

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Full Council
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EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Aberdeen City Population Needs Assessment 2023
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	24.1

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents the 2023 Population Needs Assessment (PNA) for Aberdeen City. The PNA is a key source of evidence which informs the key priorities for Community Planning Aberdeen and Aberdeen City Council and provides an updated evidence base for the next refresh of the 2016 Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That Council :-

- 2.1 note the Population Needs Assessment 2023 as contained at appendix 1.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 In 2021, Community Planning Aberdeen published a Population Needs Assessment to provide a comprehensive picture of Aberdeen City as seen through a broad range of data sets. The document was used as the evidence base for identifying the shared priorities for public services in Aberdeen and updating the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2016-26 and Locality Plans (2021-26) approved in July 2021.
- 3.2 The revised Population Needs Assessment (PNA) for 2023 provides an updated evidence base for the next refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans due in April 2024. The document provides an overview of the situation at this point in time which the Community Planning Partnership's Outcome Improvement Groups will now use to consider whether the priorities within the LOIP and Locality Plans remain relevant and focussed on addressing the City's areas of greatest need. The data sets included in the PNA are monitored on an ongoing basis through our online [Outcomes Framework](#) and any new data released between now and April will be flagged and also considered as part of the LOIP and Locality Plan refresh process. For example, this document includes Scotland's Census 2022 rounded population estimates published on 14 September 2023 but further data is scheduled to be released in spring 2024.

3.3 As in previous years, the Population Needs Assessment (PNA) has been aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs recognise that ending poverty must go hand in hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality and support economic growth in a way which does not compromise the climate and nature. These are issues at the core of our Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

3.4 A new addition to the Population Needs Assessment (PNA) for 2023 is the inclusion of a population health commentary, provided by colleagues from Public Health, NHS Grampian. This commentary provides a helpful summary of the PNA findings, drawing out key points and issues to be considered fully as part of the LOIP refresh process.

3.5 The Population Needs Assessment (PNA) is a key source of data for all community planning partners to utilise in their own organisations to inform their individual strategic plans. This includes the Council’s Corporate Delivery Plan.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendation of this report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

7. RISK

Category	Risk	Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)	Mitigation
Strategic Risk			
Compliance			
Operational			
Financial			
Reputational	There is a risk that the Population Needs Assessment does not accurately reflect the needs of the population which may	L	Colleagues across the Community Planning Partnership have contributed to the development of this Population Needs

	have a negative impact on the public's perception of the Council and Partnership working.		Assessment. It has been signed off by the Community Planning Partnership Outcome Improvement Groups and CPA Management Group as an accurate reflection of needs across the City based on the data currently available.
Environment / Climate			

8. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN</u>	
Impact of Report	
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement	The Population Needs Assessment is a key source of evidence to understand the needs of the population and informs the key priorities for Community Planning Aberdeen and Aberdeen City Council.
Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	The revised Population Needs Assessment provides an updated evidence base for the refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and potential identification of new priorities under this theme.
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	The revised Population Needs Assessment provides an updated evidence base for the refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and potential identification of new priorities under this theme.
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	The revised Population Needs Assessment provides an updated evidence base for the refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and potential identification of new priorities under this theme.
Regional and City Strategies	
	The revised Population Needs Assessment provides an updated evidence base for the refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and can be utilised by Partners when reviewing regional and city strategies.
UK and Scottish Legislative and Policy Programmes	
	The revised Population Needs Assessment provides an updated evidence base for the refresh of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and aligns to the requirements placed upon the Partnership by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 ("CEA").

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Integrated Impact Assessment	Stage 1 Assessment has been completed.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required
Other	N/A

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Aberdeen City Population Needs Assessment 2021

10.2 Online Outcomes Framework

<https://communityplanningaberdeen.org.uk/outcomesframework/>

11. APPENDICES

11.1 Appendix 1 PNA 2023

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