



Auchinairn Community & Early Years Centre

AUCHINAIRN PLACE PLAN

2019-2024

Introduction

East Dunbartonshire has been recognised as one of the best areas to live in Scotland based on people's health, life expectancy, employment and school performance. Economic activity and employment rates are high and the level of crime is significantly below the Scottish average. Despite this, inequalities exist across the authority. To try and address these inequalities, East Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership is committing to working with local communities to deliver actions through a number of plans for smaller geographical areas known as Place Plans.

Auchinairn is located between Bishopbriggs town centre and the Springburn and Balornock areas of Glasgow. Although viewed by some as part of Bishopbriggs, Auchinairn has a strong sense of community and its own identity. There has been a lot of activity in Auchinairn to identify local issues with a view to creating a plan for moving forward. The issues identified and possible opportunities and solutions have been grouped together in this document called the Auchinairn Place Plan. Local residents have provided their views on what should be in the plan and this has been added to with further commitments from community planning partner organisations.

What is the Community Planning Partnership?

The Community Planning Partnership is made up of local services who work in our communities to make them the best they can be. Members include East Dunbartonshire Council, Police Scotland, the NHS and Health and Social Care Partnership, Scottish Fire and Rescue, Scottish Enterprise, East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action and a variety of other voluntary sector organisations.

What is this Place Plan?

Place Plans are bespoke plans for four geographic communities in East Dunbartonshire that have been identified and agreed as experiencing the most inequality. These plans are a requirement of the Community Empowerment Act (2015) which places the duty on Community Planning Partnerships to plan together for areas which experience poorer outcomes. The four areas identified as 'Place' areas within East Dunbartonshire are Hillhead and Harestanes; Lennoxton; Auchinairn and Twechar.

The Place Plan will be an important step for Auchinairn. It will consolidate information about the circumstances, needs and aspirations in Auchinairn. It will provide a basis for regeneration of the area and provide a shared action plan for the community. This responds to new legislation that promotes and encourages greater community leadership and partnership.





You can explore more data about the local population in Auchinairn at:

