

Agenda

Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Board

Date: Thursday, 16 May 2019

Time: 10:00

Venue: Civic Space,
Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton

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Dear Member

Please attend a meeting of the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Board as detailed above. The business is shown on the attached agenda. **Please note the time and venue of the meeting.**

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive

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Councillor John Mooney
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Councillor Martin Rooney [substitute]
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Ms Joyce White, Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council
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West Dunbartonshire Council
Ms Beth Culshaw, Chief Officer of West Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care
Partnership
Mr Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment & Growth, West
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Ms Laura Mason, Chief Education Officer, West Dunbartonshire Council
Mr Malcolm Bennie, Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture and Communities
Ms Amanda Coulthard, Performance & Strategy Manager, West
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Ms Margaret McGuire, Nursing Director, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Ms Carol Dutch, District Manager, Jobcentre Plus
Mr James Russell, Acting Director of Operations, Skills Development Scotland
Mr Paul Devlin, Group Commander – West Dunbartonshire, Scottish Fire &
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Mr Bruce Kiloh, Principal Transport Policy Officer, Strathclyde Partnership for
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Chief Superintendent Hazel Hendren, Divisional Commander, Police Scotland
Ms Selina Ross, Manager, West Dunbartonshire Community Volunteering Service
Mr Kevin Quinlan, Scottish Government Location Director
Ms Catherine Topley, Chief Executive, Scottish Canals
Mr Gordon Watson, Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park
Liz Connolly, Principal, West College Scotland
Mr John Anderson, Manager, West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust
Mr Mark Newlands, Scottish Enterprise
Mr Damon Scott, Dunbartonshire Chamber of Commerce
Mr Gerry Watt, Scottish Prison Service
Mr Jimmy Hyslop, Operations Manager, Scottish Natural Heritage
Ms Anne MacDougall, Chair of the Community Alliance
Superintendent Brian Gibson, Police Scotland
Ms Jo Gibson, WDHSCP

Date of Issue: 3 May 2019

COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE MANAGEMENT BOARD

THURSDAY, 16 MAY 2019

AGENDA

<u>Anticipated Times</u>		<u>Item</u>	<u>Pages</u>
10.00	1	APOLOGIES	
	2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
		Members are invited to declare if they have an interest in any of the items of business on this agenda and the reasons for such declarations.	
10.05	3	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	5 – 8
		Submit for approval as a correct record, the Minutes of Meeting of the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Board held on 14 February 2019.	
10.10	4	PRESENTATION ON SELF-ASSESSMENT EXERCISE	
10.30	5	WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE CHILD POVERTY ACTION REPORT 2019	9 – 49
		Submit report by the Nurtured Delivery and Improvement Group (DIG) Chair providing an update on the development of the West Dunbartonshire Child Poverty action report.	
10.55	6	DOMESTIC ABUSE SUMMIT	51 – 53
		Submit report by the Chief Officer of the Health & Social Care Partnership providing an update on the system-wide work to address domestic abuse in West Dunbartonshire.	
11.05	7	COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE UPDATE	55 – 57
		Submit report by the Performance & Strategy Manager updating members on progress of a range of issues and projects currently underway within, or with an effect on, the Partnership.	

11.20	8	TRANSPORT UPDATE	
		Verbal update on the above.	
11.30	9	SCRUTINY REPORTS	
		(A) <u>Q4 Fire Scrutiny Report</u> Submit report by the Local Senior Officer, SFRS on the above.	59 – 72
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11.55	10	AOCB	
12 noon		Meeting close	



COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE MANAGEMENT BOARD

At a Meeting of the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Board held in the Civic Space, Council Offices, 16 Church Street, Dumbarton on Thursday, 14 February 2019 at 10.05 a.m.

Present:	Councillor Caroline McAllister	West Dunbartonshire Council
	Councillor Jonathan McColl	West Dunbartonshire Council
	Councillor John Mooney	West Dunbartonshire Council
	Joyce White	West Dunbartonshire Council
	Richard Cairns	West Dunbartonshire Council
	Laura Mason	West Dunbartonshire Council
	Beth Culshaw	West Dunbartonshire HSCP
	Chief Superintendent Hazel Hendren	Police Scotland
	Superintendent Brian Gibson	Police Scotland
	Paul Devlin	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
	Darren Dickson	Scottish Government
	Liz Connolly	West College Scotland
	Sharon Kelly	Skills Development Scotland
	Carol Dutch	Department of Work and Pensions
	Gerry Watt	Scottish Prison Service
	Selina Ross	West Dunbartonshire CVS
	Anne MacDougall	Community Alliance
	Damon Scott	Chamber of Commerce
Also		
Attending:	Chief Inspector Scott Carlin	Police Scotland
	Amanda Coulthard	West Dunbartonshire Council
	Liz Dean	Department of Work and Pensions
	Stephen Brooks	West Dunbartonshire Council
	Craig Stewart	West Dunbartonshire Council
Apologies:	Angela Wilson	West Dunbartonshire Council
	Malcolm Bennie	West Dunbartonshire Council
	James Russell	Skills Development Scotland
	Catherine Topley	Scottish Canals
	Gordon Watson	National Park
	Bruce Kiloh	SPT
	John Binning	SPT
	Kevin Quinlan	Scottish Government
	Janice Kennedy	Scottish Enterprise

Councillor Jonathan McColl in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Board held on 22 November 2018 were submitted and approved as a correct record. Having heard the Chair, it was noted that officers would take forward a suggestion from a Member that a report on Transport issues should come to the next meeting of the Board for consideration.

UPDATE ON DEVELOPMENT OF THE WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE CHILD POVERTY ACTION PLAN

A presentation was given by Stephen Brooks, Working4U Manager, on behalf of the Nurtured Delivery and Improvement Group (DIG) on the above.

In this respect, he highlighted the planning context involving:-

- (1) The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017;
- (2) Income based child poverty targets – delivery by 2030;
- (3) Duty to report annually on reducing child poverty;
- (4) Emphasis on (a) increasing income through employment, (b) maximising income from the social security system, and (c) reducing household costs; and
- (5) Target Groups, i.e. (a) expectant mothers, (b) families with children older than 1 year, (c) larger families, (d) other disadvantage, and (e) equalities.

Following a question and answer session, Councillor McColl thanked Mr Brooks for his informative presentation. It was noted that the action plan would be presented to the next meeting of CPWD for approval.

DOMESTIC ABUSE UPDATE

Ms Culshaw, Chief Officer of West Dunbartonshire HSCP gave an update on the above. It was noted that a background briefing paper had been issued to supplement the update to Members on the system-wide work to address domestic abuse in West Dunbartonshire.

After discussion and having heard Ms Culshaw, Chief Officer; Mrs White, Chief Executive and Chief Superintendent Hendren, the Board agreed to note the content of the briefing and approve the activities as outlined in the update, as follows:-

- (1) Continued work with Scottish Leaders Forum;
- (2) Agree the programme of community focused and community planning partner sessions to influence the behaviours linked to domestic abuse; and

- (3) Continued commitment of senior officer time to deliver the Community Planning Domestic Abuse Pledge.

It was agreed that a future update on this work will include information on domestic abuse related policies in partner organisations.

COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Performance and Strategy Manager, WDC, updating members on progress of a range of issues and projects currently underway within, or with an effect on, the Partnership.

After discussion and having heard Ms Coulthard, Performance and Strategy Manager, in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the update given, including a report coming back to the next meeting giving any indications of interest in regard to Chair rotation amongst members of the Partnership; and
- (2) otherwise to note the content of the report.

DIG ACTION PLANS 2019-2022

- (1) **Flourishing DIG**
- (2) **Independent DIG**
- (3) **Nurtured DIG**
- (4) **Empowered DIG**
- (5) **Safe DIG**

The DIG Chairs, and/or representative, gave an update on each of the above Action Plans.

After discussion and having heard the DIG Chairs, or representative in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed to note the current position of the five DIG Action Plans.

ADJOURNMENT – FIRE ALARM DRILL

Due to a fire alarm drill, the meeting was adjourned at 11.00 a.m. The meeting resumed at 11.15 a.m. with all Members and officers present, as listed in the sederunt.

ENDING PERIOD POVERTY- FUNDING

A report was submitted by the Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform, WDC, providing an update on recent activity to implement the Scottish Government funded provision of free sanitary products beyond initial education coverage.

After discussion and having heard Ms Coulthard, Performance and Strategy Manager, in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) to note the required standard of provision within West Dunbartonshire; and
- (2) that this activity, managed by the Council, should be linked to the empowered DIG action plan.

SCRUTINY REPORTS

(1) *Quarter 2 Fire Scrutiny Report*

A report was submitted by the Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS) providing the most recent quarterly performance data measured against priorities in the West Dunbartonshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan.

After discussion and having heard Local Senior Officer Devlin in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed to note the contents of the SFRS West Dunbartonshire Council Year to Date Report covering the period 1 October to 31 December 2018 which was appended to the report.

(2) *Quarter 2 Police Scrutiny Report*

A report was submitted by the Divisional Commander, Police Scotland providing the most recent quarterly performance data measured against priorities in the West Dunbartonshire Local Police Plan.

After discussion and having heard Chief Superintendent Hendren and Chief Inspector Carlin in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed to note the update given on progress against the Local Police Plan.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Councillor McAllister advised the meeting that an event to mark International Woman's Day was scheduled to be held, mid-morning, on Friday, 8 March 2019, and an invite was extended to Members to attend the event, if they were available.

The meeting closed at 11.58 a.m.



**COMMUNITY PLANNING
WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE**

Report by Nurtured DIG Chair

CPWD Management Board: 16 May 2019

Subject: West Dunbartonshire Child Poverty Action Report 2019

1 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on development of the West Dunbartonshire Child Poverty action report.
- 1.2 The action report is developed jointly by the local authority and NHS and must be published on-line by 30 June 2019.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The final draft report is attached as Appendix 1 to this paper. The action report will be finalised as soon as 2018/19 year end data are available.
- 2.2 CPWD is asked to note the Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) and support the implementation of emerging actions and progress indicators

3 Background

- 3.1 The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 (CP Act) was passed by the Parliament on 8th November 2017 and received Royal Assent on 18th December 2017.
- 3.2 The intention of the CP Act is to 'set targets relating to the eradication of child poverty' as well as making provision for plans and reporting relating to achievement of these targets. It requires the Scottish Government to meet four income based child poverty targets by 2030 as well as set out and report on the actions they will take to meet those targets.
- 3.3 In addition the Act places a duty on local authorities and health boards to report annually on what actions they are undertaking to contribute to reducing child poverty.
- 3.4 The local child poverty action report must set out a range of commitments to address the key drivers of poverty:

- Increasing income through employment;
- Maximise income from the social security system; and
- Reducing household costs.

4 Main Issues

- 4.1** The Improvement Service has been engaged by the Scottish Government to support the development of the local reports. The team at the Improvement Service has produced a briefing that suggests key stakeholders may wish to ensure they are aware of a number of issues. These include:
- Who has responsibility for development of the LCPAR in your area;
 - What arrangements are in place to allow for joint working with the health board and / or wider community planning partners in development and implementation of the LCPAR;
 - What opportunities key stakeholders will have to inform and scrutinise the development and implementation of the LCPAR;
 - The extent to which local residents have been given a meaningful opportunity to feed into the development of the LCPAR;
 - The extent to which measures are in place to check whether policies included in the LCPAR are having an impact over time;
 - The extent to which other local commitments (such as those resulting from the Fairer Scotland duty, Education (Scotland) Act 2016, Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 are reflected in the LCPAR;
 - Whether the LCPAR describes measures that constitute a ‘Step-change’ in the local approach to tackling child poverty.
- 4.2** Taking each of the Improvement Service suggestions in turn we can identify progress that has been achieved to date in West Dunbartonshire.
- 4.3** A draft report: *‘Improved Life Chances for all Children, Young People and Families: West Dunbartonshire, Local Child Poverty Action Report, June 2019’* has been compiled.
- 4.4** The report has been firmly set within West Dunbartonshire Community Planning: ‘Plan for Place’ and HSCP Strategic Plan. This will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.
- 4.5** The overall management and partnership working is being developed primarily through the West Dunbartonshire Nurtured DIG.
- 4.6** The responsibility for compiling the local child poverty report lies with Working 4U staff. This reflects their role in maximising income from benefits, supporting people to secure sustained employment and providing access to learning and training opportunities that will improve access to employment.

- 4.7** A regional group has been established to ensure NHS input is consistent across the NHS GG&C area. NHS reps have been involved and have provided input to the report and resources to encourage referrals to the income maximisation services from health professionals/Health visitors. There is work underway to embed these services within GP practices.
- 4.8** The report has been developed with the support of the Information and Advice Partnership; Youth Alliance and Adult Learning Partnership. A community based event will be held in June to promote the report and seek third sector and local resident input to future action areas.
- 4.9** The report is based on an action plan framework with activity that will be tracked and reported through the West Dunbartonshire Council performance management system (Pentana). We will establish a baseline against the activities in the first year by gathering information from council and other service client information management systems (e.g. Advice Pro). This will provide the basis for setting a benchmark and assessing the extent of step change achieved.
- 4.10** The West Dunbartonshire Report highlights (as required) existing activity. It also highlights potential opportunities. Examples of these include:
- Establishing support link for families through ‘No Home for Domestic Abuse’;
 - Work between Working 4U and Housing Services to reduce rent arrears while providing support for tenants to secure employment;
 - Establishing joint work between Education Services and Working 4U to ensure that families have access to support and employability development services (to address and escape poverty) through the Family Opportunity Hubs, Foundation Apprenticeships and access to mainstream apprenticeships within the public and private sector;
 - Work between Working 4U and Health Services to embed welfare/employability services in GP practices.
- 4.11** These actions with input from Housing health and Social care and Education services, combined with the input of the third sector through various partnerships will encourage the development of the step change required.

5 People Implications

- 5.1** A range of actions and progress indicators have been identified and ‘scorecard’ for tracking and reporting progress has been developed.
- 5.2** The scorecard will require input from a range of service departments, partners and associated organisations. Key individuals have been identified and each person will ensure that the actions and progress reports that reflect their contribution to addressing child poverty will be updated.
- 5.3** Staff from Working4U will coordinate the ongoing development of the scorecard and reporting.

5.4 West Dunbartonshire will contribute to the regional actions by attending and supporting work identified thorough the NHS GG&C Child Poverty group.

6 Financial & Procurement Implications

6.1 There are no financial or procurement implications.

7 Risk Analysis

7.1 The risk analysis centred on the compilation of the report. This is now complete and therefore no longer applicable.

7.2 Future risks centre on maintaining and updating the information for the 'child poverty report scorecard' and ensuring the actions and progress indicators remain relevant.

8 Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 The child poverty report is explicit about the target group for support. This includes:

- Expectant mothers;
- Households with children whose income or expenditure is adversely affected because there is a member of the family has one or more protected characteristic, as set out in the 'Equality Act 2010';
- Lone Parents;
- Families with three or more children;
- Families where the youngest child is under one year old;
- Mothers aged less than 25 years.

8.2 At a local level Community Planning West Dunbartonshire has emphasised the need to include:

- Families and children with experience of the care system; and
- Children with care responsibilities; and
- Those living in areas of high material deprivation.

8.3 As such the approach is entirely consistent with equalities legislation, policy and approaches.

9 Consultation

9.1 A number of consultative activities have been undertaken as part of the process for developing the report. This has included:

- Consultation with key stakeholders through the West Dunbartonshire Delivery Improvement Groups;

- Nurtured Delivery Improvement Group Development session in December 2018 to identify priorities;
- Ongoing progress updates to Nurtured Delivery Improvement Group;
- Improvement Service Review of early draft in January 2019;
- Ongoing reporting at COSLA Health and Wellbeing Group;
- Circulation of drafts for contribution by key stakeholders;
- Update at Community Planning Board (February 2019).

9.2 Prior to publication a community conference will take place in Clydebank Town Hall on June the 4th and an elected members' seminar is planned for June 2019.

10 Strategic Assessment

11 In order to address poverty and disadvantage West Dunbartonshire's Community Planning Management Group has adopted five key outcomes for the partnership that reflect the requirements of the Scottish Government 'Fairer Scotland Action Plan' (2016)¹. The Fairer Scotland Action Plan is built on five high-level ambitions and outlines 50 actions to help tackle poverty, reduce inequality and build a fairer and more inclusive Scotland. These priorities are now the focus for partnership activity and investment in West Dunbartonshire.

11.1 Each priority is supported by a suite of outcomes that are the focus of activity in thematic Delivery and Improvement Groups (DIGs) that will be measured through a performance and improvement monitoring framework.

