

What is Participatory Budgeting?

Participatory Budgeting (PB) lets communities decide how to spend a small amount of the public budget.



Why should communities get involved?

PB is already helping 1,500 localities around the world achieve their aspirations and the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act wants Scotland's communities to be part of the local decision-making process.

What are the benefits of PB?

- PB lets communities take part in local democracy
- PB brings local people into the decision-making process
- PB helps local people connect
- PB gives local people influence in their community's outcomes
- PB is a great way to spend public money in a locally relevant way

Who would distribute the budget?

North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (NACPP), the Scottish Government and The Ayrshire Community Trust (TACT) will distribute the budget across each of North Ayrshire's six localities.

What are the six localities?

- Arran • Garnock Valley • Kilwinning • Irvine
- North Coast and Cumbraes • Three Towns

Will communities make budget decisions independently?

They will work with NACPP to make budget decisions that directly affect their locality.

How will the PB concept work?

Local residents decide which projects to fund through a small pot of public money. They will decide which projects can benefit their community and support their local priorities.

How will local residents get to hear about these projects?

Members of the community will submit an application form to the NACPP explaining what their project is about. Applications will then be shortlisted by the PB Steering Group and those on the shortlist will be invited to a local event where they can make a bid for funding. The maximum bid for funding is £700.

Where can I get an application form?

Call us on 01294 475900 or email: participatorybudgeting@north-ayrshire.gov.uk

How can I get involved?

North Ayrshire Council, TACT and the Scottish Government are piloting PB events in each of North Ayrshire's six localities. If you want to get involved in the pilot and make a bid for funding you should do so by using the contact details above.

