

**REPORT TO:** CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE – 28 OCTOBER 2024

**REPORT ON:** COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND LOCALITY PLANNING

**REPORT BY:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

**REPORT NO:** 281-2024

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To update committee on the progress of Dundee's community empowerment work and the achievements of Dundee's locality approach to Community Planning.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that committee:
- a) notes the progress in the implementation of Local Community Planning
  - b) notes Dundee City Council's award for Best Collaborative Working Initiative from the Association of Public Sector Excellence
  - c) notes the successes of the Alcohol & Drugs Project Fund for 2023/24
  - d) notes that Dundee City Council has exceeded the target set by COSLA for Participatory Budgeting for 2023/24

**3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 None.

**4.1 Background**

- 4.1.1 Dundee City Council has a statutory responsibility to implement Locality Planning under Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015. The Act sets out that community planning partnerships must identify areas where residents are experiencing significantly poorer outcomes arising from socio-economic disadvantage.
- 4.1.2 Having identified those localities experiencing poorer outcomes, the community planning partnership must produce locality plans setting out the outcomes to be improved and the timescale by which this would be achieved. In Dundee these are our Local Community Plans overseen by the Local Community Planning Partnerships and supported by Communities Officers and the Community Empowerment Team within the Communities section.
- 4.1.3 Each year the community planning partnership must publish a report on the progress of locality planning in reducing inequalities for the period of April to March. The Local Community Planning Progress Report at Appendix 1 will form the basis of a report to go to Dundee Partnership Management Group in December for approval but is presented here as an example of locality planning activity across the city on 2023/24.
- 4.1.4 A further report on the devolved Alcohol & Drug Fund for 2023/24 is included as an example of the work being progressed through locality planning, which is contributing towards the City Plan priorities through empowering citizens to act on these strategic issues in their own community.

## **4.2 Locality Community Planning Progress**

4.2.1 There is evidence that Local Community Planning is having a positive effect in Dundee's communities, empowering communities, and meeting our statutory requirement to reduce inequalities. In Education Scotland's Progress Visit in January 2024 His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education found:

- Community members and young people are active participants in decision-making processes. Their voices are heard and valued by council officers, elected members and key partners.
- The CLD partnership approach to tackling poverty and inequality in Dundee is highly effective.
- Strategic and local partners and community members collaborate very well to co-develop and co-deliver programmes and activities. Across Dundee, Local Community Planning Partnerships are active and engaged.

4.2.2 Further recognition for locality approaches was received on 12 September 2024 when the Association of Public Sector Excellence awarded Dundee City Council with Best Collaborative Working Initiative for the Linlathen Fairness Initiative. The award recognises the collaborative work between all Local Community Planning Partners, including communities, in improving lives in Linlathen through a shared objective of reducing child poverty through work focussing on employability, welfare rights, reducing household energy bills and developing local educational, social and recreational opportunities.

4.2.3 Not only are there a range of statutory and third sector organisations in local community planning but in 2023/24 there were 571 community members involved in the direct delivery of services contributing to local community plan outcomes.

4.2.4 In the past year 10,287 citizens were engaged with issues affecting them in their local area. These included large city-wide consultations such as Engage Dundee or very local engagement e.g. by community centre Local Management Groups, Neighbourhood Representative Structures and other community groups supported by the Community Empowerment Team.

4.2.5 Appendix 1 set out some case studies of good practice arising from locality planning in the past year and includes highly effective work tackling the costs of living, empowering families, supporting young people's mental wellbeing and improving the environment within communities.

## **4.3 Alcohol & Drugs Partnership Devolved Fund**

4.3.1 Appendix 2 is a report on the Dundee Alcohol & Drug Partnership Devolved Fund for 23/24. The model described shows the difference that a modest investment in a locality approach to strategic priorities can make.

4.3.2 Now in its third year in 204/25, the Dundee Alcohol & Drug Partnership Devolved Fund is £80,000 shared out amongst the eight wards with £12,000 to each of the 6 wards identified as experiencing poorer outcomes owing to socio-economic disadvantage and £4000 each to the West End and The Ferry.

- 4.3.3 The money was devolved from Dundee Alcohol and Drug Project as a test to see if a locality approach to both supporting recovery and preventing substance use would be effective.
- 4.3.4 Each Local Community Planning Partnership, usually through ADP sub-groups, is able to allocate funding to projects in the community. The decision-making process involves the local community, including people with lived experience of substance use.
- 4.3.5 A range of activities are funded from prevention work being led by children in our primary schools to peer recovery initiatives supported by the Community Empowerment Team.
- 4.3.6 There is evidence that this locality approach is producing results and empowering participants. Evidence from participants indicates;
- that the structure of being able to go to things in their local community is preparing them for going to rehabilitation.
  - that service users are getting involved in, and beginning to lead on, other community initiatives and projects with no connection to substance use but which is giving them a role in their community and developing healthy alternative activities and support networks which will support their recovery.
  - Young people involved in the prevention work, who had been identified as being at risk of substance use, are growing their own skills and confidence and using that involvement as a launch pad to positive destinations.
- 4.3.7 Communities are working on a research project to further evaluate the impact of the ADP work. The results of that research project will look not only at what works in relation to substance use, but what worked about the locality approach to strategic issues. It is anticipated that this research will be able to make recommendations about how any strategic priority could be looked using a locality and community empowerment approach.

#### **4.4 Participatory Budgeting**

- 4.4.1 The COSLA target for Local Authorities is defined as 1% of 'total estimated expenditure for revenue, as per the Local Government finance circular, less assumed council tax intake. For Dundee in 2023/24 this figure was £3,658,270. The actual spend £4,321,717 marking the first time that Dundee City Council has met our Participatory Budgeting targets.
- 4.4.2 The final figure includes spend from projects such as the Community Regeneration Fund, Dundee Climate Fund and the District Centre Fund.
- 4.4.3 11,063 citizens took part in Participatory Budgeting exercises in 2023/24. Participatory Budgeting is recognised as one of the key drivers of community empowerment giving citizens the power to decide on public sector budgets.
- 4.4.4 Involving citizens in decision making around financial spend, through Participatory Budgeting, is embedded across different services and budgets in DCC. The principles of providing opportunities for citizens to express their views on how resources are spent is central to our Council's way of working and is not seen as a stand-alone activity undertaken by a central team. It is a corporate approach with the council's Leadership Team overseeing the opportunities for new budget areas in their service to be subject or identify where they are already Participatory Budgeting.