11.2 The scope and breadth of the requirements in the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 means, that while the report will be managed through the Nurtured DIG other Delivery Improvement Groups in West Dunbartonshire Community Planning will have an interest in its progress. This includes, but is not limited to, for example:

- The Flourishing DIG with its interest in employability support in the context of 'No One Left Behind'²;
- The Empowered DIG, with its interest in delivering 'The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2016'³; and
- The Independent DIG, with its emphasis on supporting the health and quality by, for example, the provision of access to financial capability support within GP practices and other community health settings.

¹ Scottish Government (2018) Fairer Scotland Action Plan 2018 Progress Report: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/fairer-scotland-action-plan-progress-report-2018/> (accessed 27/12/2018)

² Scottish Government (2018). 'No One Left Behind: Next Steps for Employability Support' <https://www.gov.scot/publications/one-left-behind-next-steps-integration-alignment-employability-support-scotland/> (Accessed 27/12/2018)

³ Scottish Government (2015) 'The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015'. <https://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/> (Accessed 27/12/2018)

11.3 In addition, the Equalities (Scotland) Act 200 and Socio Economic Duty (Fairer Scotland Duty- Apr 2018) places a legal responsibility on public bodies in Scotland to actively consider ('pay due regard' to) how they can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socioeconomic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions. The child poverty report and associated actions will provide clear evidence of progress on this requirement.

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 Manager, Working 4U

Appendices: **'Improved Life Chances for all Children, Young People and Families. West Dunbartonshire: Local Child Poverty Action Report June 2019. (Draft April 2019)**

Background Papers: None

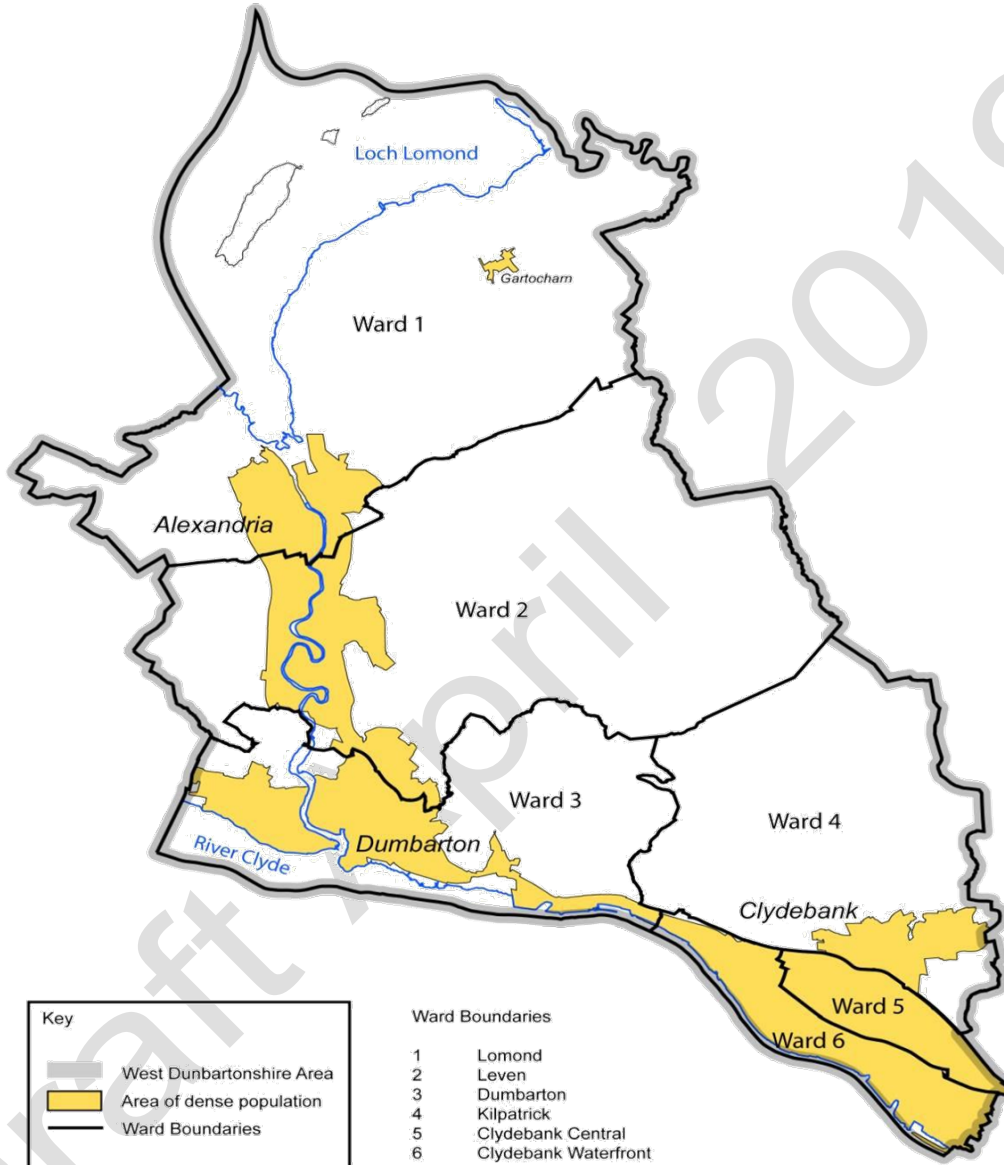
Wards Affected: All

'Improved Life Chances for all Children, Young People and Families'.

West Dunbartonshire: Local Child Poverty Action Report June 2019.



West Dunbartonshire Multi Member Ward Map



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According to the 'End Child Poverty'¹ group there are 4,887 children in West Dunbartonshire living in poverty. This represents 26.7% of the young population; a proportion that is substantially higher than the Scottish average of 20%.

¹ End Child Poverty <http://www.endchildpoverty.org.uk/poverty-in-your-area-2018/> accessed 16/11/2018

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1. Introduction

The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017

The Bill for The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 was passed by the Parliament on 8th November 2017 and received Royal Assent on 18th December 2017.

The intention of the Child Poverty Bill is to 'set targets relating to the eradication of child poverty' as well as making provision for plans and reporting relating to achievement of these targets.

The Child Poverty (Scotland) Act requires the Scottish Government to meet four income based child poverty targets by 2030 as well as set out and report on the actions they will take to meet those targets.

In addition the Act places a duty on local authorities and health boards to report annually on what they are doing to contribute to reducing child poverty.

The local child poverty action report must set out a range of commitments to address the key drivers of poverty:

- Increasing income through employment;
- Maximise income from the social security system; and
- Reducing household costs.

This is the West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board's first annual report.

Child Poverty Definitions

The Act provides definitions of relative, absolute and persistent poverty and combined low income and material deprivation. It also provides guidance on the method for calculating household income, which includes the need to consider levels of poverty after housing costs have been taken into account.

Relative Poverty

Children living in households where the equivalised net income for the year is less than 60% of median equivalised net household income for the year.

Absolute Poverty

Children living in households whose equivalised net income for the year is less than 60% of the amount of median equivalised net household income for the financial.

Combined Low Income and Material Deprivation

Children living in households whose equivalised net income for the year is less than 70% of median equivalised net household income for the year, and experiences material deprivation in the year.

Persistent Poverty

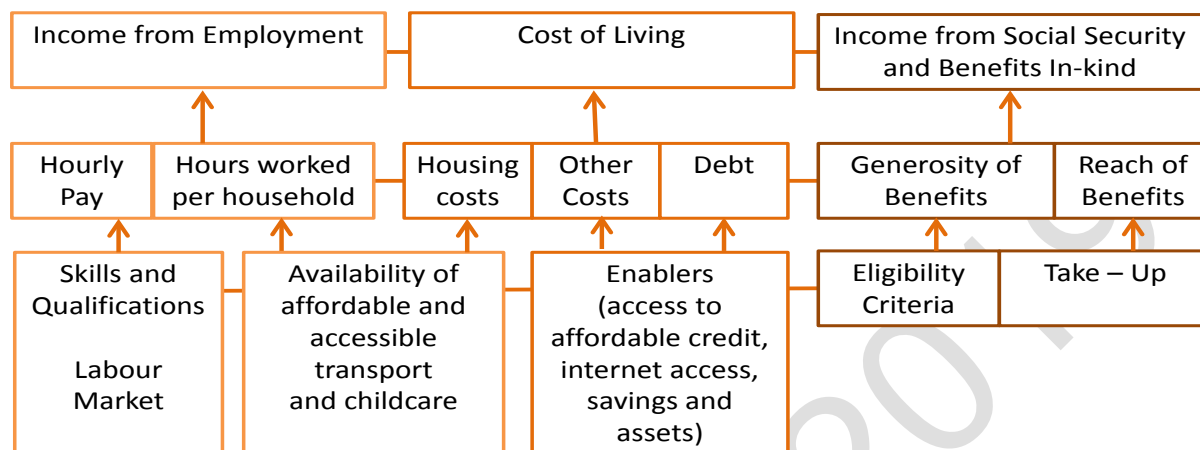
Children that have lived in absolute poverty for at least years.

Causes of Poverty

The first national child poverty delivery plan, 'Every Child, Every Chance' makes clear that poverty, including family poverty, is the result of direct drivers of poverty fall

that fall into three main categories – income from employment, costs of living, and income from social security; more pointedly poverty is caused by the fact that income from employment and or social security is not sufficient to meet the essential living costs.

The drivers of poverty are summarised by the Scottish Government are illustrated in **Figure 1**²:



Our approach takes this framework as a starting point and builds on it to include actions that are intended to:

- Maximise income from employment;
- Reduce the cost of living;
- Maximise income from benefits; and
- Maximise access to opportunity from public sector investment.

Our aim is to build resilience within families in order to assist them to address the drivers of poverty and improve their quality of life. Examples of activities within this context are illustrated in Appendix 1.

Priority Groups

Local partners are encouraged to give particular consideration to actions that will support the following priority groups:

- Expectant mothers;
- Households with children whose income or expenditure is adversely affected because there is a member of the family has one or more protected characteristic, as set out in the 'Equality Act 2010';
- Lone Parents;
- Families with three or more children;
- Families where the youngest child is under one year old;
- Mothers aged less than 25 years.

At a local level Community Planning West Dunbartonshire has emphasised the need to include:

- Families and children with experience of the care system; and
- Children with care responsibilities; and

² Scottish Government (2017): 'Every Child Every Chance' (pp 112) <https://www.gov.scot/publications/child-chance-tackling-child-poverty-delivery-plan-2018-22/pages/8/> accessed 25/01/2019

- Those living in areas of high material deprivation.

Impact of Poverty on Children

Poverty has wide ranging impacts on children's development, health and prospects. It is the cause of poor cognitive, physical and behavioural development, a risk factor for the need for local authority care, poor mental health and poor educational attainment and is strongly associated with risk of death in childhood.

Dealing with the consequences of poverty is also costly. It is now estimated that 20% of money spent in the public sector is spent dealing with the consequences of poverty. Poverty (and income inequalities more broadly) are resulting in a loss of human potential.

While the impact of poverty is specific to each individual, we will, where appropriate, gather a range of information from people using our benefit maximisation, debt management and employability services; almost 5,000 people each year. This will allow us to gain a greater understanding of the lived experience of those in poverty and we will complement this with further information from third sector partners in order to improve awareness, develop new approaches and make good decisions about the future use of resources.

West Dunbartonshire Child Poverty Report Lead

West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde Health Board must, as soon as reasonably practicable after the end of each reporting year, jointly prepare and publish a report (a 'local child poverty action report').

The report must describe measures taken in the area of the local authority during the reporting year that will meet the child poverty targets. The report will also outline information on measures that they plan to take to contribute to the meeting of the Child Poverty Reduction Bill. The aim is to ensure the report provides a strategic forward look as well as an account of progress to date.

Staff from Working 4U will take the lead on behalf of West Dunbartonshire Council in developing and managing the component parts of the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 in West Dunbartonshire.

Working 4U is an integrated West Dunbartonshire Council service set within *Housing and Employability Services* that supports residents and communities in West Dunbartonshire to improve their skills, learning and financial situations, assisting all on their journey into work and protecting their rights.

Working 4U's main goals centre on:

- Supporting residents to make informed choices and enjoy improved life chances through the provision of credible benefits and debt information and, guidance;
- assisting residents to make positive and sustained contributions to our communities through the provision of access to good quality advice and learning opportunities;
- improving the employability and resilience of residents and making a positive contribution towards increasing employment rates within our community to close the gap with Scotland.

Staff from Working 4U will work with NHS Glasgow and Clyde to develop, compile and, with the support of community planning partners, deliver the Local Child Poverty Report actions.

Draft April 2019

2. Living in West Dunbartonshire

West Dunbartonshire, an area of 98 square miles, is located west of Glasgow and shares borders with Argyll and Bute, East Dunbartonshire and Stirlingshire, Renfrewshire and Glasgow. **Map 1** provides an indication of the location of West Dunbartonshire.

Map 1: West Dunbartonshire Location



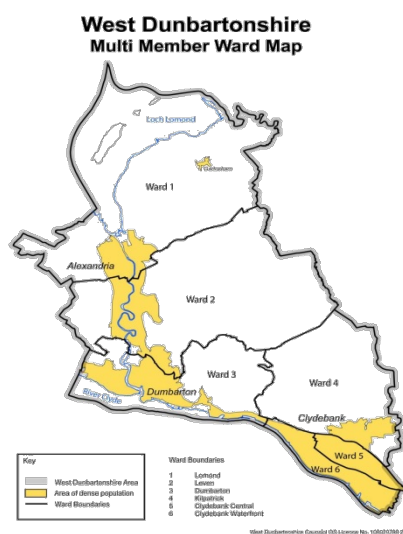
West Dunbartonshire includes the towns of Clydebank, Dumbarton and Alexandria has a population estimate of 91,000 residents, the area consists of a lively business community that stretches along the banks of the Clyde to the shores of Loch Lomond.

West Dunbartonshire has a rich past that is shaped by its world-famous shipyards, and boasts many attractions, ranging from the beauty of Dumbarton Rock to historic whisky warehouses.

As such the area is not only one of great diversity and natural beauty, it is also well connected. Just half an hour from the heart of Glasgow, with its opportunities for employment and business development and learning within universities and colleges. West Dunbartonshire is also conveniently located to Glasgow airport and Paisley.

The local authority area consists of 121 of Scotland's 6,978 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation data zones and 17 Community Council areas. These are set within six 'multi-member' wards, including:

1. Lomond;
2. Leven;
3. Dumbarton;
4. Kilpatrick;
5. Clydebank Central;
6. Clydebank Waterfront.



There are approximately 43,600 economically active people in West Dunbartonshire; this is 75.4% of the working age population

In 2017 there were 15,790 children aged 0-15 years resident in West Dunbartonshire; 17.6% of the population. This is higher than the average for Scotland where 0-15 year olds make up 16.9% of the population.

In 2018 there were:

- 7,157 pupils in the 32 primary schools in West Dunbartonshire.
- 5,155 pupils in the five secondary schools in West Dunbartonshire.
- 193 pupils in the three special need schools in West Dunbartonshire.

Despite its strengths, West Dunbartonshire is one of the areas in Scotland most affected by post-industrial decline. Its three town centres, Alexandria, Clydebank and Dumbarton have experienced steady decline in their comparative economic performance with some areas affected by wide ranging deep rooted poverty and deprivation.

As a result, West Dunbartonshire has higher than average concentrations of comparative deprivation and approximately 35,000 (37%) of the resident population (approximately 91,000) have first hand experience of and live in neighbourhoods considered to have the highest levels of multiple deprivation in Scotland.

Vulnerable Children

In July 2017 there were: 363 children looked after in West Dunbartonshire. This represents a rate of 1.94% of the 0-17 year olds compared to a figure of 1.4% for Scotland.

Of all our looked after children:

- 82 are at home with parents;
- 166 with friends/relatives;
- 78 with foster carers or other community placements; and
- 37 looked after in other residential care settings.

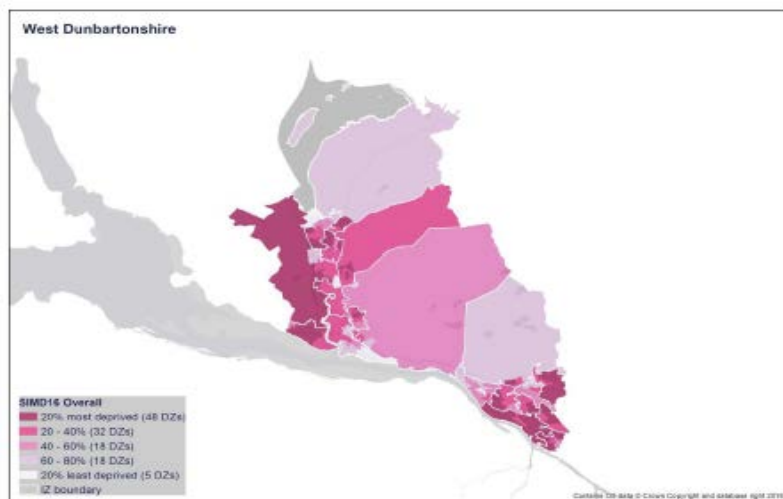
71 children had their names placed on the West Dunbartonshire Child Protection register during 2015/16, with 48 remaining on the register in July 2016³.

