



# COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE

Report by the Shared Service Community Planning Manager

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**Subject: Sustainability**

## 1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this report is to highlight how Community Planning Partners within West Dunbartonshire are looking at the theme of Sustainability.

## 2. Recommendations

2.1 CPWD is asked to:

- Note the report

## 3. Background

3.1 It was agreed by the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Board to have a focus on Sustainability at one of its meetings in 2021.

3.2 This paper complements the information on Sustainability provided within the DIG updates as part of the meeting.

## 4. Main Issues

4.1 Within West Dunbartonshire, there are a range of partnership projects which exemplify sustainability.

4.2 **Climate Change Action Plan:** West Dunbartonshire Council is currently consulting on its Climate Change Action Plan and accompanying Environmental Report. The plan looks to implement the Climate Change Strategy through high-level short and longer term actions.

4.3 **Connecting Clydebank:** This is a transformational project made possible with funding from Sustrans seeking to strengthen the civic core of Clydebank and forming essential links with the Queen's Quay development. This arose from a Charrette process in 2015 and was made possible through funding from Sustrans Community Links.

- 4.4 Melfort Park - New Community Park:** The former St Eunan's Primary School has been transformed into a new community park providing local residents opportunities to learn about nature and physical activity. The park will deliver new biodiversity areas, raised bed allotments, recreational areas for children, outdoor exercise equipment, outdoor education areas and representing local heritage. In addition, open pathways are throughout the site, enabling accessible connections for pedestrians and cyclists.
- 4.5 Street Bikes:** This initiative from Y Sort-It provides free bike hire, cycling skills sessions as well as maintenance sessions to young people of all ages and abilities. Their aim is to ensure cycling is as accessible as possible. Volunteers have been recruited to support young people with basic bike maintenance workshops as well as recycling donated bikes to give to young people and members of the community for free.
- 4.6 WDCVS:** WDCVS supports several environmental projects including litter picks in partnership with Scottish Canals and a community allotment space in partnership with Dalmuir Plots Association.
- 4.7 Isaro Community Initiative:** Isaro Community Initiative have a number of climate change projects designed to encourage communities to reduce their carbon footprint including energy efficiency advice, upcycling of clothes and textile waste reduction initiatives and awareness of food and climate change through workshops, cooking and gardening classes.
- 4.8 Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park:** LLTNP provide information to visitors on how to reduce their carbon footprint when visiting the National Park including encouraging people to travel by public transport and the provision of electric car chargers. LLTNP also provide information on littering, reusables and educational resources.
- 4.9 District Heating Project, Queens Quay:** This is the first large-scale District Heating Network powered by water source heat pumps in Scotland, and became operational in December 2020. The system has been built on a modular basis, enabling future expansion beyond Queens Quay.
- 4.10** In addition, a number of partners have readily available Climate Change strategies which can be found here:
- [West Dunbartonshire Council Climate Change Strategy](#)
  - [SFRS Strategic Plan 2019 22 V1.0.pdf \(firescotland.gov.uk\)](#)
  - [Skills Development Scotland Climate Change Strategy](#)
  - [SNH Climate Commitments 2019](#)
  - [SEPA Climate Change Commitment Statement](#)

## **5. People Implications**

- 5.1** These plans and activity are being delivered within existing resources.

## **6. Financial Implications**

**6.1** There are no financial implications linked to this report.

## **7. Risk Analysis**

**7.1** This report is for noting so there are no risk implications. A risk analysis would be undertaken for individual projects by those working on the project.

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

**8.1** This report is for noting and does not seek to change any existing policies or procedures so an Equalities Impact Assessment screening was not required.

## **9. Consultation**

**9.1** This report has been developed by the Shared Service Community Planning Manager with input from the Council's Performance and Strategy Officer.

## **10. Strategic Assessment**

**10.1** Ensuring West Dunbartonshire is sustainable is a strategic priority for the Community Planning Partnership.

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**Appendices:** None

**Background Papers:** None

**Wards Affected:** All