

Lockerbie Community Action Plan

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Introduction

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What is a Community Action Plan?

This Community Action Plan is a flexible framework to guide collaborative action by all who have Lockerbie's interests at heart: residents, community groups, businesses, the local authority, Community Planning partners, landowners, developers and other agencies.

The plan contains the local community's vision of what their community should be like in 10 years' time, together with priority actions to get there. The vision and actions are based on the local own communities' aspirations, gleaned through engagement with local people during spring 2017.

Preparation of this Plan was triggered by the likely availability of 'community benefit' funds from possible future windfarms in the area around Lockerbie over the coming decades. Other sources of public and private sector investment funding may also be available in the future.

The Plan is not simply about money, however. It should also be of use to public services and others to inform how they deliver services and decide policy in the future, from health care to public transport and land-use planning.

The Plan is designed to guide not only investment but also public sector decision-making affecting Lockerbie in the future. Its aim is to help the public, private and third sector understand how best to act in Lockerbie for the good of the community, as well as acting as a support for the community itself to access funds. It has been prepared at a time of increasing political desire to empower communities and increase the impact of limited public spending - a changing context which creates opportunities for the local community and Community Planning partners to work together for better effect.

Importantly, the Plan is also about how people and organisations work together for common cause. Delivering the vision outlined in this Community Action Plan will not be achieved by one organisation on its own. It will require collaborative action by residents, community groups, businesses, landowners, the local authority and other public / third sector agencies - in other words, everyone who has an interest in the future of the town, working together in genuine partnership.

Who is behind the Plan?

The Plan was commissioned by Lockerbie Community Council to support community-led activity that improves the area as a place to live, work and visit.

Following a public meeting in November 2016, a steering group was established comprising a number of Community Councillors and other local residents. An independent team, led by Nick Wright Planning, was then commissioned to prepare this Plan.

The steering group was clear that the content of the Plan should be based on engagement with the local community. The Plan should be seen as belonging to the local community. And it will be their energy and enthusiasm that will turn it into reality.

How was the Plan prepared?

The process of preparing the Action Plan is described below and shown in the diagram overleaf.

Stage 1: research

The first stage contributed to the plan by building an understanding of what it is like to live, visit and work in the town; the patterns of community, business and public sector activity; and their aspirations for the future. Main points are summarised in chapter 2.

A number of activities took place. First and foremost, the team undertook a comprehensive programme of **community engagement** to gather views in different ways:

- An active Facebook page with 240 followers: www.facebook.com/Lockerbie2017.
- A community survey in carried out online and using flyers, with around 125 responses (see appendix 1).
- Sessions with pupils in Lockerbie Primary School and Lockerbie Academy (see appendix 2).
- One-to-one discussions with members of the local community - including sport, recreation, civic and cultural groups, residents and businesses.

Secondly, **socio-economic research** using publicly available data from the Census, the Crichton Institute, Understanding Scotland's Places and other sources. The purpose was to understand trends over time and so inform the Community Action Plan. Again, the main points are summarised in chapter 2.

Thirdly, **desk research and site visits** to understand how Lockerbie has developed over time, current and recent plans and projects (including the 2013 Regeneration Masterplan, the Local Development Plan and other strategic documents), and particular opportunities or constraints in relation to community aspirations.

Fourthly, the team contacted **local authority and Community Planning Partnership staff** to (a) make them aware of the Plan and (b) understand current and future work. These discussions covered planning, transport, community planning, housing, health and social care.

Stage 2: workshop

Stage 2 of the work programme brought together these various strands at a community workshop on 2 May 2017. This was promoted through flyers, Facebook, email circulation and word-of-mouth.

Approximately 60 people participated in the workshop. Those involved said the turnout was excellent for Lockerbie.

The event drew together the work carried out during stage 1, and was an opportunity for local people to come together and explore the future of their community. It consisted of a combination of presentations and interactive discussions.

The event was used to test a series of draft themes (each with supporting actions) which had emerged during stage 1:

- High Street and parking
- green spaces and walks
- health and wellbeing
- community action
- homes, jobs and services

This 'testing' was carried out in group discussions during the workshop, which produced a number of annotated sheets (see appendix 3). These were posted on Facebook so those who could not come to the workshop could see and comment online.

Stage 3: plan

As a result of the workshop, a number of changes and additions were made to the draft themes and actions.

The final vision and actions are brought together in chapters 3 and 4 of this Plan.

Stage 1 | research | March-April 2017



Stage 2 | workshop | May 2017



Stage 3 | plan | June 2017



action and delivery

Engagement activities

using the Scottish Government's "Place Standard" at Lockerbie Gala election night



flyer for community event

Lockerbie your community your future!

Tuesday 2nd May
7:30pm
Town Hall
All welcome!

Interested in the future of your community? Decide the future. Agree priorities. Make things happen. Help create Lockerbie Community Action Plan!

Come along to this community event to work out the long term vision for Lockerbie - what needs to happen to get there - and what priorities & projects will have most impact.

Join the conversation online: @lockerbie2017
Fill in a 2 minute survey: win a prize! (see overleaf)
More information: Nick Wright 07900 334110

testing themes & priorities at the community event



facebook.com/lockerbie2017



Lockerbie Primary School pupils presenting their ideas



community survey

Lockerbie your community your future!

2 minutes to spare? Please complete this survey and drop it off at the Town Hall. Or complete it online at tinyurl.com/lockerbiesurvey. Thank you!

PRIZE DRAW

Win a Free iPod Shuffle!

Prize draw on 2 May 7:30pm in the Town Hall

<p>1 What do you like most about Lockerbie?</p>	<p>2 What could be better about Lockerbie?</p>	<p>Please tell us about yourself</p> <p>Your age: <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24 <input type="checkbox"/> 25-34 <input type="checkbox"/> 35-44 <input type="checkbox"/> 45-54 <input type="checkbox"/> 55-64 <input type="checkbox"/> 65-74 <input type="checkbox"/> 75 or older</p> <p>Your gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male</p> <p>Prefer not to say: <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Your postcode: <input type="text"/></p>
<p>3 Which local organisation makes the biggest positive contribution to Lockerbie?</p>	<p>4 Do you volunteer with a group in Lockerbie? If so, which one?</p>	<p>To enter the draw on 2 May, please send your email address or phone number, and your name.</p>

Any questions? Please contact Nick Wright on 07900 334110 or lockerbiecommunity@nhs.uk

sample output from the community event





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Lockerbie in summary

Lockerbie is located in mid-Annandale, a rural part of Dumfries and Galloway. It is a market town with a growing population, currently around 4,500.

The town is located next to junctions 17/18 of the A74(M) and has a railway station on the West Coast Main Line. These excellent strategic transport links mean that Glasgow and Edinburgh are around an hour by rail (slightly longer by car) and Carlisle is less than half an hour by rail. Dumfries, the regional centre, is around half an hour away by car or bus.

Use of the railway station has increased faster than the national average in recent years, no doubt due in part to more services stopping at Lockerbie. The good transport links have been a factor in attracting people to the town, which saw population growth of 4.7% between 2001 and 2011.

Although a small town, Lockerbie enjoys a range of facilities. As well as the railway station, the town has a supermarket, primary and secondary schools, health centre, library, Town Hall, a number of sports clubs, livestock market and supporting agricultural services.

The town is relatively well provided for with employment, including a number of larger firms. The proximity to the motorway, and distance from the West Midlands in particular, mean that it is a convenient location for haulage firms.

population growth 1951-2011

source: census data



¹ Source: www.usp.scot

² Source: "Retailing in Scotland's Town and Cities 2016" Local Data Company / University of Stirling, December 2016

How does Lockerbie compare to other towns?

Understanding Scottish Places¹ produces interesting comparative data between different towns. Castle Douglas and Newton Stewart each have similar populations to Lockerbie and, being well known to many Lockerbie residents, offer some useful statistical comparisons.

Much of the comparative data is broadly similar across the three towns regarding education, housing tenure, deprivation, health facilities, car ownership and distance travelled to work or study.

