



**Community  
Planning  
Aberdeen**

# North Locality Plan

2026-2036

## North Locality Neighbourhoods:

Dyce, Danestone, Oldmachar, Denmore, Balgownie & Donmouth, Bucksburn, Heathryfold, Middlefield, Kingswells, Northfield, Cummings Park, Sheddocksley, Mastrick and Summerhill





# Introduction

## What is Locality Planning?

Locality Planning means working together with local communities to create plans that make life better for everyone. Community Planning Aberdeen believes these plans succeed when shaped and delivered with the people who live here. Locality Planning will support the conditions for greater partnership working to maximise the strengths of our partners, communities, local groups, businesses, and faith organisations around common goals.

By law, Community Planning Aberdeen and the Health & Social Care Partnership must create plans for Aberdeen's three localities: North, Central, and South. These plans show where we'll focus our efforts and resources. Times are challenging, we have less resources and funding at our disposal, we are an ageing society with growing health inequalities who have experienced significant disruption to our local economy caused by the oil and gas downturn, and we are all feeling the impact of climate change. Success depends on us all working together.

## What is the North Locality Plan?

Our plan sets out what we want to achieve over the next 10 years to reduce inequalities and improve life for everyone in the North Locality. It includes:

- Where we are now – facts, figures, and what communities told us matters most
- Our Ideas – the changes we'll focus on
- How We'll Deliver – working together with partners and communities

## Our Commitment

Community Planning Aberdeen will provide services for everyone, while giving more help to people who need it most. This means everyone's outcomes improve, but improvement happens fastest for those facing the greatest disadvantage in line with Fair Society, Healthy Lives (Marmot Review, 2010).

## We will:

- Make sure there is a basic level of support available to everyone in the North Locality
- Direct resources and effort to areas and groups with higher levels of need
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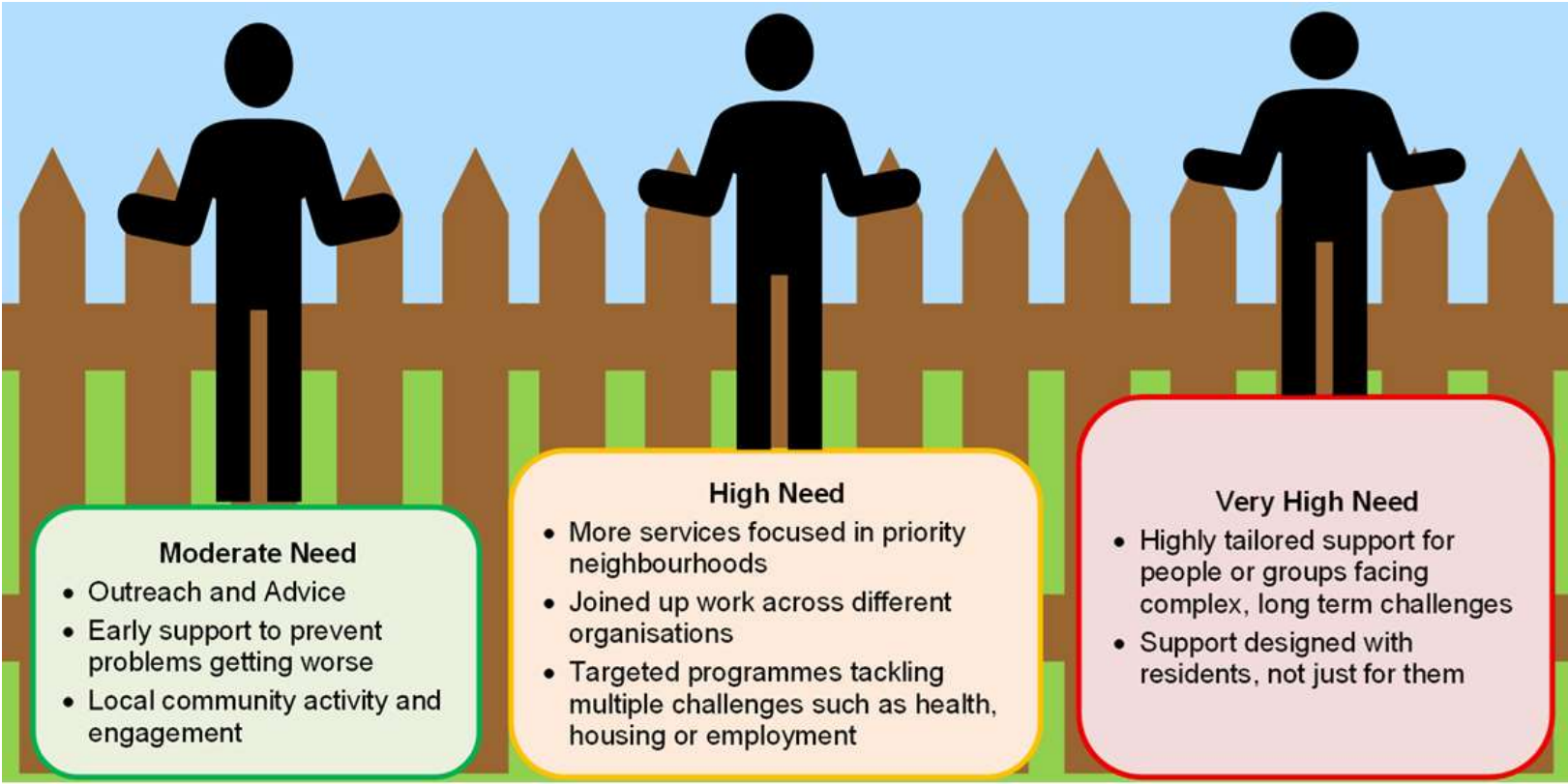
**What everyone can expect (our universal offer)**

