
Report to Clackmannanshire Council

Date of Meeting: 28 June 2012

Subject: Review of Community Planning Partnerships and Single Outcome Agreements

Report by: Head of Strategy & Customer Services

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. This purpose of this report is to update Council on the progress of the national review of Community Planning Partnerships and Single Outcome Agreements.
- 1.2. The report outlines the key milestones of the national review and local developments in preparation for expected national legislation and guidance on Community Planning arrangements and Single Outcome Agreements. An overview on developments within wider Public Sector reform initiatives is also provided.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that Council note:
 - 2.1.1. key milestones and developments to date within the national review of Community Planning Partnerships, SOAs and wider Public Sector Reform;
 - 2.1.2. local developments in preparation of anticipated national legislation and guidance.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. In early 2012 Scottish Government and CoSLA (Convention of Scottish Local Authorities) initiated a joint review of Community Planning and Single Outcome Agreements. The review focused on implementation of the recommendations from the Christie Commission report within the context of community planning.
- 3.2. The review is broadly shaped around the key principles of the Christie Commission , and the Scottish Governments response to it, which was set out around the so-called "four key pillars". The review therefore recognises the need to build on and strengthen the Community Planning process in order to

empower public agencies to work together to focus on prevention, early intervention, and integration and around a sense of 'place'.

- 3.3. To date the review has published a 'Statement of Ambition' which sets out what is expected of the Community Planning process in terms of partner involvement, identification of priorities, and the achievement of better outcomes for communities. Subsequent to that, a second COSLA report set out three mutually reinforcing 'locks' which aim to strengthen governance and accountability within partnerships and which give practical effect to the Statement of Ambition.
- 3.4. These three 'locks' in outline are:
- Strengthening duties on individual partners through a new statutory duty on relevant partners to work together to improve outcomes for local communities;
 - Formal requirements of Community Planning Partnerships to ensure they operate as genuine boards in order to facilitate more effective partnership working;
 - Establishment of a joint group at national level to provide political and strategic leadership and guidance to support delivery and capacity building at a local level.
- 3.5. Negotiation is now required through the review to address the precise scope of the arrangements, and guidance will be developed by the autumn to inform the new set of SOAs to be ready for April 2013. A key initial part of that process is the Public Sector Leadership Summit on the 12th June set up to address the substantive challenges that face Community Planning Partnerships.

Local Arrangements in Response to the National Review

- 3.6. Developments within the Review have been fluid and fast moving. Initially, as reported to Council in March, a revised SOA for 2012/13 was anticipated as being required by the end of May 2012.
- 3.7. Since then we have learned that the 2011/12 SOAs are to be rolled-forward for a further year whilst formal guidance is drawn-up by the Scottish Government and CoSLA. Although a degree of uncertainty remains, these arrangements afford the Alliance an opportunity to take stock in a more measured way. Pending formal guidance, partners have been engaged in establishing a programme of development work to take forward the key aspects of the Statement of Ambition.
- 3.8. The first stage has been commencement of the implementation of the new partnership structure which was agreed at the Alliance meeting in March 2012. This has resulted in the initial meetings of the two new partnership teams; Community Wellbeing and the Jobs, Business and Skills. Whilst this development work is ongoing, to ensure work on the ground maintains momentum, the current partnership teams are continuing to meet and will feed into the development programme.

- 3.9. Development sessions are planned with the new partnership teams over the summer, the first of which was held on 19 June. This will culminate in a full Alliance development session in September 2012, with a view to preparing a draft SOA ready for wider consultation in the autumn of 2012. All Elected Members will be invited to participate in this event.
- 3.10. Expected outcomes from the development programme to be contained within the draft SOA include:
- a joint strategic assessment and clear evidence base of current needs and future priorities;
 - research and evidence from Community Planning Partnership 'pathfinder' projects and models of good practice;
 - clear 'plans for place', including refreshed priority outcomes, reflecting local needs, whilst focusing resources increasingly towards the national priorities outlined by Christie of prevention, early intervention and increased integration of local services;
 - arrangements for more localised community planning;
 - arrangements to ensure strategic alignment between the Single Outcome Agreement and each partner's strategic plans, including the developing Fire and Police plans for Clackmannanshire; a review of arrangements for scrutiny, governance and performance management.

Public Sector Reform

- 3.11. A key challenge of the Review is to work through how the Community Planning process will feed into the wider aspects of public sector reform, particularly the integration of health and adult social care and the establishment of single Scottish Police and Fire services.
- 3.12. Legislation is expected to be passed through Parliament in Summer 2012 for the creation of the Scottish Police Force and the Scottish Fire Service, with the new services up and running on the 1st April 2013.
- 3.13. High level blueprints setting out the models of governance and strategic landscapes have been developed for both the Scottish Police Force and the Scottish Fire Service. The appointment of new Chief Officers and new boards are the next key steps in the reform process with timescales for appointment expected late in the summer. Once the management structures are in place, work will begin to develop and implement the structures, strategies and policies that will guide future work.
- 3.14. In terms of local governance, key senior officers from each of the Police and Fire Services will be appointed for each Local Authority area and will have local responsibility for community planning and implementing local Police and Fire plans for Clackmannanshire. These arrangements are expected to be in place from the 1st April 2013.
- 3.15. Integration of health and adult social care is currently out for consultation, with legislation likely to follow thereafter. It is explicit in the Statement of Ambition

that integrated health and adult social care services will be integral within local Community Planning arrangements. The Head of Social Services will co-ordinate a response to the consultation on behalf of the Council.

Conclusions

- 3.16. The national review of Community Planning Partnerships and Single Outcome Agreements continue to be a fluid and fast moving process. Although formal guidance and details of specific legislation are not expected until autumn 2012, sufficient information is available to allow the Alliance to proceed with a programme of development in anticipation of these.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. Financial Details

- 5.2. The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes ☒

- 5.3. Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes ☐

- 5.4. *Staffing - there are no direct staff implications arising from this report.*

6.0 Exempt Reports

- 6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes ☐ (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No ☒

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

- (1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box ☒)

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| The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Our communities are safer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Vulnerable people and families are supported | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Substance misuse and its effects are reduced | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| The environment is protected and enhanced for all | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

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(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes ☐ No ☒ NOT APPLICABLE

9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes ☐

10.0 Appendices

10.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

NONE

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes ☒ (please list the documents below) No ☐

Scottish Government & CoSLA Statement of Ambition for Community Planning Partnerships and SOAs - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/local-government/CP/soa>

Scottish Government - Integration of Adult Health and Social Care In Scotland: Consultation on Proposals - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2012/05/6469>

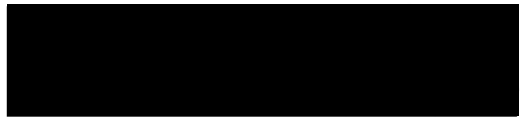
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