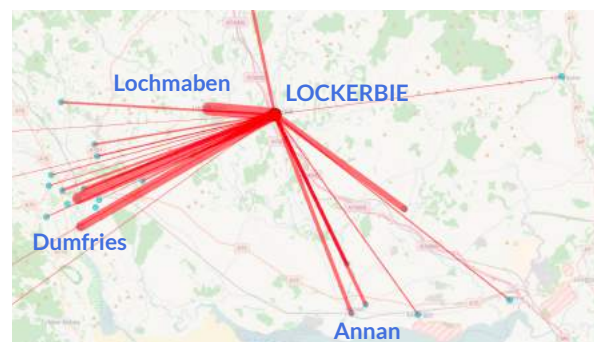
There are however some interesting variations between Lockerbie, Castle Douglas and Newton Stewart, as shown in the graphics on the next page. Lockerbie has:

- more tourist bed spaces than either Castle Douglas or Newton Stewart
- a less diverse retail offer
- more people per shop
- more manufacturing jobs and fewer retail jobs compared to Castle Douglas
- less grant funding (from the four biggest Scottish grant funders 2012-15)

The town centre had a retail vacancy rate of 10.0% (five units) in March 2017, below the Scottish average of 11.7%.² There were no vacant offices, but three of eight licensed premises were vacant.

commuter destinations from Lockerbie

source: 2011 census (Scottish destinations only)



Population



Castle Douglas **4k**

Newton Stewart **4k**

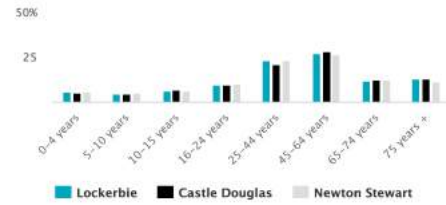
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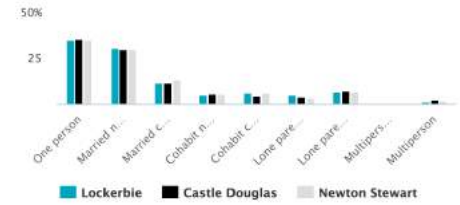
Castle Douglas **2k**

Newton Stewart **2k**

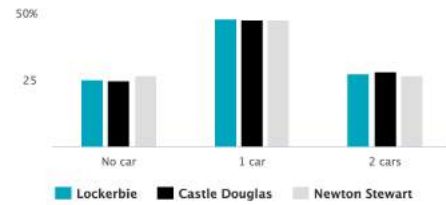
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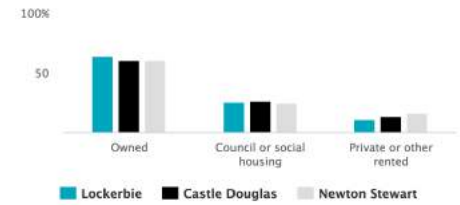
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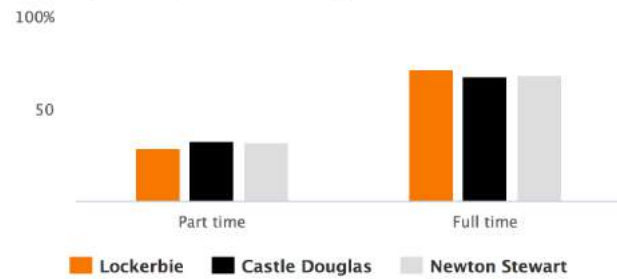
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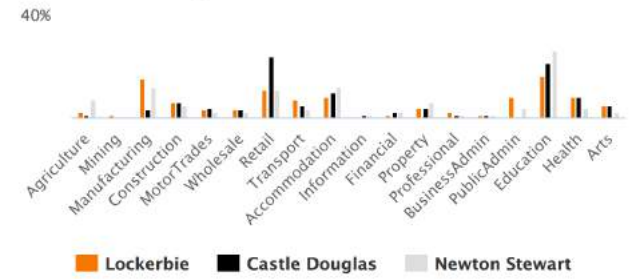
Tenure



Employment (% working age 16-74)



Sector Diversity



Jobs



Castle Douglas **2k**

Newton Stewart **2k**

Jobs change 2009 to 2014



Castle Douglas **-9%**

Newton Stewart **12%**

Number of people per shop



Castle Douglas **26**

Newton Stewart **30**

Diversity of retail offer (%) [i](#)



Castle Douglas **49**

Newton Stewart **32**

Number of tourist beds



Castle Douglas **95**

Newton Stewart **92**

Number of residents per charity



Castle Douglas **53**

Newton Stewart **61**

Amount of grant funding (£) [i](#)



Castle Douglas **602k**

Newton Stewart **51k**

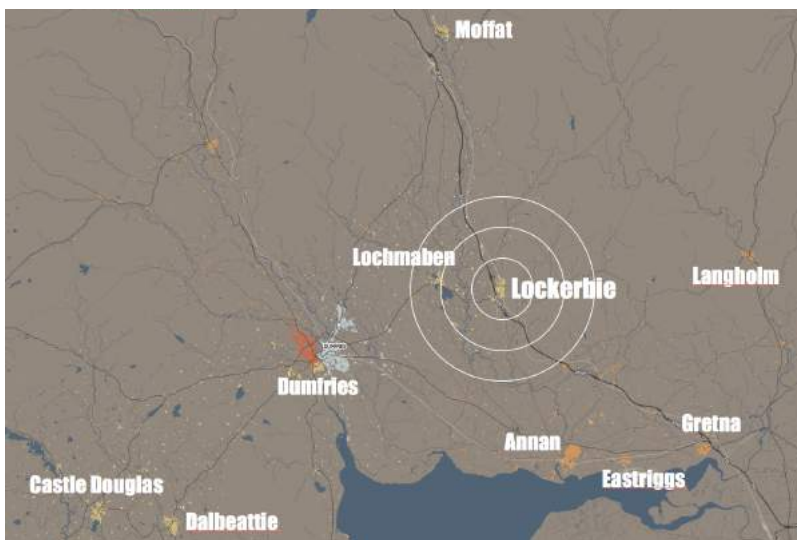
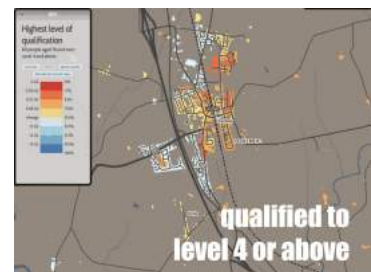
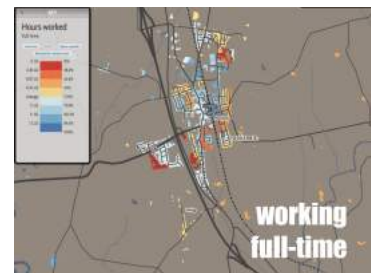
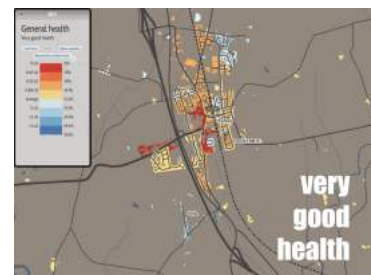
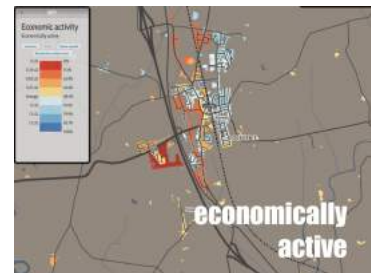
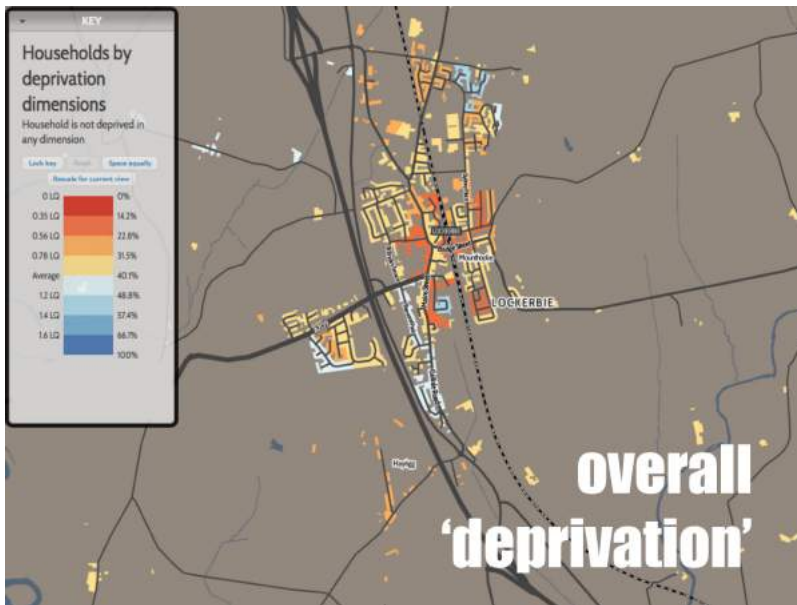
The images on this page are taken from 2016 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation data³.

