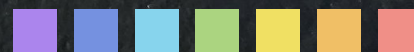


South & West Fife Local Community Plan 2022 - 2025



Introduction

The South and West Fife Local Community Plan 2022-25 encapsulates Wards 1 (West Fife Villages), 5 (Rosyth, Limekilns, Crombie and Pattiesmuir) and 6 (Inverkeithing, North Queensferry, Dalgety Bay and Aberdour) areas.

The Plan weaves the 'Renewal and Recovery' priorities of the Plan 4 Fife through all 5 sections. The three priorities are:

- Community Wealth Building
- Tackling Climate Change
- Leading Economic Recovery

Our vision

We want South and West Fife to be a place where residents are proud to say they live there, where tourists are keen to visit, and businesses want to invest in and grow. This means creating an area that people enjoy living in, with good access to services, amenities and opportunities to prosper. We want to make the best use of our assets and facilities, our natural heritage, and the great potential that we have in the community spirit that exists within the area.

What puts us on the map?

South and West Fife has several key tourist attractions including the 5 bridges, excellent heritage sites as well as the unique geography of the coast and countryside. Its proximity to Edinburgh and Central Scotland gives it a distinct advantage over other areas in Fife, and places it in a unique position to make the best use of these travel connections to enhance its future growth.

What existing assets and opportunities could be built upon?

- The Forth Rail Bridge with its World Heritage Site status, Fife Coastal Path and Pilgrims Way and the Area's associated history around the Royal Burghs of Inverkeithing and Culross are all assets that should be built upon to release the Area's full tourism potential.
- The Forth Green Freeport at Rosyth Waterfront is Scotland's largest opportunity to deliver a just transition to net zero, to attract significant inward investment, to build international trade and export capability, and to create high quality and well paid jobs. New technology backed skills development will address areas of acute deprivation within our communities.

Poverty & Cost of Living Crisis



Area Priority	Improvement Focus	Associated Actions
1. Develop additional local preventative responses to support people through the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, working to move people out of poverty where possible.	<p>Estimates show that 60-70% of households in Scotland will be in fuel poverty by winter 2022/23. For S&WF, this means up to 16,440 households spending more than 10% of their total income on fuel.</p> <p>As the cost-of-living crisis worsens, more residents will require access to financial, food, fuel and clothing interventions.</p> <p>To improve income maximisation in the area for people to effectively plan their expenditure and to have greater control of their financial situation.</p>	<p>1.1 Develop preventative, community wealth building approaches to tackling poverty through the implementation of advice hubs, which bring together key support services under one roof, so that people get the support they need quickly. Although designed to target the families/individuals in most need, these services are open and available to everyone.</p> <p>1.2 Develop and maintain energy advice sessions and events and by targeting specific data zones/neighbourhoods in S&WF.</p> <p>1.3 Train up energy champions to build a solid knowledge base amongst staff and volunteers in the area, with a view to making onward referrals to appropriate agencies/services as required.</p> <p>1.4 Support and develop post-pandemic community food provision and continue to support community food providers individually and collectively, while promoting zero waste approaches, affordable and sustainable food. Explore ideas for collaboration and co-operative models through local partnership groups e.g. Food Resilience Group.</p> <p>1.5 Promote the benefits of credit union membership and secure a credit union presence in S&WF either in a physical building or a satellite presence in advice hubs and in the community.</p> <p>1.6 Increase social media coverage and engage community connectors and champions in local places to raise awareness of responses to poverty-related initiatives.</p>





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2. Increase employment, training, learning and volunteering opportunities to support sustained economic growth in the area	<p>Employment rates in S&WF are almost 10% below the Scottish average and the rate of economic inactivity among working age adults in the area is the highest in Fife (35.2%).</p> <p>The 2022 Place Standard survey identified work and the local economy as a key issue for residents.</p> <p>The Economic Profile for S&WF shows that there are proportionally more people with no or low levels of achieved qualifications than the Fife average.</p>	<p>2.1 Work collaboratively with services and local businesses to bring additional employability support to the area. Through this provision, identify labour market priorities, trends and gaps to provide relevant training and support to people, which in turn improves their prospects of securing meaningful and sustained employment.</p> <p>2.2 Regenerate town centres and neighbourhoods with a focus on Inverkeithing, Rosyth, Kincardine and Dalgety Bay.</p> <p>2.3 Increase the number of individuals engaging in community-based adult learning (CBAL) programmes who are supported or referred by other agencies from the People Leadership Group. Use community wealth building approaches to improve the pathways from these local learning/training opportunities to employment, further education, both for adults and school leavers.</p> <p>2.4 To promote the newly refreshed CLD plan, which prioritises the most disadvantaged learners living in the most deprived areas for adult learning opportunities. The CLD plan also has flexibility to adapt and change depending on community need.</p> <p>2.5 Attract new businesses to the area and support growth in existing business, which will be key to improving job prospects, with the help of government grants to aid new businesses and investing money to help develop enterprise.</p> <p>2.6 Continue to encourage and enable 'Culture of Enterprise' and 'Developing Young Workforce' programmes throughout the locale. Work with communities and involve young people to help shape our places developing healthy streets with community hubs, cafes and gardens, graffiti art and places to connect and enjoy.</p> <p>2.7 Support the Green Freeport bid which will bring considerable business, employment and economic opportunities to Rosyth and the surrounding areas. Work with services and partners to prepare the area for this new development and that will link to our CBAL offer.</p> <p>2.8 Support the infrastructure which will maximise the potential of key tourism assets including world heritage site, the Coastal Path, Pilgrims Way and other local trails and woodland walks.</p>





