



Local Community Planning Progress Reports

2024-25



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Background

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 established a legislative framework that requires every Community Planning Partnership (CPP) to prepare a Locality Plan for any area within its boundaries that experiences poorer outcomes due to socio-economic disadvantage. These plans are designed to identify, address, and monitor issues that contribute to inequality and ensure that local voices help shape the strategies for improvement. In Dundee, the boundaries for these Locality Plans have been determined by the Multi-Member Wards, resulting in designated areas for Lochee, Strathmartine, Coldside, Maryfield, East End, and North East. For completeness the city has also developed plans for West End and The Ferry.

Dundee's commitment to local community engagement predates the current legislation, with a longstanding tradition of Local Community Planning Partnerships and the creation of Local Community Plans. These fostered partnerships between residents, voluntary organisations, and public services to address the specific needs of each locality.

With the introduction of the Community Empowerment Act, Dundee's existing Local Community Plans have been formally adopted as the city's official Locality Plans, thereby ensuring continuity and meeting the requirements stipulated in the Act.

In accordance with Section 12 of the Act, the Community Planning Partnership is mandated to publish a detailed annual progress report. This report encompasses the period from 1st April to 31st March and provides an account of the partnership's evaluation of progress made towards the outcomes specified in each Locality Plan.

City Plan

Each Local Community Plan aligns with the three core strategic priorities, with a particular focus on reducing poverty and inequalities in accordance with legislative requirements. Dundee's locality-based approach to achieving City Plan objectives is outlined in the Dundee Locality Leadership Scheme.

Every Local Community Planning Partnership develops its own Local Community Plan, using locality-specific data and insights gathered from the Engage Dundee community engagement initiative to inform priority setting. These priorities are further refined through collaboration between local residents and community planning partners, resulting in actionable plans.

Implementation is led by Sub-Groups composed of local stakeholders and service providers working collaboratively. Enhanced partnership working between the local authority, third sector, and community groups—facilitated through participation in Local Community Planning Partnership Sub-Groups—has contributed to an increase in local opportunities for community engagement and development.



Key Outputs 2024/25

- 11998 citizens were consulted by Local Community Planning Partners on Local Community Planning issues.
- 689 citizens actively contributed towards meeting Local Community Plan outcomes
- 1813 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.
- £448,779 allocated to communities through Community Regeneration Forums
- £30,000 external funding allocated to community groups in Lochee ward in partnership with local residents and What Matters to You

Gaining employment
through the Food Larder
in Strathmartine



Learning new skills through
Volunteering in the North East

Improving community integration through
summer family provision in Coldsides



Improving outcomes for children and
families in Strathmartine through
Family Empowerment work

Reducing Social Isolation and
Improving Mental Health in Lochee
through Gossip and Giggles



Hilltown Community Centre Local
Management Group volunteers responding
to community needs in Coldside

Addressing the cost of living through family
engagement and participation in Lochee



What Matters to You Partnership

The WM2U ("What Matters to You") initiative in Dundee is a transformative, community-led approach focused on amplifying the voices of families and young people to drive systemic change. Over 2024-25 What Matters to You worked in partnership with Dundee City Council Communities and Children and Families Service across a range of initiatives including:

- Panels for the Make It Happen Fund (MIHF) were established in both Lochee and Strathmartine wards, with community recruitment, training, and fund distribution processes underway. In Lochee, £23,550 was awarded across 13 grants, with young people actively involved in decision-making.
- The LCPP Café Conversations initiative was launched, with the first event held in Menzieshill Community Centre, engaging around 40 participants, including young people, community members, practitioners, and senior leaders.
- Columba 1400 Values Based Leadership Experiences (VBLE) were delivered for community members and practitioners across Strathmartine, Lochee, and North East wards, including residential experiences aimed at fostering leadership skills. These also laid the groundwork for future Young Persons' Leadership Academies involving schools and youth work.

The film below gives an example of the transformative impact of the partnership working in empowering local families to take action in their own communities.

[Charleston Matters](#)



Local Community Planning Partnership Ward Reports

East End Ward

Community Priority	Progress Notes
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. 80%	Over the past year, the East End has seen the continued delivery and expansion of multi-agency support services, with drop-in sessions at Brooksbank Centre and Douglas Community Centre supporting many residents. Employability support remains strong, with targeted assistance from the Linlathen Pathfinder team and the introduction of a weekly job club at Douglas Community Centre by One in Dundee, while Dundee and Angus College have embarked on the second year of its parent-focused programme for Linlathen and Mid Craigie To address food insecurity and the rising cost of living, community groups have established food larders and low-cost meal projects, such as the £1 evening meal schemes and free family activities that include food provision. The CLD youth teams also provide evening meals at all youth sessions. Notably, the cost of living subgroup has finalised and begun sharing information about available local supports. Recent quarters have brought further developments, with SCARF launching energy advice outreach and a new weekly multi-agency drop-in at Douglas Community Centre involving several key partners. The Linlathen Fairness Initiative continues to foster collaboration, and an evaluation is underway to measure the impact of these interventions. Linlathen and Mid Craigie families have benefited significantly from local support initiatives, securing substantial additional income through a combination of earned income, successful grant and trust applications, and increased benefit uptake. Linlathen families gained a total of £278,403, with £93,891.50 attributed to 18 separate benefit payments, including Scottish Child Payment, Child Disability Payment, Carers Allowance, and Adult Disability Payment. Mid Craigie families received £117,145 in non-benefit income, plus £49,524.83 from 10 benefit gains, such as Scottish Child Payment, Carers Allowance, and Attendance Allowance. These outcomes highlight the positive impact of targeted support in maximising household income and addressing financial insecurity in the area.

