
Report to: Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 2 March 2017

Subject: Community Planning Matters

Report by: Strategy and Performance Manager

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to set out the main areas of activity of the Clackmannanshire Alliance. This report is based on key activities in quarters 3 and 4 of 2016/17.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that committee notes, challenges and comments on the report.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. The Clackmannanshire Alliance Board meeting took place on the 2 December 2016. The Board comprises membership from Clackmannanshire Council, NHS Forth Valley, Forth Valley College, Clackmannanshire Business and CTSI.

- 3.2. As part of its business the Alliance received reports from the following partnerships:
- Community Justice
 - Public Protection
 - Children and Young People Strategic Partnership
 - Business, Jobs and Skills
 - Community Safety and Wellbeing Partnership.

There were also a number of additional briefings on partnership development work and policy developments that were considered by the Alliance at the meeting in December. These included:

- A Report and presentation from Hexagon on the 2016 results from the Clacks 1000 Citizen Panel survey.
- A briefing report on the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and implications on the partnership from the publication of the final guidance on Part 2 (Community Planning) of the Act.
- A joint Clackmannanshire 3rd sector report from Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface, Joint Community Councils Forum and Tenants and Residents Federation.

- A briefing on the 2016 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) results for Clackmannanshire.

A number of key areas of partnership work were presented to, and considered by partners at the meeting in December 2016. A number of these are related to the implementation of key areas of legislation and national policy in Scotland. These areas of work are set out below. A number of themes from partnership work either being implemented or being developed are also highlighted.

Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015

The Alliance was provided with the latest information on implementation of the key elements of the Act: the development of Community Planning; Community Participation in Decision Making; Taking Over Assets and Allotments. Partners were informed of their collective and organisational responsibilities set out in the Act and the broad approach for taking these responsibilities forward was agreed.

Community Justice (Scotland) Act 2015

In line with this legislation the responsibility for Community Justice in Clackmannanshire shifts from the Forth Valley Community Justice Authority to the Clackmannanshire Alliance from the 1st April 2017. A new Community Justice Partnership has been established in Clackmannanshire to oversee the key requirements of the Act and to deliver improved community justice services locally. A Strategic Assessment and Offender Profile, Needs Assessment and significant stakeholder engagement have informed the development of the Clackmannanshire Community Justice Outcomes Plan for 2017/18. This plan which is currently out for consultation will be brought to the Alliance in March for its endorsement and to Council in March for approval.

The Children and Young People Act (Scotland) Act 2014

This legislation establishes the legal framework and arrangements for children's services planning. The relevant Local Authority and Health Board are jointly and equally responsible for planning with the expectation that a range of wider partners are consulted or should participate at various stages. In light of the disaggregation of shared services there is now a requirement in line with the legislation to revise the current Integrated Children's Services Plan (ICSP) for Clackmannanshire going forward. The Children and Young People Strategic Partnership Group are developing this plan through separate planning working groups. A review of the sub-groups informing the CYPSPG will follow. The Clackmannanshire ICSP for 2017-2020 will be brought to the Alliance in March for its endorsement and subsequently to Council in March for approval.

City Deal

As part of the Business Jobs and Skills Partnership update the Alliance were provided with information on the new joint City Deal initiative with Stirling Council. Development work with the Scottish Futures Trust had been undertaken to develop and articulate an economic vision for Clackmannanshire as part of an overall regional approach. The Business Jobs and Skills partnership have been involved in discussions to date and will continue to take an active role in the development and implementation of City Deal.

Scottish Historical Child Abuse Review

As part of the Public Protection Partnership report partners were provided with information on the Scottish Historical Child Abuse Review. An overview of the terms of reference for the review was provided to the Alliance. Partners were asked to note the preparations affecting relevant agencies to ensure that records are available and accessible in the event that they are required by the Inquiry.

Community Well-being and Poverty

As part of the update from the Community Safety and Wellbeing Partnership a number of areas of developing partnership working in Clackmannanshire were presented to partners. This work is in line with the partnership action plan which was approved in June 2016. The work of this partnership is focussed around the areas in Clackmannanshire with greatest disadvantage using a community assets based development approach to engaging with people in these communities. The aim of this work is to enhance and improve partnership working by collaborating, removing barriers to improvement and, where, relevant, integrating services.

Examples of the nature of work being taken forward by the partnership include workforce development and training on domestic abuse, substance misuse, adult and child protection and mental health first aid. A broad group of employees and partners have been trained through this programme including firefighters, community workers and housing officers.

Community wellbeing days have been planned in each of the following locality areas; Alloa, Tullibody, Sauchie and Coalsnaughton. These events are due to take place in February 2017 and will build on existing events and existing partnership working networks in each of the communities. The aim of these events will be to raise awareness of the support that is available in each of the communities above.

Scottish Index of Deprivation 2016

The Clackmannanshire Alliance received a briefing on the latest results from the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). This briefing informed partners of the latest update position of deprivation and poverty in Clackmannanshire following previous results published in 2004, 2006, 2009 and 2012. Partners were advised that the overall picture is an improving one with Clackmannanshire's local and national share of datazones in the 20% most deprived decreasing from previous reports. However partners were advised that evidence suggests that deep rooted pockets of poverty remain in Clackmannanshire and that these areas have seen no relative improvement since SIMD began in 2004.

Next Steps

The Clackmannanshire Alliance will meet next on the 3 March 2017. The focus of the next meeting will be on legislative requirements to ensure that the Community Justice Outcomes Improvement Plan is consulted on and endorsed for approval and that the Integrated Childrens Services Plan is consulted on and endorsed for approval in line with guidance on each area of legislation. Work to progress implementation of the Community Empowerment Act will also be an important focus of the next meeting of the Clackmannanshire Alliance.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

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

5.0 Resource Implications

- 5.1. There are no resource, financial or staffing 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)

- The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses
- Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive
- People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment
- Our communities are safer
- Vulnerable people and families are supported
- Substance misuse and its effects are reduced
- Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing
- The environment is protected and enhanced for all
- The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence

(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

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 None

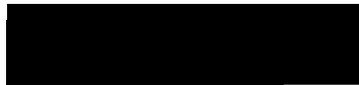
11.0 Background Papers

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

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