All residents will have access to a minimum standard of services and support, no matter where they live. This includes:



**Extra support where it’s needed**

Everyone should benefit from our universal offer, but we recognise that some people need additional support to achieve the same outcomes. Using local data, evidence and community experience, we will target extra, proportionate support where need is greatest to help reduce inequality across Aberdeen.



**Priority Neighbourhoods and why they require additional focus and resources**

Some neighbourhoods face more challenges than others, whether that’s around jobs, health, housing or access to services. These challenges can build up over time, making it harder for people to get the same opportunities as others across the city.

There can also be everyday barriers— like not having easy access to transport or clear information about support—that make things even tougher.

By putting extra time, funding and support into areas like Northfield, Middlefield, Cummings Park, Heathryfold, and Mastrick the aim is to make sure help is reaching the people and communities who need it most.

This could mean more local services, support for families and young people, help into work, or working more closely with community groups. Just as importantly, it’s about listening to local people and shaping support around what matters to them.

The goal is simple: to make things fairer, improve everyday life, and help every community across the city to thrive.



# Our Journey

## Developing the North Locality Plan

### March - May 2025

We invited local people to share what they thought was good and what could be improved in their community.

Engagement activities included:

- An online survey for adults.
- An online survey designed for children and young people
- Six locality events with activities created by Aberdeen Youth Movement and Aberdeen Ambassadors for children and young people.
- An outreach programme where we visited 98 groups, schools, and locations across Aberdeen to facilitate participation.

We reached out through services, community and third sector groups, personal networks, and social media. Press releases and newsletter stories were issued to encourage involvement.

### October - November 2025

We hosted a final North Locality event at Northfield Community Centre with the local community to share findings and gain further insight.

### May-October 2025

We explored key areas for improvement identified across the North Locality.

Community members identified existing strengths and assets—such as people, places, and groups—and brainstormed practical ideas to make a difference.

Sessions encouraged collaboration and community-led solutions, supported and co-delivered by Community Planning partners.

Outreach sessions and a digital option were offered for those unable to attend full workshops.

All contributions were valued and recorded to help shape the North Locality Plan.

### November - June 2025-26

Draft Locality Plans developed and out to public consultation before approval.

**...Start working together on delivering our North Locality Plan!**



# North Community Asset Wall

Our Asset Wall is a visual way of showing all the great things that people value in the North Locality. We use the Asset Wall to celebrate what's good, and to help us build on these strengths as we work towards better outcomes for everyone across the North Locality.