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 increasing local opportunities.  80%	Regular events and activities are now delivered across various venues, including Douglas Community Centre, Brooksbank Centre, and local primary schools, catering to families, children, and young people. New partnership groups and targeted programmes, such as the Columba 1400 leadership programme and Dundee and Angus College recruitment, have been launched to engage families and specific community groups, including men and parents with toddlers. Community meals, both free and low cost, are now available, reducing financial barriers to participation and supporting social inclusion. Volunteer involvement has grown significantly, with 76 East End volunteers supporting a diverse range of activities and leading family sessions with high weekly attendance. The CLD East Youth Team has maintained strong engagement, reaching over 1,300 young people throughout the year via various programmes and initiatives. Brooksbank Centre organised a well-attended trip to Camperdown Zoo, further enhancing community connection and inclusion.
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.  80%	The Rowantree Family project, based in the Linlathen and Mid Craigie area, has made significant strides in empowering parents by involving them directly in the development and delivery of local services. This participatory approach has not only increased parental engagement but also ensured that the services offered are more responsive to the unique needs of families in the community. Building on the success of this initiative, there are now plans underway to implement a similar model in the Douglas area, aiming to replicate the positive outcomes seen so far. In response to growing demand for mental health support, a new weekly group will launch in April 2025 for parents and carers whose children are being considered for mental health services. This group will offer a safe and supportive environment, enabling families to share their experiences, access helpful resources, and receive guidance from professionals. In addition, creative wellbeing activities for families are currently being developed in partnership with Dundee Rep. These initiatives aim to promote emotional resilience, strengthen family bonds, and foster a sense of community through the arts and other creative outlets. Work integrating local families with community based supports and services continued in Douglas. A children and young people celebration event was held at Douglas Community Centre in partnership with the local primary schools and nurseries. 275 local people attended and along with celebrating the art work the children had displayed, were able to find out information about community based supports and opportunities

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. 80%	Significant progress has been made on community play area developments in the Pitairlie Road, Ballindean Road, and Linlathen areas. Extensive consultation with local residents has informed the design and implementation of upgrades, with over 250 individuals participating in engagement activities. Funding totalling £180,000 has been secured from both the DCC Environment Department and Community Regeneration Fund, supporting the inclusion of accessible play equipment. Stage 2 of community engagement for Pitairlie Park has been completed, resulting in finalised designs and the commencement of redevelopment works later in the year. Meanwhile, upgrades to ABC Park on Ballindean Road have been completed to positive community feedback. In Linlathen, plans for a multi-use games area, running track, and gym equipment are advancing, with site identification underway. Additionally, Douglas Community Spaces Group is enhancing local learning opportunities through forest school training, and Douglas Community Park has been recognised as a model of good practice by Scottish Water for its community partnership and drainage initiatives.
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. 80%	Significant progress was made in the delivery of recovery support initiatives in the Douglas and Brooksbank areas. Weekly partnership recovery support groups and recovery-focused activities were successfully launched, with strong collaboration between third sector organisations, community groups, and local participants, all backed by Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) funding. The Douglas Support Cafe expanded its partner network, enhancing holistic support for individuals affected by poor mental health and addiction, while also increasing attendance. Brooksbank Centre completed its ADP-funded Reflections programme, hosting seven health and wellbeing events and providing information to 30 local residents. Notably, more participants are now progressing to volunteer roles, and new community-based activities are being explored, reflecting growing engagement and impact within the community.

LCPP_EE006

We need opportunities for East End residents to be involved in decisions which affect their community.

Develop a Neighbourhood Representative Structure in the east End

Involve local residents in the planning of the Drumgeith Community Campus

Involve children and young people in local community planning



80%

Local action groups such as Friends of Linlathen and the Mid Craigie and Douglas Action Group played a pivotal role in advancing a variety of community initiatives. These groups focused on development planning and took significant steps to formalise their governance structures, ensuring greater stability and sustainability for their future efforts. They were active participants in broader consultations and project boards.

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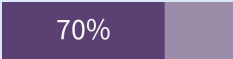
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LCPP_LE001 Respond to the cost of living crisis in Lochee Develop the network of local food providers to plan out the sharing of resources, in addition to the provision of advice and food support services like cafes, larders and cooking provision 	All community and voluntary sector organisations that offer a cafe or free or low cost food in the Lochee ward have met in the last year 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 e.g. early evening provision.
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. 	All new services and designed provision in community centres have been consolidated providing a broad offer of activities to people living in the three priority communities of the Lochee ward. Support is also available to enable the transition into new opportunities as barrier free as possible for those not confident about participating.
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 	All services have been consolidated and continue to be successful at offering a universal prevention approach to those who struggle with their substance use. Many new preventative projects have been trialled leading to positive impact on those participating in the three families' groups (Lochee Community Hub, Menzieshill Community Hub and Charleston Matters) and the Lochee men's group. New activities are planned including a men's group in Charleston and a women's recovery group in central Lochee.

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.

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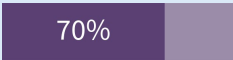


LCPP Walkabouts were organised in partnership with residents' groups in Dryburgh, Menzieshill, Charleston and Lochee. The walkabouts identified a number of challenges in each community which are in the process of being improved. The residents' groups are provided with the report and contact details of relevant officers identified to provide improvements in order that they can discuss improvements directly in future.