According to 'End Child Poverty'⁴ group there are 4,887 children in West Dunbartonshire living in poverty. This is 26.7% of the young population. As such, there are considerable challenges to address.

³ Statistics available at <https://www.gov.scot/publications/childrens-social-work-statistics-2016-17/> accessed 16/11/2018

⁴ End Child Poverty <http://www.endchildpoverty.org.uk/poverty-in-your-area-2018/> accessed 16/11/2018

3. The Poverty Challenges in West Dunbartonshire⁵



Summary of Datazone Incidence and Population Numbers				
Multi Member Ward	Total Number of Datazones	Number of Data Zones (in 20%)	Population (in 20%)	working age population (in 20%)
1 Lomond Ward	17	6	4,411	2,855
2 Leven Ward	25	10	6,699	4,283
3 Dumbarton Ward	23	6	3,856	2,447
4 Kilpatrick Ward	14	6	5,233	3,349
5 Clydebank Central Ward	21	9	6,658	4,188
6 Clydebank Waterfront	21	11	8,228	5,388
Total	121	48	35,085	22,510

The Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) identifies small area concentrations of multiple deprivation across all of Scotland in a consistent way. It allows for comparative analysis and effective targeting of policies and funding where the aim is to wholly or partly tackle or take account of area concentrations of multiple deprivation. SIMD ranks small areas (called data zones) from most deprived (ranked 1) to least deprived (ranked 6,976). People using SIMD will often focus on the data zones below a certain rank, for example, the 5%, 10%, 15% or 20% most deprived data zones in Scotland.

West Dunbartonshire consists of 121 datazones. 48 (40%) of West Dunbartonshire's 121 data zones are within the 20% most deprived in Scotland. In effect, West Dunbartonshire has higher than average concentrations of comparative deprivation with each of the three main settlement areas: Clydebank, Dumbarton and the Vale of Leven having clusters within the 20% most deprived.

- All areas in West Dunbartonshire have datazones in the worst 20%;
- In West Dunbartonshire there are 35,085 people living in the 20% most deprived areas, this is almost 40% of the population;
- Of those in deprived neighbourhoods, 22,510 are of working age and almost 15,000 people of non working age; of these almost 5,000 are children;
- Clydebank Waterfront has the highest number of people living in the 20% most deprived category.

⁵ Statistics available at http://simd.scot/2016/#/simd2016_20pc/BTTTTFTT/11/-4.5177/55.9850/ accessed 16/11/18

4. Child Poverty in West Dunbartonshire

1. There are approximately 15,700 children living in West Dunbartonshire; nearly 5,000 are living in poverty.
2. 25% of children in West Dunbartonshire live in combined low income and material deprivation. This is higher than the Scottish average (20%) and places it as 6th worst of 32 local authorities in Scotland.
3. Every multi-member ward in West Dunbartonshire is affected by high levels of multiple deprivation, 35,000 people in West Dunbartonshire are living in communities experiencing high levels of comparative deprivation, 12,900 of these residents are children.

Implications for those planning to address child poverty...

West Dunbartonshire has a high prevalence of multiple deprivation, with all areas experiencing some level; 40% of datazones are in the most deprived 20%.

This not only suggests that action should be taken, it also suggest that the action should have a West Dunbartonshire wide focus and all aspects of deprivation should be addressed.

We will require '*an authority wide approach with aligned input from partners*'.

4. Child poverty in West Dunbartonshire has risen from 26% in 2016/17 to 33% in 2019/20, estimates suggest a further rise of 3% as a result of welfare reform.
5. Children in lone parent families are at a higher risk of being in poverty. There are 4,128 children living in lone parent families in West Dunbartonshire;
6. The heads of 50% of lone parent families are not in employment and therefore even more vulnerable to relative, absolute and persistent poverty.
7. In 2017 there were 426 children looked after by the local authority in West Dunbartonshire. This represents a rate of 24.1 per 1,000 of the population compared to a figure of 14.4 per 1,000 in Scotland.

Implications for those planning to address child poverty...

It is anticipated that child poverty will increase and it is likely to affect particularly vulnerable groups. While our emphasis will be placed on supporting those identified as most vulnerable:

(Expectant mothers; Households with children whose income or expenditure is adversely affected because there is a member of the family has one or more protected characteristic, as set out in the 'Equality Act 2010'; Families with three or more children; Families where the youngest child is under one year old; Mothers aged under 25 years, Lone Parents)

circumstances in West Dunbartonshire suggest that emphasis should also be placed on supporting:

- Families and children with experience of the care system; and
- Children with care responsibilities; and
- Those living in areas of high material deprivation.

Effort has to be focussed on target groups and those most vulnerable to ensure '*no one is left behind*'.

8. The percentage of children living in poverty in Scotland (July- Sept 2017) is approximately 13.3% (before housing) and 21.6% (after housing). The comparable figures for West Dunbartonshire and its wards at that time were...

West Dunbartonshire (2013 wards): Percentage of children in poverty, July-Sept 2017				
	BEFORE HOUSING COSTS		AFTER HOUSING COSTS	
	Number	%	Number	%
Scotland		13.3%		21.6%
Lomond	357	16.10%	568	25.58%
Leven	730	18.03%	1,152	28.44%
Dumbarton	387	12.70%	622	20.38%
Kilpatrick	460	16.94%	729	26.86%
Clydebank Central	604	19.43%	949	30.52%
Clydebank Waterfront	551	16.61%	873	26.33%
Total/Average	3,083	16.70%	4,887	26.47%

9. There are 6,800 workless households in West Dunbartonshire, this represents a figure of 22.8% and is higher than the Scottish average of 14.5%, unemployment at 2.1% is almost double the UK average of 1.1%.

Implications for those planning to address child poverty...

The incidence of material deprivation and level of unemployment strongly suggest there is a requirement to ensure there is access to relevant advice and information services and employability services in West Dunbartonshire. These services should ensure that anyone who wants to improve their life circumstances, wellbeing, independence and resilience and therefore address child poverty is able to obtain the information, advice they need, when they need it and in the way they need it'.

There's a need to 'maximise income through work and benefits and reduce costs'.

10. There's only one job for every two people of working age in West Dunbartonshire;
11. There are 2,335 children registered to receive a free meal in West Dunbartonshire
12. Being in work does not always insulate people from the effect of poverty- more than half the people living in poverty in the UK are also in work, 17.8% of the Working population in West Dunbartonshire is considered to be income deprived – the Scottish average is 12.2%.
13. At £550, gross weekly wages for men in West Dunbartonshire are £30 lower than the Scottish average, this figure of £550 is approximately equivalent to the mean annual salary in the UK (£27,600). Women in West Dunbartonshire have a gross average weekly wage of £441. Children in families affected by poverty are, by definition, living in households with a maximum gross weekly income of £331.

Implications for those planning to address child poverty...

Emphasis should be placed on maximising access to opportunities available as a direct result of public sector investment in services and the local economy. This would include, for example, encouraging a living wage economy, capitalising on community benefits from procurement activities and providing access to apprenticeship opportunities within and beyond public sector organisations.

Promoting the Fairer Scotland Duty placed on public authorities to achieve '*inclusive growth*'.

5. NHSGGC Child Poverty Leads Network

In December 2017, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde established a pan-GGC child poverty action co-ordination network. The purpose of the network is to co-ordinate board-wide corporate/acute service NHS action to reduce child poverty with local-partnership strategies and reports and to provide a forum for sharing evidence and learning across NHS GGC's six partner local authority areas.

The network, is chaired by NHSGGC's Lead for Child Poverty, meets three times each year and involves senior maternity and children services staff, child poverty leads from each of the health board's six partner local authorities and health and social care partnerships, Glasgow's Child Poverty Co-ordinator and representation from the Glasgow Centre for Population Health.

Outputs include a development sessions and opportunities for sharing local successes. This has included for example, description of and transfer of good practice about automation of local authority provided benefits. This has been established as a best practice guide and local child poverty data resource.

The network links into NHS GGC's Maternal and Child Health Strategy, Health and Employment, HR and Equalities and Financial Inclusion committees and reports to the Board Public Health subcommittee.

6. Local Partners - West Dunbartonshire Community Planning

In order to address poverty and disadvantage West Dunbartonshire's Community Planning Management Group has adopted five key outcomes for the partnership that reflect the requirements of the Scottish Government 'Fairer Scotland Action Plan' (2016)⁶. The Fairer Scotland Action Plan is built on five high-level ambitions and outlines 50 actions to help tackle poverty, reduce inequality and build a fairer and more inclusive Scotland. These priorities are now the focus for partnership activity and investment in West Dunbartonshire.

The priority areas and West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Outcomes are summarised below.

West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Outcomes	
Priority Area	WDCP Outcomes
A Flourishing West Dunbartonshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our economy is diverse and dynamic creating opportunities for everyone. • Our local communities are sustainable and attractive. • Increased and better quality learning and employment opportunities. • Enhanced quality and availability of affordable housing options.
An Independent West Dunbartonshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults and older people are able to live independently in the community. • Quality of life is improved for our older residents. • Housing options are responsive to changing needs over time.
A Nurtured West Dunbartonshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All West Dunbartonshire children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed. • Families are supported in accessing education, learning and attainment opportunities. • Improved life chances for all children, young people and families.
An Empowered West Dunbartonshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We live in engaged and cohesive communities. • Citizens are confident, resilient and responsible. • Carers are supported to address their needs.
A Safe West Dunbartonshire	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved community justice outcomes ensure West Dunbartonshire is a safe and inclusive place to live. • All partners deliver early and effective interventions targeted at reducing the impact of domestic abuse. • Residents live in positive, health promoting local environments where the impact of alcohol and drugs is addressed. • Our residents are supported to improve their emotional and mental health and wellbeing.

Community Planning Delivery Improvement Groups

The Equalities (Scotland) Act 2010 and Socio Economic Duty (Fairer Scotland Duty- Apr 2018) places a legal responsibility on public bodies in Scotland to actively

⁶ Scottish Government (2018) Fairer Scotland Action Plan 2018 Progress Report: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/fairer-scotland-action-plan-progress-report-2018/> (accessed 27/12/2018)

consider ('pay due regard' to) how they can reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socioeconomic disadvantage, when making strategic decisions.

Each priority is supported by a suite of outcomes that are the focus of activity in thematic Delivery and Improvement Groups (DIGs) that will be measured through a performance and improvement monitoring framework.

It is anticipated that all national and local policy and partner strategies and plans will be aligned to the vision and aspirations set out in the West Dunbartonshire Local Outcome Improvement Plan: Plan for Place'.

The scope and breadth of the requirements in the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act 2017 means, however, that the other Delivery Improvement Groups in West Dunbartonshire Community Planning will have an interest in its progress. This includes, but is not limited to, for example:

- The Flourishing DIG with its interest in employability support in the context of 'No One Left Behind'⁷;
- The Empowered DIG, with its interest in delivering 'The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2016'⁸; and
- The Independent DIG, with its emphasis on supporting the health and quality by, for example, the provision of access to financial capability support within GP practices and other community health settings.

Nurtured Delivery Improvement Group

The Local Child Poverty Report in West Dunbartonshire draws support from and contributes to a number of the Delivery Improvement Group priorities, most notably the 'Nurtured' DIG.

The Nurtured DIG brings together representatives from Education Services, Community Learning, Health and Social Care, the Emergency Services Working 4U (Housing, Employability, Learning and Benefit and Debt advice) and Third Sector Partners.

The Nurtured DIG is responsible for developing the 'Integrated Children Services Plan' which has actions and priorities based on national and local policy, including 'The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014'⁹.

The Act is wide ranging and includes key parts of the *Getting it Right for Every Child* approach, commonly known as GIRFEC. Wellbeing sits at the heart of the GIRFEC approach and reflects the need to tailor the support and help that children, young people and their parents are offered to support their wellbeing. .

The West Dunbartonshire 'Integrated Children Services Plan' has been developed within the context of GIRFEC and includes analysis and priority actions that are set around the SHANNARI wellbeing Indicators and ensuring that adverse childhood experiences are taken into account (ACES) when planning service delivery.

⁷ Scottish Government (2018). 'No One Left Behind: Next Steps for Employability Support' <https://www.gov.scot/publications/one-left-behind-next-steps-integration-alignment-employability-support-scotland/> (Accessed 27/12/2018)

⁸ Scottish Government (2015) 'The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.' <https://www.gov.scot/policies/community-empowerment/> (Accessed 27/12/2018)

⁹ Scottish Government (2014). 'The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014' <https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/People/Young-People/gettingitright/wellbeing> (Accessed 27/12/2018)

The 'West Dunbartonshire Local Child Poverty Action Report: Improved Life Chances for all Children, Young People and Families' will be developed within the context of the West Dunbartonshire 'Nurtured' Delivery Improvement Group's priorities and will reflect the work being carried out through *the Children Services Plan*.

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7. West Dunbartonshire Child Poverty Report Delivery Framework

The West Dunbartonshire *Local Child Poverty Action Report: Improved Life Chances for all Children, Young People and Families* has been developed within the context of the West Dunbartonshire Community Planning infrastructure with its mission to ensure:

West Dunbartonshire is a Good, Place to Work, Live and Visit.

The mission for the West Dunbartonshire 'Nurtured' Delivery Improvement Group is to support the continued development of a nurtured West Dunbartonshire.

The specific aims of the Nurtured Delivery Improvement Group are to ensure:

- *All West Dunbartonshire children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed.*
- *Families are supported in accessing education, learning and attainment opportunities.*
- *Improved life chances for all children, young people and families.*

The West Dunbartonshire *Local Child Poverty Action Report: Improved Life Chances for all Children, Young People and Families* will be delivered within the context of community planning in West Dunbartonshire.

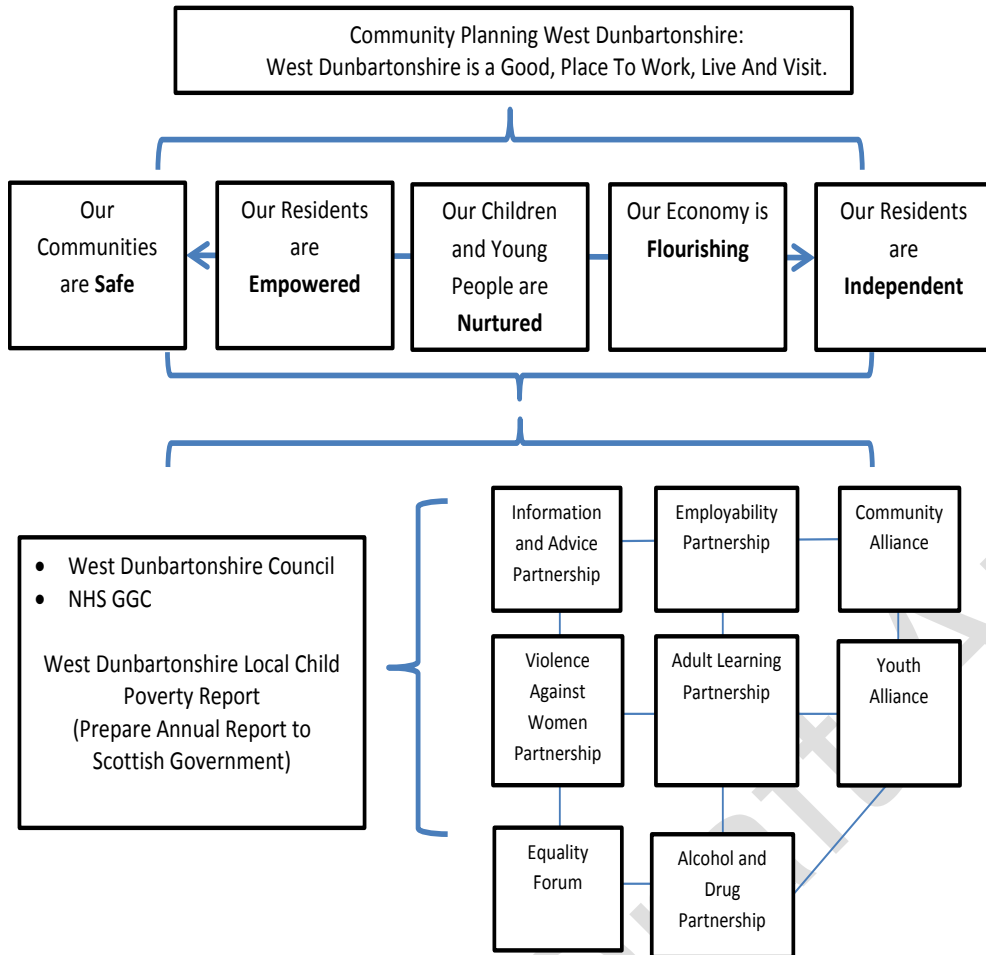
We have set specific objectives that are deigned to address the drivers of poverty.

