



**COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2024-27**

Report by Chief Officer, Education and Children's Services

**PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of the Report is to seek approval for the publication of the Community Learning and Development Partnership Plan 2024-2027.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The parameters of Community Learning and Development in Scotland are set out in the Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships: Community Learning and Development (2012) and underpinned in legislation through The Requirements for Community Learning and Development (Scotland) Regulations (2013)
- 2.2 These Regulations place a statutory duty on local authorities to publish a partnership plan every three years. This allows the CLD sector and its Partners the opportunity to create plans which improve life chances and services for those in local communities across Scotland.
- 2.3 The Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) and National Standards for Community Engagement place a legal duty on Community Planning Partners to demonstrate impact through partnership working and listening to communities.
- 2.4 The CLD Partnership Plan 2024-2027 reflects the key themes which relate to both strategic and operational plans moving forward.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 **It is recommended that the Comhairle approve the Community Learning and Development Partnership Plan 2024-27 and agree to its implementation.**

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Appendix: CLD Partnership Plan 2024-27  
Background Papers:

## IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The following implications are applicable in terms of the Report.

<b>Resource Implications</b>	<b>Implications/None</b>
Financial	All implications of the approval of the plan are met through existing CLD budgets.
Legal	None
Staffing	None
Assets and Property	None
<b>Strategic Implications</b>	<b>Implications/None</b>
Risk	None
Equalities	Supports youth participation and community engagement principles.
Corporate Strategy	<b>Strengthen the Local Economy:</b> - Support skills development across communities and workforce.
Environmental Impact	None
Consultation	Supports youth and community voice initiatives.

## BACKGROUND

5.1 The CLD Plan for 2024-2027 has been created in conjunction with a range of Partner agencies via the CLD Steering Group brought together to consider key issues in communities and adopting a partnership approach to gain greater results.

## DETAIL

6.1 The Plan brings together the collective vision of the Partnership ensuring the voices of individuals and communities are heard and responded to and allowing improvement to be achieved across the Western Isles.

6.2 Dual reporting through the Comhairle's Committee structures and through the Community Planning Partnership Executive group will ensure a co-ordinated strategic approach is embedded and promoted for future planning cycles.

6.3 Regular progress Reports and self-evaluation exercises are scheduled and will also be undertaken to provide reflection and further action.

6.4 The outcome of the National Review of CLD published in July 2024 is still to be realised. A paper will be prepared outlining the recommendations and any implications for CLD in the Western Isles for consideration at a future meeting.

## CONCLUSION

7.1 CLD and its partners have continued, during a sustained period of scrutiny, to provide support to individuals and communities and are now keen to share the new iteration of the Partnership Plan with members.