

UPDATE ON CPP PRIORITIES

REPORT FROM THEME GROUP 1: PROMOTING HEALTH & WELL-BEING

(Report submitted to the Management Committee on 9 February 2005)

At the last meeting of the Management Committee we reported that the Theme Group had organised a workshop to publicise the range of information that is available to help inform the planning for health improvement through national data on constituency profiles and the report of the local Director of Public Health. The workshop also looked at the links to Regeneration Agreements and the imminent introduction of Community Health Partnerships in the NHS. I attach the evaluation report arising from the workshop that we will issue to all those who attended or showed interest. This report also sets out the programme of local planning that will emanate from the workshop

We also reported on a successful workshop that was held in November where members of the Theme Group and others involved in health improvement activity heard about a performance measurement tool (LEAP), which could be used to monitor the activity set out the Joint Health Improvement Plan. We have used this tool in revising the Joint Health Improvement Plan.

I attach the revised draft JHIP that was considered by the Health & Well-being Theme Group at its meeting on 31 January. Members of the Management Committee might want to comment on this. We would hope that, with the agreement of the Management Committee, we can present this to the Community Planning Partnership at its meeting in March.

The Health & Well-being Theme Group applied to CoSLA for a grant under the Health Improvement Learning Zone initiative. We have subsequently learned that DRIVESafe was successful and CoSLA has awarded a grant to the Steering Group to develop resource materials for distribution to other Community Planning Partnerships who may wish to replicate the work undertaken by our group. DRIVESafe has also been entered in the Health Improvement category of the CoSLA Excellence Awards 2005.

GAVIN BROWN
CHAIR, HEALTH & WELL-BEING THEME GROUP
1 February 2005

PLANNING THE LINKS – MONDAY 6 DECEMBER 2004

EVALUATION

1. A total of 40 people attended (list attached).
2. Some 22 evaluation forms were returned:

14 agreed that the event had helped “a great deal” to understanding of community planning
7 agreed that the event had helped “a little”
1 did not express a view at all

Those parts of the programme, which were new to participants, were as follows:

Constituency Profiles	9
Regeneration Outcome Agreement	10
Annual Report	9
Joint Health Improvement Plan	2
None of the above	1
All of the above	1

3. All 22 thought it would be useful to have similar events in future.
4. Many of the individual comments were complimentary – about the event or the speakers. The individual comments were as follows.

General

“Helpful to see the possibility for greater co-operation over health issues.”

Aware of the reports “in a general way” but focusing on Argyll & Bute was particularly helpful.

“Like the man said you need to get it over to the man in the street”

“Hope the money is put to best use.”

“Argyll & Bute is a huge area and it is difficult for everyone to co-ordinate and know local and strategic developments. ”

“Less Groups meeting might help. Perhaps a central website with all organisations mapping what they do would help.”

“Was aware of Community Planning process but this affords the opportunity, through health statistics to focus our activities on specific issues of merit to Argyll & Bute Council and NHS Argyll & Clyde.”

“Realising how vast this task is.”

Improving Future Events

“Focus on what we have achieved section.”

“Solutions/Options Workshop on objectives.”

“Link strategic to local and operational.”

“In addition to statistics, information about local activities e.g. Healthy Living Initiatives, Dialogue Youth, Choose Life. To create the engagement and enhance wellbeing of Argyll & Bute. This is very important - relying on statistics can be misleading and detracting.”

“Some of the presentations did not photocopy well. Could have the presentation slides on a website to access.”

“Annual updates.”

“Use speaker systems.”

“Bit more time”. (More than one participant made this comment).

“A wider participation from key partners in groups. How? May be more and smaller events in areas.”

“Might be useful to have some focus on minority groups as specific issues related to the. They often get lost in the general statistics/profiles etc.”

"I think we should not be afraid of talking up the positives and what is good about the area where we live and the vast improvements that have already taken place."

"When new guidance in early years on integrated strategy is obtained from Scottish Executive a presentation to the main Childcare Partnership would be welcomed."

"Very useful from a statistical point of view but how about a laymen's event for local people."

"More discussion on links and how to make them effective."

"Opportunities for joint working and resources which may be available could focus workshops on specific areas (health, environment, social inclusion etc.)."

"Workshop on how to tackle specific Public Health issues on the ground."

"Central events are good. More local events to reach staff."

NEXT STEPS

To progress the good work resulting from the seminar a series of Locality Development Days are being held in early February. These days are for all agencies involved in health improvement in each of the areas in Argyll and Bute. They are an important opportunity to ensure that all of the issues identified for our communities are addressed and that partnership work in relation to health improvement is incorporated into the Joint Health Improvement Plan. Each area of Argyll and Bute will produce a local action plan for health improvement, which will be incorporated into the JHIP, as an outcome of the Development Day. Workshops will take place on the following dates:

Monday 31 January, Helensburgh	1:30 pm, Kirkmichael Centre, Townhead Road, Helensburgh
Tuesday 1 February, Islay	10 am, Service Point, Bowmore
Wednesday 2 February, Mid Argyll	10 am, Community Education Centre, Manse Brae, Lochgilphead
Monday 7 February, Kintyre	1 pm, Community Centre, Campbeltown
Wednesday 9 February, North Argyll	10 am, Lecture Theatre, Lorn and Islands Hospital, Oban
Thursday 10 February, Cowal	2 pm, Edward Street Community Centre, Dunoon
Friday 11 February, Bute	10 am, Moat Centre, Rothesay