**5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 This report has been subject to the Pre-IIA Screening Tool and does not make any recommendations for change to strategy, policy, procedures, services, or funding and so has not been subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment. An appropriate Senior Manager has reviewed and agreed with this assessment.

**6. CONSULTATIONS**

- 6.1 The Council Leadership Team have been consulted on the preparation of this report and agree with its contents.

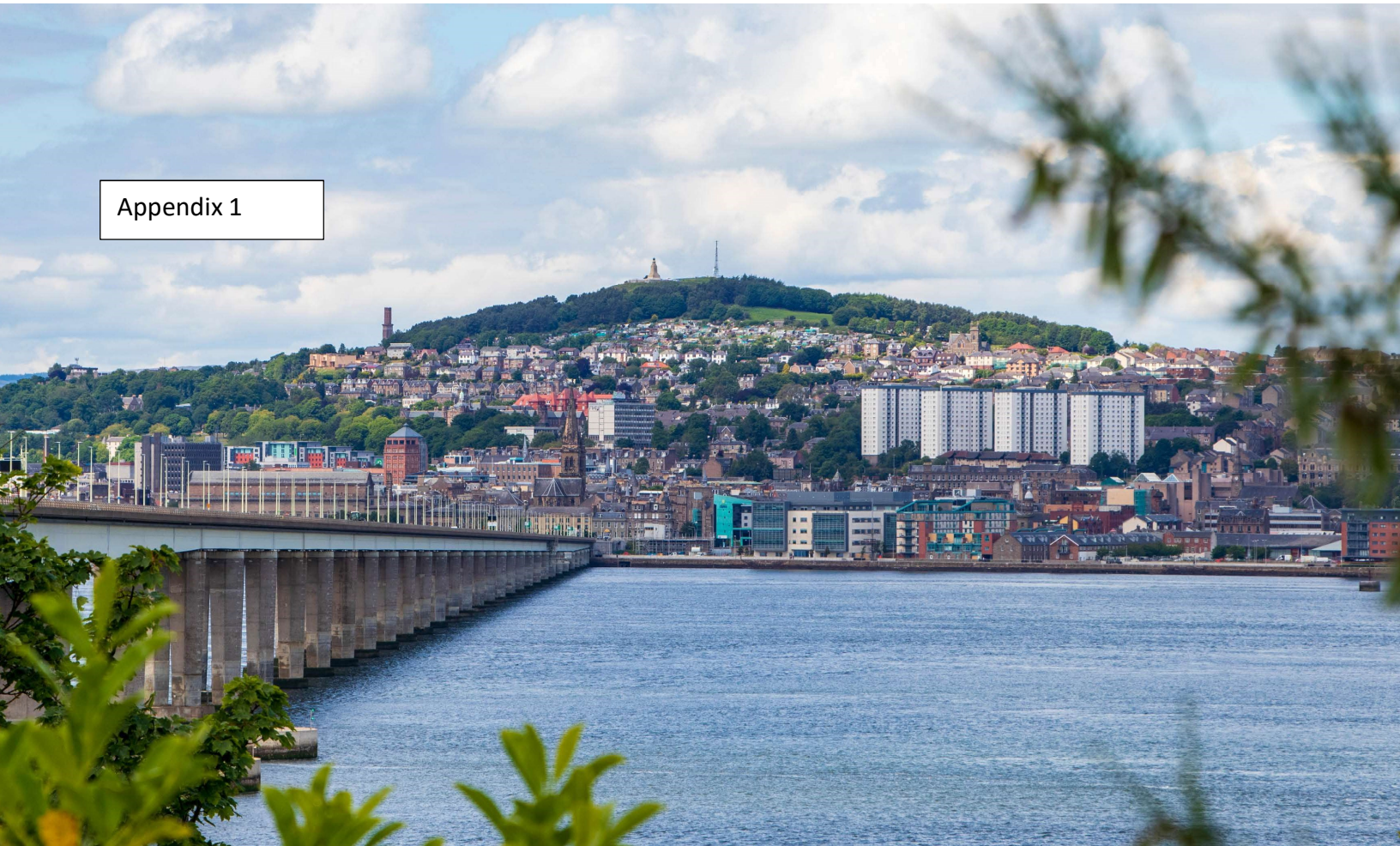
**7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 None.

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# Local Community Planning Progress Reports 2023-24



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## Background

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The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 states that each Community Planning Partnership must prepare a Locality Plan for each locality which experiences poorer outcomes due to socio-economic disadvantage.

Having sub-divided the city based on Multi-Member Wards Dundee must prepare Locality Plans in Lochee, Strathmartine, Coldside, Maryfield, East End and North East. Furthermore we have also prepared Locality Plans for West End and The Ferry.

In Dundee there is a well-established system of Local Community Planning Partnerships and associated Local Community Plans predating these legislative requirements and therefore these Local Community Plans are Dundee's Locality Plans for the purposes of compliance with the Act.

### Reporting

S.12 of the Act requires the Community Planning Partnership to publish an annual progress report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> March. This sets out the partnership's assessment of progress against each of the outcomes in the Locality Plans. For completeness West End and The Ferry are included in the progress assessments below alongside the statutory plans.

## City Plan 2022-2027

Dundee Partnership's City Plan has identified the following three priorities for the city over the 5-year life of the plan:



Each of the Local Community Plans contributes to these three strategic priorities, particularly around reducing poverty and inequalities which complies with the legislative requirement to reduce inequalities.

Dundee's locality approach to meeting our City Plan ambitions is set out in Dundee's [Locality Leadership Scheme](#)

Each Local Community Planning Partnership has a Local Community Plan. The Plan priorities were developed in using data about the locality and the Engage Dundee community engagement exercise. That information was then worked on

further by local people and local community planning partners to produce the Local Community Plan actions.

Sub-Groups then take the actions forward. These groups are made up of local people and services working in partnership. The Alcohol & Drugs Sub-Groups have a budget with £80,000 having been devolved to LCPPs to support locality work on this issue.

Increased partnership working between local authority, third sector and community groups through participation in the Local Community Planning Partnership Subgroups has supported an increase in the number of local opportunities for people to come together in their own communities.

