

## PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

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## COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

**Report by Senior Depute Chief Executive (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform)**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide an update on the work of the Community Planning Partnership since the last update to Full Council in December 2015.

**1. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT (SCOTLAND) ACT 2015****1.1 Secondary Legislation**

Scottish Government is developing secondary legislation for for Parts 2, 3 and 5 of the Act (Community Planning, Participation Requests, and Asset Transfer, respectively). We expect drafts to be released for consultation by the end of February 2016.

**1.2 Asset Transfer**

A Working Group involving Perth & Kinross Council officers from all services has produced a draft policy on Community Asset Transfer, covering the transfer of ownership, lease, or other responsibility for land or buildings, from the Council to a Community Body as set out in the Community Empowerment Act. The focus is on making the process as straightforward as possible for communities who will be able to access advice and support through the Asset Transfer process from the Locality Teams. This policy will be amended in light of relevant secondary legislation.

**1.3 Locality Community Planning**

The Council and the CPP Board approved key principles for establishing Locality Community Planning Partnerships (LCPP) in November/December 2015 (reports [15/535](#) and [15/573 refer](#)), enabling implementation to start in early 2016.

Project documentation has been prepared setting out the key workstreams required to enable the shift to local Community Planning. This reflects improvement recommendations from recent Audit Scotland reports on Community Planning nationwide. There are 3 workstreams in place to support our initial approach which is focused on getting the key building blocks in place for LCPP to begin operating from April 2016.

- Governance workstream is working to establish core governance requirements for the LCPPs.
- Organisational Development workstream will develop the OD and leadership approaches required to support local Community Planning and give it the best possible start.
- Communications workstream is supporting communications with internal stakeholders – staff and elected members – to ensure clarity about the short and long term changes ahead, and supporting discussions about issues, risks and opportunities. As part of this workstream, the Modernising Governance Member-Officer Working Group (MOWG) received a presentation on 20 January and a workshop for Elected Members is scheduled for 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

To support the development of our LCPP arrangements and build knowledge and understanding of effective community empowerment, a programme of learning visits to Community Planning Partnerships in East Ayrshire, East Lothian, and County Durham has been arranged. Members of the Community Empowerment Working Group (CEWG) and Modernising Governance MOWG, along with the CPP Team, have been invited to attend.

## **2. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT WORKING GROUP**

### **2.1 Stories of Place**

Work continues to develop Stories of Place for the 5 localities, providing the evidence and intelligence base to develop 'Plans for Place' in each locality which will be delivered by Locality Teams. This work is closely linked with the Open Data Transformation Project which aims to make published data more transparent, more accessible and easier to use, both for services and members of the community. Accessible formats to ensure data and information is widely available to communities are being explored.

### **2.2 Joint Resourcing**

The first phase of the Joint Resourcing pilot focusing on long term unemployment in E Perthshire has concluded and recommendations were approved by the CPP Board. The next step is the implementation of the action plan in Blairgowrie and Rattray over the coming months to improve outcomes for those seeking employment and education / training. An update will be provided to the CPP Board on 10 June 2016.

### **2.3 Participatory Budgeting**

A Participatory Budgeting pilot is underway following receipt of Scottish Government funding in 2015. An event took place on 4 February for local groups supporting carers to bid for a share of £20,000 made available to support carers' needs across Perth and Kinross. Carers voted on the allocation of the funding and 15 projects received a share. Projects will start from 1 April 2016. The event was facilitated by HCC Planning and Policy Team, Adult Carers Team, PB Partners and the Community Planning and

Policy Team. Two full day training workshops have been hosted by Perth and Kinross CPP as part of the Scottish Government's support for other Councils wishing to adopt a Participatory Budgeting approach. Perth & Kinross recently secured an additional £10,000 from Scottish Government to enable additional Participatory Budgeting pilots with local communities in Tulloch and Coupar Angus.

### 3. OUTCOME DELIVERY GROUPS

#### 3.1 Performance Reporting

Outcome Delivery Groups' 6-monthly progress reports were discussed at CPPEOG and presented to CPP Board on 4 December 2015. There were no significant issues or challenges in relation to the delivery of the Outcome Delivery Plans. The CPP Team Leader will continue to co-ordinate the 6 Monthly Progress Reports with ODG Lead Officers. The next Progress Report will cover October to March 2016, for consideration by CPP Board June 2016.

CPP performance reporting is currently under review to ensure it remains fit for purpose following the implementation of Locality CPPs, the existence of the Integration Joint Board, and the requirements of the Community Justice Bill.

### 4. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION(S)

4.1 It is recommended that Council:

- (i) Notes the progress made in the above areas.
- (ii) Approves the approaches outlined within the report.

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