

LOCHABER DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

AGENDA

FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2015

IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, LOCHABER HOUSE, FORT WILLIAM

THE MEETING COMMENCES AT 1.30 PM

1.30pm - 1.40pm Welcome & Apologies

Previous action note of 28 April 2015

-accuracy

-update on actions not otherwise on the agenda

Joint Services

1.40pm - 3.20pm

1. High Life Highland – presentation by Ian Murray, Chief Executive

2. Lochaber Community Plan, health & social care priorities – meeting review (BG/ET) (Report 1 – standing item)

3. Community safety actions – (BG) (Report 2)

4. Community Learning & Development (CLD) plan – (BG) (Report 3)

Joint services AOCB & comments from the public on items discussed

Children's Services

3.20pm - 3.40pm

5. Update Children's Services – standing item (GS)

Children's services AOCB & comments from the public on items discussed

Adult Services

3.40pm - 4.00pm

6. Update Adult Services – standing item (ML/TL)

Adult services AOCB & comments from the public on items discussed

Meeting close 4.00pm

Please note all timings are approximate.

LOCHABER DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP

ACTION NOTE FROM THE MEETING HELD ON: TUESDAY 28 APRIL AT 1.30PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LOCHABER HOUSE, FORT WILLIAM.

PRESENT: Cllr Bren Gormley and Dr Michael Foxley – (Joint Chairs); Emma Tayler, Dot Ferguson, Cllr Allan Henderson, Gerard Storey, Kath McAvoy (HC); Bryan Powell (VAL), Tricia Jordan (ALCC); Dr James Douglas (NHSH); Ellen Morrison (HC-note), Tracy Ligema (NHSH) – by video conference

APOLOGIES: Mike Jones, Ben Thompson, Cllr Bill Clark, Debbie O'Hara

IN ATTENDANCE: Bill Alexander, Cllr Brian Murphy, Mary-Ellen Campbell, Liz Treasurer (HC); Joanna Macdonald, Hugh Wright (NHSH); Shirley Patterson (SDS), David Campbell (PS); Anita MacLean (LWA); Alan Knox(SAS); Gary Davidson, Emma Thomson (HLH)

ITEM	SUBJECT	ACTION AGREED	LEAD	NAMED OFFICER	TIMESCALE
	Previous Action Note of 27 January 2015	Agreed.			
1	Lochaber Community Plan – Health & Social Care Priorities	Emma Tayler referred to the previously circulated "Healthier" Section of the Lochaber Community Plan. As this is a working document it will remain a standing agenda item. Parts of the plan still required populating and further input from partners was invited. Actions noted from discussion were: 1.1 Emma Tayler to note additional comments made and update the Healthier Section to reflect these. 1.2 Allotments: 1.2.1 Dot Ferguson to write out to community councils to gauge community interest.	HC	Emma Tayler Dot Ferguson	