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.

70%



A number of physical improvements are planned by Dundee City Council based on discussion with stakeholders. This will enhance the High Street and open up new spaces for future development. Infrastructure planned includes a new pocket park and Sustainable Urban Drainage scheme. A new street art installation has already been completed to enhance this space through a community-based project.

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.

80%



The three family groups operating in the ward are moving towards more sustainable operation by those who are participating in the provision. In addition, the Lochee Community Planning Partnership convened a cafe conversation around how families' voices and views are to the forefront of transformative services. The LCP review has concentrated on the actions and aspirations identified at this event as central in its planning for future services in Lochee.

LCPP_LE007 Improve community safety in Lochee

A multi-agency group will plan out work and joint initiatives to create safer communities including diversionary programmes for young people and engagement to deter anti-social activity.

70%



Stakeholders are progressing plans for collaborative educational support to local young people including transition planning for those moving into secondary schools in the area. This will upskill young people on what to expect from their transition to secondary. In addition, the working group is planning inter-generational work to improve connections between young and older residents.

Community Priority	Progress Notes
LCPP_CS001 Respond to the cost-of-living crisis - Coldside Develop Partnership actions to mitigate the cost of living for residents in Coldside. 70%	Cost of Living responses are evolving and being reviewed. Issues being looked at include: • Impact • Volunteer burnout • Lack of new volunteers • Reduced donations • Committee capacity • Skills development • Code of practice/ policy development • How responses can be more sustainable Local organisations and volunteers came together to run Christmas Events free for local families to help with the added costs of Christmas. This included a free, local pantomime, a free Grinch breakfast and free Santa's grotto. The community wardrobe has faced challenges around governance and development of operational rules/guidance. Hilltown Community Centre Cosy Spaces are being reviewed now that more sustainable projects have been developed and will most likely halt in the summer in favour of these. Projects now helping with Cost of Living include • Friday night meal and movie • Maxwell Centre cooking groups • Hilltown Healthy Feet Project • Coldside Community Wardrobe • Hilltown Food Larder • Wee bonnet cafe Responses to some of the issues have included a volunteer appreciation evening, and discussions with committees about the volunteering experience they are offering, and how this can be made more enjoyable and less stressful for volunteers attending. Training and development around stigma and inclusion has been identified and will be taken forward in the coming months.

LCPP_CS003 Improve local support for people in recovery and their families in Coldsides. Increase local provision to support people and their families who are affected by addiction. 80%	Dundee Recovery Network have been supporting various people in recovery and those not managing their recovery over the very difficult Christmas period. Community Empowerment worked with them to support progression for one member to gain a formal volunteering role at Fare Share. DRN and DVVA supported someone else to access emergency support due to their unsafe living conditions. Tulloch court has now opened with the charity "A New Hope" utilising the space for a recovery group and also organising events each month where people share their stories of recovery. We estimate that around 40 people are now accessing the recovery support in the area over the week.
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. 40%	This action has been revisited following Hillcrest's increased involvement in the Local Community Planning Partnership (LCPP). Hillcrest has highlighted that there are existing support services available to young tenants residing in their properties, which can be accessed to help sustain tenancies. However, challenges remain for young people who present as homeless at the Lily Walker Centre. These individuals are often placed in network flats with the same level of support as other tenants, despite having limited experience or understanding of tenancy responsibilities. This can result in difficulties maintaining their accommodation. Although progress on this outcome has been delayed, it continues to be a recurring issue within the local area. We are keen to work collaboratively with housing partners and Hillcrest colleagues to develop targeted actions that address these gaps and improve support for young people transitioning into tenancies. The Coldsides Community Empowerment Team have worked more closely with various youth projects and schools to engage a younger voice in community planning. This has led to successful ideas generation for the Neighbourhood Capital Fund, and although this hasn't directly developed this target, it is a good starting point for more tenancy related engagement to take place going forward. We also have a developing group of primary 7s setting up a social enterprise to learn about budgeting, managing business and issues in the community through the Empowerment Team which is a progression from the volunteering project at Wee Bonnet Cafe and the cooking and baking group. This is taking a more preventative. Longer term approach to tenancy sustainment. With Tulloch court space now open, it is hoped that this target can be developed in the coming year, but this has yet to be planned.

LCPP_CS005 Provide quality green and open spaces that people can access in Coldsid.

We will increase the quality and number of growing spaces in Coldsid. We will improve on the maintenance and management of green spaces and parks in Coldsid.

80%



The LCPP set up an Environmental Subgroup to develop an action plan for the green and open spaces. These actions include parks, play parks, growing spaces, gardening projects, parking and climate change. This outcome demonstrates partnership working across the Ward and highlights the achievements and development of new projects.

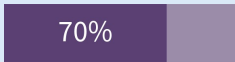
The community have developed a list of things that would make a difference to their green spaces through NCF Idea's generation, and these will be presented to the community and local organisations and LCPP reps at an event in February.

Subgroup needs more support to continue being effective and would benefit from face-to-face meetings.

LCPP_CS006 Co-ordinate a communication strategy for Coldsid

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.

