

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE</b>	1.1 and 1.10

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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents the draft Locality Plans for North, South, and Central 2026-36 for the Committee's feedback as part of the consultation which ends on 20 March 2026. The final plans are to be considered by the Community Planning Aberdeen Board on 11 June 2026.

### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:-

- 2.1 Consider and provide feedback on the three draft Locality Plans 2026-36 presented as Appendix 1, Appendix 2, and Appendix 3; and
- 2.2 Consider the draft Locality Plans for North, South, and Central 2026-36 in conjunction with the draft Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) 2026-36 (Item 9.2) which connects the Locality Plans with citywide system changes and improvement aims.

### 3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 states that in preparing and publishing the LOIP and Locality Plans, we must take into account the needs and circumstances of people residing in Aberdeen and consult as it considers appropriate. This report presents revised Locality Plans for 2026-36 which will replace the current Locality Plans 2021-26.

- 3.2 Between 24 March to 18 May 2025, the Your Place, Your Plans, Your Future public engagement was held to support the evidence base for the development of Locality Plans. The engagement included a combination of the following:
- An online survey for adults
  - An online survey designed for children and young people
  - Six locality events, with specific activities designed by the Aberdeen Youth Movement and Aberdeen Ambassadors for children and young people
  - An outreach programme where, with the support of third sector partners, we went to 98 groups/schools/locations across Aberdeen.
- 3.3 A total of 2087 people participated, a 344% increase since our Place Standard engagement as part of the refreshed Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans in 2023.
- 3.4 Since the Your Place, Your Plans, Your Future engagement programme in March 2025, Community Planning Aberdeen partners have been working together to host Community Idea Workshops across the city. These workshops brought people together to share ideas to help improve local areas. We've focused on actions we can take together, whether that's building skills and confidence, working in partnership, or finding extra funding. At the heart of this work is a commitment to trust, community ownership, and making sure everyone feels a strong sense of identity and belonging. By listening to lived experiences and using local data, we're supporting communities to shape the future in ways that matter most to them.
- 3.5 The Locality Planning Team prepared a Learning Journey for each for our Locality areas in November 2025 which outlined the emerging priorities and community ideas for improvement which was presented to the Community Planning Board on 19 November 2025.
- 3.6 The Locality Planning Team hosted community engagement sessions in each of our three localities during November 2025 to ask community members to prioritise which ideas they wanted most to be included in our Locality Plans.
- 3.7 Following these events, the Locality Planning Team undertook a prioritisation exercise to assess which ideas would be taken forward into the new Locality Plans. Each idea was assessed using the criteria below:
1. Is the idea similar to another idea, and could be combined?
  2. Would the idea deliver one of the Locality Plan's priority outcomes?
  3. Would it be supported by the local community?
  4. Would it be supported by the Community Planning Partnership?
  5. Does the idea align with a broader system idea within the new 10 year LOIP?
  6. Does the Locality Planning Team have a lead partner from the Community Planning Partnership, the third sector, or our communities we could work with to deliver the idea?
  7. Is the community idea deliverable using existing resources?

#### **4. DRAFT LOCALITY PLANS 2026-36**

- 4.1 The new Locality Plans are structured around the social determinants of health to align with Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2026-36 and other local strategies. See Appendices 1,2, and 3 for the North, South and Central Locality Plans.
- 4.2 Actions within Locality Plans focus on both our Priority Neighborhoods and communities within the wider Locality. This aligns with Marmot principles on Proportionate Universalism and takes into account feedback from community members that previous Locality Plans did not have specific actions for non-priority neighborhoods. Test areas were assigned based on community feedback, a willingness from a community partner to work with us to deliver an action, or based on evidence from a data source such as our Population Needs Assessment.
- 4.3 Aberdeen City has been awarded funding through the Pride in Place programme to focus on North Locality Priority Neighbourhoods of Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield, Northfield, and Mastrick. The programme reflects and complements the priorities of the North Locality Plan and provides a potential mechanism to support related activity.
- 4.4 The Locality Plans are short, concise, and use plain English. This reflects feedback we have received from community members.
- 4.5 Asset Walls have been included in all three Locality Plans to set out the assets and resources community members have identified within their neighborhoods which make a positive contribution to the community's social determinants of health. The intention is for each Asset Wall to be uploaded onto the Communities page of the Community Planning website and be updated as more assets are identified. This will hopefully embed the concept of an asset based approach and continue to build momentum for greater community empowerment within our localities.

#### **5 NEXT STEPS**

- 5.1 Finalisation of the three Locality Plans 2026-36 will run parallel with the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2026-36 as per the steps below.

<b>16 February-20 March 2026</b>	Public Consultation of Draft Locality Plans alongside draft Locality Plans 2026-36
<b>April 2026</b>	Final amendments made based on feedback from public consultation
<b>May 2026</b>	Submission of final Locality Plans to Locality Empowerment Groups and Priority Neighbourhood Partnerships
<b>11 June 2026</b>	Final Local Outcome Improvement Plan submitted to Community Planning Aberdeen Board for approval
<b>30 June 2026</b>	Final North, South and Central Locality Plans submitted to Integration Joint Board for endorsement

<b>1 July 2026</b>	Final Local Outcome Improvement Plan submitted to Council for endorsement
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5.2 The new Locality Plans are rolling ten-year plans which, once approved, will be reviewed annually as part of the annual reporting process and fully refreshed every 5 years.

## 6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no immediate financial implications involved in the delivery of Locality Plans. Any financial implications from investment in scale up and spread of improvement activity will be included with future proposals.

