



## Community Councils and Resilience Teams Information Bulletin and Updates

### CONSULTATION AND ENGAGEMENT

**Zero Waste Scotland: The Circular Economy and the Planning System:** [Zero Waste Scotland](#) & [PAS](#) (Planning Aid Scotland) are partnering to run a series of free events for Community Councils/Community Groups across Scotland and we would like to invite you to attend.

- Each event (run on Zoom) will provide an introduction to the Circular Economy as Scotland moves towards its zero-carbon target by 2045, and an overview of the Scottish planning system, current planning reforms and of National Planning Framework 4.
- The planning system will play a key role in enabling Scotland to embrace the circular economy, reduce waste and achieve its zero-carbon targets.
- Please note – all 4 events will offer the same content with the aim of offering a range of attendance dates/options.

Please book your place using the registration links below – an automatic email with Zoom joining information will be generated.

Wednesday Feb 24, 2021 01:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkcuiqrz0sE9DwBDsVxL8KAcAizvqaQI00>

Thursday Feb 25, 2021 05:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYld--rqjooG9KrytZHF6XMZ20O8vcP-9Sc>

Saturday Feb 27, 2021 01:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcqcOCgqTluE9QYjCKUK1b4dusVLErArgHP>

Saturday Mar 6, 2021 09:30 am

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwoc-utpjkpH9xjEPTBL1KAmgld8uFVslYq>

Any questions please contact [david@pas.org.uk](mailto:david@pas.org.uk).

For further information please visit [www.zerowastescotland.org.uk](http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk) or [www.pas.org.uk](http://www.pas.org.uk).

**Transport Scotland: Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2):** Transport Scotland are currently undertaking the second Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR2) to inform the Scottish Government's transport investment programme in Scotland over the next 20 years (2022 – 2042).

STPR2 is a Scotland-wide review of the strategic transport network across all transport modes, including walking, wheeling, cycling, bus, rail and car, as well as reviewing wider island and rural connectivity.

STPR2 will help to deliver the vision, priorities and outcomes for transport set out in the [National Transport Strategy \(NTS2\)](#) and will align with other national plans such as the Infrastructure Investment Plan, National Planning Framework (NPF4) and the Climate Change Plan.

Transport Scotland recently published the STPR2: Update and Phase 1 Recommendations report along with the associated impact assessment reports, which can be accessed [HERE](#). These are the first STPR2 recommendations for transport investment. These recommendations focus on transport projects or interventions that significantly contribute to STPR2 objectives, align well with National Transport Strategy 2 (NTS2) priorities, and can be progressed or delivered within the current spending period and will help support a green recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Alongside this, they published an updated National Case for Change which contains the options that will be taken forward for further appraisal in Phase 2 of STPR2 as well as an Appendix on COVID-19. Updated Case for Change reports have also been published for STPR2 regions. These reports can be accessed [HERE](#).

This is your opportunity to learn more about the latest progress on the Strategic Transport Project Review 2 (STPR2) and to provide feedback on the latest STPR2 documents.

Transport Scotland are now inviting feedback on the STPR2 Update and Phase 1 Recommendation Report and the STPR2 options and COVID -19 scenarios. Linked comment forms are provided on the Transport Scotland STPR2 webpages. **The comment forms will be available until midnight on 31 March 2021** and can be accessed [HERE](#).

Further information can be found on the Transport Scotland website [HERE](#).

### **Consultation Institute Training: The importance of effective and meaningful**

**Community Engagement and Consultation:** As a follow up to the recent notifications through the weekly Information Bulletin in which we advised of the arrangements for the forthcoming Consultation Institute training sessions, we would like to thank all those Community Councillors who have registered their interest in this training to date.

As a final call, if anyone is still considering joining these sessions can we please ask that you do so by no later than 2.00pm on Monday, 22 February 2021 to allow sufficient time for the joining instructions and meeting link to be sent to your email.

**To register your interest/book your place and to receive your meeting invite for the Online Engagement Sessions please [click here](#):**

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Dumfries and Galloway Council: Waste and Recycling Service:** The new waste and recycling service is being rolled out in the Stewartry operational area next month, with new recycling bins delivered to households in wards 3 and 4 plus parts of 5 and 7 between 15 March and 3 April 2021. The Nithsdale rollout will take place in April/May and Annandale and Eskdale in May/June.

Local members and representatives from Community Councils will be invited to online presentations about the new service with an opportunity to ask questions. Local Ward Officers will also attend. The sessions will take place at 10:30hrs on the following dates:

- Stewartry operational area: Friday 26 February 2021.
- Nithsdale operational area: Friday 5 March and Friday 9 April 2021.
- Annandale and Eskdale operational area: Tuesday 27 April 2021.

