

## **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **Report by the Director of Community Health & Care Partnership Community Health & Care Partnership Committee: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014**

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**Subject:** West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership Single Outcome Agreement 2014-17

#### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to bring to the CHCP's Committee's attention the West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2014-17.

#### **2 Recommendations**

- 2.1** The Committee is asked to endorse the West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership Single Outcome Agreement 2014-17.

#### **3 Background**

- 3.1** A national review of community planning, jointly led by COSLA and Scottish Government was concluded at the beginning of 2013 with dissemination of a Statement of Ambition and SOA guidance. An Assurance Process was established to ensure that SOAs across Scotland were suitably ambitious and would meet with the expectations of the review.
- 3.2** The interim West Dunbartonshire SOA for 2013-14 was submitted to the Scottish Government Community Planning team and the scrutiny panel for review. The process highlighted a number of positives in terms of the progress made in this area in response to the Scottish Government guidance on developing the SOA; and has informed the development then of the new SOA for 2014-17 (attached).

#### **4 Main Issues**

- 4.1** This SOA sets out the long term vision for West Dunbartonshire and the current context in terms of the profile of the area. Key priority areas are detailed alongside the main challenges to success. It has been developed as a strategic and overarching planning document and includes only high level and long term outcomes and performance indicators.
- 4.2** This SOA focuses on four interconnected priorities which are delivered through local multi-agency action and coordinated activity, i.e.:
- Employability & Economic Growth.
  - Children and Families.
  - Older People.
  - Safe, Strong & Involved Communities.

- 4.3** While these four areas have been used to organise and target the combined efforts of partners there is recognition that work to reduce inequalities and improve physical and mental wellbeing is embedded through all of this activity. This work will be reflected in the action plans and performance frameworks which support the delivery of the ambitious CPP agenda. All of this activity is also supported and underpinned by a significant focus on community empowerment, development and capacity building.
- 4.4** As members will recall from the February 2014 CHCP Committee meeting, West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partners are committed to a *determinants-based approach* to health inequalities. This position is reflected within this SOA, with the local-term goal being to have tackled population-level health inequalities by having collectively addressed its root causes – i.e. stimulating sustainable economic growth and employment; promoting educational attainment and aspiration; and supporting community cohesion and self-confidence.
- 4.5** As members will recall, the CHCP has and will continue to provide local leadership through working with partners to refine the local community planning approach towards improving health and tackling health inequalities in a disciplined manner that is both determinants-oriented in nature and streamlined in organisation. The “upstream” action by Community Planning Partners to tackle the determinants of inequity are reflected in the work programmes of the three dedicated Delivery and Improvement Groups (DIGs) now established, i.e. Employability & Economic Growth; Children & Families; and Safe, Strong & Involved Communities. The CHCP-led Older People’s Change Fund Implementation Group effectively discharges the “DIG” function for the SOA priority on older people. The CHCP Director is a key member of the local CPP Management Group; and senior officers within the CHCP are actively engaged in shaping and contributing to different CPP workstreams and DIGs. As members will recall, the benefits of this are evidenced by the local Older People’s Change Fund Plan from day one being taken forward as a joined-up community planning process; and the local integrated children’s services plan being developed as a community planning vehicle to ensure that local Early Years Collaborative activities build on the more comprehensive approach to Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC). Importantly, these community planning programmes of work reflect an emphasis on early intervention and prevention - and with action to address health inequalities seen as a joined-up part of those ambitious and challenging agendas.
- 4.6** As members have previously endorsed, the CHCP Committee is the formal forum for overseeing and scrutinising the “older people” and “health inequalities” indicators within the local SOA on behalf of Community Planning Partners. As members will recall, the consolidated performance reports routinely presented to the CHCP Committee have explicitly incorporated a performance up-date in relation to the local SOA indicators that the CHCP had lead responsibility for. As per the recommendations of Audit Scotland and evidenced by the consistently positive response to the performance reporting by the CHCP Committee meeting, this streamlined and best practice system

will continue to mitigate against unnecessary duplication of and piecemeal reporting; and ensure that the CHCP Committee is able to transparently draw conclusions based on a coherent and comprehensive presentation of data and information on behalf of community planning partners.

- 4.7** Looking forward in respect to the scope for a Health and Social Care Partnership (as the successor entity to the CHCP) to further strengthen the above, members will recall that the Policy Memorandum accompanying the Public Bodies (Joint Working)(Scotland) Bill 2013 explains that the premise underpinning integration of budgets is that the allocation and utilisation of resources should recognise the interdependencies between health and social care services; and that the service imperative of integrating all aspects of care (from prevention through to specialist treatment) should be reflected in, and enabled by, integrated resource models. The eventual ability to look at overall expenditure, and to use budgets flexibly, should ensure that needs are met in the most appropriate and cost-effective way. This is very much in line with the aspirations of the recent national Agreement on Joint Working on Community Planning and Resourcing, which further underlines the importance of the shadow and then eventual final HSCP arrangements within West Dunbartonshire being appreciated as a manifestation of strategic community planning in practice (as has been true for the current CHCP).

## **5. People Implications**

- 5.1** There are no specific personnel issues associated with this report.

## **5. Financial Implications**

- 6.1** The commitments made in the SOA will be delivered within available resources; and will focus on delivering efficiencies and best practice through collaboration.

## **7. Risk Analysis**

- 7.1** If the CHCP is unable to clearly demonstrate a pro-active contribution to and support for the priorities reflected within this SOA there is the issue of reputational risk, amongst both other community planning partners, scrutinising organisations and local communities. In addition to approving the CHCP Strategic Plan 2014/15 (separately presented to the meeting), the CHCP Committee now endorsing this SOA would mitigate such a risk and provide assurance.

## **8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 8.1** As agreed at the CPP Management Meeting of February 2014, an EIA is being completed on the approve SOA by the West Dunbartonshire Council Corporate & Community Planning Section.

## **9. Consultation**

- 9.1** The development of the SOA for 2014/17 has been carried out in discussion with all partners. The Scottish Government convened SOA Assurance Panel positively commented upon the model for community engagement that is being local developed across community planning partners.

## **10. Strategic Assessment**

- 10.1** This refreshed SOA reinforces the Council's strategic priorities:
- Improve economic growth and employability.
  - Improve life chances for children and young people.
  - Improve care for and promote independence with older people.
  - Improve local housing and an environmentally sustainable infrastructure.
  - Improve the well-being of communities and protect the welfare of vulnerable people.



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**Appendices:** West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership  
Single Outcome Agreement 2014-17

**Background Papers:** CHCP Committee Report: CHCP Strategic Plan 2014/15  
(May 2014)

CHCP Committee Report: West Dunbartonshire CHCP  
Year End Performance Report 2013/14 (May 2014)

CHCP Committee Report: Report of the Ministerial Task  
Force on Health Inequalities 2013 (February 2014)

Scottish Government & COSLA: Agreement on Joint  
Working on Community Planning and Resourcing (2013)  
[www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0043/00433714.pdf](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/0043/00433714.pdf)

**Wards Affected:** All