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#### Introduction

The East Renfrewshire Community Plan sets out how local services work together to create stronger and fairer communities with the people of East Renfrewshire.

The Community Plan reflects residents' top priorities and serves as the main strategic document for the East Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP). The Plan also includes Fairer East Ren – our Local Outcomes Improvement Plan - as required by the Community Empowerment Act. Fairer East Ren focuses on reducing inequality of outcomes across groups and communities.

This is the seventh and final annual report of the current Community Plan. It presents key performance data, progress made towards the current five strategic outcomes and highlights good examples of partnership working to deliver these outcomes. A Place to Grow will be our vision and Community Plan going forward and we will continue to deliver for the communities of East Renfrewshire through its three pillars: Our Children and Young People Flourish, Our Communities and Places Thrive and We All Live Well.

This report demonstrates the commitment of the CPP towards achieving the vision of making East Renfrewshire:

An attractive and thriving place to grow up, work, visit, raise a family and enjoy later life

It provides progress updates against the key indicators for the Community Plan and Fairer East Ren.

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## About East Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP)

These are our community planning partners:

- East Renfrewshire Council
- NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
- Police Scotland
- Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
- Scottish Enterprise
- Department for Work and Pensions
- East Renfrewshire Culture and Leisure Trust
- East Renfrewshire Integration joint board (Health and Social Care Partnership)
- Skills Development Scotland
- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
- Voluntary Action East Renfrewshire
- West College Scotland

## **Our Community Planning Priorities**

The Community Plan is structured around five strategic priorities:

- 1. Early Years and Vulnerable Young People
- 2. Learning, Life and Work
- 3. Economy and Environment
- 4. Safe, Supportive Communities
- 5. Older People and People with Long Term Conditions

The five Fairer East Ren outcomes below are focused on tackling inequality. These outcomes were determined following extensive community engagement and informed by our local socioeconomic data and evidence of local need.

- 1. Child poverty in East Renfrewshire is reduced
- 2. Residents have the right skills, learning opportunities and confidence to secure and sustain work
- 3. East Renfrewshire's transport links are accessible, attractive and seamless
- 4. Residents' mental health and wellbeing is improved
- 5. Residents are safe and more socially connected with their communities

# **Data Summary**

Community Plan indicators	Number of indicators increasing or decreasing as intended over the last year	Number of indicators increasing or decreasing against intended direction of travel over the last year	Number of indicators remaining the around the same level i.e. changing by less than 0.5% or showing similar performance to previous data
Outcome 1: Early Years and Vulnerable Young People	3	1	1
Outcome 2: Learning, Life and Work	1	1	0
Outcome 3: Economy and Environment	3	3	0
Outcome 4: Safe, Supportive Communities	1	1	0
Outcome 5: Older people and people with Long Term conditions	2	1	0
TOTAL:	10	7	1

# Key

East Renfrewshire's performance significantly exceeds Scottish level performance	
East Renfrewshire's performance is similar to the Scottish level performance	
East Renfrewshire's performance compares unfavourably to Scottish level performance	
No Scottish comparison data available	UNAVAILABLE

Case studies- where names have been changed to protect identify there will be an asterisk

# Strategic Priority 1: Early Years and Vulnerable Young People



The outcome we want is...

All children in East Renfrewshire experience a stable and secure childhood and succeed

Our steps along the way to achieving this are...

- Child poverty in East Renfrewshire is reduced (Fairer East Ren outcome)
- Parents provide a safe, healthy and nurturing environment for their families
- Children and young people are cared for, protected and their wellbeing is safeguarded

## Community Plan Indicators

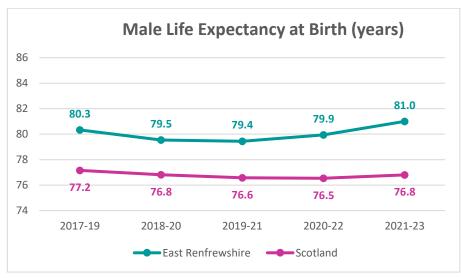
		Early	Years and	l Vulnera	ble Youn	g People		
Indicator	Rationale for inclusion	Aim to Maximise (♠) or Minimise (♥)	ERC Baseline	Previous data	Latest data	Direction of travel since last data update	ERC Performance against Scotland	Comments
Male life expectancy at birth (NRS)	This indicator provides an estimate of the age a baby boy born in East Renfrewshire today can expect to live to, based on mortality rates at the time.	1	<b>80.5</b> (2015-17)	<b>79.9</b> (2020-22)	<b>81.0</b> (2021-23)	1		Male life expectancy in East Renfrewshire has increased slightly. East Renfrewshire remains consistently above the national average of 76.8 (2021-23).
Female life expectancy at birth (NRS)	Provides an estimate of the age a baby girl born in East Renfrewshire today can expect to live to, based on mortality rates at the time.	1	<b>83.7</b> (2015-17)	<b>84.0</b> (2020-22)	<b>84.5</b> (2021-23)	1		Female life expectancy in East Renfrewshire has increased slightly. East Renfrewshire remains consistently above the national average of 80.8 (2021-23).
Healthy birthweight (singleton babies) *CPOP Indicator (NHS ISD)	Birth weight that is not within normal ranges (2.5 kg to 4 kg) has a strong association with poor health outcomes in infancy, childhood and across the whole life course, including	1	<b>80.8%</b> (2018 - 19) <sup>1</sup>	<b>81.8%</b> (2022-23)	<b>80.8%</b> (2023-24)	1		East Renfrewshire's rate of healthy birth weight has decreased by 1.0 percentage point since 2022/23 and is lower than the national average of 81.1% (2023/24).

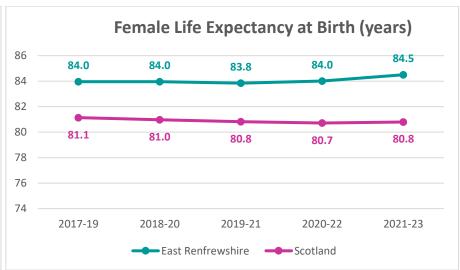
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ERC Baseline figure has been adjusted to reflect the use of a more accurate data source. The data used in previous reports showed a percentage of newborns with a birthweight above 2.4kg, including newborns who had a birthweight above the 4kg threshold. The new source only shows the percentage of newborns who fall within the 2.5kg to 4kg range.