## Key Outputs 2023/24

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- 10,287 citizens were consulted by Local Community Planning Partners on Local Community Planning issues.
- 571 citizens actively contributed towards meeting Local Community Plan outcomes
- 2345 Community Capacity Building sessions were delivered by the Community Empowerment Team to support community groups to meet Local Community Plan outcomes.
- £80,000 was devolved from Dundee Alcohol & Drugs Partnership to Local Community Planning Partnerships to invest in local projects to support prevention and recovery.
- The strength of Local Community Planning in Dundee was recognised by His Majesty's Inspectors of Education (HMIE) in their Progress Visit to Dundee through recognition of Dundee's assets based approach to tackling inequalities.

## Areas of Good Practice

Click on one of the tiles below to find out about how community planning partners have worked together to deliver on local plan priorities:



Improving Life Chances for Children and Families through family empowerment work in Lochee

Supporting Young People's Mental Health, Wellbeing and Attainment through Positive Minds in Maryfield



Tackling the Cost of Living Crisis by the Strathmartine Community Larder SCIO in Strathmartine

Tackling the Cost of Living Crisis  
through Family Empowerment in  
North East



Reducing Social Isolation through  
the Ardler Community Cafe in  
Strathmartine

Responding to the Cost of Living Crisis  
through Open Doors Provision - City  
Wide

Community Empowerment through the  
Friends of Linlathen Community Group in East  
End



## HMIE Progress Visit

A Progress Visit by Education Scotland (His Majesty's Inspectors of Education) in January 2024 concluded that:

- Community members and young people are active participants in decision-making processes. Their voices are heard and valued by council officers, elected members and key partners.
- The CLD partnership approach to tackling poverty and inequality in Dundee is highly effective.
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## Conclusion

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Local Community Planning Partnerships in Dundee are making progress towards reducing inequalities in Dundee and through a locality approach making a significant contribution towards Dundee moving towards achieving our City Plan priorities.

Each of the individual Local Community Planning Partnerships work in their own way according to local ambitions, resources and opportunities but each one is contributing towards reducing inequalities in Dundee and with a strong focus on the involvement of empowered active communities.

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## East End

Code & Title	Description	Latest Note	Assigned To
LCPP_EE001 Respond to the cost-of-living crisis – East End	Create a co-ordinated ward wide partnership response to the increase in cost of living including multi-agency targeted actions to address low income in Linlathen and a response to the need for dignified access to food in Douglas.	<p><u>Local Money and Energy Advice</u></p> <p>Multi agency support drop ins continue to support a significant number of East End Residents. These are delivered across the week in community facilities at Brooksbank Centre and Douglas Community Centre. Craigie High also now has a dedicated Welfare Reform Connect Worker based within the school who is supporting families with income maximisation.</p> <p><u>Employability Support</u></p> <p>A range of opportunities are available in the East End where residents can access support to engage in employment, training, and education.</p>	Alan Gunn

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Linlathen's Pathfinder team continue to offer employability support to targeted workless households in the area.

One in Dundee are delivering a weekly job club in Douglas Community Centre.

Dundee and Angus College have completed year one of their targeted programme for Linlathen and Mid Craigie parents and are about to enter the second year of delivery.

#### Access to Food

As part of the response to the rise in the Cost of Living, local community groups and third sector partners have been supporting the local community to access free and low cost food.

CLD have supported two community groups to deliver food larders within the East End based in the higher SIMD areas of Douglas, Mid Craigie and Linlathen.

Douglas Local Management Group delivered a £1 evening meal project targeting families in the Douglas area.

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Brooksbank Centre is providing £1 family evening meals for Mid Craigie and Linlathen residents.

CLD youth teams have addressed food insecurity concerns among young people by providing an evening meal at all evening youth provision.

#### Linlathen Pathfinder

The multi-agency approach to reducing child poverty in Linlathen continues to deliver partnership interventions in partnership with the local community. Outcomes over the previous year include–

- Benefit checks and better off calculations offered for up to 152 households, with financial gains reported over £94,000 for these participants.
  - 57 residents supported to access energy advice and/or help to pay energy bills/arrears.
  - 469 free lunches and 655 free evening meals provided to local people and families.
  - Dundee United Sports Club providing 12 Linlathen families with after school and holiday activities.
  - 27 residents took volunteering roles.
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 280 residents and 230 children consulted on local issues and environmental improvements.</li> <li>• 12 parents participating in the Dundee and Angus College Programme for parents.</li> <li>• Up to 72 participants attending weekly family drop-in activity with input from other support services.</li> <li>• 65 families (78 Children) over the year have registered with School Age Childcare funded from Scottish Government Early Adopter Communities Project for funded childcare places.</li> </ul>
LCPP_EE002 Provide local opportunities to be involved in learning, social and physical activities which promote wellbeing in the East End	Develop a partnership approach including local authority and voluntary sector to increase local opportunities.	<p>Increased partnership working between local authority, third sector and community groups through participation in the Local Community Planning Partnership Subgroups has supported an increase in the amount of local opportunities for people to come together in their own communities.</p> <p>Alan Gunn</p> <p>Examples of these locally delivered opportunities are–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Douglas Community Centre Local Management Group delivering a range weekly social and learning opportunities for children, families and residents</li> <li>• Range of wellbeing activities and learning opportunities for Mid Craigie and Linlathen residents at Brooksbank Centre</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Linlathen/Mid Craigie Family events group delivering a range of community events</li> <li>• Douglas Sports Centre Saturday family sessions continue on a weekly basis</li> <li>• Family activity and food sessions delivered in the evenings at Rowantree Primary, Craigiebarns and Claypotts Castle primary</li> <li>• Wellbeing and exercise activities delivered in partnership with Street Soccer three days per week in the East End</li> <li>• Community Cafes operating at Douglas Community Centre and Brooksbank Centre</li> <li>• CLD Youth Work increasing the amount of evening activities available for local young people</li> </ul>	
LCPP_EE003 Improve life chances for children and families in the East End	Embed a What Matters to You approach to transforming services for Children and families in the East End.	<p>With the aim of supporting families to be involved in developing and delivering services in the local community which meet the needs of local families, the Rowantree Family project in Linlathen/Mid Craigie continues to involve a large number of local families and the parents have taken an increased role in the planning and delivery of the sessions.</p> <p>Opportunities will be explored to replicate similar approaches to family work and engaging with parents in the Douglas area.</p>	Alan Gunn

