



HEADS OF PLANNING CONFERENCE JUNE 2024

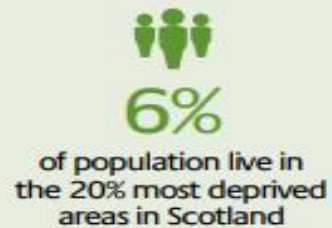
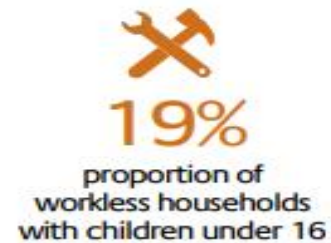
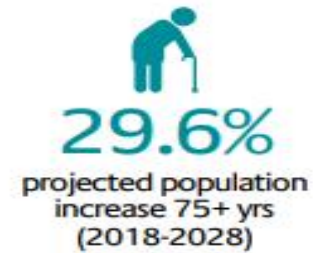
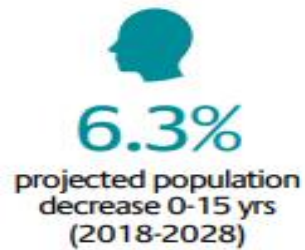
# Place, Work and Folk

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## Our Area Profile





Fulfilling Our Potential



Strong Inclusive Economy,  
Transport and Infrastructure



Clean Green Future



Empowered, Vibrant  
Communities



Good Health and  
Wellbeing







**1. Poverty**



**2. Learning, Skills & Economy**



**3. Good Health & Wellbeing**



**4. Place, Community & Connectivity**

# Scottish Borders Community Plan 2023/2033

*"Working together with our communities and through targeted partnership action, will enable all people in the Scottish Borders to live their lives to the full."*

Our Vision, Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership

Our Scottish Borders  
Your community



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Your community

## Community Planning Partnership workshop priorities for action:

- **Commit to place-based working**
- **Improve community engagement**
- **Enhance collaborative practices**
- **Support empowered communities**
- **Invest in relationships, data and prevention**





# Area Partnerships

- Formal locality-based Council Committees (5)
- Currently responsible for approving and publicising Locality Plans (requirement of Community Planning)

Currently being reviewed

- Mixed feedback:
  - Maintain status quo
  - Formal structure good
  - Community want more power but not responsibility
  - Informal discussions more inclusive
  - Some want funding decisions devolved to community – others don't

No one size fits all



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# COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

*What matters to you,  
matters to us*

*- we're here to listen.*

## GALASHIELS ACADEMY

TUESDAY 22 AUGUST | 4 to 7pm

Community Conversations will offer you the opportunity to meet and speak with **Euan Jardine** – Leader of the Council, **Local Ward Members** and **Senior Officers** from the Council.

**Please do join us at the drop-in sessions, speak to us, help us understand what really matters to you and your community – we're here to listen.**

[www.scotborders.gov.uk/communityconversations](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk/communityconversations)

 #yourpart







# Community Asset Transfer

## Part 5 Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

- Intensive process for communities to follow
- Since enactment of Part 5 eight requests received:
  - 3 agreed
  - 1 refused (alternative property identified)
  - 2 withdrawn/lapsed
  - 2 in progress
  - During same period 41 leases/sales agreed outwith formal process



# Community Asset Transfer

Support available from a number of partners – no one stop shop:

- SBC – identifying a suitable asset; completing application form; information about an asset incl. condition reports and running costs; potential planning permission/conditions incl. change of use, any restrictions and access.
- Third Sector – organisation structures; funding; capacity building
- Community Ownership Support Service – impartial support throughout application process
- SoSE – business planning and potential funding where there is an economic development aspect to the project



# Community Engagement Strategy

The importance of effective and inclusive engagement cannot be overstated. Without an understanding of the needs of communities, given in their own words as an honest appraisal, we cannot hope to serve the community in the way that it needs and wants. It would be like launching a business without researching the market and we want to be proactive in that process as a Council.

Scottish Borders Council is changing, and embracing a community led approach to the design and delivery of our services. The early stages of that process are evolving through the Place Programme, and the incredible effort of our communities to come together to aspire for better things and plan for the future.





# Voice of the future generation

## Our children and young people

How do we involve young people in planning future services

- Youth engagement team
- Young People's Community Engagement Strategy – multi agency
- Focused Community Conversations sessions
- Involvement of young people in Area Partnerships (utilising appropriate engagement methods)

Children's Services Plan (multi agency)

- The Promise
- Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC)
- United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)



# Next steps:

- Organisational design – structure & skills
- Enabling and empowering
- Visibility
- Managing expectations
- Alignment of plans
- Funding approach