These objectives are to work with partners to:

- *maximise income through employment for families with children affected by poverty and disadvantage;*
- *maximise income through welfare benefits for families with children affected by poverty and disadvantage;*
- *reduce the cost of living for families with children affected by poverty and disadvantage;*
- *maximise access to training and learning opportunities for families with children affected by poverty and disadvantage;*
- *maximise the impact of public sector investments through focussed recruitment and by capitalising on opportunities from community benefit.*

The main relationships between the Delivery Improvement Groups and key strategic partners are illustrated in the following section:

8. Managing the Local Child Poverty Report



Strategic Direction

West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde will provide strategic oversight and scrutiny to ensure the West Dunbartonshire Local Child Poverty Report not only complies with the statutory requirements within the Child Poverty (Scotland) Act but also makes a real contribution to addressing child poverty in West Dunbartonshire.

Management and Activity Reporting

Each Delivery Improvement Group consists of representation from key strategic partners and has responsibility for specific policy and strategic areas and will have an interest in the various components of the West Dunbartonshire Local Child Poverty Report. The Nurtured Delivery Improvement Group will play a lead role in development, delivery and monitoring progress of actions within the Local Child Poverty report. The Nurtured DIG is also lead group, among other strategic management responsibilities, for the *Integrated Children Services Plan* and the *Community Learning and Development Plan*.

Report Responsibility and Support

The responsibility for the local child poverty report lies with West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. Working 4U staff members will take responsibility for compiling the annual report with support from staff at NHS GG&C.

Delivery

Each of the key partners within and beyond West Dunbartonshire Council and Health Services will contribute towards the child poverty objectives. The Key partners will also contribute towards activity that will address child poverty through the various local partnership structures/organisations. These partnerships draw membership from public, private and third sector organisations.

Timescales

The first draft report will be presented to the NHS GG&C Board through the Public Health Committee in April 2019. This will also be presented to the Nurtured Delivery Improvement Group, West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership Board and West Dunbartonshire Council Housing and Communities Committee in programmed meetings in April/May 2019.

The Final West Dunbartonshire Child Poverty Report will be published in **June 2019**.

9. What We Are Doing – Good Practice Case Studies

We have produced four case studies to illustrate the breadth of the work currently undertaken in West Dunbartonshire to address child poverty.

Working 4U – Integrated Case Managed Support- Maximising Income

Working4U is a West Dunbartonshire Council service which is part of the Housing and Employability Service. This integrated service that supports residents to improve their quality of life, skills, learning and financial situations and assist them to secure and stay in employment. The specialist components of Working 4U's services are:

Learning and Development.

Learning and Development primarily supports disadvantaged or vulnerable groups and individuals of all ages to engage in learning, with a focus on bringing about positive change in their lives. This covers a wide range of activity, such as youth work, family and adult learning, including adult literacy and English for Speakers of Other languages (ESOL). Working 4U is responsible for the Community Learning and Development three year plan.

Employability

Employability encompasses all the things that enable people to increase their chances of getting a job, staying in a job, and progressing further in work. Working 4U's approach adapts national approaches to the specific context in West Dunbartonshire and is flexible enough to adopt a 'whole person approach'.

Information and Advice

Information and Advice is set within the policy context designed to support a flourishing Scottish economy and help people to lead productive lives in safe and secure communities. Working 4U pursues this through the provision of debt counselling, income maximisation support, money advice and welfare benefit advice services.

In addition, Working 4U manages and coordinates the *West Dunbartonshire Information and Advice Partnership*. The Partnership was set up to co-ordinate existing services to identify and pursue more effective and efficient services and was responsible for establishing the local plan to address issues emerging from welfare reform and the introduction of Universal Credit

In the period from April 2018 to March 2019, Working 4U:

- Assisted 430 people to secure employment, including 83 apprenticeships;
- Supported residents to maximise benefits income by £9.8million;
- Supported residents to manage £3.4m of debt.

'Help Us Help You' Campaign- Reducing Costs

West Dunbartonshire Council is determined to reduce the rent arrears burden among council tenants in West Dunbartonshire and has initiated a number of actions to pursue this aim. This includes the '*Help Us Help You*' campaign.

The general approach centres on preventative action that brings together a number of agencies and services as a single temporary '*Help Us Help You*' Action Team. The team consists of West Dunbartonshire housing officers and Corporate Debt Team members, Working 4U Employability case workers and West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau (energy efficiency team). The team focusses on vulnerable tenants and provides comprehensive support to:

- address emerging and growing rent arrears;
- address general debt issues and financial hardship;
- maximise benefits;
- reduce the cost of living (energy efficiency); and
- facilitate access to learning and work opportunities.

On the week beginning Monday the 29th October the '*Help Us Help You*' action team was mobilised and focussed its efforts on council tenants residing in a set of five multi storey flats in North Drumry (Cleddans View, Duncombe View, Garscadden View, Gleniffer View and Peel View).

During the course of the week the '*Help Us Help You*' Action Team prioritised their efforts and visited 165 of 203 dwellings considered to be medium to high risk. Over the five day period the team provided 47 tenants with support. As a result of the campaign:

- 29 tenants discussed and made arrangements to address rent, council tax and sundry accounts (rechargeable repairs, community alarms), seven of these tenants received support from Working 4U Money to support them to maximise benefit income;
- Three tenants received support from the team to address financial hardship issues (food and utilities);
- Four tenants received support on energy efficiency; and
- Two accessed employability support.

As a result of the approach we learned:

- It is important to focus on a limited catchment (140 – 180 tenancies) to manage the workload that will require multiple visits- not all tenants will be receptive to the approach;
- Pre start marketing is critical - The role of caretakers communicating forthcoming/ongoing activity and encouraging participation is vital to success, this is a role that could be taken on by the community council and/or Tenants and Resident Association in other areas;
- Good ICT connectivity will maximise service access and allow staff to intensify support.

These lessons will be applied to future campaigns that will be conducted on a quarterly basis.

Family Opportunity Hubs – No One Left behind

The West Dunbartonshire Family Opportunities Hub is a collaborative effort between West Dunbartonshire Council, 'Housing and Employability Service' (Working 4U) and West Dunbartonshire, 'Education Services' which are partly funded through European Social Funds and Scottish Attainment Challenge Funds.

The Hubs are located in two secondary schools in West Dunbartonshire ('Our Lady and St Patrick's' and 'Clydebank High School') with support extended to local primary schools. The Hubs directly employ five members of staff with experience of employability and welfare rights services.

The aim is to provide support for families, particularly those on the verge of crisis, to stabilise their family circumstances and help their children to meet the demands of the school day.

The Team uses of a broad assessment tool on a 1:2:1 basis to identify and address issues that contribute to poverty. This self-assessment that explores issues such as:

- **'Pockets'**, - maximising household resources/income from benefits and addressing debt;
- **'Prospects'** tackling the underlying barriers that prevent people from capitalising on opportunity, for example issues related to health and well being, numeracy/literacy, confidence, skills;
- **'Place'** addressing place based issues that act as a barrier to inclusion and progression, for example, cost of living, energy efficiency housing and community based issues.

Tailored, customised support includes a combination of intensive general and specialist advice on money, welfare, fuel and financial services as well as improving financial capability, access to affordable products and support to develop a proactive and preventative approach to financial problems. As a result the intervention will improve financial inclusion and increase financial capability for the target client groups.

In addition we also facilitate access to, and deliver, training and learning that will focus on language skills, literacy, numeracy and vocational and non vocational skills that will allow participants: to make a positive contribution to their own and the development needs of their families; contribute to their local community, engage with government initiatives (for example, addressing health issues and complying with demands of Universal Credit and Welfare Reform); and consider, compete for, and remain in employment.

During the period April 2018 to March 2019, the Family Opportunity Hub Team supported:

- 100 people to develop an action plan to improve their circumstances;
- 18 people with literacies or confidence building
- 27 people to address their financial circumstances
- 14 people to receive fuel poverty assistance
- 9 people to secure employment

No Home for Domestic Abuse – No One Left behind

West Dunbartonshire has a higher than average incidence of domestic abuse. Figures from Police Scotland show 1,395 recorded incidents of domestic abuse were reported in West Dunbartonshire last year and 186 households presented to the Council as homeless. This has the potential to have devastating consequences on families with children.

As such West Dunbartonshire Council has established a procedure to tackle domestic abuse. This procedure follows two main routes of action and are based on the consent of the victim(s).

These two action points are:-

- Offering the victim and any dependant/s legal claim back to the matrimonial home via Matrimonial Homes Act (Scotland) 1981; and
- Identifying and pursuing appropriate legal restriction to tackle behaviour of the offender.

The procedure is built an approach that is designed to protect victims and change the behaviour of perpetrators by the combined use of Multi Agency Risk and Communications Committee' model (MARAC) and a Multi-Agency Tasking and Co-ordination (MATAC) process.

The MARAC model involves a thorough risk assessment in all reported cases of domestic abuse to identify those at highest risk and to establish the foundation for a multi-agency approach.

This is complemented by the MATAC process that aims to identify and target the most harmful perpetrators through analysis of incidents, their frequency and gravity of offending. Identified perpetrators will be referred into the MATAC process where a bespoke set of interventions will be established using a '*Domestic Abuse Toolkit for West Dunbartonshire*'.

The No Home for Domestic Abuse service, whether MARAC or MATAC offers

- a comprehensive, confidential assessment of accommodation and support needs;
- advice, assistance and housing options as well as advice on rights as a homeless person;
- temporary or permanent accommodation as appropriate or where required
- access to specialists support services such as Women's Aid and Cara Project;
- access to benefits and debt and money advice to maximise income and reduce the burden of debt.

10. Investment in Addressing Child Poverty

The funding for activity comes from a complex range of sources, including:

West Dunbartonshire Funding: Child Poverty Activities (Broad Estimates)	
Source of Funding	Estimated Value
West Dunbartonshire direct funding for service provision – (for example, Housing, Education, Working 4U (Employability, Welfare and Community Learning) and additional funding for Third Sector strategic Partners (Information and Advice and Youth Activities);	£2million each year
West Dunbartonshire Council direct investment for apprenticeships;	£1million over four years
European Social Funding (Including West Dunbartonshire Council match funding for 'The Employability Pipeline, Poverty and Social Inclusion); Delivered by Working 4U.	£0.65m each year
Scottish Government (Pupil Equity Funding and Scottish Attainment Challenge- managed by West Dunbartonshire Council Education Services) – possible funding from Scottish Government will include funds for delivery of child poverty action plan actions associated with in-work support for 'Families in Work'; Education Services supported by third sector partners.	£0.1m each year (partner projects with Working 4U)
SDS National Training Programme Funding – Activity Agreements, Foundation Apprenticeships, Employability Fund, Modern Apprenticeships and Third Sector Challenge Funding. Local delivery partners include West Dunbartonshire Council and third sector organisations	Approx. 0.6million Excluding Third sector Challenge Fund
DWP – Universal Support (service support to aid Universal Credit claimants up to point of successful claim)- Delivered by West Dunbartonshire Citizens Advice Bureau	£40,000 each year (18 months)
A range of miscellaneous support for one off project support – (Improvement Service – to embed employability/welfare rights services in GP surgeries and Energy Awareness (CAB), Cashback for Communities	£18,000 £30,000 £20,000
Funds for the development of the Local Child Poverty Report	£4,000

These are very broad estimates, used to provide an indication of the relative scale of activity that is outlined in the tables of Key Actions.

11. West Dunbartonshire – Key Actions and Progress Indicators

There are a number of actions that are appropriate for inclusion in 'Improved Life Chances for all Children, Young People and Families': West Dunbartonshire: Local Child Poverty Action Report. These actions centre on the key drivers and will contribute to maximising income, reducing the cost of living and maximising opportunities from public sector investment. The key actions are supported by a number of milestones with progress indicators developed to demonstrate achievements.

The Key actions and progress indicators in the forthcoming period are...

a. Maximise Income through Employment

Actions to...Maximise Income through employment for families affected by poverty	Assigned To
E/1718DP/DYW/09 Develop and implement refinements to the Senior Phase curriculum to increase options for employment	WDC Education Services
H&E/1819/W4U/004 Continued development of Working 4U employability and learning services	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/03 Address Barriers to Opportunity ensuring no one left behind by delivery of Phase 2 European Funding Employability Pipeline.	WDC Working 4U
LOIP/F/1727/17 Deliver the 'Scotland's' young workforce programme	WDC Education Services
LOIP/F/1727/18 Develop and implement refinements to the Senior Phase curriculum to increase options for employment	WDC Education Services
LOIP/F/1922/05 Maintain and reinforce WD employability pipeline	WDC Working 4U
LOIP/F/1922/12 Improve joint working on employability	SDS
LOIP/F/1922/13 Strengthen education measures to support employability and employment initiatives	WDC Education Services

Progress Indicator: Maximise Income through employment for families affected by poverty	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
CED/PPP/007 Employment rate	72.08%	71.75%		72%	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/001AE Number of local people receiving support through Working4U Adult Employability	679	615		615	Working 4U Employability
H&E/W4U/001YEL Number of local people receiving support through Working4U - Youth Employability & Literacies	172	120		120	Working 4U Youth Employability

Progress Indicator: Maximise Income through employment for families affected by poverty	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
H&E/W4U/002/AE Number of Local People receiving support from Working4U Adult Employability with a disability or health issues	261	227		227	Working 4U Employability
H&E/W4U/002/YEL Number of Local People receiving support from Working4U - Youth Employability & Literacies with a disability or health issues		60		60	Working 4U Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/003 Number of people receiving support through Working 4U with more than one barrier to employment (aggregate)	1,293	1,249		1,293	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/010 Number of local people entering employment through Working 4U	459	357		357	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/013 Number of local people in employment six months after leaving	241	202		202	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/014 Number of employed participants with multiple barriers with an improved labour market situation six months after leaving	14	11		11	Working 4U Employability
H&E/W4U/017/AE Number of Partnership Events hosted by Working4U Adult Employability	3	3		3	Working 4U Employability
H&E/W4U/017/YEL Number of Partnership Events hosted by Working4U Youth Employability & Literacies	5	5		5	Working 4U Youth Employability
SP/1722/09 % of households that are workless	22.65%	22%		21.90%	Working 4U

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b. Maximise Income through Welfare Benefits

Actions to...Maximise Income through welfare benefits for families affected by poverty	Assigned To
CA/WDC/3008/005 Universal Credit (CAB led strategy)	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/08 Maximise service opportunities and outcomes through partnership planning and working with strategic stakeholders in community learning, employability and advice information services	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/10 Maximise Income for West Dunbartonshire residents by supporting them to secure full benefit entitlement	WDC Working 4U
H/18-19/SSHC/035 Develop and implement a mitigation plan for full roll out of Universal Credit	WDC Housing Services
LOIP/F/1922/11 Develop the capacity of advice available in WD to meet the emerging challenges Universal Credit	WDC Working 4U
LOIP/I/1922/16 Seek to develop supported housing solutions for younger adults with complex needs	HSCP

Progress Indicator: Maximise Income through welfare benefits for families affected by poverty	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
CS/FICT/LPI007 Percentage of new claims outstanding over 50 days.	4%	5%		5%	WDC Corporate Services
CS/FICT/LPI008 Percentage of new claims decided within 14 days of receiving all information.	86%	90%		90%	WDC Corporate Services
CS/FICT/LPI009 Percentage of Rent Allowance claims paid on time or within 7 days of decision being made.					WDC Corporate Services
H&E/W4U/001FI Number of local people receiving support through Working4U-Money	4,616	3,767		4,000	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/002FI Number of Local People receiving support from W4U Money with a disability or health issues	3,128	694		2,500	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/018 Total Number of Cases supported by Working4U Money	6,202	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/019 Total Value (£) of Income Generated	£11,826,475	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/023 Number of expectant mothers receiving support for income maximisation	53	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/024 Number of families with children receiving support for income maximisation	548	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/025 Total value of income generated for expectant mothers and	£1,363,428	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and

Progress Indicator: Maximise Income through welfare benefits for families affected by poverty	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
families with children					Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/029 Number of Appeal Representations (Maximising Benefits)	137	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/030 Number of Mandatory Reconsideration Before Appeal Representations (Maximising Benefits)	131	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/034 Out of work benefit claimants	2,086.08	-		-	Working 4
SP/1722/07 Percentage of Children living poverty (after housing costs)	26.50%	26%		25.75%	Working 4
CED/PPP/012 Percentage of local people with increased or sustained income through reduced debt liability/debt management	94%	80%		80%	Working 4 Benefit and Debt Advice

- Indicators without a target are for data purposes only - in order to establish trends or a baseline.