On each map, the red end of the scale means higher deprivation, whilst the blue end means lower.

The 'overall deprivation' map combines a number of indicators at the most detailed 'datazone' level: income, employment, health, education/skills, housing, geographic access and crime. The smaller maps to the right show selected individual indicators, revealing some interesting patterns with the town.

The regional map at the bottom left shows 'overall deprivation' for Lockerbie at Council Ward level in comparison with other places in the area. Although Lockerbie has less deprivation than either Annan or Dumfries, for example, the other maps on this page show that this hides more detailed local patterns.

To see the mapping in finer detail, please visit the interactive mapping website at simd.scot/2016.



³ Source: simd.scot/2016/

Community survey

During March and April 2017, a community survey was run online and using paper copies distributed through shops, schools and public buildings.

The simple survey had three main questions:

1. What do you most like about Lockerbie?
2. What could be better?
3. Which local organisation makes the biggest positive contribution to Lockerbie?

124 people of all ages responded. The headlines are that people like the convenient location of Lockerbie and what the Gala and Riding of the Marches do for the town; but they are looking for better parking and more shops and things to do, especially for young people.

Beneath those headlines, there's a lot of interesting detail. The infographics on this page have been prepared using wordle.net; the more times something was mentioned in survey responses, the larger the text.

The full survey results are contained in appendix 3 and can be seen online at goo.gl/kkE36T.

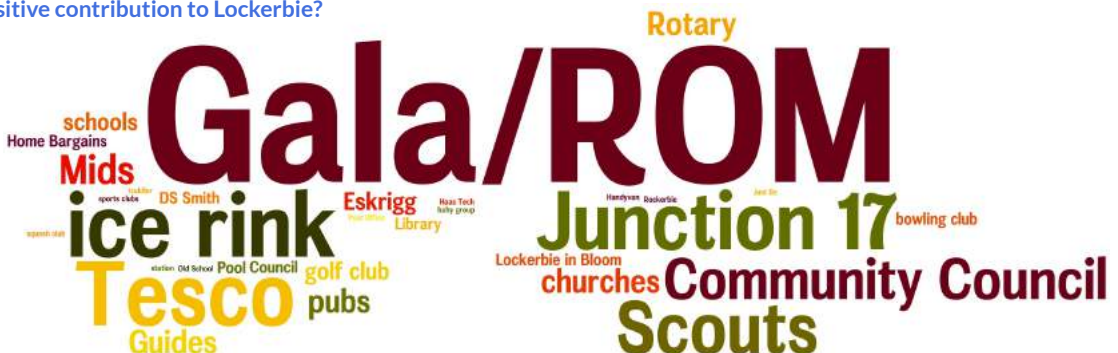


Q1: What do you most like about Lockerbie?

Q2: What could be better about Lockerbie?



Q3: Which local organisation makes the biggest positive contribution to Lockerbie?



Quotes from community survey and Facebook

What's good about Lockerbie?

"Great place to bring up a family"

"Good access to countryside"

"Good range of pubs"

"Very good takeaways - people travel from Moffat & Lochmaben"

"Lots of trails at Eskrigg but not well marked"

"Great school"

"Junction 17 run free events"

"Good town, it's got everything we need"

"Employment opportunities not bad - could do with some more skilled jobs"

"Everybody knows everybody, people look out for each other"

"Its location is one of best selling points. Sits directly beside M74 for travelling north and south. We have west coast railway going through town. An hour from Glasgow/Edinburgh."

"The Christmas light switch on has been a great community event"

"the High Street facelift has improved the look of the town - especially our wee flock of sheep!"

What could be better?

"Need a bit more diversity of clothes shops, arts, crafts, music"

"How can the community get more involved, like Moffat and its Sheep Races? Need less apathy!"

"Fix old cheese factory site at Park Place"

"Park Place park needs goals and swingpark - too many cars"

"Struggle with funding applications"

"Smarten up unused buildings"

"Park and ride for commuters, because parking is terrible"

"Fix old school site - build on derelict Academy site"

"McJarrow Park needs completely updated... should be our showcase for being in the centre of town!"

"Clean up the entry points to Lockerbie"

"Lets have more mapped walkways. Some cycle paths away from main roads."

"Can we have a proper footpath for people to use from Tesco Car Park through to Rosebank Crescent"

"Would defo say give Lockerbie some decent areas for kids/families to play, ride bikes, swim."

Local organisations

Being a Community Action Plan, much of the work to deliver what's in this plan will rely on local organisations. Time was therefore spent engaging with as many local organisations as possible to understand:

- what they are already doing
- what else they would like to do
- what barriers are facing them

Discussions were held with around 30 organisations. Most were voluntary groups, plus some public and private sector organisations.

Common issues referred to included:

- the challenge of finding volunteers
- access to funding, particularly for ongoing administrative/management costs
- a need for greater support in accessing funding, particularly the complex business of submitting applications
- the need to co-ordinate community activity and let people know what's on
- access to premises for community groups, especially longer term lets or where storage space is required

voluntary groups in Lockerbie

Annandale Transport Initiative **Army Cadets**
Art for All **Baby and Toddler Group** **Bowling Club**
Christmas Lights **Common Good Fund**
Community Council **Drama Club**
Dryfesdale Lodge Visitor Centre
Farmers Market **Gala & Riding of the Marches** **Golf Club**
Guides **Handyvan** **Jazz Festival** **Junction 17**
Lockerbie in Bloom
Lockerbie Retired & Independent Ladies
Lockerbie Writers **Lockerbie Parish Church**
Lockerbie Timebank **Lockerbie Wildlife Trust**
Masonic Lodge **Mens Shed**
Mid Annandale Comrades Club
Mid Annandale Football Club **Model Railway Club**
Music Society **Old School Project Group**
Parent Councils **Pickleball** **Pipe Band** **Pool Club**
Probus **Rockerbie** **Rotary Club** **Salvation Army**
Scouts **Sensory Support Group** **Squash Club**
Swimming Pool Trust **Walking Football**
Town Hall Committee
with apologies to anyone missing!

Young people

In sessions in the Primary School and Academy, pupils were asked for the perspectives of their age group on life in Lockerbie.

'Good things' cited by the young people included parks, shops, sports facilities, the Gala and public transport. Things that could be improved include:

- park improvements: e.g. play equipment, skatepark and recreational facilities for older children
- sports facilities: especially access to Academy facilities outside school hours and construction of pool
- more out-of-school events and activities: e.g. cookery/other classes, popup cinema, fair, more youth-specific activities by Junction 17
- town centre improvements: re-use Post Office and other disused premises, tidy up side streets and back areas
- more jobs for teenagers - waiting, shops etc
- more evening transport (approximately 50% of Academy students live outwith the town)
- making more use of underused land and derelict sites within the town, particularly:
 - ▶ derelict factory on Park Place
 - ▶ land behind the ice rink on Glasgow Road
 - ▶ derelict Academy site on Glasgow Road
 - ▶ disused Post Office on the High Street

Lockerbie Primary School engagement





Lockerbie in 10 years

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“What will our community be like in ten years’ time?”

An active town

- well supported community groups
- a range of parks and play facilities for all ages
- walking and cycling routes out to the country

A healthy town

- good health and social care
- lots of volunteering opportunities
- good sports clubs and facilities

A youthful town

- excellent schooling
- lots of out-of-school activities
- more job opportunities

An attractive town

- a bustling and attractive High Street
- McJerro Park as the jewel in the town centre
- no prominent derelict land and buildings

A growing town

- more housing for younger people and families
- more businesses
- more quality jobs

An accessible town

- even better rail services north and south
- adequate town centre parking
- opportunities for businesses to grow



collage from
Scottish Government
Town Centre Toolkit



Priorities for action



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Priorities for action

The action matrix at the end of this section shows how the vision on page 16 will be achieved. It covers four priority areas:

- **Town centre**
- **Sport, leisure, health and wellbeing**
- **Homes, jobs and services**
- **Community resources**

Each of these four priority areas is summarised on the following pages. The matrix on pages 25-26 contains a full list of actions and who should be involved.