	<p>1.2.2 Concern was raised regarding the condition of some of the "Slug" allotments in the Plantation. Emma Tayler to contact Forestry Commission Scotland regarding this.</p> <p>1.3 The mobile sports equipment available to the Lochaber area ie. skate park is not being utilised. Emma Thomson to report back to future meeting.</p> <p>1.4 Proposed "Indoor Training Facility". A request was put forward to invite representatives from Lochaber Sports Association to a future meeting to hear detail on their proposal.</p> <p>1.5 Agreed Step-it-Up Highland project to be added as a priority to the Development Plan.</p> <p>1.6 Fuel poverty. Dot Ferguson to provide further information to the next Partnership meeting.</p> <p>1.7 Room 13 Project "Liberty Grove". The Partnership was asked for support/endorsement of this application which had reached the 2nd stage. The Partnership was supportive.</p> <p>1.8 Request by Hugh Wright that discussion on Plantation (equalities work) come to the next Partnership meeting.</p> <p>Additional points for noting were:</p> <p>1.9 Section 2(k)(1) – Community access to new school facilities. Concern raised that there appears to have been no progress regarding the co-ordinated management of the new school facilities to ensure public access. Bill Alexander to look into this.</p> <p>1.10 Section 5(d)(1) – Scottish Ambulance Service to have local discussion with Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.</p> <p>1.11 Agreed that "Greener" priorities of the Development Plan be re-allocated to the District Partnership or Economic Development and Employability Forum as appropriate.</p> <p>1.12 Highland Play Improvement Group. Emma Tayler advised of a forthcoming event that will be held in Fort William, led</p>	<p>HC</p> <p>HLH</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>SAS</p> <p>HC/ SNH</p> <p>HC</p>	<p>Emma Tayler</p> <p>Emma Thomson</p> <p>Assessment Panel</p> <p>Emma Tayler Dot Ferguson</p> <p>Emma Tayler</p> <p>Assessment Panel</p> <p>Bill Alexander</p> <p>Alan Knox</p> <p>Emma Tayler</p>	
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	<p>by Room 13. Further detail to be circulated to the Partnership once available.</p> <p>1.13 Forestry Commission Scotland had asked that the District Partnership be made aware of their Community Fund.</p> <p>1.14 Micro community consultations, funded jointly by Highland Council and NHS Highland. The third consultation "North West Lochaber" document is now available. Remaining areas to be covered are: Ardnamurchan and Morvern; Glenceo and South Lochaber; Invergarry.</p>			
<p>2</p> <p>District Partnerships (new guidance), Community Planning & Development</p>	<p>Bill Alexander, Highland Council's Director of Care and Learning was in attendance. Reference was made to the revised draft of guidance circulated previously however he wished to concentrate the discussion on the development of district partnerships and was keen to hear the views and feedback from the meeting.</p> <p>He continued with a presentation which covered health statistics; the Christie Commission Reform Programme key objectives; Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill; statutory obligations for community learning and development and examples of current community planning infrastructure already in place supporting community capacity building.</p> <p>The presentation also covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The groupings proposed to fall under the remit of district partnerships. These are Community Safety; Community Learning; Highland's Children; District Delivery Plan; NHS Highland Change and Improvement (District) Plan and the Community Development Plan for the individual District. • Issues for ongoing discussion such as, the current review of Area Committees; the Community Planning Partnership encouraging innovation in local democracy, partnerships and streamlining of local forums and a shared aspiration to be inclusive of communities and address inequalities. • District partnerships will have to decide how to use the agenda setting meeting; the best ways of engaging with the 			

		<p>public, communities and local groups; how to support community development and capacity building across the district; and who will be responsible for facilitating this process, co-ordinating and progressing agenda matters.</p> <p>Mr Alexander finished by acknowledging that there was a lot to think about and that this was only the beginning of the process. Discussions would continue over the coming months.</p> <p>Varied discussion took place with the following noted:</p> <p>2.1 The Lochaber area already experienced from good community planning partnership working</p> <p>2.2 A representative from each district partnership would be invited to attend meetings of Highland Community Planning Partnership.</p> <p>2.3 Dot Ferguson advised that the Community Safety Action Team had still to discuss and agree whether their business would be transferred and discussed at the District Partnership.</p> <p>2.4 What about communities who are not being engaged? How do we track and react to deal with health inequalities? How do we configure our engagement with our communities?</p> <p>2.5 Reference groups are important as an avenue to engage with communities. It was noted that different communities will make different decisions.</p> <p>2.6 A request was made to receive regular reports on health stats ie. delayed discharges. Does it get added into the development plan at specific times?</p>			
3	Joint Services AOCB & Comments from the Public	No business.			

4	Adult Social Care Initiatives	<p>Joanna Macdonald, Director of Adult Social Care gave an update to the Partnership on various initiatives for Adult Social Care.</p> <p>Points for noting were:</p> <p>4.1 Individuals will be offered a choice on how care is delivered. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional services ie. care at home; • Direct Payment – lump sum of money to organise and pay for care; • Individual service funds – money goes to an organisation to deliver care; • or a combination of all of the above. <p>4.2 NHS Highland are now working on an asset based approach for service delivery. Looking to strengthen on what services are working well in communities. Also develop different ways of working.</p> <p>4.3 Personal Outcome plan initiative is currently being developed. It is intended that this will replace the Highland Single Shared Assessment</p> <p>4.4 “My Home life” initiative – promotes quality of life and delivers positive change in care homes for older people</p> <p>4.5 “Why not home” initiative – looking at the work in hospitals and how to get people discharged and home quicker.</p> <p>4.6 Adult Services are undertaking a piece of work in conjunction with Children Services on learning/training opportunities ie. trainee social worker scheme and apprenticeships for social care workers. A report on “training uptake in NHS Highland” to come to a future meeting of the Partnership</p> <p>Updates were provided re:</p> <p>4.7 Mackintosh Centre</p> <p>Day care service continues. Recruitment of staff has again delayed the re-opening of the residential care. All vacant posts are filled and the aim is that all staff will commence employment at the same time. A question was asked if the</p>	
	NHS	<p>Joanna MacDonald</p>	