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c. Reduce the Cost of Living

Actions to...Reduce the cost of living for families affected by poverty and disadvantage	Assigned To
CA/WDC/2012/002 Ending Period Poverty	WDC Education Services
E&N/19-20/001 Review the implications of new school meals legislation for WDC and identify any specific actions in response	WDC Education Services
E/1819DP/PFE/04 Increase provision of out of hours and holiday programmes	WDC Education Services
H&E/1718/ASB/002 Implement campaign to challenge domestic abuse in Council homes	WDC Housing Services
H&E/1819/HD&H/002 Maximise the delivery of new affordable housing in West Dunbartonshire through More Homes Better Homes West Dunbartonshire approach	WDC Housing Services
H&E/1819/W4U/001 Develop and maintain Information and Advice partnership	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1819/W4U/002 Continued development of Working 4U Information and Advice Services	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/HO/03 Digital inclusion – carry out review of provision of wifi inclusion into new build properties and priority areas of deprivation	WDC Housing Services
H&E/1920/W4U/10 Maximise Income for West Dunbartonshire residents by supporting them to secure full benefit entitlement	WDC Working 4U
H/18-19/SSHC/036 Relaunch the "Help Us to Help U with Rent" campaign and include article in autumn Housing News	WDC Housing Services

Progress Indicator: Reduce the cost of living for families affected by poverty and disadvantage	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
H&E/W4U/018 Total Number of Cases supported by Working4U Money	6,202	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/026 Number of expectant mothers receiving support to manage debt	3	-		-	Working 4 Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/027 Number of families with children receiving support to manage debt	135	-		-	Working 4 Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/032 Value (£) of new debt managed	£4,400,068	-		-	Working 4U Benefit and Debt Advice
H&E/W4U/034 Out of work benefit claimants	2,086	-		-	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/035 Number of instances of young people participating in diversionary	685	500		500	Working 4 Youth Learning/

Progress Indicator: Reduce the cost of living for families affected by poverty and disadvantage	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
activity					Literacies
SP/1722/06 Percentage of Households in Fuel Poverty	24.90%	24.50%		24%	Working 4
SP/1722/07 Percentage of Children living poverty (after housing costs)	26.50%	26%		25.75%	Working 4
CED/PPP/012 Percentage of local people with increased or sustained income through reduced debt liability/debt management	94%	80%		80%	Working 4 Benefit and Debt Advice

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d. Improve Access to Opportunity

Actions to...Maximise access to training, learning opportunities for families affected by poverty	Assigned To
H&E/1819/W4U/003 Work with external partners to establish access to a range of employment, training and learning opportunities	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1819/W4U/004 Continued development of Working 4U employability and learning services	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1819/W4U/005 Work with external partners through the Youth Alliance and Adult learning partnership to establish access to a range of learning opportunities for all ages	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1819/W4U/006 Continued development of Working 4U learning services	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/01 Address Barriers to Opportunity ensuring no one left behind by delivery of W4U (Learning) Learning Services and community learning plan.	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/02 Address Barriers to Opportunity ensuring no one left behind by delivery of Phase 2 European Funding: 'Poverty and Social Inclusion' Programme.	WDC Working 4U
LOIP/F/1727/18 Develop and implement refinements to the Senior Phase curriculum to increase options for employment	WDC Education Services
LOIP/F/1922/06 Maintain and reinforce delivery of community learning and development plan	WDC Working 4U
LOIP/F/1922/13 Strengthen education measures to support employability and employment initiatives	WDC Education Services
LOIP/N/1727/06 Extend SDS service offer under Developing the Young Workforce to include group work and 1:1 sessions	WDC Education Services
LOIP/N/1727/08 Improve positive destination outcomes for all young people	WDC Education Services
LOIP/N/1922/01 Continue to focus on increased uptake of universal programmes.	HSCP
Deliver developmental sessions for local area child poverty leads organised with input from NHS Health Scotland	NHS

Progress Indicator: Maximise access to training, learning opportunities for families affected by poverty	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
H&E/W4U/008 Number of unique individuals participating in courses across Working4U services targeted at improving literacy and numeracy.	184	-		-	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/004 Number of Young people in NEET group supported by Working4U	343	163		163	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/005 Number of local people entering education or training	1,180	677		677	Working 4U
H&E/W4U/007 Number of local people gaining an accredited qualification	824	530		530	Working 4U

Progress Indicator: Maximise access to training, learning opportunities for families affected by poverty	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
H&E/W4U/011 Number of people involved in volunteering activity to deliver Working4U services.	121				Working 4U

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e. Maximise Impact of Public Sector Investment

Actions to...Maximise the impact of public sector investment on child poverty target group	Assigned To
H&E/1819/W4U/003 Work with external partners to establish access to a range of employment, training and learning opportunities	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1819/W4U/007 Develop the apprenticeship programme that maximises use of available resources.	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/11 Maximise opportunities for local people from public sector investment and in-work progression (Inclusive Growth)	WDC Working 4U
H&E/1920/W4U/12 Reduce cost of living for West Dunbartonshire residents	WDC Working 4U
H/HOM/17-20/002 Review approach to ensuring that children are not adversely affected by homelessness	WDC Housing Services (Homeless)
H/HOM/17-20/004 Tackle and reduce the levels of youth homelessness in West Dunbartonshire	WDC Housing Services (Homeless)
H/HOM/17-20/005 Ensure that homelessness is avoided from households in Scottish Secure Tenancies	WDC Housing Services (Homeless)
H/HOM/17-20/016 Develop an approach so homeless households & those at risk of homelessness get prompt/easy access to advice re income maximisation & employment/training opportunities	WDC Housing Services (Homeless)
H/HOM/17-20/021 Mitigate the effects of aspects of welfare reform where this is appropriate	WDC Housing Services (Homeless)
H/HOM/17-20/024 Review and develop partnership approach in place for those affected by domestic abuse	WDC Housing Services (Homeless)
LOIP/F/1727/15 Increase the number of employers employing a Modern Apprentice by 30%	WDC Regeneration
LOIP/F/1922/15 Affordable Housing delivery and Quality	WDC Regeneration
RES/1718/PR/001 Develop and implement procurement plan to deliver community benefits through procurement processes	WDC Procurement Services
Promote NHS career opportunities and pathways into NHS employment	NHS

Progress Indicator: Maximise the impact of public sector investment on child poverty target group	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
ED/PPI/001 Percentage of young people entering Foundation Apprenticeships		18%		20%	WDC Education Services

Progress Indicator: Maximise the impact of public sector investment on child poverty target group	2018/19		2019/20		Assigned To
	Value	Target	Value	Target	
H&E/W4U/006FA2 Number of young people being supported through the W4U SDS Foundation Apprenticeship Programme	-	40		40	Working 4 Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/006MA1 Number of local people accessing W4U SDS MA Programme Contract	53	50		50	Working 4 Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/006MA2 Number of residents accessing Private Apprenticeships	60	30		30	Working 4 Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/006MA3 Number of local people being supported through W4U SDS MA Programme	89	80		80	Working 4 Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/006MA4 Number of local people receiving support through Private Apprenticeship Programmes		30		30	Working 4 Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/009 Number of Employability Fund opportunities provided	43	43		40	Working 4U Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/012MA Number of local people in employment six months after leaving the Apprenticeship programme (First update 2020)	-	-	-	-	Working 4 Youth Employability
H&E/W4U/013YEL Number of local people in employment six months after leaving	49	50		50	Working 4 Youth Employability

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12. Child Poverty Development Priorities – A Step Change

Through review of strategic and policy priorities and consultation a number of potential actions and projects have been identified. These potential actions could contribute towards continuous development, improvement and will represent a step change in our approach.

Development Actions to Address Child Poverty			
Action	Potential Lead	Measure of Success	Timescale - start
Stage a West Dunbartonshire wide event to understand experience and views of people with lived experience of poverty (Pledge for Poverty) Raise Awareness	West Dunbartonshire CPP – Empowered Delivery Improvement Group	Child Poverty Pledge developed Number signing to pledge Numbers attending Numbers attending reporting increased awareness of issues	One off event- June 2019
Embed the reducing the cost of school day project (reduce cost of living)	Education Services	Process established Information events Number of families benefitting	August 2019
Establish activity consistent with Scottish Government child poverty employability action plan (in work support) (maximise income through work)	(working with Scottish Government – Employability Unit) Thriving DIG Working 4U Strategic Employability Group	Financial resources Secured Number of parents supported Number of parents with additional salary	August 2019
Review uptake of school clothing grant to maximise take up through automation of payments (reduce cost of living)	Nurtured DIG Education Services WDC Corporate Services	Increased proportion of eligible children taking up free school meals Value of increased take up	August 2019
Embed process and management for effective use of community benefits from procurement (employment for target groups) (maximise impact of public sector)	Thriving DIG/Nurtured DIG Working 4U/ Education Services Strategic employability group	Number of contracts managed Number of jobs for target group Number of apprenticeships	September 2019
Build on and develop referral process between maternity and health visiting services and money	Nurtured DIG	Procedures developed	Developed/updated procedures by

Development Actions to Address Child Poverty			
Action	Potential Lead	Measure of Success	Timescale - start
advice services and establish effective referral procedure with social care. (maximise Income)	NHS GG&C Working 4U Information and Advice partnership	Number of referrals Health and social care staff reporting ease of referral	September 2019
Embed money/employability advice in GP Practices (maximise access to services – income max and debt management)	(working with Improvement Service) Independent DIG Working 4U WD CAB Information and Advice partnership	Procedures established Staff operating from GP practices Number of patients supported Value of maximised income Value of debt managed	March 2020
Establish Financial Capability Resources for families and deliver learning (income max and debt management)	Nurtured DIG Adult Learning partnership Working 4U	Appropriate material developed Number of sessions delivered Number of participants Number of participants reporting improved awareness	March 2020
Establish Financial Capability Resources for children and young people and deliver learning (income max and debt management)	Nurtured DIG Education Services/Youth Alliance Working 4U	Appropriate material developed Number of sessions delivered Number of participants Number of participants reporting improved awareness	March 2020
Targeted campaign to raise awareness of Universal Credit among child poverty target groups (maximise income)	Nurtured DIG Working 4U West Dunbartonshire Information and Advice Partnership	Number of sessions Number attending Number reporting increase in awareness of Universal Credit expectations	April 2020
Further development of joint approach to school holiday programme (reduce cost of living)	Nurtured DIG Education Services/Working 4U/ Ysorit West Dunbartonshire Youth Alliance.	Number of activities Number of participants	March 2020



Report by Beth Culshaw, Chief Officer HSCP

Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Board

Subject: Domestic Abuse Summit

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update to members on the system wide work to address domestic abuse in West Dunbartonshire.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the content of the report and approve the activities as outlined within the report:
- Continued work with Scottish Leaders Forum;
 - Agree the programme of community focused and community planning partner sessions to influence the behaviours linked to domestic abuse;
 - Continued commitment of senior officer time to deliver the Community Planning Domestic Abuse Pledge.

3. Background

- 3.1 Community planning partners have agreed an approach, alongside operational delivery, which focuses on primary prevention within schools, workplaces, organisations and communities across West Dunbartonshire. This emphasises and concentrates on preventing violence before it occurs. In other words, focusing on changing behaviour, building the knowledge and skills of individuals, and delivering a progressive shift in the structural, cultural and societal contexts in which violence occurs. By prioritising primary prevention, we are able to challenge the notion that violence is inevitable or acceptable.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1 Responses to domestic abuse require efforts by communities, community planning partners and wider society to tackle gender inequality. As a Domestic Abuse Summit Group, there has been commitment to host four

separate events focussing on ensuring our communities are prepared and confident about the issues linked to domestic abuse.

4.2 Four key activities are being organised linked to our fundamental commitment, as a community planning partnership to deliver the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Domestic Abuse Pledge:

- **Breaking the Cycle March 2019;** the Champions Board alongside Police Scotland have developed training for schools; this focuses on working with young people, schools, and third sector partners to break the cycle of domestic abuse for the next generation. By hosting a series of training/awareness sessions with children and young people across schools and communities, we are helping to empower them and raise their confidence to ensure they grow into adults with a zero tolerance attitude to domestic abuse.
- **Signing the Pledge Event May 2019;** this event is being arranged as a formal launch of the Pledge with all community planning leaders signing the Pledge together; this will align to the new legislation being in place and formal local recognition of a zero tolerance to domestic abuse alongside the operational responses already in place.
- **Building the community response event November 2019** is seeking to mobilise our communities, it is well documented that domestic abuse transcends age, gender, culture and economic backgrounds as such is in all our communities. As a partnership, we recognise communities have a key role to play in reporting concerns, challenging negative behaviours and ensuring perpetrators cannot hide behind closed doors. This event has been proposed for 14th November at Clydebank Town Hall and will reinforce that all of our communities, and the leaders within them, can be empowered to play a positive and active role.
- **Pledge and Progress event December 2019** leaders come back together to review the year of activities and sign up to continued commitment to addressing domestic abuse.

5. Options Appraisal

5.1 Not applicable

6. People Implications

6.1 No people implications.

7. Financial and Procurement Implications

7.1 There are no financial implications.

8. Risk Analysis

8.1 If partners do not re evaluate the approach then there is a risk of continued increasing costs and associated risk as outlined in the background of this paper.

9. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

9.1 There is a no requirement for EIA at this time.

10. Environmental Sustainability

10.1 There is no requirement for ESA at this time.

11. Consultation

11.1 Partners from across community planning have been engaged in various elements of operational delivery of responses to domestic abuse and the central pillar of this work will e to engage and consult with communities and leaders throughout the next few years.

12. Strategic Assessment

12.1 This approach reflects the over arching principles and specific actions of Community Planning West Dunbartonshire as reflected within the LOIP.

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Appendices:

Background Papers:

Wards Affected: All Wards



Report by the Performance & Strategy Manager

Management Group: Thursday 16 May 2019

Subject: Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Update

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the report is to update members on progress of a range of issues and projects currently underway within, or with an effect on, the partnership.

2. Recommendations

2.1 Members are asked to note the content of the report

3. Background

3.1 Since 2014 we have seen significant progress and change in the development of community planning at both a local and national level. New legislation related to both Community Justice and Community Empowerment has changed the context for partnership working and places increased responsibilities on Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs). There is increasing additional focus on scrutiny of performance and achievement of outcomes at a local and national level.

3.2 At a local level there has been an embedding of the new arrangements under Community Planning West Dunbartonshire (CPWD), with implementation of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) through the Delivery & Improvement Groups (DIGs), development of our partnership approach to community empowerment and further work to strengthen community resilience and build capacity at a local level.

4. Main Issues

CPWD Governance

4.1 Members discussed, at the February meeting of CPWD, recent publications from [What Works Scotland](#) (WWS) and [Audit Scotland](#) on how community planning is performing. This has led to the publication of a range of reports by both organisations.

- 4.2** Both publications describe progress made in relation to embedding the framework for community planning, and the desire to deliver on aspirations on the Community Empowerment Act. However, they also highlight the complexity of accountability and governance frameworks for the range of partners involved in community planning and the need for significantly greater alignment of community planning and wider public sector reform at both a local and national level.
- 4.3** Members of CPWD agreed that further work could be undertaken at a local level to take action on findings from these reports. As discussed earlier on the agenda, a self-assessment exercise is planned for the summer period. This work will assist in development of an action plan for the partnership and ensure we are focused on continuous improvement of the CPP as well as outcome improvement for citizens of West Dunbartonshire.
- 4.4** Additionally, the Chair of CPWD asked for expressions of interest from other members in assuming the role of chair. This reflects recommendations / findings from both publications on the need for shared accountability for community planning. It is also very much in the spirit of the Community Empowerment Act supporting guidance, which details specific expectations for all public bodies involved in community planning, with a focus on leadership, governance and accountability. This includes a focus on collective ownership and leadership as well as aligned and/or joint resourcing.

Scottish Parliament Report – Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012

- 4.5** The Scottish Parliament Justice Committee recently published their [report](#) on the Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2012. This report details the findings of Committee following a call for evidence specifically on Police Scotland engagement with key stakeholders.
- 4.6** Challenges faced in relation to engagement tend to be more relevant at a national level, where policy decisions and new ways of working with an impact on local partners are taken. While the local experience in CPWD is positive in relation to engagement and collaboration there may be areas for learning from the national report.
- 4.7** The report will be further explored and options reported to the August meeting of CPWD for progressing any relevant actions.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** None, all activity is delivered through existing team capacity.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1** There are no direct financial or procurement implications from the updates detailed in this report.

6.2 Financial implications from implementation of the Community Empowerment Act require to be further scoped and monitored, particularly in relation to the potential financial implications of asset transfer and participation requests.

