

# Aberdeen City - South

Locality Plan 2021-26



Community Planning  
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# FOREWORD

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It is our pleasure and privilege to introduce the South Locality Plan.

The locality plan is the link between an understanding of needs and opportunities for people in the South of the city. We recognise there are some neighbourhoods, Torry and Kincorth, which face particular challenges and would require targeted support. This plan will inform, encourage and challenge our collective action across the South locality.

A two-year review has allowed us to see how far we have come and what remains to be done. Covid19 has highlighted the need to be sensitive and responsive to the challenges of changing circumstances.

This locality plan has been developed through discussions, involving community members and various stakeholders. It is a first step to designing and delivering services with communities to meet their needs through partnership working. The plan should be regarded as a living document which is flexible and grows over time as shaped by communities.

The next steps are to sustain and grow these relationships to support each other to achieve our shared outcomes. Our greatest asset is our community, the South locality, with ambition for best possible life outcomes for all.

We hope you see this plan as yours and for those you care and the neighbourhood you live or work in..

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## Development of Plan

The development of this plan has taken place during a global pandemic which has meant many of the traditional ways of engaging with communities and staff, including meeting face to face and canvassing opinions in neighbourhoods across South locality has not been possible. Instead most engagement has taken place on-line and through virtual mechanisms to ensure that views have been captured. In an attempt to ensure citizens and staff living and working in South locality were involved in the process the following engagement opportunities took place:

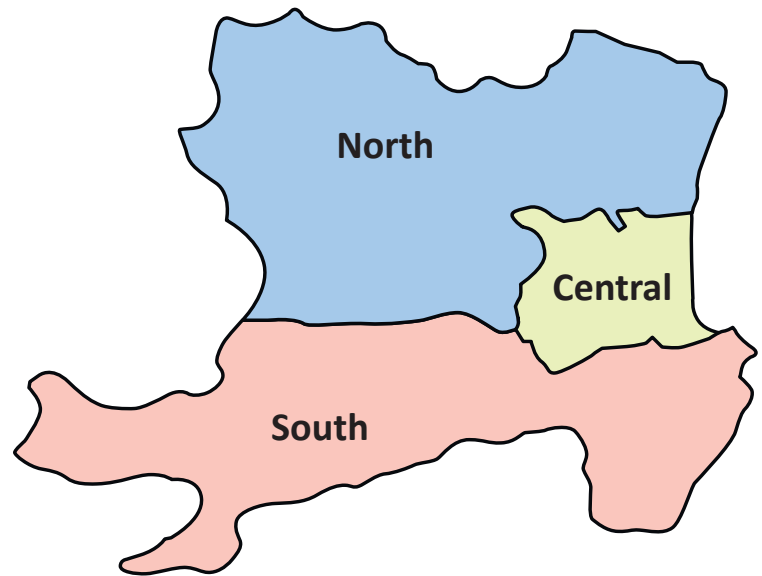
- During February four workshops were facilitated on the themes of the LOIP; people (adults), people (children and young people), place and economy where locality data was shared and people were asked what the priorities should be and potential ideas for action, the workshops were attended by 69 people from the South locality.
- During March staff workshops were held for each locality where locality data was shared along with feedback from community sessions to seek feedback from frontline staff on what the priorities should be and suggested ideas for actions, the South workshop was attended by 18 members of staff.
- For staff unable to attend the workshop (it was recognised these workshops were taking place during the highest level of civil contingency in response to Covid therefore making it challenging for frontline staff to attend) a Microsoft Form was developed based on the themes of the workshop.
- A Google Form was developed to capture views of children and young people and sent to all schools for completion.
- A session was facilitated with the youth council to capture views on priorities and suggested actions.
- An online simulator was developed to enable citizens to express what was important and of value to them and their community and this was open from 1-30 March 2021. The simulator was completed by 782 people in South, full results are available here [CP Simulator Summary results and Appendix \(2\).pdf](#) The top five priorities identified in the simulator were shared with members of the LEGs and incorporated in discussions to identify the six overarching themes for the south locality plan. The results were also incorporated within the plans.
- The Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) provided support with the process by facilitating a number of workshops throughout April including; a visioning session, an evening session and workshops for each of the three localities, the purpose of these workshops were to turn the ideas into actions, the sessions were attended by 51 people in South.
- A workshop providing an overview on Community Planning Aberdeen and consultation on the locality plan template was held in April, this was attended by 14 people.
- LEG and Priority Neighbourhood Partnership Meetings took place throughout January – April to check in with the process and gain feedback to inform the development of the plans.
- On-going actions from locality recovery plans have been incorporated within this plan.
- During this process the findings from the People at the Centre Engagement which took place nationally in late 2020 have also been considered and incorporated as appropriate.