		<p>re-opening could not be done on a phased basis. This could be looked at but would depend on individual care needs. It also noted that safety is paramount before the home would re-open. The Partnership expressed disappointment at another delay in relation to residential care.</p> <p>4.8 Invernevis Home</p> <p>All current vacancies are out to advert for recruitment. Following on from the refurbishment of the home remedial works are required to the windows and fire doors. Tracy Ligema to follow-up and provide update to Emma Tayler for circulation</p>	NHSH	Tracey Ligema	
5	Adult Services AOCB & Comments from the Public	No business.			
6	Previous Actions	<p>For noting. Gerard Storey spoke to the previously circulated information in relation to:</p> <p>6.1 Children's Services staffing structure – noted. Work continues on mind-map for staffing structure</p> <p>6.2 Career Structure for School nurses – noted.</p> <p>6.3 Health Visitor Statistics. Unable to provide at present. Information is not consistently returned across Highland, therefore unable to provide detail. Michael Foxley and Jim Douglas to progress.</p> <p>6.4 Lochaber Childcare and Family Resource Partnership. Next meeting to be held on 12 May. Keen to get a more actioned focus meeting. Noted that Early Years and Childcare Priority missing off Development Plan – to be discussed at this meeting. Bren Gormley and Michael Foxley to attend.</p> <p>6.5 Mental Health Services for Young People. Correction to the</p>	<p>HC</p> <p>HC</p> <p>HC/ NHSH</p>	<p>Gerard Storey</p> <p>Gerard Storey</p> <p>Bren Gormley/ Michael Foxley</p>	

		information circulated – counselling services are not provided.			
7	Children's Services AOCB & Comments from the Public	AOCB and public comments were noted as follows: 7.1 Action note of 27 January - Item 2.2 Development of Gaelic Childcare Provision. Request for an update to be given at next District Partnership meeting.	HC	Kath McAvoy	
	Next Meeting Date	Tuesday 30 June 2015 in Lochaber House, Fort William (time to be confirmed).			

Lochaber District Partnership

Agenda item	2
Report number	1
Meeting date	30/6/15

Report Title	Lochaber Community Plan
Report by	Cllr Bren Gormley
Organisation	Highland Council

Situation Summary

At the Lochaber (Community Planning) Partnership held on 16 March 2015, Partners agreed that the 'Greener' priorities should be reallocated to either the 'Healthier' or Wealthier/Smarter sections of the community plan to enable the effective regular review of these priorities and to improve partnership opportunities. This was subsequently discussed and further agreed by the District partnership in April.

1 Background

The community planning priorities that were detailed in the Lochaber Community Plan have now been reallocated, as appropriate, to the 'Healthier' or 'Wealthier/Smarter' sections of the community plan.

The Healthier section of the plan is presented to partners at their June meeting reflecting these additions.

2 Assessment

To ensure the District Partnership has the range of partners required to drive forward the priorities within the plan, it is proposed that the District Partnership membership is expanded to include representation from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS).

3 Summary of actions already completed/in progress

- Appropriate 'Greener' priorities are now reflected in the 'Healthier' section of the Lochaber Community Plan.

