

Agenda Item 8a. CPP Team Work Priorities and Governance

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This paper outlines the priority areas of work in the next 6 months for those employed to work in the community planning team. It is reflective of both the requirements of Community Planning set in legislation and of the local need to progress the recently adopted Single Outcome Agreement Delivery Plans.
- 1.2 The paper also highlights the requirements of a local community planning governance review and the steps in place to achieve this by October 2014.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The Management Committee is requested to:
 - 1 Agree the areas to be taken forward by the Community Planning Team, set out in paragraph 3.4.
 - 2 Agree the actions in Table 1 of Appendix A and provide any comments or suggestions for Governance based on the information provided.
 - 3 Note that Outcome Leads will be asked to consider the groups and partnerships within their outcome and to inform the CPP team of the main partnership delivery structures so that these can be clearly identified in the Governance structure.

3 DETAIL

- 3.1 It is essential that those employed to work in posts for Community Planning in the council effectively support the CPP to deliver the aims of the Single Outcome Agreement and comply with the Scottish Government's legislative framework for Community Planning.
- 3.2 To develop focus areas for the work of the team over the next 6 months the following were taken into consideration:
- Current legislation for Community Planning set out by the Scottish Government.
 - Best Practice as identified within Audit Scotland's Improving Community Planning in Scotland report, March 2013, and their recent reviews of community planning partnerships in Scotland.
 - Information collated from meetings with Outcome Leads.
 - The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Bill.
- 3.3 The following are areas that Community Planning must effectively address as a Partnership:
- Governance
 - Communication and Engagement
 - Localising community planning
 - Monitoring and Reporting
 - Scrutiny and accountability
 - Opportunities for development and delivery
 - Prevention and equality
 - Joint resourcing
- 3.4 The Community Planning Team proposes to focus on progressing the following as a priority over the next six months, up to end January 2015:
- Review of Governance structure, taking into consideration strategic and local and the agendas of prevention and equality, and implementation of any change following review.
 - Efficient reporting of SOA data – at strategic and local level allowing scrutiny and accountability.
 - Communicating the existence and purpose of Community Planning and the Partnership.
 - Development of the Delivery Plans for the priority outcomes.
 - Agreed approach to localising the Single Outcome Agreement.
- 3.5 The areas of work in 3.4 will set a solid baseline from which to then focus on:
- Further opportunities for development and delivery (leadership and outcome level).
 - Joint Resourcing.
 - Monitoring, including case study gathering and the annual report.
- 3.6 The review of the governance arrangement for community planning at a

local level is an action identified within Argyll and Bute Council's Follow-up Audit report, prepared by Audit Scotland in June 2014. The action states that a review is required by October 2014.

- 3.7 A report with the outcome of the review will be presented at the October meeting of the Community Planning Partnership.
- 3.8 A timetable for the review and more information of what is involved and work to date is appended to this report.
- 3.9 The Management Committee is asked to agree the actions in Table 1 of Appendix A and provide any comments or suggestions for Governance based on the information provided.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 A new team has been established to support the work of the Argyll and Bute Community Planning Partnership. Agreement is sought from the Management Committee on the workplan for community planning over the next six months.
- 4.2 The required review of governance is set out in the appendix of this report and the Management Committee is asked to note the comment of this report and provide any comments or suggestions related to Governance of community planning.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A: Governance Review