ATTENDANCE LIST

Brian Barker	Alison MacKenzie
Angela Brown	Donnie McMillan
D. Cameron	Lucy McQuillan
D. Carson	Bruce Marshall
Rory Colville	Lynne Merrylees
George Freeman	Peter Minshall
Lynn Garrett	Alan Morrison
Liz Goodall	Carol Muir
Alison Guest	Moirra Newiss
Gary Haldane	Patricia Renfrew
Marie Harrower	Fiona Semple
Jan Henderson	Isobel Strong
Alex Honeyman	Pat Tyrrell
Erik Jespersen	Sheila Walker
Maggie Lachlan	Cindy Wallis
Alan Macaskill	Stephen Whiston
A. McCalym	Bruce White
Jim McCrossan	John White
Alistair McDonald	

**REPORT FROM THEME GROUP 2:
IMPROVING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LEARNING, EMPLOYMENT & SKILLS DEVELOPMENT**

(Report submitted to the Management Committee on 9 February 2005)

The CPP Theme Two group met in December and there was a January LEF meeting.

The working group set up after the October T2G workshop identified the following points:

- There was a blurring of strategic and operational issues
- There was a need for closer working relationships with LEF
- There was a need for a more practical focus on strategic priorities in the LEF strategy.

Subsequently in the revised/refreshed Smart Successful Scotland (the Scottish Executives economic strategy) there is explicit mention that the LEFs will deliver the economic dimension of CPP.

At the December meeting of the Theme Two Group it was agreed that some sort of merger/amalgamation of the two groups (CPP T2G & LEF) should take place as both groups covered similar ground.

Also at the Theme Two meeting:

- The action plans were reviewed and some items closed, some passed to LEF and one passed to Theme Three group.
- A reporting function to CPP by the LEF was proposed.
- It was suggested that membership of the LEF should be increased.

At the January meeting of the LEF this proposal was broadly welcomed as it reduced the number of meetings. The idea that many initiatives would be pursued via short life groups was welcomed and seen as the best way of working. This idea was discussed at the LEF seminar in December and received wide acceptance as a way forward for action.

The issue of membership/attendance at LEF meetings was debated at some length and it was agreed that there would be a review of membership, perhaps establishing a core group and inviting others, as appropriate, for the topics under debate. A paper "What are we trying to achieve" was to be prepared for the next meeting. This would:

- Identify where there are gaps
- Suggest methods of:
- Disseminating routine facts
- Details of hot issues (problems/solutions)

If there is an issue that could be brought to the attention of the LEF, perhaps because you are looking for advice to increase impact, wish to consult businesses, or involve other bodies that you are not already in contact with to achieve some sort of impact, etc. this may be done via me.

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27 January 2005

**REPORT FROM THEME GROUP 3:
SUSTAINING AND DEVELOPING OUR COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

(Report submitted to the Management Committee on 9 February 2005)

1. The Third Theme Group meeting was held on Wednesday 26 January 2005 and fourteen people were in attendance.
2. Malcolm MacFadyen, Head of Planning and Performance, Community Services gave a presentation on the Local Housing Strategy. The presentation was extremely informative and useful to the members of the group and a question and answer session followed which emphasised the links the Housing Strategy has with the work of a wide range of CPP partners.
3. An update on the ROA was provided which confirmed that Communities Scotland will meet with a number of staff involved in the completion of the ROA to discuss details before it is signed off by the Executive. However, it was confirmed that the document has met with a very positive response and Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership did not require the extensions of time which have been given across Scotland in order to finalise the document.
4. Lolita also gave an update on the present position of the Bute and Cowal Pilot and on the end of the work of the Second Theme Group.
5. Membership – It was agreed that Lolita and Donald would review the membership of the group within the next two weeks and then pass out to all attendees a proposed new list for consideration. It was agreed that where there are gaps in attendances from key partner organisations, the Chair would write out to these organisations inviting them to participate in the Third Theme Group.

Pat Logan and David Dowie expressed concern that the Management Committee had taken the decision not to aspire for a long term target of 50% representation from community representatives on the Community Planning Partnership. However, Brian Barker confirmed that this was the decision of the last Management Committee and it was noted that their concerns would be passed on to the Management Committee.

It was agreed that Peter Minshall and Jennifer Swanson would be invited along from the Argyll and Bute Advice Network to the Theme Group and it was also agreed that the Citizens' Advice Bureau would be welcome to attend a future meeting to give a presentation on their work.

It was agreed that the Action Plan would be reviewed every six months as discussed at the previous meeting.

A local issue regarding a housing project in Helensburgh was raised by Morven Short, Dunbritton Housing Association and she was advised that this matter should be taken up through the appropriate channels of the local Council Area Committee and through the Housing Strategy if there was a difficulty. It was the general agreement of the group that project matters like this were not under the locus of the Strategic Theme Group and should be dealt with through available local channels. Not all members of the group were in agreement with this.

6. Brian confirmed that the Community Planning Partnership's new look website would be in operation from February this year.

Donald MacVicar
Chair, Third Theme Group

27th January 2005