<http://scotland.datashine.org.uk>

Population

Sex



47

Would be men

53

Would be women



Age

19

0 - 15



66

16 - 64

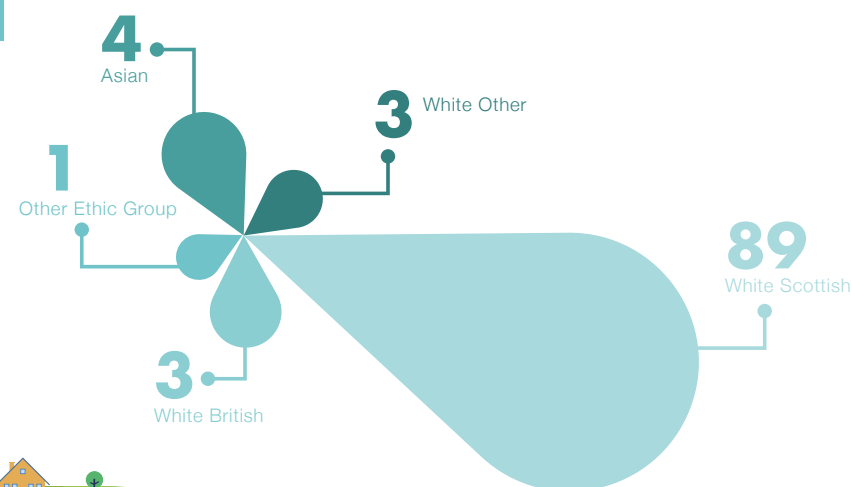


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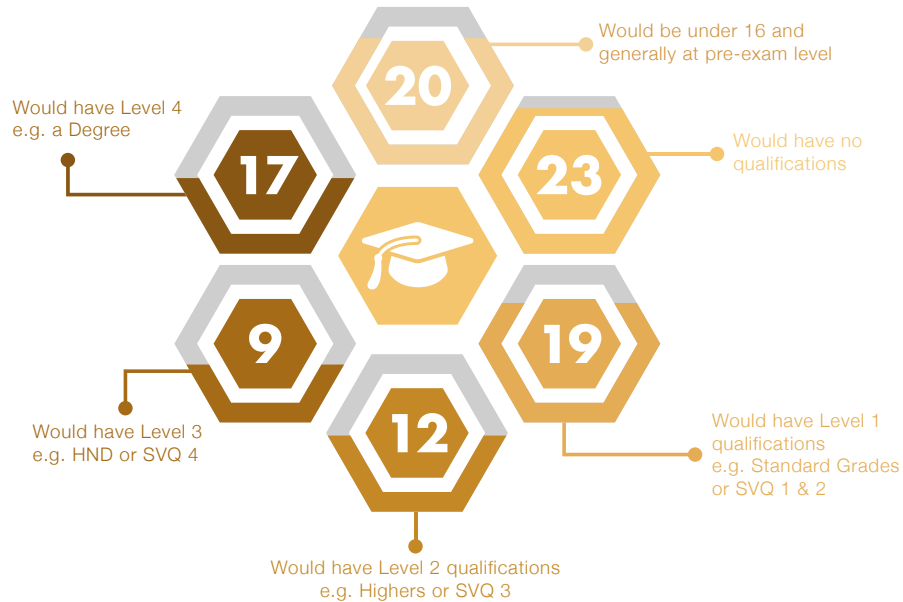


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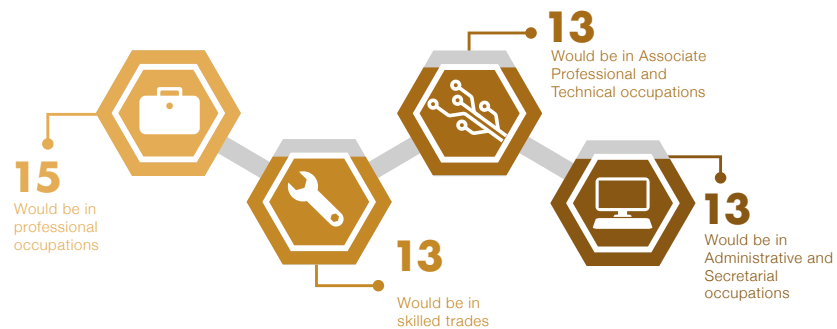
Education and Employment

Education



Work

Amongst all those aged 16 and over who are economically active, the four most common occupations would be as follows

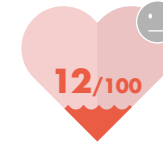


Health and Housing

Health



People would report their health as 'good' or 'very good'



Would report their health as 'fair'



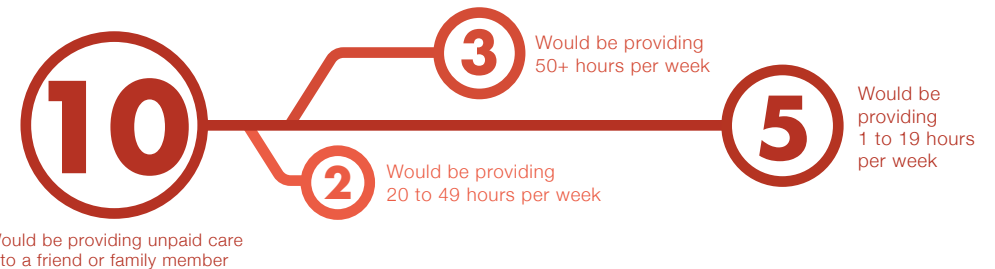
Would report their health as 'bad' or 'very bad'



12/100

Would report daily activities are 'limited a lot' by a health problem or disability

Care



Housing



Our assets

Auchinairn has a strong sense of community and its own identity. The area of Auchinairn for the purpose of the Place Plan has been defined through available datazones (the 2011 Census, Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation and National Records of Scotland). Originally a village in its own right, the area has several shops, a GP surgery, a Community and Early Years Centre, a bowling club, public houses and restaurants. The community will continue to grow with more housing and environmental improvements on the horizon.