# LIVING IN THE SOUTH

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The South Locality is made up of 9 neighbourhoods including:

1. Culter
2. Cults, Bielside, Milltimber & Countesswells
3. Hazlehead
4. Braeside, Mannofield, Broomhill & Seafield
5. Garthdee
6. Ferryhill
7. Kincorth, Leggart & Nigg
8. Torry
9. Cove



The South locality is largely urban and shares a boundary with central locality as well as Aberdeenshire. Whilst the local economy has traditionally been based on fishing and agriculture, companies relating to the oil and gas and fishing industries as well as retail services dominate across the locality.

Many of the areas retain a village feel about them and a strong sense of identity despite being situated only a few miles of the city centre. There are many scenic attributes including distinctive granite buildings and popular green spaces such as Hazlehead Park, Deeside Golf Club and the Deeside Line.

Based on analysis from the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD), we have identified some of these neighbourhoods to be priority neighbourhoods. That means they need additional support to benefit from the same opportunities to thrive and succeed as other neighbourhoods within the South Locality. Our priority neighbourhoods now include: Kincorth and Torry.

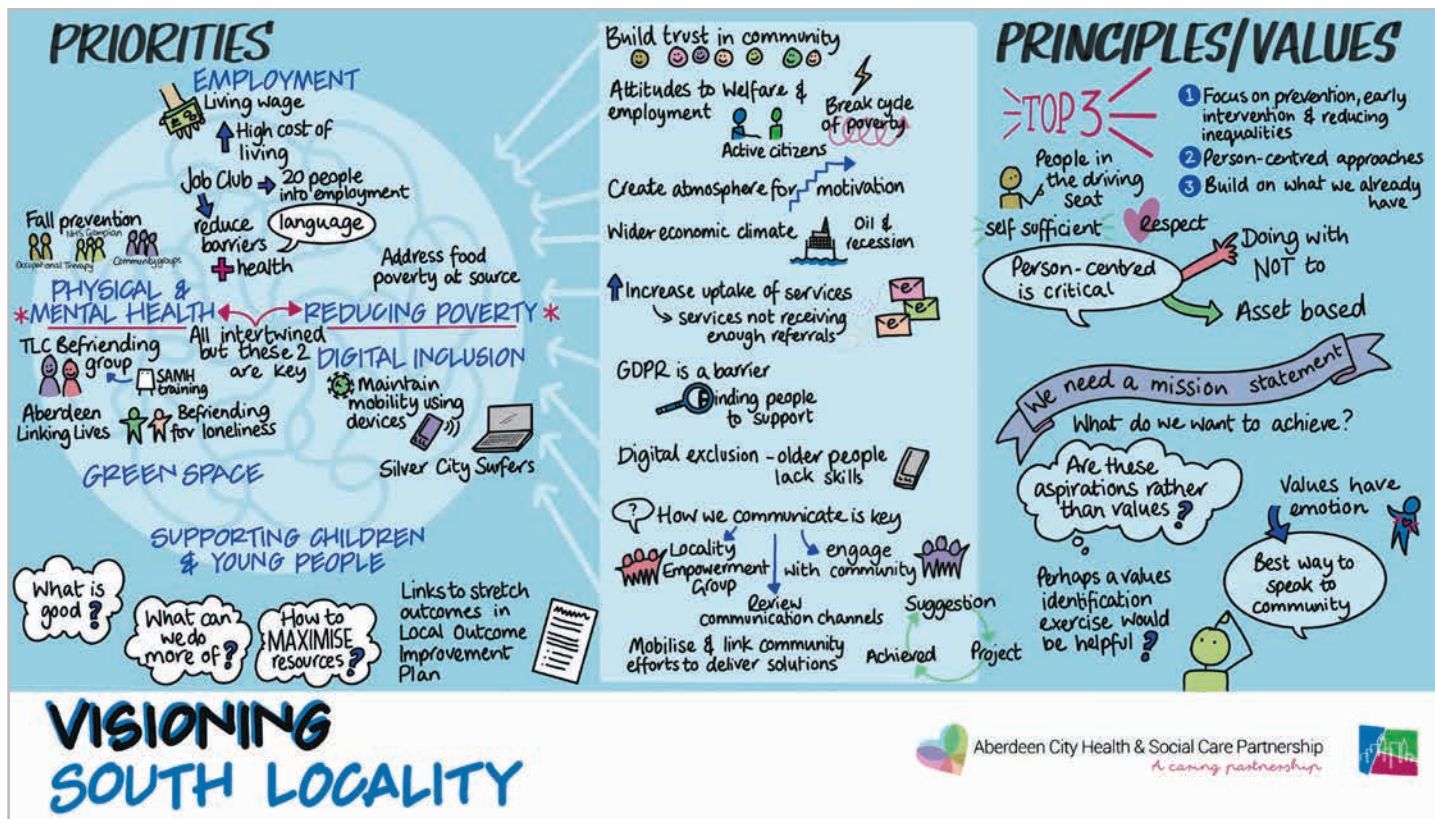




# VISION FOR CENTRAL

The Vision for Aberdeen City is a 'Place where all people can prosper'.

