

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services

West Dunbartonshire Community Participation Committee 19th March 2014

Subject: Single Outcome Agreement 2014-17

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the recently agreed West Dunbartonshire SOA covering the period for 2014-17.

2. Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee note the SOA for 2014-17 as agreed by the CPP Management Group in February 2014.

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 the 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** An interim West Dunbartonshire SOA for 2013-14 was submitted to the Scottish Government Community Planning team and the scrutiny panel for review. The scrutiny panel for our area was chaired by Kenneth Hogg from Scottish Government. 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.
- 3.4** Following the assurance process a development plan was agreed, outlining the key areas agreed to be outstanding in relation to the SOA guidance and incorporated into the SOA for 2014 onwards. These areas were:
- Detail our local area profile to give a context to the vision and priorities
 - Define success targets based on the locally agreed outcomes and update our PI suite accordingly
 - Work with colleagues in Scottish Government and Transport Scotland to develop an action plan for the resolution of infrastructure barriers – particularly in relation to the A82.
 - Ensure that there are partnership action plans in place for each of the Delivery & Improvement Groups supporting the CPP

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The 2014/17 SOA has been developed to take account of the key priorities for the areas, as already agreed, and also the key improvement areas as highlighted through the assurance process. It should be seen as the overarching strategic plan for the CPP for the period 2014-17.
- 4.2** The 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 and main challenges to success, such as our approach to joint resourcing and our approach to community empowerment and engagement, are outlined.
- 4.3** By the end of March 2014 each Delivery & Improvement Group (DIG) will have a detailed action plan in place to ensure delivery of the key outcomes areas expressed in the SOA. The SOA itself has been developed as a strategic and overarching planning document and includes only high level and long term outcomes and performance indicators.

5. People Implications

- 5.1** There are no personnel issues.

6. 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 a new approach to joint resourcing and collaboration.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1** There are significant risks associated with not delivering the actions as agreed through the SOA 2014 onwards both to the outcomes for West Dunbartonshire and also to the health and reputation of the partnership.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 8.1** An Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out on the final SOA for 2014/17 once agreed.

9. Consultation

- 9.1** The development of the SOA for 2014/17 has been carried out in discussion with all partners. Further engagement will take place on the action plans for the Delivery and Improvement Groups.

10. Strategic Assessment

10.1 This report details the West Dunbartonshire SOA for 2014 onwards and process for implementation. It addresses all relevant strategic areas.

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Appendices: **Appendix 1 – West Dunbartonshire SOA 2014-17**

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All