

Appendix 1 Banff and Buchan Community Plan Update

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1.Support and build inclusive, resilient, and influential communities across Banff and Buchan	1.Inclusive engagement to bring people's lived experiences to inform partners' services design & delivery.	<p>Online and in-person community consultations and engagement opportunities continue to be promoted across the Banff and Buchan area via targeted direct communications and general social media content by the Council's Area Team, council service partners, external local and strategic partners. Specific activities have included -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young people are being supported to have their say, impact on 'place' and shape local services via initiatives such as Banff town centre walkabouts with partners (supporting Banff Academy S1 pupils on their Doorstep Explorers walking routes website and launch); Community Learning and Development's (CLD) Deveron-centre based Early Intervention project targeted at disengaged pupils which offers activity experiences identified by participants and delivered in conjunction with local partners; and Aberdeen for a Fairer World and a Place in Childhood's work with Banff and Macduff primary and secondary pupils on place planning. • Aberdeenshire Council Tenant Participation roadshows have been undertaken to identify local issues and inform further engagement opportunities within communities. A Housing-led Estate walkabouts pilot is being progressed within Aberchirder to establish the needs of the community and to ascertain how Housing and partner agencies can assist, the intelligence from which is also informing Aberchirder and District Community Association's wider engagement to refresh their Community Action Plan. • More widely, place-based engagement has continued via Banffshire Partnership's work, funded through the Banff and Buchan Community Planning Group, to support community groups to gather lived experiences to inform the refresh of local Community Action Plans, with Portsoy, New Aberdour, Pennan and Tyrie and Rosehearty Community Councils and Aberchirder and District Community Association having either hosted or planning to host engagement programmes. • Working in partnership with the Councils Place Economy and Area Teams, Northeast Scotland Climate Action Network (NESCAN) secured Scottish Government funding to enable the Community Chartering Network (CNN) to undertake stakeholder engagement in Banff and Macduff in Autumn/Winter 23/24 in preparation for a community-led Citizens Assembly that will culminate in action plan in spring/summer 2024.

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	2. Through forums we will maintain two-way communication and information flow with local community and business groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two Community Council Forums were hosted in 2023, with the Forum topics co-designed by participants and showcasing Community Councils projects as well as providing advice and guidance and signposting from the Council's Area Team and guest contributors, including Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action (AVA) on capacity building support. In-person and online Bus Forum and transport consultation engagement opportunities continue to be promoted locally Fraserburgh continues to benefit from the Fraserburgh Resilience Group's network links with other services and partners on local initiatives including defibrillator provision and maintenance. AVA continued to host regular sessions of their third sector thematic forums to enable knowledge exchange and signposting, e.g. social enterprise, children & families. Banff Academy Powerful Partnerships Group – this network group continues to meet regularly and has built up its membership to strengthen existing and establish new business and community connections in support of the Academy's S1-S6 project-based learning and other initiatives.

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	3. Where there are gaps in local provision promote opportunities for people to volunteer & offer support to access learning and development.	<p>AVA continue to promote volunteering opportunities via their website, social media, newsletter, and in partnership with Volunteer Scotland, and have recorded 2,363 Interactions since April 2021 - 1,078 of which have been since April 2023 including volunteering enquiries.</p> <p>The Vinery - supported by the Foyer in partnership with local providers and community groups, and serving Banff, Macduff, and adjacent areas, and provides opportunities for people to try new things, develop confidence, learn new life skills, and broaden their experiences in a welcoming and accessible facility to help alleviate the impact of poverty and support individuals by working alongside them to attain and sustain employment. In its first year of operation (to June 2023), the Vinery had created 30 volunteer opportunities (from 16 to 70+ years) and amassed 2,000 volunteering hours.</p> <p>SFRS are participating in the MCR Pathways / Banff Academy mentoring scheme and have also developed a Fire skills and youth volunteer scheme, ran in conjunction with Fraserburgh Academy and FraserDeen in Fraserburgh, and are in the process of being rolled out and made available to young people throughout Banff and Buchan.</p> <p>Supported via the Banff and Buchan Area Team –</p>

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2.Support communities to identify their aspirations and develop a vision for their community	<p>1.Provide advice & support to groups around community empowerment</p> <p>2.Support communities to develop local Place Plans.</p>	<p>AVA continue to provide support to community groups on a range of issues (recording 2,363 Interactions since April 2021, of which 1,078 have been since April 2023) including Information and Advice; Third Sector Representation; Community Volunteering Enterprise; Mind-Yer-Mind Initiative; Children & Families AVA Forum & Network Support; Organisational Governance & Compliance; Volunteering; Office & Payroll Service; Training; Social Enterprise Network Support; Business Planning; Community Asset Transfers and Funding.</p> <p>AVA have also administered the Just Transition and Communities Mental Health and Wellbeing Fund for Adults Participatory Budgeting and Funds, which in the latest rounds awards made to the Vinery, Books Abroad, Fraserburgh South Links Trust, Friends of Tarlair and Friends of People First Fraserburgh.</p>

