.g. Jobs Access
- ▶ Developing Routes to Inclusion/ Routes to Work South/Youth Start
- ▶ Implementing the Adult Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan
- ▶ Developing the Vocational Development Programme
- ▶ Implementing the Schools Modernisation Programme
- ▶ Implement the Lanarkshire Community Guidance Action Plan

### Culture and the Arts

- ▶ Implementing the South Lanarkshire Arts Strategy
- ▶ Developing further outreach programmes and enhancing cultural provision
- ▶ Supporting local museums through the South Lanarkshire Museums Forum
- ▶ Promoting the use of the Rutherglen and Hamilton Town Halls
- ▶ Implementing the Lanarkshire Tourism Action Plan
- ▶ Increasing the use of the internet to promote access to arts and cultural activities
- ▶ Supporting the community and voluntary sector providers of arts and cultural programmes

### Some our key measures in respect of learning and culture include:

**Improving** performance of all S4 Pupils

**Increasing** the literacy and numeracy levels in primary age children

**Increasing** the numbers of learners benefiting from adult literacy and numeracy programmes in South Lanarkshire

**Reducing** the % of working age adults with no qualifications

**Increasing** the number of citizens participating in the arts and cultural activities.

These measures of success will help us to track our progress towards our ambitious vision of a South Lanarkshire where everyone has the option to be involved in life long learning and the ability to participate in a wide range of arts and cultural activities. It will require the combined resources of the public, private and voluntary sectors to enable us to achieve success.



## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The South Lanarkshire approach to community engagement aims to provide communities and individuals with a wide range of opportunities and mechanisms which link into the Community Planning Partnership both at strategic area and at local level. The objective is to give the community better links through which they can inform, influence and improve the way in which their services are planned and delivered.

To enable this to happen, a Community Engagement Framework has been produced to improve the ways in which partner agencies i.e. the Council, Communities Scotland, NHS Lanarkshire and Greater Glasgow and Strathclyde Police, Strathclyde Fire and Rescue consult with and involve communities on matters which affect them.

Community organisations are involved in the Community Planning process through a variety of mechanisms including attendance at Community Planning Conferences, Citizen Panels, Focus Groups and Consultation Events and through the work of local partnerships. Ongoing dialogue with members of the public is achieved through a variety of consultation methods and through the Community Planning Web Site at [www.step.gb.com](http://www.step.gb.com)

Each of the Theme Partnerships is committed to the implementation of the Community Engagement Framework and to engaging with the community on a regular basis at the appropriate level.

In taking Community Planning to the local level, the Partnership is promoting Neighbourhood Management Planning. The plans produced will focus on local service standards, detailing neighbourhood investment programmes and will ensure a meaningful and concerted approach to regenerating these communities. The Rural Partnership has also been successful in gaining funding to pilot the delivery of four local community plans. Blackwood/Kirkmuirhill and Carstairs Junction are the first two to be piloted.

The Partnership recognises that often communities involved in these processes need to be supported in order to engage more effectively and it will promote training and community capacity building to assist local people and groups to become actively involved.

The partnership also acknowledges that another way to become involved in activity is through Volunteering and SOLVE, the Volunteering Agency for South Lanarkshire, is an active member of the Partnership.

### Some of our key measures in promoting community engagement include:

**Increase** the numbers of people engaged in decision making processes

**Increase** the number of community groups receiving effective support

**Increase** the number of people volunteering

**Increase** the % of people feeling involved in their neighbourhood



## MANAGING PERFORMANCE

There is a duty on Community Planning Partnerships to report on progress. This is something that South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership (SLCPP) has regularly carried out through the preparation of Progress Reports and Action Plans.

For the purposes of the Plan, the partnership recognises the need for a set of measures against which progress can be gauged. For this reason we have identified a number of measures of success for each of the objectives in the plan. Taken together, these will be developed into a suite of indicators which partners feel adequately reflect the key collective challenges and priorities for community planning in South Lanarkshire. These will be monitored annually and will be subject to a progress report "State of South Lanarkshire".

Each individual organisation in the Partnership has Performance Indicators for the functions and responsibilities it carries out alone. However, as part of the Community Planning Performance Management Framework, each will also require to take note of the results of the partnership's annual review in considering improvements to their own service planning activity.

## RESOURCE PRIORITISATION AND PLANNING

The level of resources available to many agencies working in the public sector is limited at the same time as expectation of service delivery is increasing. To overcome this, partners need to continue to work together sharing assets, co-ordinating resources and aligning service planning to the shared priorities in the Community Plan.

In specific areas of priority, such as deprived neighbourhoods, the Partnership will bring forward area specific local action plans to combine resources and co-ordinate efforts through Neighbourhood Management Planning.


All Partners have differing budgetary cycles and often operational boundaries differ, however we have already made great steps to integrate our work in these areas, successfully aligning budgets in e.g. Health Care and in Community Regeneration.

