

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

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Summary of Community Planning Partnership Activity
October – December 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 October and December 2014.

1. Outcome Delivery Group 6 Monthly Progress Reports

The Community Planning Partnership Board approved draft Outcome Delivery Plans from each of the four Outcome Delivery Groups (ODGs) in May 2014. Progress against Outcome Delivery Plans is to be reviewed every 6 months by the CPP Board, via the CPP Executive Officers Group (CPPEOG). The progress reports are intended to provide the CPP Board, CPPEOG and ODGs themselves with an opportunity to reflect on progress to date; responsiveness to new or changing issues which have emerged over the course of the year; and to identify where specific attention is required to overcome barriers or where longer term changes in strategic direction may be required.

The first 6 monthly ODG Progress Reports for May to October 2014 were considered and approved by the Community Planning Partnership Board meeting on 28 November 2014. Overall, progress against delivery of the Outcome Delivery Plans is on track, with some slippages and issues identified and action in place to address these. However, it was not considered that any changes in strategic direction or delivery are currently required. The Community Planning Policy Team will continue to monitor delivery progress on a six monthly basis and provide advice to CPPEOG and the CPP Board.

2. CPP Executive Officers Group: Joint Resourcing Workshop

In September 2014 the CPP Board considered and approved a proposed way forward on joint resourcing within Perth and Kinross. As a first step the CPP Board requested a workshop be held with CPPEOG members to identify and agree the local outcomes/priority actions for which joint resourcing arrangements should initially be progressed.

On 7 November 2014, CPPEOG members participated in a workshop aimed at identifying and agreeing the local priorities for joint resourcing arrangements in Perth and Kinross CPP. The CPPEOG explored possible priority actions using the criteria of; strategic fit with the Community Plan, defined scope, significant public spending, complex delivery landscape, and tackling inequalities between and within places and communities. The 3 inter-related priorities for joint resourcing identified and agreed by CCPEOG were:

workless households in Blairgowrie and Rattray; business growth and support (including business start-ups and social enterprises); and employer engagement.

The CPP Board approved these key areas for progressing joint resourcing on 28 November 2014, and requested CPPEOG take this forward through a scoping workshop in January 2015, aimed at developing/identifying a Joint Resourcing team, action plan, and required resources.

3. CPP Board 28 November 2014

The CPP Board considered the Perth and Kinross Annual Performance Report (and ODG 6 Monthly Progress Reports) providing an overview of how the Community Planning Partnership has performed during 2013/14 against the strategic objectives contained within the Community Plan/ Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2013-2023. The report highlighted key improvements and good practice delivered by services across the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) over the last year. The CPP Board discussed partners contribution to the Annual Performance Report and suggested further participatory work be undertaken with partners in collating the 2014/15 Report.

As highlighted above, the priority actions for joint resourcing arrangements in Perth and Kinross CPP were approved. This will enable individual Community Planning Partners to build consideration of new joint resourcing arrangements into their budget planning and budget setting processes for 2015/16 onwards.

The CPP Board were briefed on the development of the Place Based Model of Scrutiny Pilot, with the purpose to devise and assess a potential methodology for the evaluation and scrutiny of how community planning is operating at a local level. The pilot will focus on Eastern Perthshire, covering Alyth, Blairgowrie, Rattray and the Glens as well as Coupar Angus. The CPP Board was informed that CPPEOG will be asked to nominate members for the pilot team before the end of December 2014.

The final report from the Commission for Developing Scotland's Young Workforce ('Education Working for All') was published on 3 June 2014 and the CPP Board considered the Report's recommendations. The Board noted the significant work already underway in Perth and Kinross, and the need to consider where changes may be required to existing initiatives or new approaches required to address some of the recommendations.

The CPP Board heard an update on the new secondary school planned for Bertha Park, Perth. The Board considered the opportunities for community access and the need to consider services from Community Planning Partners, such as GP provision. The CPP Board requested that CPPEOG host a session on the school master plan, to consider the Community Planning response and positioning of resources/infrastructure to support the development.

The CPP Board also received for information a report outlining the key messages and learning points from the recently published Community Planning audits in West Lothian and Orkney.

4. Community Empowerment Working Group

The Community Empowerment Working Group (CEWG) held meetings on 17 November 2014 and 5 December 2014 to consider best practice and emerging community engagement practice at a national and international level. The November meeting considered specific case studies on; Participatory Budgeting in Durham, Vibrant Communities in East Ayrshire, South Perth Community Action Plan 2014-19, and the Stanley Care and Wellbeing Project. In December the Scottish Community Development Centre gave an overview of the community empowerment landscape in Scotland – and CEWG considered examples of community engagement, consultation and involvement in Aberdeenshire, Dundee, North Ayrshire, and Trondheim in Norway. The CEWG will next meet in January 2015 to agree values and principles and propose 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.

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