We asked communities in the South Locality to break this down into what this means for them.



They identified six locality priorities which will ensure all people living in South locality, including those people living in our most disadvantaged communities, have an equal chance to prosper. These include:

Locality Priorities	Link with city wide LOIP Priority Themes
Improve and create employment; employability opportunities. Develop Skills, training and support for young people and business.	Economy
Reduce number of people living in poverty. Address food poverty; fuel poverty by identifying and using local assets (for example community cafés; Community Kitchens).	
Identify and embed opportunities to mitigate digital exclusion; improve access to online assessments and referrals.	
Support children and young people to achieve their maximum potential.	People
Focus on early intervention, prevention and re-enablement actions to reduce inequalities and improve physical and mental wellbeing outcomes.	
Identify and maximise use of green space; Community food growing and community garden access (inter-generational community gardens).	Place

Above and throughout this document we have made the links between our priorities and the work of the wider Community Planning Aberdeen Partnership being delivered through the city wide Local Outcome Improvement Plan. This is essential to ensure we are working together on common priorities, supporting each other by sharing knowledge and experience and testing out our ideas together to ensure they have the best chance of success, scalability and sustainable results.

# THE SOUTH ECONOMY

## What we know about the South

### From what the data tells us:



**Earnings** In 2017, median annual household income ranged from £21,231 in Torry to £61,570 in Cults, Bielside & Milltimber. 5 of the datazones in the South locality are in the 20% most income deprived areas in Scotland, with all 5 being in Torry.



**Universal Credit** 27.6% of those on Universal Credit (UC) are within the South locality. The number on UC varies across the Locality, being highest in Torry (1,559) and Kincorth (780) and lowest in Culter (214).



**Covid Impact** There was a 131% increase in people on universal credit and 144% increase in claimants between March and November due to Covid.



**Food Poverty** In 2020, when asked about food security, 3.7% of respondents from the South Locality to the City Voice reported being worried they would not have enough food to eat, with 4.9% reporting they were hungry but did not eat and 1.9% going without eating for a whole day. As at 12 December 2020, 13% of calls to the crisis line requiring food assistance were from Torry.



**Digital Connectivity** In 2020, 80% of respondents from the South Locality to the City Voice reported having basic digital skills (based on answering 'yes' to questions about foundation skills), higher compared to respondents from the North and South Localities.

### From what you have told us:

*'The impact of Covid can be observed across the whole of the locality and the City.'*

*'Keeping people out of poverty and in employment helps all of society.'*

*'Increased unemployment may lead to reduced earnings.'*

*'Furlough may be masking redundancy figures.'*

*'Our young workforce is most severely impacted by loss of employment – fewer jobs.'*

*'People need help with debt and knowing what benefits they are entitled to.'*

*'There are areas which have not previously suffered from food which are now observing need.'*

*'Everyone needs access to a digital device to keep connected post Covid.'*

## Our priorities for partnership working

There is already a wide range of activity already taking place by community groups and organisations across the locality and within our priority neighbourhood partnerships to tackle the issues highlighted above.

This Locality Plan includes the areas where we can bring added value by working more collaboratively - communities, public, private and third sector organisations working together in partnership to test new ideas which we believe will improve outcomes.

The table below includes the three priorities we have identified for partnership working in the South Locality which can be linked to the Community Planning Partnership theme of Economy.

South Priorities	Link with city wide LOIP Stretch Outcomes (SO)
Reduce number of people living in poverty. Address food poverty; fuel poverty by identifying and using local assets (community cafés; Community Kitchens).	SO1 - Poverty
Improve and create employment; employability opportunities. Develop Skills, training and support for young people and business	SO2 - Employability
Identify and embed opportunities to mitigate digital exclusion; improve access to online assessments and referrals	SO3 – Upskill/Reskill

The following tables set out the improvement projects that we believe can help us achieve our priorities.





## Our Improvement Plan

**Reduce number of people living in poverty. Address food poverty; fuel poverty by identifying and using local assets (eg community café; growing spaces).**