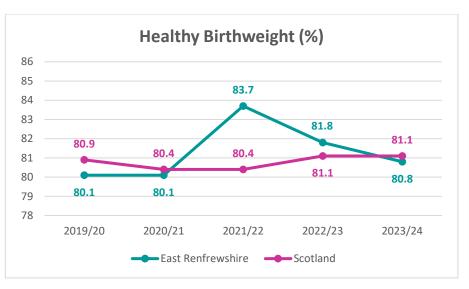
	long term conditions such as diabetes and coronary heart disease.						
Children and Young People Dependency Ratio (NRS)	This is the ratio of children and young people aged 0-15 to the working age population (age 16-64). Data is shown as the proportion of dependents per 100 working-age population.	<b>1</b>	<b>34.3%</b> (2019) <sup>2</sup>	<b>34.6%</b> (2021)	<b>34.3%</b> (2022)		The ratio of children and young people aged 0-15 to the working age population has remained much the same since the previous year and remains much higher than the national average of 25.8% (2022).
Children living in poverty (End Child Poverty)	The is the percentage of children living in relative poverty (as per Scottish Government definition) before housing costs are taken into consideration	1	<b>14.4%</b> (2021-22)	<b>14%</b> (2022-23)	<b>12%</b> (2023-24)	1	The rate of child poverty in East Renfrewshire has fallen in the past year, and is below the Scottish average of 22% (2023-24).

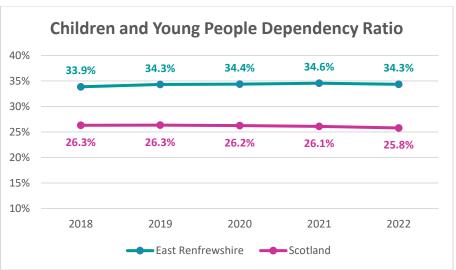
<sup>2</sup> ERC Baseline figure has been adjusted to reflect the use of a more accurate data source. The previous reports used a dependency ratio data combined the 0-15 age bracket with the 65+ age bracket. The new source shows only the ratio of 0–15-year-olds to 16–64-year-olds.

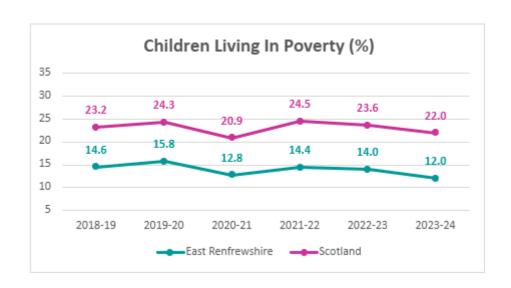
## Strategic Priority 1 Charts









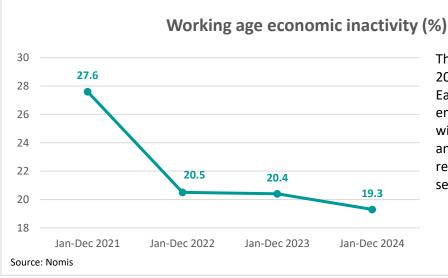


#### Fairer East Ren Progress

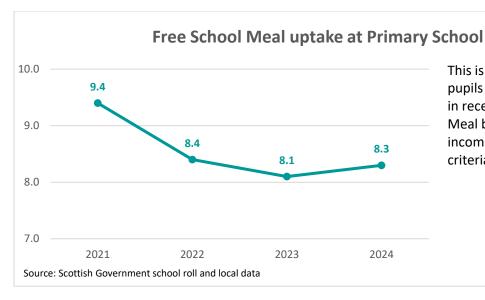
Fairer East Ren indicators have a specific focus on reducing inequality.

The following five indicators provide an update on how we are progressing towards achieving the Fairer East Ren intermediate outcome: **Child poverty in East Renfrewshire is reduced.** Whilst East Renfrewshire has the lowest child poverty rate in Scotland at 12%, this still equates to 2,842 children. There are also areas across the authority, including parts of Barrhead and Neilston, where poverty rates are much higher.

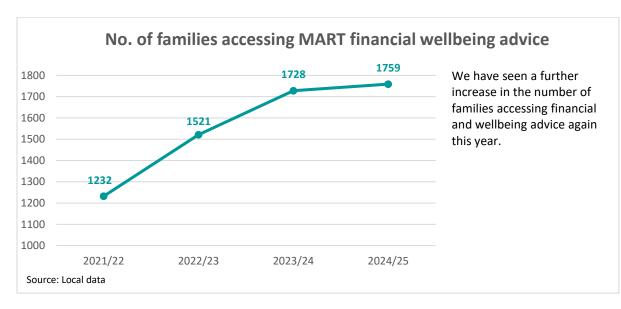


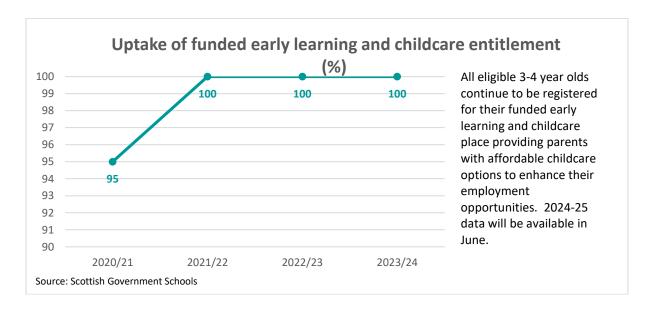


The Scottish average for 2024 is 23%. Work EastRen and employability partners will continue to promote and engage with local residents who are seeking employment.



This is the percentage of pupils in P1-P7 who are in receipt of Free School Meal based on low income eligibility criteria.





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The Local Child Poverty Action Report (LCPAR) provides full details of all the action taken to meet our Fairer East Ren outcome on **reducing child poverty**.