# Our Priorities for the North Locality

Following consultation and engagement with our communities across the North Locality we have identified six priority outcomes and have aligned these to the Social Determinant of Health below:

| <b>Economic Stability</b><br><i>Helping people feel more financially secure</i>                          | <b>Health and Social Care</b><br><i>Making it easier for everyone to look after their health</i> | <b>Children, Families and Lifelong Learning</b><br><i>Helping people learn, grow and thrive at any age</i> | <b>Neighbourhood and Environment</b><br><i>Making sure the places people live feel safe, clean and enjoyable</i> | <b>Communities and Housing</b><br><i>Creating friendly, connected communities where people feel they belong</i>  |
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| <b>Reduce the number of people living in Poverty</b><br><br><b>Support local employers to find staff</b> | <b>Improve the physical health and wellbeing of people</b>                                       | <b>Widen low cost access to learning, creativity, and safe active living</b>                               | <b>Maximise use of outdoor space</b>                                                                             | <b>Increase the number of people and groups involved in making improvements and decisions in their community</b> |

## What are the Social Determinants of Health?

Social determinants of health are the everyday things in our lives that affect how healthy we are. They are not about hospitals or medicine, but about the conditions we live in. People living in priority neighbourhoods may face more health-related challenges due to a range of reasons such as low income, poor quality housing, or a lack of access to community facilities. These communities often show great strengths, but can experience inequalities in access to healthcare, healthy environments, and other supports that influence wellbeing.

## Why It Matters

Understanding social determinants helps us see that health is about more than just doctors and medicine. To improve health for everyone, we need to:

- Make sure people have good jobs, homes, and education.
- Support communities and reduce poverty.

# Our Plan

## Economic Stability

Priority 1: Reduce the number of people living in poverty

Priority 2: Support local employers to find staff

What the data is telling us...

- **Energy Insecurity:** 24.4% of people in North Locality worried they would not be able to heat their home, this is a slight improvement from 25.4% of people in 2024
- **Unemployment:** As at December 2025, there were 1430 unemployment claimants in the North Locality which is up 5.5% from December 2024
- **Food Insecurity:** 7.8% of people in North Locality worried they would not have enough to eat, which improved from 10.7% in 2024
- **Children in low income households:** 1602 children under 15 years of age from North Locality live in low income households, this increased by 8.2% from 2024