Improvement Project Aim	Project Lead	Community Ideas for Improvement we might test	Where we might test them	Community Connector
Increase the number of people using community pantries by 20% by 2023.	CFine, Anti-Poverty Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sustain and develop Torry Food pantry.</li> <li>Support the provision of mobile food pantries with a possibility to extend to other areas of the locality.</li> </ul>	Torry & Kincorth Locality Wide	CFine Torry Recovery Group
Increase the uptake of unclaimed benefit across Aberdeen City by 2023.	Department for Work & Pensions, Anti-Poverty Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop plans to prepare people for end of Furlough (Sept) and uplift in Universal Credit.</li> <li>Proactively seek opportunities for communities and partners to promote increased uptake of benefits.</li> <li>Roll out benefits awareness/financial literacy training to community members; volunteers and staff to avoid people reaching out only at crisis point.</li> <li>Raise awareness of Crisis grants. Promote access to Financial Inclusion team to mitigate any delays.</li> </ul>	Torry & Kincorth  Locality Wide	Torry Partnership Kincorth Network
Decrease the number of households in extreme fuel poverty in Aberdeen by 4% by 2023; and reduce the rate of socially rented households in fuel poverty in Aberdeen by 8% by 2023.	Scarf, Anti-Poverty Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Take forward opportunities to reduce fuel cost through actions such as expansion of combined heat and power provision and promotion of improved household insulation.</li> <li>Raise awareness of support available, e.g. Scarf.</li> </ul>	Torry  Locality Wide	TBC
Reduce by 50% the number of homes with an EPC rating of F&G by 2023, leading to 100% by 2026.	Aberdeen City Council, Anti-Poverty Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote relevant grants to householders.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	TBC

Increase support for those who have been most disadvantaged through the pandemic.	Aberdeen City Council, Anti-Poverty Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure the efforts of community groups and partners are co-ordinated and enabled at local level to avoid duplication and target those most in need.</li> <li>• Local sessions to support people losing their jobs (help to apply for benefits, job seeking, CV writing) PACE.</li> <li>• Support and signposting to find the right scheme for specific needs.</li> <li>• Develop and promote training kitchen in Torry community hub development to tackle food poverty and develop skills for employment.</li> <li>• Support community kitchen development with Bon Accord sheltered home complexes to increase social activity, tackle food poverty and develop skills and confidence.</li> </ul>	Torry & Kincorth	Torry Recovery Group Kincorth Network
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**Improve and create employment; employability opportunities. Develop Skills, training and support for young people and business.**

Improvement Project Aim	Project Lead	Community Ideas for Improvement we might test	Where we might test them	Community Connector
<b>Income and Employment</b>				
Support 50 people into sustained, good quality employment by 2023, and 100 by 2026, with a particular focus on; those from priority neighbourhoods and people over 50.	Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen Prospers Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map and identify those most in need so there is effective targeting defined by LEG.</li> <li>• Support those most in need with free access through the e-bike scheme across Torry and Kincorth as well as wider locality.</li> <li>• Promote information available from ABZ works and 3rd sector partners.</li> <li>• Develop volunteering pathways to lead into local employment.</li> </ul>	Torry & Kincorth  Locality wide	



Supporting 50 people to start a business in Aberdeen who will be coming off the benefits system or significantly reducing their benefits through starting a business by 2023 and 100 by 2026.	Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen Prospers Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote, encourage and support development of community owned enterprise – building resilience and creating jobs in the local area.</li> <li>Raise awareness of the potential to support the development of social enterprises, work with community to identify potential social enterprises and share good practice from elsewhere.</li> <li>Support for green jobs and small businesses. Early awareness raising of green job career opportunities.</li> <li>Investigate opportunities for job creation linked to developing leisure potential (cafes, restaurants) of harbour mouth at Torry and creating links to Beach area developments.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	
Increase employer sign up to the Real Living Wage by 5% year on year to 2023 to achieve Real Living Wage City Status by 2026.	Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen Prospers Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage employers in the locality to sign up to the Real Living Wage.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	TBC Torry Partnership Kincorth Network
<b>Training and Apprenticeships</b>				
80% of young people successfully complete their Modern Apprenticeship programme by 2023.	North East Scotland College, Aberdeen Prospers Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage, identify and promote apprenticeships working with partners and LEGs e.g. SSE programme.</li> <li>Raise awareness of career opportunities in green jobs among young people.</li> <li>Increase and encourage SVQ opportunities.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	Partnership Forums
Improve the overall impact of partnership wide community benefits by increasing the number of projects which involve community co-design activities from 0 to 5 by December 2023.	Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen Prospers Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create opportunities for co-location of community use of space with those delivering public services.</li> <li>Maximise range of activities catering for all with access to community facilities.</li> <li>Support community groups to work with partners to understand community health and wellbeing using tools such as Place Standard.</li> <li>Strengthen relationships with local businesses as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility and seek to maximise community benefits, including training and employment, from any developments around Torry.</li> </ul>	Locality wide  Torry	Locality Inclusion Manager  Torry Partnership

Increase the number of care experienced young people accessing a positive and sustained destination by 25% by 2022.	Aberdeen City Council, Children's Services Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review engagement activities to support children with positive destination.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	Partnership Forums
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**Identify and embed opportunities to mitigate digital exclusion; improve access to online assessments and referrals.**

