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Appendices	1. Central Locality Plan Annual Report 2. North Locality Plan Annual Report 3. South Locality Plan Annual Report
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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the locality plan annual reports 2022-23 for approval.
- 1.2 The Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership (ACHSCP) has a statutory duty under the Public Bodies (Joint Working) Scotland Act 2014 to deliver a locality planning system. The Partnership has three locality areas in Central, North and South of the city. These localities are aligned with Community Planning Aberdeen's locality areas to better enable joint planning, delivery, and reporting.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that Committee:
 - a. Approve the 2022-23 annual reports attached as **Appendices 1,2 and 3**;
 - b. Instruct the Lead Officer to submit the 2023-24 Locality Planning Annual Reports to this Committee in September 2024;
 - c. Note that new Locality Plans would be prepared during the refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan during 2023-24 in a collaborative way with our Locality Empowerment Groups (LEGs) and Priority Neighbourhood Partnerships (PNPs); and
 - d. Note the Committee would continue to receive regular updates on locality planning through its regular Performance Report.

3. Strategic Plan Context

- 3.1. ACHSCP has a commitment within the Strategic Plan under the Caring Together strategic aim to support community empowerment, deliver Locality Plans and report on progress.

4. Summary of Key Information

- 4.1 Since 2021, Aberdeen City Council and Aberdeen City Health and Social Care Partnership have been working together to facilitate and deliver an integrated locality planning model on behalf of Community Planning Aberdeen. The approach ensures that Community Planning partners are meeting their locality planning duties in respect of both the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and the Community Empowerment



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(Scotland) Act 2015. At the same time, this joint working enables more efficient and effective working between partner staff and communities to secure better outcomes for the economy, people and place. Integrated locality planning is an innovative approach in Scotland.

- 4.2 In July 2021, Community Planning Aberdeen published Locality Plans for the North, South and Central [Localities of the City](#). This approach sees every neighbourhood in Aberdeen covered by a Locality Plan. The plans incorporate improvement activity for the whole locality and/or targeted neighbourhoods, in most cases priority neighbourhoods. Priority neighbourhoods are those areas within the North, South and Central localities which experience poorer outcomes as a result of their socio-economic status, as identified by SIMD data. These include: for the North, **Heathryfold, Middlefield, Northfield, Cummings Park and Mastrick**; for South, **Torry and Kincorth**; and for Central, **Tillydrone, Seaton, Woodside, Ashgrove, Stockethill and George Street**.
- 4.3 This report presents the draft annual reports against the locality plans for 2022-23, this is the first year since the Covid-19 pandemic was declared in March 2020 where social distancing regulations have been fully lifted and large scale community engagement events have taken place. The successful delivery and high attendance of community members and partners at the Community Gathering on 13 May 2023 and the Granite City Gathering on 24 June 2023 is evidence that there is an appetite from all community stakeholders to reengage with each other providing ACHSCP with new opportunities for widespread community engagement.

NORTH, SOUTH AND CENTRAL KEY HIGHLIGHTS 2022-23

- 4.4 The three Locality Planning Annual Reports 2022-23 attached as **Appendices 1-3** provide IJB and members of the public with an overview of progress made in the last 12 months to address priority issues, some highlights from each plan are set out against the Economy, People, and Place themes below:

Central Locality

- 4.4.1 **Economy** – Community Planning partners have made progress with a number of initiatives to help remove financial inclusion barriers which impact some of the most vulnerable people in Aberdeen City. For example, the online benefit calculator was launched in 2022 to help support more people to find out what benefits they are entitled to. This has been



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accessed 7274 times across the city during 2022-23, with 887 of those being from Central priority neighbourhoods.

- 4.4.2 **People** – Of the 68 Health Improvement Fund (HIF) projects in 2022-23, 33 HIF projects were either from bidders based in the Central Locality or aimed to support health improvement activities within Central Locality.
- 4.4.3 In 2022-23, 431 unpaid carers accessed the Quarriers Adult Carer Support Service in the Central Locality, an increase of 38.1% on the 312 unpaid carers who accessed the service during 2021-22.
- 4.4.4 In 2022, the rate of drug related hospital stays for the Central Locality was 249.6 people per 100,000 of the population, this was a slight increase on 2021's data, where the rate stood at 244.3 admissions. Central Locality was the only locality in Aberdeen City where drug related hospital stays increased between 2021-22. Central Locality continues to have the highest rate of drug related hospital stays across Aberdeen City.
- 4.4.5 **Place** – 16 new community green spaces were established in Central Locality by June 2022. 66.5% of Central Locality respondents to the City Voice survey reported being satisfied or fairly satisfied with the overall quality of green/open spaces. 70.2% of respondents from the Central priority neighbourhoods reported being satisfied or fairly satisfied with the overall quality of green/open spaces.
- 4.4.6 16.8% of Central Locality residents regularly cycle compared to 14.8% of citywide respondents. People in the Central Locality are most likely to cycle regularly in Aberdeen City.
- 4.5 **North Locality**
- 4.5.1 **Economy** - The complex landscape around child age benefits can sometimes make it difficult for families to access benefits they are entitled to. To address this, a families booklet was developed to increase awareness and uptake of these benefits such as Education Maintenance Allowance and School Clothing Grants. The booklet targeted families and provided guidance on how to claim. Across the City, 2749 families benefited financially by accessing additional benefits with 792 families in North Locality seeing an increase to their benefits.