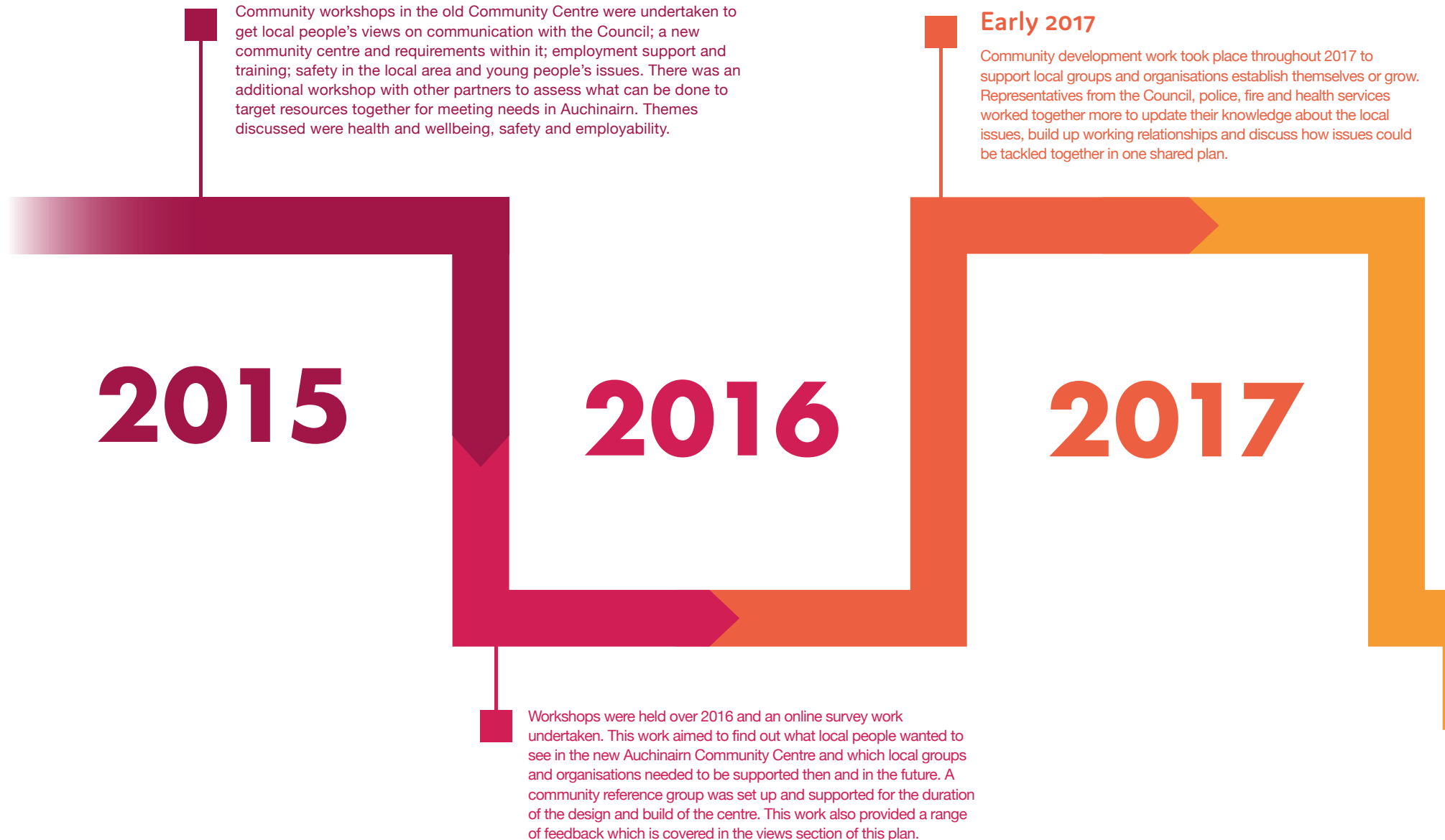
There are a range of buildings and facilities which people in the area will consider an asset in the community, and do so for various reasons. The local Asset Map below seeks to identify many of these.

