

## COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC BOARD

At a Meeting of the West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board held in the Education Centre, St. Margaret of Scotland Hospice, East Barns Street, Clydebank on Monday, 3 September 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

**Present:** Councillors Martin Rooney (Chair) and Lawrence O'Neill; Joyce White, Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council (WDC); Soumen Sengupta, Head of Strategy, Planning and Health Improvement (for Keith Redpath, Director), West Dunbartonshire Community Health and Care Partnership (WDCHCP); Tom Woodbridge, Chair, Dumbarton Community Forum; John Hainey, Chair, Clydebank Community Forum; Barbara Barnes, Chair, Vale of Leven Community Forum; Paul Connelly, Area Commander, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue; Superintendent Fergus Byrne (for Chief Superintendent Russell Dunn), Strathclyde Police; Blyth Deans, Chief Executive, The Lennox Partnership (for Selina Ross, Manager, West Dunbartonshire Community Volunteering Service); Joy Love, Stakeholder & Partnership Manager (for Jim Watson, Director), Scottish Enterprise; and Etta Wright, District Manager, West of Scotland, Jobcentre Plus.

**Attending:** Angela Wilson, Executive Director of Corporate Services (WDC); Peter Barry, Community Planning and Policy Manager, West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership (WDCPP); Angela Campbell, Performance Officer, Alice Morrison, Financial Monitoring Officer, and Liz Tuach and Fiona Miller, Community Planning Co-ordinators (WDCPP); Ronnie Dinnie, Head of Neighbourhood Services (WDC); Michael McGuinness, Economic Development Manager (WDC); Hugh Neill, More Choices, More Chances Development Officer (WDC); Lorna Campbell, Section Head, Community Learning and Development (WDC); Janice Winder, Partnership Officer, Community Safety (WDC); Alan Crawford, Section Head, Sports Development, West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust; Ashley Kellock, Nest Bar None Co-ordinator, Scottish Business Crime Centre; Craig Reid, Local Authority Liaison Officer, Strathclyde Police; Neil Etherington, Denis Harton and Anne Meikle, Clydebank Community Forum; and Scott Kelly, Committee Officer, Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services (WDC).

**Apologies:** Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Jonathan McColl; Keith Redpath, Director, WDCHCP; David Cowley, Group Commander, Strathclyde Fire & Rescue; Chief Superintendent Russell Dunn, Strathclyde Police; Selina Ross, Manager, West Dunbartonshire Community Volunteering Service; Jim Watson, Director, Scottish Enterprise; Roseann Ellison, Skills Development Scotland; and Jim McAloon, Head of Regeneration and Economic Development.

## **Councillor Martin Rooney in the Chair**

### **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Before commencing with the business of the meeting, Councillor Rooney, Chair, welcomed everyone present and invited all Members of the Strategic Board to introduce themselves.

Having heard the Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Corporate Services, West Dunbartonshire Council, it was noted that West Dunbartonshire Council had recently been selected as one of three local authorities in Scotland to participate in a pilot project which would make preparations for the introduction of the new Universal Credit benefit system in 2013.

It was noted that progress reports relating to the pilot programme would be submitted to future meetings of the Strategic Board.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mr Hainey declared a non-financial interest in the item under the heading 'CPP Investment Recommendations', being a Director of the West Dunbartonshire Environment Trust.

Mr Deans declared an interest in the item under the heading 'CPP Investment Recommendations', being the Chief Executive of The Lennox Partnership.

Mrs Barnes declared an interest in the item under the heading 'CPP Investment Recommendations', being a Director of Lomond and Clyde Care and Repair Limited.

### **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board held on 20 February 2012 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

Having heard the Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council, in response to a question raised by Mr Woodbridge in relation to the item under the heading 'Any Other Competent Business – Business Representation on the Strategic Board', it was noted that a report in relation to business representation on the Strategic Board would be submitted to a future meeting, following the conclusion of the Scottish Government's National Review of Community Planning and Single Outcome Agreements.

## **CPP BUDGETARY CONTROL: FINAL POSITION 2011-2012**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the final budgetary position of the Community Planning Partnership for the financial year 2011/12 to 31 March 2012.

Having heard the Community Planning and Policy Manager and the Financial Monitoring Officer, in further explanation of the report and in answer to a Member's question, the Board agreed:-

- (1) to note the final 2011/12 position;
- (2) to note the underspend of £90,960 reported in relation to the planned CPP Investment funding to projects for 2011/12 and that this underspend would be carried forward for future CPP investment;
- (3) to note that an underspend of £291,580 against probable outturn had been identified within the aligned services budgets and that this underspend would contribute to the Council's general fund; and
- (4) that officers should give consideration to producing reports in the future which contain details of financial expenditure together with measurements of the delivery of outcomes.

