



Dundee City Council Community Empowerment Report

2022/23



A collated report on Dundee City Council's activity in implementing the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

This report is so satisfy reporting obligations under ss. 12, 32 and 95 of the Act.

Promotion

We have dedicated pages for both on our Dundee City Council website
<https://www.dundee.gov.uk/service-area/neighbourhood-services/housing-and-communities/communityempowerment>

Support

Support to community groups to submit Participation Requests and develop Community Asset Transfer is now fully embedded within the Community Empowerment Team in Dundee City Council. Teams are in place in each of the city's 8 multi-member wards to support this work.

Nicky MacCrimmon, CLD Manager June 2023



| Community Asset Transfer | |
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| Reporting period - start | 01/04/2022 |
| Reporting period - end | 31/03/2023 |
| Total number of asset transfer requests received under the Community Empowerment Act 2015 | 1 |
| Number agreed | 0 |
| Number refused | 0 |
| Number resulting in: | |
| a transfer of ownership of land to a community transfer body | 0 |
| a lease of land to such a body | 0 |
| rights in respect of land being conferred on such a body | 0 |
| Number of appeals under section 85 relating to such requests made to the relevant authority: | |
| Allowed | 0 |
| Dismissed | 0 |
| Resulted in any part of the decision of the authority being varied or reversed | 0 |
| In relation to a decision of the relevant authority reviewed under section 86 or 87, the number of such decisions that have been: | |
| Confirmed | 0 |
| Modified | 0 |
| Substituted by a different decision | 0 |
| Total Area Transferred (ha) | 0 |

| Participation Requests | |
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| Reporting Period Start | 01/04/22 |
| Reporting period - end | 31/03/23 |
| Total number of participation requests received | 0 |
| Number resulting in: | |
| A participation request being agreed to | 0 |
| A participation request being refused | 0 |
| Number of appeals under section 30 relating to such requests made to the relevant authority: | |
| Allowed | 0 |
| Dismissed | 0 |
| Resulted in any part of the decision of the authority being varied or reversed | 0 |
| In relation to a decision of the relevant authority reviewed under section 30, the number of such decisions that have been: | |
| Confirmed | 0 |
| Modified | 0 |
| Substituted by a different decision | 0 |
| Total Number of such requests which resulted in changes to public services | 0 |

Locality Planning Progress Report

Dundee's Locality Planning Progress Report 2022-23

Background

Dundee has eight Electoral Wards and 7 of those wards contain datazones within the 20% most deprived datazones in Scotland according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. Therefore, in Dundee we have produced locality plans for all wards. In Dundee these are known as Local Community Plans and they are created, monitored and actioned by Local Community Planning Partnerships.

These Local Community Planning Partnerships are led by Dundee City Council staff and are made up of DCC staff, a range of Dundee Partnership Community Planning Partners and local people from local community groups.

A new Locality Leadership Strategy and new Local Community Plans were launched in late 2022 so this report is a collated progress report for all locality planning in Dundee. Future iterations will be reports for each Locality plan as required by the Act.

The Locality Leadership Group oversees locality planning in Dundee and monitor progress of each of the eight local community plans.

Key Milestones

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| April 2022 | End of community engagement from Engage Dundee 2021 and Community Collectives. Over 2000 citizens consulted. Agreement to trial decentralised funding to LCPPs to tackle substance misuse in Dundee. |
| May 2022 | First drafts of Locality Plans produced by Local Community Planning Partnerships |
| July 2022 | Local Fairness Initiatives launched in Stobswell West and Linlathen to test reducing inequalities in small localities below ward level |
| August 2022 | Local Community Planning Partnerships start to develop collective action to address Cost of Living Crisis |
| September 2022 | Dundee City Council approve new Locality Leadership Scheme to govern the implementation of locality planning in the city. |
| October 2022 | Open Doors launched. Open Doors was led by Local Community Planning Partnerships to co-ordinate the cost of living response in each locality in Dundee. Over 2000 people attended each month. |

December 2022

New Local Community Plans launched for each ward in the city.

Outputs

The eight Local Community Plans are the local delivery arm of 5 city priorities:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Cost of Living
- Children & Families
- Climate Change
- Empowering Communities

The Locality Leadership Scheme sets out how locality planning will be governed and organised in Dundee, the roles of different stakeholders and the links to strategic community planning.

Each of the 8 plans and the Locality Leadership Scheme can be found [here](#)

In 2022/23 4051 citizens were consulted on locality planning issues. This was up from 3867 the previous year.

In 2022/23 396 citizens were actively engaged in work contributing to progressing locality planning in their community. This was up from 369 the previous year.

Case Studies

Case Study Open Doors

Open Doors is an example of where Local Community Planning Partnerships came together to make a tangible difference to people's lives and reduce inequalities in localities. Set against the backdrop of increasing energy prices and the cost of living crisis communities opened public and community building to citizens and provided activities, food, clothing and social and volunteering opportunities.

An impact report with video testimonies can be found [here](#)

Case Study Substance Misuse

A test of change was undertaken to trial decentralising monies from Dundee's Alcohol and Drugs Partnership down to LCPPs. The trial found that whilst it was too early to evaluate impact on substance misuse across the city that there was evidence of positive impact in taking a collaborative approach between communities and services and that service users had engaged with the very local services. It is recommended that there is a longer term commitment to this decentralisation of funds and a report can be found [here](#)

Conclusion

The Group notes that the progress reports for next year should be for each individual locality plan and that progress should be noted against each of the plan actions with evidence of progress and positive impact upon the communities of each of the eight wards.

The Locality Leadership Group are satisfied that there was sufficient progress with locality planning in 2022-23 in Dundee and that there is evidence that locality planning is having a positive impact upon inequality in Dundee.



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