Two new facilities have recently been developed in the area. Auchinairn's new Community & Early Years Centre opened its doors early 2018 and is establishing itself as a focal point of community life. The new facilities include a community hall, café, meeting rooms, play area and more. Resource is available at Huntershill Sports Hub in Bishopbriggs on the edge of Auchinairn. Huntershill Sports Hub was developed by the Council in partnership with East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust and includes a new full-size, all-weather 3G sports pitch, tennis courts and a sports pavilion building with multi-use hall and meeting room. While not an East Dunbartonshire Council asset, Littlehill Golf Course, within the Glasgow City Council area, is also an important asset of the Auchinairn community





Our voice



Consultation on the Place Plan and continued support by EDVA, the Community Learning and Development Partnership (which includes EDC Employability, Citizens Advice Bureau, EDVA, Dept. Work & Pensions, and the HSCP) and other partners, to build capacity for community-led action that supports the priorities in this Plan. Continued Community Development work to support groups in Auchinairn will include convening regular meetings with them to develop their community aims

2018

2019



The Community and Early Years Centre opened. Ongoing community development work was supported with a new Community Development Worker appointed who continued to build links between groups and gathered more detailed opinions of local residents and groups.

Community Groups

A number of community groups operate in Auchinairn and in the new Auchinairn Community and Early Years Centre. These this include Families of Auchinairn Coming Together; Auchinairn Parent and Toddlers Group; Group Recovery Aftercare Community Enterprise (GRACE) Auchinairn; Bishopbriggs and District Seniors Forum; Auchinairn After School Care and the local youth club.



Our likes, dislikes and ideas for improvement

Public Transport, Traffic and Parking & Moving Around

"Bishopbriggs train station gives good access to Glasgow"

"Bus fares are expensive"

"Not enough bus routes to the rest of East Dunbartonshire"

"There is too much inconsiderate / dangerous parking on pavements and on double yellow lines"

"There is a lack of cycle paths"

"There are busy congested roads and it is dangerous for crossing pedestrians"

"There is a lack of safe routes for children and young people"

"There is poor maintenance of paths and pavements"

"There are not enough parking spaces around shops/facilities (especially at peak times)"

Work and Local Economy, Housing and Community, Facilities and Amenities & Feeling Safe

"Being close to Glasgow city centre is helpful"

"Local businesses are busy and friendly"

"Childcare is unaffordable"

"Poor lighting and empty properties make it feel unsafe"

"There is antisocial behaviour and a lack of police or community wardens"

"Afterschool care is a valuable facility"

"You have to travel to access a lot of facilities"

"In general facilities and amenities are adequate"

"Auchinairn needs more affordable housing"

"Council and Housing Association housing is in poor state. Maintenance needed on windows and dampness"

"There is no more need for private houses"

Identity, Belonging, Influence, Sense of Control & Social Interaction

"Community opinions do not change decisions about the local area"

"It is not easy to find out when consultation is happening"

"There should be more advertising of public meetings"

"Auchinairn is a strong community with friendly people"

"Other local areas view Auchinairn negatively"

"People who were not raised in Auchinairn are not treated any differently to those who were"

"The new community centre brings people together and is a good meeting place"

"There should be more clubs in Auchinairn for people to meet others"

Play and Leisure, Care and Maintenance & Natural Space

"The play parks are well used but are in need of an upgrade"

"There is a good amount of greenspace"

"Not enough things to do for older children and teenagers"

"Road sweeper doesn't come around enough"

"Litter is bad and area is not ok"

"Special uplift from EDC is unaffordable"

"Open space is not well cared for by the Council"

"Dog fouling in natural spaces is a big problem"

"Kids do not play outside in natural spaces anymore"



Our action plan

The actions in this plan have been created through a process of engagement with the public and voluntary sectors. From the community consultation and engagement, the priority themes for Auchinairn that community and community planning partners identified for additional actions are:

- Affordable Activities For All
- Healthy And Safe Outdoors
- Informed Choices and Growing Capacity

When setting actions, the range of data available on the area was also considered. This data helps show that some parts of East Dunbartonshire require more support than others in areas such as income, employment, health, housing and education.

