



REPORT TO GARIOCH AREA COMMITTEE – 29 MAY 2018

GARIOCH COMMUNITY PLAN 2016-2019 – MONITORING REPORT

1. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to note and comment on the progress of actions within the Garioch Community Plan 2016-2019.

2. Background / Discussion

- 2.1 This is the fourth monitoring exercise for the 2016--2019 Community Plan and covers the period 1 January 2018 – 31 March 2018. The monitoring table for the plan is included as Appendix 1 to this report.
- 2.2 The Garioch Community Plan 2016 – 2019 was developed from wide ranging engagement with partners and communities. A series of Horizon Scanning exercises were carried out to determine what was important to local communities and identify current and potential pressures and opportunities for the area over coming years.
- 2.3 The three priorities within the Plan are Healthy Communities, Strong Communities and Safe Communities.
- 2.4 Recent engagement with community councils has utilised the Place Standard tool as a means of identifying issues and local priorities which will help develop future community plans.
- 2.5 Most actions in the Community Plan are classed as 'progress on time'. Commentary for all actions within the plan was requested from lead partner(s).
- 2.6 The Garioch Community Plan is a living document that is updated on a frequent basis, to ensure that the plan remains reflective of local priorities and needs. Actions which have been completed, or no longer remain relevant, are removed from the Community Plan as appropriate.
- 2.7 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer have been consulted in the preparation of this report and had no comments to make and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.

3. Scheme of Governance

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider this item in terms of Section B 4.1 of the List of Committee Powers in Part 2A of the Scheme of Governance as the request for progress reports stems from the underlying power to comment on the Local Community Plan for their Area.

4. Implications and Risk

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment is not required as the purpose of the report is to inform the committee on current progress and will not have a differential impact on people with protected characteristics.
- 4.2 There are no staffing and financial implications.
- 4.3 The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Corporate Level: ([Corporate Risk Register](#)): Budget Pressures.
The following risks have been identified as relevant to this matter on a Directorate Level:([Directorate Risk Register](#)): Working with other organisations (e.g. Partnership working)
- 4.4 A Town Centre First Impact Assessment (TCFIA) is not required as this report is for monitoring purposes.

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MONITORING TABLES

ACTION PLAN FOR GARIOCH COMMUNITY PLAN 2016 – 2019

UPDATE AS AT 31 MARCH 2018

- ▲ Progress excellent, on time
- ▶ Progress but behind schedule
- ▼ Problem, not progressing
- C Completed

- D Discontinued
- A Amended Action/New Lead
- N New Action
- ? No information
- NYS Not yet started

PRIORITY 1 – HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Key Outcomes:

The people of Garioch are able to look after and improve their own health and wellbeing and live in good health for longer in inclusive communities

1. The residents of Garioch feel supported to make informed choices about their lives
2. The physical and mental wellbeing of the residents of Garioch is improved
3. The residents of Garioch feel valued and equal members of society and the communities of Garioch can take pride in an inclusive identity
4. Inverurie is recognised as “the first socially inclusive town in Britain”
5. Ex-Services Personnel, Reservists and those still serving, are supported and integrated within their communities
6. Syrian New Scots families are supported and integrated within their communities
7. Garioch Community Kitchen continues to provide healthy eating education in an inclusive environment
8. The children and young people of Garioch have the best start in life

What we will do:**1.1 We will work together to improve the health and wellbeing of our communities**

How we will do it	We will develop and deliver a local action plan to support the improvement of the physical and mental health and wellbeing of communities in Garioch
When will we do it	By April 2019
Who will lead on it	Garioch Health Improvement Network
Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inverurie Health Improvement Group now merged with Westhill Wellbeing Forum to form Garioch Health Improvement Network. Priorities identified around physical and mental health and a programme of wellbeing activities being drawn up for the Aberdeenshire Wellbeing Festival to be held in May 2018. • GHIN considering the merits of merging with the Garioch Welfare Reform Group given commonality of agendas and crossover of partners on both groups. <p style="text-align: right;">STATUS: ▲</p>

How we will do it	We will support the Garioch Local Reference Group in taking forward the Health and Social Care Integration agenda	
When will we do it	By December 2017/By April 2019	
Who will lead on it	Garioch Community Planning Group	
Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Central Locality Planning Group was set up in 2017 and the Health and Social Care Garioch Locality Plan for 2018/21 was drafted and consulted upon for implementation in 2018. Engagements held in Inch and Inverurie regarding the use of the Minor Injuries Units with feedback being presented to the IJB during April 2018. The new Inverurie Health and Care Hub due to open Summer 2018 	STATUS: ▲

How we will do it	We will develop and run a Forest Schools' project for people in recovery from substance misuse/mental health issues	
When will we do it	By May 2017	
Who will lead on it	Central ADP Community Forum	
Update 31.12.17	No further progress but intention is to run the programme again	
		STATUS: ▼

