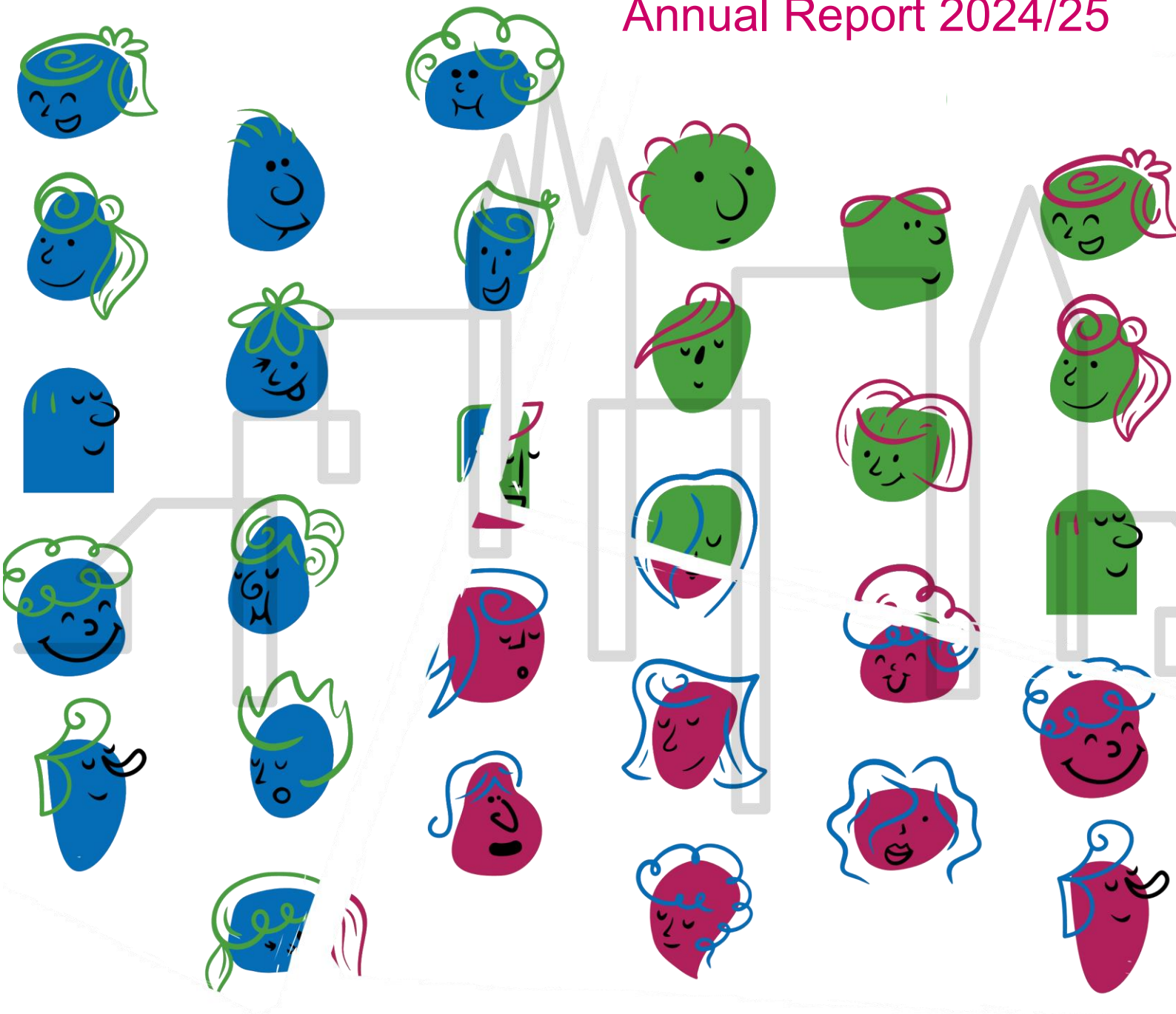


Aberdeen City's Local Outcome Improvement Plan Children and Young People's Version

2016-2026

Annual Report 2024/25



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ABERDEEN'S LOCAL OUTCOME IMPROVEMENT PLAN ANNUAL REPORT



This is a summary for children and young people to show what Community Planning Aberdeen has achieved over 2024/25 and our priorities for next year.

