



THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY
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COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

11th June 2021

THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY SUMMARY

Working together to put our sector first
Dumfries and Galloway's Third Sector Interface

KEY POINTS

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The Community Planning Partnership Board met on 11th June 2021.

- The focus of the meeting was on the recovery phase of the Covid-19 pandemic. The NHS Director of Public Health gave an update of the current position, covering the vaccination rates as well as the occurrence of the new variants. The region is still not 'out of the woods'.
- The public is encouraged to continue to follow the Scottish Government's advice on face coverings, distancing, vaccinations and seeking a test if there are any symptoms. Employers are asked to encourage their staff to seek lateral flow and PCR testing. The council can provide mobile test units for larger employers if needed.
- The partnership heard an update on the council's activities in connection with the increase in visitors to the area. There has been some significant investment in infrastructure and staff on the ground. The locality hubs' role has also been increased to include visitor management. The west of the region is seeing a larger than usual number of visitors than usual. Toilets, litter, signage, visitor information are all being addressed.
- Each member of the CPPB gave a short presentation on their top three priorities:
 - DGC - reopening the region and reconnecting services safely.
 - NHS - Containment of Covid-19, vaccination and booster jab programme, remobilisation of non-Covid services and dealing with the implications of the lockdown.
 - Police Scotland - public protection; restart of hospitality and events; return of visitors.
 - Fire and rescue - public protection education and referral pathways as region open up; working in partnership with private and public partners.
 - SoSE - recovery of the business sector in the context of the emerging the economic strategy; difficulties in recruiting staff; adapting the workforce to the needs of the carbon zero economy; reconnecting and managing a hybrid of virtual and in person communications.
 - Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway - Employability, Community Transport, Digital Inclusion, community empowerment, also a review of procurement policy.
- The CPPB agreed that the Community Planning Executive Group (CEG) should take on the role of providing a co-ordinated response to Covid. The CPPB heard that the proposal is for CEG to lead an assessment of partnership recovery plans looking specifically for gaps, overlaps and duplications. This will provide an action plan which adds value to the existing plans.
- The CPPB received a presentation on the Health and Social Care Partnership's strategic commissioning plan 2022-2025 which is currently out to consultation. The consultation period closes on 29th August.

- The chair of TSDG drew attention to the references in partnerships' updates to lack of funding to deliver objectives. This was noted.
- There was also an update on the development of the first draft of the Regional Economic Strategy (RES) which is published today. The consultation will take place over the summer months. <https://sosrep.dumgal.gov.uk/article/21953/What-is-the-RES->
- The CPPB agreed to meet on 10th September and 12th November 2021.