LCPP_EE004 Provide quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities in the East End	Take collective action to develop and increase usage of green and public spaces for recreation and community growing.	<p>150 local residents have been consulted with regards to the development of play areas on Pitairlie Road and Ballindean Road.</p> <p>£150,000 funding has been allocated via DCC Environment department along with £30,000 funding allocated via Community Regeneration Form for inclusive play equipment.</p> <p>Following the initial consultation, the next stage of the design plans will be shared with local residents to allow for further collaboration to ensure community needs are met.</p>	Alan Gunn
LCPP_EE005 Provide local support for people experiencing poor mental health or who are affected by substance or alcohol use in the East End	Develop community based supports in the East End ward with a focus on reducing stigma in relation to mental health and addiction.	<p><u>Areas of Progress</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £12,000 Alcohol and Drug Partnership funding allocated to community based programmes in the East End</li> <li>• Street Soccer working in partnership with Community Learning and Development to deliver three weekly wellbeing and physical activity sessions in the East End</li> <li>• Ancrum Outdoor Centre offering 10 hillwalking sessions to East End residents</li> <li>• 4 Dryve nights delivered at Brooksbank Centre</li> <li>• East Youth Team producing a film made by young people in relation to substance use and stigma</li> </ul>	Alan Gunn

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are With You providing food larder vouchers for residents who are in crisis</li> </ul>	
LCPP_EE006 Provide opportunities for East End residents to be involved in decisions which affect their community	Create a co-ordinated ward wide partnership response to the increase in cost of living including multi-agency targeted actions to address low income in Linlathen and a response to the need for dignified access to food in Douglas.	<p>Community representatives attended a visit to Brechin Community Campus to gain insight of the operational aspects of shared facilities between education and communities.</p> <p>Douglas Action Group and Friends of Linlathen have been consulting residents in their area on key issues such as the review of bus stops in the city.</p>	Alan Gunn
LCPP_EE007 Develop a partnership approach to addressing issues of community safety in the East End	Develop partnership responses to community safety issues through the East Community Safety Partnership	Across May and June 2024 the partnership supported a multi-agency community safety engagement programme lead by the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service delivered to all Primary 7 classes in the North East and East End.	Alan Gunn

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## North East

Code & Title	Description	Latest Note	Assigned To
LCPP_NE001 Respond to the cost of living crisis – North East	<p>Create local, support hubs across the ward where services offer financial, legal and employability advice/support and free/low-cost food.</p> <p>Co-ordinate and encourage access to a range of welcoming, warm spaces across the ward.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of living crisis subgroup formed.</li> <li>• Cost of living support pop up events hosted in Finmill November 2022 and 2023.</li> <li>• Regular advice and support sessions delivered by Connect, Social Security Scotland and Voicability in Finmill.</li> <li>• Employment/education steps programme delivered from Mill o' Mains hub, Autumn 2023.</li> <li>• Support to engage at local larders and signpost to relevant organisations.</li> <li>• Weekly family fun sessions running in Finmill, including a meal at no cost.</li> <li>• Provision of 18 bikes in partnership with Cycle UK, allowing free travel, to people experiencing financial difficulty.</li> <li>• Support to community gardens producing free food for local people.</li> </ul>	Natalie Mackland

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for Open Doors provision across the ward and supply of warm clothing and low energy appliances 2022/2023.</li> <li>• Free family breakfast club, family picnics and family play sessions in Finmill and Mill o Mains, Easter 2024.</li> </ul>	
LCPP_NE002 Tackle social isolation and improve mental wellbeing in the North East ward.	Increase the amount of social, leisure and physical activities available locally to improve health and wellbeing and reduce isolation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHS Keep Well team ran the Stepping Stones programme targeting those experiencing poor mental health.</li> <li>• 2 community cafes, including a recovery cafe, run in Finmill each week.</li> <li>• Free physical activity classes offered in Finmill and Mill O Mains.</li> <li>• Dramatherapy sessions and wellbeing workshops delivered in Finmill.</li> <li>• Opportunities to engage with fitness and exercise including couch to 5km with free family food.</li> <li>• Youth team provides evening activities across the ward which support the positive physical and mental health of young people.</li> </ul>	Natalie Mackland
LCPP_NE003 Improve life chances of children and families in the North East	Improve the lives of children and families by embedding the What Matters To You Approach.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Together To Thrive project, targeting families in Braeview primary cluster for appropriate comm based</li> </ul>	Natalie Mackland

		<p>training and support. Linking with comm empowerment team for venues and additional support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What Matters To You approach developing in north east ward Spring/Summer 2024, focus on Whitfield community area.</li> <li>• Values Based Leadership Experience planned for 22–24 May 2024.</li> </ul>	
LCPP_NE004 Provide quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities in the North East	Take collective action to develop green spaces and playparks identified as most in need of improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greenspaces group, involving local people, established to champion local community plan action.</li> <li>• Support for and opportunities to engage in managing and maintaining green space including 2 community gardens.</li> <li>• Programme of locality walkabouts inviting relevant stakeholders to identify green space concerns and take action.</li> </ul>	Natalie Mackland
LCPP_NE005 Improve local supports for people in recovery and their families in the North East.	Develop programmes focusing on reducing stigma in relation to mental health and addiction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health, wellbeing and recovery sub group established, involves people with lived experience.</li> <li>• Over £8500 Alcohol and Drugs Partnership money allocated to support local substance misuse responses.</li> <li>• 3 family fun recovery events hosted in each of the community areas.</li> <li>• We Are With You ran a hillwalking programme targeting those impacted by substance misuse.</li> <li>• Weekly recovery cafe in Finmill.</li> </ul>	Natalie Mackland



