

WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL

Report by the Director of Community Health & Care Partnership

Community Health & Care Partnership Committee: 21st August 2013

Subject: West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership Single Outcome Agreement 2013-14 Refresh

1 Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to bring to the Committee's attention the West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) 2013-14 Refresh.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1** The Committee is asked to endorse the West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership Single Outcome Agreement 2013-14 Refresh.

3 Background

- 3.1** In December 2012, the Scottish Government issued guidance to all local CPPs advising on the scope and content of new SOAs.
- 3.2** In response to the guidance, local community planning partners – including the CHCP – have produced this refreshed update to the local SOA covering the period 2011/14. This refreshed SOA then outlines and describes the additional elements required to meet the Scottish Government's expectations, whilst retaining a focus on delivery of the final year of the current agreement.

4 Main Issues

- 4.1** There are four defining characteristics of our local Community Planning Partnership that have informed the development of this refreshed SOA (and that the CHCP has provided leadership to foster):
- Ensuring that community planning takes a streamlined approach to delivering outcomes for communities – requiring action by all partners. This does not mean creating additional structures or increasing bureaucracy but instead should focus on building on and complimenting the core work of individual partners;
 - A recognition that our priorities and outcomes do not exist in isolation nor can they be delivered independently from one another – they are fundamentally inter-connected;
 - An emphasis on early intervention and prevention across all of our priorities, realigning resource and action to support this wherever possible;
 - A commitment to pro-active and rigorous self-evaluation and scrutiny of activities across community planning partners as a driver for continuous improvement.

- 4.2** This refreshed SOA continues to focus on outcomes aligned to our 2011/14 SOA priority areas, i.e.:
- Regeneration and Economic Growth
 - Safe, Strong & Involved Communities
 - Supporting Children & Families
- 4.3** Of particular interest to the CHCP Committee is that the opportunity has been taken though to update the previous suite of outcomes and align a number of the individual indicators with key policies that have gained greater prominence more recently - most notably the Reshaping Care for Older People Change Fund Programme, Getting It Right For Every Child (GIRFEC) and the Early Years Collaborative.
- 4.4** As previously approved by Committee, the year three Older People's Change Fund Delivery Plan of Action is the vehicle for co-ordinating action across community planning partners in relation to supporting independence and improving care for older people; and its content had been developed to support this refreshed SOA. As previously agreed, the CHCP Committee continues to be the identified Partnership Board for the Older People's Change Fund locally, approving and overseeing the implementation of the Change Plan as part of its delegated function from West Dunbartonshire Council and NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde; and providing assurance for the local Community Planning Partnership more widely.
- 4.5** As previous approved by Committee, the Integrated Children's Services Plan (ISCP) is the vehicle for co-ordinating action to deliver the local SOA commitments for children, young people and their families; and its content was developed to support this refreshed SOA.
- 4.6** As Committee will recall, the CHCP has also invested considerable energy in de-cluttering the partnership landscape (as has been separately recommended by Audit Scotland). Fundamental to this has been confirming the role and mandate of the CHCP as the joint vehicle for the planning, allocation and management of WDC and NHSGGC health and social care resources (both strategically and operationally). As encouraged and endorsed by the Committee, the CHCP has been developed as a clear manifestation of community planning in practice; and the commitment of its corporate "parents" (i.e. WDC and NHSGGC) to the principles of community planning. A good example of how the CHCP has expressed such visible and joined-up leadership across Community Planning Partners can be best exemplified by the well regarded work undertaken in relation to alcohol licensing by the Alcohol & Drug Partnership (which has recently been awarded with a COSLA Excellence Bronze Award).
- 4.7** As endorsed by Committee, the CHCP has worked with partners to refine the local community planning approach towards improving health and tackling health inequalities in a manner that is determinants-oriented in nature, i.e. addressing the social, economic and environmental factors which lead to poor health and health inequalities.

4.8 As Committee will recall, the consolidated performance reports routinely presented to the CHCP Committee explicitly incorporate a performance update in relation to the local SOA indicators that the CHCP has 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.

4.9 This refreshed SOA has benefited from feedback from an external assurance panel (convened by the Scottish Government), who confirmed that they would be recommending it to Ministers for their official sign-off. That ministerial sign-off has now been formally confirmed by Derek MacKay, the Scottish Government's Minister for Local Government and Planning.

5. People Implications

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

5. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no specific financial issues associated with this report.

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 having previously approved the CHCP Strategic Plan 2013/14, the Committee now endorsing this SOA would mitigate such a risk and provide assurance.

8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)

8.1 An EIA was undertaken for the overall three year SOA previously approved by community planning partners. This EIA has subsequently been updated in draft to reflect more recent guidance and take account of additional elements within the refreshed SOA, with a range of positive impacts indicated. Once finalised, this updated EIA will be available from West Dunbartonshire Council's Corporate & Community Planning Section as an additional background paper.

9. Consultation

9.1 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 2013-14 Refresh

West Dunbartonshire CPP SOA 2013-14 – Scottish
Government Ministerial Sign-Off Letter (July 2013).

Background Papers: CHCP Committee Report: CHCP Strategic Plan 2013/14
(May 2013)

CHCP Committee Report: West Dunbartonshire Older
People's Change Fund Plan (May 2013)

CHCP Committee Report: West Dunbartonshire CPP
Integrated Children's Services Plan 2013-15 (May 2013)

CHCP Committee Report: West Dunbartonshire CHCP
Year End Performance Report 2012/13 (May 2013)

CHCP Committee Report: Audit Scotland Report on
Health Inequalities in Scotland (February 2013)

WD CPP SOA 2011-2014 Equality Impact Assessment
(October 2011)

WD Council Report: West Dunbartonshire Single
Outcome Agreement 2011-14 (June 2011)

Wards Affected: All