

Dundee's Locality Planning Progress Report 2022-2023

A report to comply with s.12 of the
Community Empowerment Act 2015

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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

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 at: www.dundee.gov.uk/service-area/neighbourhood-services/communities-safety-and-protection/local-community-planning

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 at:

www.prezi.com/i/view/oSnwmri4W1qjWsTe3M6x

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 engage 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 at:

www.bit.ly/DecentralisedFundingEvaluationFeb23

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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