

ROYAL BURGH OF WIGTOWN & DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Consultations Working Party - November 2015

CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

- a) **Proposals identified from 2-18 Structural Delivery Service Review of Education - Dumfries & Galloway Council.** Closing date: 10 November 2015

Dumfries and Galloway Council to carry out a Service Review of all the Education Services for children from the age of 2 to 18 across all Dumfries and Galloway in order to identify £3.4M savings by 2017/18. This breaks down to £1.4M in 2016/17 and a further £2M in 2017/18. This saving is 11% of the total amount to be saved by Dumfries and Galloway Council by 2018. By looking at everything from age 2 to 18 the Council will be looking to find ways of “re-arranging services to ensure there is fair access to them and they make the best use of the money that's available”. The Scottish Government decided in February 2015 that no local authority was allowed to reduce their teacher numbers. The budget for education services is mostly made up of teacher salaries so this meant that the Review Team had only a small number of budgets to look at to identify potential savings. The Review Team looked at all available remaining budgets and produced a list of potential savings totalling £1,877,215. This list includes proposals for both direct services within schools but also services which support schools from the centre. Some of the proposals identified will not directly affect school staff and pupils as they are part of the support mechanism for schools.

You should read the background paper and FAQs before completing the survey. This will give you the details of the areas looked at and the proposed savings from each area:

- [Background paper \[177kb\]](#)
- [FAQ's \[93kb\]](#)

[Complete the survey on the Service Review of 2-18 Education here.](#)

- b) **Health and Social Care Integration – Locality Consultation - Dumfries & Galloway Council.** Closing date: 11 December 2015

The consultation for each of Dumfries and Galloway's four locality plans was launched on 19 October. The draft Wigtownshire Health and Social Care Draft Locality Plan outlines “*how services and approaches will develop over the next few years*”.

Consultation events have been planned in each of the Localities (*Wigtown 2 events – 6 hours total; Stewartry 5 events - 10 hours; Annandale & Eskdale 5 events - 15 hours; Nithsdale 24 events - 90 hours*). The Wigtownshire events will be/have been held on:

- 10am - 1pm on 29 October Stranraer Library
- 1.30pm - 4pm on 17 November McMillan Hall, Newton Stewart

Survey available in full and 'Easy Read' versions of the Locality Plan on –

<http://www.dg-change.org.uk/consultation> This is the first draft of this locality plan and the Partnership would like to hear what you think about it before it produces the final plan later this year. They expect responses to help them develop the best plan possible for health and social-care services and support in Wigtownshire. The consultation questionnaire extends to two questions:

Q1. Do you think we have missed anything in the plan that you feel is important? If yes, what is missing?

Q2. How do you think we can all work together better to make sure people receive the support they need to manage their personal health and well-being?

c) Community Safety Survey - Dumfries & Galloway Council. Closing date: 23 December 2015

Dumfries and Galloway Community Safety Partnership wants the region to be the safest place in which to live, work and visit. The purpose of the consultation is to help direct the priorities of the Community Safety Partnership by telling them what issues affect you and how they can improve their overall service.

Online survey for individual residents. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BDLTMM9>

FORTHCOMING CONSULTATIONS

a) Opportunity to Suggest New Development Sites and to Comment on the LDP – Dumfries & Galloway Council. Closing date: 29 January 2016

The Council is preparing a new Local Development Plan (LDP2) for adoption in 2019. As part of this process, it will soon be launching a Call for Sites and Comments stage where the Council is inviting all members of the public, landowners, developers and any others with any interest in development in the region to send in details of potential development sites that they would like to see included in LDP2. This could be land for housing or business development and must be within or next to the settlement boundaries that are shown in the current LDP. They will also be asking for any comments you might have on the current LDP or any other planning issues that you think should be discussed during the consultation on the next Plan.

Starting on **27 November 2015**, you will have 9 weeks in which to submit your sites and comments - more details will be available soon at www.dumgal.gov.uk/LDP.