## Coldside

Code & Title	Description	Latest Note	Assigned To
LCPP_CS001 Respond to the cost of living crisis – Coldside	Develop Partnership actions to mitigate the cost of living for residents in Coldside.	Staff in Communities are working closely with colleagues and other organisations to provide local support for people in crises. Community groups have taken more responsibility for activities in their community	Elaine Pratt
LCPP_CS002 Improve life chances for children and families in Coldside	Implement What Matters to you in Coldside.	The Community Empowerment Team have been working with schools and the Youth Team to provide opportunities for young people. This has included providing regular volunteering opportunities for P7s, in local community provision. This has enabled young people to gain skills and accreditation for their volunteering.	Elaine Pratt
LCPP_CS003 Improve local support for people in recovery and their families in Coldside	Increase local provision to support people and their families who are affected by addiction.	The Dundee Recovery Network has become well established in Hilltown Community Centre and provides a space for support, activities and peer support. The members of this group with lived experience are beginning to get involved in other activities in the Centre. The work of the Network is complimented by work carried out at the Multi's at the bottom of the Hill with members of the Full Gospel Church who have been carrying out	Elaine Pratt

		outreach with people with addictions. This work will continue in the Tulloch Court Space where a programme of drop-ins with different agencies will take place.	
LCPP_CS004 Support young people who have their own tenancies	We will work with partners and third sector organisations to support young people to connect with their communities.	This project has not progressed. Recommend removing this action.	Elaine Pratt
LCPP_CS005 Provide quality green and open spaces that people can access in Coldsides.	We will increase the quality and number of growing spaces in Coldsides. We will improve on the maintenance and management of green spaces and parks in Coldsides.	There has been significant progress on this action with the Environmental Action Plan updated regularly. Completed actions are removed and new actions are added based on consultation and information from residents.	Elaine Pratt
LCPP_CS006 Co-ordinate a communication strategy for coldside	We will develop a strategy for the provision of local information across the Ward. Work with Partners to ensure information about local activities and events is shared across the Ward in a variety of ways.	Coldsides Community Forum along with support from CLD have taken on the responsibility for providing the quarterly newsletter for the Ward. The Communication Strategy has yet to be completed.	Elaine Pratt

# Maryfield

Code & Title	Description	Latest Note	Assigned To
LCPP_MF001 Respond to cost of living crisis in Maryfield	Establish a local working group improve financial wellbeing for those living in 'Stobswell West'	Following some progress on the action plan. Discussion has taken place about moving on to phase two of the LFI. Consolidation of the present activity / provision coupled where an understanding of how to improve engagement and the attainment of outcomes will be central to this.	Stuart Fairweather
LCPP_MF002 Action on the rights and needs of tenants in 'Stobswell West'	Establish a campaign led by local residents linked to MF001 group.	Work continues on addressing the issues at No.12 Dundonald Street – some progress. Other private sector lets in the area will now be visited.	Stuart Fairweather
LCPP_MF003 Deliver improvements to the environmental and social sustainability of the Albert Street area	Establish a group to produce an Albert street area plan.	The group continues its work. Additional consultation has place to support the Local Place Plan. Funding has been attained and more is being sought to move production of the plan forward.	Stuart Fairweather
LCPP_MF004 quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities in Maryfield	Explicitly link the working groups, walkabouts and Regeneration Forum to improve local spaces	A new member of staff from the Environment section has been allocated to the Ward. Work at the Malcolm Street playpark is complete. Environmental walk abouts in the area are to re-start.	Stuart Fairweather

LCPP_MF005 Improve life chances for children and families in Maryfield	Embed the What Matters to You approach to transforming services for Children and Families in Maryfield.	A sway document has been produced for parents new to the area. This has an auto-translation function. School holiday provision in the area is being employed to support on-going engagement with parents.	Stuart Fairweather
LCPP_MF006 Develop improved local supports for people in recovery and their families	Develop the existing Alcohol and Drugs Partnership sub group to become one focussed on recovery and mental wellbeing.	Events focussed on recovery and community continue to take place across the ward. Funding for projects addressing recovery has been allocated for the year 2024/2025. Input from those with 'lived experience' has been a feature of the discussion relating to allocation of funding and promotion of activity.	Stuart Fairweather



## Strathmartine

Code & Title	Description	Latest Note	Assigned To
LCPP_SM001 Respond to the cost of living crisis in the Strathmartine ward.	Establish a network of community support hubs in Ardler, St Marys and Kirkton.	Community Cafes offering low cost or free meals have been established across Strathmartine. Three of these cafes have advisors from Social Security Scotland and the Welfare Rights Team of Dundee City Council on hand to give financial advice. In the Ardler community, volunteers are supported to run a community shop and community fridge. The Strathmartine Community Larder are supported to operate five days per week through their own premises in the St Marys community and to run two pop up sessions in the community of Kirkton. The Larder was supported to obtain funding to provide support to people during the winter to access food and fuel vouchers. An Open Doors programme was developed with partners 2022 and 2023 across Strathmartine. Local partners successfully applied for funding to provide children & young people from SIMD areas 1 & 2 to take part in a programme of arts / sports activities in the evening. Three charities are supported to develop programmes and activities from Ardler, St Marys and Kirkton Community Centres (Local Management Groups). These activities have been developed to respond to local need through engagement and consultation. These activities are often free or low cost to ensure they are accessible and sustainable. These activities include provision for families during school holidays, community cafes, children's work, men's groups and support for people with protected characteristics.	Mark MacDonald

LCPP_SM002 Improve local supports for people in recovery and their families in the Strathmartine ward.	Establish a community based recovery project in St Marys.	£12,000 of Dundee Alcohol & Drugs Partnership funding has been allocated to a partnership of organisations working across Strathmartine. The funding has been used to develop a range of initiatives aimed at supporting families and young people. This has been successful in providing increased additional support and preventative approaches which are targeted to address identified need. This has seen an increase in partnership working around recovery. Initially the focus for this work was focussed on the St Marys Community. Now the focus of this work will be across the Strathmartine ward. This will be centred around prevention and support for families, children & young people.	Mark MacDonald
LCPP_SM003 We need quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities in Strathmartine.	Develop a network of community growing spaces and community gardens	Progress has been made to improve a large area of greenspace in the Kirkton area. However due to the ambition of the project and the timescales involved regarding capital work this will be a long term project. A Multi Use Sports Arena with floodlights has been built on this greenspace. Other improvements to the same greenspace include fitness / climbing equipment, a refurbished youth shelter and additional seating. A local neighbourhood representative structure are being supported to improve this area for the community of Kirkton. Other groups with a focus on environment and greenspace are being supported to make improvements to community gardens and encourage community growing in Ardler and St Marys. A Friends of group are supported to make improvements to a country park (Clatto) in Strathmartine and hold community engagement and community activities on a regular basis.	Mark MacDonald
LCPP_SM004 We need community spaces in Kirkton to meet the future needs of	Develop a community hub model in Kirkton including developing future plans for a	Dundee City Council has ambitions to adopt a 365 schools model. The community of Kirkton was chosen as a pilot area to implement a Kirkton Community Hubs Model of 365 schools open for community use. The community of Kirkton contains two secondary schools. A Kirkton community hubs governance group has been established with representation from a member of the charity (Local Management Group) who run activities from Kirkton Community Centre. The Kirkton Local Management Group also have aspirations to own and run their own community centre. They have been supported to become a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (Two-Tier). Members of the charity have recently completed a series of	Mark MacDonald