| Our ideas about how we will achieve this together                                                                                                           | Universal or Targeted Provision | Where we will test our ideas                                                                    | Community Partners we will work with                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Data that will tell us if we are improving                                                                                                                                                                  | Link to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Help community organisations work closely with the city’s employability services so they can support people to find and access the right employment support | Universal                       | Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield       | Pathways<br>Aberdeen Cyrenians<br>SHMU<br>ABZ Works<br>SAMH                                                                                                                                                                                            | Number of people (by locality and vulnerable group) gaining or achieving employment through access routes                                                                                                   | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> Reduce to 3% the proportion of people aged 16 and above in Scottish index of Multiple Deprivation 1 that are not in employment and increase by 3% the employment rate of vulnerable groups by 2036<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> Inclusive routes to Emerging and Growing Sectors |
| Deliver skill building workshops and more work experience opportunities to strengthen employability                                                         | Targeted                        | North Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield | Northfield Men’s Shed<br>Middlefield Hub<br>Pathways<br>Aberdeen Cyrenians<br>Skills Development Scotland<br>Local Employability Partnership<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>Mastrick Community Centre<br>Danestone Community Centre<br>SHMU<br>SAMH | Number of people (by locality and vulnerable group) gaining or achieving employment through access routes<br><br>Number of people (locality and vulnerable group) employed or volunteering in growth sector |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Deliver a North Locality Jobs Fayre                                                                                                                         | Universal                       | North Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield,                                                      | Middlefield Hub<br>Touch of Love                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Number of people attending the Jobs Fayre                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> Reduce to 3% the proportion of people aged 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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|                                                                                                                                                                   |                                 | Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield                                            | Cummings Park Centre<br>Pathways<br>Skills Development Scotland<br>Local Employability Partnership<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>Mastrick Community Centre          | Number of jobs by occupation titles posted across Aberdeen                                                                                                  | and above in Scottish index of Multiple Deprivation 1 that are not in employment by 2036.<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> Inclusive routes to Emerging and Growing Sectors               |
| Increase intergenerational learning opportunities such as ‘Try out the trades’ to build life skills and improve employability and confidence                      | Targeted                        | Middlefield Northfield                                                                          | Northfield Men’s Shed<br>Touch of Love<br>Middlefield Hub/Bike Hub<br>Pathways                                                                                          | Number of young people attending 'try out the trades' sessions                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Post current opportunities on job noticeboards in community venues across the wider Northfield priority neighbourhood                                             | Universal                       | North Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield | Cummings Park Centre<br>Mastrick, Sheddocksley, and Summerhill Community Council<br>Pathways<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>Mastrick Community Centre                | Number of jobs by occupation titles posted across Aberdeen                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Roll out <a href="#">Cash First</a> scheme to maximise income of people really struggling with cost of living                                                     | Targeted                        | North Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield | Middlefield Hub<br>Cummings Park Centre<br>ACVO<br>Aberdeen Cyrenians<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>Mastrick Community Centre<br>Danestone Community Centre<br>SHMU | Number of households receiving financial and wraparound support<br><br>No. of community hub network partners enabling access to joined services and support | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> Reduce the proportion of people in relative poverty and homelessness by 6.5% by 2036<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> Families and Communities Support Model |
| Increase access to healthy, community grown food through community gardens and participation in local programmes such as Confidence to Cook and Grow Well Choices | Universal                       | North Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield | CFINE<br>Touch of Love<br>Middlefield Hub<br>Cummings Park Centre<br>University of Aberdeen<br>Rowett Institute<br>Springhill Community Garden                          | Number of people who report they have access to a variety of nutritious and healthy food<br><br>% of people at a healthy weight in North Locality           |                                                                                                                                                                                            |



# Our Plan

## Health and Social Care

### Priority 3: Improve the physical health and wellbeing of people

#### What the data is telling us...

- **Drug related hospital stay rate** in North Locality is 147 people per 100,000 of the population, lower than the City average of 181 people per 100,000
- **Mental Health** 20.5% of people in North Locality are prescribed drugs for anxiety, depression or psychosis, this is higher than the Aberdeen City figure of 17.4%
- **Life Expectancy** in the North Locality for 2021-23 was on average 81 years for women and 77 years for men
- **Suicide** The rate of death from suicide in the North Locality is 12.6 people per 100,000 of the population, this is above the Aberdeen City average of 11.1 people per 100,000 of the population

| Our ideas about how we will achieve this together                                                                                                                                                    | Universal or Targeted Provision | Where we will test our ideas                                                                    | Community Partners we will work with                                                                                                               | Data that will tell us if we are improving                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Link to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Establish a Northfield Health Matters Network to provide access to more local health and wellbeing support for the wider Northfield area, this would include development of a harm reduction network | Targeted                        | North Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield | Sport Aberdeen<br>Middlefield Hub<br>Cummings Park Centre<br>Touch of Love<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>SHMU<br>Alcohol and Drugs Partnership | Number of partners actively engaged in Northfield Health Matters Network<br><br>Number of community groups, staff and service working in the locality signed up to the harm reduction network<br><br>% of adults reporting that they are able to manage their own health and wellbeing ‘very well’ | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> 20% reduction in deaths in Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 1 from alcohol and drugs and a 20% reduction in suicide rate<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> Families and Communities Support Model<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> New recovery approaches for people with existing and emerging complex needs |
| Enable more people to attend GP appointments                                                                                                                                                         | Targeted                        | North Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield | Middlefield Hub<br>Nestrans via Transport to Healthcare Information Centre (THInC)<br>Touch of Love<br>King’s Community Foundation                 | Number of community hub network partners enabling access to joined services and support                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| More chair based sessions in communities catering for children and young people with disabilities and special needs                                                                                  | Targeted                        | Bucksburn<br>Middlefield<br>Cummings Park<br>Danestone                                          | Sport Aberdeen<br>Middlefield Hub<br>Cummings Park Centre<br>Danestone Community Centre                                                            | Number of chair based sessions for children and young people with disabilities and special needs delivered by partners across North Locality<br><br>% of adults reporting that they are able to manage their own health and wellbeing ‘very well’                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |

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## Children, Families and Lifelong Learning

### Priority 4: Widen low-cost access to learning, creativity, and safe active living

#### What the data is telling us...

- **Counselling:** 100% of schools in North Locality offer counselling and Active School activities
- **Anti-Social Behaviour:** 3,303 Youth Anti-Social Behaviour calls were reported to the police (2024)
- **Teenage Pregnancies:** 35 girls and young women per 1000 recorded pregnancies in North Locality. This is above the Aberdeen City average rate of 19.8 per 1000 girls and young women. The North Locality has the highest proportion of teenage pregnancies across in Aberdeen City
- **Supporting Families:** 15 PEEP groups were running in North Locality to build parental confidence and bonds with their children

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| Create more opportunities for Additional Support Need (ASN) family members to participate and learn to become independent                                         | Targeted                        | Bucksburn<br>Middlefield<br>Mastrick<br>Northfield                     | Middlefield Hub<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>Mastrick Community Centre<br>Touch of Love<br>Danestone Community Centre<br>SHMU | Number of neighbourhood-level services co-produced with communities                           | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> 95% of young people in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 1 and vulnerable groups achieve a positive destination on leaving school by 2036<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> New recovery model for people with existing and emerging complex needs |
| Greater promotion of healthy eating in primary schools to help pupils identify, taste, and learn how to make different things with different fruit and vegetables | Universal                       | Dyce<br>Northfield                                                     | Childsmile<br>Northfield Community Centre                                                                                          | % of P7 pupils at a healthy weight<br><br>% of P7 pupils with no obvious signs of tooth decay | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> Reduce the proportion of people in relative poverty and homelessness by 6.5% by 2036<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> A Community-led System for Sustainable Neighbourhoods                                                                                |
| Designate space for street art such as Nuart and murals                                                                                                           | Universal                       | North Priority<br>Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, | Middlefield Hub<br>Northfield Men’s Shed<br>Outlines Creative                                                                      | Number of spaces in North Locality made available for street art                              | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> 95% of young people in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 1 and vulnerable                                                                                                                                                                          |



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|                                                                                                                                                              |                                 | Heathryfold and Middlefield Danestone                                                           | Befriend a Child<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>Danestone and Persley Community Council<br>SHMU                                                                                                                                                                                     | Number of young people (by locality) using safe spaces<br><br>% of 12-18 year old boys reporting sense of belonging or connection to peers<br><br>Number of youth anti-social behaviour calls                                                         | groups achieve a positive destination on leaving school by 2036<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> Safe, co-designed spaces offering onsite support, person centred activities and individual progression pathways for young people at risk                                                                                                                 |
| More cycling proficiency tests to encourage safe cycling from an early age                                                                                   | Universal                       | Oldmachar, Middlefield, Danestone                                                               | Cycling Scotland<br>Sport Aberdeen<br>Walk Wheel Cycle Trust<br>Nestrans<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>Danestone Primary School                                                                                                                                                    | Number of children who've passed cycling proficiency test<br><br>% of people walking, cycling and wheeling                                                                                                                                            | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> 95% of young people in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 1 and vulnerable groups achieve a positive destination on leaving school by 2036<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> A Community-led System for Sustainable Neighbourhoods                                                                                    |
| Set up an intergenerational group to enable access to musical instruments and tuition to provide mentorship, improve wellbeing and develop lifelong learning | Targeted                        | North Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield | Middlefield Hub<br>Touch of Love<br>King's Community Foundation                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Number of young people attending the music group<br><br>% of 12-18 year old boys reporting sense of belonging or connection to peers<br><br>Number of young people (by locality) using safe spaces<br><br>Number of youth anti-social behaviour calls | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> 95% of young people in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 1 and vulnerable groups achieve a positive destination on leaving school by 2036<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> Safe, co-designed spaces offering onsite support, person centred activities and individual progression pathways for young people at risk |
| Organise community events, groups, and networks to support men and teenage boy's mental health and wellbeing                                                 | Universal                       | Bridge of Don<br>Kingswells<br>Middlefield<br>Northfield                                        | Middlefield Hub/Bike Hub<br>Northfield Men's Shed<br>Sport Aberdeen<br>Aberdeen Football Club Community Trust<br>Touch of Love<br>Police Scotland<br>SAMH<br>Men in Mind<br>Befriend a Child<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>Mastrick Community Centre<br>Danestone Community Centre | % of 12-18 year old boys reporting sense of belonging or connection to peers<br><br>Number of young people (by locality) using the safe spaces<br><br>Number of youth anti-social behaviour calls                                                     | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> 95% of young people in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 1 and vulnerable groups achieve a positive destination on leaving school by 2036<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> Safe, co-designed spaces offering onsite support, person centred activities and individual progression pathways for young people at risk |

