

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Council
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DIRECTOR	Pete Leonard
TITLE OF REPORT	Aberdeen Community Planning Developments
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CHECKLIST COMPLETED	Yes

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with a 6 month report on the developments by Community Planning Aberdeen.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

The Council is asked to:

a) Note the contents of the report and the actions being taken.

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

The agreed review and revision of the SOA has now begun and has been divided into 2 areas, the revision of the existing SOA Outcomes and the re-write of the SOA for 2016-2020

The revision of the existing SOA Outcomes:-

1. All thematic Groups were requested to review their existing Outcomes and the supporting metrics and report back to the Management Group with a robust and streamlined version for the existing SOA. These outcomes will be in use until the completion of the SAO re-write has completed
2. It was proposed that the Integrated Transport Multi-lateral Group be disbanded and work instead to support other groups in examining how they could contribute to outcome of the Thematic Groups. This will be discussed at the Community Planning Board Meeting on July 6th.

The re-write of the 2016 – 2020 SOA

With a background of fiscal austerity, and of review and change at a national level, evidence-based community planning will strongly influence the strategic direction of partnerships and the targeting of resources. The strategic assessment approach will form the basis of the refreshed Single Outcome Agreement and aims to allow the CPP to undertake evidence-based prioritisation and planning and better align service delivery and financial strategy. It will also take the changes in the National Performance Framework into account and acts as a forecasting tool, which can later form the basis of a Community Planning Partnership corporate risk register. The strategic assessment document and will be an important forecasting tool within the strategic process.

- i. The Business Case for a Community Planning Senior Analyst has been approved and is progressing through the HR channels towards recruitment.
This post will lead on the production of a new strategic assessment, revisit / update data from the Partnership's strategic assessment (conducted in 2013) and provide analysis to identify any changes in the national and local context
- ii. The concern that work plans, data and metrics were not sufficiently aligned to support the necessary improvements in priority outcomes is also being addressed through the creation of the Data Group. The Group will consist of researchers and analysts from across the partners and its remit will include:-
 - i. Assisting the Senior Analyst in delivery of the Strategic Assessment
 - ii. Clarifying, develop and determine data sources
 - iii. Creating joint working and data sharing practices and processes
 - iv. Working with Thematic Groups on the collection, analysis and reporting of Outcomes

Change to Membership

The Board is awaiting a new representative from the NHSG board. The Scottish Government Director for Aberdeen City CPP is now the Director for Fair Work.

Management Group

As well as the review of the SOA, the most recent meeting of the Management Group considered Due Reports from the following areas:-

- i. **Public Sector Workforce Pressures** –The Workforce Group Commissioned the Incomes Data Service to produce a report on the Labour Market in North East Scotland and also investigate the existence of evidence to support or negate a “weighting allowance” for public sector jobs. The report was received in March 2015 and the Group intend to meet to discuss the report and possible actions and then update Community Planning.
- ii. **Third Sector Interface and ACVO** - The Chief Executive of ACVO provided an update on the survey conducted at the end of 2014. The response was 33% across Partnerships and 6% across the Third Sector. As this low return was deemed to be unusable for constructing arguments or informed decision making a second survey will now be conducted. This will be done through face to face personal interviews with Partners and a focus group discussion for Third Sector organisations.
- iii. **Countesswells Place Group** – Minutes from the January 27th meeting of the Countesswells Place Group were provided to the CPAMG. These identified sub groups to be formed in the following areas:-
 - a. Digital Place Strategy
 - b. Health and Wellbeing
 - c. Affordable Housing + for key workers
 - d. Communication and Engagement Group
 - e. Broader Private sector involvement.

The Chair of the CPAMG. Angela Scott, was tasked to formally create the PLACE group within the CPP infrastructure and also provide updates to the CPP Board and Management Group to ensure partners are sighted on actions. This is now a standing item on the Community Planning Management Group agenda

- iv. **Aberdeen Civic Forum Review** – The Civic Forum review included details of the following: -
 - a. Voting membership
 - b. Increase of Communities of Interest
 - c. Terms of Office
 - d. Production of a 3 year strategic plan
 - e. Training events
 - f. Clearer communication between the forum and Community Planning Aberdeen

The Forum requested to give a further update in April 2016

Change to Membership

ACC Head of Economic Development and Growth is a new representative.

The Management Group are awaiting a representative from NHS Public Health

Skills Development Scotland have a place at the Management Group table and are represented by the Director of Operations

The Group are reviewing the metrics for 2014/2015 SOA and as part of that work the structure and membership will be considered and reported to a future meeting of the CPA Board for consideration.

6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Scottish Parliament Audit Committee – Turning Ambition into Action

On January 21st 2015, Cllr Jenny Laing (Chair of Community Planning Aberdeen Board), Adrian Watson (Representing Police Scotland) and Susan Webb (representing NHS) attended the Scottish Audit Committee to answer questions on behalf of the Community Planning Partnership. The Turning Ambition into Action report was used as a basis for the Audit Committee session. The main line of questioning revolved around the pace of change, blockages to sharing resources and budget allocation and also the requirement for a greater focus on preventative measures. A particular area of questioning focussed on discussion on a statement from the report “CPP boards are not yet fulfilling their role effectively. Strategic leadership, oversight and challenge still tend to be happening at a level, or at levels, below the CPP board. Many boards are overseeing the community planning process but are not showing leadership”.

Parliament did accept that in regards to Aberdeen City CPP that a turnover of leadership had constrained progress; particularly in relation to the strategic direction of community planning

Based on the Audit Committee’s main feedback for Aberdeen CPP the following areas of development were identified:-

- i. the need for greater accountability in the community planning process
- ii. the need for development of clear objectives for staff at all partner organisations;
- iii. the requirement for all partners to set aside senior resource to provide greater leadership and clarity in strategic direction and provide greater input towards the 2016 refresh.

- iv. The need to improve accountability and the effectiveness of CPP's

These will be considered and may influence the direction of the new SOA with regards to an increased focus on preventative spend and measures.

Participatory Budgeting

The Community Planning Partnership have secured training from PB Partners, which has been subsidised by Scottish Government. This will allow the Partnership to begin scoping and building a community based PB event which will be funded across the Partners. The ethos of this type event sits alongside that of the Community Empowerment Bill and the Localism agenda.

7. IMPACT

The impact of this report is not likely to be significant as it is an update on activities being carried out in Community Planning, however, the impact of the Council's effective participation in Community Planning is of great significance.

Public – As this report is about Community Planning it will be of interest to the public however all of the information in this document is recorded and available on the Community Planning Website in the Management Group and Board minutes.

There is no request to approve a new or revised policy or practice. .

8. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Risk is integral to community planning. As stated above, we are reviewing the Single Outcome Agreement and this will be built on an evidence led business model, a risk assessment will be carried out as part of the strategic assessment and will be included within the SOA. The Community Planning Partnership focus on those risks which would impact on the effectiveness of the Partnership.

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.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Single Outcome Agreement

10. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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