If you want to look at our full Plan you can view is here
[Local Outcome Improvement Plan](#)



Who are Community Planning Aberdeen?

Community Planning Aberdeen is made up of people from organisations and services that support people across Aberdeen.



Community Planning Aberdeen Board, is the name of the group of organisations who are responsible for making sure we stick to this Plan and we will review our progress every year to make sure we are doing everything we need to for all people of Aberdeen.



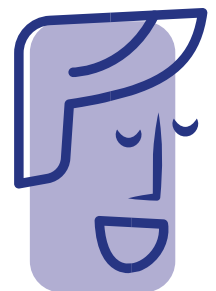
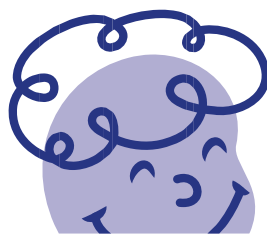
Put into action the local outcome improvement plan – our priorities for improving Aberdeen – we have 16 priorities for how we are proposing to do this. They cover four themes: Economy, People, Place and Community Empowerment with 98 projects identified to help achieve our priorities.



Make sure that all people in Aberdeen can realise their full potential



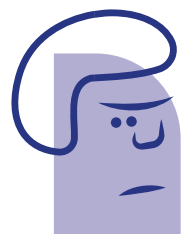
Make sure services work together for the benefit of all people in Aberdeen



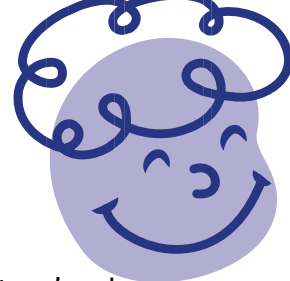
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Members of the Community Planning Aberdeen Board include people from Aberdeen City Council, NHS Grampian, Aberdeen Health and Social Care Partnership, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue, North East College, Third Sector. Our logos are below:



Our top 16 priorities in the plan



The Plan says that Community Planning Aberdeen want to do 16 things. This report shows what we've done to achieve these:

Economy	People	Place	Community Empowerment
1. Make sure that people feel they have enough to eat and can heat their homes 2. Help more people to find jobs	3. Make sure babies and children (0-5 years) have the best start in life 4. Improve Child Mental Health 5. Support Care Experienced Young People 6. Ensure Positive Destinations for all Young People 7. Reduce Youth Offending 8. Support children and young people with Additional Support Needs 9. Reduce Adults Re-offending 10. Improve Healthy Life Expectancy 11. Reduce Alcohol and Drug Deaths 12. Reduce Homelessness	13. Tackle Climate Change 14. Increase walking and cycle and reduce car use 15. Improve the Built and Natural Environment	16. Increase Community Empowerment

Our Economy



There are two priorities in the economy section of the Plan, with 13 projects. The intent behind them is to reduce the number of people experiencing poverty and to support employment opportunities for all people in Aberdeen.

Priority 1: Make sure people feel they have enough to eat and can heat their homes

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

More and more families find it hard to pay for bills, heat their houses and pay for their shopping. We want to support families to reduce their bills and increase the money they have.

What have we done this year?

What we've done:

- Increased the number of houses that can stay warm and cost less to heat
- Increase the number of people who have access to food
- Helped more people to get money to pay their bills

What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Make sure more people know where to get help to pay their bills
- Make it easier for people to get the money they are entitled to



Priority 2: Help more people to find jobs

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

There is a bigger number of people who don't currently have a job in Aberdeen than there were before COVID-19 and we want to make sure we do the best we can to help them find a job.

What have we done this year?