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|                                                                                           |                                 |                                                            | King’s Community Foundation                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Create a platform to celebrate young peoples’ skills and achievements                     | Universal                       | Across North Locality                                      | Sport Aberdeen<br>Touch of Love<br>Befriend a Child<br>King’s Community Foundation                                                                                        | Number of events set up by community partners to showcase young people's skills and achievements                                  | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> 95% of young people in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 1 and vulnerable groups achieve a positive destination on leaving school by 2036<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> A Community-led System for Sustainable Neighbourhoods                                                                                    |
| Provide information to help parents and carers swap school uniforms to save money         | Universal                       | Summerhill<br>Sheddocksley<br>Middlefield                  | Middlefield Hub<br>Touch of Love<br>Sport Aberdeen<br>Cummings Park Centre<br>University of Aberdeen<br>King’s Community Foundation                                       | Number of Associated School Groups which provide information to parents/carers on how to swap their children's school uniforms    | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> Reduce the proportion of people in relative poverty and homelessness by 6.5% by 2036<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> Families and Communities Support Model                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Increase opportunities for relaxed youth work which is not provided by uniformed services | Targeted                        | Dyce<br>Middlefield<br>Northfield<br>Mastrick<br>Danestone | Middlefield Hub<br>Touch of Love<br>Police Scotland<br>Befriend a Child<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>Mastrick Community Centre<br>Danestone Community Centre<br>SAMH | Number of young people (by locality) using safe spaces<br><br>Number of neighbourhood-level services co-produced with communities | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> 95% of young people in the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 1 and vulnerable groups achieve a positive destination on leaving school by 2036<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> Safe, co-designed spaces offering onsite support, person centred activities and individual progression pathways for young people at risk |



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## Neighbourhood and Environment

### Priority 5: Maximise use of outdoor space

#### What the data is telling us...

- **Severe Weather** 51.8% of people in North Locality were worried about severe weather on their homes and local community. This compares to 60% of people who live in priority neighbourhoods
- **Greenspace Satisfaction** 65.2% of North Locality respondents to the city voice survey reported being satisfied with the overall quality of greenspace/open space compared to 45% of people living in North Priority Neighbourhoods
- **Cycling:** 7.9% of people in the North Locality cycle as a form of physical activity, this increased from 4.4% in 2024

