



**Report by the Chief Executive Officer of West Dunbartonshire Council, Chair of
the Community Planning Executive Group**

Management Board: 18 May 2023

Subject: Community Planning Executive Group

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to inform CPWD members of what was discussed at the most recent Community Planning Executive Group meeting.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** CPWD is asked to note the content.

3. Background

- 3.1** The Community Planning Executive Group met on 3 April 2023. The group is chaired by the Council's Chief Executive, and membership includes the five DIG leads.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** Group members reflected on the February Management Board meeting which was the first focussing on an overarching theme. The first theme was Wellbeing with presentations from officers on associated aspects including the Energy Fund, Working 4U, Cost of Living initiatives, Welfare Fund and the third sector response to supporting communities.
- 4.2** The meeting noted this approach had led to greater participation from all partners and provided increased opportunities for all partners to contribute, and the feedback had been extremely positive as a result. It was agreed the overarching theme for the next meeting would be Empowered and thereafter Sustainability.

4.3 It was also noted that a place and wellbeing assessment would be completed on the current Safe DIG strategy and this would result in a slight delay to the document being finalised. The Communities team is to provide support on engagement and strategic aims both to the Safe DIG and also to the Independent DIG.

4.4 West Dunbartonshire Council will be audited by Mazars during 2023/24. Community planning will be among the areas which are scrutinised however officers do not yet have detail on what this will involve for our community planning partners.

5. People Implications

5.1 Actions developed to address the themes may require other partner organisations to join DIG groups.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 The work of Community Planning Executive Group is focused on improving processes and approaches to how partners work together. The creation of actions may identify resource needs to implement these.

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 Failure to respond to challenges would risk delivery against policy priorities.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 No actions are required as this is an update report.

9. Consultation

9.1 This report provides an update on ongoing activity.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 Progressing work as outlined in this report ensures CPWD can deliver on the outcomes set in the Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

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Appendices:

None

Background Papers:

Previous reports to Community Planning West
Dunbartonshire Management Board on Executive Group
activity.

Wards Affected:

All