Improvement Project Aim	Project Lead	Community Ideas for Improvement we might test	Where we might test them	Community Connector
By December 2022, increase by 10% the number of people in Aberdeen who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have digital access; and</li> <li>Feel comfortable using digital tools</li> </ul>	Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen Prospers Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase opportunities for learning and support for people to embrace digital use.</li> <li>Work with communities to increase support available through digital champions linked to Connecting Scotland programme and similar schemes.</li> <li>Consider alternatives to go alongside digital resource.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	Communities Team





# THE SOUTH PEOPLE

## What we know about the South

### From what the data tells us:



**Child Health** North Cove has the lowest breastfeeding rates in locality at 26.4% compared to the city average of 39.2%, the highest rate in the locality is in the east of Cults, Bielside & Milltimber were the rate is at 68.2%, the highest rate in the city. The % of P1 with no obvious tooth decay varies across the neighbourhoods within the Locality, being highest in Cults, Bielside and Milltimber East (85%) and lowest in Torry East (46%). Culter has the highest proportion of children at P1 with a healthy weight in the Locality at 96%. The lowest proportion in the locality is in Torry West at 68%.



**Positive Destinations** In 2018/19, positive destinations varied across the Locality, being highest in Cults Academy at 100% and lowest in Lochside Academy at 89%.



**Mental Health** The rate of probable suicide (2014-2018) in the South Locality is 10.9, lower than the city rate of 13.8 and the rates in the Central (18.7), and North (13.3) Localities. 15.6% of people were prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression or psychosis (2019/20), lower than the City (16.6%), whilst the rate of psychiatric patient hospitalisations has slightly increased to 241; lower than the city.



**Life Expectancy** In 2015-19, estimated life expectancy varies across the South Locality with lowest expectancy in Torry, below the city average (17-19). In 2019, death rate in the Locality is 1142, lower compared to the city rate (1,164). The majority of the neighbourhoods in the locality have lower rates than the city.



**Drugs and Alcohol** the rate of drug related hospital admissions in the South Locality increased to 147 per 100,000 population in 2015/16-2017/18, from 143. This is lower than the city rate (182). Torry has the highest rates of alcohol related hospital admissions (per 100,000 in 2019/20) in the Locality, higher than the city at 710.6.

### From what you have told us:

*'There are differences between children reaching their development milestones depending on where in the locality they live.'*

*'Childhood obesity and inactivity has been made worse by the pandemic.'*

*'Higher risk of domestic abuse, neglect and drugs during Covid.'*

*'Looked after children and children living in deprived areas are less likely to reach a positive destination.'*

*'Anti-social behaviour has increased.'*

*'There's been an increase in mental health issues across all age groups. Social isolation continues to be an issue.'*

*'Covid related deaths have been higher in areas of high disadvantage.'*



**Health & Wellbeing** In 2019, 51% of respondents from the South Locality to the Health & Social Care users Survey said they don't take part in any community activities, lower compared to the city wide response of 53%, as well as the North Locality (57%). 91% of respondents agreed that support helps them live as independently as possible, similar to the rest of the City. 73% said it was hard for them to get motivated to look after their own health, higher compared to the city response of 68%.



**Crime** In 2019, crime rate per 1,000 population is highest in the Central Locality at 57.6, compared to the city rate (35.3), and North (22.9) and South (23.5) Localities. Rates vary across the Locality with a low of 17.9 in West End South to a high of 247 in City Centre East and 201 in City Centre West (both substantially higher than the city rate of 35.3). The crime rates in each of the priority neighbourhoods in the locality are higher than the city.

*'We need to address mental and physical health and wellbeing for people living with disabilities.'*

*'Less physical activity due to leisure centres being closed but also not knowing what is available in the area to access physical activity.'*

*'Increase in alcohol intake due to the pandemic and link to social isolation.'*

*'Support to minor offenders, prevent them becoming repeat offenders.'*

*'Need to help those most in need and stop re-offending behaviour.'*

**Our priorities for partnership working**

The table below includes the two priorities we have identified for partnership working in the South Locality which can be linked to the Community Planning Partnership theme of People.

South Priorities	Link with city wide LOIP Stretch Outcomes (SO)
Support children and young people to achieve their maximum potential	SO4 – Best Start SO5 – Child Mental Health SO7 – Positive Destinations SO8 – Child Friendly City SO9 – Fewer Offences
Focus on early intervention, prevention and re-enablement actions to reduce inequalities and improve physical and mental wellbeing outcomes	SO 5 – Child Mental Health SO 11 – Healthy Life

The following tables set out the improvement projects that we believe can help us achieve our priorities.





