

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

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Summary of Community Planning Partnership Activity May – September 2014**Briefing Note by Executive Director (Education and Children's Services)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update Council on the activities of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) between May and September 2014.

1. Outcome Delivery Group Action Plans

At the Community Planning Partnership Board meeting on 23 May 2014, the Board considered and approved draft Outcome Delivery Plans from each of the four Outcome Delivery Groups (ODG). These are the annual action plans which set out the specific tasks and activities which each ODG will deliver to ensure progress against the strategic objectives and local priority outcomes in the Community Plan.

2. Community Planning Partnership Development Programme

In January 2014 the CPP Board approved a development programme for the CPP. The annual CPP Conference, 'Connecting, Creating Inspiring' took place on 30 April 2014 with keynote speakers including the Minister for Local Government and Planning and a strong focus on enhancing the existing strong partnership relationships and joint working between different CP partners. This event was followed by a leadership development day for the CPP Executive Officers Group on 2 May 2014. Development sessions for the remainder of 2014 will focus on joint resourcing arrangements (see below). The National Community Planning Conference, coordinated by Scottish Government, took place on 5 June 2014 with 4 representatives from Perth and Kinross CPP in attendance.

3. Community Empowerment

In line with governance changes to the CPP agreed in 2013, the CPP Community Empowerment Working Group (CEWG) was established in April 2014. The remit of the CEWG has previously been considered and approved by Council (13/333 refers). Membership comprises senior executive officers from key Community Planning partners and elected members. The CEWG has met three times over the summer of 2014 with an initial focus on how new ways of working collaboratively and with communities can be developed. Facilitated discussions enabled the CEWG to set its work in the wider context of new and emerging community engagement practice elsewhere, considering examples of international and national participatory structures. The CEWG reconvenes later in the autumn and will initiate a small number of action research projects to inform new ways of working with communities.

The CEWG will present a report on its work to date and recommendations for strengthening community engagement to the CPP Board in February 2015.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill was introduced to the Scottish Parliament in June 2014. The lead Parliamentary Committee (Local Government and Regeneration) and the Finance Committee issued calls for evidence earlier in the summer, to which the Council has responded. COSLA provided a joint response on behalf of local government to the content of the Financial Memorandum of the Bill.

4. CPP Board 5 September 2014

The Board considered and approved a proposed way forward on joint resourcing within Perth and Kinross, in line with expectations set out in the Scottish Government/COSLA national agreement on Joint Resourcing published in September 2013. The first step will be an externally facilitated workshop for CPPEOG members and ODG Chairs/Lead Officers in October 2014 to identify and agree the local outcomes/priority actions for which joint resourcing arrangements will initially be progressed. The CPP highlighted employability support and advice; Opportunities for All/16+ transitions support as areas that would benefit from reviewing joint resourcing arrangements. Consideration will also be given to specific localities where potential for stronger joint resourcing arrangements exists.

The CPP Board will be asked to approve the key areas for progressing joint resourcing on 28 November 2014. This will enable individual CP partners to build consideration of new joint resourcing arrangements into their budget planning and budget setting processes for 2015/16 onwards.

The Board also heard a presentation on the Local Development Plan which sets out the spatial strategy in response to projected population growth in Perth and Kinross over the next decade. The Board discussed the implications of significant growth and the impact on public sector services such as health and education and agreed that a workshop to consider these issues and the strategic response of the CPP in more detail should be held. This will be built into the forward CPP development programme.

5. Other activity

The Minister for Local Government and Planning has recently announced a package of support to promote participatory budgeting in Scotland including a training programme aimed at elected members and Council officers. The first phase of the training programme will take place in October 2014. The Council is hosting one of the national training events on 28 October with 5 members of the Community Empowerment Working Group attending. The CEWG will advise the CPP Board further on the PB approach following the training event.

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