Here are some examples of community planning partners working to ensure **child poverty in East Renfrewshire is reduced:** 

#### • Supporting families with young children

In October 2024, VAER and the HSCP launched *Thrive Under 5*, a new programme designed to help families with young children build healthier lifestyles. More than just healthy eating, *Thrive Under 5* was about connection, confidence and community. One of the cornerstones of the initiative was a series of *Totnosh* cooking sessions delivered in four blocks of six weeks across Newton Mearns, Busby, Eaglesham and Thornliebank. These sessions brought together 80 families, offering hands-on cooking experiences that were both fun and educational. In addition, 64 families took part in cooking classes at Crookfur Family Centre and Madras Primary School, learning practical skills they could take home and use every day and for parents of babies, *Starting Solids* sessions in Busby and Barrhead provided guidance and reassurance, with 41 parents and carers attending with 31 babies.

Thrive Under 5 also planted the seeds for future growth—literally—with the launch of the Family Growing Network, helping families connect with food from garden to plate. The first cooking session welcomed eight families and more are planned for later in the year. As Community connection was a key theme throughout the year, a Thrive Under 5 community event brought together 21 adults and 24 children, offering a welcoming space for families to learn about local services. The event featured a wide range of partners, including Families First, Childsmile, MART, Community Chef, Work EastRen, Active Schools SLT, CAB as well as smoking cessation services. Recognising the importance of wellbeing beyond the kitchen, Thrive Under 5 also offered two blocks of YogaBellies attended by 16 families supporting both physical and emotional health, creating moments of calm and connection for parents and children alike.



#### • New opportunities for low-income mum

Emma\*, who is a lone parent, had been working 10 hours a week as a carer and ran some community groups on a voluntary basis. She was looking to increase her household income for her family.

She was initially referred to the Money Advice and Rights Team (MART) where she received financial advice. During the summer of 2024 she was supported to access the back-to-school clothing bank for her children. Emma was also looking for another job and was referred to the Work EastRen Team. After applying for a few jobs, she was invited to an interview with a national charity. She was provided with dedicated support from Work EastRen to help her prepare for the interview, with examples she could use for competency-based questions. Emma was then referred to *Dress for Success* where she was given a style appointment. She was successful at her interview and was offered the job. Emma is enjoying her job and is working full-time, which has increased her income to support her family.

# Strategic Priority 2: Learning, Life and Work



The outcome we want is...

East Renfrewshire residents are healthy and active and have the skills for learning, life and work

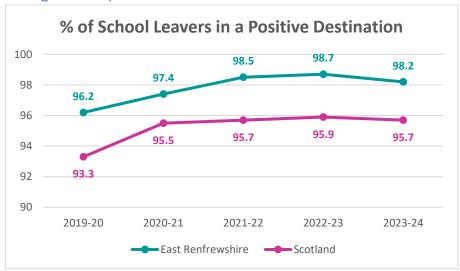
Our steps along the way to achieving this are...

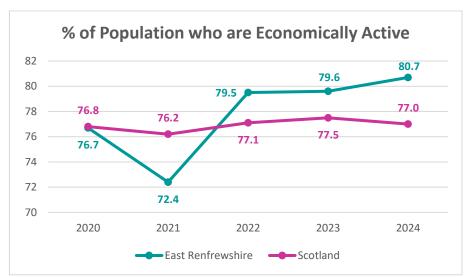
- Residents have the right skills, learning opportunities and confidence to secure and sustain work (Fairer East Ren outcome)
- Children and young people are included
- Children and young people raise their educational attainment and develop the skills they need
- Residents are as healthy and active as possible

## Community Plan Indicators

			Learni	ng, Life a	nd Work			
Indicator	Rationale for inclusion	Aim to Maximise (♠) or Minimise (♥)	ERC Baseline	Previous data	Latest data	Direction of travel since last data update	ERC Performance against Scotland	Comments
% of School Leavers in a Positive Destination *CPOP Indicator (Scottish Government)	To help raise attainment and support school improvement, information is gathered annually on the attainment and destinations of school leavers across Scotland. East Renfrewshire generally has high levels of positive School Leaver Destinations. This will now be tracked rather than setting targets against this.	1	<b>96.6%</b> (2016-17)	<b>98.7%</b> (2022-23)	<b>98.2</b> % (2023-24)	1		The percentage of school leavers in a positive destination has dropped slightly but remains well above the national average of 95.7% (2023-24).
% of East Renfrewshire's population who are economically active (NOMIS, Annual Population Survey)	Proportion of 16-64 year olds in employment or actively seeking employment. East Renfrewshire requires an active working age population to provide the goods and services demanded by our residents.	1	<b>75.9%</b> (2018)	<b>79.6%</b> (2023)	<b>80.7%</b> (2024)			The percentage of economically active residents has increased by 1.1 percentage points since 2023, that is more than 3.5 percentage points higher than the Scottish average of 77.0% (2024).