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3. Develop initiatives to improve life chances of vulnerable people in our communities	1. Deliver Locality Plans actions to tackle inequalities and improve socio-economic outcomes	<p>The Aberdeenshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board on 7 September 2022 agreed that the Connected and Cohesive Communities theme would cease as a LOIP priority, accepting that work underway through that theme – including the Locality Plans for Fraserburgh and Banff & Macduff – would transition to Place Plans, and that the Locality Plan for Peterhead would continue and report to the Board by exception only. Subsequently, on 13 September 2023, the CPP agreed that an evaluation report – in respect of the delivery of, and outcomes from, the Banff and Macduff, and Fraserburgh Locality Plans – be reported to the CPP Board in March 2024.</p> <p>An evaluation report was produced and submitted to the CPP on March 6th, 2024. This report provided a close out report on the activities undertaken in relation to the two outgoing Banff and Buchan Locality Plans (Banff and Macduff; and Fraserburgh respectively), along with an indicative scoping of ongoing and emerging priorities in the Banff and Buchan area. The report also confirmed that interim reporting arrangements on continued priorities and projects would be amalgamated into the Banff and Buchan Community Plan monitoring, until such time as Place Plans are established in Banff and Buchan.</p>
	3. Develop inclusive projects for vulnerable individuals to develop further life skills i.e. cooking, budgeting, digital upskilling.	<p>Local providers continue to offer employability and wrap around support via –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foyer YPG Engage project (via bespoke learning plans, targets 16–24-year-olds struggling to engage); Foyer Fair Start Scotland (Scottish Government Funded) (bespoke support for up to 18 months helping individuals move into work/further 12 months support once in work); Families Connect (with Aberdeenshire Council Employability Team, Enable and Volunteer Matters, supporting parents move towards and into employment); and Foyer Reach - 12-week programme follows a weekly structure based on community involvement, personal development, wellbeing, and employability learning operating out of Banff Castle with the latest cohort of 12 commencing in February 2024. The Foyer also provides a Young Person Counselling Service, for young people aged 16-25 years old who require additional support to improve their mental health.

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	4. Support food related initiatives to increase access to local food sources	<p>The focus has been on community food accessibility, growing and cooking projects, including -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Banff and Buchan Area Team Food Growing Project - Pilot instigated Autumn 2023, creating gardens in grounds of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fraserburgh - Lochpots, St Andrews, Southpark and Rathen Primary Schools as well as Jarvis Court and Faithlie Care home. Banff and Macduff - (Macduff Primary) as well as Doo'cot View care home <p>Food Growing Agreements in place for each setting. Aberdeenshire Council's Landscaping Team working on mapping other more widely available sites across B&B.</p>
	5. Encourage primary schools in Banff & Buchan to link growing initiatives to community-led projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Vinery, Banff delivered up to 60 meals a week in its first year of operation, as well as delivering learning and confidence building experiences in growing and affordable cooking onsite, alongside confidence to cook classes. In partnership with One Seed Forward, the North public Health team have delivered a 12-week outdoor growing lessons project at North School, Fraserburgh. The team have also supported the delivery of Confidence to Cook opportunities - 2023 saw an additional 9 trainers trained, 1 refresher course, an updated resource directory, a Trainer's forum established, and 3 blocks delivered in Banff and Buchan and a new delivery facility under development at the Boyndie Centre, in conjunction with the Banffshire Partnership (activities will support the promotion of Confidence to Cook activities initially with young families with pre-school age children, with next priority group being over 65s). The team continue to

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	6. Provide information and support to people on how to protect themselves to avoid scams	<p>Police Scotland & Trading Standards' advice on how to combat fraudsters & various other scams/warnings to be vigilant continued to be shared via networks. Additionally, Police Scotland -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undertook community engagement within Sheltered Housing complexes to help prevent vulnerable persons being targeted for financial gain, this included leaflet drops and presentations, as well as inputs to staff and elderly and vulnerable to give crime prevention advice. • Delivered Partnership Days of Action alongside Aberdeenshire Council Community Safety and the Health and Social Care Partnership, Housing, CJSW and PSOS to drive down stigma of substance misuse, make it easier for people to access services and to tackle organised crime and to assist victims of cuckooing and related activities. • Undertook "Cuckooing Visits" regularly with Substance Misuse Partners to vulnerable persons in the community who are or could be the target of drug dealers taking over their homes to deal drugs. • engaged with pupils via site visits at both Academies and some of the local primary schools to give inputs on online and social media safety. • Along with SFRS representatives, had a continued presence at the Fraserburgh Blue Light Festival and the inaugural Blue Light Gala at Banff Castle in August 2023, to provide advice and support to visitors.