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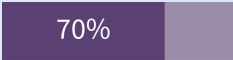


Residents highlighted a lack of information about what activities and support is available locally. The Coldsid Community Forum and CLD hosted a meeting of groups, organisations and residents to find out the best way to ensure information could be disseminated across the Ward. This became a Communication Network, and several actions were agreed. These included a quarterly newsletter where organisations could contribute to and be delivered to residents. This is driven by the Coldsid Community Forum, funded by CRF and is supported by the CLD team. Other actions include making key organisations a hub for information and ensuring that information is shared via social media. A Strategy for the Coldsid Ward is still in development and needs to be approved by the Communication Network.

This Newsletter was well received and included a new volunteer able to design the whole newsletter which was a great support. Feedback has been positive with people attending groups and opportunities such as the footcare project because they read about it in the newsletter.

The Coldsid Forum have begun planning drop-in meetings where information can be shared and new ideas can be developed.

Community Priority	Progress Notes
LCPP_ST001 We need to improve spaces, places and transportation in Strathmartine to better meet the needs of the community 80%	Community expressed the importance of outdoor spaces, facilities, buildings and transportation means to them. Strathmartine is fortunate to have many areas of green space however, community feel that they are underused, lack resources and feel unsafe in the wintertime. Work is underway to improve two large areas of greenspace within the Strathmartine Ward. £130,000 was secured to install a multi-use games arena with floodlights, play equipment, seating, improve an existing youth shelter and climbing / fitness equipment for young people in the Kirkton area. A further £200,000 in Scottish Government Funding has been secured to continue this work. This next phase will focus on play equipment for early years and families. Strathmartine Connections is a largescale project being led by Dundee City Council and Scottish Water. This project could transform a large area of greenspace against the risk of floodwater. However, the project includes opportunities to improve active travel routes, tree planting, safer school parking and promote positive mental & physical health. The Local Community Planning Partnership have supported community engagement and increased community activity on this greenspace Work is ongoing to develop a large area of greenspace in Kirkton. This project is a partnership between Kirkton Community Partnership (community group) and Dundee City Council's Environment and Community Empowerment Teams. In the last quarter, an engagement exercise took place to seek the views and ideas of Kirkton residents on how to best develop the space. 210 people took part in these engagement sessions. These sessions took place at nurseries, schools, sheltered housing and community provision. An engagement event was also held on the greenspace in partnership with Kirkton Partnership, Environment, Community Empowerment Team, Urban ReLeaf & University of Dundee Botanical Gardens with around 50 people attending. An application was made to the Community Facilities Challenge Fund for £120,000 to be used to create a cycle pump track was submitted.
LCPP_ST002 70%	Community members expressed concerns around a lack supports for people around mental health & recovery. There is also an acknowledgement that mental health & recovery are intrinsically linked. A health & wellbeing network meet quarterly to look at developing tests of change. A Strathmartine Alcohol & Drugs group made up partners and community members have met to share data, develop projects and share success around support for people in Strathmartine with recovery. This group has also overseen the distribution of £12,000 to community initiatives. Work is underway with partners and community groups to continue to develop low cost or free activities which promote positive mental health. These are targeted to areas of deprivation and partners work together to ensure that these opportunities are aimed at people most in need.

	In Strathmartine, the Community Empowerment Team support three local management groups (Charities) to run activities and programmes from Community Centres. Each group are supported to run a programme of activities which activities which can provide support positive mental health. The Ardler Local Management Group have gone through a period of change regarding their membership and governance. They carried out an engagement exercise with their community and are about to start focussing on developing a new programme of activities. A working group of partners who have a focus on recovery meet in Strathmartine. These partners support initiatives such as schools working with parents affected by substances, sports drop ins for young people, alternative therapies, recovery and community cafes. This network continues to develop and look at ways to offer support around recovery.
LCPP_ST003 	A combination of the covid 19 pandemic and cost of living crisis has placed an emphasis within the community of the importance of family. Work has been undertaken by the Local Community Planning Partnership to ensure interventions are developed by families for families. This has ensured that capacity building amongst individual parents / carers is supported and encouraged to translate to community capacity building. Parents and carers have been supported to lead on developing programmes of family activities, trips and develop other initiatives such as an evening community cafe. Other parents have attended Local Community Planning Partnership Cafe Conversation events where Local Community Plan Planning is discussed with partners in an informal environment. These LCPP Cafe Conversations events are attended by between 30 to 50 people including senior council officials, elected members, voluntary sector. Feedback from parents has been extremely positive. They report feeling listened to, actively involved and empowered by the process. Over the past year links have been made with a local secondary school (Baldragon Academy), primary school (Sidlawview Primary) and colleagues in Social Work to ensure that families are targeted to take part and that support can be given to families transitioning from Primary to Secondary school as a method of early intervention and capacity building. Work to support families and children continues. This work is well established in Kirkton. Prior to the summer holidays a group of Kirkton families were invited to attend cooking and woodwork sessions in the evening at Baldragon Academy. The sessions were led by school staff with the families being supported by a member of the Strathmartine Community Empowerment Team (CLD). Feedback from families was very positive. One child who attends Baldragon has now picked Home Economics as a core subject as a direct result of attending these sessions and developing a positive relationship with Home Economics staff. A family were invited to attend the Baldragon prizegiving where they were presented with an award on behalf of all the families who took part in these sessions.