Town centre

Lockerbie's town centre generally works well, but some specific improvements would make a big difference to quality of life:

- upgrading McJerro Park, with the community taking a more active role in maintaining it and organising events (see below and overleaf).
- addressing car parking problems, and at the same time tackling the shortage of business space in the town centre (see images on page 21).
- emphasising the Town Hall's role as community hub, with more information about what's on in the town, and more colour and activity spilling outside - something which also applies to the High Street in general.
- improving the appearance of Tower Buildings, Bridge Street and Caledonian Place, including re-use of vacant properties. (A popular idea amongst the local community is space for local producers, both food and crafts.) Overall, this action could be pursued through Conservation Area status or other regeneration initiatives.

A full list of all actions is contained in the [action matrix](#) which starts on page 26.

Improving the link from High Street to McJerro Park: now (left) and how it could look (below)



plan showing how McJarrow Park could look in the future

- A CONTOURED ARENA AND STAGE**
for the Gala, musical events and other performances
- B CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA**
with new and more attractive equipment including new swings, seesaw, orbiter and play car
- C FORMER PADDLING POOL**
investigate reinstatement or alternative water feature such as a small wildlife habitat or outdoor gym
- D NEW TREE PLANTING AND SHRUB BEDS**
to create a greener and more colourful display with beds for perennials and annuals
- E RESTORE ENTRANCES AND RAILINGS**
repaint railings and gates, clean and repoint brickwork to create a more positive impression
- F REDEFINE CAR PARKING**
investigate remarking the parking area to create a green link between High Street and the park



- G CENTRAL POINT FOR FOOTPATH ROUTES**
departure point for footpaths to surrounding areas - Eskrigg connection shown
- H ART IN THE PARK**
annual themed competition and festival for all ages producing installations and artworks for the park
- I REVISED MAINTENANCE REGIME**
reduce extent of grass cutting to encourage wild flowers and reduce costs, stop using weedkiller on path edges
- J SPONSORED SEATING**
replacing the existing uncomfortable benches with traditional timber seating sponsored by families
- K REDESIGN RECYCLING AREA**
introduce more attractive recycling containers to promote and encourage more use
- F EVENTS STRATEGY**
create a programme for the 12 month use of the park to ensure that it is the green heart of the town

Example of restored gate pillars and metalwork:
Botanic Gardens, Glasgow



The south-facing slope in McJerraw Park:
now (*left*) and (*below*) with new contoured arena
on slope to left and new stage for events in trees
on right



SWestrans are currently considering options for increasing the amount of car parking near the station. This work should deliver around 20 extra spaces during 2017-18.

In the longer term, there may be ways of creating decked car parking which would also provide additional business space. This is likely to require some additional land to create a larger site (the current extent of available space is shown at bottom left).

The image (top right) shows a steel framed multi-storey option that is relatively low cost. Similar designs have been used by SWestrans' sister organisation SPT at stations in the Glasgow area such as Johnstone park-and-ride.

As well as increasing the amount of parking available, these structures can be combined with ground floor uses such as new business space - something which is lacking in the town centre.

Examples from elsewhere include an ironing company at Dunblane station (right). And, further afield, the multi-storey car park at 1111 Lincoln Avenue, Miami which has an event deck and business spaces for rent on the ground floor (below right).



Sport, leisure, health and wellbeing

Lockerbie enjoys plenty of opportunities for sport and outdoor recreation, all of which contribute to individual health and wellbeing as well as to the town's sense of community.

Local organisations want to improve what they provide - from the Mids football club and Lockerbie Wildlife Trust to the long-standing ambition of a swimming pool. All of these ventures should be supported in their aspirations, particularly to provide more opportunities for younger people.

The network of rural walks and cycle routes extending out into the countryside is excellent, but signage and promotion needs to be refreshed so that more people can enjoy their benefits. The map overleaf shows just how much there is on offer.

The Council has recently published a useful Lockerbie Active Travel Map showing local walking, cycling and bus routes (<http://www.gosmartdumfries.co.uk/14665>).

A full list of all actions is contained in the [action matrix](#) which starts on page 26.

The long-awaited swimming pool?