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- 4.5.2 CFine has 928 members of the North Locality shopping at the pantry at Poynerook Rd who attend on a regular basis. The mobile food pantry also had 106 visits from residents of the North Locality during 2022-23.
- 4.5.3 92.6% of school leavers from North Locality achieved a positive destination in 2021-22, this is lower than the 96.2% of school leavers in 2020-21, and lower than the Aberdeen City average of 93.8%.
- 4.5.4 **People** - All schools in North Locality offer counselling and 100% of schools have signed up to the [Safer Scotland app](#). The app launched in 2022, is promoted widely in school newsletters and is accessible to all parents and carers. Initial feedback from parents and carers has been positive.
- 4.5.5 The Saltire Awards are the Scottish Government's way of celebrating, recognising and rewarding the commitment, contribution and achievements of volunteers aged 12-25 in Scotland. Of the 2459 Aberdeen Saltire Award recipients between December 2021- March 2023, 1155 young people were from North Locality. This is the highest number by locality area in Aberdeen City.
- 4.5.6 **Place** – Bridge of Don and Danestone were identified as areas at increased risk of flooding in Aberdeen City. This was based on historic incident data and SEPA flood modelling. Through the community led resilience project led by Aberdeen City Council and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. A pilot community resilience group in Bridge of Don was established which is made up of several local organisations, including Kings Church, Local Men's Shed, and the rotary club. The group are currently being supported to develop a community resilience plan.
- 4.6 **South Locality**
- 4.6.1 **Economy** - Supporting people into employment is a major priority for South Locality. During 2022-23, a range of employability support events targeted at people who face barriers and challenges were held, such as dedicated sessions for people over 50 years of age, people with a disability, and people living in the Torry priority neighbourhood.
- 4.6.2 As well as providing warm spaces, the Partnership have been raising awareness of the support available to households at a number of community events and training frontline staff. This promotion activity, coupled with an increase in home visits to deliver insulation and energy efficiency measures has led to South Locality households making £32,725.77 in fuel bill savings last year.



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- 4.6.3 According to the City Voice Survey carried out in 2022, 28.3% of people in the South Locality worried they would not be able to heat their home compared to 55.6% of people living in Torry and Kincorth.
- 4.6.4 **People** - Over 45,000 people were involved with, or benefitted from 36 funded initiatives within the Fairer Aberdeen Fund. 739 volunteers contributed 114,280 hours of volunteering with a value of over £2 million. 21 of the 36 Fairer Aberdeen Fund projects benefitted South Locality.
- 4.6.5 Alcohol related mortality rates in South Locality have been improving since 2019, with a rate of 13.91 per 100,000 recorded in 2021, compared to 17.31 in 2018. South Locality now has the lowest alcohol related mortality rate across Aberdeen City.
- 4.6.6 **Place** – Community Learning and Development's (CLD's) Family Learning Team have been committed to using the city's outdoor resources to benefit disadvantaged families. Within South Locality, CLD have organised multiple activities including Wellbeing walks, Holidays of Play and exploring the impact of climate change in Cullen. CLD's Family Learning Team has supported approximately 46 families in the South Locality to access outdoor learning opportunities as well as others who attended residential throughout the year.
- 4.7 Locality Empowerment Groups (LEGs) restarted on 27 April 2023, having not met since early 2022. Meetings are now held on a two monthly cycle and alternate between virtual meetings and in person meetings at a community venue. LEGs are facilitated by the Locality Planning Team and agenda items are driven by LEG members. Meetings provide an opportunity for LEG members to influence and shape LOIP project design, delivery, and evaluation and hold Community Planning Partners to account on delivery of priorities within their respective Locality Plans. LEGs also provide the Locality Planning Team and Outcome Improvement Group project managers an opportunity to involve community members in their projects to strengthen representativeness, robustness, and support for projects within communities.

NEXT STEPS

- 4.8 The Locality Planning Team will continue planning for the refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) and three Locality Plans expected to be completed by April 2024.



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- 4.9 The Locality Planning Team will ensure locality planning and community empowerment are effectively embedded into ACHSCP's new Strategic Plan which will be developed during 2024 ensuring Locality Empowerment Group (LEG) and Priority Neighbourhood Partnership (PNP) members can contribute towards evaluation, planning, and delivery of projects, with an increased focus on co-production and co-delivery.
- 4.10 Engagement between Community Planning, third sector, and community partners will continue. [Stretch Outcome 16](#) projects aim to connect, support, build capacity, and promote community activity within localities.
- 4.11 Progress reporting on locality planning will continue on a monthly basis through ACHSCP's Strategic Planning Group and through the Stretch Outcome 16.4 project group which reports to the CPA Management Group and Community Empowerment Group.