Community Priority	Progress Notes
LCPP_NE001 Respond to the cost of living crisis Create local, support hubs across the ward where services offer financial, legal and employability advice/support and free/low cost food. Co-ordinate and encourage access to a range of welcoming, warm spaces across the ward. 80%	• Cost of living pop up event held in Finmill Centre (27th November 2024) attended by One Parent Families Scotland, SCARF, Community Nursing Team, Abertay Housing Association, Dundee Carers Centre, Databank, Uniting for Uniforms and Connect. Another hosted in the Crescent (5th December 2024). • Support for Open Doors provision across the ward and supply of warm clothing winter 24/25. • Free food provided at all CLD provision • Newfield Community Group now supporting a full time (M-F) community cafe in the Crescent. • Community Regeneration Fund ringfenced £5k for quick turnaround cost of living applications. Initiatives supported include purchase of cosy items and clothing rails to display freecycle clothing, purchase of shop gift cards for crisis response, hot refreshments for public buildings. • Community Regeneration Forum supported to sustain funding for 2 community cafes in Finmill and Lifegate. • Regular advice and support sessions delivered by Connect, Voiceability and Youth Employability in Finmill. • Provide support to engage at local larders and signpost to relevant organisations. • Free family picnics and family play sessions in Finmill Easter 2025. • Weekly family empowerment sessions running in Finmill and the Crescent from Sept 24, including a meal at no cost. • Support given to participants to access funding to plan and deliver free family summer trips. • Ongoing support to community gardens producing free food for local larders.

LCPP_NE002 Tackle social isolation and improve mental wellbeing

Increase the amount of social, leisure and physical activities available locally to improve health and wellbeing and reduce isolation.

80%



- Finmill Centre offers a weekly cafe providing a 3 course hot meal. Similar operation in Lifegate.
- Newfield Community Group (Newfield GP practice within the Crescent) run a daily community cafe, M-F 9am-5pm on a donation if you can basis. They are also supporting a veteran's group, a woman's group, yoga and Feeling Strong operate a weekly drop in session to support your persons mental health.
- A series of open air family fun sessions in 4 locations ran over the summer months.
- Finmill LMG ran a series of family craft / activity workshops and are currently hosting a free weekly yoga session.
- Community Health Team supports a family fitness group from Finmill with hot meal provided by Dundee Bairns. Also, weekly pram pushing from Lifegate and a men's group in Finmill.
- Weekly fun fit group in Finmill for adults with physical disabilities or poor mental health.
- Crescent LMG planning to host regular bingo and movie nights.
- Literacy team supporting a weekly board games session in Newfield community cafe.
- Youth team provides evening activities across the ward which support the positive physical and mental health of young people.

LCPP_NE003 Improve life chances of children and families

Improve the lives of children and families by embedding the What Matters to You Approach.

80%



- Engagement with families was undertaken summer 2024 to identify family support needs and interest in developing and attending provision.
- Since September 2024, a core group of parents/carers have been supported to run weekly family sessions, including food, from the Crescent. This provision is moving to Drumgeith Campus August 2025. This empowerment work has been supported financially by "What Matters to You".
- Finmill Family Fun club, supported by CET, offers weekly family empowerment sessions following a similar format. The group is now constituted and hosted a successful fundraising event to reinvest in group activities.
- 11 parents/carers from both family empowerment groups attended a 2 night values based leadership experience in February 2025. Those involved found the experience invaluable for both personal growth and the catalyst for further community responsive work.
- One participant has been supported to attend the Dundee Fairness Leadership Panel conference.
- Family empowerment participants supported to attend the Columbian Gathering in April. Significant success was shared and networking opportunities exploited.

	• Families were supported by CET to run summer family pop up play sessions. • Alongside family empowerment participants, the CET has supported access to funding to offer free (Whitfield) low cost (Fintry) summer family trips. • Monthly parent/carer support group for families with a child with ASN, runs from Mill o Mains, using a peer support model. Parents are being supported to increase this offer. • Finmill Family Fun sessions supported weekly, providing family activities and food, adopting a peer support model. Families attending predominantly have a child with ASN. • Alcohol and Drugs Partnership locality funding was allocated to deliver 2 programmes of parental and young person support. A holistic parental wellbeing group focussed on strategies to manage stress/anxiety and emotional regulation and sessions delivered to P7's across 3 primary schools based on the topics of illicit substances, relationships, mental health and online safety.
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. 70%	• Following some time in abeyance, Fintry community garden group have come together, hosted a garden blitz on 18th June 2025. • Following ward wide engagement to generate ideas for spend, Finmill Local Management Group and Whitfield Greenspace Group have been supported to submit applications for Neighbourhood Capital Funding, a further application has been received from Angus Housing Association to upgrade a playpark. • A member of the CET has developed links with Abertay Housing Association to take part in regular walkabouts, identifying wider community issues, connecting and supporting individuals to have their voice heard. • Whitfield Greenspaces group, involving local people, established to champion local community planning issues. Successful in attracting Changemakers funding for benches, tools and seeds and now undertaking fortnightly community clean ups across green spaces, advertised to encourage volunteers. • 8 March 2025 saw Whitfield Greenspaces group, in partnership with Changemakers, host a community spring celebration fun day at the garden where they planted trees to form an orchard, food, refreshments and family activities were available, along with free bicycle maintenance. Some families were allocated free bikes.