At the time of writing this plan it was identified that there should be a focus on building on the network of practitioners that currently exists so that service providers can work together better in partnership. Alongside this, the Council's community development staff continue to bring together community groups in the area to progress joint working.

Importantly, ongoing work and engagement is required with local people in the area to help empower the community to take ownership of aspects of change in Auchinairn.

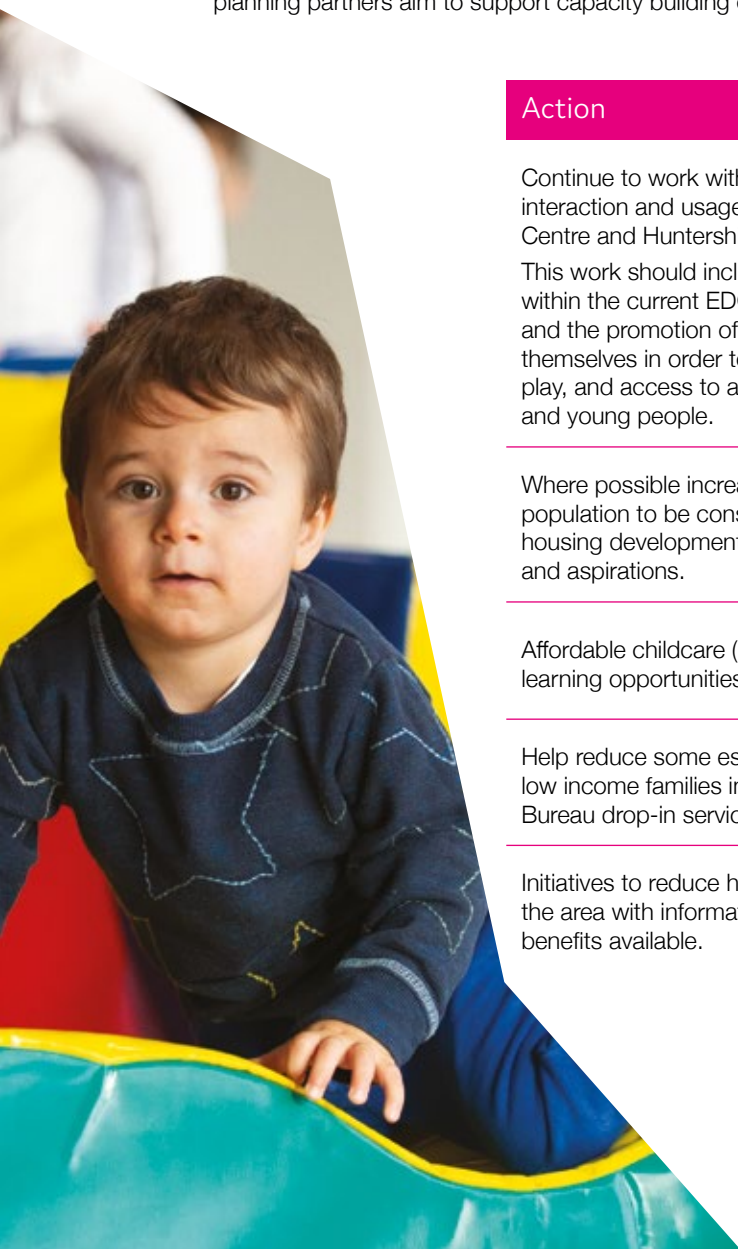
The information and tables that follow outline the issues under each theme and what actions will be taken to address them.



Affordable Activities for All

Access to healthy social activities and learning opportunities are important to support the local community. Over the coming years, community planning partners aim to support capacity building of local groups and initiatives that focus on the widest possible community benefit.