## **CPP BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT: PERIOD 3 TO 30 JUNE 2012**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of the performance of the Community Planning Partnership budget for the period to 30 June 2012.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council, and the Financial Monitoring Officer in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed to note the contents of the report.

## **UNALLOCATED CPP FUNDS**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising on the current reserve funds totalling £167,367 available for investment by the Community Planning Partnership.

The Board agreed to note the contents of the report.

## **CPP INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services:-

- (a) providing a summary of the Community Planning Partnership additional funding applications received through thematic groups; and
- (b) requesting that the Strategic Board gives consideration to and agrees on the applications recommended for CPP funding.

After discussion and having heard officers in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed:-

- (1) to note that Board Members had been requested to submit their funding recommendations by 30 August 2012 in order that an analysis could be prepared for the present meeting but that, as some Board Members had not submitted recommendations, it had not been possible for the analysis to be prepared;
- (2) to note that, as a result of the withdrawal of certain funding applications, the total amount of funds which had been requested was £372,389 and that £167,367 was available to be awarded;
- (3) that Board Members should be given additional time to submit their funding recommendations;
- (4) that all respondents' funding recommendations, together with an analysis of same, would be issued to all Board Members who would then be invited to submit final comments on the recommendations;
- (5) that thereafter, authority should be delegated to the Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council, in consultation with the Chair, to agree which projects should be allocated funding; and
- (6) to note that it was anticipated that this process would take about two weeks to be completed.

## **NATIONAL REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENTS**

The Community Planning and Policy Manager provided a verbal update on the National Review of Community Planning and Single Outcome Agreements.

In this respect, there was submitted (tabled) a copy of a newsletter issued by COSLA and the Scottish Government which provided further information on the National Review.

Following discussion, and having heard the Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council, and the Community Planning and Policy Manager in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) to note that Pat Watters would chair the National Community Planning Group;

- (2) to note that Board Members would be kept apprised of developments concerning the National Review;
- (3) that a report would be submitted to a future meeting of the Board, following the completion of the National Review; and
- (4) otherwise to note the contents of the verbal update and the newsletter.

### **DEVELOPING THEMATIC GROUP STRUCTURES**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services setting out proposals to update and improve the governance and structure of the Community Planning Partnership thematic groups.

Following discussion, and having heard the Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council, and the Community Planning and Policy Manager in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) that the Regenerating and Growing our Local Economy Group, the Children and Families Strategy Group, and the Safe and Strong Communities Thematic Group should continue;
- (2) that the Health and Well Being Group and the Affordable and Sustainable Housing Group should cease in their current form; and
- (3) that the Sustainable and Attractive Environment Group should meet twice yearly in the future.

### **WD CPP THEMATIC GROUPS ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT, 1 APRIL 2011 TO 31 MARCH 2012**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update to 31 March 2012 of Community Planning Partnership thematic groups and the associated performance of programmes managed by the CPP.

Following discussion, and having heard the Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council, and the Community Planning and Policy Manager in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed to note the contents of the report.

### **COMMUNITY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT SESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services informing of the current utilisation of sessional staffing within the Community Learning and Development Service.

Having heard the Section Head, Community Learning and Development, and the Community Planning and Policy Manager in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) that the Community Planning and Policy Manager should give consideration to introducing a bulletin system to keep Board Members apprised of any information which may be of interest to them; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT AND RENEWAL BILL**

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising the Strategic Board of the current consultation on the proposed Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill and the process for a response from West Dunbartonshire Council.

Having heard the Councillor Rooney, Chair, the Board agreed:-

- (1) to note that a report in relation to this matter would be considered at the next meeting of West Dunbartonshire Council; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

### **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

#### Establishment of National Police Force

Having heard Superintendent Byrne, it was noted that the eight existing police forces in Scotland would be replaced by a national police force on 1 April 2013. It was also noted:-

- (a) that the Chief Constable of the new force would be appointed on 15 October 2012; and
- (b) that police in West Dunbartonshire would continue to address the same local priorities when the new force was established.

#### Serious and Organised Crime, and Terrorism

Having heard Superintendent Byrne, it was noted that Strathclyde Police had recently launched an information sharing protocol with West Dunbartonshire Council aimed at tackling Serious and Organised Crime, and Terrorism, and that the police would be engaging with community planning partners in this regard. It was also noted that a report in relation to this matter would be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

## **PROGRAMME OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

After discussion, it was agreed:-

- (1) that future meetings of the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board should be held on the undernoted dates and times:-

Wednesday, 12 December 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday, 13 March 2013 at 10.00 a.m.

Wednesday, 12 June 2013 at 10.00 a.m.; and

- (2) that in addition to Dumbarton, further consideration should be given to the hosting of meetings in Clydebank and the Vale of Leven.

The meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.