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3. Develop and sustain approaches which target the effects of climate change and improve infrastructure around measures that lead to reductions in carbon footprint	<p>The local strategic assessment highlighted the risk of increased flooding due to climate change, and the socio-economic vulnerability of residents to cope and bounce back from these events. Flooding has a disproportionate impact on people living in poverty, both financially and in terms of health and wellbeing.</p> <p>Consider co-benefits for land use for resilience to impacts of climate change, mitigation of emission and improving biodiversity.</p> <p>Local consultation exercises and charrettes show that local residents would like to see public transport options in the area improved.</p> <p>There are currently 24 public electric car charging points in South and West Fife. As demand for electric vehicles grows, further development of the infrastructure to support this is required. Responses to climate change should be equitable i.e. not everyone can afford EVs – active travel/public transport etc should be equally prioritised.</p>	<p>3.1 Identify areas where natural planting can mitigate the impacts of high rainfall events.</p> <p>3.2 In areas that will become and are prone to flooding, promote solutions which include low maintenance planting, frequent clearing of drains and flood-plane storage to mitigate. Increase resilience of built assets to flooding and ensure residents are aware of Flooding Fife Council and how to prepare and react to flooding.</p> <p>3.3 Work with partners to explore improvements to transport options either via existing contractors e.g. Stagecoach or by exploring innovative opportunities e.g. car sharing groups, car clubs etc. and improve the active travel infrastructure, which can include walking routes and cycle paths. With the ageing population in the area, walking routes should be accessible and include shaded and seating areas where appropriate.</p> <p>3.4 Work with colleagues in Transportation to increase the number of public charging points available to users of electric vehicles.</p> <p>3.5 Work with relevant services and agencies to improve biodiversity in the area e.g. support local sustainable farming, increased 'grow your own' food schemes etc.</p>



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<p>4. Tackle the shortfall in affordable housing in the area, help to ensure that people live in good quality housing and provide good housing advice to help prevent homelessness</p>	<p>The area requires additional affordable homes to meet current demand. There is a particular and acute shortage of larger family accommodation, wheelchair properties and accommodation for older people.</p> <p>The Local Housing Strategy attaches targets which help to address the requirement for specialist housing, for example individuals with mobility issues, wheelchair users or any other specific needs.</p> <p>There are issues around the quality and availability of shorter term private rented accommodation.</p> <p>Good quality housing advice on all housing tenures is required for those who are threatened with homelessness and those who live in unsuitable housing.</p>	<p>4.1 Work with appropriate services, stakeholders and partners to ensure the future housing provision in S&WF meets the needs of the projected increase in the older adult population.</p> <p>4.2 Help to meet the need for specialist housing with 30% of new affordable housing provided as specific needs and at least 5% as wheelchair adapted. Develop specific affordable housing projects and identify land availability to enhance provision. Affordability should not be to the detriment of quality, with new homes built to Housing for Varying Needs & Secured by Design standards and achieving EPC rating A and B.</p> <p>4.3 Build on the public availability of information of the location of all Fife Council sheltered and retirement housing by adding further information and visual displays of the complexes.</p> <p>4.4 Work with the Disabled Persons Housing Service to create a database of wheelchair and accessible private properties.</p> <p>4.5 Work with identified suitable partner company on a Fife Wheelchair and Specialist Housing looking at current provision and gaps of this type of housing.</p> <p>4.6 Increase the supply of affordable housing by providing new units and improving conditions in the private rented sector.</p> <p>4.7 Work with all stakeholders including private landlords and Fife Private Rental Solutions to improve information, access and ongoing support to those looking for housing in the area and to assist retention of current tenancies and prevention of homelessness.</p>





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5. Work with partners to improve the quality of life and wellbeing of residents	<p>Data shows that the population in S&WF is ageing and by 2030 the number of people aged 65 and over living in the area will increase by 22% (H&SC Needs Assessment)</p> <p>The Physical Activity and Sports Group have identified that the area would benefit from a map of physical activity provision, working with relevant partners to identify gaps in provision, tangible benefits by implementing sport, leisure or recreational activity.</p> <p>Further work with Health and Social Care and third sector partners is required to analyse locality health data, identify areas with greatest health inequalities and target resource accordingly to improve the health and wellbeing of S&WF residents.</p> <p>To ensure that services are community-led; working with local people to establish what priorities are, ensuring that S&WF residents feel empowered, safe and consulted in local processes.</p>	<p>5.1 Improve the quality of life of adults and older people by engaging with the local community to understand what services are available and identify any gaps in provision for example increasing the number of services available to older people.</p> <p>5.2 Maximise the opportunities of physical and outdoor activities by making use of local open spaces, leisure and recreational facilities and ensure greater community leisure opportunities for people and use of all our facilities and assets, consider co-benefits of carbon sequestration, active travel, energy generation and water management for open spaces.</p> <p>5.3 Work collaboratively to promote and action the Health and Social Care Locality Plan, which places a focus on living well and improve population health outcomes and reduce inequalities through targeted interventions.</p> <p>5.4 Provide a platform for people's voices to be heard and shape service delivery through the development of people-led local action plans, Neighbourhood Plans, Local Place Plans and Local Development Plans.</p> <p>5.5 Work collaboratively (including with local residents) to ensure the most pressing community safety issues are addressed and resolved.</p>

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