What we've done:

- Helped over 600 people of the age 50 to get a job
- Encouraged more businesses to pay their staff more money
- Taught more people to use computers for their work

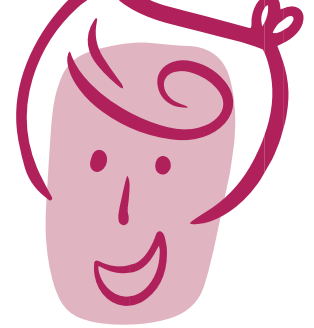
What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Make more opportunities for people to volunteer
- Help more people to get a permanent job
- Help make applying for a job easier



Our Children and Young People



This section of the Plan is all about making sure that every child and young person in Aberdeen can achieve your goals. In total, there are six priorities for children and young people, with 32 projects.

Priority 3: Make sure babies and children between 0-5 years old have the best start in life possible

Why are the Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

All children have a right to life, good food and the right to grow up healthy. We know that these early years are really important in making sure a child is healthy and has good relationships when they grow up.

What have we done this year?

What we've done:

- Helped more families get food for their babies
- Made sure that more families who have trouble with drugs and alcohol get early access to help
- Added more activity sessions for parents, babies and toddlers

What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Make sure we can find and support children whose families need our help
- Look at how we can reduce the number of children who have unhealthy weight
- Find out why more and more children in Aberdeen have asthma



Priority 4: Improve the mental health and wellbeing of children and families

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

Every child has the right to the best possible health. We want all children to grow up healthy, loved and respected so they can achieve their full potential.

What have we done this year?

What we've done:

- Helped more and more young people to feel confident to approach adults if they need help
- Increased the number of community and school holiday activities for children and young people to help them feel safe and involved in their community



What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Learn more about what support for mental health is available for children and young people and provide more where we can
- Help young people who have been in care to get better access to health and wellbeing support
- Create more activities and youth groups in our communities

Priority 5: Children and young people with care experience have the same levels of education, health and emotional wellbeing and opportunities as their peers

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

Every child has the right to protection, participation, and development. As Corporate Parents we want the same outcomes for our children and young people with care experience as any good parent would want for their own children. We want to improve the futures of our children and young people and ensure they have the love, security and chances every child should have.

What have we done this year?

We've done:

- Helped young people who have been in Care to be confident parents
- Made sure more young people leaving care to get houses, jobs and support
- Taught our staff across all organisations to better understand the needs of children and young people in care
- Provided extra career support and advice to young people in care



What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Help more young people in care to remain with their family
- Support more families to stop their children from having to be taken into care
- Use the feedback from those that have experienced care to make our services better



Priority 6: Improve how well our children and young people do in school and that they have positive options for when they leave school

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

Every child has the right to an education and schools play a key role in supporting families in their communities, providing important places, opportunities and relationships for children and young people. We value the educational progress of all of our children and young people.

What have we done this year?

What we've done:

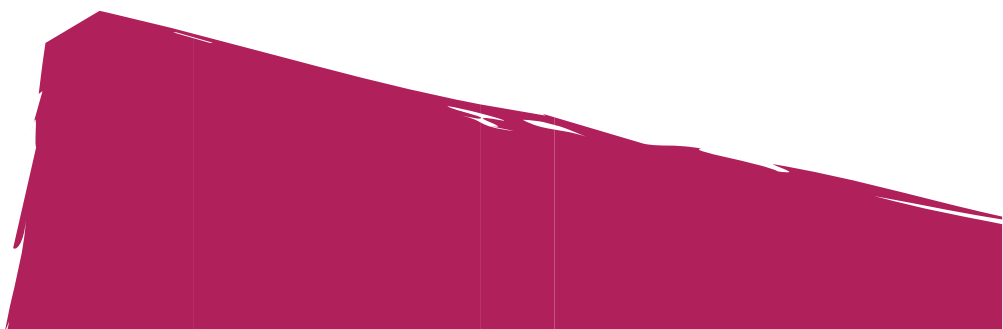
- Helped more young people complete National Qualification Awards
- Increased the number of young people who have taken digital and technology courses
- Helped more young people into healthcare courses



What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Offer more subjects and courses in our secondary schools
- Support more young people to sign up to digital and technology courses
- Work on improving attendance in schools



Priority 7: Reduce the number of young people coming into conflict with the law

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

Children who come into conflict with the law have the right to be treated with respect and in a way that takes into account of their age. We know our children and young people with care experience are more likely to get into conflict with the law than their peers. We want to have a better, rights-based approach to youth justice.