5. Implications for IJB

5.1. Equalities, Fairer Scotland and Health Inequality

This report will have a positive impact on people with protected characteristics as defined in the Equality Act (2010), and those affected by socio-economic disadvantage. The Locality Empowerment Groups and Priority Neighbourhood Partnerships (PNPs) provide an opportunity for those with protected characteristics to participate in the locality planning process and have their voice and views taken into account. Locality Planning team leads also co-project manage the Stretch Outcome 16.4 project group on community participation which aims to increase the number and diversity of Locality Empowerment Group members. This project group will deliver a citywide locality planning workshop session later in 2023 to recruit new members and design an induction programme to sustain membership. A Proportionality and Relevance Health Impact Assessment has been prepared for this report.

5.2. Financial

There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

Integration of locality planning between Aberdeen City Council and ACHSCP, along with the creation of an integrated Locality Planning Team in February 2023 has enabled the ACHSCP Public Health Team and Community Learning and Development to share workload and resources which has cut



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down on duplication of effort, led to a more efficient delivery of locality planning, and freed up officer time to focus on other strategic priorities.

5.3. Workforce

There are no direct workforce implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.4. Legal

ACHSCP has a statutory duty under s29(3) of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) Scotland Act 2014 to deliver a locality planning system. ACHSCP is currently fulfilling its statutory obligations as it has three locality areas across Aberdeen City.

5.5. Unpaid Carers

The annual reports for all three of our localities have reported an increase in the number of unpaid carers accessing support over the previous year. The annual reports have a positive impact on unpaid carers as they help to promote the invaluable work they do to support our health and social care colleagues. Each report also sets out where unpaid carers can access dedicated services and support.

5.6. Information Governance

There are no direct information governance implications arising from the recommendations.

5.7. Environmental Impacts

There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.8. Sustainability

There are no direct sustainability implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5.9. Other

As integrated locality planning arrangements are in place with Community Planning Aberdeen, the annual reports were also reported to the



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Community Planning Management Group on 9 August 2023 and to the Community Planning Aberdeen Board on 6 September 2023. The annual reports will be presented to Full Council on 11 October 2023.

6. Management of Risk

6.1. Identified risks

6.1.1 During volunteer week in April 2023, ACVO found significant barriers which prevent people from volunteering in the community. Survey respondents reported work commitments, cost of living challenges, childcare and/or caring responsibilities, and other work, family, or leisure commitments were the most common reasons why they were unable to support a community group.

Likelihood of occurrence – High

Impact if the risk does occur - Medium

6.1.2 This is a known risk and being mitigated through the Locality Planning Team's ongoing community outreach and engagement programme and through citywide events such as the Community Gathering and Granite City Gathering. Community Planning Aberdeen have also recently published its Community Empowerment Strategy with the creation of Stretch Outcome 16 and its seven dedicated Improvement projects to deliver the Strategy. Improvement Project 16.4 aims to increase community participation in locality planning and monthly reports are presented to the Community Empowerment Group. Locality Planning updates are also a standing item on ACHSCP's Strategic Planning Group which is attended by LEG members from across our three locality areas.

6.2. Link to risks on strategic or operational risk register:

6.2.1 This links to Risk 6 on the **Strategic Risk Register**:

Cause: Need to involve lived experience in service delivery and design as per Integration Principles

Event: IJB fails to maximise the opportunities created for engaging with our communities

Consequences: Services are not tailored to individual needs; reputational damage; and IJB does not meet strategic aims



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- 6.2.2 The Locality Planning Team has been put in place to facilitate LEG and PNP meetings and to support delivery of the three Locality Plans. Performance updates are reported to this Committee, the Strategic Planning Group, and the Community Empowerment Group on a cyclical basis.
- 6.2.3 LEG and PNP meetings are held on a 6-8 weekly cycle and the Stretch Outcome 16.4 project group is tasked with increasing the number and diversity of LEG members which will help ACHSCP meet its delivery plan obligations and statutory duties to deliver a locality planning system.
- 6.2.4 LEG and PNP members, in addition to Outcome Improvement Groups and locality based services were fully consulted on the annual reports and had the opportunity suggest changes for improvement.
- 6.2.5 The end of social distancing regulations following the Covid-19 pandemic provides the Locality Planning Team with more options to engage with our communities as we can now host large scale public events such as the Community Gathering and Granite City Gathering, in addition to in-person LEG and PNP meetings to complement the ongoing virtual meetings and workshops. These measures help to mitigate the risk of ACHSCP not maximising opportunities to engage with our communities and to involve them in locality planning and service delivery.