

Aberdeen CLD Strategic Partnership meeting – Minutes

Date: 26 March 2026

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Location: CFINE (in person and MS Teams)

Chair: Margaret Stewart

Attendees

Margaret Stewart, Keith Dunmall, Jade Leyden, Graeme Dale, Colin Wright, Murray Dawson, Pete Matthews (NHS Grampian – item 5)

Apologies

Caroline Johnstone, David Smith, Mark Williams, Joy Aiken, Fraser Hoggan, Mark Anderson, Maggie Hepburn, Graeme Robbie, Lisa Williams, Iain Robertson

Agenda Items

1. Welcome, Apologies and Previous Minutes

- Previous minutes were agreed as accurate.
- No matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

2. System Change Update – Community Collaborative & Community Hubs

Discussion

- Update provided on the citywide system change consultation and upcoming senior leadership session.
- Five themed system change areas, with three proposals per theme, will be explored through facilitated round-table discussions.
- Posters for each system change proposal have been developed and shared with facilitators.
- Scoring will be used to assess development maturity and identify areas for further work, not to remove proposals.

Key Points

- Community Collaborative proposal is well developed, with existing partner commitment.
- NHS Grampian will lead on elements of the Community Collaborative alongside SHMU
- Agree to share with ACLDSP members once more fully formed following mentioned senior leadership session.

3. Population Mental Health Action Plan – Update

Presenter: Pete Matthews (NHS Grampian)

Overview

- 12-month Population Mental Health Action Plan nearing launch.

- Plan developed through stakeholder engagement and structured around six “building blocks” of mental wellbeing.
- Five priority areas identified across the life course, plus a whole-city approach.

Key Discussion Points

- Strong alignment with CLD delivery, particularly family learning, youth work, adult learning, community empowerment and workforce development.
- Opportunity to align climate/eco-distress work with CLD workforce development using a train-the-trainer approach.
- Importance of shared governance, coordination and visibility across partners.
- Potential to use existing CLD thematic partnership to support oversight and collaboration.

Next Steps

- Population Mental Health Action Plan to be shared with partners following soft launch.
- Further discussion needed on governance arrangements and partner contributions.
- Opportunities identified for collaboration during Mental Health Awareness Week.
- Progress opportunities to test train the trainer approach through CLD Workforce development

4. CLD Plan – Thematic Delivery Groups Update

Updates

- All thematic groups now have confirmed leads.
- Groups established: Community Development, Family Learning, Youth Work, Adult Learning, Workforce Development
- Initial meetings held for Youth Work and Family Learning groups.
- Early focus areas include positive destinations, readiness to learn, ESOL, and family learning pathways.

Evaluation

- Evaluation framework have been shared with thematic leads.
- Groups will collect quantitative data, qualitative evidence and case studies aligned to CLD Plan outcomes.

5. Reporting, Evaluation and Timeline

Agreed Approach

- Annual reporting cycle confirmed (Sept 25-March 26, then April–March).
- Thematic groups to submit evidence by mid-May (11 May 26).
- Central analysis and self-evaluation to follow (21 & 28 May 26)

- Draft report to be shared ahead of July Community Planning governance deadlines.

Actions

- Share simple, consistent template (digital version) for evidence and case study submission.
- Schedule facilitated analysis session to review data, identify themes and agree learning.
- Ensure outputs are shareable and accessible beyond formal committee reporting.

6. Communications and Promotion of the CLD Plan

Discussion

- Agreement that promotion should focus on:
 - Clarity of purpose
 - Visibility of impact
 - Recognition of partners
 - Celebration of learner and community outcomes
- Interest in light-touch communications such as:
 - Periodic CLD bulletin
 - Case study spotlights
 - Use of shared branding or identifiers
- Potential for celebratory events linked to locality activity rather than standalone awards.

7. AOB: Funding Updates

- Confirmation of several funding streams secured or continuing, including:
 - Sport Aberdeen - Summer Sport funding
 - SHMU- Cashback for Communities & Culture Collective
- Opportunities noted for alignment with CLD priorities and partnership activity.

9. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 18 May 2026