Re-landscaping roundabouts



Evolution Skatepark, Stevenston



Elgin Youth Cafe and cookery classes



Rethinking the school run : livingstreets.org.uk



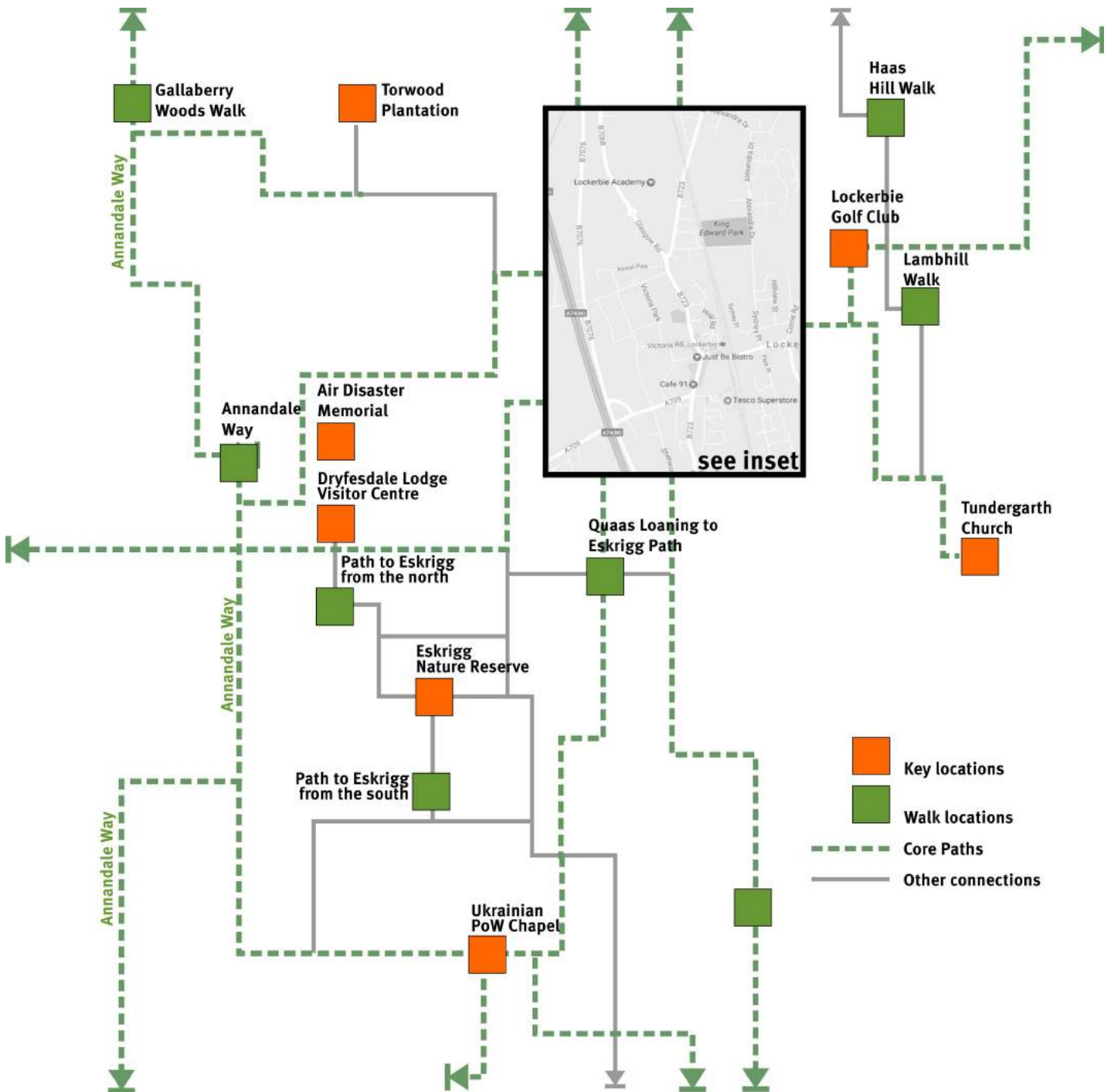
Community sports hubs



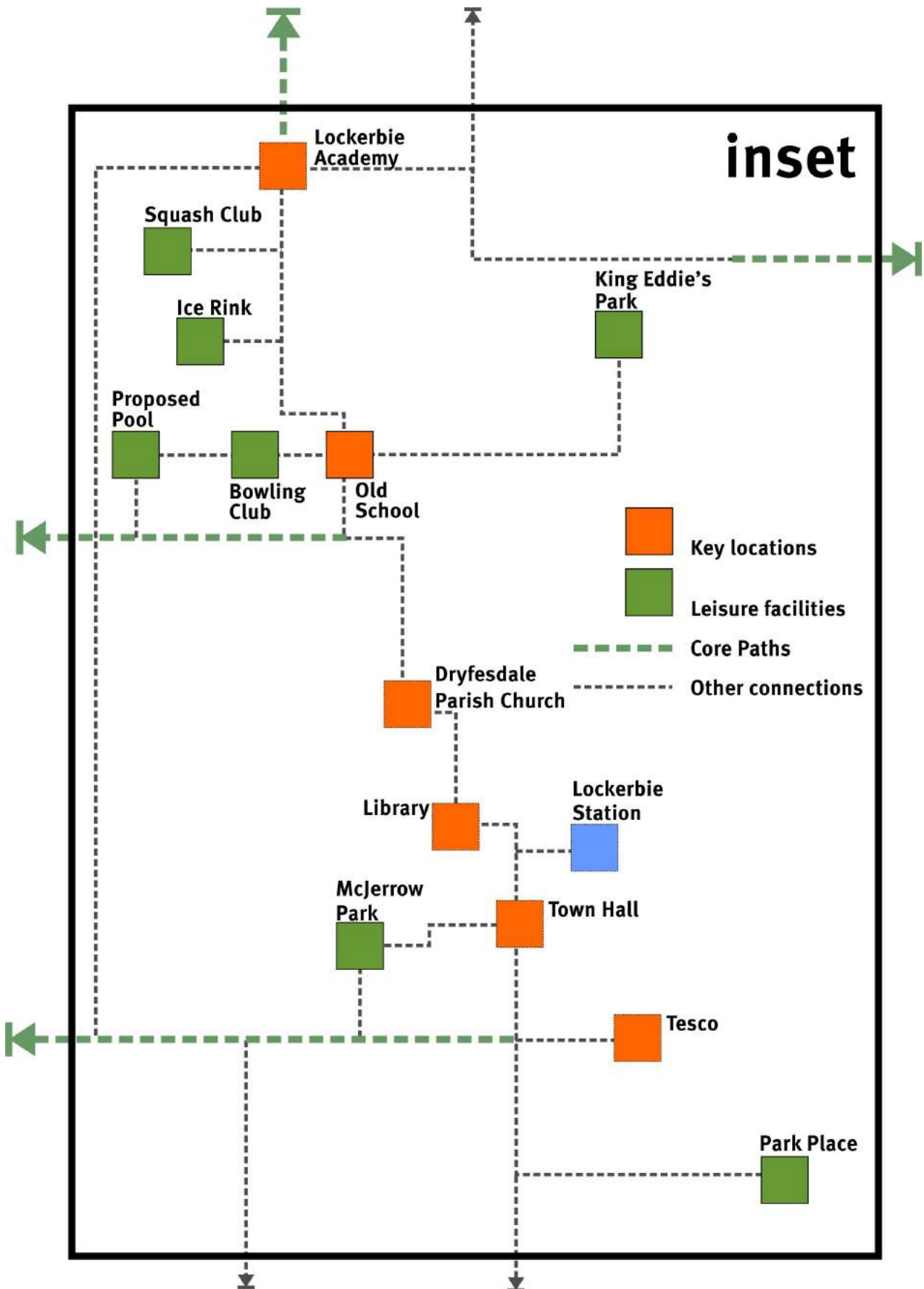
There is an excellent network of rural walks and cycle routes extending out into the countryside from Lockerbie, linking heritage, nature, viewpoints, community facilities and other attractions.

The diagrams on these two pages show just how much there is on offer. Signage and promotion needs to be refreshed so that more people can enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits of walking and cycling.

These diagrams can be used as a visual brief for upgrading signage and promotional materials such as leaflets, signboards, posters or webpages.



inset diagram: (see previous page)



Homes, jobs and services

Lockerbie is a busy, growing commercial town. It's excellent transport links and busy local economy mean that it is an excellent place for businesses and people to locate.

Keeping sufficient supply of jobs and homes will be vital for the town's continued prosperity. People are keen to have more choice of housing and jobs.

At the same time, residents need services - so it is vital to maintain the quality of education, healthcare and transport as the town grows.

A full list of actions is contained in the [action matrix](#) which starts on the next page.

Community resources

Although some complain that the local community is apathetic, the reality is that the voluntary sector does a lot. But the huge challenges of securing funding, permissions and volunteers mean that too much pressure is placed on too few people.

More resources are needed. Money is a part of that, but access to expertise and space is also important.

A full list of actions is contained in the [action matrix](#) which starts on the next page.

Garrison House, Millport: community hub



Practical but ambitious

The action plan does not aim to tackle everything that has been suggested by local people. That would result in a wishlist, much of which would be unattainable.

Instead, this document is a practical but ambitious programme of collaborative action over the next five years.

That word 'collaborative' is important. These actions will only be delivered:

- if the local community, the Council and other members of the Community Planning partnership work together for common purpose.
- if resources are made available to support community action.
- if sufficient local people come forward to enable the steering group to evolve and have enough capacity to lead implementation of this plan.







There is more about this in the final section.

New social-rented / mid market housing, Fife







Active High Street: St Andrews



TOWN CENTRE	Actions <i>quick actions in bold</i>	Lead <i>*voluntary group needing resources</i>	Support <i>*voluntary group needing resources</i>	Complete this year	Complete next year	Complete within 5 years
McJerrow Park	Community management &/or ownership	*Community Council, DGC, other future community groups		x	x	
	New play equipment in consultation with young people 	*Community Council, DGC	Health Improvement Team	x		
	Improve entrance via car park	DGC/Community Payback *Community Council	*Mens Shed Health Improvement Team		x	
	New flowers and planting	DGC/Community Payback *Lockerbie in Bloom, *Community Council	*Mens Shed Health Improvement Team		x	
	New performance area / seating and regular events programme	DGC/Community Payback, *Community Council	*Lockerbie in Bloom *Mens Shed *Theatre Health Improvement Team Schools			x
Town Hall & High Street	Advertise all community activities on noticeboard	*Town Hall Mgmt Committee *all community organisations	DGC Health Improvement Team *Art for All Farmers Market *All community organisations	x		
	"What's on" town website for all community activities & events	*Community Council, *all community organisations, businesses, schools		x		
	Community development office in library or Town Hall 	DGC TSDG	Health Improvement Team		x	
	Local artwork inside and out, more music/arts events 	*Art for All *Town Hall Mgmt Committee	Schools	x		
	Farmers Market outdoor presence 	Farmers Market	DGC Shoppers	x		
	Attractive shop window displays & retail displays, flower boxes, seats etc on wider pavements 	Businesses Occupiers	DGC (e.g. Shop Doctor) *Lockerbie in Bloom			
Car parking	Reconfigure station car park to provide more spaces	DGC	Scotrail	x		
	Enforce High Street parking regulations	DGC, Police Scotland, motorists		x	x	x
	Investigate residents' parking scheme in vicinity of railway station	DGC, *local community		x		
	Develop additional car parking with new business space near station	DGC Train operating companies				x
Improve Tower Buildings area	Use statutory powers to encourage owners to maintain/use vacant property in Tower Buildings	DGC Property owners		x		
	Designate Conservation Area in town centre, then seek Townscape Heritage funds to upgrade buildings and streets in Bridge St, Station Rd and Caledonian Place 	DGC	Businesses Community		x	

