

Our Place

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26 January 2024
at 2.30pm



Aberdeen - 'A place where all people can prosper' Prosperous Place Online Stakeholder Session

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Outcomes from this session



- Understanding where we are with the development process for the refreshed Local Outcome Improvement Plan
- Why we are taking undertaking a refresh at this time
- 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 2023 Approach



Data and Insight Led – Key Stages So Far

Population Needs
Assessment 2023

Annual Outcome
Improvement
Reports

Professional
Judgement

Stakeholder,
Community and
Public Involvement



Initial proposals developed

Data review and Community Engagement



Aberdeen City
Population Needs Assessment
October 2023

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A collage of three photographs: a young boy in a white t-shirt and blue shorts playing in a park; a person riding a bicycle on a path through a wooded area; and a group of people wearing face masks and carrying umbrellas, suggesting a rainy day.

**Annual Outcome
Improvement Report**
2022/2023

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A collage of three photographs: a bridge over a river; a road leading towards a large building; and a cityscape with a large stadium-like structure.

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**Your Neighbourhood, Your City, Your Plans:
What matters to you?**

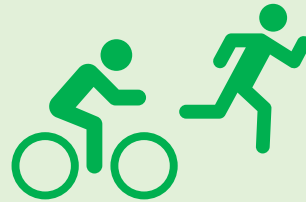
Community Planning Aberdeen's
Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans
for North, South and Central Refresh
Engagement Report - 2023
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Aerial view of a coastal city with a beach and buildings.

Our Prosperous Place Priorities



**Climate Change
and Reducing
Emissions**



**Increasing
Cycling and
Wheeling and
Reducing Car
Miles**






**Spaces and
Buildings are
Well Cared
For**


Climate Change – what we know



What the data is telling us..

- In 2021, CO2 emissions in Aberdeen totalled 1,130 kt (down 40.4% since 2005) – up from 1,021 in 2020 
- In 2021, 93,747 tonnes of household waste were generated with the amount going to landfill falling from 58,021 tonnes in 2016 to 9,376 in 2021
- 83% of people in Aberdeen City see climate change as an immediate and urgent problem – up from 68% in 2019 
- The total number of people at risk of flooding for Aberdeen City is 32,510.
- Over half (59.9%) of city voice respondents (2022) agreed that they were worried about their home and community being vulnerable to severe weather events, double the response in 2020 (30%) 
- 51.1% of city voice respondents (2022) said they would know where to find information to help prepare for severe weather

What the community is telling us could be better..

- Unblocking drains and ensuring fallen leaves don't impede drainage and risk flooding (North and South) 
- Improve recycling - and “have more recycling bins rather than just rubbish only bins.” (South and Central)



Climate Change and Reducing Emissions



Current LOIP: Addressing climate change by reducing Aberdeen's carbon emissions by 61% by 2026 and adapting to the impacts of our changing climate.

Proposal: Retain existing Stretch Outcome

Rationale: Target not yet achieved




Key improvement activity:

- Reduce public sector carbon emissions
- Reduce the generation of waste
- Have Community led resilience plans in place for the most vulnerable areas in the City and empower communities to protect their neighbourhoods when at risk



Sustainable Travel – what we know



What the data is telling us..

- An estimated 24% (2021) of people used active travel (walking or cycling) to get to work or education up from 21.4% (2018/19) 
- 4% of people (2021) reported that their main mode of travel was cycling (up from 2% in 2019)
- 34% of people (2021) reported that their main mode of travel was walking (up from 21% in 2019) 
- 89.1% of city voice respondents reported walking as one mode of travel and 14.8% reported they cycled as one mode of travel (Dec 2022)
- Driving a car was the most common main mode of travel at 46% (2021) 

What the community is telling us could be better..

- Affordability, frequency and reliability of public transport services
- Increasing and improving cycle infrastructure, including installing more cycle lanes, increasing connectivity of existing cycle lanes, and “cycle parking throughout the city.” 
- Increasing walking routes with more connections between them
- Enforcement of illegal parking, obstructions and speeding offences (North and South)
- Reduce car use as there is too much traffic and congestion was stated (Central), along with availability and cost of car parking, particularly the city centre 
- Pavements and roads are better maintained e.g. more dropped kerbs so that wheelchair users, users of mobility scooters and those with prams can move more freely.

Increasing Sustainable Travel



Current LOIP: Increase sustainable travel: 38% of people walking and 5% of people cycling as main mode of travel by 2026.

Proposal: Retain walking and cycling outcomes as above, however change cycling to wheeling and add a 5% reduction in car miles by 2026.

Rationale: Walking/cycling targets not yet achieved; in addition, wish to look at car miles and support affordability of transport

Key improvement activity:

- Increase % of people who walk or cycle as one mode of travel
- Reduce car kms



Our Natural and Built Environment – what we know



What the data is telling us..

- Approximately 17% of our land is protected for nature 
- 46% of City Voice respondents (2021) reported that they felt that spaces and buildings are well cared for
- 69.9% of City Voice respondents (Dec 2022) reported that they were satisfied with their local greenspace – up from 65% in March 2020 
- 86.9% of respondents to the Open Space Audit (2022) visited Aberdeen's greenspace or open space at least once a week
- There are an estimated 115,000 individual street, park and garden and civic trees across the City 
- In 2023, 6 organisations in Aberdeen have pledged to manage at least 10% of their land for nature.

What the community is telling us could be better..

- Enhancing the 'look' of public spaces - trees, hedges, gutters, drains, fallen leaves, dog poo
- Maintaining and increasing number of green spaces available. (ALL) Disadvantaged areas should be the focus of more green and community spaces (Central) 
- Maintenance of green and blue spaces, with regards to the "upkeep of the paths [with] better maintenance - all year round - poor under foot in winter and overgrown in the summer." 
- Enhancing accessibility to green and blue spaces was highlighted either by improving public transport or through improvements to the physical infrastructure of such places, as well as increasing "promotion of green space and its benefits."

Protecting and improving quality of land for nature



Current LOIP: Addressing the nature crisis by protecting/ managing 26% of Aberdeen's area for nature by 2026

Proposal: Change to 60% of citizens report they feel that buildings and open spaces are well cared for by 2026

Rationale: Target now incorporates the built environment, as suggested through engagement. Additional work on supporting communities to improve their environment.

Key improvement activity:

- Increase the proportion of citizens who feel they can regularly experience good quality natural space
- Increase the number of people socially prescribed nature (reporting positive outcomes)
- Increase organisations across all sectors in Aberdeen pledging to manage at least 10% of their land for nature
- Collaborate to improve community health and safety in icy weather

What do you think?



- Does this reflect data available and your understanding of the data?
- Are these the right priorities?
- Are we missing anything from your perspective?
- Is there anything you can do to support any of the projects?

(if you can please pop your email address in the Teams chat)

Next Steps



- We will consider feedback from wide range of stakeholders (you, community groups, public health, partners)
- Firm up final proposals by end of January 2024
- Consultation on the draft document during February 2024
- Final draft LOIP available in April 2024
- CPA Board meeting to approve refreshed – 29 April 2024

Notes from Session



- Notes from the Place Stakeholder session can be accessed at:

<https://communityplanningaberdeen.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Place-Stakeholder-Session-Notes-260124.pdf>