	Supported 3 engagement sessions with local people to inform and influence Longhaugh playpark redevelopment proposal which is now complete and is a massive hit with local children and families.
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. 60%	- ADP subgroup, which includes people with lived experience, allocated £12k to local applicants seeking to support those in recovery and take preventative action. - Full day of activities for S2 pupils at Braeview, focussed on challenging alcohol and drug taking; instead promoting alternative healthy lifestyle choices. A lunchtime ‘drop in’ information session was advertised and promoted to parents to attend and learn from local specialist drug and alcohol service providers. - Bespoke programme of education materials for Longhaugh, St Francis and Ballumbie PS's around current issues in the local area. Barnardo’s Flip Service used their specialist knowledge to create a bespoke package for the schools to highlight the risks and harm identified as concerns by families, pupils and workers in the area around vaping, online grooming, illicit substances and promoted positive mental health techniques. - Holistic parental wellbeing project provided tailored group inputs to support: stress reduction, anxiety management, depression relapse prevention, improved sleep, improved emotional regulation, substance use and trauma recovery, overall mental and emotional resilience. Specifically tailored programmes which develop participants’ capacity to support their own mental and emotional wellbeing, resulting in decreased need to use drugs or alcohol as coping mechanisms. - Monthly alcohol and drug free karaoke nights for local families in Whitfield and environs, provided hot food and entertainment - A further allocation of funding has been agreed for the North East ward. Work to identify priorities not yet underway - Newfields Medical Practice and Community Group are offering inclusive support from the Crescent.

Community Priority	Progress Notes
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. 50%	The cost of living continues to be a concern for local people. Several local groups and churches offer a warm space for people struggling with the cost of living, these spaces offer activities and refreshments, but more importantly residents had social company and the offer of support to overcome difficulties. We have actively worked to promote services available through social media, posters and through DCC website, The area benefits from a Community Fridge which supports people through dignified access to food. The LCPP are working to use ward data to enable us to target resources to where they are needed. The LCPP also continues to support Blackness Library to maintain service of free tea and coffee, access to Cost of Living Funds to be promoted through LCPP and partner agencies. Feedback from beneficiaries highlights the benefit of regular social contact and the impact on Health & Wellbeing . Limited interest applying for warm spaces in the ward needs in the area, established church groups and organisations have developed initiatives to meet local needs will continue to promote funding opportunities across the ward. LCPP refresh highlights areas of need and planning services to support community projects.
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 80%	Targeted ADP funding enabled us to support a Recovery Garden in the Ward and will be accessible to the community. This is a partnership between City Church and the RSPB. Recent engagement suggests that a recovery garden will improve social supports for people in recovery, families and the wider community. There are limited services in the area as most city-wide support organisations are based in the city centre, which is close by, helping to reduce perceived stigma, this together with a lack of community buildings in the ward results in there being limited locally based support. Recovery Garden working to continue development and employed a worker. Developed a West End /Broughty Ferry ADP providers group and working to recruit service users with Lived experience to influence the design and delivery of services.

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 60%	The West End Ward is home to very active community groups, in particular local Churches, and this has been impacted by the closure of several local buildings. A strong Community Council and environmental groups who actively engage with the community and campaign on their behalf, the recent boundary changes will impact on the area represented by the Community Council and will include the North part of the ward which includes the wards only SIMD areas, an area traditionally not included in the WECC area. The LCPP will continue to work in partnership with West End Community Council to ensure that representation from across the ward through engagement events i.e. Meet you neighbours or community picnic events, this will support improving the base of participation across the ward. Working with Community Council Comms group to develop a newsletter and to plan a getting to know your groups meeting.
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 50%	The What Matters to You approach to transforming services for children and Families is currently being rolled out across the city and the ward will be included in 2025. Initial engagement with all primary schools indicates there is a need for this work across the ward. It is planned that these activities will take place in community settings away from the main Perth Rd. Blackness Road . To be the theme for November 2025 LCPP to progress. Initial engagement suggests a strong need for this approach.
LCPP_WE005 Improve life chances for children and families in the West End Providing opportunities for social contact and identify supports and services that would meet local needs. Including access to green spaces 40%	It is acknowledged that there are limited community buildings in the area and hall hire can prove expensive for both groups and services in the area. Working with WECC to Develop opportunities for more effective use of existing facilities including sheltered housing, schools and church buildings.

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. 40%	The area benefits from a number of accessible parks and green spaces. Existing Friends of Groups ensure areas are maintained. Existing groups report that they are happy with current arrangements, investigation further opportunities for Community Growing spaces.
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Community Priority	Progress Notes
LCPP_BF001 Take action in the cost of living and climate change Address low income and food waste in the Ferry. 80%	The cost of living was and continues to be a concern for local people. The LCPP agreed to ringfence £2500 from the Dundee Partnership Community Regeneration Funds to support groups who would not traditionally be able to access these funds. This enabled us to deliver the Council’s priority to establish “Open Doors” and to enable groups to meet emerging community needs. This funding also removed financial barriers to participation for access to existing delivery. A significant amount of support will be provided through existing church and community groups including Broughty Ferry Library. The ward benefits from £18,000 Community Regeneration funding. Many participants identified the benefit of getting out of the house and meeting others as being as important as access to low-cost meals, this has had a significant impact on the reduction of social isolation. There is a locally based Cost of Living Sub Group including Giving Back, BFPC and Ferry Fridge working to target food insecurity and services to meet local need. Ferry Fridge - fit out completed and opening date to be announced at AGM in September. Cost of Living sub group has submitted an application to fund activities over Winter. Activities planned for challenge Poverty Week.
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. 70%	This outcome has proved challenging as limited services are operating in the ward due to limited resources. Residents requiring Drug and Alcohol support regularly access services in neighbouring wards to reduce stigma. A significant development in the ward includes Giving Back project specifically based in the ward to provide a holistic approach to addressing needs for those in recovery, Alcohol & Drug Partnership funding has been used to engage with community members and to develop plans to meet community need. Supporting new project to deliver services to people in recovery and address stigma within the Community. Developed a recovery sub group with West End to coordinate services.