4 Implications

- a) Resource – All identified opportunities can be delivered within core organisational budgets.
- b) Legal - None
- c) Equality - None
- d) Climate change - None
- e) Risk - None

Recommendation

The Lochaber District Partnership is asked to

- 1) Note the re-allocation of 'greener' priorities to the 'healthier' section of the community plan;
- 2) Extend the Lochaber District Partnership membership to include representation from Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH) and Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS)

**Lochaber Community plan
‘Healthier Section’ – Objective 2
Further detail regarding plan aims**

For ALL priorities - Ensure rural living impacts are considered. Note this plan also incorporates ‘Greener’ priorities that promote healthier lifestyles and well-being

LDP meeting update: June 2015

Reporting Key:

RED	R	No progress
GREEN	G	Achieved/complete
AMBER	A	In progress, developing well
Blue	B	Progress stalled
White	W	Identified no longer a priority – to be removed

High Level statement	Aim	Action detail	Who	Status
1. Support safe, responsible use of the natural environment for health promoting activity	d. Partners will encourage developments that promote the growing of local healthy foods for own or retail consumption ie creation of allotments, encouragement of local produce markets, social enterprises (food production & retail) & key promotional events	1. Sustaining and expansion of ‘SLUG’ allotments in Upper Achintore	SLUG/ FCS/ HC	A
		2. Establishment of a local food/craft market in Fort William and / or social retail consortium enterprise	VAL	B
		3. Expansion of allotments scheme. Highland Council to write to community councils to gauge interest and subsequently advise what could be available	HC	R
	e. Partners will review current and explore new opportunities to reduce health inequalities through the use of the natural environment	1. Further develop opportunities that encourage more use of the canal and surrounding area	Scottish Canals	A
		2. Further develop opportunities that encourage more use of our forests	FCS	
	f. Partners will support activity which promotes community members to take up roles as trainers and assessors which in turn support individual and club	1. Map the current number of community members involved as trainers/assessors/coaches/tutors around each Associated school grouping.	VAL/ HLH/ LSA	R
		2. Provide enhanced training opportunities for new and existing volunteer trainers and assessors to develop and grow.	HLH/ VAL/ LSA	A

		activity promoting healthy lifestyle choices	3.	Increase the number of community members to take up Volunteer trainer and assessor roles.	HLH/ VAL/ LSA	
2.	Jointly promote opportunities for increased physical activity and physical & mental health promotion for children and young people	h. Support initiatives to improve accessibility for young people to engage more readily with health services	1.	Maintain the current provision of HLH Lochaber Youth Clubs and map the voluntary sector youth clubs.	HLH	A
2.			Establish a new youth provision in Mallaig.	HC	G	
3.			Develop 2 projects per year to engage young people with Health services.	NHS/ HLH	B	
		i. Encourage the further development of the Lochaber youth forum to initiate activity/projects that promote healthier lifestyle choices	1.	Lochaber Youth Forum members will meet once a term in its own area then as a Lochaber Area twice per year. Lochaber Youth Forum will then attend the Pan-Highland Youth Parliament.	HLH	A
			2.	Young people through the Youth Forum will play an active role in local democracy.	HLH	A
		j. Promote and encourage the use of mobile play resources available to the Lochaber area	1.	VAL to continue to operate and develop the toy library with financial support from Highland Council (Early years monies)	VAL	G
			2.	Further develop the use of existing mobile skate and football equipment throughout Lochaber	HLH/ NHSH	A
			3.	Community consultation – Claggan re: use of developer contributions and enhancement of play facilities	VAL/ HC	A
	4.		Community consultation – Upper Achintore re: use of developer contributions and enhancement of play facilities	VAL/ HC	A	
	5.		Establish system/structure to oversee the booking and community use of new school facilities. This should be established immediately and not after a facility is open to ensure full accessibility to the community.	HC/ HLH	R	
			6.	Work with Caol community to develop new community outdoor area/play space next to new school campus	HC/ Caol CC/ VAL	A
			7.	Implement Plantation community space project inc. new play area	PCA	G
			8.	Support enhancement of Banavie play park	Scot Canals/	A

