

# Neighbourhood Planning Update



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## Our Place Our Plan



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This update aims to raise awareness and understanding of Neighbourhood Planning and how this relates to our work. Irrespective of our roles and responsibilities we all have our part to play in contributing towards the Community Planning Partnerships overarching objective to tackle poverty, deprivation and inequality. Neighbourhood Planning is based on the basic principle that if we all work more effectively together then public services will improve for those who use them.

What local people have said about Neighbourhood Planning so far...

“ A marvellous opportunity to have a say in the future of our community ”

“ A great opportunity and so much has been achieved in a very short time ”

“ We need everyone to be part of this plan, join us and help make it work ”

“ I'm looking forward to seeing the area develop and being part of the decisions going forward ”

“ Getting involved and having a say on what's happening in the area is what Our Place Our Plan is all about – get involved it really is making a difference ”



## Background

The South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership is a statutory forum for the council, NHS and other public and third sector bodies, such as charities and voluntary groups, to work with local communities to plan and deliver better services.

More information about the Partnership and the Community Plan for 2017-2020 can be found at [www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp](http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp)

The Community Planning Partnership Board members include:-

- Cambuslang Business Group
- Chamber of Commerce
- NHS Lanarkshire
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Enterprise
- Skills Development Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- South Lanarkshire Council
- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
- University of the West of Scotland
- Voluntary Action South Lanarkshire (VASLan)



## South Lanarkshire Community Plan

The South Lanarkshire Community Plan sets out the Community Planning Partnerships priorities and actions until 2027. The overarching objective is to tackle poverty, deprivation and inequality. An important aspect of our Community Plan its ambitious goals are not just those of the Community Planning Partners but, more importantly, are those of communities. A copy of the full South Lanarkshire Community Plan 2017-2027 is available on the Community Planning website [www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/126/community-plan-2017-2027](http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/downloads/file/126/community-plan-2017-2027)





## Local Need, Aspirations and Priorities

In October 2017 the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board agreed to test a new collective approach to tackling local inequalities and improving the lives of local people. They agreed to work alongside communities to develop Neighbourhood Plans based on local need, community aspirations and priorities.

Three pilot areas were identified to test the approach including **Springhall and Whitlawburn** in the Cambuslang and Rutherglen area. **Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank** in Hamilton and **Strutherhill and Birkenshaw** in Larkhall. All the neighbourhoods have datazones in the top 5% most deprived in Scotland. (Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation SIMD 2016) Our Place Our Plan neighbourhood plans have now been developed for each of the neighbourhoods, the plans set out community identified priorities to be acted on over the next 10 years.

Neighbourhood Plans have been produced for three areas to date and the following links will show you the maps and plans for each of these.

[www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/info/26/loip\\_and\\_neighbourhood\\_plans](http://www.southlanarkshire.gov.uk/cp/info/26/loip_and_neighbourhood_plans)



This work is being undertaken in the context of Scottish Government legislation (The Community Empowerment Act 2015) requiring Community Planning Partnerships to develop Local Outcomes Improvement Plans (known as the South Lanarkshire Community Plan) as well as Locality Plans for areas where outcomes are poorest (known as Neighbourhood Plans)

Key to the success of the Community Plan and Neighbourhood Planning more generally, is how we all work along with individuals and communities to understand the resources and opportunities available to us, as well as the challenges faced. By working together, we can make the most of our shared resources to meet these challenges and improve the prospects of local people.

## What's happened so far

The Neighbourhood Planning process began in November 2017 with an awareness raising event attended by active local residents, staff working directly in the designated area and elected members from the three Neighbourhood Planning test areas.



From the onset local people were involved in shaping the engagement process, determining the content of a survey, designing branding and identifying the best ways to secure wide and representative community involvement. It was agreed to carry out an online survey, to establish resident's priorities for their neighbourhood. At residents request this was carried out through face to face dialogue as it was felt this would maximise participation. To further encourage resident involvement, staff from a range of organisations including library and housing staff actively supported individuals and households to complete the survey.

The survey opened in November 2017 and closed in February 2018. The findings of the survey - key local priorities and ideas for early action now form the basis of the Our Place Our Plan Neighbourhood Plans. Our Place Our Plans sets out ten priority themes to be acted upon over the next 10 years plus a range of early action plans to be delivered in 2019.