How we will do it	We will ensure the sustainability of Garioch Community Kitchen through adopting a business marketing and development approach with local partners	
When will we do it	By April 2019	
Who will lead on it	Garioch Community Kitchen Management Committee	
Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Garioch Community Kitchen have merged their Conversation Café with the Recovery Links Café (Central ADP Forum) running fortnightly and attracting 20 attendees at each café. The Kitchen hosts Pop Up Cafes within the Garioch community to encourage social inclusion and reduce isolation. Projects undertaken this year have included working with partners and schools to deliver classes for academy-age and primary-age pupils. Working with families with young children, brunch was provided two days per week and free fruit and vegetables available for participants to take home. Cfine looking to work with the Kitchen in Port Elphinstone during 2018. Income generated through rental of Kitchen to run private cookery courses 	STATUS: ▲

What we will do:

1.2 We will work together to remove inequalities and promote inclusion within our communities

How we will do it	We will explore innovative approaches to combat the effects of loneliness within the Garioch community	
When will we do it	By April 2019	
Who will lead on it	Garioch Health Improvement Network	

Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Garioch Community Planning Group took a participatory budgeting approach to generating community led initiatives to reduce social isolation and loneliness during 2017. A funding pot of £35,000 was shared between the projects who were successful in attracting the most public votes with a deadline for completion of their projects of June 2018. All projects will be evaluated to ensure the intended outcomes are achieved. Working with partners, Conversation Cafes and Language Cafes were held in communities throughout Garioch Based at Garioch Sports Centre, Aberdeen FC Community Trust have worked with local partners and delivered programmes around dementia, inclusion, deprivation, and physical activity for older people <p style="text-align: right;">STATUS: ▲</p>
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How we will do it	We will support the integration of the Syrian New Scots families within the communities of Garioch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by providing practical assistance
When will we do it	On-going
Who will lead on it	Garioch Community Planning Group
Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Al Amal Project spoke at the Garioch Joint Meeting in January 2018 and of their priority of integration into the Garioch Communities. They raised issues regarding obtaining a driving licence due to the language barrier and this was restricting the type of employment open to them. This was reported back to the “Widening the Welcome” workshop held in Aberdeenshire which sought to capture learning and which supports a community development approach to refugee integration in Scotland. The Al Amal Project intend to hold a conference during 2018 bringing together the Syrian community and communities/individuals willing to assist their integration. <p style="text-align: right;">STATUS: ▲</p>

How we will do it	We will develop Help at Home Garioch offering handyperson/domestic tasks and befriending services to the more vulnerable members of the Garioch community and offer volunteering opportunities
When will we do it	By April 2019
Who will lead on it	Garioch Health Improvement Network
Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand has increased for this type of service from signposting agencies. To be revisited through Garioch Health Improvement Network. <p style="text-align: right;">STATUS: ►</p>

How we will do it	We will progress Inclusive Inverurie - by working with local shops, services, facilities and businesses to <ul style="list-style-type: none"> remove barriers to everyday life through opportunities to work together on local projects create opportunities for volunteering by vulnerable members of the community raise awareness of conditions both physical and mental including dementia that affect members of our community <p>and will encourage and support vulnerable and marginalised community members to grow their social networks, access local services, engage with and be included in wider local community activities</p>
When will we do it	On-going
Who will lead on it	Garioch Health Improvement Network (GHIN)

Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sunday Connections Café has offered volunteering opportunities to vulnerable people who are now facilitating the café openings, taking part in individual activity sessions and sharing skills with others. • The Links Café has volunteers from vulnerable groups assisting at the Community Kitchen. • The Keep Safe Scheme through GHIN, Police Scotland, Aberdeenshire Council and ARC is now linking in with Dementia Friendly Aberdeenshire in the training sessions for businesses. • Front-line staff in the Housing Service initially, within Aberdeenshire Council, to receive Dementia Awareness Sessions through the Garioch Dementia Friendly Aberdeenshire Development Officer. 	STATUS: ▲
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How we will do it	We will produce an area transport profile highlighting the barriers this creates for people attending appointments and groups to aid their recovery	
When will we do it	By December 2019	
Who will lead on it	Central ADP Community Forum	
Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport and Travel identified by the Forum as a priority for 2018 	STATUS: ▲

PRIORITY 2 – STRONG COMMUNITIES

Key Outcomes:

The communities of Garioch are successful, achieving and inclusive with the confidence, capability and capacity to tackle the things that matter to them

9. The impacts of the downturn in the Oil and Gas industry and welfare reforms upon individuals and communities within Garioch are mitigated
10. Communities are empowered to do things for themselves and have their voices heard
11. Our towns are successful and thriving

What we will do:

2.1 We will work together to support our residents and communities through economically challenging times

How we will do it	We will support those affected by the downturn in the Oil and Gas Industry in Garioch through <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • budgeting training • improved mental wellbeing 	
When will we do it	By April 2018	
Who will lead on it	Garioch Health Improvement Network/Garioch & Formartine Welfare Reform Group	
Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Brighter Futures Fair to be held in May 2018 at the Holiday Inn, Westhill including jobs, training, volunteering, benefits, debt advice, mental health support, literacies, money maximisation and other agencies supporting those affected directly or indirectly by the economic downturn in the area. 	STATUS: ▲

