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The impact of redundancies has been significant in the local economy over several decades, due initially to the demise of the deep mining industry in the southern area and, more recently, to the contraction of the manufacturing industry across East Ayrshire.

The Community Planning Partnership encourages the Scottish Government to consider additional support, such as the allocation of targeted resources, to address the significant challenges and the range of issues facing our manufacturing industry and its employees.

The following actions/commitments included in the Scottish Budget Spending Review of November 2007 will support the delivery of local outcomes (effective from 1 April 2008). Please note that these have not changed since our original submission was signed off on 2 July 2008.

National Outcome 1: We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe.

- transfer of the Business Gateway;
- freezing council tax rates in each local authority at 2007/08 levels – 3 years to 31 March 2011;
- phased introduction of the Small Business Bonus Scheme from April 2008 (full implementation in 2010/11);
- funding railtrack enhancements between Glasgow – Kilmarnock to enable half-hourly service; and
- funding railtrack enhancements for the Glasgow-Carlisle rail line.

National Outcome 2: We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people.

- taking forward the Skills Strategy, '*Skills for Scotland*' and ensuring that national training programmes are aligned to the needs of employers; and
- vocational education/skills – partnership working with colleges, local employers and others, to provide more school pupils with opportunities to experience vocational training.

National Outcome 3: We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation.

- further investment in the higher and further education sectors; and
- implementation of '*Skills for Scotland*': A Lifelong Skills Strategy for lifelong skills.

National Outcome 4: Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.

- improving the learning experience for children and young people by continuing the push to fund improved school fabric;
- providing finance to cut class sizes and enhancing the quality in teaching;
- delivering curriculum reform in schools through the 'Curriculum for Excellence' to improve literacy and numeracy;
- supporting the development of a flexible learning curriculum to ensure that suitable learning opportunities are available for all children and young people within schools and the community;
- providing resources to support lowest performing and disengaged pupils to raise their achievements; and
- promoting the delivery of vocational learning and qualifications, and providing opportunities for pupils to experience vocational learning.

National Outcome 5: Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed.

- improving the learning experience for children and young people by continuing the push to fund improved School and Nursery School fabric, and developing and delivering 'A Curriculum for Excellence';
- providing funding to improve early years provision with access to a teacher for every pre-school child and making substantial progress towards: a 50 per cent increase in pre-school entitlement for 3 and 4 year olds; maintaining pre-school provision at the new level of 475 hours per annum (equivalent to 38 weeks at 12 hours) in 2008/09 and 2009/10; increasing to 570 hours per annum (equivalent to 38 weeks at 15 hours) in August 2010;
- providing funding to reduce class sizes in P1 to P3 to a maximum of 18; and
- legislating and providing resources to extend the entitlement to free nutritious school meals to all school pupils of families in receipt of maximum child or working class tax credit by 2009; and further extending free school meals to all P1 to P3 pupils by 2010.

National Outcome 6: We live longer, healthier lives.

- funding additional measures to support people to stop smoking and reduce the risk of heart disease and lung cancer;
- introducing a prevention-based school dental service;
- further promotion of participation and excellence in sport; and
- investing in measures to reduce alcohol-related harm, and sensible and healthy consumption.

National Outcome 7: We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society.

- free personal care for the elderly – increasing current standard payments in line with inflation from April 2008;
- free school meals – currently being delivered to all P1 to P3 pupils in pilot areas until the end of the current academic year. Subject to necessary legislation being passed, entitlement to be extended to all primary and secondary pupils of families in receipt of maximum child tax credit and maximum working tax credit from 2009;

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- carers' support – progressing towards delivering 10,000 extra respite weeks per annum at home and in care homes;
- promoting maternal and infant nutrition, including breastfeeding programmes; and
- maintaining support for better sexual health services to reduce the number of unintended teenage pregnancies, sexually transmitted infections and terminations of pregnancy.

National Outcome 8: We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk.

- working with a range of delivery partners to identify and address the risks to children, young people and families;
- providing allowances for kinship carers and looked after children;
- developing a range of high quality learning, training and employment opportunities for young people embarking on adult life;
- increasing support for families on low income; and
- increasing provision to tackle domestic violence.

National Outcome 9: We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger.

- delivering an additional 1,000 police officers in our communities through increased recruitment, including an additional 500 police officers by 2011, improved retention and redeployment;
- increasing efforts to tackle violence by taking robust action on knife crime, alcohol fuelled violence and collective violence (gangs);
- tackling alcohol as key priority community safety activity, including reducing drink driving levels and increasing pricing disincentives for alcohol; and
- ensuring a swift and effective justice system.

National Outcome 10: We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need.

- increasing provision of rural and demand responsive bus services;
- funding the delivery of real time public transport infrastructure;
- funding rail track enhancement between Kilmarnock-Glasgow to provide a half hourly service;
- funding rail track enhancement for the Glasgow-Carlisle rail line; and
- investing in new and better housing, including in our most deprived communities.

National Outcome 11: We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.

- extending 'hate crime' legislation to protect people with disabilities and people from the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities;
- in partnership with local government, assisting people with disabilities and vulnerable people to live independently; and
- improving outcomes for frail older people and family carers by investing in care home quality, increasing free personal care payments and significantly extending respite and other carer support.

National Outcome 12: We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations.

- providing funding to enable habitat surveys of all local nature reserves and provisional wildlife sites in East Ayrshire; and
- providing additional funding for conservation of listed buildings, particularly within town centres.

National Outcome 13: We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity.

- promoting and protecting our natural assets, while investing in green tourism and renewable energy technologies; and
- supporting communities to explore and celebrate their local and national culture.

National Outcome 14: We reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production.

- funding the immediate roll-out of Local Footprints Project for all councils; and
- providing sufficient funding to continue the increase in local recycling rates.

National Outcome 15: Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs.

- providing appropriate levels of funding to invest in better services;
- delivering on the principles to streamline and integrate service delivery;
- working with local government to develop the new performance reporting system, which will over time replace a range of existing systems and provide transparent reporting to local communities as well as the Scottish Government;
- providing key data sets and statistical information at appropriate geographies to allow Community Planning Partners to measure performance in a consistent manner; and
- many of the 117 actions in 'Better Health Better Care' require to be developed further nationally with more specific actions to be delivered locally. HEAT targets and performance management systems will require to be developed further over time to reflect expectations of local partners in implementing the Action Plan.

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