

Locality Planning in East Ayrshire

Guide

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Introduction

Working together in localities is a key part of improving local health and wellbeing. This Guide is intended to inform people about; the role and purpose of locality planning, how it is being done in East Ayrshire and how to get involved.

The national context

There are two main drivers for locality planning in Scotland. The first is the law that brought about integrated health and social care services and the second is community empowerment legislation. Together, these create a context of planning and leading services and influencing decisions at a local level.

National Guidance on Integrated Health and Social Care Localities can be found [here](#).

Further information on Community Empowerment can be found [here](#).

Purpose

Localities and Locality Planning Groups are referred to interchangeably. A Locality Planning Group is:

a group of people who play an active part in service planning for the local population, in order to improve outcomes..

Locality planning is:

a mechanism for local leadership of service planning, to be fed upwards into the Partnership's strategic commissioning plan..

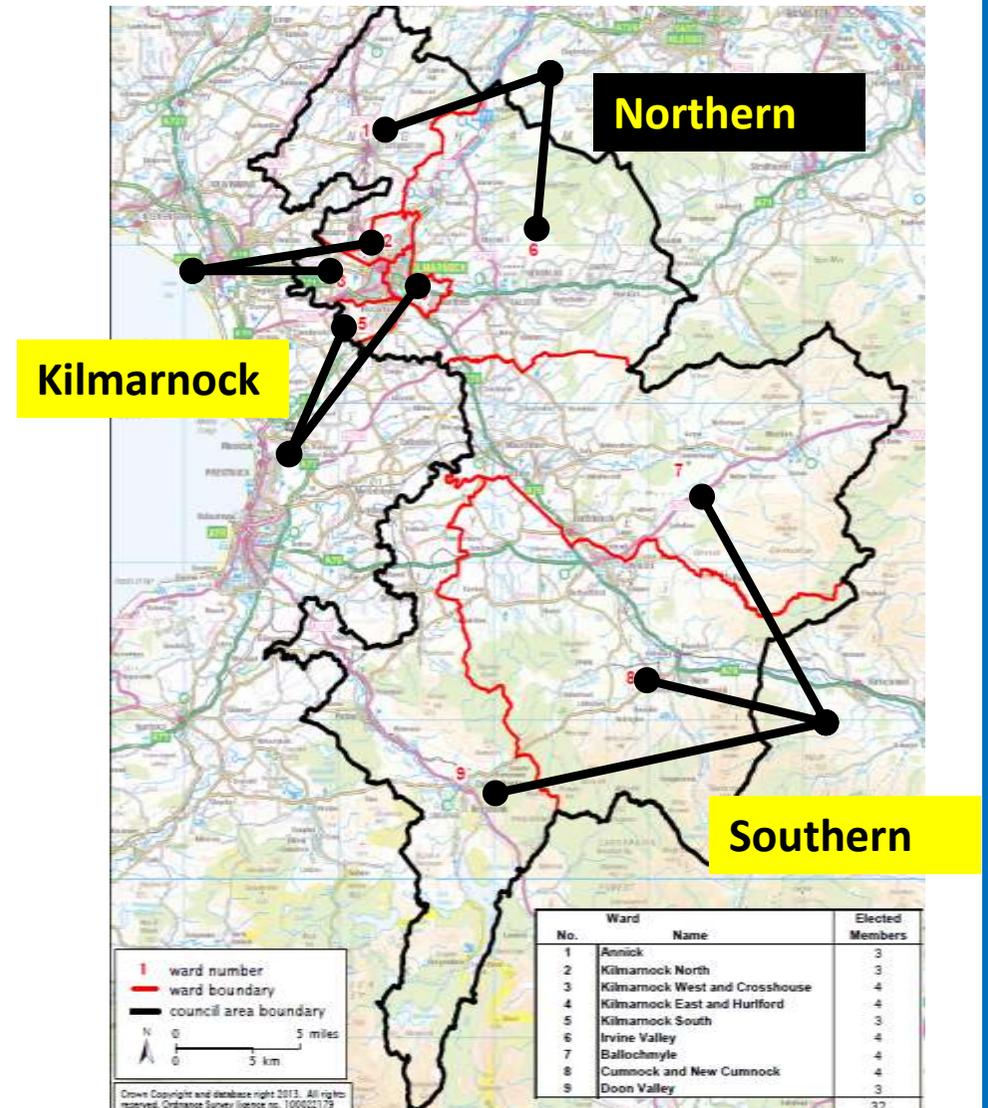
and:

– localities must have real influence on how resources are spent in their area.

Localities in East Ayrshire

In East Ayrshire, working in localities has been prioritised by Community Planning Partners as one of the drivers of transformation across all facets of local communities. At strategic level, localities mean a co-ordinated approach to multi-agency working on a geographical basis, to improve wellbeing. The three localities in East Ayrshire are:

- Northern Locality (Annick and Irvine Valley)
- Kilmarnock Locality (including Crosshouse and Hurlford)
- Southern Locality (Ballochmyle, Cumnock and Doon Valley)



The localities have been built up from local multi-member electoral wards. GP Practices and Education establishments have been clustered around localities to ensure good joint working in these areas. The subsequent East Ayrshire locality structure is illustrated below:

Northern Locality	Kilmarnock Locality	Southern Locality	
Annick Irvine Valley	Kilmarnock North Kilmarnock West & Crosshouse Kilmarnock East & Hurlford Kilmarnock South	Ballochmyle Cumnock & New Cumnock Doon Valley	
GP Cluster 3 Stewarton Loudoun Galston	GP Cluster 4 The Wards 31 Portland Road 34 Portland Road Glencairn Old Irvine Road London Road	GP Cluster 1 Patna Dalmellington Drongan	GP Cluster 2 Auchinleck Ballochmyle Cumnock New Cumnock
Education Groups Stewarton Loudoun	Education Groups James Hamilton Kilmarnock Grange St Josephs	Education Groups Auchinleck Cumnock Doon	
Northern Locality Planning Group	Kilmarnock Locality Planning Group	Southern Locality Planning Group	

Locality Groups, Networks and Plans

As shown, each locality has a **Locality Planning Group**. These meet regularly to co-ordinate improvement activities based on the wellbeing priorities of local communities. Each Group develops and publishes a **Locality Plan** that sets out the priorities, needs and assets of the communities within the locality and the actions to be taken forward. The Plans are live documents under continuous review.

Each group has a core membership covering a wide range of community interests including; health, carers, housing, community justice, social work, the third/voluntary sector, the independent care sector and people who use services.

It is vital that anyone who is interested in being involved is able to have their voice heard and it is recognised that people living and working in East Ayrshire may not be able to regularly attend meetings for a number of reasons. That is why the **Locality Network** has been set up.

The Network allows people to easily stay up to date with events, activities and information. It is also one of the main ways in which views and opinions will be sought. This could be done in a number of ways; through short online surveys or face to face conversations and focus groups. Everyone who joins the Network chooses how much they would like to be involved.

How to Get Involved

Join the Network by emailing HSCAdmin@east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Telephone: 01563 576000 or Textphone: 01563 576167

Asking for the Health and Social Care Admin Team.