the local community	community facility.	engagement events with local people including an online consultation which was designed to identify gaps and needs in the community. This work has enabled the group to move forward with plans for a community owned facility with a focus on enterprise and community wealth building. The group have recently been supported to develop a business plan and are in discussions with Dundee City Council regarding a community asset transfer / long term lease arrangement for the land on which the current community centre sits.	
LCPP_SM005 We need to improve life chances for children and families in Strathmartine	Embed What Matters to You approach to transforming services for Children and Families in Strathmartine.	A large focus of work for the LCPP has been around working with families. In Kirkton, a group of families were engaged with through a programme of family activities. The families were identified through local partners. The parents have been supported to identify needs and gaps in their own community and to then develop interventions. Work with families has now begun in the Ardler Community with plans to expand into the St Marys area. Through supporting Local Management Groups to develop more provision for families we have seen an increase in children's work, school holiday provision, parent & toddlers groups and evening family meals.	Mark MacDonald

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# Lochee

Code & Title	Description	Latest Note	Assigned To
LCPP_LE001 Respond to the cost of living crisis in Lochee	Develop the network of local food providers to plan out the sharing of resources, in addition to the provision of advice and food support services like cafes, ladders and cooking provision	All community and voluntary sector organisations that offer a cafe or free or low cost food in the Lochee ward have met and agreed a plan of action relating to operation. Support is being provided to community organisations to ensure provision matches local need and new developments are planned to fill gaps	Mike Welsh
LCPP_LE002 Tackle social isolation and improve mental wellbeing in Lochee	Isolation needs tackled and residents mental well-being improved. Activities and initiatives will be established in community facilities that brings people together.	Programmes of activities have been established, particularly by the charities (Local Management Groups) that run Charleston and Menzieshill Community Centres. These activities are focused on meeting local need and demand to ensure they are sustainable. The Community Learning and Development (CLD) service has also organised activities based on marginalised groups such as families, women, men and older people. These activities have been successful in introducing new provision into communities of Menzieshill and Charleston utilising the community centres. Provision has also been delivered in central	Mike Welsh

		Lochee although there is no recognised community centre. Many stakeholders have a variety of usable spaces and Lochee Community Hub (Dundee Volunteer and Voluntary Action) is keen to work with CLD to maintain existing provision and start new activities in this neighbourhood.	
LCPP_LE003 Improve local supports for people in recovery in Lochee and their families	Services will be provided to support resident's recovery from substance use. Create an engagement programme and activities that meet the needs of those in recovery living in the Lochee ward	Lots of activities and a programme of support have been started through the local substance misuse working group of the Lochee Community Planning Partnership(LCPP). This work has utilised available Alcohol and Drug Partnership funding and is at a very early stage in the operation. The group has prioritised family work and mental health recovery activities. Further engagement initiatives are planned over the next year, particularly in central Lochee where residents often identify issues with people who are seemingly detached from support services.	Mike Welsh
LCPP_LE004 Provide quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities in Lochee	Improve Lochee's priority green and open spaces. A network of local stakeholders will work together to improve green spaces in the Lochee ward by developing appropriate play spaces, green trails and the quality of open spaces.	Many outputs have been completed in relation to the targets identified, but by virtue of the length of time that capital works take, some projects have not yet reached the implementation phase. Significant improvements have been achieved at Beechwood park, Balgarthno Stone circle and improved facilities have been installed at play spaces around Lochee Ward. Spey Drive play area and improved play equipment & pathways planning around Atholl St/ Yeamans lane is in progress. New pathways and improvements are being planned by the Western Gateway Community group. Some actions around improved play space in Central Menzieshill and Dryburgh are a long term aspiration, but land use issues need to be clarified prior to discussion on development.	Mike Welsh

LCPP_LE005 Enhancements to the built environment around Lochee High Street	Initiatives like celebratory events, street art installations, heritage project and environmental improvements will be created through local stakeholders.	Significant work has been achieved in supporting the community to organise a Christmas celebration, heritage trail and street art installations around the High Street. A Lochee stakeholder event was held and various plans are in progress as a result of this relating to improvements to streetscape. Progress is awaited on some large funding applications which will release housing sites around the district centre, however Hillcrest Housing Association has made a start on site to the unused mill on Burnside Street and a new development is in construction on Coupar Angus Road. Discussions with housing agencies are positive at present. Some "campus" work has been undertaken to connect stakeholders in the central Lochee area in order to improve activity options for residents.	Mike Welsh
LCPP_LE006 improve life chances for children and families in Lochee	Develop activities and initiatives which provide opportunities to grow resilience and capacity in parents, and which provides fun learning activities for families.	Significant progress has been made to developing community based solutions to support family connections and service provision. The Local Management Group charities that operate programmes in community centres have a provision of play and parent & toddler groups operating. In addition, a Community Learning and Development service developed Charleston "wee night in" initiative has been successful in providing a weekly free activity and food provision for families. This is now managed by the participating parents. Similar provision is operating in Menzieshill and Lochee which will aim to become self-sustaining over the next year. Further trials and tests of change are being considered by a recently established Families working group of the Local Community Planning Partnership.	Mike Welsh
LCPP_LE007 Improve community safety in Lochee	A multi-agency group will plan out work and joint initiatives to create safer communities including diversionary	A LCPP working group has been established and includes Police, Fire and Rescue, Anti-Social Behaviour and CLD Youth team personnel. Regular meetings have been looking at key areas and young people of concern, and planned action is being trialed to divert vulnerable young people away from ASB and dangerous activities. More work is required to broaden the impact of	Mike Welsh

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programmes for young people and engagement to deter anti-social activity. this work but the community safety partnership's weekly MATAC meetings aim to keep on top of the most pressing ASB issues in the ward.