What have we done this year?

What we've done:

- Reduced the number of young people coming into Court
- Reduced the amount of anti-social behavior by young people in the community
- Helped make sure our Looked After Children don't go missing from children's homes



What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Work to reduce the number of young people in Care who commit crime
- Make more activities in the community for Children and young people to participate

Priority 8: Increase the number of children and young people with additional support needs or a disability who leave school and go on to college/university, employment, training, personal skills development, or voluntary work

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

Every child has a right to an education and to be treated with respect. We want to make sure that all of our children and young people are protected from harm and have access to support and opportunities that help them thrive.

What have we done this year?

What we've done:

- Helped more young people with additional support needs to remain in school
- Helped children with autism and their families to get more support
- Increased the number of young people who look after family members that we can support

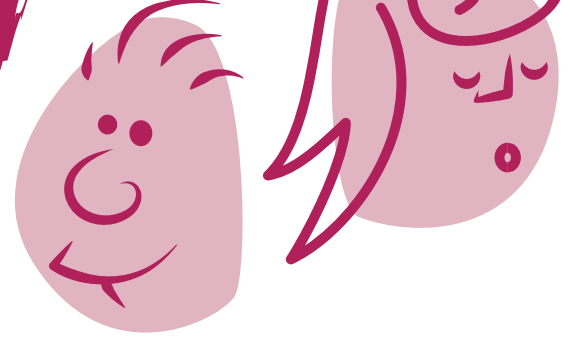


What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Increase the number of families who know about the support available for children and young people with additional support needs and disabilities in the community
- Work to support more children with autism whilst they wait to be seen by mental health services
- Provide more support and work experience opportunities for children with disabilities and additional support needs

Our Adults



This section of the Plan is all about making sure that every adult in Aberdeen can live a healthy life. In total, there are four priorities, with 35 projects to help us achieve them.

Priority 9: Reduce the number of adults who re-offend and support them to not do this again.

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

People who come into conflict with the law often have a number of needs that require support. Many may have had a difficult time as a child, live in poverty or have had negative experiences. We want to make sure that people who have offended are supported with their various needs and do not re-offend.

What have we done this year?

What we've done:

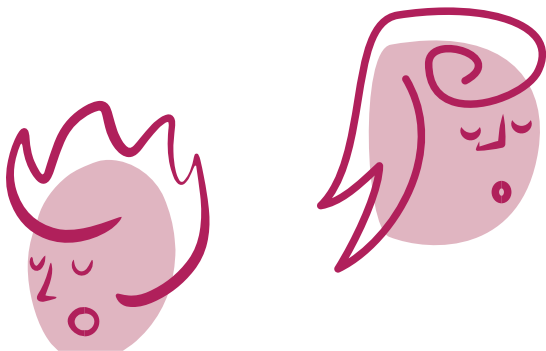
- Supported people leaving prison to get back into work
- Provided ways for vulnerable people to have their needs identified when they come into police custody
- Helped provide support to people who leave prison to make sure they don't commit crime again
- Helped make sure that people feel more confident in seeing and acting on signs of violence at home and in the community
- Reduced crime in our communities to make people feel safe



What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Increase the number of people we are supporting into work and have a place to live when they leave prison
- Trying new ways to reduce the number of adults who commit crime in the community
- Help make sure that people feel more confident in seeing and acting on signs of violence at home and in the community



Priority 10: Improve the health of people in Aberdeen so that they can live longer lives

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

Everybody should have the opportunity to live a long and healthy life. We want to make sure that all people have best possible support for and access to services that mental and physical health needs.