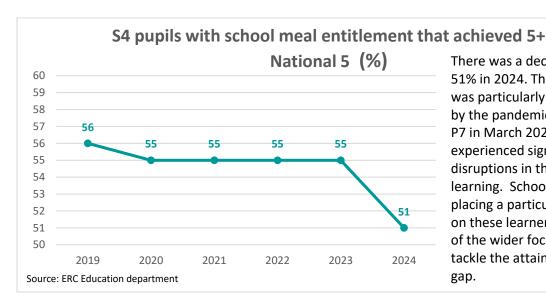
## Strategic Priority 2 charts



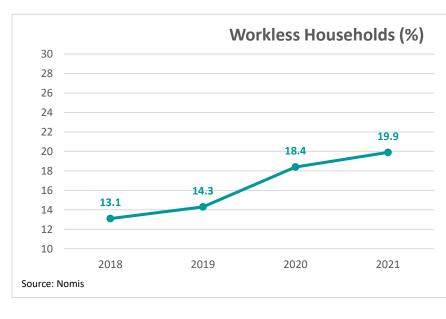


#### Fairer East Ren progress

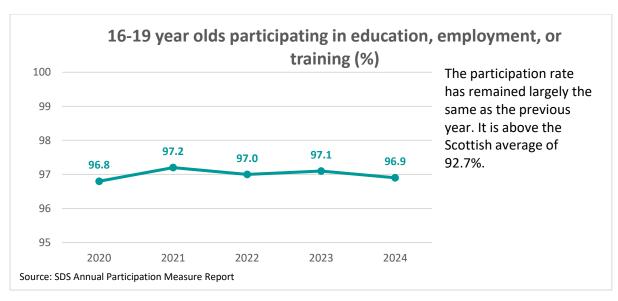
The following five indicators look at how we are progressing towards achieving the Fairer East Ren intermediate outcome: Residents have the right skills, learning opportunities and confidence to secure and sustain work. Work East Ren and the East Renfrewshire Local Employability Partnership continue to take an all-inclusive approach to providing a wide range of employability support to a wide range of residents - young people in education, employment and training; young people with additional support needs; care-experienced young people, people in recovery or with mental health issues; people with long-term health conditions or with a disability; people who have re-settled in East Renfrewshire as well as people who are long-term unemployed.

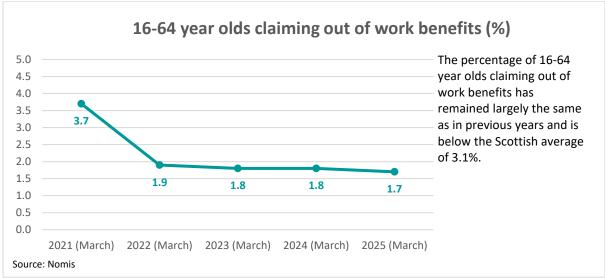


There was a decrease to 51% in 2024. This cohort was particularly impacted by the pandemic (being in P7 in March 2020) and experienced significant disruptions in their learning. Schools are placing a particular focus on these learners as part of the wider focus to tackle the attainment gap.



There was an increase of 1.5 percentage points between 2020 and 2021, however the sample sizes are too small for reliable estimates to be made for 2022 and 2023.





Below is some of the work being undertaken so that our residents have the **right skills**, **learning opportunities and confidence to secure and sustain work**:

Enable Next Steps providing tailored employability support John\*, who has autism and epilepsy, wanted a "hands-on" job in an area such as construction, landscaping or labouring. He wanted to work in a practical environment where he could gain experience, increase his independence and take steps toward sustainable employment. Early engagement with Enable allowed him to explore different employment options, receive support with employability skills and access funding opportunities.

In addition to low confidence and limited social skills, John faced other challenges including a lack of formal qualifications and work experience which restricted his ability to apply for certain apprenticeships. He also had practical barriers such as needing a CSCS card (Construction Skills Certification Scheme) and access to reliable transport. Through tailored and consistent support, these challenges were addressed and John worked closely with his advisor to create a CV, explore training and job opportunities as well as apply for funding through the Independent Living Fund (ILF), enabling him to purchase a laptop, toolbox, bicycle, book driving lessons and complete his CSCS card training. He was also supported with job applications and job fairs.

A suitable local volunteering opportunity was identified with a local charity and John's advisor supported him at a one hour trial. Since then, John has been volunteering in the collection van, working 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday. He enjoyed the role, which helped boost his confidence and social skills, gave him structure and a daily routine. It also allowed him to build experience that aligned with his employment goals. He has since expressed a strong interest in finding a paid job similar to his volunteering role. With support, John has recently submitted job applications for driver's assistant positions and continues to actively job search with encouragement from his advisor and father. Although John has not yet secured paid employment, his progress has been substantial. He has gained his CSCS card, increased his confidence, improved his social skills, committed to daily volunteering and demonstrated motivation and a clear direction.

"My son has been working with Enable Works over the last few months. [He] is on the autism spectrum and finds it difficult to communicate with people. His key worker has supported him throughout and found a great volunteering opportunity where he goes out in the collection van assisting with deliveries and collecting large items for the shop. [His] confidence is improving by the day and he loves getting out and about rather than sitting in the house. Working with Enable Works has been extremely positive for [him]"

Youth Employability Programme (YEP) supporting young person on their journey
As he was approaching the end of his Apprenticeship in a local high school with no
guarantee of further similar work, Joe was struggling with his next steps. At his initial
assessment with YEP client advisor, Mandy, Joe disclosed that he suffers from anxiety.
This led to a discussion around further support, should it be required. The focus at first
was on preparing a CV, looking for positions and assisting with interview preparation. A
trainee sealant applicator post was found with a local employer and Joe was supported to
apply as his skillset matched the job description.

"The help I got from Mandy was so good, I did not know how to begin putting together a CV and the interview help made me much more confident"

Joe received a quick response inviting him for interview and with the support of his advisor, completed interview preparation. Following a supported work trial, Joe was offered the position.

"I am settling in very well at my new job and have had no issues whatsoever"

Joe's Manager

"The service we received was excellent from start to finish. The support in advertising the vacancy and finding the right candidate was seamless and professional. Joe has been a fantastic addition to the team – he's settled in quickly, brings great energy to his role, and is already making a real contribution. We're really pleased with how everything has worked out."

# Strategic Priority 3: Economy and Environment



The outcome we want is...

#### East Renfrewshire is a thriving attractive and sustainable place for business and residents

Our steps along the way to achieving this are...