| Our ideas about how we will achieve this together                                                        | Universal or Targeted Provision | Where we will test our ideas                                                                                  | Community Partners we will work with                                                                                                                    | Data that will tell us if we are improving                                                 | Link to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP)                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Support communities to improve local areas through litter picks and clean ups                            | Universal                       | Danestone<br>Middlefield<br>Northfield                                                                        | Middlefield Hub<br>Nestrans<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>Danestone and Persley Community Council<br>King's Community Foundation                    | % Satisfied with local greenspace                                                          | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> Increase proportion of people from SIMD 1 who feel they have influence and sense of control by 10%<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> A Community-led System for Sustainable Neighbourhoods |
| Improve access to play parks, equipment, and greenspaces for people with disabilities                    | Universal                       | North Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield Bridge of Don | Mastrick, Summerhill and Sheddocksley Community Council<br>Cummings Park Centre<br>Nestrans<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>Mastrick Community Centre | % of people who agree that lack of accessible greenspaces is a barrier to accessing nature |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| More community made art in our common and greenspaces such as woodwork, sculptures, murals, and land art | Universal                       | Dyce<br>Middlefield<br>Northfield                                                                             | Middlefield Hub<br>Northfield Men's Shed<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>Mastrick Community Centre<br>King's Community Foundation                     | % Satisfied with local greenspace                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |

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## Communities and Housing

### Priority 6: Increase the number of people and groups involved in making improvements and decisions in their community

#### What the data is telling us...

- **Community Information:** Just over half (51%) of City Voice respondents from North Locality agreed they would know where to find information about what is happening in their community
- **Identity and Belonging:** North Locality’s sense of identity and belonging scored 3.8 out of 7 during the Place Standard community engagement exercise (2025)
- **Community Cohesion:** 39.4% of City Voice respondents in North Locality agreed they felt part of the community they live in

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| Support communities to provide more outdoor recreational equipment such as outdoor gyms | Universal                       | North Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield                  | Sport Aberdeen<br>Middlefield Hub<br>Northfield Community Centre (Boxing Club)                                                                                                                                                   | Number of places in priority neighbourhoods with outdoor recreational equipment<br><br>% of people walking, cycling and wheeling            | <b>LOIP 2036 Outcome:</b> Increase proportion of people from SIMD 1 who feel they have influence and sense of control by 10%<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> A Community-led System for Sustainable Neighbourhoods |
| Support communities to hold more community galas and neighbourhood picnics              | Universal                       | North Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield                  | Mastrick Community Centre<br>Mastrick, Summerhill and Sheddocksley Community Council<br>Cummings Park Centre<br>Middlefield Community Hub<br>Touch of Love<br>Northfield Community Centre<br>King’s Community Foundation<br>SHMU | Number of community galas and picnics held by community partners<br><br>Number of neighbourhood-level services co-produced with communities |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Set up local Tool Shed Libraries                                                        | Targeted                        | North Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield<br><br>Danestone | Mastrick, Summerhill and Sheddocksley Community Council<br>Cummings Park Centre<br>Nestrans<br>Danestone and Persely Community Council<br>Cfine                                                                                  | Number of tool shed/gardening libraries set up<br><br>Number of neighbourhood-level services co-produced with communities                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

| Our ideas about how we will achieve this together                                                                                                                      | Universal or Targeted Provision | Where we will test our ideas                                                                    | Community Partners we will work with                                                                                                                                                     | Data that will tell us if we are improving                                                                                                                                 | Link to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP)                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Support communities to set up neighbourhood groups with a focus on community safety                                                                                    | Universal                       | Across North Locality                                                                           | Police Scotland<br>Community Safety Partnership                                                                                                                                          | Number of active community safety neighbourhood groups across North Locality                                                                                               | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> Increase proportion of people from SIMD 1 who feel they have influence and sense of control by 10%<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> A Community-led System for Sustainable Neighbourhoods |
| Support funding applications and encourage cross neighbourhood funding applications from community groups                                                              | Universal                       | Across North Locality                                                                           | ACVO<br>Locality Planning Team<br>Northfield Community Centre                                                                                                                            | Number of successful applications to Fairer Aberdeen Fund from community groups<br><br>Number of successful applications for Participatory Budgeting from community groups |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Set up forums to facilitate community conversations between New Scots, asylum seekers, refugees and local people                                                       | Universal                       | North Priority Neighbourhoods: Northfield, Mastrick, Cummings Park, Heathryfold and Middlefield | Middlefield Hub<br>Touch of Love<br>Mastrick, Summerhill and Sheddocksley Community Council<br>Cummings Park Centre<br>King’s Community Foundation<br>SHMU<br>Community Cohesion Network | Number of equality groups represented and directly engaged in policy decision making processes                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Tenant feedback loops supported by Locality Partnerships and Tenant Participation                                                                                      | Targeted                        | Across the North Locality                                                                       | Aberdeen Tenants and Residents Partnership                                                                                                                                               | Number of tenant feedback actions addressed                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Base as many key services all under one roof i.e. post office, pharmacy, community centre - close to schools and housing. Increase wraparound support for local people | Universal                       | Across North Locality – locations of Community Assistance Hubs                                  | Aberdeen Cyrenians<br>Danestone Community Centre                                                                                                                                         | No. of community hub network partners enabling access to joined services and support<br><br>Number of neighbourhood-level services co-produced with communities            | <b>LOIP 10 Year Outcome:</b> Reduce the proportion of people in relative poverty and homelessness by 6.5% by 2036<br><br><b>LOIP System Change:</b> Families and Communities Support Model                              |