SPORT, LEISURE, HEALTH & WELLBEING	Actions <i>quick actions in bold</i>	Lead <i>*voluntary group needing resources</i>	Support <i>*voluntary group needing resources</i>	Complete this year	Complete next year	Complete within 5 years
Walking/cycling networks	Safe routes to schools' via Dryfe Road & Glasgow Road to/from residential neighbourhoods 	DGC	Schools, *Parent Councils		x	
	Create path link to Tesco from Carlisle Road – Rosebank Crescent path	DGC, Tesco, landowner(s)			x	
	Create direct path from Academy/Primary school campus to Multi Use Games Area on Glasgow Road	DGC			x	
	Extend 30mph speed limit to Dryfesdale Lodge Visitor Centre / Garden of Remembrance, create safe pedestrian crossing from Visitor Centre to Eskrigg	DGC	Visitor Centre, Wildlife Trust		x	
	Complete footway alongside B7076 south from Livingstone Place to Queens Hotel roundabout, with crossing points	DGC			x	
	Promote rural walking/cycling routes (update signs, new leaflets & online information)	DGC, *local community				x
	Implement Lockerbie-Lochmaben cycle route 	DGC				x
McJerraw Park	[see under Town Centre]					
Eskrigg Nature Reserve	Continue to improve & extend path network, especially for disabled people & off-road cycling 	*Lockerbie Wildlife Trust	DGC	x	x	x
King Eddies Park	Build stand and clubhouse by artificial football pitch 	*Mid Annandale FC	DGC		x	
	Upgrade grass pitches (drainage, uprights) & pavilion	DGC	Sports clubs		x	
	New play facilities for older children with skatepark &/or cycle skills area	DGC, schools, *Parent Councils	*Community Council		x	
Park Place play area	Repair fencing 	DGC	*Mens Shed	x		
	Upgrade play equipment 	DGC, *Community Council	Schools, *Parent Councils		x	
More youth activities	Organise more out-of-school activities for young people (e.g. cookery, skills, art, youth club) 	DGC Youth Work, *local community organisations	Schools, *Town Hall Mgmt Committee, *Community Council	x		
Community sports hub	Bring in extra resources to support local sports organisations & increase participation & progression	DGC, *local sports organisations	SportScotland, Schools			x
Swimming pool	Investigate feasibility of lower cost design	*Swimming Pool Trust	DGC	x		
	New pool behind ice rink	*Swimming Pool Trust	DGC			x
Town entrances	Welcoming planting/artwork/signage at B7076 roundabouts 	*Local community, DGC	Schools, *Lockerbie in Bloom		x	
	Brown signage on A74(M) for fuel, toilets, hotels, cafés, fuel, shops, parks, nature reserve 	*Local community, DGC, Transport Scotland	VisitScotland		x	

HOMES, JOBS & SERVICES	<i>Actions quick actions in bold</i>	<i>Lead *voluntary group needing resources</i>	<i>Support *voluntary group needing resources</i>	<i>Complete this year</i>	<i>Complete next year</i>	<i>Complete within 5 years</i>
Redevelop vacant land for low cost housing	Priority sites: the "old cheesy" on Park Place, former Academy site on Glasgow Road 	landowners	DGC		x	
Re-use empty/derelict buildings	Priority buildings: Tower Buildings, former Post Office, Caledonian Place	owners	DGC		x	
Support future growth of the town	Ensure sufficient housing and business land is available for future growth (housing to south, industry to north, small business premises in/near town centre) 	DGC, landowners				x
	More business premises					
	Retain and consolidate public services: health, schools, library, public transport	Community Planning Partnership		x	x	x
	Support third sector service provision [see 'Support Community Activity' below]	Community Planning Partnership		x	x	x

COMMUNITY RESOURCES	<i>Actions quick actions in bold</i>	<i>Lead *voluntary group needing resources</i>	<i>Support *voluntary group needing resources</i>	<i>Complete this year</i>	<i>Complete next year</i>	<i>Complete within 5 years</i>
Shared development worker	Help voluntary sector to bid for funding, co-ordinate action, recruit volunteers, secure consents etc. In Town Hall or library. 	DGC, TSDG, Health Improvement Team	*Community Council, *Town Hall Mgmt Committee, *community groups		x	
Funding	Revenue and capital funding for community groups – including easy-access small grants, larger project grants, participatory budgeting	Funders (windfarms, businesses, DGC, other funders)	TSDG, Health Improvement Team	x	x	
Space	Promote evening/weekend public use of Academy facilities 	DGC	*Local community	x		
	Bring Old School back into use	*Old School Project Group, DGC	TSDG, Health Improvement Team		x	
Organisation and governance	Recreate steering group with key Community Planning partners 	*Community Council	DGC, TSDG, Health Improvement Team	x		
	Establish Community Interest Company, Development Trust or other structure to take forward projects 	*Local community	TSDG DGC		x	



From plan to reality

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Collaborative action

The over-riding purpose of this plan is **action**. The plan can immediately put to good use by:

- **Community organisations, residents and businesses**, to support bids for resources and work better together.
- **The local authority and its Community Planning partners**, to better understand community aspirations and target their investment, services and policies accordingly, from voluntary sector support to healthcare and transport.
- **External funders and investors**, to maximise the positive impacts of their investments on the local community.

The vision and actions will only happen with collaborative action. The Community Council and other local stakeholders who commissioned this plan cannot deliver that alone.

Turning the plan into reality will need many people and organisations to play their part - these are their **initial action steps**:

- **Community groups will need to work together to co-ordinate calendars, resources and volunteer capacity**. Ideally, they should also establish a **new partnership structure** to lead, monitor and be accountable for delivery of this Action Plan, and encourage collaboration, bring more resources and co-ordinate action. Establishing and sustaining this support and structure will require **support from Dumfries and Galloway Council and Third Sector Dumfries and Galloway**.
- **Securing genuine partnership with the local authority and Community Planning partners (including NHS Health Improvement Team)** will be absolutely critical, as so many actions depend on their support. Support will not always mean money, but also genuine commitment to supporting community activity and the Scottish Government's community empowerment agenda. The public sector should see this plan as a resource to inform future plans, investment and service delivery, whether that be community

access to school facilities or the review of the Local Development Plan.

- **Funders** can use this plan to ensure their funding is targeted towards projects and organisations which will make the most difference locally. Those funders could include local businesses, local grant making bodies and external funders such as the Lottery and windfarm community benefits funds.

Individuals can make a difference too.

If you're a resident with a couple of hours to spare, and you're interested in any of the actions listed in this plan, please contact one of the community groups listed on page 14, drop in at the Town Hall or or come to a monthly Community Council meeting. You'll be warmly welcomed.

Further information

A number of organisations provide excellent advice and support on collaborative working, community-led action and funding, including:

- Scottish Community Development Centre
- Development Trusts Association Scotland
- Community Ownership Support Service
- Scotland's Towns Partnership
- BIDS Scotland (business focus)

Each has a website and online resources.

The Scottish Government's Town Centre Toolkit⁴ provides a wealth of examples, advice and suggestions on all aspects of action to improve towns, from painting buildings to partnership working.