				KCC		
				Ardgour CC/HC	Support the enhancement of Ardgour play park	B
				Arisaig Com Trust	Support the development of new play facilities – Arisaig project	A
3.	Support development of innovative and sustainable family support services which meet the changing needs of our communities		<p>b. Partners will support the development and delivery of parenting courses to ensure those in most need receive the support</p> <p>c. Partners will ensure that family support services are accessible to families across the Locharber area including those in most need and residing in our rural communities</p>	Locharber Family Team.	The Psychology of Parenting Project (PoPP) is in the process of being rolled out in Highland. This project is aimed at improving the availability of high-quality evidence-based parenting programmes for families with young children who have elevated levels of behaviour problems. There is a commitment from the Family team in Locharber to provide staff to deliver these programme locally.	A
				AforC / CALA	<p>1. A Public Sector Partnership comprising Action for Children and the Care and Learning Alliance and is piloting a programme, in partnership with each other to deliver family support services. This service will provide a flexible community support service with a focus on supporting families at the time of need including weekends, school holidays and in the evenings; helping parents to build on their parenting capacity; enabling them to find their own solutions; while keeping the child at the centre.</p> <p>2. The support service will be offered to parents on a voluntary basis. CALA and Action for Children will link with the families with volunteers helping the family to access community based services in their area.</p> <p>3. Action for Children and CALA will provide an early intervention, universal service for children 0-8 covering the period Monday to Friday.</p> <p>4. Action for Children will provide a complimenting service to these children delivered in the evenings, weekends and during holiday periods.</p> <p>5. Families will be offered activities or supported to access community resources including leisure services.</p>	B
				AforC / CALA		B
				AforC/ CALA		B
				AforC/ CALA		B
				AforC/ CALA		B

			6.	CALA and Action for Children will provide a network of volunteers to help parents access services and appointments required.	AforC / CALA	B
			7.	Maintain and develop Childcare services in Lochaber with specific attention to retention and recruitment of additional Childminders to increase capacity within several areas of Lochaber, mainly Acharacle, Mallaig and Roy Bridge.	HC C&L	R
			8.	Maintain the viability of Inverlochty Out of School Club holiday service by increasing the attendance figures. Advertise the service throughout all local primary schools using schoolbag drop and place advertising posters in all public service offices.	HC C&L	R
			1.	Maintain effective regular monthly multi-agency meetings		A
4.	Encourage the adoption of healthier life choices by providing enhanced, locally based projects and initiatives	d. Progress the implementation of the new Violence against Women Strategy, with particular reference to joint provision of support to vulnerable families	1.	Maintain provision for drug and alcohol services within local community health services	NHSH	A
2.			Link proactively with Highland wide drug and alcohol partnership network	NHSH	A	
		d. Partners will promote the development of community capacity to support self-management of initiatives e.g intergenerational projects and support for older people	1.	Further support work of Community Networkers through Reshaping Care for Older People initiatives.	NHSH/ HC	B
			2.	Maintain links with third sector through informal and contracting arrangements to support local projects	NHSH	A
	f. Partners will work together to sustain and develop the Lochaber Streetwork project which promotes healthier lifestyle choices		1.	Review the Streetwork project.	HLH/ HC	B
			2.	Establish additional activity programmes for young people to engage with outdoor learning in holiday time.	HLH/ HC	A
			3.	Youth work staff to support Integrated Children staff working with vulnerable young people.	HLH/ HC	A
			4.	Establish Fusion-multi-activity nights - one per month 3 times per year in the Oct-March period.	HLH	G