## Keeping communities at the centre

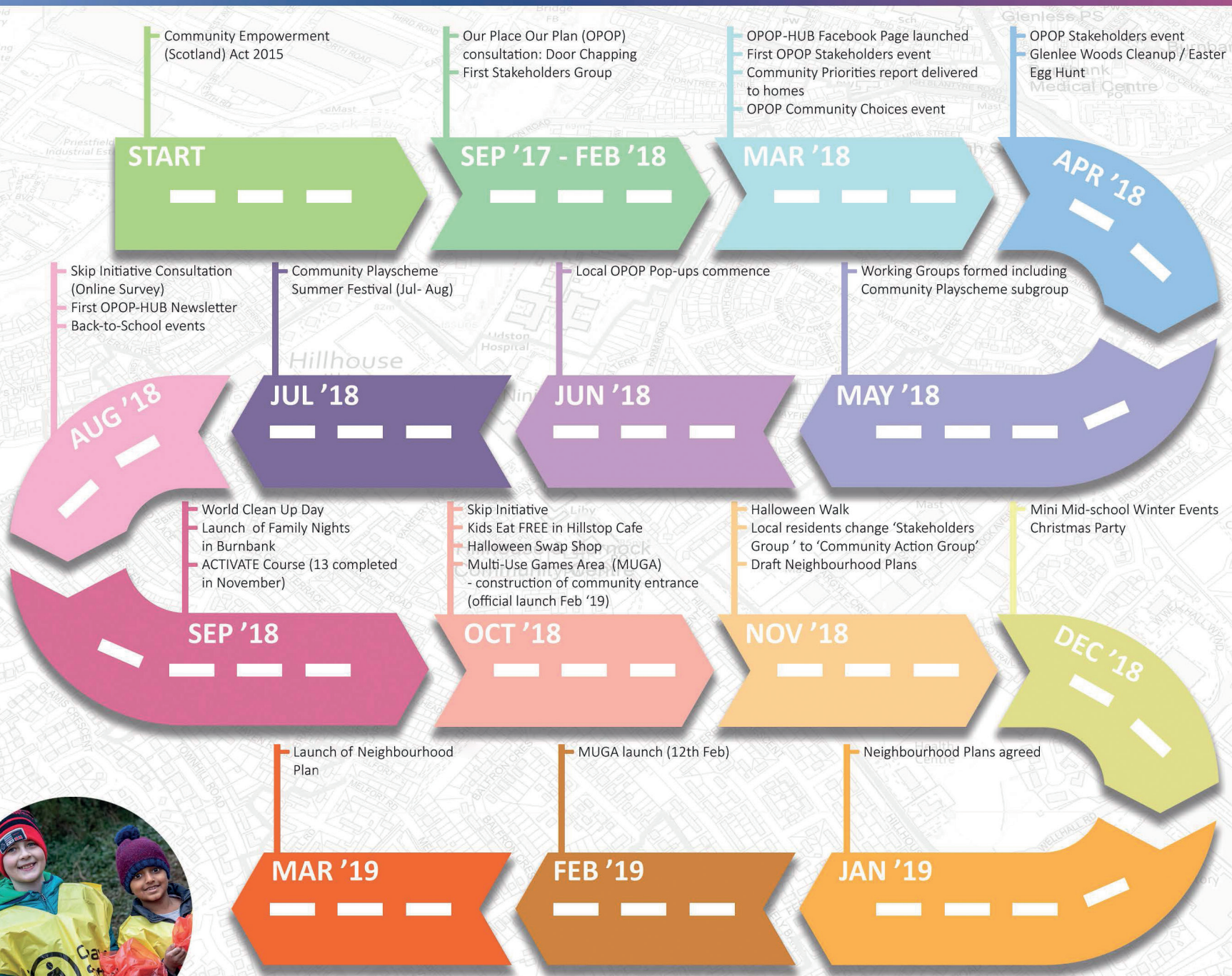
We want to ensure that communities continue to lead in driving forward their priorities and positive changes they want to see at a neighbourhood level. Capacity building support is being provided by Healthy'n'Happy Community Development Trust, Community Links (South Lanarkshire) and staff across the partnership. Local structures have also been developed to support and review the delivery of Our Place Our Plan Neighbourhood Plans.

The groups are made up of local people and relevant partners. This includes stakeholder groups to oversee the delivery of the plan, and working groups to take forward priority themes such as community safety, leisure, social and recreational opportunities and environmental improvements. Although at early stages of development there is already significant examples of residents working closely with staff from across resources and agencies to deliver fairly substantial projects / activities around the priority themes and early actions highlighted in the plans.





# What's been achieved so far Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank



A Neighbourhood Planning workstream group has also been established to ensure that appropriate/ meaningful partner engagement takes place and to monitor and evaluate activity including the impact this is having in relation to improved outcomes.



While the current focus is on identifying and progressing early actions it is recognised that there is also a statutory requirement on Community Planning Partners and relevant communities to tackle inequality and improve outcomes over the next 10 year period.





# Neighbourhood Planning an opportunity for everyone

As Neighbourhood Planning moves forward it is anticipated that a wider range of Community Planning Partners including Council Services will get involved. This will require working in close partnership with communities to agree and take forward the necessary actions that will lead to change and improvement. Tackling inequalities, poverty and deprivation will continue to be a key consideration in service planning and delivery. It will require us all to think differently about how we do things and working with communities to help to shape services at a local level to ensure they meet local need.

In the next Neighbourhood Planning update we will highlight Our Place Our Plan activity in **Springhall and Whitlawburn** and **Strutherhill and Birkenshaw**

If you would like to find out more about Neighbourhood Planning including regular updates on how the Our Place Our Plan Neighbourhood Plans are progressing.

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## Hillhouse, Udston and Burnbank

Our Place Our Plan HUB

## Springhall and Whitlawburn

@Our Place Our Plan Springhall and Whitlawburn  
or online at [www.camglencommunities.org.uk](http://www.camglencommunities.org.uk)

## Strutherhill and Birkenshaw

Our Place Our Plan Strutherhill & Birkenshaw  
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