- East Renfrewshire's transport links are accessible, attractive and seamless (Fairer East Renoutcome)
- East Renfrewshire is a thriving place to invest and for businesses to grow
- East Renfrewshire is an attractive place to live with a good physical environment
- East Renfrewshire is a great place to visit
- East Renfrewshire is environmentally sustainable

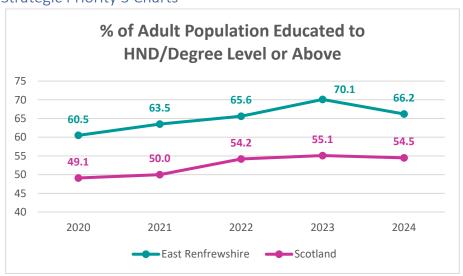
# Community Plan Indicators

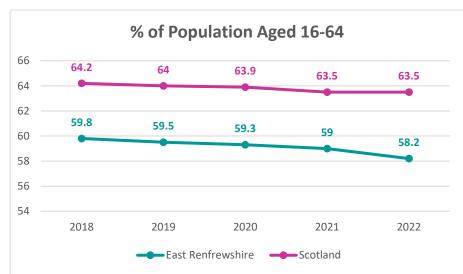
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Indicator	Rationale for inclusion	Aim to Maximise (个) or Minimise ( <b>少</b> )	ERC Baseline	Previous data	Latest data	Direction of travel since last data update	ERC Performance against Scotland	Comments
% of adult population with qualifications at RQF level 4 (HND/Degree) and above (NOMIS, Annual Population Survey)	Gives an indication of how skilled our working age population is.	1	<b>54.6%</b> (2018)	<b>70.1%</b> (2023))	<b>66.2%</b> (2024)	1		Although East Renfrewshire has seen a decrease in the last year, the latest rate of 66.2% is higher than the Scottish average of 54.5% (2024).
% of population aged 16-64 (NOMIS, Annual Population Survey)	East Renfrewshire relies on its working age population to contribute to the production of the local economy as well as providing vital services for our children, young people and older people.	1	<b>59.8%</b> (2018)	<b>59%</b> (2021)	<b>58.2%</b> (2022)			The working age population has shown a gradual decline over the last few years and the latest figure of 58.2% is lower than the Scottish average of 63.5% (2022).
% of residents who are satisfied or very satisfied with East Renfrewshire as a place to live (Citizens Panel)	Gives a general sense as to how residents feel about living in the East Renfrewshire area.	1	<b>94</b> % (2019)	<b>82</b> % (2024)	<b>84%</b> (2025)	1	N/A	Satisfaction with East Renfrewshire as a place to live is 84%, an increase of 2 percentage points since 2024. As the Citizens' Panel survey is bespoke to East Renfrewshire, there are no national comparisons available.

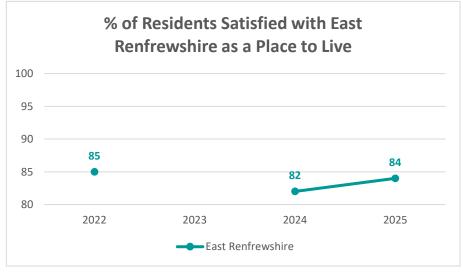
	Economy and Environment											
Indicator	Rationale for inclusion	Aim to Maximise (♠) or Minimise (♥)	ERC Baseline	Previous data	Latest data	Direction of travel since last data update	ERC Performance against Scotland	Comments				
Business Survival Rates (Scottish Government)	A ratio of the number of businesses still trading after 3 years against the number of new businesses set up at the same time	1	<b>60.3%</b> (2014)	<b>61.2%</b> (2019)	<b>60.7%</b> (2020)	1		The 3-Year business survival rate for 2020 is 60.7%. That is, 60.7% of businesses that were created in 2020 were still active in 2023. This puts East Renfrewshire above the Scottish average of 56% (2020).				
Median Earnings for residents living in the East Renfrewshire area who are employed *CPOP Indicator (Office for National Statistics – Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings)	Provides a measure of median earnings for full-time workers who are resident in the area.	1	<b>£685.40</b> (2017)	<b>£858.70</b> (2023)	<b>£862.00</b> (2024)	1		The current median earnings has increased and remains significantly higher than the Scottish average of £740.00 (2024).				

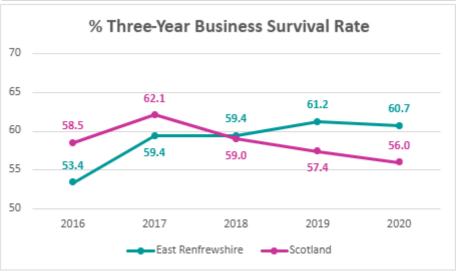
	Economy and Environment											
Indicator	Rationale for inclusion	Aim to Maximise (♠) or Minimise (♥)	ERC Baseline	Previous data	Latest data	Direction of travel since last data update	ERC Performance against Scotland	Comments				
Carbon Dioxide (CO2) Emissions per Resident *CPOP Indicator (Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy)	In recent years, increasing emphasis has been placed on the role of regional bodies and local government in contributing to energy efficiency improvements, and reductions in carbon dioxide emissions.		4.6 tCO2e (2015- 16)	<b>3.8 tCO2e</b> (2021-22)	<b>3.6 tCO2e</b> (2022-23)			The number of CO2 emissions per resident has decreased slightly in the last year and compares favourably with the Scottish average of 4.8 tCO2e.				

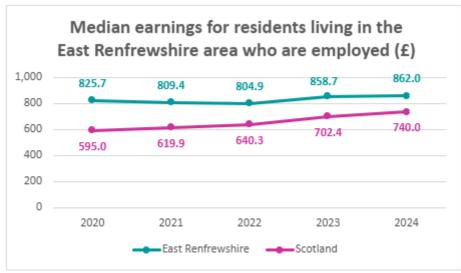
### Strategic Priority 3 Charts

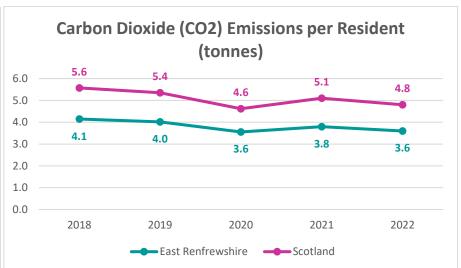












#### Fairer East Ren progress

Fairer East Ren intermediate outcome: **East Renfrewshire transport links are accessible,** attractive and seamless.

Following consultation with a range of stakeholders including third sector partners, community transport stakeholders and East Renfrewshire Citizens' Panel members, a draft Local Transport Strategy (LTS) has been developed. There are five key objectives:

- Enabling more walking, cycling and wheeling
- Support liveable, resilient and thriving communities
- Improve public transport connectivity and accessibility
- Transition to a net zero transport system
- Provision of safe, sustainable, efficient and equitable movement of people and goods

Emerging outcomes from the new LTS will include:

- Increased proportion of journeys undertaken by foot, bike and public transport for everyday or work purposes
- Reduced road transport emissions
- Increased footfall across town and neighbourhood centres, while reducing the number of trips undertaken by private car
- Ongoing year-on-year decrease in casualties on the local road network

Further details regarding our local transport priorities and outcomes will be published during 2025.

