



## **PERTH & KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP**

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### **LOIP PROGRESS UPDATE**

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#### **1. Purpose and Summary**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Board with an update on the actions in the current Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP). Board is asked to:
- Note progress on a number of actions, as detailed in RAG Table and summarised below;
  - Discuss and agree a resolution to Action 3.2 and wider considerations in paragraph 5.2; and
  - Discuss and agree a timeline for preparing a revised LOIP Action Plan for the period beyond September 2023, as set out in paragraph 7.2.

#### **2. Context**

- 2.1 The LOIP is the CPPs statutory plan for tackling inequalities in Perth and Kinross. The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires all local authorities to prepare and publish a LOIP and produce an Annual Report outlining the progress made in achieving their agreed outcomes. With some actions in the LOIP reaching the end of their target timescales and in preparation for our first Annual Report in September, partners were asked to undertake a RAG exercise for those actions against which they were listed as the lead partner. For the purposes of this exercise:
- Red – action not started
  - Amber – action on target or partially completed
  - Green – partially completed
- 2.2 The RAG Spreadsheet is comprehensive and a table summarising progress is provided below. The following sections summarise progress under each of the strategic priorities of the LOIP. Examples are used to highlight progress, based on the Impact Measures agreed for each action in September 2022.

Year 1 of the Action Plan can be used to provide a baseline for future interventions.

<b>Strategic Priority</b>	<b>Total Number of Actions</b>	<b>COMPLETE*</b>	<b>IN PROGRESS*</b>	<b>NOT PROGRESSED*</b>	<b>No Update Provided*</b>
Reducing Poverty	22	7	4	1	6
Physical and Mental Wellbeing	12	8	3	0	1
Digital Participation	5	3	2	0	0
Skills, Learning & Development	15	9	5	1	0

\*As of 16<sup>th</sup> June 2023

### **3. Reducing Poverty**

3.1 Key achievements in the last six months include:

- Action 1.1 – reducing priority debt and essential living expenses.
  - £2.6m of benefit gains have been recorded in 2022/23, meaning people’s access to benefits has been significantly improved
- Action 1.17 – plan and deliver a Warm Spaces Initiative
  - 95 organisations received a share of £420K of Council funding to provide Warm Spaces and activities;
- Action 1.22 – increase the number of premises stocking free period products;
  - PKC is now supplying products to over 100 premises across the area

### **4. Physical and Mental Wellbeing**

4.1 Key achievements include:

- Action 2.1 - producing a new Physical Activity and Sports Strategy. This was approved by Council in December 2022 and a Steering Group including representation from Council, Live Active Leisure, Health & Social Care Partnership and NHS Tayside has been established to oversee delivery
- Action 2.6 – implement community brokerage more widely
  - There have been 120 new referrals received for community brokerage systems in 2022/23. Community Brokerage creates opportunities for individuals to think about and identify the services that will meet their needs, to put that support in place and explore how their needs can be met within their own networks and communities

- Action 2.10 – Asylum seekers and refugees are active, healthy and engaging in cultural, leisure and educational activities
  - the number of individuals engaging and the number of new learners taking part in planned activities, 137 individuals have been supported in general and 25 are now active ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) learners

## **5. Digital Participation**

### **5.1 Key achievements include:**

- Action 3.1 – Research to develop an evidence base on digital participation in P&K was completed in October 2022. This was supplemented by an Action Plan setting out how to increase levels of Digital Participation in Perth and Kinross
- Action 3.3 – A data guide to help individuals understand how data is used on digital devices was produced in December 2022. This was designed to help those who have access to limited data understand how different applications and websites use up data. This was produced by the Digital Participation Working Group, was circulated widely across member networks and is available on the Council website at (insert hyperlink)
- Action 3.5 – Databases of where support with digital connectivity, technology and capacity building were developed by the Digital Participation Working Group and distributed across their networks. These were designed to help those who are currently digitally excluded find the most local support available to them

5.2 Further actions were agreed under this priority, focusing on delivering the recommendations of the research undertaken (Action 3.2 in the LOIP). These focus on ongoing investment in local projects to provide technology, connectivity and capacity building support to people who are currently digitally excluded across Perth and Kinross. The funding provided by the Council to deliver this work was not extended into the 2023/24 financial year and Board is asked to consider finding an alternative funding source, or an alternative way to deliver these.

## **6. Skills, Learning, Development and Employability**

### **6.1 Key achievements include::**

- Action 4.3 – provide employability, digital skills and ESOL training to refugees and those seeking asylum via PKC and Adult Learning Partnership
  - number of learners achieving qualifications, 780 adult learners have been upskilled, including 212 ESOL learners and 418 individuals achieving an accredited qualification;
- Action 4.5 – provide upskilling opportunities for volunteers – 593 volunteers have received training or development support in 2022/23.
- Action 4.9 – introduce STEP Starter Packs for Gypsy/Traveller families with pre-school children – 20 packs were distributed in 2022/23 by Education & Children’s Services

- Action 4.11 – development of a 3 year Employability Strategy and Delivery Plan for Perth and Kinross
- Action 4.15 – employability interventions delivered to support candidates into sustainable employment – 209 candidates supported in 2022/23.

## **7. Annual Report**

- 7.1 These updates will be fed into the information provided in the upcoming LOIP Annual Report, due to go to Board for approval in September 2023. Partners will be asked for further updates during the summer to ensure an up-to-date picture is provided.
- 7.2 The initial LOIP Action Plan covers the period October 2022 – September 2023. Therefore, Board members will need to agree a timeline for developing and agreeing a refreshed Action Plan and the timescale that this will cover. It is recommended that Board agree the following:
- New LOIP actions and proposals suggested by **Friday 28 July**
  - Draft Action Plan circulated to CPP Board for comment by **Friday 18 August**
  - Amended Action Plan brought to CPP Board for approval **Friday 8 September**

## **8. Conclusion**

- 8.1 CPP Board are asked to note the progress update and approve the proposed RAG status for each LOIP priority.