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## West End

Code & Title	Description	Latest Note	Assigned To
LCPP_WE001 Respond to the cost of living crisis in the West End	Conduct a community needs assessment and take action in those areas which experience the most disadvantage.	LCPP support for this work, individual group and organisations have been contacted to forwards plan for October – March 25  Continue to support individual groups	Christine Rea
LCPP_WE002 Improve local supports for people in recovery and their families in the West End	Increase provision for those seeking support around substance misuse and those in recovery	Developing a steering group to progress a recovery garden at City Church  Bringing together working group to identify effective use of limited ADP funds	Christine Rea
LCPP_WE003 Communities in the West End are empowered to make decisions about the community they live in	Develop a range of opportunities for communities to be better engaged and influence community matters	Following LCPP and WECC developments identify a need for audit of existing structure and membership	Christine Rea

LCPP_WE004 Improve life chances for children and families in the West End	Embed What matters to You approach to transforming services for children and families in the West End	Initial family after school sessions held in partnership with West End campus.  All families participating have expressed interest in continuing after the School Holidays	Christine Rea
LCPP_WE005 Provision of Community facilities in the West End	Providing opportunities for social contact and identify supports and services that would meet local needs. Support the development of a pilot community hub at Logie St John's Church.	Developing opportunities for more effective use of existing facilities including sheltered housing and church buildings	Christine Rea
LCPP_WE006 Provision of quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities in the West End	Develop structures which allow for community involvement in identifying, developing and taking part in greenspace enhancements.	Review of existing spaces planned for August 24  Existing project contacted to inform audit and opportunities for participation	Christine Rea

## The Ferry

Code & Title	Description	Latest Note	Assigned To
LCPP_BF001 Take action in the cost of living and climate change – Ferry Ward	Address low income and food waste in the Ferry.	Cost of Living Sub Group currently planning for October – March 25	Christine Rea
LCPP_BF002 Better support for people in recovery and their families in The Ferry.	Increase opportunities for those seeking support around substance misuse and those in recovery	Supporting development of new recovery project in Dawson Park Pavilion to provide holistic support to those in recovery  ADP sub group in planning stages, proving challenging due to a lack of services operating in the ward, plan for a cycling event to launch and raise awareness of support within the area.	Christine Rea
LCPP_BF003 Develop opportunities to get involved in community life in The Ferry	Develop a range of opportunities for communities to be better engaged and influence community matters.	Recent review suggests that there is a need to raise awareness of existing opportunities for community involvement.	Christine Rea

		Sub group formed to conduct an audit of existing opportunities and a strategy to ensure this is communicated to the wider community.	
LCPP_BF004 Improve life chances for children and families in The Ferry	Embed What Matters to you approach to transforming services for Children and Families in The Ferry.	Due to limited staff resource within the area, this will be progressed as part of a city wide roll out.	Christine Rea
LCPP_BF005 Development of a community facility in The Ferry	Investigate opportunities to develop a community hub to provide access to localised information, support and advice.	Sub group or community reps, church groups and community council working to identify existing facilities, capacity and cost to enable us to identify any gaps to inform future plans	Christine Rea
LCPP_BF006 Provision of quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities – The Ferry	Develop structures which allow for community involvement, identifying, developing and taking part in greenspace enhancements.	Community Walkabout at Gillies Park highlighted good quality play area and accessibility issues	Christine Rea



# Local Community Planning Partnerships

## Dundee Alcohol and Drug Partnership



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## Background

Dundee has eight Local Community Planning Partnerships, each of which performs a statutory duty to bring communities and public bodies together to reduce inequalities within Dundee's communities. This includes the reduction of health inequalities, one of the priorities of Dundee's City Plan.

To support the work to reduce the inequalities associated with substance use, Dundee Alcohol and Drugs Project devolved £80,000 to Dundee's eight Local Community Planning Partnerships for 2023/24.

The money was allocated consistently with other resource allocations to Local Community Planning Partnerships meaning that there was less monies devolved to West End and The Ferry.

A small amount of underspend from 2022/23 was able to be carried over into 2023/24. Further, where there was underspend in some localities this was able to be utilised to provide support in other areas which were oversubscribed.

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Local Community Planning Partnership	Original Allocation	Actual Spend
Lochee	12,000	13,500
Strathmartine	12,000	14,000
Coldside	12,000	23,700
Maryfield	12,000	9400
East End	12,000	13,000
North East	12,000	8500
The Ferry	6000	500
West End	6000	1300
<b>Total</b>	<b>£80,000</b>	<b>£83.900</b>

Dundee



Recovery Network, Hilltown Community Centre

## Participatory Budgeting and Lived Experience

A decision was taken that, not only should the monies support prevention, recovery and a reduction in stigma but, that the methodology for making spending decisions should do so too.

The methodology follows the internationally recognised 3 step process for Participatory Budgeting;

1. Ideas Generation
2. Ideas Filtering
3. Decision Making

with the voice of people with lived experience at the heart of that process.

Each Local Community Planning Partnership formed an ADP sub-group made up of stakeholders, including people with lived experience of substance use in their own or family life.

1. Ideas Generation – Each sub-group discussed what the priorities were around substance use in that locality.
2. Ideas Filtering – Groups were invited to submit proposals for monies to address those identified need with the sub-group checking each application met those needs
3. Decision Making – The sub-group awards grants to organisations and community projects.

Thirteen individuals with lived experience of substance use issues took part in this participatory budgeting exercise which contributes towards Dundee City Council's Participatory Budgeting return to COSLA.

Although this is a low number, this is the start of what is hoped will become an embedded process. It is anticipated that in future years these numbers will grow as the individuals taking part in the projects then become part of the decision making processes themselves.

Feedback from these processes are that people with lived experience are in the same room as other community representatives and activists who would not have shared a room previously.

As well as being a dignified and empowering process for participants there is evidence that the process is having wider benefits with participants with lived experience of substance use taking part in other community activities not associated with these funds due to the relationships being built.