			g. Partners will support provision of Men's Shed type activities	1.	Provision of support for activities for men which reduce isolation	Vol Org (?)	A
5.	Develop and sustain resources that support personal and community well-being	<p>b. Partners will support the establishment of a business case for future hospital provision on the Blar Mhor site</p> <p>c. Partners will be actively engaged in supporting the development of 21st century care home provision in line with local need</p> <p>d. Partners will support the creation of action plans for medical evacuations from remote areas of Lochaber</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>	<p>1. Continue to support/progress plans for future hospital provision as opportunity arises and seek early establishment of Steering Group</p> <p>2. Belford Hospital replacement is on NHS Highland Capital Plan</p>	NHSH / HC NHSH	A A	
		<p>e. Partners will support the provision of local community medical facilities e.g. defibrillators, with related training</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p>	<p>1. Maintain appropriate levels of care home provision locally in line with community needs</p> <p>2. Ongoing review of local provision in order to ensure balance of residential and nursing care beds provided is appropriate</p>	NHSH NHSH	A	
		<p>f. Partners will support the sustaining and further development of quality facilities & services which encourage the uptake of regular exercise ie sporting facilities, active lifestyle classes etc</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p>	<p>1. Ongoing medical support for evacuation plans through partnership between NHS Highland and SAS.</p> <p>2. Robust contingency plans in place to support delivery of remote health care particularly in adverse conditions e.g. severe weather</p>	NHSH/ SAS/ SFRS NHSH/ SAS	A/R A	
			<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p>	<p>1. Link with SAS to support delivery of local First/Emergency Responder groups particularly in remote/rural areas</p> <p>2. Develop use of technology e.g. telehealth to support local communities to increase self-management of health conditions</p> <p>3. Continue programme of purchase of defibs and raise public awareness of availability / location / ease of use of defibs</p> <p>4. Raise awareness / action on community resilience</p>	NHSH/ SAS NHSH/ SAS SAS / SFRS	A A G/R A	
			<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p>	<p>1. Develop and promote the quality and range of activities being delivered by High Life Highland.</p> <p>2. Investigate the opportunity to develop the old tennis courts at Lochaber Leisure Centre.</p> <p>3. Work with partners to increase awareness and encourage use of Lochaber Hydrotherapy Pool.</p> <p>4. Develop a long term plan for the provision of leisure facilities.</p>	HLH HLH/H C/LSA HLH/N HS/HC/ VAL HLH/H C/LSA	A A A A A	

		5.	Invest in training for existing and potential paid coaches/instructors to improve service delivery.	HLH/H C/LSA	A
		6.	Continue to develop the “You Time” initiative through leisure facilities, libraries and archive centres. Including outreach work to care facilities e.g. Invernevis House.	HLH/N HSH	A
		7.	Examine ways to open facilities at key times when young people need them. Eg Multi-activity events (Fusion Nights).	HLH	A
		8.	Support the development of schemes that encourage people to become more active such as ‘Step it up Highland’ health walks.	SiUH	A
		1.	Continue to support and be an active participant in the Lochaber Transport pilot	NHSH/ SAS	A/G
		1.	Partners will support the sustaining and further development of transport initiatives/services which assist those less able/vulnerable in accessing facilities and services which encourage health and well-being eg. Lochaber transport pilot		
		1.	h. Ensure adequate provision is in place for rescue/medical helicopter landings and refuelling systems	NHSH	A
		1.	i. support initiatives which incorporates green ‘infrastructure’ and active travel opportunities in new development	HC (D&I)	A
		2.	Through the planning process, ensure adequate provision is made for ‘green space’, and active travel (ref: planning supplementary guidance) – if developer contributions are paid in lieu, ensure proactive community engagement in regards to enhancement of existing facilities where appropriate.	HC (Ranger service)	A
		1.	Promote the use of and development of local paths and nature trails to support healthier lifestyles and social inclusion.	HC	
6.	Jointly promote opportunities which support active healthy lifestyles in older adults	1.	To strengthen the connection of housing to the District Partnership to improve communication in relation to the Local Housing Strategy at locality level	HC	
		1.	a. Develop and ensure appropriate housing is available for older people		
		1.	b. Develop and support	HC	

	<p>c. Partners will support the development of individual skills to strengthen the capacity of community members and other stakeholders to plan and monitor health inequalities and community development efforts in Fort William</p>	<p>1.</p>	<p>Participatory action research capacity building training and support</p>	<p>NHS/ UHI/ VAL</p>	<p>G</p>
		<p>2.</p>	<p>Support for photo-voice and other community cultural development projects</p>	<p>NHSH/UHI and Partners (TBD)</p>	<p>A</p>
		<p>3.</p>	<p>Establishment of a citizen health and wellbeing forum</p>	<p>HC/ NHSH/ VAL</p>	<p>B</p>

- NHSH – NHS Highland
- UHI – University of Highlands & Islands
- VAL – Voluntary Action Lochaber
- HC – Highland Council
- HLH – Highlife Highland
- SLUG – Sunny Lochaber United Gardeners (allotment group)
- FCS – Forestry Commission Scotland
- Scot Canals – Scottish Canals
- SNH – Scottish Natural Heritage
- DP – District Partnership
- CALA – Care & Learning Alliance
- SFRS – Scottish Fire & Rescue Service
- SAS – Scottish Ambulance Service
- CSAT – Community Safety Action Team
- LSA – Lochaber Sports Association
- PiG – Play improvement group
- PCA – Plantation Community Association
- AforC – Action for Children
- SiUH – Step it up Highland

