
Area Community Planning Groups

1.0 Purpose

This paper presents key matters arising during the Area Community Planning Group round of meetings in February 2016 for consideration by the CPP Management Committee.

2.0 Recommendations

The Management Committee is asked to:

- (a) Note the Highlights and Key Issues under 4.0 and 4.1.
- (b) The Management Committee should action an appropriate response to the points raised in 4.2 which are to:
 - Consider the role Third Sector (Including Sport) Organisations play in achieving progress towards outcomes detailed within the SOA and the issues faced with regards to funding and staffing.
 - Consider the issues raised by the breadth of education required to be provided by geographically remote secondary schools (mainland as well as island) and the staffing difficulties faced in relation to service provision in remote rural areas and remote small towns.
 - Consider the potential links that could be developed between the Locality Groups mentioned in the Health and Social Care Integration report and the Area CPGs.
 - Consider the problems caused in respect of road closure arrangements in the Oban area in the aftermath of road accidents and in particular of the implications for the 500 pupils who travel by bus to and from school on a daily basis.
 - Consider the inclusion of the Scottish Ambulance Service and Visit Scotland as active partners within Community Planning structures and processes at both strategic and local level.

3.0 Background

There are four Area Community Planning Groups, one in each of the Council's administrative areas (But and Cowal, Mid Argyll Kintyre and Islay, Helensburgh and Lomond and Oban Lorn and the Isles)

Area Community Planning Groups meet quarterly to discuss issues of importance at a local level relevant to the delivery of the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA).

The February meetings focused on Outcome 3 (Education, Skills and Training Maximises Opportunities for All) and Outcome 4 (Children and Young People Have the Best Possible Start).

4.0 Highlights

The following points were consistent to more than one meeting:

- It was noted that there were potential links that could be developed between the Locality Groups mentioned in the Health and Social Care Integration report and the Area CPGs.
- It was noted that the revised SOA delivery plans will be brought to the May round of meetings of the Area Community Planning Group and that the revision of the SOA: Local will commence thereafter.
- There was general agreement that the revised Terms of Reference and working arrangements were working well. A few minor amendments to the Terms of Reference were proposed:
 - a) To change the circulation of meeting papers to read 7 days in advance of the meeting in line with current practice (currently reads 14 days)
 - b) To amend the procedure relating to election of chair and vice chair to include the procedure which should be followed if either the chair or vice chair resigns their position during their term of office. The bullet point to be added reads as follows :
 - Should either the Chair or Vice Chair resign their position during their term of office, the office bearer must either notify the group in person at a scheduled Area CPG meeting or contact the chair in writing advising formally of their intention to stand down. Members will be advised of the resignation timeously and an election to fill the vacant post will be conducted at the next scheduled Area CPG meeting.

Highlights from specific meetings were as follows:

Bute & Cowal

- The group benefitted from an informative presentation regarding the activities of HELP, a local charitable company which works with young people within the area and their main goals and achievements to date
- The group noted the contents of Management Committee Update report and requested that:
 - a) The Scottish Ambulance service be encouraged to become active partners in Community Planning at both strategic and local level.
 - b) Visit Scotland be encouraged to become active partners in Community Planning at both strategic and local level.
 - c) Helen Dick of the Argyll and the Isles Tourism Cooperative Ltd be invited to join the Bute and Cowal CPG.
 - d) The pupil councils of both Dunoon Grammar School and Rothesay Academy be invited to nominate representatives to sit on the Bute and Cowal CPG.
- Concerns were raised regarding the level of Scottish Water's participation with the group. It was noted that the CPP Management Committee would engage with Scottish Water to provide representation to the meetings.
- The group asked that all reports to CPGs have a direct link to SOA Outcomes, outlining how topics are delivering on outcomes, progress to date and key actions and timescales for the future.

Mid Argyll, Kintyre and Islay

- There was discussion around encouraging youth involvement in future meetings and it was agreed to issue invites to the Argyll and Bute Youth Forum and work with the Council's Area Education Officer to create a timetable for attendance for representatives from local schools dependant on the area in which the meeting is being held.
- There was discussion relating to the successes highlighted in the Education Standards and Quality report with regards to positive destinations post school, the active play and book bug sessions and the second language initiative which included a discussion around Gaelic.
- The group received an informative presentation from the Kintyre Youth Enquiry Services relating to its activities within the area highlighting how sport has the power to contribute to relationship building and improving health as well as discussing the job club; life skills class and the thematic drop-in sessions all on offer through the service.
- The Kintyre Youth Cafe, incorporating Kintyre Young Carers' Project also

attended the meeting and gave information on the “Choices for Life” project currently being taken forward by the group in partnership with Police Scotland, Education, Health, Young Scot and Youth Services.