What have we been doing this year?

What we've done:

- Helped people who experiencing long term pain to have a better quality of life
- Tested more people for signs of cancer
- Helped more pregnant women to quit smoking
- Supported people over the age of 50 to stay well and active
- Supported people with low money to improve their physical health and weight
- Identified people who are caring for their family and supported them
- Reduced the number of young people vaping



What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Look at new ways to improve people's mental health
- Working to give people more support to lose weight and improve their physical health
- Provide more access to health support in the community

Priority 11: Reduce the number of people who die from drug or alcohol use

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

The number of deaths from drugs and alcohol in Scotland remains high, we want to make sure those at risk in Aberdeen are well supported to stop using them.

What have we been doing this year?

What we've done:

- Worked with young people to produce a social media campaign telling people why they shouldn't take drugs
- Increased awareness of what can happen if people take drugs
- Helped to reduce the number of people we think have died because of drugs
- Helped people recovering from alcohol and drug use to gain a job

What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Train more staff on how to support people who drink too much alcohol and use drugs
- Find new ways to increase number of people who use drugs and alcohol being supported to stop
- Work with schools to raise awareness of the dangers of substance use with pupils



Priority 12: Reducing anyone in Aberdeen from being or becoming homeless

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

Everybody should be able to have a place to call home, no one should have to live on the street. People can become homeless for many reasons, and once they become homeless it can be a very hard situation to get out of. We want to help those who have become homeless or at risk of being homeless.

What have we been doing this year?

What we've done:

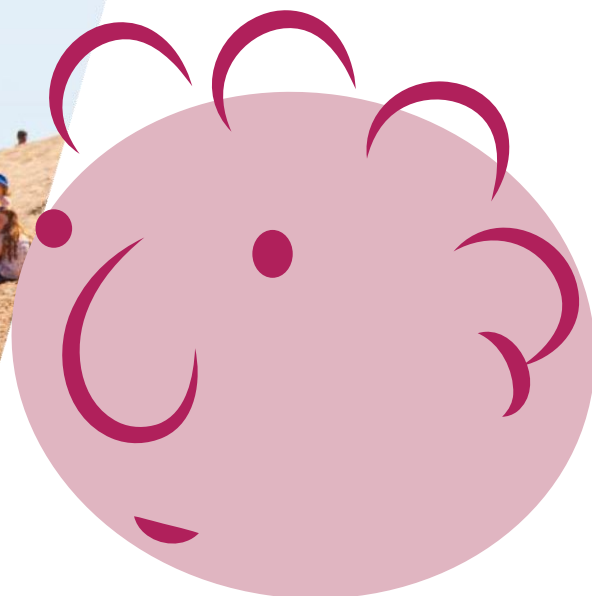
- Helped people who could or have become homeless to get jobs
- Looked at ways to make empty houses available to those people who don't have homes
- Looked at how to speed up the time between when someone tells us they might become homeless and them actually getting support



What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Work with businesses to create even more job opportunities for homeless people
- Find new ways stop people becoming homeless in the first place
- Looking at ways to provide more accommodation for people



Our Place



The section in the Plan is about how we can improve the place of Aberdeen. The quality of the place we live in can impact how people can live healthy lives. There are three priorities in this section and they focus on reducing carbon emissions in the city, increasing the number of people walking and cycling and having well cared for buildings and open space, with 12 projects to achieve this.

Priority 13: Tackling climate change by reducing the pollution levels we are creating in Aberdeen

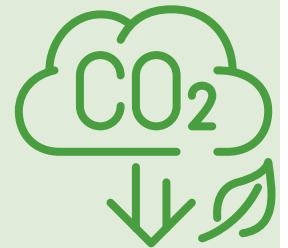
Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

We need to make sure we do our bit to improve the environment for our children and their children. In each community we need to work together to recycle, make less pollution and keep our outdoors, nice places to use.

What have we been doing this year?