The East Renfrewshire Accelerator (ERA) programme, was launched in February 2024 and aimed to help 9 local businesses achieve a turnover of £250,000 and create at least one new job opportunity per business within three years. The Programme provided a wide range of support including technological adoption, sustainability and strengthening the local entrepreneurial landscape.

The participating businesses were provided with tailored support and expert advice, as well as access to co-working space within the Greenlaw Works in Newton Mearns.

During their time as part of ERA, the cohort's combined turnover has risen from just under £900,000 to a projected £3.8 million in 2025 and by 2027 a projected turnover of £14.6m. They have also increased staffing from 23 to an expected 54 employees by next year and by 2027, over 300 new jobs are projected.

# Strategic Priority 4: Safe, Supportive Communities



The outcome we want is...

#### East Renfrewshire residents are safe and live in supportive communities

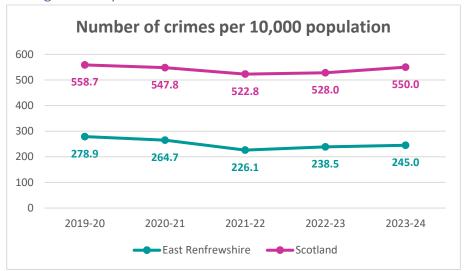
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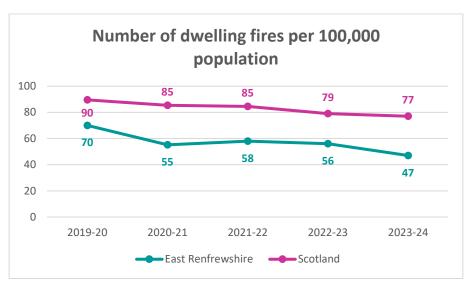
- Residents' mental health and wellbeing is improved (Fairer East Ren outcome)
- Residents live in safe communities with low levels of crime and anti-social behaviour
- Residents are protected from harm and abuse and public protection is safeguarded
- Residents live in communities that are strong, self-sufficient and resilient
- Residents are protected from drug and alcohol related harm

# Community Plan Indicators

			Safe, Su	pportive	Communiti	es		
Indicator	Rationale for inclusion	Aim to Maximise (个) or Minimise ( <b>少</b> )	ERC Baseline	Previous data	Latest data	Direction of travel since last data update	ERC Performance against Scotland	Comments
Number of crimes per 10,000 population *CPOP Indicator (Scottish Government (Police Scotland))	Measure of crimes taking place in the area, indicating how safe the area is to live in.	1	<b>312.1</b> (2017-18)	<b>238.5</b> (2022-23)	<b>245.0</b> (2023-24)	1		There has been an increase of 6.5 crimes per 10,000 population to 245.0. East Renfrewshire remains below the national average of 550 (2023-24).
Number of dwelling fires per 100,000 population *CPOP Indicator (Scottish Fire and Rescue (data provided to the CPOP))	Seeks to establish the number of deliberate fires and the work of Scottish Fire and Rescue within the CPP in reducing deliberate fires. Also supports the work of SFR education communities and making residents safer from the risks of accidental fires.	1	<b>68</b> (2016- 17)	<b>56</b> (2022-23)	<b>47</b> (2023-24)	1		This figure has decreased from 56 to 47 since the previous year and remains below the national average of 77 (2023-24).

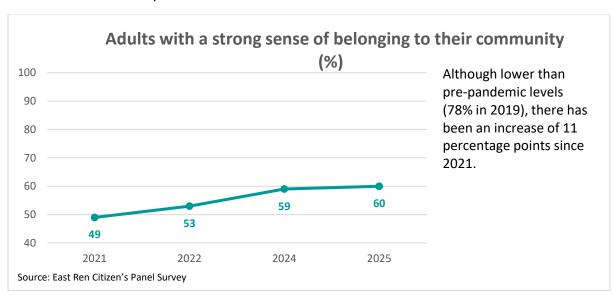
## Strategic Priority 4 Charts

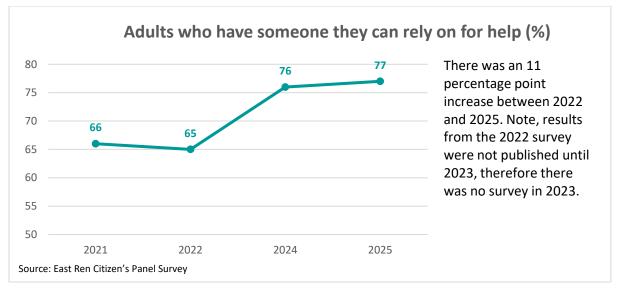




#### Fairer East Ren Progress

The two indicators for the Fairer East Ren intermediate outcome - **Residents' mental health is improved** — provide a subjective view of how residents feel about their community and their relationships within it. Some of the initiatives that have taken place over the last year to support residents with their mental health include the introduction of a wheelie-based walk in Cowan Park in Barrhead for residents who use walking aids and nine community walks delivered by twenty six volunteer walk leaders who have been trained by our partner organisation, *Paths for All*. On average, 900 walkers attend every week.





Read the two stories below to see what's been happening in communities to improve residents' mental health:

#### Volunteer walk leader, Elaine, challenging perceptions about disability

Elaine, a volunteer walk leader and wheelchair user at Barrhead Roll and Stroll, has raised awareness and encouraged participation at community events. Their advocacy has helped expand the reach of the programme, attracting new participants and fostering a sense of community engagement. Recently, Elaine began living independently for the first time, a transition that presented new challenges, however instead of allowing this change to become a barrier, they proactively sought support through Talking Points (local community hub offering informal support in health & wellbeing), demonstrating their resilience and ability to adapt to new circumstances. As a result, Elaine has applied for three different volunteer positions within the community, showcasing their determination to grow and contribute in new ways. As a wheelchair user, they have broken down barriers and shown that disability is not an obstacle to leadership and community engagement. With the right encouragement and opportunities, they have successfully navigated various roles, gained invaluable experience and continued to seek new avenues for growth. Elaines's dedication and enthusiasm highlight the impact that volunteering can have on both individuals and the wider community, proving that physical limitations do not prevent someone from inspiring others in community activities.

