

NLC Equality Outcome 8 – North Lanarkshire’s Places and Spaces

Proposed Outcome

Transforming North Lanarkshire through regeneration and investment to deliver places and spaces that are safe, vibrant, inclusive and accessible. Better serving the needs of different groups with protected characteristics through effective planning, design and development.

Equality Evidence/Reasoning

- Population projected to increase from 340,180 to 341,174 by 2028.
- In 2022, there were more females (51.4%) than males (48.6%) living in North Lanarkshire
- Between 2018 and 2028, the 0 to 15 age group is projected to see the largest percentage decrease (-9.8%) and the 75 and over age group is projected to see the largest percentage increase (+21.8%). In terms of size, however, 45 to 64 is projected to remain the largest age group.
- By 2037 the older population in North Lanarkshire will have increased by 68.4% from 2012
- In 2023, the most common age group of mothers in North Lanarkshire was 30 to 34 (993 births) the 40 and over age group has seen the largest percentage increase in births (+31.5%)
- 25.29% of people over the age of 16 are limited in their day-to-day activities either a little or a lot
- 29.9% of people are living with one or more long-term health conditions
- Many Asian women are prevented from walking alone due to fear of harassment and access to a car is perceived to be crucial for getting out and about
- Increase in recorded crime rates, crimes related to sexual crimes, anti-social behaviour, disorder
- Impact of population projections and demand for new supply of houses must support community regeneration and integration for all groups. Specific need for increased accessible and adaptable homes for older people and those with disabilities.
- Disabled access to the built environment including connections within and across place, the provision of inclusive play spaces for all ages and responding to the increase in neurodivergence in design of places and spaces.
- Effective planning across place investment to enable asylum seekers and refugees to integrate into the community.
- Supporting improved wellbeing through social prescription and inclusion as encouraged in the ‘well connected’ programme and associated concerns over accessibility, the provision of toilets for older people and availability of changing places available across the community
- Responding to the prevalence of and impact of trauma on people in our communities, and ensuring our places and spaces embed trauma design principles and better serve people
- Ensuring a more holistic approach to digital infrastructure and factoring digital inclusion into plans particularly for older people, those with disabilities and BAME people
- Recorded crime rates e.g. sexual violence, anti-social behaviour, serious crime and disorder and improving safety in the community for women, older people, BAME people
- Supporting improved health outcomes around Breastfeeding through physical regeneration to create better environments
- Usage of places/spaces/assets and the types of use based on shift in demand is changing, continue to involve people with lived experience in design processes across regeneration and investment programmes.

We would like to invite you / your organisation to comment on this proposed outcome by completing the questionnaire linked below, or you can access this via the QR Code.

The questionnaire will be ‘live’ until 20 December. We will then gather all views submitted and finalise our outcomes and related actions and measures before publishing in April 2025.

If you would like more information or would like to comment in a different way, then please email equality@northlan.gov.uk

Link to Questionnaire: <https://forms.office.com/e/pzNPMw8AS5>

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