What we've done:

- Reduced the amount of CO₂ produced by our organisations
- Helped people in the community know what to do in extreme weather conditions like storms and heavy snow
- Made sure less people are injured due to icy weather



What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Work with schools to show pupils how to grow food and deal with food waste
- Make sure more people and communities are better able to deal with severe weather like storms, heavy snow and flooding

Priority 14: Increasing walking and cycling and reducing the amount of travelling people do by car

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

We use so many cars that it is one of the biggest reasons for pollution in our environment. To tackle we this we want to encourage people to use cleaner ways to travel.

What have we been doing this year?

What we've done:

- We've set up new cycle hubs to help people do more walking and cycling
- Worked with schools to encourage more pupils to bike or walk to school
- Found ways to make sure that children and young people with disabilities also get the chance to cycle



What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Increase the amount of services we offer local communities in our libraries so people don't have to travel far to get support
- Test ways to make our streets safer for children and parents to walk in

Priority 15: Making sure our outdoor spaces like parks, gardens, playing fields woods, streets and buildings are well cared for

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

Spending time outdoors is really important for mental and physical wellbeing. It is also a really important way we can make sure our environment stays clean, without pollution for years to come.

What have we done this year?

What we've done:

- Helped people who go to the doctor because they feel unhappy, to enjoy nature
- Given money to communities to improve their greenspaces



What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Make travel tours to like a minibeast safari and night time moth spotting trail paces in our communities, to make it safer for them
- Look at new ways to improve the greenspaces we have to encourage more people to use them

Having Your Say



The section in the Plan is about how we can empower everyone to get participate and have their say. The priority focuses on increasing the number of people who are sharing their view and informing the decisions that affect them, with 6 projects to achieve this.

Priority 16: Making sure everyone in Aberdeen, including children and young people can be involved in decisions that affect them

Why are Community Planning Aberdeen concerned about this?

We want to make sure that everyone has a chance to have their say on anything that we do that will affect them. To make sure that anyone can be involved in our projects our plan. And that they feel that they are involved.

What have we done this year?

What we've done:

- Made sure that all our projects that can involve children and young people, do
- Increased the number of people that are involved in our work
- Created a new toolkit to make staff and communities know how to work together and make sure people's views are taken into account when we write our plans or make changes in the community

What are we going to do next?

We are going to:

- Make sure that our communities, children and young people's views help inform our plan for 2026-36 and improve how we gather feedback
- Find new ways to use people's stories of living in particular situations help improve services
- Work with children and young people to find new ways to make sure children and young people can be involved in decision making

Ways to Get Involved



There are many ways you can get involved in Community Planning Aberdeen and to make things better.