How we will do it	We will develop and deliver a local action plan to support those affected by and mitigate the impact of welfare reforms in Garioch through
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Independent living courses 	
When will we do it	By April 2019	
Who will lead on it	Garioch and Formartine Welfare Reform Group/Garioch Health Improvement Network	
Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal Credit has been delayed and is now expected to be rolled out in Garioch in October 2018. A location action plan will therefore be developed during 2018. 	STATUS: ▲

What we will do:**2.2 We will support communities to understand, participate and take advantage of opportunities arising from legislative changes**

How we will do it	We will work with communities to realise the potential of the Community Empowerment Act	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> by holding an event for communities to highlight the potential opportunities open to them through the Act by supporting communities in the Community Asset Transfer process by supporting community participation bodies in the Participation Requests process by identifying suitable sites for the development of allotments through community-led Management Committees 	
When will we do it	Various	
Who will lead on it	Garioch Partnership/AVA/Aberdeenshire Council	
Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Empower Act Community Event proposed for later in 2018 Community Asset Transfers – five live expressions of interest Allotments –site identified in Inverurie and negotiations taking place with Scottish Water 	STATUS: ▲ STATUS: ▲ STATUS: ▲

What we will do:**2.3 We will support residents to have an increased resilience and an enhanced sense of pride and place in their communities**

How we will do it	We will work with communities to identify their needs and aspirations through community-wide engagements	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blackburn Kemnay Communities identified through Gad-About and Gab-About Garioch (two per year) 	
When will we do it	Various	
Who will lead on it	Garioch Partnership	
Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Action Plan engagement commenced in Kellands in August 2017. Currently strengthening steering group to widen it from being parent council based. Events proposed for Kellands Park (original date weathered off), sheltered housing within the Kellands catchment area and St James Court to be held shortly. Further Inch Community Action Plan engagement on hold pending the proposed mini-public exercise by H&SCI around health provision in Inch Full Place Standard exercise carried out in Sauchen. A community event was held in February attended by 30 residents of Sauchen and a Survey Monkey completed by 75 residents identifying the issues and priorities for the settlement. Cluny, Midmar and Monymusk Community Councillors to develop a community action plan, to assess the needs of the community and widen out the working group to include members of the community. Priorities include 	

	the provision of a community facility within the settlement. Further Place Standard sessions being carried out in Westhill and Inverurie by CLD with local groups.	STATUS: ▲
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How we will do it	We will work with residents of housing developments in Garioch to enable them to have a voice in the management and application of factoring arrangements where they live <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by producing a Good Practice Guide on factoring arrangements for grounds and building maintenance on new housing developments 	
When will we do it	By April 2018	
Who will lead on it	Garioch Community Planning Group	
Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Good Practice Guide not yet started 	STATUS: ▼

What we will do:**2.4 We will support our town centres to be successful and sustainable**

How we will do it	We will work together to ensure Inverurie becomes a successful Business Improvement District	
When will we do it	By April 2019	
Who will lead on it	Inverurie BID	
Update 31.03.18	Inverurie BID continuing to meet and actions allocated for delivery	STATUS: ▲

PRIORITY 3 – SAFE COMMUNITIES**Key Outcomes:****The people of Garioch live their lives free from crime, disorder and danger**

12. The risk of harm to residents within their own homes and communities is reduced
13. Vehicle users and pedestrians are free from danger on Garioch roads

What we will do:**3.1 We will work together to ensure that the people of Garioch are safe within their own homes and communities**

How we will do it	We will introduce a Home Fire and Falls Prevention Scheme in Garioch	
When will we do it	By April 2019	
Who will lead on it	Scottish Fire and Rescue/Aberdeenshire Health and Social Care Partnership	
Update 31.03.18	The setting up of the Unintentional Injury Theme Group to be progressed once the Community Support and Safety Officer is in post in the Spring.	STATUS: ▶

How we will do it	We will raise awareness and improve understanding of alcohol misuse to allow people to be sufficiently informed and motivated to make appropriate life-style choices.	
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When will we do it	By April 2019
Who will lead on it	Central ADP Community Forum
Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Central Forum have identified their four priorities for 2018 as Education (raising awareness/reducing stigma), Transport and Travel, Transition into Peer Support and Raising Awareness of Available Support <p>STATUS: ▲</p>

What we will do:**3.2 We will work together to ensure that vehicle users and pedestrians in Garioch are safe**

How we will do it	We will promote safety at level crossings within Garioch through community engagement events
When will we do it	By April 2019
Who will lead on it	Network Rail/British Transport Police
Update 31.03.18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since the publicity campaign at Christmas there has been a 32% reduction in misuse as for the same period last year. Some recent court clearances show the courts/procurator fiscals are taking a stern view of this kind of offending against public and rail safety, with fines in the range of £100 – £200 along with 3 penalty points awarded to the licence. (The points keep the insurance premiums up for subsequent years so in themselves become a financial burden on the offender.) Community Safety Event to be organised for Inch for June 2018 to include level crossing, road safety, fire and falls, alcohol, smoking, cyber and car seat safety. <p>STATUS: ▲</p>