#### • Celebrating Aileen - a dedicated fundraiser and volunteer walk leader

Volunteer walk leader, Aileen, from Rouken Glen Community Walk, has been fundraising for *Children in Need* for over four decades. Over the years, her efforts have grown from baking and selling cakes to her neighbours to walking with her family in tutus to raise funds. For the past three years, she has organised a special *Children in Need* walk with the Rouken Glen group, featuring memorable moments like a piper in 2023 and a choir in 2024. Her tireless efforts were recognised nationally in 2022 when she was awarded the *Sir Terry Wogan Fundraiser of the Year* award and in November 2024 Aileen raised over £1,000 by organising a walk around Rouken Glen pond, collecting money and setting up a donation page. Aileen's passion and dedication continue to inspire everyone around her and her outstanding contributions were further recognised in February 2025, when she was named *East Renfrewshire Volunteer of the Year*. This prestigious award acknowledges her unwavering commitment to both her local community and charitable causes.

# Strategic Priority 5: Older people and People with Long Term Conditions



The outcome we want is...

Older people and people with Long Term Conditions in East Renfrewshire are valued; their voices are heard and they enjoy full and positive lives

Our steps along the way to achieving this are...

Residents are safe and more socially connected within their communities (Fairer East Ren outcome)
Older people and people with Long Term Conditions stay as healthy as possible

Older people and people with Long Term Conditions live safely and independently in the community

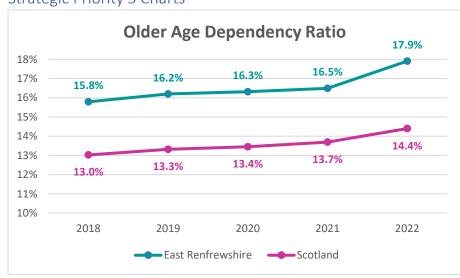
Carers are valued and can maintain their own health and wellbeing

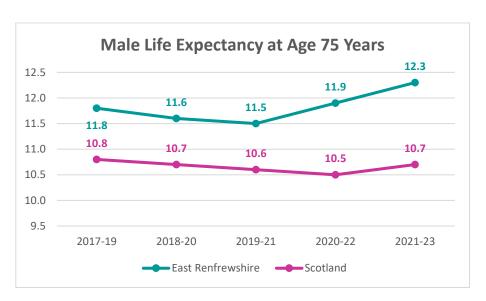
# Community Plan indicators

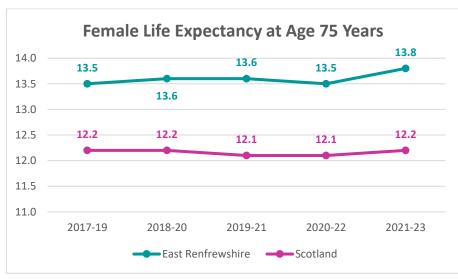
	Older People and People with Long Term Conditions											
Indicator	Rationale for inclusion	Aim to Maximise (♠) or Minimise (♥)	ERC Baseline	Previous data	Latest data	Direction of travel since last data update	ERC Performance against Scotland	Comments				
Older Age Dependency Ratio (Ratio of people aged 75+ to the working age population aged 16-64) (NRS Population Estimates)	Ratio of older people 75+ to the working age population (16-64). A rise in this ratio, coupled with the cost of care for older people, indicates that the CPP may have a greater challenge in providing care for its older population.		<b>15.8</b> (2018)	<b>16.5</b> (2021)	<b>17.9</b> (2022)	1		Ratio of older people 75+ to the working age population has shown a gradual increase since 2018. This is a national trend, but East Renfrewshire remains higher than the national average (14.4%).				
Male Life Expectancy at age 75 Years (NRS)	Provides an estimate of how many further years a 75-year-old male residing in East Renfrewshire today can expect to live. Based on mortality rates at the time.	1	<b>11.8</b> (2015-17)	<b>11.9</b> (2020-22)	<b>12.3</b> (2021-23)			Male life expectancy at age 75 has increased slightly. East Renfrewshire has a higher life expectancy rate at the same age than the Scottish average - 10.7 (2021-23).				

Female Life Expectancy at age 75 Years (NRS)	Provides an estimate of how many further years a 75 year old female residing in East Renfrewshire today can expect to live. Based on mortality rates at the time.	1	<b>13.1</b> (2015-17)	<b>13.5</b> (2020-22)	<b>13.8</b> (2021-23)			Female life expectancy at age 75 has increased slightly. East Renfrewshire has a higher life expectancy rate at the same age than the Scottish average - 12.2 (2021-23).
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## Strategic Priority 5 Charts