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4. Develop initiatives that encourage people to support our towns and villages	1. Develop more community-based projects and social enterprises	<p>The Banff and Buchan Area Team continue to provide support and guidance on exploratory discussions on several asset transfer proposals across the Banff and Buchan and administered community project funding support in 2023 from several area-based funding streams (as described in 1.2.3 above).</p> <p>The 2023/24 Banff and Macduff Two Towns Big Ideas project fund for community/business projects has encouraged ideas and project proposals for new temporary uses for vacant commercial properties and town-based events.</p> <p>Construction work is progressing on the community-led (Friends of Tarlair) re-development of the Tarlair outdoor swimming complex Pavilion in Macduff.</p>
	2. Explore how to develop a Banff & Buchan (Food) Growing Plan, aligned with Aberdeenshire's Food Growing Strategy and Food Plan	In line with the Food Growing project activity underway on multiple sites across Banff and Buchan and Public Health enabled Confidence to Cook activities (as outlined in 1.3.1 above), Initial discussions have been held with local partners to explore the aim of developing a Banff and Buchan Food Plan/Forum , to pull together current activity strands for better impact and reach.
	3. Deliver local initiatives to encourage people to buy locally	77 local businesses (physical and online) across Banff and Buchan have signed up to accept payments from the Aberdeenshire Gift Card scheme, with onsite promotions including Farmers Markets and Christmas events and online during the associated Winter 2023 Aberdeenshire towns marketing campaign, which encouraged the "shop local" message in Banff and Macduff and Fraserburgh (1,525,707 social media impressions/190,507 reach).

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1.Support initiatives for people to improve their own health and lifestyle choices to live healthier lives.	1.Support projects to encourage people to be active, improve diet & mental wellbeing, or reduce alcohol intake	<p>Inaugural Fraserburgh and Banff and Macduff Wellbeing Festival events in May 2023 at Banff Castle and Vinery, and Fraserburgh Community and Sports Centre secured a presence from local wellbeing businesses and service providers with feedback from visitors and contributors alike wholly positive and keen to develop the initiative in future years. An increase in local health and wellbeing provider service enquiries and bookings was reported following festival engagement.</p> <p>The Foyer offers a Young Person Counselling Service, for young people aged 16-25 years old who require additional support to improve their mental health.</p>
	2.Work with community groups to help them develop their ideas and deliver local projects in their communities.	<p>Public Health North team delivered the “Lets Introduce Anxiety Management” (LIAM) project delivered in Fraserburgh Academy, a low intensity anxiety management programme for young people aged 8-18 years, to help build resilience.</p> <p>Police Scotland have provided advice to individuals and small groups of Academy pupils in relation to communication offences, drugs misuse and antisocial behaviour, and have visited Primary Schools to engaged with pupils from each class at the school, including nursery children. Primary Schools across the area along with Banff Academy and nurseries in Macduff, Portsoy and Whitehills were visited, and healthy lifestyle advice was promoted while delivering presentations about different topics. Police Scotland also continued engagement with pupils at local schools and to promote healthy lifestyle and inform pupils of the risks of consuming and using alcohol, drugs, cigarettes and vapes.</p> <p>Police Scotland representatives also continued to work in partnership with Fraserburgh Academy during 2022/2023, providing one-one engagement with young people via up to two-hour sessions at the Academy’s town centre Compass Centre. Police Scotland have also engaged in life skills and team building exercises organised by the Academy to build up rapport with young people as a steppingstone to further engagement.</p>

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2.Create more opportunities for people to participate and live active lives Supporting and building inclusive, resilient, and influential communities across Banff and Buchan	1.Promote and signpost people to Live Life Outdoors, Live Life Well to support healthy active lifestyles	In addition to the work ongoing to support the delivery and enhancement of the Coastal Path network (as outlined in 2.2.1 below), Community-led and partner supported immersive and health related walking groups continue to operate in the Banff and Buchan area including SFRS continued support of the Aberchirder and District Community Association ' Paths for All ' Walking Group , with SFRS providing facilities (fire station) and a walking leader with a view to reducing social isolation and improving health and wellbeing.
	2.Support projects to reduce social isolation & loneliness that can be experienced at any age	In addition to the Paths for All walking groups previously highlighted - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is underway to relaunch the Mind Yer Mind campaign locally, with resources and promotions supported by the Banff and Buchan Community Planning Partnership. • Conversation Cafes continue to be held and promoted by North Public Health team, encouraging supportive opportunities to learn and share on mental health and physical wellbeing topics. • Working in partnership with AVA and with the Banff and Buchan Area Team and wider partners, Warm Spaces continue to be operated via partners or community groups during winter months, with partners looking at all year round need and drawing learning from recent experience to determine the best approach. • SFRS regular open house "Brew with a crew" wellbeing events with partners also in attendance.
	3. Maximise community green space (part of a Grow Banff & Buchan strategy)	Addressed via 1.3.4, 1.3.5 and 1.4.3 above.