## Our Improvement Plan

### Support children and young people to achieve their maximum potential.

Improvement Project Aim	Project Lead	Community Ideas for Improvement we might test	Where we might test them	Community Connector
Increase uptake of parenting and family support by 10% by 2022.	Aberdeen City Council, Children's Services Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supporting the development of Fit-like hubs and family (learning) support in schools.</li> </ul>	Torry & Kincorth	South Fit Like Hub team
Increase to 80%, the number of staff who feel confident about how to directly support, or refer a child for support, and signpost to appropriate services by 2022.	Aberdeen City Council, Children's Services Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote and embed MEOC /Teachback with staff and services supporting children and families.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	Partnership Forums
100% of children and young people have increased free access to physical activity which improves mental health and wellbeing by 2022.	Aberdeen City Council/ Sport Aberdeen, Children's Services Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify volunteers to support Active Schools programme for all young people.</li> <li>Increase access to coaching courses for community volunteers (including working with children and young people with additional needs).</li> <li>Encourage outdoor play using green spaces across the locality.</li> <li>Support the three 'south of the river communities to work with partners to create opportunities for young people in the Lochside catchment.</li> </ul>	Locality wide  Torry, Kincorth, Cove/ Altens	Torry Youth Action Group Kincorth Network Cove/Altens CC
Increase the number of accredited courses directly associated with growth areas by 7% by 2023.	Aberdeen City Council, Children's Services Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify and match workplace apprenticeships with accredited courses.</li> <li>Identify demand for short term skills course.</li> <li>Raise awareness and support people during transition to new employment opportunities.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	TBC
Increase by 50% the number of 10 to 16 year olds in target areas of the city who access youth community activity by 2023.	Aberdeen City Council, Children's Services Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Progress proposal for pump track in Torry.</li> <li>Increase activities for young people across the Locality by working together to create new opportunities.</li> <li>Identify facilities and places for sustainable activities for young people.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	Torry Youth Action Group
Reduce instances of public space youth anti-social behaviour as a result of appropriate and effective interventions in targeted areas by 10% by 2022.	Police Scotland, Children's Services Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work together with the community and partners, including Police Scotland, ACC/HSCP and 3rd sector partners to increase and promote diversionary activities for young people.</li> </ul>	Torry & Kincorth	Torry Youth Action Group Kincorth Network

Achieve Child Friendly City UNICEF badges.	Children's Services Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work together with the community and partners to deliver actions at local level which contribute to achieving the badges.</li> <li>• Support organisations in Torry to embrace child friendly practices (possible Test of Change).</li> </ul>	Locality wide  Torry	Torry Partnership
Increase the number of vulnerable learners entering a positive and sustained destination by 7% by 2023.	Children's Services Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pilot programme with vulnerable young people at Camphill.</li> <li>• Identify and develop actions to address the mental wellbeing (and practical) needs of those young people whose transition from school has been adversely affected by the pandemic.</li> </ul>	Locality wide  Torry and Kincorth	Camphill

**Focus on early intervention, prevention and re-enablement actions to reduce inequalities and improve physical and mental wellbeing outcomes.**

Improvement Project Aim	Project Lead	Community Ideas for Improvement we might test	Where we might test them	Community Connector
<b>Physical and Mental Health and Wellbeing</b>				
To support 50 low income families in priority neighbourhood to improve eating behaviours and adopt positive lifestyle choices to help towards a healthy weight by 2023.	NHS Grampian, Resilient, Included and Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop project focussed on changing attitudes to sugar and food choices.</li> <li>• Promote Best Start/Healthy Start vitamins.</li> </ul>	Torry & Kincorth	TBC
Reduce the rolling 3-year average number of suicides in Aberdeen to below 26 (2019) by 2023.	Police Scotland, Resilient, Included and Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the development of schemes such as Men's Shed and Befriending programmes to address social isolation.</li> <li>• Ensure people in the community know how to identify people who are most vulnerable and can sign-post them to appropriate resources.</li> <li>• Roll out suicide prevention training /app.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	Culter Men's Shed Altens Men's Shed TBC
Increase the number of unpaid carers feeling supported by 10% by 2023.	Aberdeen Health and Social Care Partnership, Resilient, Included and Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify early intervention and prevention support for unpaid carers in the community with a view to addressing gaps and support.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	TBC



Increase % of people who cycle as one mode of travel to 2% by 2023.	Nestrans, Sustainable City Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build on interest in cycling during lockdown – cycle classes; bike storage; adaptable bikes.</li> <li>• Promote and upgrade local cycle path networks.</li> <li>• Promote Aberdeen bike hire scheme once in place.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	TBC  Shmu
Support 100 people to feel confident to promote wellbeing and good health choices by 2023.	Aberdeen City Council/ Aberdeen Health and Social Care Partnership, Resilient, Included and Supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote respective community Facebook pages with health and wellbeing projects.</li> <li>• Identify what and where fitness zones are for people to be confident to promote wellbeing.</li> <li>• Greater encouragement and promotion of physical activity to promote wellbeing to support delivery of other priorities.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	
Reduce the incidence of fatal drug overdose through innovative developments and by increasing the distribution of naloxone by 10% year on year by 2022.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue development of a multi-agency project, led by Police Scotland, to improve access to naloxone by recruiting and training family and friends of heroin users to administer naloxone when a user overdoses to reduce the number of deaths.</li> </ul>	Torry & Kincorth	Torry Partnership Kincorth Network
Capacity and capability building		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop and deliver courses or starter packs/ resources to help people create and manage their own community groups/ associations e.g. how to access funding, code of conduct, available support.</li> <li>• Increase opportunities for networking within and between communities to share good practice in managing issues or activities in their area. Consider development of online platform.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	Communities Team ACVO