Lochaber Community plan – District partnership updates June 2015

Update from Voluntary Action Lochaber

Sections 2.j.8-10

Banavie Playpark

Project is going well, community consultation is now completed and was published in the Kilmallie Newsletter. The group have met with Joe Duffy from Sutcliffe who is drawing up a first plan based on the outcomes of the consultation. Group are looking to engage Alan Jones to assist with funding applications (Plantation Group used him) They are planning their first fundraising event for late August, a children's entertainment afternoon in the park. They have requested information on LEADER and have asked VAL to assist them in identifying other funders. Group are concern with the emergence of the Caol group as a potential competitor for funding.

Ardgour Playpark

Memo of Understanding still has not been signed off. Big Lottery Fund will not give money to Council only community groups. The Community Council is not the appropriate structure for such a project as liability lies with the Office Bearers.....so MoA cannot be agreed as things stand. Efforts are being made to approach Ardgour Area Fund to see if they would take the project on as they are a SCIO. Initial reaction from the group is that they are set up to give money out rather than run manage projects. Similarly the Playpark project does not sit within the remit of Sustainable Ardgour (subgroup of Ardgour Hall) Considering setting up a new Ardgour Playpark group or a broader Ardgour Development Group.

Arisaig Project

After many delays work scheduled to start on the 18th May. Souter sports doing the ground work, new drainage, access etc, then group installing a new fitness trail plus a few pieces of adventure play equipment. Group now looking to replace the junior playpark equipment , funds will not stretch to this at the moment.

Caol Project

Met with a very enthusiastic group looking to take forward play park in Caol. Have supplied them with information and folders from Playparks Project. Very initial stages they would like to go for charitable status and I have supplied them with a first draft of a SCIO for the new group structure. Meeting required to progress this.

Update from – Lyn Kilpatrick – Housing Highland Council.

Section 6.a.1.

Action 6a) is a big topic, linking to wider strategic planning and delivery frameworks. As a first step, suggested detailed action could be **'to strengthen the connection of housing to the district partnership to improve communication in relation to the Local Housing Strategy at locality level'**.

In practice this could involve a housing representative (possibly from the local housing development forum) on the district partnership.

For info, there are targets in place for housing for older people within the current Local Housing Strategy which ran from 2010 – 2015. Preparation of the next five year strategy is in progress – this process involves a Housing Need and Demand Assessment (HNDA), which is the planning tool used

to inform the Local Housing Strategy, which then informs the Housing Investment Plan. We are currently at the draft stage with the HNDA for the next strategy, and consultation forms part of the process. In the context of the integrated health and social care agenda, and the opportunity for housing to contribute to IHSC outcomes, the SG have introduced a requirement for HNDAs to include a 'Specialist Provision' chapter in the HNDA. We are exploring consultation approaches at locality level with our NHH partners.

For info, Specialist Provision covers :

- Accessible and adapted housing
- Wheelchair accessible Housing
- Single homeless accommodation
- Hostels
- Long term housing support
- Housing based care models
- Sheltered housing
- Telecare / Technology Enabled Care
- Care at Home
- Handyperson Services
- Gypsy/Traveller site provision
- Domestic Violence provision

Section 6.b.1. – Brain Cameron, Highland Council

Awaiting detail of initiatives currently underway in Lochaber and future plans/aspirations

Lochaber District Partnership

Agenda item	3
Report number	2
Meeting date	30/6/15

Report Title	Community Safety Actions
Report by	Cllr Bren Gormley
Organisation	Highland Council

Situation Summary

Having reviewed the actions of the Lochaber Drug and Alcohol Forum and the Safer and Stronger section of the Community Development Plan, the Lochaber Community Safety Action Team (CSAT) members agreed at their last meeting that all the actions were either past their sell-by date or were part of the day job. However, there were some matters which the group did not wish to lose sight of and the CSAT asks that the District Partnership considers adding the following to its own Action Plan. The CSAT will continue to meet twice a year for a networking opportunity only.