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
<p>Continue to work with local people and locally based groups to try to increase interaction and usage of space at Auchinairn Community and Early Years Centre and Huntershill Sports Hub for the people of Auchinairn.</p> <p>This work should include support and advice for groups to help them work within the current EDC Letting Policy, identify funding opportunities for groups and the promotion of collaboration with the Council and between groups/users themselves in order to best utilise community spaces. There will be a focus on play, and access to activities such as outdoor sport facilities for both children and young people.</p>	<p>East Dunbartonshire Council (EDC Community Planning & Partnership, Letting and Facilities Management teams)</p> <p>East Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust Local Groups</p>	1-2 years
<p>Where possible increase social housing within Auchinairn. Local needs and population to be considered and community consultation on any proposed housing developments within Auchinairn to ensure it meets community needs and aspirations.</p>	<p>Local Housing Strategy and Local Development Plan</p>	2-3 years
<p>Affordable childcare (including out of school care) is progressed alongside adult learning opportunities.</p>	<p>Delivering for Children and Young People Partnership</p>	1-2 years
<p>Help reduce some essential costs of living by promoting uptake of benefits for low income families in the area. For example by promoting the Citizens Advice Bureau drop-in service in the centre on a weekly basis.</p>	<p>East Dunbartonshire Council Community Planning & Partnerships Team and the CLD Partnership</p>	1-2 years
<p>Initiatives to reduce housing, travel, food and fuel costs will be promoted in the area with information and communication so that residents are aware of benefits available.</p>	<p>East Dunbartonshire Council Community Planning & Partnerships Team and the CLD Partnership</p>	1-2 years

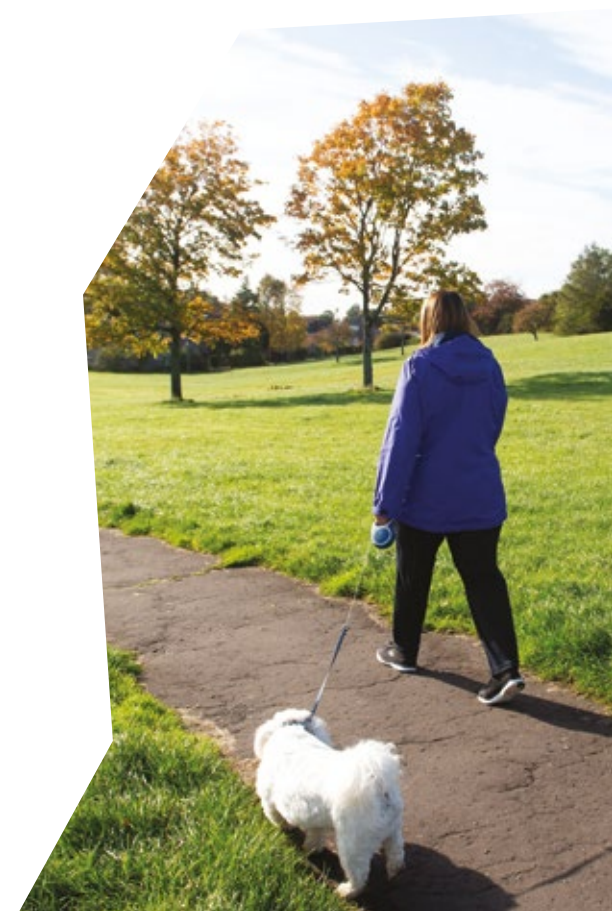


The East Dunbartonshire Joint Health Improvement Plan outlines a number of actions and available services focussed on Auchinairn. Community cooking groups and community-led food initiatives have taken place in the area and there is a need to increase awareness and uptake. There is also a need to deliver leisure, cultural and recreational activities in Auchinairn to maximise physical activity opportunities including walking and cycling.