# THE SOUTH PLACE

## What we know about the South

### From what the data tells us:



**Priority Neighbourhoods** Aberdeen has 29 datazones in the 20% most deprived areas in Scotland. 9 of these are in the South locality with 8 being in Torry and 1 in Kincorth. A further 12 datazones are in the 20-40% most deprived areas. Based on SIMD, our priority neighbourhoods in the South Locality are: Torry and Kincorth.



**Place Standard** In March 2020, when asked about different aspects of their neighbourhood, respondents from the South Locality scored feeling safe in your neighbourhood (5.4) and availability of green space (5.2) as the highest. Lowest scoring areas were economy and access to jobs (3.0) and as well as the ability to participate in decisions and help change things for the better (3.3)



**Community Safety** In 2018/19, the rate (per 100,000 population) of accidental dwelling fires varies across the South Locality being highest in Braeside, Mannofield, Broomhill and Seafield South (226), substantially higher than the city rate of 115.10 and lowest in Culter at 21. The rate in Torry East has declined from 306 in 2017/18 to 187 in 2018/19, whilst the rate in Torry West has increased. In 2016-2018 the road traffic accident casualty rates per 100,000 population varies across the South Locality from a low of 20 in Braeside, Mannofield and Seafield South to a high of 124 in Torry West (more than double the city rate of 61.7), 71 in Kincorth, Leggart and Nigg North and 68 in Torry East. Rates in Torry have increased since 2015-17 with the rate in Torry West more than doubling from 55 to 124.



**Active Travel** In 2020, respondents from the South Locality to the City Voice reported using the following modes of transport at least once a week to travel into the city – car (66.9%), bus (44.6%), walk (42%) and cycle (2.9%).

### From what you have told us:

*'Most of the deprivation is within Torry and Kincorth but there are also areas in Garthdee.'*

*'People want to be involved in decision making so they can help change things and make them better.'*

*'During the first Covid lockdown some people were asked about access to their green spaces for the first time – we need to keep the conversation going. How are your local green spaces working for you?'*

*'Deeside area is a flood risk but we have a strong resilience group in Culter.'*

*'We want to maintain the increase in walking and cycling that we have seen during the pandemic.'*

*'Please lets have more cycling paths, cycle storage and vehicle free streets.'*



## Our priorities for partnership working

The table below includes the last priority we have identified for partnership working in the South Locality which can be linked to the Community Planning Partnership theme of Place.

South Priorities	Link with city wide LOIP Stretch Outcomes (SO)
Identify and maximise use of green space; Community food growing and community garden access	SO13 – Climate Change

The following tables set out the improvement projects that we believe can help us achieve our priorities.





## Our Improvement Plan

### Identify and maximise use of green space; Community food growing and community garden access

Improvement Project Aim	Project Lead	Community Ideas for Improvement we might test	Where we might test them	Community Connector
Increase community food growing in schools, communities and workplaces by 2023.	Aberdeen City Council, Sustainable City Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refresh and support engagement with food growing initiatives in sheltered housing complexes working with Bon Accord Care.</li> <li>• Develop a range of vegetable plots/growing spaces in neglected spaces owned by community or public bodies to promote mental health, combat isolation and food poverty.</li> <li>• Identify and establish space for allotments and other community food growing spaces (to support/targeting mental health activities).</li> <li>• Encourage the use of social prescribing to green spaces.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	
Increase the number of community run green spaces that are organised and self-managed for both people and nature by a minimum of 8, of which at least 4 will in priority neighbourhoods, by 2023, particularly in priority neighbourhoods where the diversity, quality and satisfaction of green spaces and health and wellbeing outcomes tend to be lower.	Aberdeen City Council, Sustainable City Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthen the capacity of communities to develop community food growing and community garden initiatives.</li> <li>• Develop opportunities for established community groups to support those starting off.</li> <li>• Provide the tools and resources for community members to look after public spaces.</li> <li>• Seek opportunities to promote and encourage use of the natural environment around our communities.</li> </ul>	<p>Locality wide</p> <p>Torry &amp; Kincorth</p>	<p>TBC</p> <p>Nether Loirston Growers Tullos Community Garden St Fittick's Garden</p> <p>Torry Partnership Kincorth Network</p>
At least 23 organisations across all sectors in Aberdeen pledging to manage at least 10% of their land for nature by 2023 (23BY23) and at least 26% by 2026 (26BY26).	Aberdeen City Council, Sustainable City Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up footpath groups and publish maps of the routes on community website / Facebook page.</li> <li>• Develop (family) learning projects which encourage people to enjoy and appreciate the nature around them.</li> </ul>	Locality wide	<p>TBC</p> <p>Family Learning Team</p>

# WHAT'S WORKING WELL AND HOW COMMUNITIES CAN GET INVOLVED

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## What resources are currently available?

