

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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TITLE OF REPORT	Community Planning Aberdeen – Update
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with a 6 month report on the activity of Community Planning Aberdeen.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Council is asked to:

- a) Consider the report and advise of any actions.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct implications arising from this report.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Community Planning and the delivery of improved outcomes as described in the Single Outcome Agreement is of major significance to the Council and the City.

## 5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

### **Community Planning Aberdeen Board**

#### Review of Single Outcome Agreement

At their meeting in October 2014, the Board held an annual review of progress across the priority Themes set out in the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA). In considering progress the Partnership's Board recognised that a review and revision of the SOA was required.

There are a number of drivers for this:-

1. A need to revisit / update data from the Partnership's strategic assessment (conducted in 2013) and provide analysis to recognise any changes in the national and local context;
2. A need to identify and assess emerging issues with strategic impact.  
E.g.
  - i. Health & Social Care Integration
  - ii. Community Justice Authority transfer to CPPs
  - iii. Community Empowerment Bill and Localism
3. A desire for fewer priorities which has been identified both by the Board and the National Steering Group on Community Planning; and
4. A concern that work plans, data and metrics are not sufficiently aligned to support the necessary improvement in priority outcomes.

The need to review the SOA was further discussed by the Partnership's Management Group in November, 2014. It was noted that when refreshed priorities are agreed there will also be the need to:-

- i. Amend the governance structure of the partnership on the basis of the reprioritisation; and
- ii. Review workplans, data and metrics to ensure these align to new priorities.

Discussions are ongoing on how the refresh of the SOA can be most effectively achieved.

#### Change to Membership

The Director for Public Health (NHSG) has now been added to the membership of the Board.

## Management Group

As well as the review of the SOA, the most recent meeting of the Management Group considered:-

- i. **Community Justice Redesign** - By 2016-17, responsibility for local strategic planning and delivery of community justice will transfer from Scotland's eight Community Justice Authorities (CJAs) to Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs). Whilst much detail is still being considered, at a national level, on how this transition will work, the Management Group agreed the officers to take actions forward, arrange and attend all necessary meetings and engage fully with the Partnership and other bodies to see through the change.
- ii. **Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP)** - Following on from the previous meeting, the Management Group heard from the ADP and agreed that they report directly to the Management Group rather than via the Health & Wellbeing Theme.
- iii. **Third Sector Interface and ACVO** - The Chief Executive of ACVO provided an update on their role and activity.
- iv. **Data Strategy** - As previously identified, availability of relevant data continues to be a priority for the Partnership and the Management Group considered a proposal to identify a lead officer to co-ordinate a data strategy. The Group agreed that to request the Head of Health Intelligence to present to a future meeting.
- v. **Community Empowerment Bill** - The Group noted the timeline for the Bill and that a Partnership group was being reviewed to co-ordinate responses.
- vi. **Neighbourhood Planning Update** - The Group agreed to request the Council's Head of Communities and Housing, once the structure within his service is confirmed, and discussion held with partners, to report back on firm proposals for progressing Neighbourhood Planning in the city including boundary and resourcing issues.
- vii. **Partnership Winter Readiness** - The Group discussed the development of a co-ordinated effort to prevent communities being adversely affected by winter.

## 6. IMPACT

The impact of this report is not likely to be significant, however, the impact of the Council's effective participation in Community Planning is of great significance.

## 7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Risk is integral to community planning. As stated above a risk assessment was carried out, and is included within the SOA, focusing on those risks which would impact on the effectiveness of the Partnership. The priorities within the SOA were identified following a strategic assessment which considered, broadly, the risk profile of each potential priority.

There are further opportunity risks for all partners which relate to investment (time, sharing, finance, non-financial resources) in the planning, design, delivery of services and initiatives where the potential rewards in terms of improved outcomes and reduced costs are significant, but uncertain. In making such investments partners, and the Partnership, needs to apply a risk based approach.

## 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Single Outcome Agreement

## 9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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