

LOCALITY PARTNERSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is a Locality Partnership?

A Locality Partnership is a group of local people along with partnership officers. They work together to tackle local issues.

What is the Locality Plan?

This is a document which provides an overview of the Locality Area, and sets out key priorities for the Locality Partnership. It will help the Partnership to address local inequalities.

What is the role of Elected Members on Locality Partnerships?

All Elected Members who represent that Locality can be a member of the Locality Partnership. The work of the Locality Partnership will influence the work of the Elected Member. The Elected Member will work with the wider community on Locality Partnership issues.

What is the role of officers on Locality Partnerships?

Officers on Locality Partnerships represent their organisations and act as advisers to the Locality Partnership. They link the Locality Partnership and the partner organisation.

What is the role of community representatives on Locality Partnerships?

Community representatives will bring their local knowledge and experience to the Partnership. They will link in with the wider community on Locality Partnership issues.

How were the boundaries decided upon?

There are six Locality Partnerships: Arran, Garnock Valley, Irvine, Kilwinning, North Coast and Three Towns. We consulted with others when deciding on the boundaries. Each Locality is a recognisable area to local people and the communities within it have common features.

What will a Locality Partnership do?

The focus of the Locality Partnership is the Locality Plan. The Partnership will agree the local priorities in the Plan. It will work with members of the community and wider partners to deliver on the Plan and improve the lives of local people.

Are meetings held in public?

Yes, Locality Partnership meetings are held in public. However if members of the public want to contribute they should do so through their community representative or Elected Member.

Can Locality Partnerships allocate grants?

The Partnership will consider local grant applications, taking into account the guidance for each

Who is on a Locality Partnership?

All Elected Members of North Ayrshire Council who represent the Locality, Community Council Chairs, community representatives, a Senior Lead Officer appointed by the Community Planning Partnership, representatives of North Ayrshire Council, the Health and Social Care Partnership, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue and Third Sector Interface. Additional members can be invited to sit on the Partnership if their expertise is needed.

Why were Locality Partnerships introduced?

We need to make partnership working in North Ayrshire more directly relevant to local issues. Locality Partnerships will give local people more influence over partnership working. They will also support communities to work more closely with Community Planning partners.

How are they supported?

Administration will be provided by the Community Planning Partnership. Officers will also work with Locality Partnerships members to provide support.

Why should I get involved with Locality Partnerships?

It is a way of working more closely with Elected Members and partner officers. Locality Partnerships' agreed priorities will influence how partner organisations work across the area.

Where and when will meetings take place?

Meetings will take place in the evenings in Locality areas. There will be a minimum of four meetings per year.