⁴ PDF download at www.scotlandstowns.org/town_centre_toolkit



Appendices

Appendix 1

Community survey results

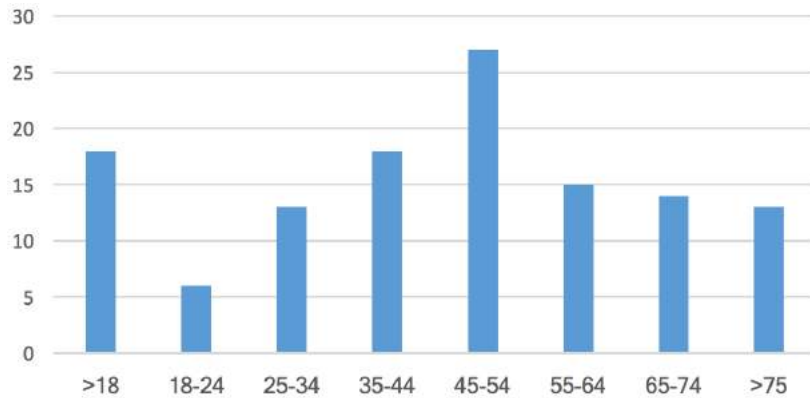
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COMMUNITY SURVEY

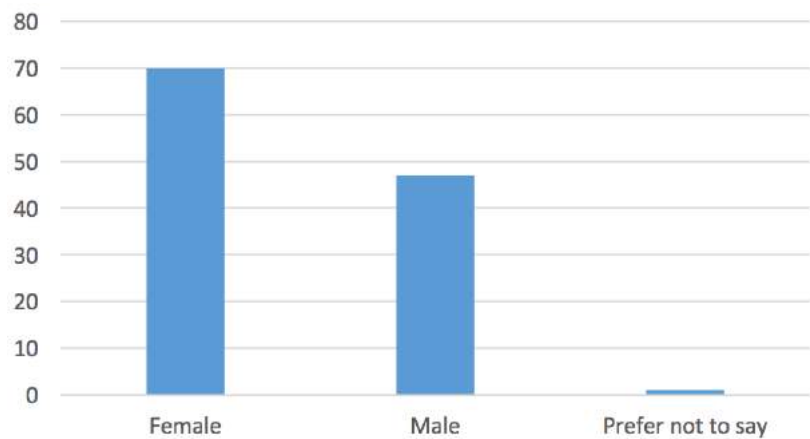
Survey was open from 30 March – 5 May 2017

124 completions in total (74 online, 50 paper)

Age of respondents:



Gender of respondents:



Four questions were asked. Response are summarised and transcribed verbatim overleaf:

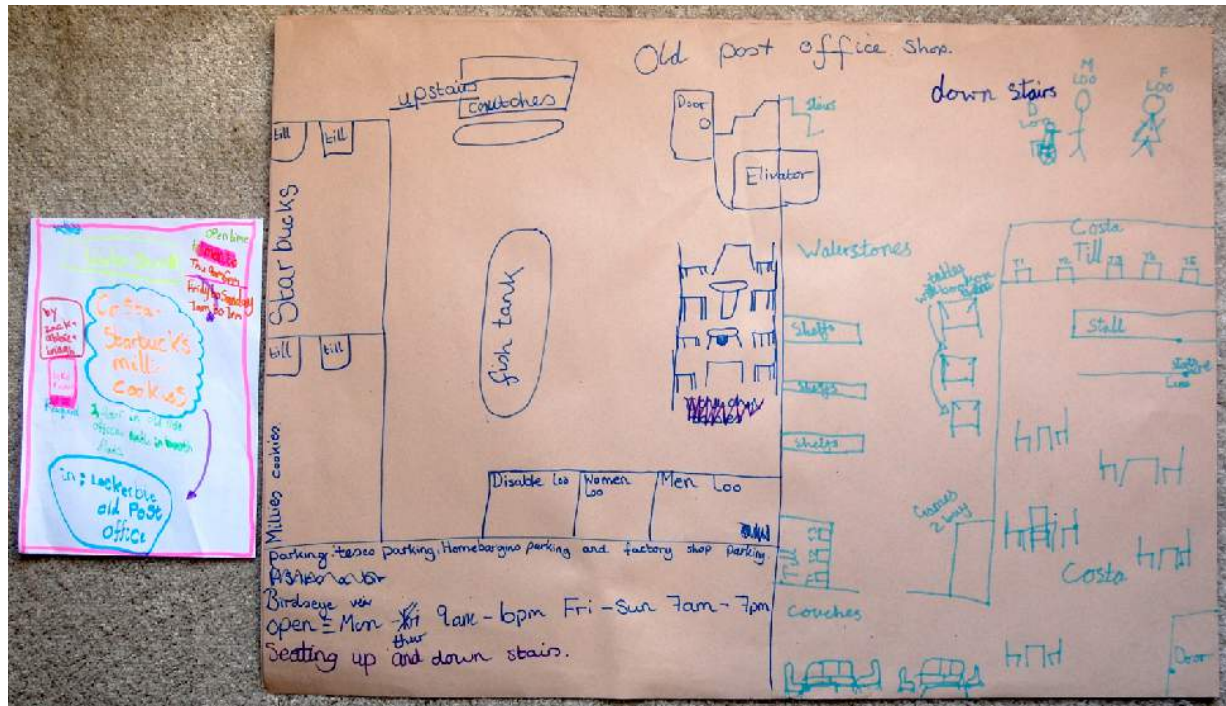
1. What do you like most about Lockerbie?
2. What could be better about Lockerbie?
3. Which local organisation makes the biggest positive contribution to Lockerbie?
4. Do you volunteer with a group in Lockerbie? If so, what are they called?

Appendix 2

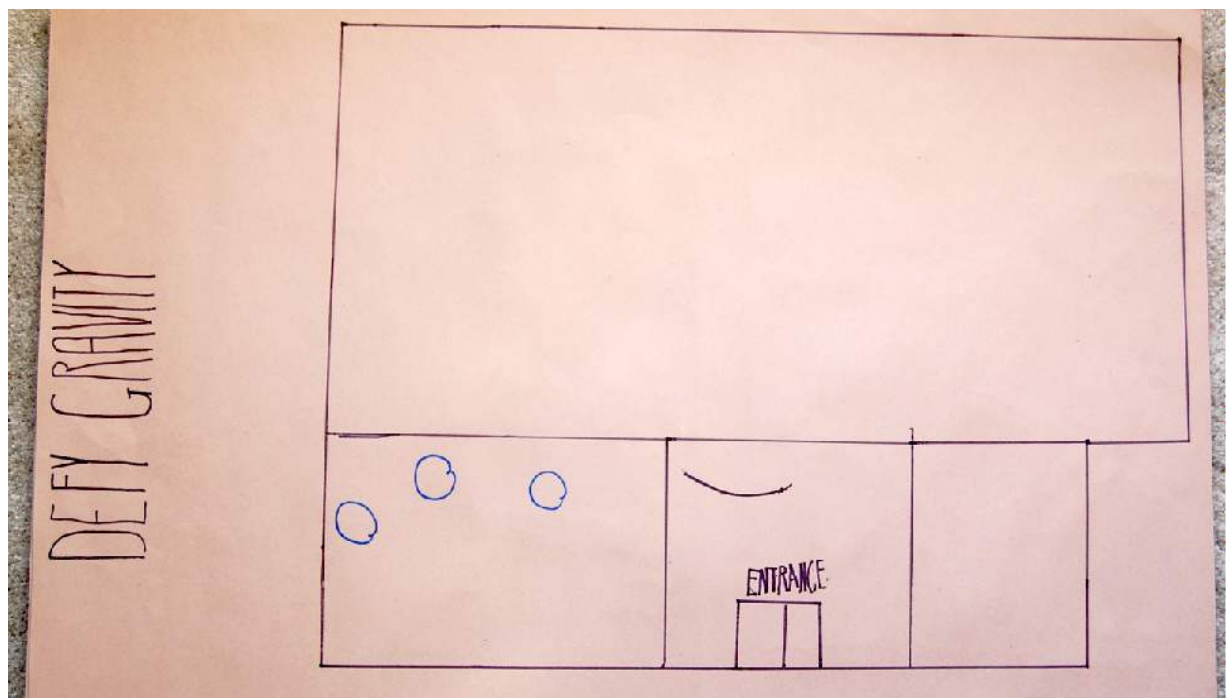
Primary School pupils' suggestions

This appendix contains the ideas proposed by Lockerbie Primary School pupils, who were asked to work in groups to pick an aspect of the town's life that they would like to improve for their age group.