In the Green Network Strategy and Open Space Strategy, East Dunbartonshire Council has committed to producing a masterplan for the re-design of Woodhill and Etive Parks. If delivered, this would see a range of improvements on the edge of Auchinairn including habitat creation, improved access, climate change adaptation measures, pathway improvements, space for food growing opportunities and improved connections to other nearby open spaces. The Council will also be seeking

funding for feasibility work to look at enhancing active travel links including the possibility of developing an Active Travel Hub. If successful, this would aim to create a safer walking and cycling route connecting routes in and around Auchinairn. The development of these pieces of work should include dialogue and consultation with local people in Auchinairn. Across Auchinairn, the quality of the built environment was identified as an important factor and an area that local people would like to see improved and this has informed many of the actions in this section. Crime in Auchinairn compared to the national data sets is relatively low and people reported feeling generally safe. However, through consultation, it was identified that there are issues with anti-social behaviour and there is a need for safer walking and cycling routes and improved parking controls.

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
With local people, assess the quality and quantity of existing open space and access to it and develop options to improve outdoor activity and social space that is accessible and usable by all.	East Dunbartonshire Council via the Open Space Audit and Strategy	1-3 years
Explore with local people the re-establishment of a local Tenants and Residents Association to consider local housing maintenance issues and promote pride in the local area.	CLD Partnership and EDC Housing Services	1-2 years
<p>Promote good quality design and development in the area and involve local people in development of sites through early consultation on proposals for the old primary school site.</p> <p>Relevant themes from the Place Plan should be considered in the redevelopment of the former school site, in particular the land use and design. Examples of requirements on any development at this location would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good quality design and layout, Strong connectivity and access with existing neighbourhoods and development, • Enhancement of the network of green/play spaces • Creation of accessible outdoor social spaces for different ages groups which link well to and complement the new Auchinairn Community & Early Year Centre. This could include informal and adaptable spaces to meet, play and use for recreation, that benefit from natural surveillance. 	East Dunbartonshire Community Planning & Partnerships Team and Council Assets & Estates service	1-2 years





Action	Responsibility	Timescale
Explore opportunity to further develop food growing within Auchinairn. Through the wider food growing work the Council and the Health and Social Care Partnership will be working together to develop social and therapeutic horticulture activities.	East Dunbartonshire Council & Health and Social Care Partnership	1-2 years
Undertake to work with the local community to identify local health and wellbeing priorities as part of the delivery of the East Dunbartonshire Joint Health Improvement Plan	Health and Social Care Partnership	1-3 years
Deliver improved bus passenger facilities information in Auchinairn as part of the developing Local Transport Strategy. In developing options consult with the local community to discuss upgrading bus stops, improving access for pedestrians and cyclists and good quality cycle storage.	East Dunbartonshire Council (Local Transport Strategy)	3-5 years
Explore the expansion of Auchinairn Active Kids pilot to encompass activities and school holiday provision.	Delivering for Children and Young People Partnership	1-3 years
Promote community litter pick-ups and related activities to Keep Auchinairn Beautiful. Explore the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' initiative from Keep Scotland Beautiful relating to community growing, after school wildlife clubs, school eco-groups, Friends of Park groups, or adopting pieces of derelict land.	East Dunbartonshire Council	2-3 years
Consider the issue of dangerous and inconsiderate parking throughout Auchinairn alongside wider parking issues as part of a Parking Strategy for East Dunbartonshire.	East Dunbartonshire Council (Local Transport Strategy) and Community Planning Partners	1-2 years

Informed Choices and Growing Community Capacity

There is a need to continue to engage, consult and work with local people, local groups and agencies who provide services in this community. A key challenge in implementing this plan will be ability to grow the level of local involvement, build greater capacity locally and bring people together to be involved in delivering the plan. Growing local capacity and involvement is also critical to support the development of future actions and updates to the Place Plan