# Get Involved!

The North Locality Empowerment Group and the North Priority Neighbourhood Partnership are two ways we connect with our local communities in the North Locality. As a member of a Locality Empowerment Group or the North Priority Neighbourhood Partnership you will be able to provide a voice on behalf of the people and communities across your neighbourhood.

## What's in it for you?

**Our existing community representatives had this to say about what they get from participating:**

- Staying physically and mentally active
- Learning new skills and gaining confidence
- Receiving support from staff
- Building stronger sense of community and improving their neighbourhood
- Making new connections with like-minded people
- Participating in social events and local projects
- Increasing trust in communities
- Strengthen local knowledge and sharing

## Use the *Wishing Wand* to bring your idea to life!



Have an idea that could make a difference in your community? We'd love to hear it. The Locality Planning Team is here to help you develop your idea and explore ways to bring it to life, including connecting you with funding opportunities and support from partners. Whether your idea is fully formed or just starting out, we'll support you to take the next step.

Small wishes can grow into real projects! [click here](#) to share your idea and help bring Locality Plan priorities to life!

## Your North Locality Planning Team

We understand the importance of working with communities to build a thriving environment for everyone. By engaging with local communities through our dedicated Locality Planning team, we aim to become more receptive, supportive and action oriented. Community input is extremely valuable to this work. The Locality Planning Team includes staff from Aberdeen City Council and the Aberdeen City Health and Social Care partnership working together to support improved outcome across all our localities and neighbourhoods. In the North Locality your locality planning contacts are Cath and Kev.

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# Stay Updated!



## Join the Journey!

There are a number of ways to stay updated on what is going on in your neighbourhood. You can find out more, including our performance data on our Community Planning Aberdeen [website](#) here you will find:

- How we report back on our progress
- How to get involved in your next local community meeting
- Minutes of previous meetings
- Annual Reports
- Information and support around getting involved and making a difference to your local community

You can find out what's on your local area by visiting the ACVO [Events Calendar](#) or on Facebook by clicking [here](#)!

Interested in finding out more? Our Locality Planning Team are happy to help! contact us on:  
[Localityplanning@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:Localityplanning@aberdeencity.gov.uk)



## Supporting Information

**Not every idea could be included, and here's why:**

- Some improvements are already happening—we'll let services know if people weren't aware.
- Ideas outside locality planning's remit were shared with the right teams, like citywide plans or education services.
- Others couldn't progress yet due to limits on budget, time or resources, or they would impact on other plans for the City

**Every idea matters** - Even if something couldn't be included this time, your input helps shape priorities and conversations for the future.

**Local Place Plans – these are different to locality plans!**

[Local Place Plans](#) give communities a say in shaping where they live, work, and play. Introduced by planning legislation, they let communities create their own plans to influence the next Local Development Plan. These plans set out local ideas and aspirations for how *land* is used and developed—and they're created by the community, for the community.

It's important to us that everyone's voice is heard—including our young people. Through the **Aberdeen Youth Movement**, their ideas are not only reflected in the locality plan, but they're also helping to drive real change across our city. Want to find out more? Check out their [Linktree](#)!