"Cocoa cafe" and shops in former Post Office, High Street



"Defy Gravity" youth adventure centre



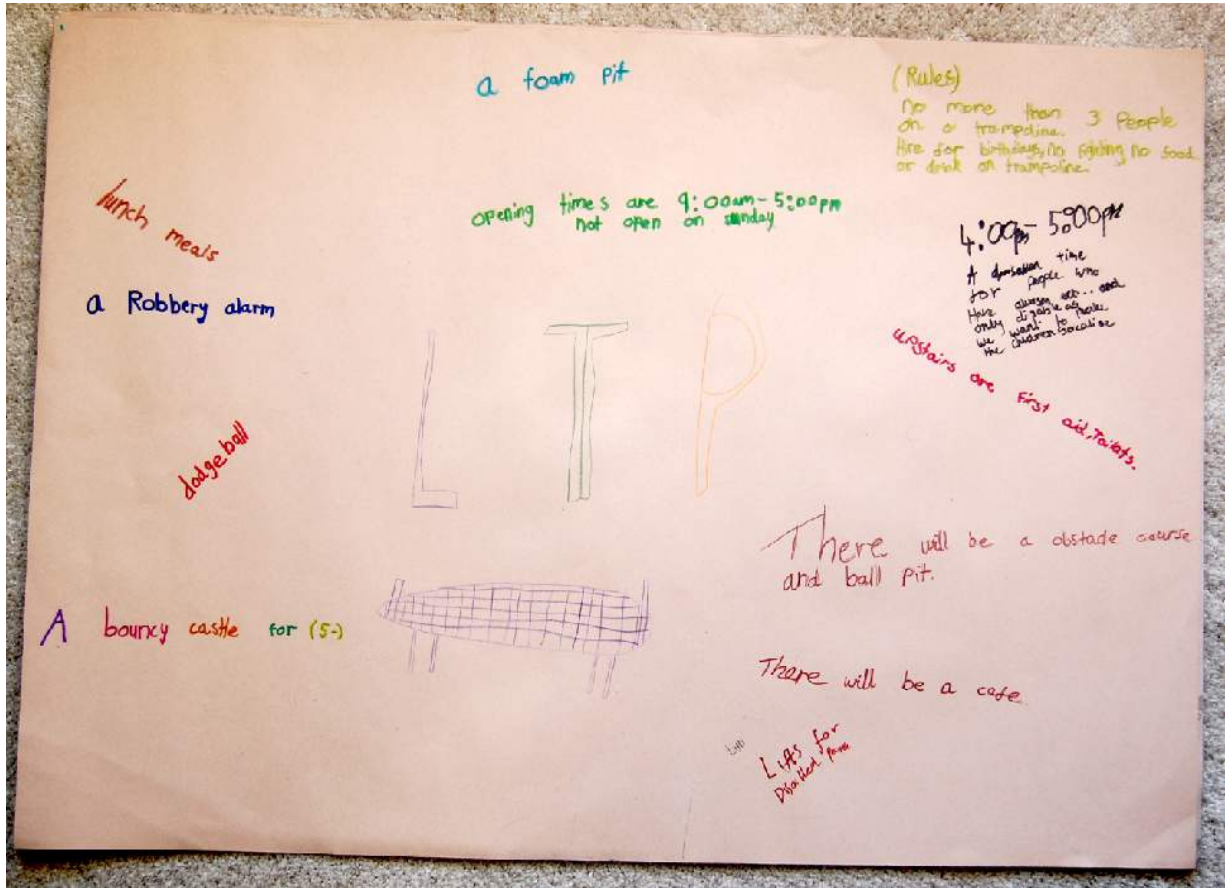
Improvements to King Eddies Park: pitch improvements, new rugby pitch, more play equipment



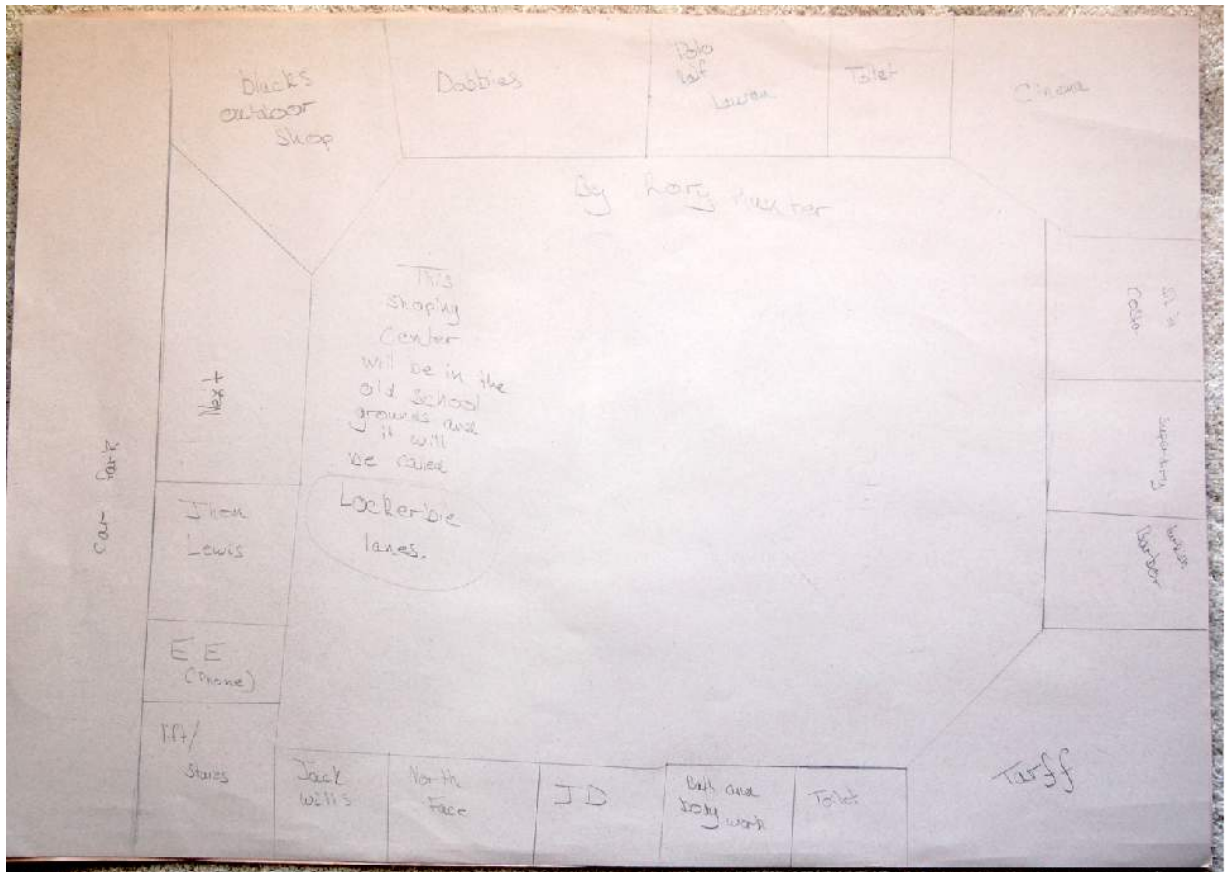
Leisure centre with pool, gym, cafe, spa etc: potentially behind ice rink

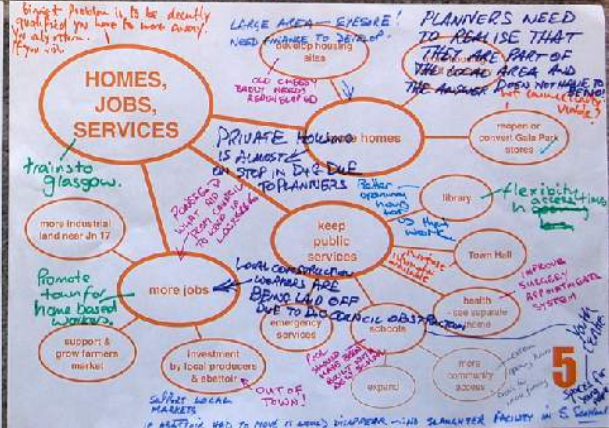
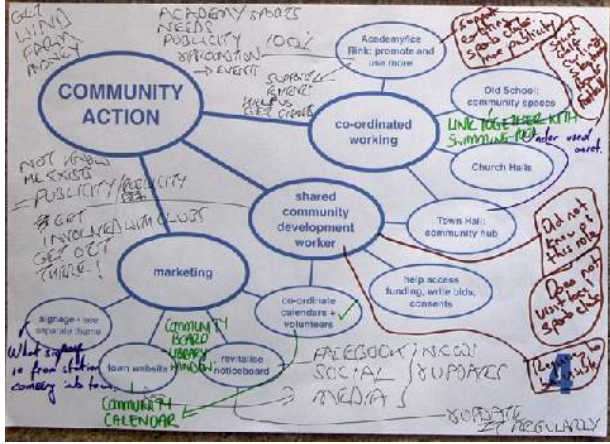


Lockerbie trampoline park and other leisure facilities



"Lockerbie Lanes" shopping centre at former Academy site





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