Following these sessions, the Waste Service will offer virtual presentations and Question & Answer sessions about the new service to local Community Councils.

Teaser flyers will be delivered to all households in the Stewartry operational area week commencing 22 February 2021. Flyers will inform residents that their new recycling bins will be delivered soon and include quotes from the Council's Environment Champion Councillor Dougie Campbell and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Communities Committee, Councillor Andy Ferguson and Councillor John Martin respectively.

Residents who live in flats or receive road end collections will also receive an introductory letter in week commencing 1 March 2021 that will provide additional information about the service variant they will receive.

A media briefing will be held in early March to provide up-to-date information to local media outlets. An initial press release will be issued following the media briefing, highlighting details of the new service, the rationale for its introduction and the timescales for the roll out to the Stewartry, Nithsdale and Annandale and Eskdale areas.

A social media campaign is planned to go live week commencing 1 March 2021 to raise awareness of the new service, encourage our communities to take part and to provide instructional information about how to recycle correctly.

A schools' competition to name the new Refuse Collection Vehicles will launch week commencing 22 February 2021. All Early Learning and Childcare Setting, Primary and Secondary School age Learners will have the chance to suggest a catchy and snappy name with a positive recycling/waste theme and/or a local reference. *The closing date for entries is **19 March 2021** with the winners announced on **16 April 2021**.*

The Waste and Recycling pages on the Dumgal website are being reviewed and updated to reflect the latest service information.

For further information please click [HERE](#).

**Town Twinning in Scotland:** The Convention of Scottish Local Authorities (COSLA) acts as a Town Twinning coordinator in Scotland and since June 2016 has received an increasing number of requests for Scottish town twins.

Town Twinning is a peace movement of local authority origin started post 1945 aimed at creating links between citizens. Originally it allowed two local communities in different countries to formalise friendships, create political bonds and to work on common issues.

Potential benefits will of course vary depending on approach, but twinning is predicated on the benefits of educational, social and cultural interaction to promote peace and understanding. Many twinings are supported by the actions of dedicated community supporters and can involve local fund-raising events. Most twinning involves visits and exchanges.

The towns listed below all seek partners in Scotland:

## **France**

### **1) Chatillon-sur-Indre**

Châtillon-sur-Indre is a small town in the central Loire valley region of France with a population of just under 3,000 people and has strong historical links to Scotland. 20,000 Scottish soldiers lived there from 1419 - 1424, during which time the town became the headquarters of the Scottish army, led by John Stewart of Buchan. Since 2015, the town has organised a very lively annual celebration of its historical links to Scotland, with more than 3,000 people attending each year. This year marked the 600th anniversary celebrations.

### **2) Villennes sur Seine**

Villennes sur Seine (population 5,498) is a rural village in North-central France, 20 miles west of Paris. Located on the banks of the Seine, it has large agricultural and wooded areas including an 18-hole golf course. It also has rich historical past including an 11th century church. Villennes sur Seine would like to initiate a twinning partnership in Scotland focussed on sharing culture, friendship, leisure, language and explore possibilities for family and school exchanges for local children.

### **3) Cherveux**

Cherveux (population 1,905) is a small village in the Nouvelle-Aquitaine region in western France. Cherveux has historical ties with Scotland with Cherveux castle built by Robert Cunningham, Scottish captain of the guard of Louis XI). The castle preserved since the 15th century would be a strong focus of the exchange but Cherveux also has a lake where there is water sports, camping and fishing.

### **4) La Garenne-Colombes**

La Garenne-Colombes, a small city in a north western suburb outside of Paris, is interested in being twinned with a Scottish town. It is six miles from the Notre Dame Cathedral in the centre of Paris, close to the major business district and universities and well connected to Paris' main rail network. The urban commune has high population density (population 29,169) and is undergoing redevelopment, supported by participatory budgeting.

## Germany

### 5) Bischofsheim

Bischofsheim Rhön has approximately 5,000 inhabitants and several small and medium-sized companies (such as mechanical engineering, window manufacturing, carpenter's workshops, etc.), but is mainly tourism-related (100,000 overnight stays per year, about 600,000 daily visitors a year on the Kreuzberg with its monastery, the pilgrimage church and the brewery). Accordingly, Bischofsheim Rhön has a very attractive leisure infrastructure (hiking, mountain biking, winter sports, indoor swimming pool, climbing forest, historic old town) and are beautifully situated in the middle of the biosphere reserve Rhön. Bischofsheim is a municipality in Germany's largest state Bavaria.

