



Report by the Shared Service Manager – Performance & Strategy

Community Planning West Dunbartonshire: Thursday 4 February 2021

Subject: CPWD roadshow

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of the report is to present to members, for discussion, a proposed model of CPWD 'roadshows' which will be delivered virtually during 2021

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Members are asked to:
- Commit to participation in at least one roadshow
 - Agree to cascade information on roadshows and facilitate participation

3. Background

- 3.1** Community Planning West Dunbartonshire undertook a self-assessment exercise in 2019 to identify strengths as well as improvement activities for the management group. This self-assessment activity was supported by Improvement Service and took the form of an online survey.
- 3.2** This led to the agreement of CPWD improvement plan, developed as a mechanism to deliver continuous improvement activity on key areas of focus for members of CPWD.
- 3.3** The improvement plan development and discussions at Community Planning Executive Group (CPEG) have included a focus on how to increase awareness of community planning as an ethos and share live examples of community planning 'in action'. CPEG and CPWD considered the roadshow concept in October / November 2020 and committed in principle to delivery of this approach.
- 3.4** A key challenge for community planning partnerships in general, and one which is recognised locally, is ensuring that frontline employees from across agencies see the link between their day to day activity and the aspirations of the LOIP. Often 'community planning' is seen as a thing which happens around a board table and not in day to day provision.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** As previously discussed and agreed, a short seminar / workshop style session is being developed to support the ambition of CPWD to increase awareness of community planning. The sessions will be delivered over remote platforms initially, to a range of representatives across the wider community planning landscape in West Dunbartonshire.
- 4.2** The aspiration of these sessions is to ensure that the wider workforce and community delivering on behalf of CPWD recognise the valuable contribution they make to delivering improved outcomes in line with the LOIP; by providing both a recognisable context for community planning but also real examples of how community planning 'feels' and 'looks like' at a local community delivery level.
- 4.3** This approach aligns with conversations taking place at a national level through the community planning network and SOLACE led Community Planning Improvement Broad (CPIB), about evidencing the impact of community planning on the ground in response to the pandemic.

Format for sessions

- 4.4** Each session will be scheduled for one hour, to reduce impact on busy diaries and ensure a short sharp discussion focus on community planning as a way of working. It is proposed that sessions are scheduled on a monthly basis for 2021 to allow inputs to be planned over the course of the year.
- 4.5** To provide leadership and a strategic link to these sessions, members of CPEG and CPWD will deliver a short introductory input to these sessions with a focus on what community planning means to them. Representatives of the agencies involved in delivery of community planning will also be invited to provide an input to these sessions. It is important that the content is relatable and tied to service delivery examples, covering the variety and diversity of services and agencies involved.
- 4.6** Sessions will be capped at a maximum of 15 participants to allow for discussion and engagement during the session. Participants will be drawn from all partner agencies and community organisations involved in delivery of community planning activity in its widest sense. For example it may include local DWP employees, frontline housing officers, police youth engagement officers, and/or volunteers from foodbanks.
- 4.7** All partners involved in community planning will be asked to cascade the information and booking links for the sessions throughout their relevant employee group with a view to attendance being on a self-selecting basis.
- 4.8** As this is a new approach in West Dunbartonshire it is proposed that a summary of attendance and uptake is brought for review in August, following 6 months of activity. This will allow an assessment on the value of this approach to be made.

5. People Implications

5.1 None, all activity will be delivered through existing partnership capacity.

6. Financial & Procurement Implications

6.1 It is anticipated that any financial costs incurred for hosting physical sessions would be met from within the host agency of the partnership. All other resource implications will be met from within existing budgets and capacity.

7. Risk Analysis

7.1 There is an increasing drive nationally for community planning partners to work at an increased pace to deliver outcomes for communities. Failure to respond to the new challenges being set for community planning in Scotland would not reflect well on CPWD and would risk delivery against the national policy priorities set by the Scottish Government.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 An EIA will be carried out on the detailed plan for sessions.

9 Consultation

9.1 This proposal is developed for discussion and agreement within CPEG and CPWD.

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.