

STATEMENT OF PROGRESS: 2023-2025

PART 2: PARTNERSHIP PERFORMANCE

CONNECTED **A COMMUNITY PLAN**

for Armagh City Banbridge & Craigavon Borough





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COVID-19 RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PLAN 2022 - 2023

The Community Planning Partnership's actions are contained in its Covid-19 Response and Recovery Plan. As a result of the review of Connected- A Community Plan for Armagh, Banbridge and Craigavon 2017-2030 an action plan review is underway and this will complete in Spring 2026.

THE FOUR PRIORITY THEMES FOR ACTION ARE:



PROGRESS TOWARDS OUTCOMES



RAG Rating:

GREEN [action completed/on track]

AMBER [action on track, some concerns]

RED [action not on track, major concerns]

ACTIONS	GREEN	AMBER	RED
21	19	0	2

The full Response & Recovery Plan is available online at armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/resident/covid-19-response-and-recovery-plan

ABC COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP

ABC Community Planning Partnership structure is designed to support the delivery of the partnership's thematic action plan and locality place plans.



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PROMOTING GOOD MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING SUB-COMMITTEE



Gerard Rocks
Southern Health and Social Care Trust and Chair of Promoting Good Mental Health and Wellbeing sub-committee



Laura Wylie
Links Counselling Services and CVSP and Vice Chair of Promoting Good Mental Health and Wellbeing sub-committee

Organisations involved in the Promoting Good Mental Health and Wellbeing Sub-Committee

Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

Armagh Rural Transport

Community Voluntary Sector Steering Group

Libraries NI

Links Counselling

PSNI

Public Health Agency

Public Initiative for the Prevention of Suicide (PIPS)

Sport NI

Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Volunteer Now

ACTIONS DELIVERED UNDER THE PROMOTING GOOD MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUB-COMMITTEE

Action	Partner
TAKE 5	Lead Partner: Southern Health and Social Care Trust
BE ACTIVE: GET MOVING ABC	Lead Partner: Armagh City, Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council
GIVE: PROMOTE, CHAMPION AND SUSTAIN VOLUNTEERING	Lead Partners: Volunteer Now and Craigavon & Banbridge Volunteer Bureau
CONNECT: SUPPORT AND GROW THE LONELINESS NETWORK (rebranded in May 2025 to Connect Well Live Well Network)	Lead Partner: Southern Health and Social Care Trust

Promoting Good Mental Health and Wellbeing-link to report cards 2023-2025

1st April 2025 - 31st August 2025

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1st October 2024 - 31st March 2025

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Be Active: Get Moving ABC



Craigavon and Banbridge Volunteer Bureau



Connect Well Live Well Network



Volunteer Now

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TACKLING POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION SUB-COMMITTEE



Ruth Allen

ABC Council, Co-Chair of Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion sub-committee



Chris Leech

Craigavon Area Foodbank, CVSP and Co-Chair of Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion sub-committee



Martin Stevenson

Salvation Army, CVSP and Co-Chair of Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion sub-committee

Organisations involved in the Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion Sub-Committee are

Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
Craigavon Area Foodbank
Children and Young People's Strategic Partnership
Department for Communities
Invest NI
Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service
Northern Ireland Housing Executive
PSNI
Public Health Agency
The Salvation Army
Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Southern Regional College

ACTIONS DELIVERED UNDER THE TACKLING POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION SUB-COMMITTEE

Action	Partner
EMERGENCY NEED: CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOOD, ENERGY AND WRAPAROUND SUPPORT TO PEOPLE EXPERIENCING POVERTY	Lead Partner: ABC Council and Craigavon Area Foodbank
EMPLOYABILITY AND SKILLS: IMPLEMENT THE BOROUGH'S LABOUR MARKET PARTNERSHIP (LMP) ACTION PLAN	Lead Partner: ABC Council
HOUSING	Lead Partner: Northern Ireland Housing Executive
AGE FRIENDLY BOROUGH: CREATE A BOROUGH THAT IS WELCOMING, ACCESSIBLE AND FRIENDLY FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES	Lead Partners: ABC Council and Age Friendly Alliance
PEOPLE AND PLACE STRATEGY: CREATE A BOROUGH THAT IS WELCOMING, ACCESSIBLE AND FRIENDLY FOR PEOPLE OF ALL AGES	Lead Partner: Dept for Communities
PEACE PLUS	Lead Partner: ABC Council

Tackling Poverty and Social Exclusion- link to report cards 2023-2025

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Housing- Ballyoran Manor



Age Friendly



Employability and Skills- Labour Market Partnership



PEACE PLUS launch



**SOCIAL
SUPERMARKET
& WRAPAROUND SERVICE**



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Communities
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Communities



**Armagh City
Banbridge
& Craigavon**
Borough Council

03 PLACE BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE



Ethna Mc Namee
Invest NI and Chair of Place Board



Sinead Collins
Northern Ireland Housing Executive
and Vice-Chair of Place Board

Organisations involved in the Place Board Sub-Committee are-

Armagh Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council	Libraries NI
Arts Council for Northern Ireland	Migrant Support Services
Business Partnership Alliance	Northern Ireland Housing Executive
Department for Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs	PSNI
Department for Communities	Queens University Belfast
Department for Economy	Rural Support NI
Department for Justice	Southern Health and Social Care Trust
Department for Infrastructure	Translink
Education Authority	Tourism NI
Invest NI	Ulster University

ACTIONS DELIVERED UNDER THE PLACE BOARD SUB-COMMITTEE

Action	Partner
ARMAGH PLACE PLAN: Develop and implement Armagh Place Plan	Lead Partner: ABC Council
PLACE PLANS: Ongoing rollout of place planning in other urban areas in the Borough. Refine approach and develop next place plan in another urban area in the borough.	Lead Partner: ABC Council
CITY OF CULTURE: Advance bid for City of Culture 2025	Lead Partner: ABC Council

Place Board Sub-Committee - link to report cards 2023-2025

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Place Plans

INTERESTED IN COMMUNITY PLANNING

in the Armagh City,
Banbridge and
Craigavon Borough
Council area?

Please contact the Community Planning, Policy &
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