## 7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The draft Locality Plans 2026-36 have been developed in line with the requirements of the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014 and the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

7.2 The draft Locality Plans 2026-36 also support the Council to meet its duties under the Fairer Scotland Duty (Part 1 of the Equality Act 2010).

## 8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 The draft Locality Plans alignment with the five Social Determinants of Health, particularly the Neighbourhood and Environment determinant will have positive environmental implications. All three Locality Plans are linked to system changes and improvement aims which will help the Council to work towards the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

## 9. RISK

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H)  *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
<b>Strategic Risk</b>	There is a risk of the sustainability of LOIP stretch outcomes impacting on Locality Plans	The draft Locality Plans are closely aligned with the draft LOIP 2026-36 and sustainability of stretch outcomes and system changes would have an impact on delivery of Locality Plans. The Community Planning Aberdeen Outcome Management and	L	<b>Yes</b>

		<p>Improvement Framework sets out how Community Planning Aberdeen ensures effective, systematic and collaborative scrutiny of progress towards the achievement of outcomes within the Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2026-36. Community Planning Aberdeen also needs to meet its statutory duties in relation to public outcome reporting. The Community Planning Aberdeen Annual Outcome Improvement Report and Locality Planning Annual Performance Reports provide an annual opportunity to review overall progress. Reporting arrangements should ensure that any issues are identified and addressed in advance of annual report.</p>		
<b>Compliance</b>	<p>Compliance with Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014; and Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015</p>	<p>Draft Locality Plans 2026-36 have been developed in compliance with the requirements of both Acts.</p>	L	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Operational</b>	<p>Staff have the skills and knowledge, and capacity to support delivery of Locality Plans</p>	<p>An integrated Locality Planning Team was set up in 2023 comprising officers from ACHSCP and Aberdeen City Council to jointly deliver Locality Plans and make best use of limited resource. The integrated team provides more capacity and broader skills to effectively deliver Locality Plans.</p>	L	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Financial</b>	<p>The Council alone is unable to resource the</p>	<p>By working in Partnership the Council is able to maximise the use of resources. The Locality</p>	L	<b>Yes</b>

	improvement activity required to deliver the priorities within the draft Locality Plans 2026-2036	Planning Team will work closely with Community Planning partners, third sector partners, faith groups, the private sectors, and community groups to jointly deliver the Locality Plans.		
<b>Reputational</b>	That the draft Local Outcome Improvement Plan 2026-2036 priorities do not cover all areas of potential improvement which may have a negative impact on the public's perception of the Council and Partnership working.	Following extensive and broad community engagement from March 2025 to the present day, proposed actions within the Locality Plans were derived from community ideas and informed by our data and what our communities were telling us needed to improve. A communication plan covering the new LOIP and Locality Plans will be put in place.	L	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Environment / Climate</b>	No significant risks identified			<b>Yes</b>

## 10. OUTCOMES

<b>Council Delivery Plan 2024</b>	
<b>Impact of Report</b>	
<b>Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement</b>  <a href="#"><u>Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</u></a>	The Community Planning Aberdeen Board recommends that the Council's strategies/delivery plan are reviewed to ensure alignment with the new Local Outcome Improvement Plan and associated Locality Plans 2026-36.
<a href="#"><u>Local Outcome Improvement Plan</u></a>	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	The draft Locality Plans 2026-36 are aligned to the Social Determinants of Health and will support achievement of proposed Stretch Outcomes: <b>2</b> "Reduce to 3% the proportion of people aged 16 and above in Scottish index of Multiple Deprivation 1 that are not in employment by 2036,

	<p><b>3</b> “Reduce the proportion of people living in relative poverty by 6.5% by 2036”.</p> <p>The improvement aims and system changes aligned to each of the above Stretch Outcomes support achieving a Prosperous Economy.</p>
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	<p>The draft Locality Plans 2026-36 are aligned to the Social Determinants of Health and will support achievement of proposed Stretch Outcomes:</p> <p><b>1</b> “95% of young people in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 1 and vulnerable groups achieve a positive destination on leaving school by 2036.”</p> <p><b>3</b> “Reduce the proportion of people living in relative poverty by 6.5% by 2036”.</p> <p><b>5</b> “Increase Healthy Life Expectancy by at least 2 years by 2036 and reduce gap in Life Expectancy between the most and least deprived areas by 20% by 2036.”</p> <p>The improvement aims and system changes aligned to each of the above Stretch Outcomes support achieving Prosperous People.</p>
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	<p>The draft Locality Plans 2026-36 are aligned to the Social Determinants of Health and will support achievement of proposed Stretch Outcomes:</p> <p><b>2</b> “Reduce to 3% the proportion of people aged 16 and above in Scottish index of Multiple Deprivation 1 that are not in employment by 2036,</p> <p><b>3</b> “Reduce the proportion of people living in relative poverty by 6.5% by 2036”.</p> <p>The improvement aims and system changes aligned to each of the above Stretch Outcomes support achieving a Prosperous Place.</p>
<b>Regional and City Strategies</b>	<p>The draft Locality Plans are designed to align with regional and city strategies and the Locality Planning Team are currently engaging with key partners to formalise these links.</p>

## 11. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
<b>Integrated Impact Assessment</b>	Integrated Impact Assessment completed and submitted.
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>	Not required
<b>Other</b>	N/A

## 12. BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Refreshed Locality Plans 2016-26](#)

### 13. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Draft North Locality Plan  
Appendix 2 – Draft South Locality Plan  
Appendix 3 - Draft Central Locality Plan

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