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. 70%	The ward benefits from many active independent local community groups and organisations working in the area which are open to membership for all. Social media pages actively promote and raise awareness of activities and opportunities for members of the community. To enable partnership working and network building the LCPP has recently facilitated a Café Conversation with local groups and representatives, facilitated by WMTU feedback has been very positive. Supporting existing groups to increase profile and support in particular Ferry Fridge, Giving Back and Community Council. Continue to facilitate café conversations potentially themed to meet local need. The area benefits from a significant number of community organisations and priority has been given to supporting activities.
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. 40%	Engagement with Local Schools improving to enable roll out and implementation of WM2U. Funded out of school provision through CRF for non-attenders at school .
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. 40%	In the Ferry there are several buildings which are available for public use, however not all are appropriate for community use due to accessibility, availability or cost. Broughty Ferry Library currently have funding to contribute to the development of a community wing at the library, this is currently paused. Investigate funds raised by the community for a facility at Broughty Ferry Library. Work with Broughty Ferry Traders to increase awareness of support available including access to BF Castle.

LCPP_BF006 Provision of quality green and open spaces that people can access in their own communities in the Ferry

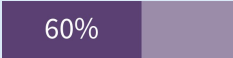
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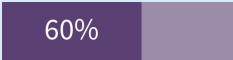
Feedback from Friends groups and suggest they are happy with current involvement.

Engage with local community Environmental groups and Grove Academy to support and promote beach clean-up, litter picks etc.

Community Priority	Progress Notes
LCPP_MF001 Respond to cost of living crisis in Maryfield Establish a local working group improve financial wellbeing for those living in ‘Stobswell West’ 70%	A range of community-based initiatives continue to provide vital support to residents across the locality, with a particular focus on addressing food insecurity, promoting wellbeing, and improving access to essential services. <u>Food Provision</u> Food support delivered through Boomerang and the Albert Street Community Café has made a significant contribution to meeting the needs of vulnerable individuals and families. These services have not only provided access to nutritious meals but have also created inclusive spaces that promote dignity and social connection. <u>Stobswell Connect Shop</u> Located on Albert Street, the Stobswell Connect Shop functions as a multi-agency advice and support hub. It facilitates access to services from key partners including Shelter, Enable, SCARF, and the Financial Inclusion Team. Through this collaborative model, residents are able to receive tailored guidance on housing, disability support, energy efficiency, and financial wellbeing. <u>Just Bee Drop-In Café</u> Just Bee continues to operate a weekly drop-in café, offering a safe and welcoming environment for individuals seeking informal support and social interaction. This initiative plays an important role in reducing isolation and promoting mental wellbeing within the community. Dundee International Women’s Centre (DIWC)DIWC remains a key partner in supporting families through the provision of free clothing and food. This service helps to alleviate financial pressures and ensures that families are able to access basic necessities in a respectful and supportive manner.
LCPP_MF002 Action on the rights and needs of tenants in ‘Stobswell West’ Establish a campaign led by local residents linked to MF001 group. 70%	As part of the Stobswell Fairness Initiative, the Stobswell Together project—based at Dundee International Women's Centre (DIWC)—has begun offering targeted services and support to residents in relation to housing. This work is designed to address housing-related challenges and promote fairness and equity for individuals and families living in the Stobswell area. A key development within this initiative involves collaboration between the Private Service Sector Manager and the Stobswell West Fairness Initiative. Together, they are working to devise a strategic approach that supports the rights and needs of tenants in Stobswell West, with a particular focus on those living in privately rented accommodation. This strategy aims to improve tenant advocacy and ensure that residents are better informed and supported in navigating housing issues.

	In addition, a new Community Engagement Team (CET) worker has recently taken up post, with a dedicated remit to focus on housing and tenancy matters in Stobswell West. Early areas of development for this role include providing support to residents in identifying long-term solutions to housing challenges, while also encouraging broader community participation and collaborative problem-solving. The initiative has also welcomed new partners who specialise in housing and tenancy support. These partners are now actively engaging with the Local Fairness Initiative (LFI), and their services will be coordinated to ensure that resident participation is maximised and that support is delivered in a cohesive and effective manner.
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 Community Empowerment Team have been actively working alongside both the Stobswell Forum and The Albert Street Action Group, offering ongoing support and encouragement. Their aim has been to foster meaningful collaboration with relevant departments across Dundee City Council, ensuring that these departments are not only aware of but also engaged in the process of implementing the Albert Street Place Plan. This collaborative approach is helping to drive forward positive change in the area by aligning local aspirations with council action.
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 number of collaborative initiatives are currently underway in the Maryfield ward, specifically within the Stobswell area, aimed at enhancing environmental education, improving local green infrastructure, and fostering community engagement. 1. Environmental Learning and Green Space Development The Eden Project, in partnership with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), is delivering environmental learning programmes within the Stobswell area. This initiative is focused on the development of green spaces in residential zones and seeks to build local capacity by supporting residents to maintain and sustain these improvements over time. <u>Baxter Park Enhancement</u> The Community Empowerment Team (CET), in collaboration with Friends of Baxter Park and local schools, is facilitating a series of tree planting events designed to enhance the biodiversity and visual appeal of Baxter Park. Funding has been successfully secured by the group to purchase appropriate seeds and young trees, ensuring the long-term sustainability of this initiative. <u>Foxglove Community Gardens</u> CET is actively supporting residents in Stobswell West in the development of the Foxglove Community Gardens. New growing spaces have been allocated to local individuals, with additional support provided

