

# Our Place

Tuesday 20 April 2021

10am



**LOIP Refresh**

**Prosperous Place Online Stakeholder Session**



Community Planning  
Aberdeen

# Outcomes from this session

- Understanding of where we are with the development process for the refreshed Local Outcome Improvement Plan
- Presentation of our suggested priorities and how these have been informed by data and insights
- Opportunity for feedback and discussion
- Review of next steps

# LOIP/Locality Plans Refresh Stages

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<p><b>November 20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aberdeen Outcomes Framework</li> <li>• Draft update to Aberdeen Population Needs Assessment (PNA) Summary</li> <li>• Further data/ insights/research/ evidence of Covid-19 impact from Improvement Service, Partners, Communities</li> <li>• Reframing PNA around the Global Sustainable Development Goals to identify gaps</li> </ul>	<p><b>January 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kick off sessions with OIGs:</li> <li>• Locality Empowerment Groups</li> <li>• Priority Neighbourhood Partnerships</li> <li>• CPA Management Group - update</li> </ul>	<p><b>March 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thematic consultation sessions for stakeholder held by OIG Chairs/ Locality Leads:</li> <li>• Partners</li> <li>• Community representatives</li> <li>• Responsible business community</li> <li>• Public consultation exercise using Citizen's space simulator</li> <li>• CPA Management Group</li> </ul>	<p><b>May 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final consultation phase:</li> <li>• Local Partners</li> <li>• Communities</li> <li>• National Partners: Community Justice Scotland</li> <li>• Public Health Scotland</li> <li>• Education Scotland</li> <li>• Feedback to public on results of consultation and draft LOIP</li> <li>• Director of Public Health assessment of balance of prevention</li> </ul>
<p><b>December 20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Further develop PNA summary in collaboration with data and subject matter experts from OIGs</li> <li>• Locality level summaries to be developed</li> <li>• Review LOIP improvement projects – progress and relevance</li> <li>• Review Socio-Economic Rescue Plan – progress and relevance</li> <li>• Complete initial assessment of impact on LOIP: context, stretch outcomes, improvement project aims, format</li> </ul>	<p><b>February 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up with OIGs/ LEGs/ PNPs</li> <li>• LOIP/ Locality Plan Design</li> <li>• Launch public consultation exercise using Citizen's space simulator</li> <li>• CPA Board - update</li> </ul>	<p><b>April 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commence drafting of LOIP and Locality Plans</li> <li>• Clarity of which projects should be prioritised for testing in which localities/neighbourhoods</li> <li>• CPA Board session with the Improvement Service</li> </ul>	<p><b>June/ July 21</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final draft LOIP/ Locality Plans to CPA Management Group</li> <li>• CPA Board Meeting 7 July 21</li> </ul>

# Our Place Priorities



**Alleviating  
Food and Fuel  
Poverty**



**Climate Change  
and Reducing  
Emissions**



**Increasing  
Cycling and  
Walking**



**Biodiversity  
and Spaces  
for Nature**

# Food and Fuel Poverty

**Current LOIP:** Focus on food poverty

**Proposal:** Food and fuel poverty

**Rationale:** Continued high levels of food & fuel poverty, with poverty and inequalities magnified through the pandemic. This remains a top priority for our communities, highlighted by all Locality Empowerment Groups

**Aims:** Practical and tailored support to maximise income, benefits and grants – with opportunities to help get out of poverty. Food growing to alleviate food poverty and to gain the wider health benefits in doing so

# Climate Change– Emissions and Adaptation

**Current LOIP:** Focus on reducing carbon emissions and adapting to the impacts of our changing climate

**Proposal:** Carbon emissions; reduce generation of waste; protect communities at risk of flooding

**Rationale:** Ambitious plans for green economic and environmental recovery, including net zero emissions in Scotland and Aberdeen; Annual risks to people and property in Aberdeen due to flooding are significant; harness the levels of community volunteering and collective ownership throughout the pandemic to build resilience

