

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

13 May 2015

**Summary of Community Planning Partnership Activity
March – April 2015****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 March to April 2015

1. Joint Resourcing

The National Agreement on Joint Resourcing (JR) published in September 2013 specifies that CPPs should share budget and resource planning information at an early stage in the CPP decision making process. This is to ensure shared understanding of how total public spend across the CPP is best used to deliver the outcomes in the Community Plan. The national agreement sets expectations of all CPPs to develop JR arrangements. The 3 initial joint resourcing priorities approved by the Perth and Kinross CPP Board in November 2014 were; workless households in Blairgowrie and Rattray, support to local business growth, and employer engagement. Governance is via a small Working Group reporting to the CPP Executive Officer Group (CPPEOG) (with membership drawn from PKC, DWP, Perth College, PKAVS, Skills Development Scotland and Perth Citizens Advice Bureau).

A project plan has been prepared and approved for the project including the key outcomes expected. The key outcome will be an evidence based business case outlining the potential for realigning CP partner resources to best support people furthest from the job market into employment which will in turn impact on numbers of households in poverty in Eastern Perthshire. The CPP Board will receive a progress report on 5 June 2015, then a full business case to achieve the service transformations will be prepared for consideration of implications by all CP partners individually as well as by the CPP Board later in 2015.

2. Community Empowerment

In February 2015 the CPP Board approved a report and formal recommendations of the Community Empowerment Working Group (CEWG) for renewed approaches to community empowerment and participation across the CPP. An Action Plan has now been developed to implement these recommendations, including key workstreams on participatory budgeting, developing locality profiles ('Stories of Place' to inform how public resources are best aligned to deliver local needs and aspirations), and developing the public profile and communications for the CPP.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill completed Stage Two of its passage through the Scottish Parliament on 18 March 2015. It now moves into Stage 3 in late April/early May 2015, with Royal Assent expected by Summer 2015. An online resource with information about the Bill provisions for elected members will be available from early May and briefing sessions for elected members will take place in August 2015.

3. CPP Performance Management and Improvement

The CPP has strengthened the approach to Outcome Delivery Group (ODG) Progress Reporting and Outcome Delivery Plans (ODPs) following CPP Board approval of performance management improvement actions in February 2015, which in turn responded to the most recent national Audit Scotland report on Community Planning published in November 2015.

Outcome Delivery Plans for 2015/16 will be formally approved by the CPP Board on 5 June 2015.

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