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 As outlined above there is an increasing drive nationally for community planning partners to work at an increased pace to deliver outcomes for communities. Failure to engage in this work and to respond to the new challenges being set for community planning in Scotland would not reflect well on CPWD and would risk delivery against the national policy priorities set by the Scottish Government.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 An EIA is not required as this is a progress update on a range of activities.

9 Consultation

9.1 This is an update on areas of work. Consultation is carried out relevant to each project and initiative, involving all appropriate partners.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 Progressing work as outlined in this report ensures CPWD can deliver on the outcomes set in the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

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Appendices:	None
Background Papers:	Scottish Government Guidance – Community Empowerment Act Part 2
Wards Affected:	All



COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

Report by the Local Senior Officer Paul Devlin - Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Group

Subject:

Fire & Rescue Scrutiny Q2 Quarterly Report 1st January – 31st March 2019

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to: Allow the Local Senior Officer to provide the Scrutiny Committee with appropriate performance data measured against priorities in the West Dunbartonshire Local Fire and Rescue Plan

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 CPWD is asked to: Note the contents of the attached SFRS West Dunbartonshire Council Year to Date Report covering the period 1st January – 31st March 2019

3. Background

- 3.1 As part of the Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2013 new arrangements were put in place for local scrutiny and engagement. These arrangements place a requirement on Local Authorities to scrutinise local police and fire & rescue services. In West Dunbartonshire, as with many Local Authorities, a decision was taken to transfer this accountability to the Community Planning Partnership.

4. Main Issues

Local Fire Plan

- 4.1 Scottish Fire & Rescue Services (SFRS) for West Dunbartonshire report on performance against key local priorities on a quarterly basis. The report attached at appendix 1 details the SFRS performance for Q4 - 1st January – 31st March 2019. It details performance against the key local priorities detailed in the local fire plan for West Dunbartonshire and shows trends over time for these priorities.

4.2 As can be seen from page 4 of the report, primary and secondary fires have increased by 3%, the overall total number of incidents has decreased by 4%. There has been an 8% decrease in the number of Special Service type incidents and the number of fire and non-fire casualties has decreased by 43%, we have also seen a reduction in the number of false alarms by 8% from the same period in 2017/18.

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no personnel issues.

6. Financial & Procurement Implications

6.1 The commitments made in the local plans will be delivered within available resources

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 There may be risks associated with not taking actions to deliver on the key priority areas as detailed in the plans. These are picked up through the strategic register of SFRS.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 Any equalities arising from this report, and associated Equalities Impact Assessments, will be carried out through SFRS.

9. Consultation

9.1 The performance report is presented for discussion and review. The local plan was developed in consultation with communities and key partner agencies.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 This report details performance and local actions taken by SFRS in relation to priority areas of West Dunbartonshire CPP.

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Appendices:

Appendix 1 -

Local Fire Plan Year to Date Progress Report - 1st January – 31st March 2019

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All



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Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan Priorities

The Local Fire and Rescue Service Plan has been developed to set out the priorities and objectives within West Dunbartonshire and allows our local authority partners to scrutinise the performance outcomes of these priorities. We will continue to work closely with our partners in West Dunbartonshire to ensure we are all **“Working Together for a Safer Scotland”** through targeting risks to our communities at a local level.

The plan has been developed to complement key partnership activity embedded across West Dunbartonshire's Community Plan and associated Delivery and Thematic plans. Through partnership working we will seek to deliver continuous improvement in our performance and effective service delivery in our area of operations.

The Local Fire and Rescue Plan for West Dunbartonshire identified six areas for demand reduction and is subject to regular monitoring and reporting through the Police & Fire and Rescue Committee. A summary of the priorities and current activity is detailed below with further detail and analysis contained within this performance report.

	Accidental Dwelling Fires	Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties	Unintentional Injury and Harm	Deliberate Fire Setting	Non-Domestic Fire Safety	Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals
Clydebank Central Ward	8	2	1	7	0	18
Clydebank Waterfront Ward	7	0	1	9	1	19
Dumbarton Ward	8	0	4	4	1	12
Kilpatrick Ward	2	0	1	6	1	6
Leven Ward	4	0	0	23	2	14
Lomond Ward	7	0	2	11	1	22
Total Incidents	36	2	9	60	6	91

Year on Year Change	◆ 3%	◆ 100%	● -55%	◆ 33%	● -60%	● -16%
3 Year Average Change	● -6%	● -55%	● -16%	▲ -2%	● -17%	◆ 6%
5 Year Average Change	◆ 28%	◆ 18%	◆ 14%	◆ 26%	◆ 14%	◆ 28%

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- Activity levels have reduced by more than 5%
- ▲ Activity levels have reduced by up to 5%
- ◆ Activity levels have increased overall

West Dunbartonshire Activity Summary



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fires
primary &
secondary



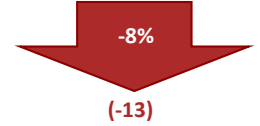
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services



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alarms



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incidents

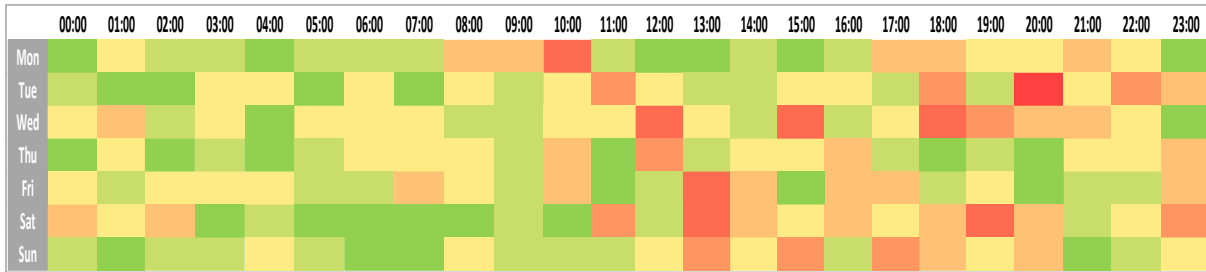


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fire & non-fire
casualties

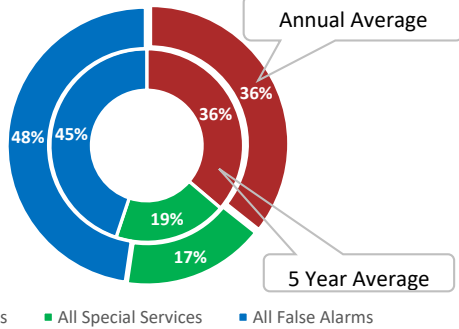


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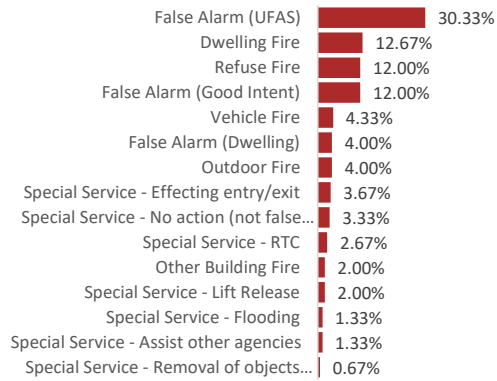
Activity by Time of Day



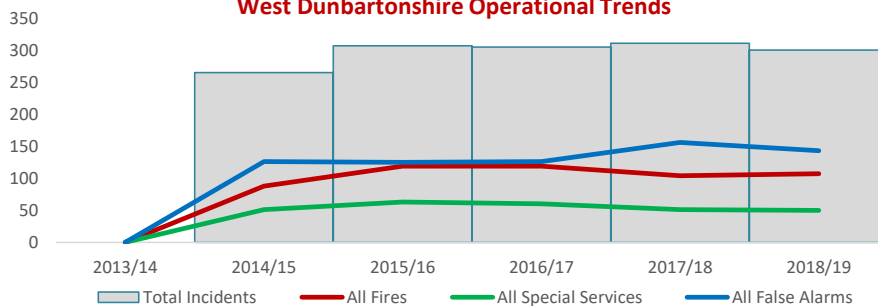
Incidents by Classification



Top 15 Incident Types by % of Total Incidents



West Dunbartonshire Operational Trends



	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
All Fires	88	119	119	104	107
All Special Services	51	63	60	51	50
All False Alarms	126	125	126	156	143
Total Incidents	265	307	305	311	300

This reporting period has seen a decrease of 3.5% percent of incidents attended, we will continue to work with partners to continue to reduce the number of incidents which SFRS attend and it's encouraging to note the number of false alarms attended during this quarter reduced by 8% in comparison to the same period last year, false alarms not only reduce our capacity to attend genuine emergency incidents but they also have an economic impact which has a detrimental effect on local business.

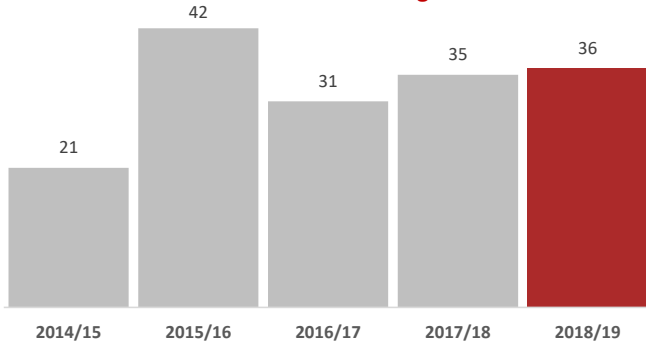
Domestic Safety - Accidental Dwelling Fires



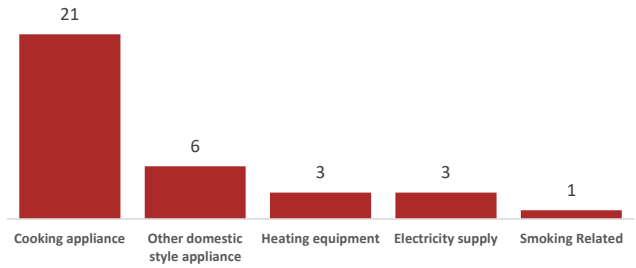
Performance Summary

Year on Year **3%** 3 Year Average **-6%** 5 Year Average **28%**

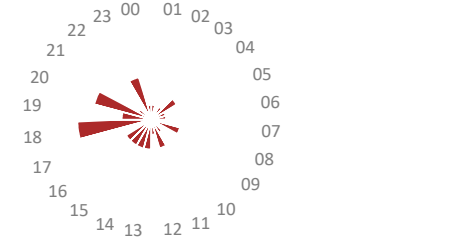
Accidental Dwelling Fires to Date



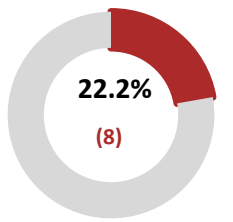
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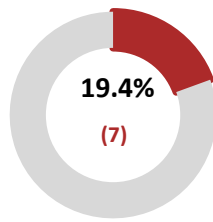
Accidental Dwelling Fires by Time of Day



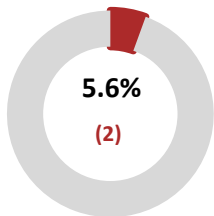
Accidental Dwelling Fires Activity by Ward (% share)



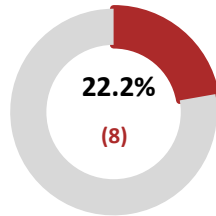
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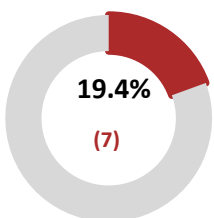
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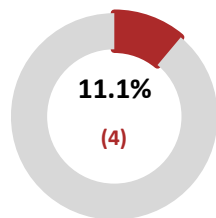
Kilpartick Ward



Dumbarton Ward



Lomond Ward



Leven Ward

Severity of Accidental Dwelling Fires



No Firefighting Action
50% (18)



Direct Firefighting
14% (5)



No Heat/Smoke Damage
8% (3)



No Fire Damage
22% (8)

Human Factors



Distraction
36% (13)



Alcohol/Drug Impairment
19% (7)

Automatic Detection & Actuation



Detection Present
86% (31)



Detection Actuated
81% (25)



Calls Made via Linked Alarms
56% (20)

The main source of ignition in the majority of accidental dwelling fires attended during this reporting period can be attributed to food being cooked and left unattended. Whilst responding to these types of incidents operational crews engage with residents and if necessary utilise referral pathways to partners in social work etc. to ensure that those in need of support are identified and mechanisms put in place to prevent reoccurrences. SFRS has launched a national TV & social media campaign to raise the public's awareness of the dangers associated with the misuse of white electrical goods, this national message will be delivered locally by operational crews and members of our community safety teams.

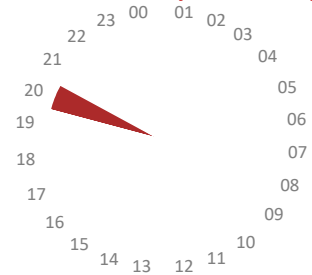
Domestic Safety - Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties



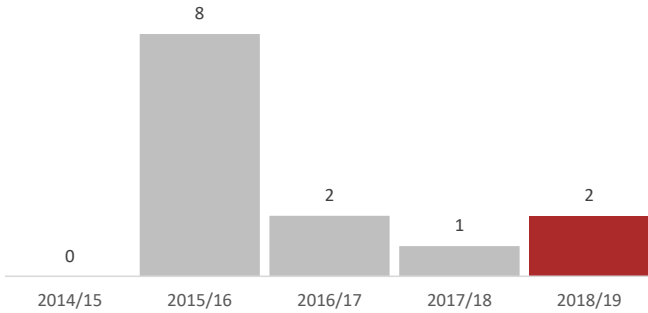
Performance Summary

Year on Year	3 Year Average	5 Year Average
100%	-55%	18%

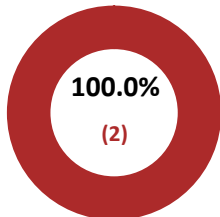
Fire Casualties by Time of Day



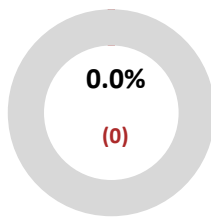
Accidental Dwelling Casualties



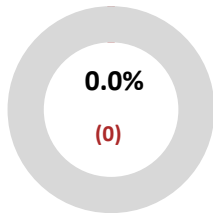
Accidental Dwelling Fire Casualties by Ward (% share)



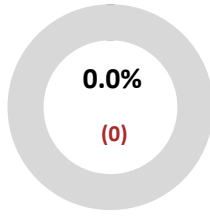
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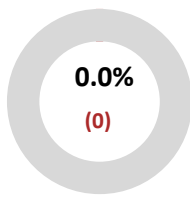
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Dumbarton Ward

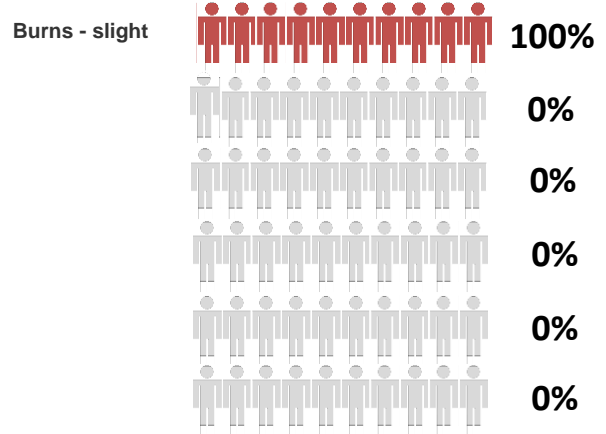


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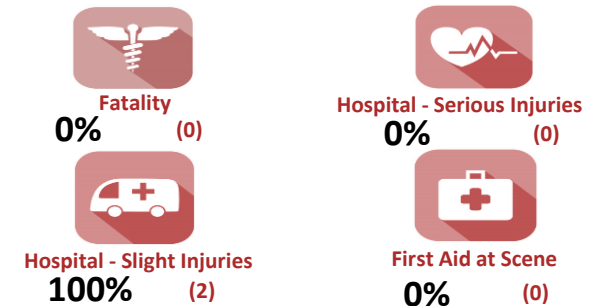


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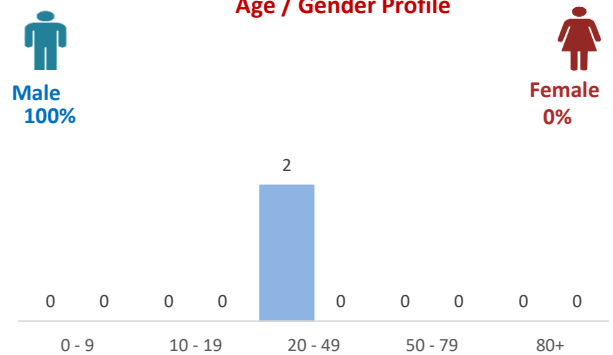
Nature of Injury



Extent of Harm



Age / Gender Profile



The low fire related casualty numbers when compared to the number of dwelling fires is testimony to the effectiveness of early warning provided by smoke detection in the home.