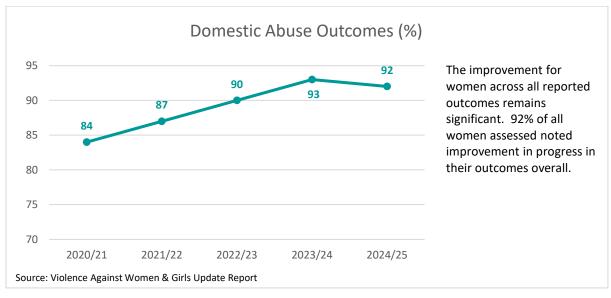


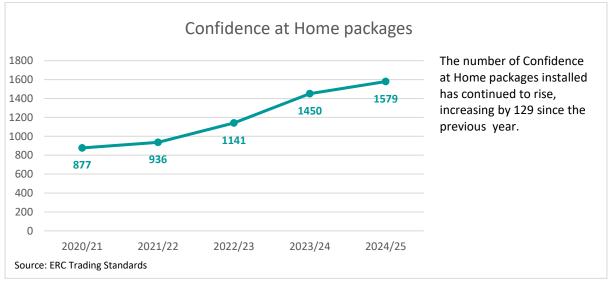


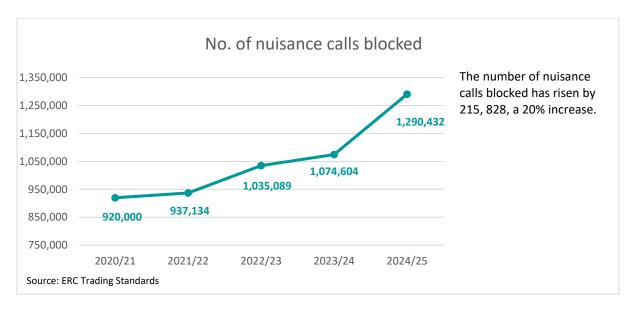


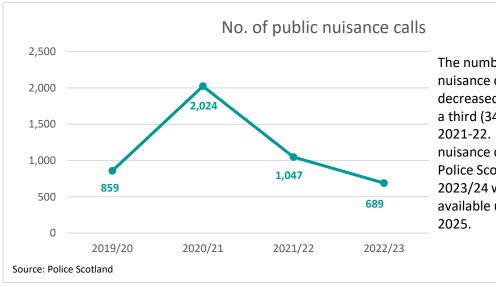
#### Fairer East Ren Progress

The five indicators below show how safe and more socially connected our residents feel within their communities. A total of 622 fire home safety visits were carried out between April 2024 and March 2025 during which fire and non-fire related risks were identified in residents' homes. In addition, a total of 1,245 scam prevention packs were distributed to residents providing them with valuable resources and information to help them feel safe.

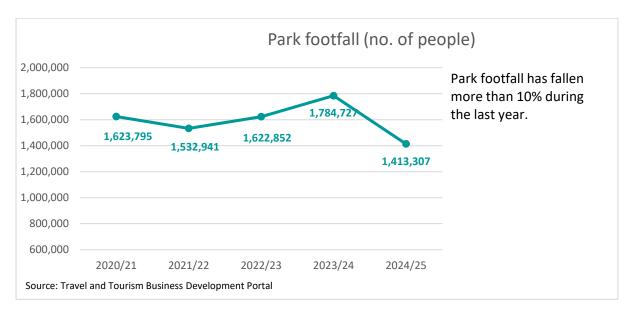








The number of public nuisance calls has decreased by more than a third (34.2%) since 2021-22. Public nuisance calls data from Police Scotland for 2023/24 will not be available until June 2025.



See how community planning partners have been working to keep our residents **safe** and **socially connected within their communities**:

#### • <u>92-year-old Fatima \*enjoying life again after a fall</u>

During assessment by the Community Rehabilitation team after a fall, Fatima's husband said he had noticed his wife was spending more time sitting rather than being up and about. Over six weeks, the team helped her to improve her strength, balance, mobility and confidence through a rehabilitation programme including exercise and nutrition advice to preserve her independence and ability to move safely and access outdoors. Fatima's husband also took part in the home exercises as he too was keen to keep himself as fit as possible. A Telecare community alarm was installed and referral was made to MART for income maximisation and advice. As neither of them had had a sight test for years, this was also arranged to reduce the risk of further falls.

#### • George \* struggling after stroke

George who is in his nineties was no longer able to participate in the activities he once enjoyed following a stroke, which was negatively impacting his mood. Suitable support options were explored following a needs assessment and George's son was provided with one-to-one and group information on Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland, local memories groups, mobility-friendly activities and local stroke support groups as well as the befriending services offered by Mearns Kirk Helping Hands.

# Locality Planning in Auchenback, Barrhead, Neilston and Thornliebank



Our Community Planning Partnership (CPP) continues to work to reduce the inequalities experienced by residents in those areas where outcomes in health, employment, education and experience of crime can be disproportionately poorer when compared with other areas of East Renfrewshire. These areas are Dunterlie, Arthurlie & Dovecothall (ADD2); Auchenback; Neilston and Thornliebank (Locality Planning Areas).

Throughout 2024-25 there have been a number of community engagement opportunities including public meetings, surveys and information sessions for residents to identify key priorities in their community. Progress in the development of refreshed locality plans varies across all four areas.

#### **Thornliebank**

Locality planning is led by *Thornliebank Together* who have undertaken a robust programme of community engagement to understand resident priorities for the area. To support local people to get involved, *Thornliebank Together* carried out online and paper surveys and held face-to-face drop-in events. Findings are currently being collated to identify local priorities and the results will be shared with the local community and partners when available.

#### Neilston

Following several local meetings and drop-in events, residents have worked alongside partners to respond to some of the priorities identified in the consultation process. This included the creation of

a local community directory providing information on the activities and groups which exist in the village. The Community Learning and Development (CLD) team will continue to engage with community members to identify next steps.

#### Arthurlie, Dunterlie and Dovecothall (ADD2)

The CLD team has held a number of public meetings and drop-in events to engage with residents across the ADD2 area. Unfortunately, these events have not been well attended. Work is currently underway to engage with a variety of community stakeholders to understand their aspirations for their community and how they wish to engage in this process. This will ensure they are central to the development of future plans.

#### Auchenback

Discussions are underway between Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC) and the CLD team to identify opportunities to work in partnership in the creation of a community-led place plan for Auchenback, thus shaping a broader locality plan for the area.

In June 2024, SCDC began a programme of support to help strengthen and improve local community engagement and participation. This was carried out via training workshops which explored the principles, standards, processes and methods that underpin good practice in community engagement.

Eight sessions took place between June 2024 and January 2025 and delivered to 88 participants across the Council. These covered:

- The key values and principles which underpin a good community engagement process and planning and evaluating engagement practice
- The policy landscape associated with engagement and available supporting resources including the National Standards for Community Engagement
- Community engagement methods, from social media to story dialogue
- The core principles of co-production, its position within engagement practices and its successful implementation.

The learning from these sessions will continue to inform how we engage and work with our localities across our community planning structures to support the development and delivery of locality plans that reflect the needs of each individual area.



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