**Aims:** Public sector ambassadors to promote, encourage and engage in low carbon living and working. Community developed resilience plans to mitigate the effects of severe weather and other risks

# Increasing Walking and Cycling

**Current LOIP:** Focus on increasing cycling and walking as main mode of travel

**Proposal:** Sustain increase seen in cycling and walking during the pandemic for all purposes (not just main mode of travel)

**Rationale:** 37% of CO2 emissions due to transport. Seize opportunity of 'exercise bounce' post pandemic

**Aims:** Bike hire scheme; driver awareness training; social prescribing

# Nature Recovery– For People and Wildlife

**Current LOIP:** There is a single green spaces project in the LOIP

**Proposal:** Improve green spaces for use by people AND increase land managed for nature

**Rationale:** Mental health and physical benefits for people using green space. Community volunteering bringing social and environmental benefits. Biodiversity is at the heart of sustainability: the air we breathe, the water we drink and the food we eat all ultimately rely on biodiversity

**Aims:** Community owned green space projects (including food growing).

# What do you think?

- Are these the right priorities? Are we being ambitious enough?
- Do we have the right focus?
- Are we missing anything from your perspective?

# Next Steps

- We will consider feedback from wide range of stakeholders (you, community groups, public health, partners)
- Firm up final proposals by end of April
- Consultation on the draft document during May
- Final draft LOIP available in June
- CPA Board meeting to approve refreshed LOIP 7 July 2021

## Prosperous Place Stakeholder Session – 20 April 2021 at 10am

Led by Jillian Evans – Chair of Sustainable City Group

### Questions/Discussion by Theme

#### CYCLING AND WALKING

- Viable alternatives to commuting in car – how to change view roads are dangerous for cycling – how to overcome practical problems? What can be done to within existing infrastructure to overcome this, but also what changes to the infrastructure are required?
- Major infrastructure outwith scope but what changes can be done to support improvements to current infrastructure.
- Society has changed over pandemic – increased walking and cycling, less commuting to the workplace – important to maintain that change and support further behaviour change needed
- Support for the existing/proposed change ideas re identification of safer routes, training for cyclists and drivers, encouraging more bike ability in schools, encouraging people to wear highlighted clothing etc
- The more people cycling will lead to an increase in the road safety implications to consider and could in turn help encourage people to continue to cycle and cultural shift to more element of sharing roads
- Mental health and wellbeing benefit from cycling waling and running
- Police work ongoing to support better driver behaviour noted.
- Choice is important re routes, but designated preferred routes for cyclists and also for cars to avoid beneficial.
- Good road maintenance is important to encourage cyclists and keep them safe and reduce accidents – need to consider impact of change in climate e.g. milder winters and re
- Route planning is important - Engage with existing cycle groups to get an understanding of where people are cycling and what the barriers they are experiencing – use the knowledge of those who are cycling to develop safe cycling routes
- Learn from what has been done elsewhere - Fenced off cycling routes in Amsterdam – secondary routes – set times of day so people know it is safe – consider this here?
- Noted ACC and Police Scotland project to enhance CCTV will now gather people/cycle counts

#### CLIMATE CHANGE

##### WASTE

- scope in any of the aims to look at waste? Community initiatives – reuse, repair etc. – Noted one project focused on reusable menstrual projects at present.