This helps us to make best use of funding available and helps to attract additional funding from the EU and the Big Lottery. However, with the accession of the new member states to the EU, maintaining the present level of EU funding may require partners to become more involved in trans-national activity.

As partners we will commit ourselves to further develop our joint capacity to work together and maximize funding from external sources such as European Funds, The Big Lottery, "Good Cause" distributors and a range of other funders including SNH, Scottish Executive and Landfill Tax Credit and private trusts.



## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?



This version of the Plan, like its predecessor, sets out an ambitious agenda for the next ten years. It will be translated into Action Plans by Theme Partnerships and by individual organisations and communities. During this time, Progress Reports on Action Plans will be prepared on a regular basis and will be fed back to the community via Community Planning Conferences, Consultation Events and through the Community Planning Web Site on [www.step.gb.com](http://www.step.gb.com)

Reports such as “Is Community Planning Making A Difference” evaluating the progress of the Community Planning Partnership will continue to be prepared and updated and will be placed on the web site to allow free and open access.

As part of the ongoing implementation of the Communication Strategy we will continue to improve communication between partners and continue to involve the community in discussions. This will help keep the community informed of progress and will enable the Partnership to meet its statutory requirement to show what progress has been achieved in terms of improving service delivery and in improving the quality of life for people living in South Lanarkshire.

# Appendix 1

## Other Partnerships

As well as the seven Theme Partnerships associated with the Community Planning Partnership, there are other key Partnerships which are indirectly linked to the Community Planning Process through the Theme Partnerships. These partnerships are outlined in below. These partnerships also work together on actions which support the objectives of the Community Plan

Some examples of these are:

### Integrated Children's Services Planning

This partnership supports the development, planning and implementation of integrated services to children and young people in South Lanarkshire.

### Better Government for Older People

The South Lanarkshire Better Government for Older people project is a multi-agency partnership involving people aged 50+ from the local community in meaningful engagement regarding improving service provision from agencies that provide services to older people.

### Joint Futures

Joint Futures supports the joint planning, development and implementation of improvements to community care services to secure better outcomes for service users and carers

### Lanarkshire Key Fund

The Lanarkshire Key Fund provides local community groups and voluntary organisations with an opportunity to access European funding to develop community projects in areas of disadvantage.

### Social Economy Steering Group

The Social Economy Steering Group plays a pivotal role in improving co-operation between partners, facilitating local networking, strengthening the range of locally-available support and unlocking market opportunities for new and existing social economy organisations in Lanarkshire.

### Lanarkshire Routes to Inclusion

The Routes to Inclusion Partnership is a sub-group of the Lanarkshire Economic Forum, whose aim is to promote employability and to encourage workless people into employment or training. It has adopted a strategy to develop local "intermediary" bodies (such as Routes to Work South), who are charged with delivering support programmes to assist people into employment.

### **WESTRANS (West of Scotland Transport Partnership)**

Westrans is a Regional Transport Partnership comprising the 13 West of Scotland Local Authorities and SPT. Its main function is to prepare, manage and deliver a Regional Transport Strategy for the West of Scotland.

### **South Lanarkshire Disability Partnership**

The South Lanarkshire Disability Partnership involves disabled people working with the Council and NHS agencies in meaningful engagement with a view to improving services to meet the needs of disabled people.

### **Local Housing Strategy Steering Group**

This group supports the development, planning and implementation of the Local Housing Strategy in partnership with voluntary organisations, Council Resources, Communities Scotland, Health, and Registered Social Landlords.

### **Homelessness Strategy Steering Group**

This group supports the development, planning and implementation of the Homelessness Strategy in partnership with voluntary organisations Council Resources, Communities Scotland, Health Boards and Registered Social Landlords.

### **Anti Social Behaviour Implementation Group**

It supports the development, planning and implementation of ASB strategy in partnership with voluntary organisations Council Resources, Communities Scotland, Health, Police and Registered Social Landlords

### **Local Joint Problem Solving Partnerships**

This is a multi agency response by partners, including Strathclyde Police and South Lanarkshire Council, to support local problem solving groups in addressing anti social behaviour and community problems in South Lanarkshire.

### **Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drugs Action Team (LADAT)**

Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Action Team (LADAT) is a multi-agency strategic planning group which co-ordinates actions around alcohol and drug related problems in Lanarkshire.

These Partnerships enable a wider range of partner agencies to be engaged in the Community Planning process.

Tackling disadvantage, regenerating deprived neighbourhoods  
and creating successful communities



Promoting community safety and tackling anti social behaviour



Improving health and well being and reducing health inequalities



Creating an attractive, accessible and sustainable environment



Creating a strong, diverse and sustainable economy



Promoting access to a wide range of learning  
and cultural opportunities



## HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

The Community Plan has been developed from the views of people who live and work in South Lanarkshire. However, your involvement does not have to stop with reading the Plan as there are many opportunities for you to become involved in local decision making.

If you would like to find out what is happening in your local area or how your organisation can become more involved, please contact the Community Planning Partnership Support Team.

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