	by the Community Payback Team and Allotment Officers. The project aims to improve accessibility and create a welcoming environment that encourages wider community participation. <u>Tayview Gardens Governance</u> CET has provided targeted support to re-establish a functioning and representative committee at Tayview Gardens. This intervention is intended to strengthen local governance and ensure the continued operation and development of the site. <u>Community Asset Transfer – ‘Secret Garden’</u> The City Centre & Harbour Community Council has commenced initial discussions regarding the potential adoption of the ‘Secret Garden’ through a Community Asset Transfer process. This proposal represents an opportunity to secure long-term community stewardship of a valued local green space. <u>Play Area Development in Baxter Park</u> CET, Environmental Services, and Friends of Baxter Park are currently engaged in early-stage discussions with community stakeholders regarding the potential development of new play areas within Baxter Park. These conversations aim to ensure that future enhancements are community-led and reflective of local needs. <u>Community Growing Spaces – Stobswell West</u> Initial engagement work is being undertaken to support the development of two new community growing and open space projects in Stobswell West. These initiatives are intended to increase access to nature, promote wellbeing, and encourage sustainable land use practices within the local community.
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. 60%	As part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing educational and recreational opportunities for children and families within the local area, a number of targeted initiatives have been undertaken in collaboration with schools and community partners. School Support and Resource Development Efforts have been made to support local schools in the development of additional educational and recreational resources. These enhancements aim to enrich the learning environment and provide broader opportunities for pupil engagement beyond the classroom. Spring Holiday Provision (2024/25) A dedicated holiday provision group has been established to plan and deliver a series of engagement sessions during the upcoming Spring Holidays. The Community Engagement Team (CET) has played a key role in supporting volunteers to coordinate services and activities, ensuring that a diverse range of opportunities are made available to local residents.

	<u>Ongoing Family Support Activities</u> Children and family sessions continue to be delivered at Boomerang, with sustained support from CET. These sessions provide a welcoming and inclusive space for families to engage in positive activities and access support. <u>Childcare and Learning Access</u> The Dundee International Women’s Centre (DIWC) continues to offer childcare provision for residents participating in learning programmes. This support is instrumental in enabling access to education and personal development opportunities for parents and carers. <u>Information and Communication Tools</u> To support families new to the area, a digital Sway document has been developed. This resource includes an auto-translation function to ensure accessibility for non-English-speaking residents. Additionally, school holiday provision is being strategically utilised to maintain and strengthen engagement with parents and carers throughout the year.
LCPM_MF006 Develop improved local supports for people in recovery and their families Develop the existing Alcohol and Drugs Partnership subgroup to become one focussed on recovery and mental wellbeing.  60%	Support Café – Current Provision The Support Café based in Stobswell is now being supported by two key services: With You and Just Bee. These organisations bring complementary approaches to community wellbeing and recovery support. With You is actively engaging participants through access to a structured <i>Recovery Toolkit</i>. This resource is designed to support individuals in their recovery journey by offering practical tools, peer-led support, and therapeutic guidance. Just Bee is developing a new <i>Diversions and Mental Health & Wellbeing Cycle Project</i>. This initiative aims to promote physical activity, emotional resilience, and social inclusion through cycling-based engagement, particularly for individuals facing mental health challenges or seeking alternative recovery pathways. Future Development – New Support Café Partnership A new partnership between the Community Engagement Team (CET) and Community Health is currently in development to establish an additional Support Café within the ward. This initiative is scheduled to commence in early 2025/26 and will build upon the existing model, incorporating learning from previous projects and responding to identified community needs.

This collaborative approach reflects a shared commitment to enhancing local wellbeing through accessible, inclusive, and community-led support services.

4. ADP-Funded Projects – 2024/25 Review

All projects funded through the Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) for the 2024/25 financial year have now concluded. Initial reporting indicates that these projects have successfully met their objectives, with positive outcomes observed across a range of indicators including engagement, recovery progression, and community impact.

Final reports, including detailed evaluations and participant feedback, are currently being compiled and will be made available shortly. These findings will inform future funding priorities and strategic planning for 2025/26.

Additional Recovery Support – Boots Pharmacy Hub

In addition to the above, We Are With You continues to provide support through the Recovery Hub located at Boots Pharmacy on Albert Street. This hub has offered participants access to training opportunities, contributing to personal development and enhancing employability prospects for individuals in recovery.

The ongoing development of the Support Café and associated projects in Stobswell demonstrates a strong and evolving commitment to community wellbeing. Through strategic partnerships and innovative programming, services are being tailored to meet the complex needs of individuals in recovery and those seeking mental health support.

Conclusion

Local Community Planning Partnerships in Dundee are making measurable progress in addressing inequalities within the city, adopting a locality-based approach that substantially advances the City Plan priorities.

Each Partnership operates according to its unique ambitions, available resources, and local opportunities, yet all are unified in their commitment to reducing inequalities in Dundee. There is a consistent emphasis on fostering the engagement and empowerment of active communities.

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