
Title: Scottish Government review of Community Planning and Single Outcome Agreements

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** This report updates the Management Committee on the progress to date of the review and of the national group established to implement and communicate the vision. It also provides an update on the establishment of the Project Board set up to oversee implementation of the proposals arising from the review

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1** That the Management Committee notes the content of this report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The Christie Commission on the future delivery of public services was tasked with looking for solutions and produced its report in June 2011. As part of the Government's response to Christie it agreed to undertake a review of Community Planning.
- 3.2** In March 2012, following that review, the Scottish Government and COSLA published a shared Statement of Ambition. This put Community Planning at the heart of an outcome based approach to public services in Scotland and made clear that effective community planning arrangements will be at the core of public service reform.

The Statement of Ambition can be found at-
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/local-government/CP/soa>

- 3.3** Work to produce detailed proposals for change based on the Statement of Ambition is now underway and a letter setting out next steps was circulated to Community Planning Partners on 10 May.
- 3.4** The review recognised that coordination and collaboration at the national level has an important role in bringing partners together to deliver the Statement of Ambition locally.
- 3.5** A National Group has therefore been established to play a pivotal role in implementing and communicating the overarching vision for community planning and Single Outcome Agreements, identifying and addressing issues that have a national dimension and building the skills and capacity of partnerships.
- 3.6** The Group is chaired by Pat Watters, immediate past President of COSLA and co-chair of the Review. Its membership is drawn from strategic leaders in public services and the wider community. It had its

first meeting on 14 August 2012 and its terms of reference were agreed at that meeting. More information on the terms of reference can be found at- <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/local-government/CP/communityplanningreview/ngtor>

- 3.7** A Project Board of senior officials, led by Scottish Government and COSLA and including members from the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE), Audit Scotland, the Improvement Service, the NHS and the Third Sector has also been set up to oversee implementation of the proposals arising from the review. The Project Board's remit is set out in its own terms of reference at- <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/local-government/CP/communityplanningreview/projbrdtor>
- 3.8** Further information on the work of the National Group and other work to deliver on the Statement of Ambition is being provided through an Implementation Newsletter which was circulated at the last management Committee meeting in August. The newsletter can be accessed on the Scottish Government website at- <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/local-government/CP/communityplanningreview/newsletter1>

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1** The next meeting of the National Group is scheduled for the 23rd of October. Further updates will be provided as they become available.

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