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**Title: Community Resilience and Co-Production**

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## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to highlight the key themes of different policy documents on community resilience, capacity building and co-production and consider ways of taking this forward in the CPP. The CPP is asked to approve that a Community Resilience and Co-Production conference be held in November 2012.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That a conference is held in November 2012 on Community Resilience and Co-production.
- 2.2 That links are made with the co-production awareness raising work being currently undertaken by Argyll Voluntary Action.
- 2.3 That further information, awareness and learning is cascaded through various channels including workshops and roadshows
- 2.4 That the community resilience and co-production agenda is raised with the Local Area Community Planning Groups

## **3. BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 There is now no shortage of policies or reports setting out the rationale and evidence and exhorting partnerships and/or public sector organisations to progress this agenda.
- 3.2 The National Outcome underpinning this strategic direction is: ***We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others.*** People are more likely to live fulfilling lives and realise their social and economic potential in strong, resilient and supportive communities. Communities that are tolerant, and where people support each other, provide a better quality of life. They allow a greater proportion of people to contribute to a growing economy, lead healthier, more independent lives and live in a more sustainable way, that is also better for the environment. Being part of a strong community gives us the support we need locally. It minimises crime, antisocial behaviour and their inherent social and economic costs. And it allows us to bring

up our young people to be successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens.

- 3.3** The Scottish Government's response to the Christie Commission<sup>1</sup> announced a decisive shift towards prevention confirmed by the Spending Review 2011. They reasoned that to ensure future sustainability of Scotland's public services, prevention and early intervention are essential if we are to tackle persistent inequalities in society, ease future demand, and reduce the costs associated with negative outcomes. We have an opportunity with the three Change Funds focussing on: adult social care; early years; and reoffending, but also importantly with our mainstream services and budgets, to enable work across boundaries to secure shift in our local area. The work on older people has already been nationally recognised.
- 3.4** The Review of Community Planning and Single Outcome Agreements Statement of Ambition<sup>2</sup> states, 'Communities have high expectations of public services and have a key role to play in helping to shape and co-produce better outcomes within their communities. If community planning partnerships are to unlock that potential, their foundations must be built on a strong understanding of their communities, and provide genuine opportunities to consult, engage and involve them. CPPs must be able to engage closely with the needs and aspirations of their communities, within the context of local and national democratic control...' The common elements to address prevention and early intervention across the Change Funds and our mainstream work are: building community resilience, building community capacity, and co-production.

## **4. DETAIL**

- 4.1** Work within the Health and Wellbeing Partnership (formerly Health Improvement Planning and Performance Group) and its seven local networks builds community capacity and resilience through its focus on health improvement targets. The Third Sector and Communities Group contribute to this through emphasis on social enterprise and good community engagement. Delivery of work by the Council's Community Learning and Development Department supports both individuals and communities to enhance their skills, confidence, self esteem and resilience. This ensures those barriers to achieving better life chances are identified, understood and overcome, helping communities to deliver practical and policy solutions. This type of work was highlighted as crucial in the Scottish Government Strategic Guidance for Community Planning Partnerships: Community Learning and Development. The Argyll and Bute Local Services Initiative (ABLSI)

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<sup>1</sup> Christie Commission Final Report <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/352649/0118638.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> The Review of Community Planning and Single Outcome Agreements: Statement of Ambition <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0038/00389822.doc>

project has also contributed to co-production in its work, in particular with Children and Families, and has plans to highlight this work at an event in October 2012. The work of this project has been detailed in previous CPP reports.

**4.2** Thus we can see that there is activity on this already. It would be improved by a strategic context and work that identifies gaps and duplication. Representatives of NHS, Reshaping Care for Older People Programme Board, Third Sector Partnership, and Council's Community Learning and Development met and discussed these issues within the context of a co-production approach across public, third and private sectors. The following recommendations were agreed:

- That an initial conference bringing together lead officers of public sector, private and third sector is held in November 2012, and that this work connects with that being undertaken by the Argyll and Bute Local Services Initiative (ABLSI) project, to maximise resources and ensure co-ordination of activities. The conference has the purpose of:
  - Raising awareness, and considering ways of working together strategically to progress the community resilience and co-production agenda
  - Showcasing local case studies
  - Generating ideas of how best to develop locally
  - Presenting findings to the CPP Management Committee

## **5. CONCLUSION**

**5.1** The adoption of a co-ordinated approach to developing and supporting community resilience and co-production by CPP partners will ensure a greater opportunity for success.

## **6 IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1** Policy – Fits with Scottish Government policies
- 6.2** Financial - This work would be resourced jointly through the Reshaping Care Programme, NHS and Argyll Voluntary Action
- 6.3** Legal - None
- 6.4** HR - Staff time from partners for preparation and attendance
- 6.5** Equalities - None
- 6.6** Risk - None

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