##### CLIMATE CHANGE/GREEN CHAMPIONS

- Aberdeen City Council has plan to get to net zero, but how does Aberdeen become net zero economy? Net zero economy will provide economic and environment opportunities ensure these are maximised/promoted
- World is changing – important to be agile – employment opportunities arising from new zero economy and link with Aberdeen Prospers
- Green champions – recognise the impact an individual can have, important to harness enthusiasm and passion – encourage all to consider being a green champion. Green champions need to be have their role valued and recognised and given time and platform to promote.
- Green champions to link with the local sustainable food partnership – role in promoting/developing good food movement and increasing public awareness.
- Noted example of ambassador schemes that have worked well in a number of organisations and a common thread of the more successful schemes were that they were championed strongly by senior management and high profile organisation representatives in a sustained way to keep profile and momentum
- Cross fertilisation of the issues for example flooding and the help of planting – need to educate people so that they can get involved and help

- Behaviour change main aspect – need to raise awareness and educate people about what they can do at a local scale – need to accelerate that action
- Need a way to capture ideas from staff/the public on opportunities to support climate change

## FOOD AND FUEL POVERTY

- Impact of covid across the city – need to provide joined up support – poverty needs to be a key focus of LOIP – benefit maximisation important – poverty is a problem across the city – people need help.
- Unemployment figures – people previously on high incomes and now unemployment still gave high expenditure and have used up their savings – how are they supported, income maximisation important - How you use your money and what you spend it on.
- Poverty is a cross cutting theme and noted Derek McGowan, Chief Officer Early Intervention and Community Empowerment is undertaking a review of all Partnership work on poverty at present and outcome from that would feed into the LOIP Refresh
- Need to focus projects on those most effected by Covid-19 e.g. young people, minority ethnic communities, disabled people, and how they can be supported
- Food and fuel poverty don't operate in isolation - Cross cutting themes

## NATURE RECOVERY/OPEN SPACE /FOOD GROWING

### Open Space

- would like to see more small gardens when doing development in the city centre - importance of open space shown throughout the pandemic.
- Open space important for mental health and wellbeing
- A review of spaces in the city ongoing, recognise need for smaller local spaces, as well as large open spaces.
- Note the example of Inchgarth with a smaller community garden and growing space . Volunteers have created a combination of playpark, sports, community garden area. It's also a growing space and we are doing a lot of work with partners to hand out growing packs.
- Importance of neighbourhood planning – creating sustainable neighbourhood - new 20 minute neighbourhood approach
- Build in sustainable neighbourhoods in future developments

### Food Growing

- Explore all options for food growing e.g. food growing in unusual places, window sills –

### Nature Recovery

- Nature angle is new proposal for LOIP any perspectives on that welcome
- Changing way people think - nature is important to mental health work – lots we can do together
- Nature is creating more wild space on 'scrub' overgrown areas. wild flowers make an area very different as opposed to weeds.
- Learning and valuing nature is liked to encouraging outdoor play, learning and creativity. Supporting families to do so is key. Build on experiences gained during lockdown when travel was restricted and underused/ hidden spaces have now become prized. Nature can come indoors too, think of those who cannot get out easily
- Consider the messaging - it is nature for people's safe, promote and increase understanding of the value of nature e.g. people start to think of the raw materials they use.

## DATA

- important to capture data – explore digital way of logging routes e.g. tags to familiarise routes, have seen the success of trails in the past – cheap and free and stats on the uptake.

- Spaces for people, generic data re people's habits – opportunities to utilise other ways to measure e.g. apps etc we have people counters etc.
- Need to ensure information governance in place for all data capture

#### LINKAGES/SUPPORT

- need to have the linkage with the localities to show people how they can get involved and where volunteers etc are needed. Note that linkages between LOIP project and Locality Plan being developed to ensure alignment and opportunities for Partners and citizens to get involved in improvement activity is clear
- Aberdeen Uni signed up to become a civic university- keen to link into project leads and support progress and joint messaging.

#### ANYTHING MISSING?

- Supportive of areas of focus and comments on respective themes above
- Need to do more on messaging and comms and engagement to lead to behavioural change, greater involvement in and awareness of projects etc.
- Something to encompass public transport, sustainable travel - practical routes to important, routes and frequency.
- Increasing electrical generating capacity - to accommodate demand for electric vehicles
- Need to be focused on how we revive the city, shops closing, etc

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