- The group also considered a report on air travel issues between Islay and Glasgow and requested that Loganair be invited to the next meeting of the ACPG meeting in May to facilitate further discussion on air fares, service issues and the Patient Transport Scheme. They also requested that NHS Highland be invited to the May meeting to discuss the review of the Patient Transport Scheme.
- There were significant and ongoing difficulties with the IT infrastructure supporting the MAKI meeting, such that participants at both Kilmory and Islay service point left the meeting after agenda item 5. All participants expressed their frustration at these difficulties and agreed that future meetings would only take place by VC where the infrastructure was provided by one partner, ie all meetings will VC either across all NHS sites, or all Council sites, since it has been the experience of the MAKI group that systems do not appear able to sustain service across differing partner infrastructure systems.

Helensburgh & Lomond

- The Chair advised that it was his intention to stand down with effect from August 2016 and added that this would provide an opportunity for other Partners of the group to take the Chair. He reiterated the need for the Group to continue with close scrutiny of reports and with the good work being undertaken.
- The group benefitted from an informative presentation from the Helensburgh Cricket and Rugby Club regarding its youth development activities and innovative approach to linking with other projects in the area such as a music based initiative.
- The group heard an update and presentation on the work currently being undertaken by Route 81. As well as the positive work being undertaken by the organisation, the financial difficulties faced by the group were also discussed. It was noted that the organisation filled a gap in service provision locally and the group advised that the Board should instigate contact with Argyll and Bute Council for further advice on their financial difficulties.
- There was general interest in the potential economic benefits of Gaelic mentioned in the Education Standards and Quality report and a request that further information on the economic benefits of those activities within the Helensburgh and Lomond area be provided to the group.

Oban, Lorn and the Isles

- The group heard an informative presentation regarding Post 16 Educational Development and Opportunities at Oban High School and requested that the Area Governance Manager update the Management Committee of discussions in relation to the positive destinations of school leavers; the breadth of education attained at Oban High School and the staffing difficulties faced in relation to Scottish Government policies, given the unique position of Oban High School within the rural area.
- Oban Community Play Park gave a presentation on the partnership working with Argyll and Bute Council and Atlantis Community Leisure and the key achievements and challenges the charity had faced while taking forward a five year partnership project to create a new play playpark in Oban. There was general discussion around the challenges faced and advice on particular aspects was given by Area CPG members.
- Members were pleased to note that the concern previously raised in respect of the focus of the Health and Social Care Integration had been addressed with recognition being afforded to Lorn and the Isles as well as Oban.
- Transport issues were also discussed with Oban Community Council advising of a consultation between Network Rail and Scottish Rail which had come to their attention but which had not been widely promoted in the local area and discussion took place in respect of road closure arrangements in the Oban area in the aftermath of road accidents and in particular of the implications for the 500 pupils who travel by bus to and from school on a daily basis.

4.1 Key Issues

- Funding issues faced by Third sector organisations providing support to vulnerable young people and sports organisations using sport development as a tool to encourage the social development of young people and the wider community may limit their ability to continue to fill local gaps in service delivery.
- The breadth of education required to be provided by geographically remote secondary schools and the staffing difficulties faced in relation to service provision is challenging.
- The OLI Group asked that the Management committee consider the problems caused in respect of road closure arrangements in the Oban area in the aftermath of road accidents and in particular of the implications for the 500 pupils who travel by bus to and from school on a daily basis.

4.2 Further Actions

- Consideration of the role Third Sector (Including Sport) Organisations play in achieving progress towards outcomes detailed within the SOA and the issues faced with regards to funding and staffing.
- Consideration of the issues raised by the breadth of education required to be provided by geographically remote secondary schools (mainland as well as island) and the staffing difficulties faced in relation to service provision in remote rural areas and remote small towns.
- Consideration of the potential links that could be developed between the Locality Groups mentioned in the Health and Social Care Integration report and the Area CPGs.
- Consideration of the problems caused in respect of road closure arrangements in the Oban area in the aftermath of road accidents and in particular of the implications for the 500 pupils who travel by bus to and from school on a daily basis.
- Consideration of inclusion of the Scottish Ambulance Service and Visit Scotland as active partners within Community Planning structures and processes at both strategic and local level.

5.0 Implications

Strategic Implications	The February 2016 Area Community Planning Group meetings focussed on Outcome 3 and Outcome 4 with cross linkages to all other outcomes
Consultations	No prior circulation of this report. ACPGs chairs were advised of key points which would be raised in this highlight report.
Resources	No direct resource implications however consideration of the issues raised and following courses of action may have a knock on effect on finance and/or people.
Prevention	The report highlights financial challenges faced by Third Sector organisations within the area in a timely manner.
Equalities	The report highlights issues relating to equality of

access to a breadth of education.

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References

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Appendices

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