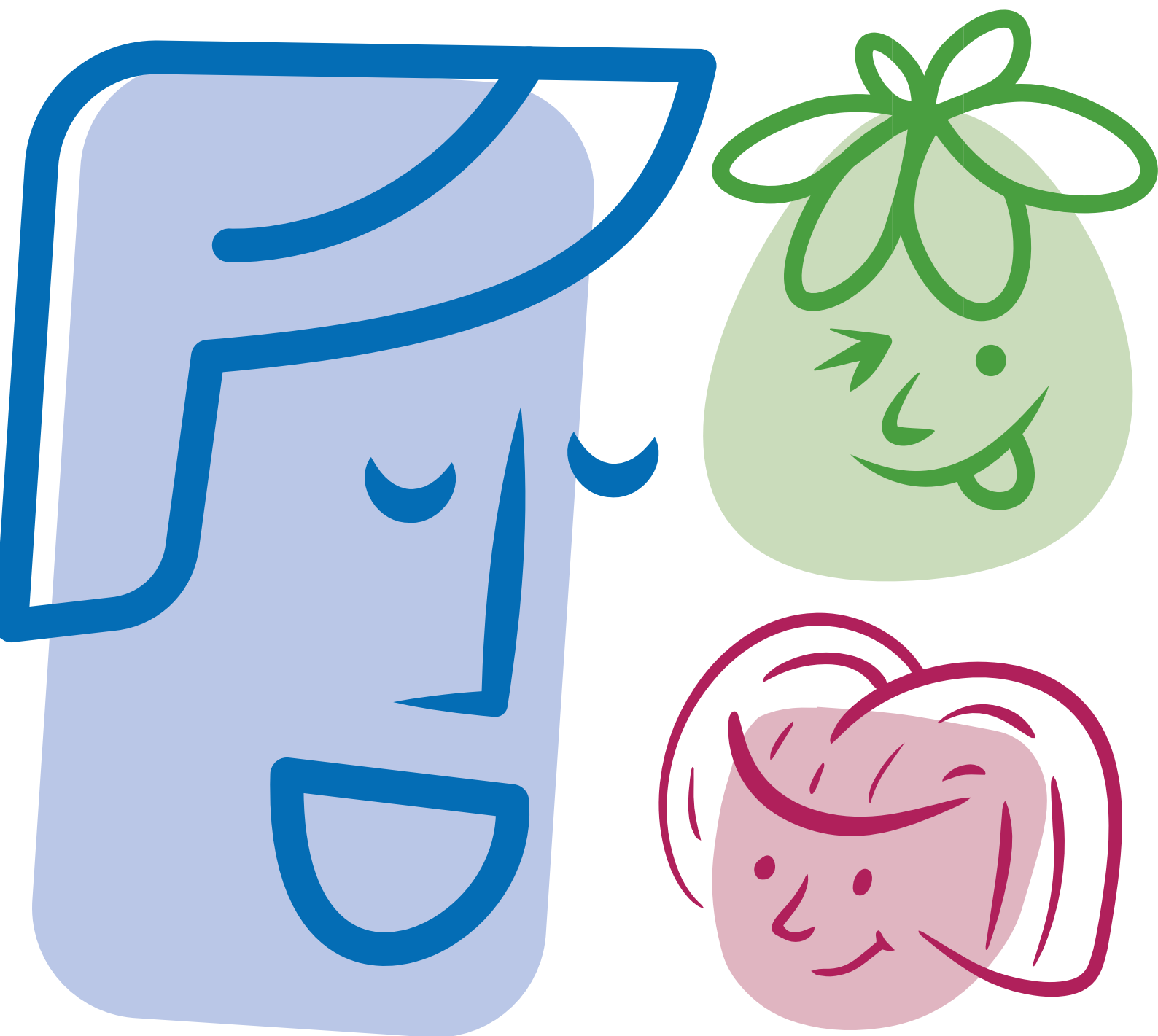
Find out more about the different ways you can get involved at [Calling All Young People - Your Voices Matter! - Community Planning Aberdeen](#)



Glossary of Terms



Term	Meaning
Community Planning Partnership	Community Planning Aberdeen is the name for your local partnership of public, private and third sector organisations and communities all working together to improve people's lives across Aberdeen City.
Care Experience	<p>'Child/ Young person/ Person with Care Experience' is the preferred terminology identified by those with experience of the care system as it is inclusive of those who may no longer be 'looked after' but still require our scaffold of support to thrive.</p> <p>This term includes those currently looked after and those who have been looked after at any time in their life, no matter how short, including adopted children who were previously looked after.</p>
Getting It Right For Every Child	The Getting it right for every child approach, also known as GIRFEC, supports children and young people so that they can grow up with all the help they and their families need.
Independent Care Review	The Care Review heard that Scotland needs to change how it cares for children.
Law	A set of rules telling people what to do or not to do. If they do not follow these rules, they can be punished.
Local Outcome Improvement Plan	Community Planning Aberdeen's plan for improvement across the city.
Participation	Children and young people have the right to say how they feel, be listened to and taken seriously.
The Promise	The Promise to care experienced children and young people, from the care review, is that they will grow up loved, safe and respected. A child-friendly version of The Promise is available here.
Strategy	A plan.
Wellbeing	Being comfortable, healthy, or happy.



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