## What Was Funded

<b>Coldside</b>	Vaping Awareness in Primary Schools	A 12-week creative project with P6/7s to educate and create dialogue around the issue of vaping in young people.
	Moving Forward Again, Rosebank Primary School	This funded drug and alcohol workshops for P6-7 pupils with family engagement as part of this.
	Men's Breakfast Club and Community Drop In	Creates opportunities and activities that brings men together to reduce isolation, support mental wellbeing, and encourage peer support.
	Recovery in Coldside, Dundee Recovery Network	Supports the weekly running of Dundee Recovery Network including cafe resources, exercise equipment and health and wellbeing workshops. Will also provide funding for a creative video on recovery series in the local community.
	We Are With You	This project works with families to reduce stigma and isolation and supports families to continue with the invaluable role they have.
<b>East End</b>	ABC What's it Gonna be?	A film making project with local young people. 12 young people took part in an exploration of young people's views of substance use and how it impacts themselves and the people around them in their community
	Brooksbank Dryve Nights and Newsletter	Brooksbank in partnership with Just Bee and the Community Empowerment Team to deliver 4 Just Bee Dryve night engagement sessions targeting people impacted by substance use or in recovery. The sessions were based around food and music.
	East End Wellness Project	Street Soccer were funded to deliver the physical activity and support sessions across venues in the east End Ward during the week. These took place across Douglas, Mid Craigie and Linlathen. Three participant volunteers were involved in the delivery of this project.
	We are With You, Ancrum Outdoor Centre project	We are with You were to deliver 14 outdoor hillwalking sessions in partnership with Ancrum Outdoor Centre, targeting individuals impacted by substance use or in recovery.

<b>Maryfield</b>	<b>Training and Support</b>	Access to space at Boomerang for one-to-one meetings, 'free' access to the community larder, Boundaries training intro to mental health, distress and crisis training and suicide intervention and prevention.
	<b>Community Activities and Interactive Support</b>	The facilitation of 3 focus groups through We Are With You. Community resources, what does the community hub mean to you and what can we implement to build on the hub, harm reduction leaflets.
	<b>Recovery Showcase Events</b>	Organising open event across the ward aimed at those in recovery and their 'supporters'. Providing support and advice, and distributing information and resources.
<b>North East</b>	<b>We Are With You</b>	The award was used to purchase resource boxes from D&WP which were used in open day events in the local community for professionals, volunteers, students, and local people to attend. This led to focus groups who coproduced information leaflets about harm reduction which were offered out to parents, carers, and professionals.
	<b>North East Dry Social Events</b>	The award was used to offer 3 dry night events for local people with a range of activities offering different entertainments, activities and refreshments including local agencies providing information relevant to recovery and opportunities.
<b>Strathmartine</b>	<b>SidlawView, St Andrews, Ardler and Downfield Primaries</b>	Providing a programme of sessions for targeted pupils that are living within households affected by drugs and alcohol dependency. The programme is providing information on effects of drug use, consequences of anti-social behaviour and benefits of involvement in community activities to improve mental wellbeing..
	<b>Downfield Juniors FC</b>	Improving existing facilities with the club that are used by community groups including drug and alcohol support group. The improved facilities will ensure people using the room will have a safe and comfortable environment where they can be supported to participate in conversations around drug and alcohol use.
	<b>St Marys Community Centre</b>	Local provision of a counselling service that provided 1:1 sessions for people affected by a traumatic incident in their lives that continued to affect them.

<b>Lochee</b>	<b>Lochee &amp; Menzieshill Family Initiatives</b>	<b>This project run by Community Learning &amp; Development and Aberlour sought to engage families in a fun programme of activities aimed at creating connections, building networks and preventing substance use for local parents.</b>
	<b>School Family Development Workers in Lochee</b>	<b>SFDWs ran a programme of activities over a twenty-week. This included 14 family movie nights and six activity sessions for the school community. SFDW were able to provide their most vulnerable families with a warm, safe space enjoying quality time with a movie.</b>
	<b>Wellbeing Tasters and Mindfulness Courses</b>	<p><b>These sessions offered practical tools and techniques which participants could use to support their wellbeing.</b></p> <p><b>Those who benefited from the original tasters programme then undertook an eight-week mindfulness course. The sessions topics covered;</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Waking up from autopilot</b></li> <li>• <b>Awareness of our bodies</b></li> <li>• <b>Choosing how we react</b></li> <li>• <b>Being with what is difficult.</b></li> <li>• <b>How we make meaning out of thoughts and feelings.</b></li> </ul>
<b>West End &amp; The Ferry</b>	<b>Dundee Carers Centre – West End Cafe Broughty Ferry Connecting Carers Cafe</b>	<b>Combating an issue for carers with loneliness and isolation, which can be a contributing factor of Alcohol and Drug use.</b>



Our Lady's Primary School Vaping Project Performance



## Impact

Impact on participants was recorded for each of the projects above. Feedback included how people valued having a place where they could find support from their peers.

*“DRN is a safe space. No matter what kind of week I have had, I know I can get it off my chest with people who understand. It is the best part of my week.”* Participant - Dundee Recovery Network

Another theme to come through was people recognising the importance of being diverted away from unhealthy choices and beginning to take part in other activities which were not funded by the ADP monies though relationships established at groups.

*“I now sit on different groups in the community such as the Community Regeneration Forum and I lead my own gardening group. I am now really busy right across the week.”* Participant - East End Wellness Project

Having things to go to was also having benefits for people’s recovery outside of the groups too.

*“My mental and physical health is improving with this group and is preparing me with structure for entering rehab”.* Participant - We Are With You at Ancrum Outdoors

Young people reported feeling empowered and more knowledgeable about the topics that the covered but also feel equipped with tools to support themselves and their families.

*“The vaping project inspired me to make changes in the world”* Participant - Our Lady's PS Vaping Project

## Future Developments

Given the number of different providers and the fact that some participants may go to more than one activity it is not possible to ascertain the number of unique individuals taking part in the funded activities. However, what is clear is that many hundreds of Dundee citizens have taken part in activities funded by these monies.

There is also a breadth of participation in the funded work. Prevention work has taken place and been led by children in primary schools to young people in secondary. Activities have been specifically targeted at families, at men and at carers. Participants have been in recovery and there have been some looking to start their recovery journey.

For a relatively small investment there has been an incredible amount of activity across the city with different cohorts and communities and there is evidence the monies are making a difference.

Whilst the real strength of the way the money has been distributed has allowed trial and innovation there should also be consideration of evaluation to understand if anything is working particularly well and is representing particularly good use of public spend.

From the point of view of Dundee City Council Communities section we are engaging with citizens we have not been able to reach previously and this is allowing to broaden our base of participation.

From the Dundee Partnership more widely there is evidence this is contributing strongly to our City Plan outcomes to reduce Health Inequalities and will be further contributing to emerging partnership priorities such as Planet Youth and What Matters 2U.

We thank Dundee Alcohol and Drugs Partnership for their faith in devolving this fund down to communities and hope there is enough evidence here to convince the Partnership that this is something worth continuing in the future.

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