During this reporting period SFRS has carried out a total of 539 Home Fire Safety Visits in West Dunbartonshire and fitted 263 smoke detectors; frontline operational personnel have also conducted 57 Post Domestic Incident Response activities, engaging with and educating the public in respect to home fire safety.

A multi-agency approach is central to reducing the risk of fire in the home; during the reporting period a total of 190 high risk HFSV's have been completed. We continue to work with partner agencies to identify vulnerable members of our communities.

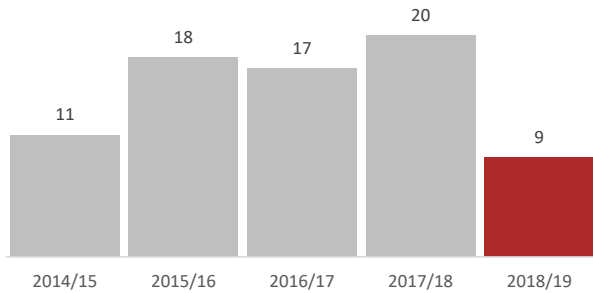
Unintentional Injury or Harm



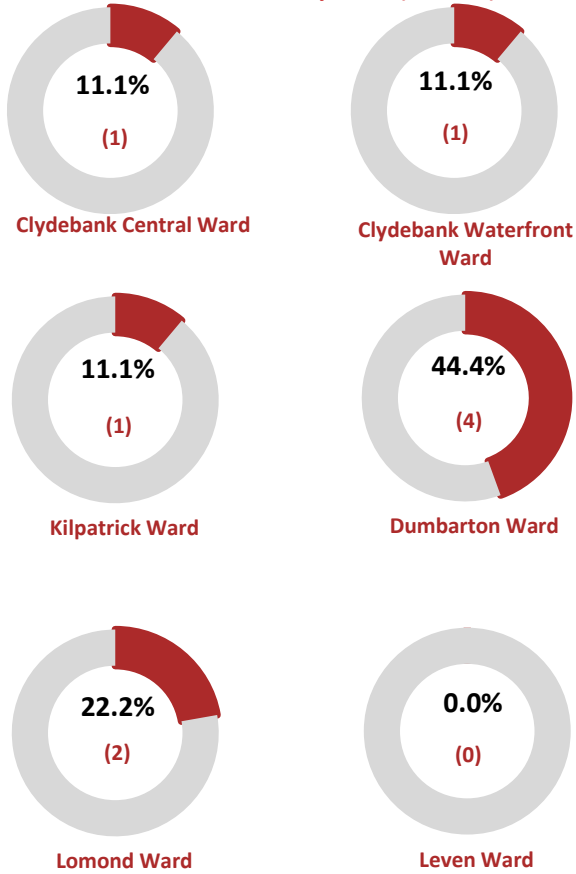
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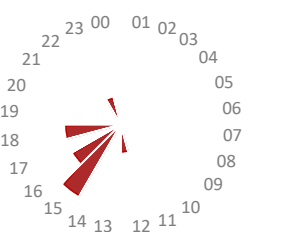
Non-Fire Casualties



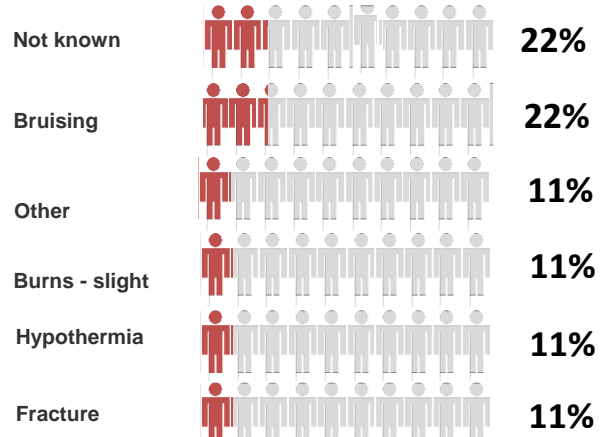
Non-Fire Casualties by Ward (% share)



Non-Fire Casualties by Time of Day



Nature of Injury



Fatality
22% (2)



Hospital - Serious Injuries
11% (1)

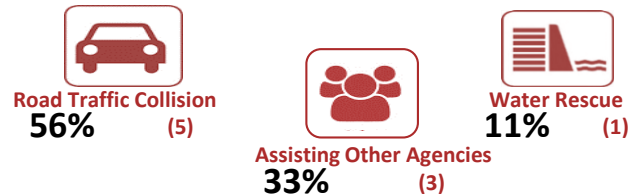


Hospital - Slight Injuries
56% (5)

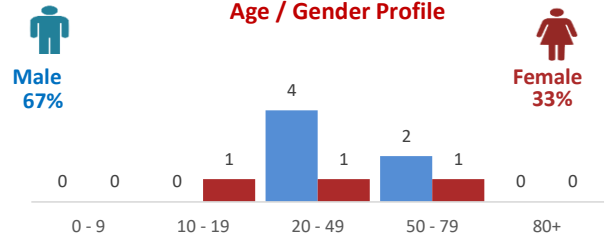


First Aid at Scene
11% (1)

Non-Fire Emergency Activity



Age / Gender Profile



SFRS attends a wide variety of incidents not only restricted to those involving fire, we continue to respond to incidents where our services are requested by partners to render assistance by gaining entry to dwellings where residents have suffered a medical emergency. SFRS is committed to improving the resilience of the communities within West Dunbartonshire, during this reporting period we have delivered CPR training sessions to every school leaver in West Dunbartonshire and continue to deliver training to all high school pupils throughout the local authority, to date we have trained 650 pupils and staff members.

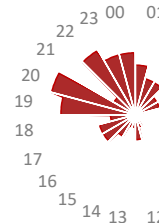
Deliberate Fire Setting



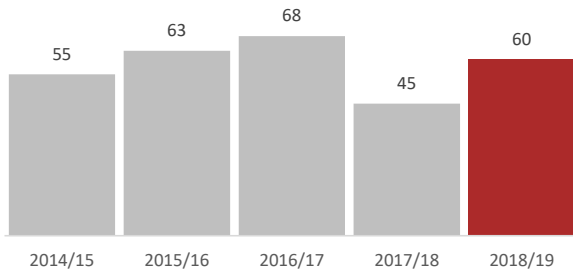
Performance Summary

Year on Year	3 Year Average	5 Year Average
33%	-2%	26%

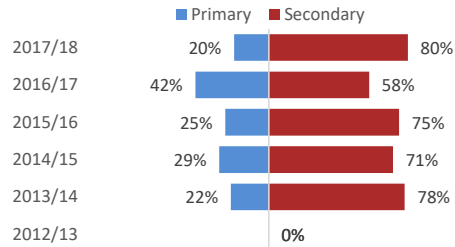
Deliberate Fires by Time of Day



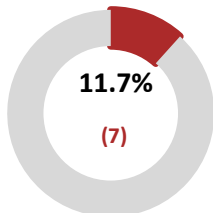
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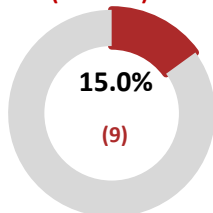
Deliberate Fires by Classification



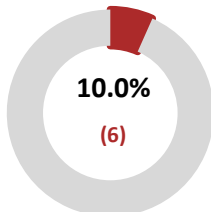
Deliberate Fires by Ward (% share)



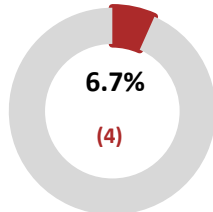
Clydebank Central ward



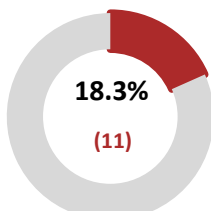
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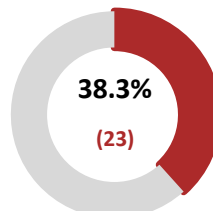
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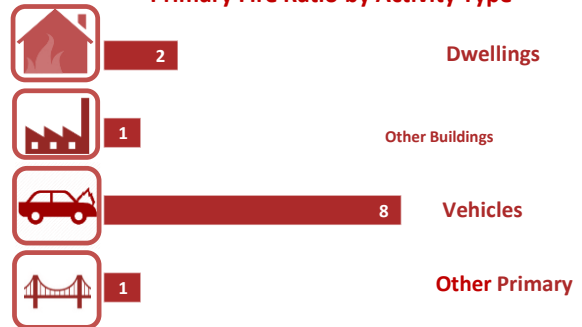


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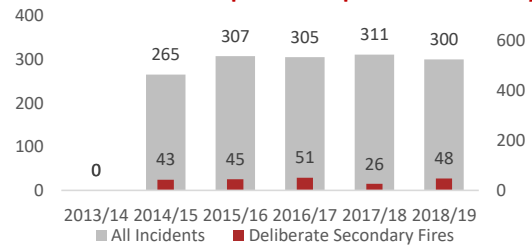
Primary Fire Ratio by Activity Type



Secondary Fire Ratio by Activity Type



Deliberate Fires Compared to Operational Activity



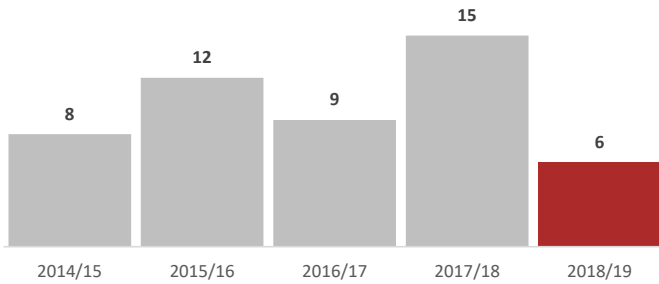
We have seen an increase in the number of deliberate fires attended during this reporting period when compared to last year's figures. The majority of these incidents are attributable to low level anti-social behaviour and we continue to work closely with partners through monthly anti social behaviour tasking group meetings. We will continue to provide fire skills youth diversionary activities to assist in the reduction of anti social behaviour and deliver targeted engagement fire setter intervention programmes where individual's are referred to us from partner agencies.

Non Domestic Fire Safety

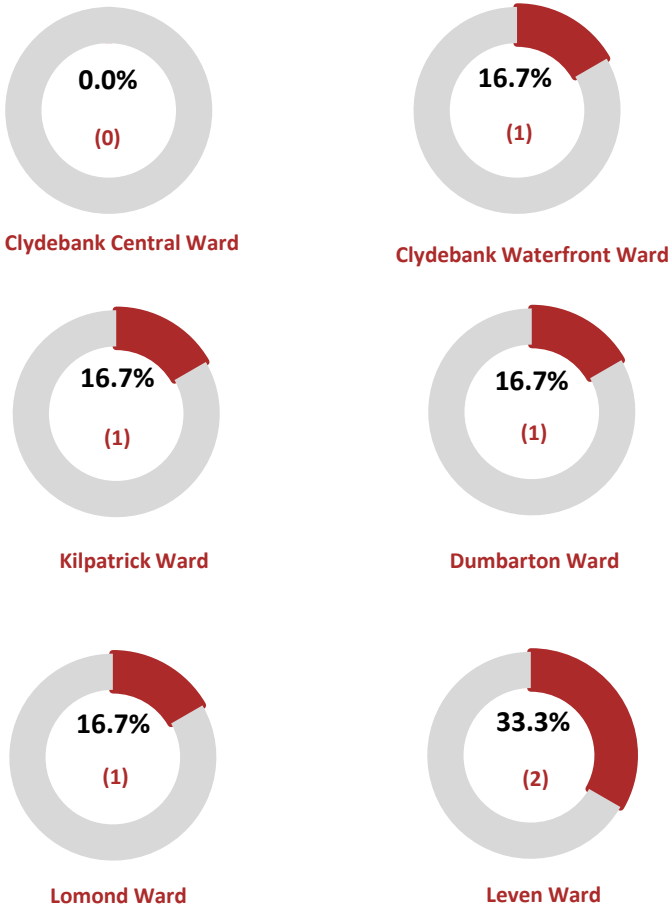


Performance Summary
 Year on Year Average: -60%
 3 Year Average: -17%
 5 Year Average: 14%

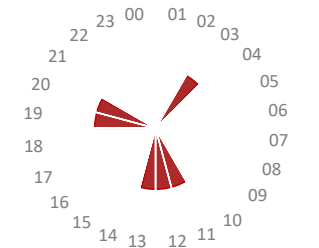
Non-Domestic Fires



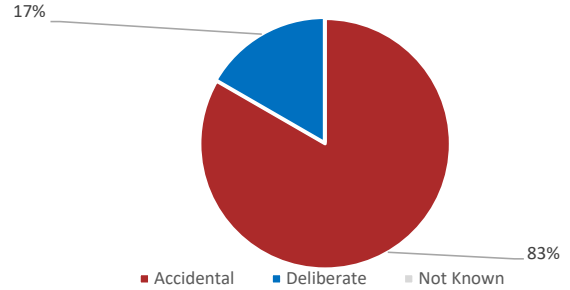
Non-Domestic Fires by Ward (% share)



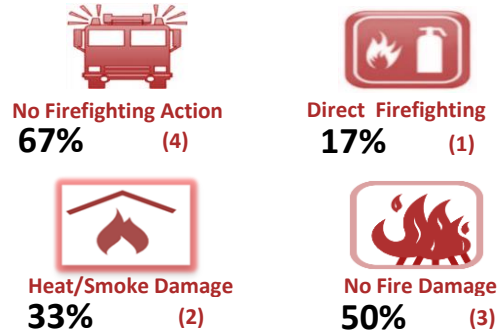
Non-Domestic Fires by Time of Day



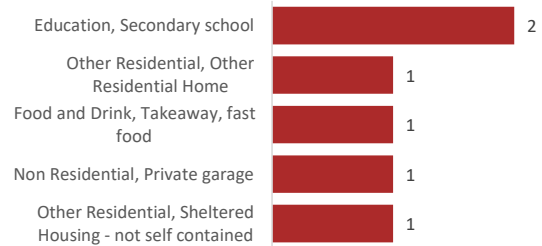
Non-Domestic Fires by Nature of Origin



Severity of Non-Domestic Fires



Non-Domestic Fires by Premises Type



Contributory Factors

This category of incident looks at all accidental fires within buildings that are not dwellings. It includes all residential and non-residential buildings in both the private and public sector. We have seen a reduction against last years figure of 60%. Fire Safety Enforcement Officers will continue to conduct themed audits of buildings and will proactively engaging with duty holders to raise awareness of fire safety. All premises that fall under the auspices of the Fire Scotland Act 2005 and have a fire, irrespective of the size of the fire, are subject to a post fire audit in order that lessons can be captured and shared with duty-holders.