Action	Responsibility	Timescale
Ongoing community development work to ensure the wider community is informed of local services available and that, likewise, practitioners are informed of community needs.	CLD Partnership	1-3 years
Embed a community development worker who is based in the community to help develop local capacity, bring people and groups together and help inform the delivery of the Place Plan.	East Dunbartonshire Council Community Planning & Partnerships Team	1-2 years
Work with existing local groups, service providers and local people to try to establish a group or forum to help monitor and inform the implementation of the Place Plan.	East Dunbartonshire Council Community Planning & Partnerships Team and the CLD Partnership	1-2 years
Support new or emerging community groups and build the capacity of existing groups and services in Auchinairn.	CLD Partnership	1-2 years
Involve local people and local groups in the development of any future participatory budgeting initiatives for East Dunbartonshire or particular to this community.	East Dunbartonshire Council Community Planning & Partnerships Team,	2 years
Community groups and voluntary sector partners are supported to apply to external funding opportunities to bring further investment to the area.	CLD Partnership	3-5 years

Making it happen

Public and voluntary sector organisations and community groups operating in Auchinairn have been engaged in developing the Place Plan and actions. The aim is to work together with local people at every opportunity to achieve them.

This plan will be the platform for co-produced funding applications and for the community to work with statutory partners to improve the area. Any organisation or group operating in Auchinairn is encouraged to participate in this plan and hold the statutory partners to account in its delivery. A community-led update and progress report will be provided annually and supported by the Council's community development worker and partners.

There is a lot of current and planned activity to help deliver this plan. If you would like to know more or get involved and you are:











A local resident or a voluntary sector organisation please contact East Dunbartonshire Voluntary Action at info@edva.org or on 0141 578 6680.

A local resident, public sector organisation or business please contact East Dunbartonshire Council at communityplanning@eastdunbarton.gov.uk or on 0300 123 4510.



Appendix: Universal Services

These are existing services throughout East Dunbartonshire. This Place Plan adds targeted improvements for Auchinairn

 <p>EDC East Dunbartonshire Council</p> <p>Provides a wide range of services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community protection • Early learning, childcare and education • Registration services • Roads • Economic development • Housing • Planning and building standards • Recycling and waste 	 <p>Police Scotland*</p> <p>Enforces the law and keeps us safe. Local Police priorities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling violence • Disorder and antisocial behaviour • Protecting people • Increasing public confidence and local engagement • Tackling serious crime • Responding to major events 	 <p>Scottish Enterprise</p> <p>Is Scotland's main economic development agency. The organisation works with partners in the public and private sectors to identify and exploit the best opportunities to deliver a significant, lasting effect on the Scottish economy.</p>	 <p>Scottish Fire & Rescue Service</p> <p>In addition to responding to fire emergencies, SFRS also carries out:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth development programmes • Safety campaigns • Home fire safety checks • CPR training • Traffic collision response 	 <p>Health & Social Care Partnership</p> <p>A newly integrated body which brings together a wide range of services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Residential Child Care Service • Children and Families Services • Primary Care Services • Youth Justice Service • Home Care Service • Occupational Therapy Service • Community Alarm & Telecare Service • Mental Health Services • Public Health Improvement Services
 <p>East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture Trust</p> <p>Is a Charitable Trust established by East Dunbartonshire Council to deliver culture & leisure services. Services are delivered from 3 leisure centres (including pavilions); 8 libraries, a museum, an art gallery and an arts centre.</p>	 <p>Skills Development Scotland</p> <p>Provides services to help people achieve career success and support businesses with their goals.</p>	 <p>HMP Low Moss</p> <p>Manages around 780 men on remand, short term, long term and life and extended sentences. Supports people to re-integrate back into the community.</p>	 <p>New College Lanarkshire</p> <p>Is recently merged College providing a range of full and part time courses in Computing, Art and Design, Employability and Hair.</p>	 <p>Registered Social Landlords</p> <p>In addition to the housing provided by East Dunbartonshire Council, there are fifteen housing associations that provide social housing in East Dunbartonshire.</p>
<p>*You can read our local Policing Plan here: http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/greater-glasgow/east-dunbartonshire/</p>				



OTHER FORMATS

This document can be provided in large print, Braille or in audio format and can be translated into other community languages. Please contact the Council's Communications & Engagement Team at:

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