### 6) Korntal-Münchingen

Korntal-Münchingen is located in the Strogäu countryside between Stuttgart and Ludwigsburg in the state of Baden Württemberg in South Germany. The present town is the merge of the town Korntal and the community of Münchingen in the 1970s, so it is both urban and rural. Although a small town in its own right (population 19,000), Korntal-Münchingen benefits from its good transport links and is very close to the state capital Stuttgart.

### 7) Mittelangeln

The Mayor of Mittelangeln is interested in establishing town twinning in Scotland. Mittelangeln is a municipality in the district of Schleswig-Flensburg, in Schleswig-Holstein with total population of 5,167. It is a fishing community with numerous hiking, cycling and riding trails.

To find out more or to register interest and be put in contact with a potential twinning partner, please email [judith.macgregor@cosla.gov.uk](mailto:judith.macgregor@cosla.gov.uk).

Please note that in advance of doing so, it is recommended that interested parties prepare a basic introduction for their town that lists some potential areas for exchange. This can help prepare ground for any future agreement and joint activities. Following introductions, it would be for the interested parties to take forward.

## **SOURCES OF FUNDING**

**[BBC Children in Need Emergency Essential Grant Funding](#)**: Please find below details of the BBC Children in Need Emergency Essential Grant Funding which is currently open for applications for children and young people up to the age of 18.

The fund is administered by Family Fund Business Services and further details along with the links to both the BBC Children In Need Site and the Family Fund Business Services are available below. This may be of help to any organisations which are supporting families and young people who are in need at this time.

BBC Children in Need are committed to supporting disadvantaged children and young people affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

Donations received from the BBC's The Big Night In appeal mean that they can extend the support provided by the Emergency Essentials Programme and helps to reach more children and young people with the essential items they need.

They can deliver or fund critical items such as:

- Electric cookers
- Furniture
- Kitchen equipment and small appliances
- Children's beds and bedding (including cots)
- Washing machines and tumble dryers
- Fridges, freezers and fridge-freezers
- Baby equipment
- Clothing

Many families will be unable to send their child back to school for some time. To help reduce the pressure of isolation on families, they are also providing grants for additional items including:

- Supporting access to education resources through grants for digital devices. This includes laptops and tablets).
- Grants for toys and games.

Family Fund Business Services administer the grants on behalf of the BBC Children in Need and work with local groups and organisations to reach families who are in need of this kind of support.

To find out more and details of how to apply can be found at [Emergency Essentials - BBC Children in Need](#).

### **The Voluntary Sector – TSDG Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway**

A detailed website providing regular updates on Funding Opportunities. Subscription to their funding newsletter is free and provides a great deal of useful information on the various funds that are available to community groups and organisations. Please click [here](#) to find out more.

### **Community Council Annual Discretionary Grant – Final Reminder to apply!**

A large number of Community Councils across our region have already completed and returned their paperwork with all funding applied for to date paid having been paid out.

However, we are keen to ensure that for any Community Council who has not returned their paperwork to date that you do not miss out on claiming this grant funding before the **deadline of 26 February 2021**. The process and paperwork have been streamlined and simplified.

To find out more or to request another copy of your Community Council paperwork to enable you to apply before the deadline please email us at

[Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk](mailto:Community.Councils@dumgal.gov.uk)

## **COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PLANNING**

**SupportDG website:** Please [click here](#) to find out the latest up to date Covid-19 guidance and information on:

- Support for Communities including community resilience and the emergency food helpline.
- Schools and Childcare including delivering remote learning and top tips for parents.
- Support for Local Businesses including grants and funding for businesses and business rates relief.
- Support for Employment including employment support for parents and carers, support for secondary pupils and school leavers and support to develop skills and find work.
- The latest information available on Facebook and Twitter in relation to all of the above.

## **LOCAL AREA DATA**

Details of the most up to date information on the number of cases in your local area as well as trends for Local Authorities and NHS Boards can be found on Public Health Scotland's [interactive dashboard](#). In addition, you can access data for your community by accessing the '[Cases by neighbourhood](#)' tab that you may want to share this information with your contacts and across your local community.

## **KEEP INFORMED**

As Community Councils, Resilience Teams and Local Volunteers continue in their response Partners remain ready to assist and support you in whatever way we can.

Key Partner contact details and further information can be found as follows:

- Dumfries and Galloway Council      <https://supportdg.dumgal.gov.uk/>
- Third Sector D&G                      <http://thirdsectordumgal.org.uk/>
- Scottish Government                  <https://www.gov.scot/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- NHS    <https://www.nhsinform.scot>