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Outcome 3. Connected Communities		
Ensure safe, accessible travel and improved connectivity across our communities		
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1.Support transport solutions for people to improve access to health or wellbeing activities.	1.Work with service providers to explore possible community-based transport solutions for our rural communities to access health or wellbeing activities	<p>The Banffshire Partnership Dial-A-Bus service is currently supporting around 13,000 journeys annually, 50% higher than pre-covid levels and continues to deal with a sustained, high demand for bus shopping services, including for longer journeys enabling access to larger discount stores for non-food items.</p> <p>As part of work to understand challenges around barriers to accessing services from rural localities, scoping discussions continue to be held with Banffshire Partnership, NESTRANS, Public Health, and Tackling Poverty and Inequalities partners via they Aberdeenshire Council Area Team; tackling rural transport challenges remains a priority for the wider Banff and Buchan area for 24/25, with a newly established Banff and Buchan Informal Working Group in place that will feed into Aberdeenshire and Regional transport planning initiatives.</p> <p>A Public Health North Team commissioned University of Aberdeen to undertake a research project in 2023 to collate information and evidence related to the scale and scope of challenges experienced by residents in Ward 1 (Banff and District) and Ward 2 (Troup) in accessing medical appointments due to rural transport challenges. Involving a review of appointment setting processes, five recommendations are now being taken forward by public health in conjunction with relevant partners, alongside an informal working group recently established to both progress further data collation and develop proposals to mitigate transport challenges.</p>
2.Develop with communities more safe, active travel options	1.Support communities to develop path projects as part of the current Coastal Path Project in the North	<p>Pathway connections and enhancement activities include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early preparatory and engagement work and survey on path from Banff Bridge to Tarlair. First Stakeholder event was held in November 2023, with a full consultation planned for March 2024. • Surveying and preparatory work by Environment & Planning Paths Co-ordinator underway on Whitehills-Banff stretch of path. Initial Stakeholder engagement was held in February 2024 with full consultation planned for March 2024. • Portsoy Community Enterprise Company are leading on the development of paths to east and west of the community, merging in Portsoy, aligned with the Town Path currently being delivered by Portsoy & District Comm Council. • Invercairn Community Council are progressing path network to Fraserburgh. • Work on the Fraserburgh Coastal Path has been delayed due to landslips at Broadsea.

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Continued/ Develop with communities more safe, active travel options.	2.Encourage participation active travel (walking, cycling) <i>Continued/</i> Encourage participation active travel (walking, cycling)	In addition to works related to walking groups (described in 2.2.1 above) and coastal path improvements (described in 3.2.1 above) – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberdeenshire Council sought views from the public and special interest groups on options developed for a new "active travel" (pedestrians and cyclists) bridge crossing the River Deveron between Banff and Macduff. Previous work has identified a new pedestrian, cycling and wheeling crossing as a solution to many of the issues currently faced by people travelling between Banff and Macduff not in a car or other motor vehicle. The results were collated, and the preferred option identified. Funding is currently being secured to carry forward the preferred design option into a detailed design/technical design stage. • The Place Economy Team have <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported Banff & Macduff Heritage Trail Website maintenance alongside community groups, with regular local history feature updates. - Engaged in Town centre engagement walkabouts with Banff Academy S1 pupils on their Doorstep Explorers walking routes website and launch. - Signposted new and existing tourism related businesses to Visit Aberdeenshire for free marketing and access to training events and webinars.
3.Develop projects to lessen the digital divide Support initiatives for people to improve their own health	1.Support development of projects to digitally upskill older people experiencing social isolation/ vulnerability	CLD have been working with the Aberchirder Men's Shed to support ICT upskilling and have also recently commenced a similar ICT project with the Macduff Men's Shed.

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and lifestyle choices to live healthier lives	2.Ensure communities are well informed around initiatives to ensure digital solutions support all activities and is available everywhere.	Activities outlined throughout this report (and specifically in 1.3.3 above) are signposted via referring partners, in hard copy through leaflets and posters and via social media, e-bulletins and general and targeted network mailings via partners and the Banff and Buchan Area team. Online/digital based support services are provided by local partners via established and evolving intervention programmes.