- Our community as a resource itself
- Active community groups including community councils acting as a catalyst for community action
- Short-term skills courses delivered by universities and colleges
- Small businesses and local employers

## What do we already have?

### Physical and mental wellbeing

- A lot of open space. Nature reserves, parks, beach and golf courses. Schools. Local Medical practices. Libraries. Dentist. Hotels. Hub around the church with range of classes. Community councils. Being near community centre.
- Community centres used a fair amount
- Growing communities with new people moving in
- Coastal community. Walking routes. Outdoor spaces maintained by the community. Woodlands and coastal walks.
- Community allotments owned and run by community
- Sports and leisure facilities. Excellent resource to enable people to live well and be more independent. Good for physical, mental and social aspect. Hugely missed in the past year
- Before Covid, Torry community centre. Go Green café, classes in community centre “Hadn’t realised how much social interaction meant to me
- Green space in area under threat
- Library also missed during lockdown
- Skatepark in Torry highly used.
- Opening of new community garden. Things going on, which is exciting.
- Community groups do a lot with limited resources
- Befriending scheme supporting people housebound with mental health problems
- Great work done together by organisations, volunteers and community councils
- Very rich heritage celebrated and appreciated by communities
- Active and engaging community councils in some areas
- High levels of volunteering across the locality

## Reduce number of people living in poverty. Address food poverty; fuel poverty by identifying and using local assets (community café; Community Kitchens)

- Torry will have a brand new community hub on the site of the old Academy which will create a multi-agency resource where a range of partners will work together to tackle poverty and related issues. There will be a primary school, community facilities, community café, library area, training kitchen and it’s across the road from community growing garden.

## Identify and embed opportunities to mitigate digital exclusion; improve access to online assessments and referrals.

- Community centre and libraries have great facilities for computers but sometimes under used. This may require a project worker to support the learners and at set times.
- Connecting Scotland roll out of digital devices and learning support for those most in need across our communities.
- Community magazines (online and offline) available and accessible in communities which list the many activities and initiatives in the area delivered by vibrant community organisations and groups.



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## **Identifying and maximising the use of green space; Community food growing and community garden access (inter-generational community gardens)**

- Friends of St Fittick's Park promoting the value of our greenspace
- Edible garden project with interest from community to take part as well as access to outdoor space and fresh air.
- Backyard Allotments
- Walking and footpath groups to get people walking in the area promoting routes on websites and through other means. If any safety problem with paths they discuss it with the owners and get solutions.
- People who volunteer to organise hanging baskets and planters in some areas with 'Bloom Groups' who maintain them during the year

## **How to get involved**

### **South Locality Empowerment Group**

Local Empowerment Groups (LEGs) are made up of local people interested in improving outcomes with Aberdeen City. LEGs members will use their knowledge and experiences to influence priorities and help determine solutions. There are groups for Central, North and South of Aberdeen, however they also focus on needs that may be Citywide e.g. sharing your experience as a person living with a disability.

The role of a LEG member is intended to be as flexible as possible. People can contribute in several ways including; getting involved in activities to improve your community; attending LEG sessions; through participation in surveys or on-line forums. There are no set time commitments expected and involvement can be as little or as much as suits people's circumstances.

We are currently recruiting members to ensure we have a wide representation of communities across Aberdeen. We have a range of opportunities available for people to get involved. If you would like more information please visit our website [www.aberdeencityhscp.scot/our-delivery/locality-empowerment-groups](http://www.aberdeencityhscp.scot/our-delivery/locality-empowerment-groups) or email [LocalityPlanning@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:LocalityPlanning@aberdeencity.gov.uk)

### **Priority Neighbourhood Partnership**

Torry Partnership (formerly the Locality Partnership) is a well-established and well supported partnership group within the CPA structure. We work together to achieve improvements for the area around the themes of people, place, technology and economy and to ensure it is a place where all people can prosper.

Over 50% of membership is drawn from community representatives who, along with four local Councillors, work in partnership with representatives from:-

- Local schools (Tullos, Walker Road and Lochside Academy)
- The Health and Social Care Partnership and Torry Medical Practice
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Police Scotland
- ACVO
- Big Noise Torry
- Aberdeen City Council
- GREC
- SHMU

The Partnership welcome interest from potential community representatives who wish to work in partnership to improve Torry.

To find out more about how you can get involved, please email [localityplanning@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:localityplanning@aberdeencity.gov.uk)  
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