1	<p><u>Background</u></p> <p>Following the review of the District Partnerships, areas have been asked to consider taking in Community Safety business. This was discussed at the Lochaber District Partnership meeting in April. Subsequently there is now a formal request to consider the transfer of business from the Lochaber CSAT to the Lochaber District Partnership.</p> <p>The District Partnership is asked to consider adding the following actions to their action plan;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage Pubwatch to continue engaging with secondary school pupils as this is considered very effective; 2. Continue education and promotion around alcohol and substance misuse including legal highs; 3. That development of a 'place of safety' remains strongly supported. Linked to this is a need for front-line staff to have appropriate training to deal with situations such as 'sharps' etc; 4. Seek more detailed analysis of alcohol-related admissions to the Belford including geographic area/age range etc; 5. Promote delivery of diversionary activities as and when required, via short-term working as necessary. <p>If the District Partnership agrees that these priorities can be accommodated then the CSAT members will reduce their meetings to a twice yearly networking opportunity.</p> <p>The position would need to be reviewed in 12 months' time.</p>
2	<p><u>Assessment</u></p>
2.1	<p>To ensure the District Partnership has the range of partners required to drive forward the priorities within the plan, it is proposed that the District Partnership membership is expanded to include representation from Police Scotland and the Scottish Fire & Rescue Service.</p> <p>This sits well with the most recent guidance issued to District Partnerships.</p>
2.2	<p>With regards to the funding currently available via HADP the CSAT agreed that (subject to approval from HADP) that Voluntary Action Lochaber would continue to hold the</p>

	balance (approx. £1800 after payment of the above projects). The District Partnership is asked to utilise this funding for small local drug and alcohol related initiatives if it agrees to take on the business as outlined.
3	<u>Summary of actions already completed/in progress</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • n/a
4	<u>Implications</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Resource – the District Partnership will be required to identify resource implications for individual actions/initiatives. b) Legal - None c) Equality - None d) Climate change - None e) Risk - None

Recommendation	
<p>The Lochaber District Partnership is asked to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Acknowledge the request from the Community Safety Action Team; 2) Add in the priorities as per section 1 of this report to the District Partnership's action plan (to extend the name of this plan to 'Healthier, Safer and Stronger'); 3) Extend the Lochaber District Partnership membership to include Police Scotland and Scottish Fire & Rescue Service representation; 4) Agree to the overseeing and allocation of HADP area funding. 	

Lochaber District Partnership

Agenda item	4
Report number	3
Meeting date	30/6/15

Report Title	Community Learning Development plan
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Situation Summary

A paper went to the Highland Council Education, Children and Adult Services Committee in May this year making reference to the development of a Community Learning Development (CLD) plan.

1 Background

District Partnership members are asked to note the extracted points below for information and further consideration.

1. *It has been agreed that the CLD partnership map current Community Development posts and resources using the framework of the 9 District Partnership geographical areas. The intention is to assess community capacity and resilience and to identify and support those communities where the partnership understands the greatest benefits can be achieved in addressing health and social inequalities.*
2. *The plan will engage with young people and youth organisations to map and enhance formal and informal youth work provision across the Partnership. Contact will be made with adult learners and the adult learning community to develop and enhance learning across the Partnership.*
3. *Each District Partnership will have a lead officer from across the Community Planning Partnership, who will join the CLD Partnership. They will be responsible for leading, promoting and supporting collaboration and partnership working in CLD activity in their District. The Officer could be from any partner agency or network;*
4. *District partnerships will consider local data around population, poverty and educational outcomes, evaluate local learning needs and current service provision and plan future service delivery related to needs.*
5. *Action Plans for each District will outline current actions to support individuals and communities and new actions required.*

2 Assessment

For noting

3 Summary of actions already completed/in progress

- n/a

4 Implications

- a) Resource – Unknown
- b) Legal - None
- c) Equality - None
- d) Climate change - None
- e) Risk - None

Recommendation:

The Lochaber District Partnership is asked to

- 1) Consider the extracted points and what this may mean for the Lochaber District Partnership
- 2) Note that the Lochaber Area structures community planning business under the Umbrella of the Lochaber Partnership with 2 main fora, the District Partnership and Economic Development and Employability Forum.