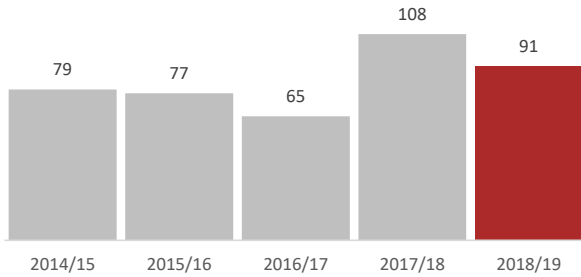
Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals



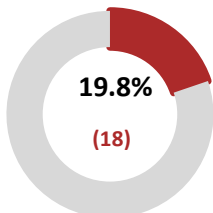
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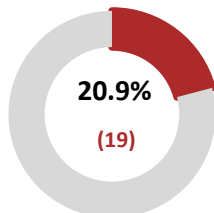
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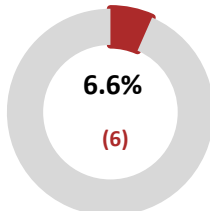
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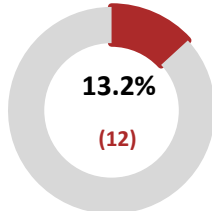
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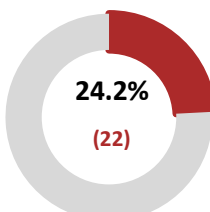
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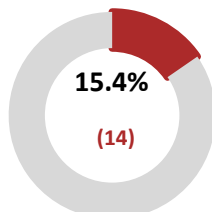
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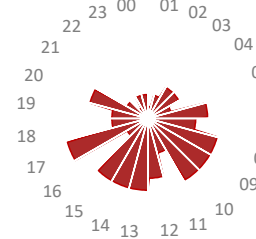


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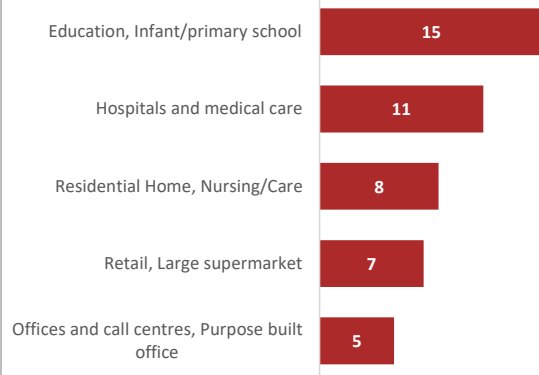


Leven Ward

Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals by Time of Day



Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals - Top 5 Premises



Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals Activity Ratios



UFAS Percentage Against all Incidents

30% (91)



UFAS Percentage Against all False Alarms

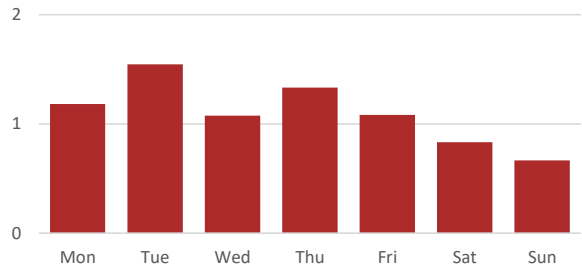
64%



Human Influence and Alarm Activations

38% (35)

Average Unwanted Fire Alarm Signals per Day



There has been a 19% reduction during this reporting period, this is attributed to our unwanted fire alarm signal reduction strategy which is designed to reduce the impact of false alarms on business, increase capacity for SFRS resources and reduce the road risk presented by fire appliances attending false alarms. Premises are risk assessed and occupiers engaged with prior to the pre-determined attendance being reduced to one fire appliance. We are continuously working with partners in education to reduce the number of UFAS incidents within educational establishments.



Report by the Divisional Commander, Police Scotland

CPWD Management Board: 16 May 2019

Subject: Police Scrutiny – Quarter 4 Report

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this item is to provide members of the CPWD Management Board with an update on quarter three performance against the Local Police Plan.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Management Board note the update given on progress against the Local Police Plan.

3. Background

- 3.1 As part of the Police & Fire Reform (Scotland) Act 2013 new arrangements were put in place for local scrutiny and engagement. These arrangements place a requirement on Local Authorities to scrutinise local police and fire and rescue services. In West Dunbartonshire, as with many Local Authorities, a decision was taken to transfer this accountability to the Community Planning Partnership.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1 The report attached at appendix 1 details performance against the local police plan for 2018/19, covering the period January – February 2019 (interim quarter 4¹). The content focuses on performance against the local police priorities; Violence, Disorder and antisocial behaviour, Road Safety and Road Crime, Protecting people at Risk of Harm, Serious Organised Crime and Counter Terrorism. The second page of the report details the ongoing initiatives and work being undertaken and link closely to the five priorities detailed in the LOIP 2017-27.

¹ Due to year end reporting restrictions, crime figures for March 2019 and full year figures are currently embargoed and will not be available before the final submission date for the next West Dunbartonshire Council Management Board. Therefore the interim report will cover January and February 2019. A revised full Quarter 4 report will be submitted for noting at the CPP Management Board in August 2019.

5. People Implications

5.1 There are no personnel issues.

6. Financial & Procurement Implications

6.1 The commitments made in the local plans will be delivered within available resources.

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 There may be risks associated with not taking actions to deliver on the key priority areas as detailed in the plans. These are picked up through the strategic risk register of Police Scotland.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 Any equalities impacts arising from this report, and associated Equalities Impact Assessment, will be carried out by Police Scotland.

9. Consultation

9.1 The performance report is presented for discussion and review. Both local plans were developed in consultation with communities and key partner agencies.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 This report details performance and local actions taken by Police Scotland in relation to priority areas for the West Dunbartonshire CPP.

Hazen Hendren
Divisional Commander, Police Scotland

Person to Contact: Brian Gibson (Superintendent), Police Scotland
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Appendices: Appendix 1: Local Police plan 2018/19 Q4 (Interim) update

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All



Keeping People Safe in West Dunbartonshire

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Violence & Antisocial Behaviour

As at the end of February the total number of Group 1 crimes of violence reported remained 27.9% higher than in 2017/18 with 142 crimes recorded versus 111. However the current figure shows further improvement from the position at the end of Qtr 3. Increased crime levels continue to be largely due to a rise in serious assaults which increased from 58 to 81.

Half of all serious assaults occurred in a private space In 60% the victim knew the perpetrator.

On average 103 stop search are carried out each month in WDC

The number of complaints recorded relating to disorder are unchanged year on year with an average of 110 incidents recorded per week. ASB crimes continue to show an overall reduction of 2.1%, figures also remain 21.7% below the 5 year average. Common assaults have reduced by 11.3%. Breach of the peace and CJS S.38 saw a marginal increase of 2.8%.

Overall the detection rate for violent crime remains high at 78.2% versus 78.4% last year. 70.4% of serious assaults were detected. While this is below last year's figure of 78.4%, in number terms 11 more crimes were detected.

Public Protection

In total 152 Group 2 sexual crimes have been recorded compared to 170 last year. This equates to a reduction of 10.6% from last year. Rape crimes have reduced by 26.7% from 45 to 33. Indecent assaults have also decreased by 13.8% from 65 to 56.

Almost 80% of sexual crimes have occurred within residential dwelling homes

Around one third of all sexual crimes recorded have been historical reports.

Set against figures recorded at the end of February last year, the detection rate for Group 2 sexual crime has reduced slightly from 53.5% to 48.7%. The detection rate for rape crime has improved slightly from 55.8% to 58.1%.



YTD the number of missing person incidents remained 16.3% higher than in 2017/18, which equates to 133 more reports. Children and Looked After Children continue to be the most common repeat missing persons and account for approx. 75% of all missing person incidents.

As at 28 February 2019, the number of unique incidents resulting in an Adult or Child Concern being raised showed a 2.6% reduction YTD compared to 2017/18. Concerns relating to youth offending remain 10.2% higher which is a further improvement on the position at the end of Qtr 3.

Domestic abuse crimes and incidents continue to show a downward trend. As at 28/02/2019 incidents had reduced by 6.1% (n=115) and crimes/offences by 7.1% (74). Both figures remain below the previous 5 year average.

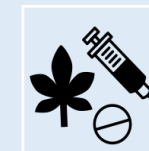
User satisfaction results as at 28 February 2019 show that In Argyll & West Dunbartonshire public confidence levels remain high at 80.3%. Furthermore, figures also indicate 83.1% of persons were satisfied with how police dealt with their incident.

Major Crime & Terrorism



Across Argyll & West Dunbartonshire 88 persons linked to serious and organised crime have been arrested and £519,058.20 seized under POCA.

Detections for drugs supply remain 36.6% higher than last year, with a total of 124 crimes recorded compared to 91 last year. Drug possession charges also remain considerably higher with 772 crimes recorded versus 475 last year which is an increase of 62.5%.



As at 28 February 2019, 26 drug related deaths had been recorded in West Dunbartonshire; 12 confirmed and 14 suspected. Twenty deaths were recorded in the comparative period last year. In most cases the victim had consumed a variety of drug types including heroin and etizolam.



In total 66 cybercrimes have been recorded within West Dunbartonshire in 2018/19 The majority of these have involved abusive or threatening message or indecent images being sent or posted on social media. To date 24 crimes have been detected.

Acquisitive Crime



Vehicle crimes Increased by 72.9%



Domestic housebreakings have reduced by 26.7%

Acquisitive crimes continue to show a 10.9% increase year on year overall (n=166). Increases in vehicle crime (n=70), theft by shoplifting (n=68) and fraud (n=23) accounts for much of the overall increase. Domestic housebreaking crimes continue to show a downward trend and have reduced by 26.7% YTD. To date 42.6% of all acquisitive crimes have been detected. Detection rates for housebreaking and vehicle crime remain relatively consistent at 25.8% and 31.3% respectively.



Bogus crimes remain relatively low. As at 28/02/2019 17 crimes had been recorded which is an increase from 8 in the same period 2017/18. Seven crimes reported related to social engineering fraud. The remainder mostly involved bogus workmen.

Road Safety & Road Crime



There were no fatalities recorded in West Dunbartonshire during Qtr 4 therefore the YTD figure is the same as last year (1). The number of serious injuries recorded remains lower at 21 versus 26 last year and slight injuries continue to show a marked reduction decreasing from 126 to 65. Overall this equates to 66 fewer casualties.

Figures recorded at the end of February 2019 show the number of road traffic offences recorded remains 6.3% lower than last year which is an improvement from the position at the end of Qtr3 (14.5%). Reduced crime levels are largely due to reductions in speeding and seat belt offences and careless driving. Detections for dangerous driving have increased from 23 to 33.

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POLICE SCOTLAND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS – ANNUAL AWARDS – DUMBARTON AND CLYDEBANK

The commitment and leadership of the Dumbarton and Clydebank Police Scotland Youth Volunteers groups was recognised at their Annual Awards ceremony which was held at Clydebank High School on Thursday 28 March 2019. More than 100 family, friends and guests were on hand to recognise the work of the two teams of Youth Volunteers and their Adult Leaders. Chief Superintendent Hazel Hendren, Provost William Hendrie, Councillor Lawrence O'Neill and Chief Inspector Kenny Quigley, presented awards and certificates to the volunteers which included Saltire Awards for volunteering, Initial Training Programme certificates and a number of individual achievement awards which included - PSYV Commitment Award, PSYV Leadership Award, PSYV Adult Volunteer of the Year and PSYV Youth Volunteer of the Year.

LAUNCH OF NATIONAL MISSING PERSONS APPLICATION

Responding to reports of missing persons represents one of the biggest demands on policing resources. As missing persons are highly likely to travel across police divisions, the risks associated with tasking and management of missing person investigations are very high. The National Missing Persons Application will greatly enhance officers' ability to manage missing person enquiries and protect the most vulnerable in our society. It will provide investigating officers with access to all relevant information relating to a multi-area investigation. It has the ability to record where the missing person was last seen, where traced and plot these points on a map. In addition, where a missing person has gone missing repeatedly, functionality exists to plot all previously traced locations on the map. Over 90% of all officers have now been fully trained in the use of the new system.

IMPROVING AWARENESS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

All L Division officers, as with every Police Scotland officer, are currently engaged in a bespoke training programme 'Domestic Abuse Matters (Scotland)' that has been designed to support officers and staff in the roll out of the Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018. The training package provides guidance on practical issues like evidence gathering and reporting of coercive and controlling behaviours. Specifically, it will advance staff and officers' knowledge of the dynamics of power and control in abusive relationships and tackle the myths and misconceptions which are common in our communities.

Domestic abuse accounts for almost one quarter of violent crime in Scotland, this equates to Police Scotland officers attending a domestic related incident every nine minutes, however this is only likely to be a fraction of the abuse occurring in our communities. Domestic abuse is the greatest single demand on operational policing, taking up at least 20% of officers' time.

This new legislation which comes into force from 1 April 2019 criminalises coercive and controlling behaviour for the first time ever in Scotland. The Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2018 will give Police Scotland a real opportunity to enrich our practices because coercive and controlling behaviours have long been recognised as a significant factor of domestic abuse and have been difficult to prosecute.

DIVISIONAL COMMANDERS RECOGNITION AWARDS

Officers, staff and many relatives attended the West Dunbartonshire half of the annual Divisional Recognition Awards, held at the Council Offices, Church Street, Dumbarton on 21 March 2019. Thirty two police officers, police staff and partners were recognised under the following categories: Above & Beyond, Making a Difference, Continuous Endeavour, Department Award, Outstanding Performer, Unsung Hero. There was also an External Partners Award which recognises the many partners we depend on to deliver services to the people and communities we serve. This award was given to Mr Alex Gunn (Clydebank CCTV Unit) for the exemplary work he does in support of operational policing activities in the command area and for the part he plays in keeping people and officers safe in West Dunbartonshire.

WELLBEING MATTERS

1 February 2019 was **National Breathing Space Day** and division officers/staff were encouraged (along with everyone across Scotland) to take some 'breathing space' away from life's stresses by taking part in an activity they enjoy. Suggestions included visiting 'the great outdoors', going for a coffee, or simply taking a few moments to relax. The 'You Matter, We Care' theme encourages caring for self and others to highlight the benefits kindness and positive relationships can have on mental wellbeing and how making positive emotional connections with others enables learning more about self and the wider world, and also helps to notice signs of distress in others and take action.

During April the division has been highlighting the **NHS Health Scotland/SG Healthy Scotland** national campaign promoting sensible alcohol consumption. Campaign posters and 'Making a Change' campaign literature have been distributed across the division along with associated alcohol resource materials, such as unit alcohol measuring beakers, 'at a glance' unit measuring calculators and alcohol intake daily diaries.

SAFER SUMMER

Police in West Dunbartonshire are working with a wide range of partners including British Transport Police, West Dunbartonshire Council, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and Loch Lomond National Park and others to develop a multi-agency Safe Summer Plan which will take account of the higher than normal numbers of people who often visit West Dunbartonshire during spells of good weather particularly during the summer months. The purpose of the plan is to safeguard members of the public living, working and visiting the area, making sure that people can travel safely and enjoy everything that West Dunbartonshire has to offer. The plan is designed to enable frequent and early dialogue between partners at times of high demand and ensure that all agencies can deploy more effectively to enhance public safety.

PROTECTING VULNERABLE PERSONS

On 5 February 2019, West Dunbartonshire Community Police officers joined colleagues from the CID and Community Safety for a 'walkabout' in the Willox Park area of Dumbarton with elected representatives and representatives from West Dunbartonshire Council Housing, Community Alarms, Sheltered Housing and Trading Standards teams. The walkabout was organised following a bogus caller incident in which a 73 year old man was the victim of a callous theft. During the walkabout, participants provided updates re ongoing activity and discussed opportunities to work in partnership with each other, and with the residents and local community to prevent vulnerable people from being targeted in the area again. Following the walkabout, police and partners have been following up on a number of identified actions which have included signage, installation of CCTV, one to one crime prevention visits offered to all residents and increased police patrols in the area.

SHUT OUT SCAMMERS

This new force wide campaign primarily focusses on doorstep crime prevention, as well as other scams that have a detrimental impact on householders including mail, telephone and online. In support of this campaign road checks were undertaken in Clydebank with several partner agencies and our Road Policing Unit. Information stalls were also set up within both Dumbarton and Clydebank where we teamed up with Your Community, Trading Standards, Victim Support, Telecare in West Dunbartonshire, Neighbourhood Watch and Lomond and Clyde Care and Repair to offer information and advice on crime prevention.

ROAD SAFETY AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

A local action plan around school bus safety took place on 20 February at Our Lady and St Patricks School in Dumbarton. Eleven buses were stopped and checked by Road Policing officers supported by DVSA and SPT. No offences were identified and good feedback was received from the drivers. The school were very supportive of the operation.

Police engagement was also visible at various other schools across West Dunbartonshire including Renton Primary, Dalmuir Primary and Gavinburn Primary which involved engagement with pedestrians and cyclists and speeding checks.

YOUR COMMUNITY WALKABOUT - CASTLEHILL

West Dunbartonshire Community Policing Team joined school pupils, local residents, church groups and partners from West Dunbartonshire Council Communities, Housing and Greenspace Teams for a community walkabout in the Castlehill area on 21 January 2019. The group 'walked and talked' as they visited locations where development work has been completed recently or is due to start soon and discussed other areas where work might be needed. A number of actions were identified during the walkabout and these will be acted on in the weeks and months ahead. Young people highlighted dog fouling as a concern and West Dunbartonshire Community Policing Team have agreed to carry out joint patrols with the Greenspace Team to tackle this issue.

CRIME SCENE PRESERVATION TRAINING – LICENSED PREMISES

Police Scotland have been arranging Crime Scene Preservation (CSP) training for staff within licensed premises in West Dunbartonshire. The training, which will be delivered to all staff, not only Designated Premises Manger/owners, will provide knowledge on how to effectively deal with crime scenes. The training, aimed at ensuring premises meet with the Licensing Objectives, includes dealing with emergency situations, scene preservation procedures, crowd management and how to report an incident amongst other important information. Local Pub Watch Groups will be updated.

SIGNIFICANT DRUG SEIZURE

On 2 March 2019 local officers had cause to search an address in the Clydebank area which lead to the recovery a large quantity of drugs with an estimated street value of almost £2.3 million. Two persons were subsequently charged with the supply of controlled drugs. These individuals are believed to be linked to significant individuals involved in SOC in the Glasgow area.



Nurtured (Children & Young People)

Empowered Residents