



COMMUNITY PLANNING WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE MANAGEMENT BOARD

At a Meeting of the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Board held in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton on Thursday, 22 February 2018 at 9.37 a.m.

Present: Councillors Caroline McAllister, Jonathan McColl and John Mooney, Angela Wilson, Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform, West Dunbartonshire Council; Chief Superintendent Hazel Hendren, Divisional Commander, Superintendent Brian Gibson and Chief Inspector Donald Leitch, Police Scotland; Stuart McLean, Group Manager, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS); John Anderson, Manager, West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust; Mary Carson, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland; Billy Walker, Welfare Reform Manager, Department of Work and Pensions (DWP); Liz Connolly, Vice- Principal, West College Scotland; Gordon Watson, Chief Executive, Loch Lomond & Trossachs National Park; Linda Murray, Head of Strategy Services, Scottish Enterprise; Damon Scott, Chief Executive Officer, Dunbartonshire Chamber of Commerce; Selina Ross, Manager, West Dunbartonshire Community Volunteering Service and Anne MacDougall, Chair of the Community Alliance.

Attending: Peter Barry, Strategic Lead – Housing and Employability; Malcolm Bennie, Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture & Communities, Amanda Coulthard, Performance & Strategy Manager, West Dunbartonshire Council; Jackie Irvine, Head of Children's Health, Care & Criminal Justice, West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership; Antony McGuinness, Team Leader – Forward Planning and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer, West Dunbartonshire Council.

Also Attending: Linda de Caestecker, Director of Public Health and Catriona Carson, Researcher, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Health Board.

Apologies: Apologies were intimated on behalf of Joyce White, Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council; Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment & Growth, West Dunbartonshire Council; Beth Culshaw, Chief Officer of West Dunbartonshire Health & Social Care Partnership; Catriona Morton, District Manager, DWP; James Russell, Director of Operations, Skills Development Scotland; Audrey Cumberland, Principal, West College Scotland; Jim McNeil,

Area Manager, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service; Bruce Kiloh, Head of Policy, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; Tony McGale, Scottish Government and Kerry Wallace, Area Manager, Scottish Natural Heritage.

Councillor Jonathan McColl in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda at this point in the meeting.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Community Planning West Dunbartonshire Management Board held on 23 November 2017 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE – CHAIR’S PROGRESS AND ACTIVITY REPORT

The Chair of the Community Alliance, Ms Anne MacDougall, was heard in relation to providing an update on the work of the Community Alliance, which included various issues/challenges to be addressed. Councillor McColl was heard in response.

The Performance & Strategy Manager provided an update in relation to the third phase of community budgeting. In this respect, the Board agreed to note the considerable success of many community groups in achieving award funding, which would make a considerable difference in West Dunbartonshire. Accordingly, it was agreed that a report, giving information on the outcome of the community budgeting event would be submitted to a future meeting of the Board.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT FOR WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE ON THE PREVALENCE OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

A report was submitted by the Health and Social Care Partnership introducing Linda de Caestecker, Director of Public Health who provided a presentation on the key issues. In this regard, the Board noted the content of the comprehensive nature of the presentation, particularly as it focused on one of the major challenges for West Dunbartonshire; that of domestic violence, the prevalence rates being the highest in Scotland. A question and answer session followed, with Councillor McColl thanking everyone for their contributions, and for the high quality nature of the debate on this most challenging of issues.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Children's Health and Care and Criminal Justice and Chief Social Work Officer in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) to thank Linda de Caestecker, Director of Public Health for her most informative and comprehensive presentation, that had prompted considerable debate and discussion at the meeting; and
- (2) that the item on Domestic Abuse be kept on the agenda of the Board meantime, in order to get input from partners with regard to getting feedback on what the partnership was doing to tackle the problem of domestic abuse and exploring what else could be done to tackle this issue.

SCRUTINY REPORTS

- (1) **Q3 Police Scrutiny Report**
- (2) **Q3 Fire Scrutiny Report**

A report was submitted by Divisional Commander, Police Scotland and Local Senior Officer, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service providing a quarterly performance update on delivery of both the local fire and police plans.

After discussion and having heard Chief Superintendent Hendren and Chief Inspector Leitch, Police Scotland and Stuart McLean, Group Manager, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service, respectively, in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) to note the comprehensive, full and detailed presentations on their respective reports and for the helpful analysis behind the statistical data contained within;
- (2) to commend everyone involved in the rescue and recovery operation which took place at Cameron House when fire broke out at the hotel in the morning of Monday, 18 December 2017, which sadly led to two fatalities; and
- (3) otherwise to note the contents of the report and the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of this matter.

ACTION PLANS

Covering reports and action plans were submitted by the Delivery & Improvement Group (DIG) Chairs in respect of the following:-

- (1) **Flourishing Delivery & Improvement Group (Richard Cairns, DIG Chair)**
- (2) **Nurtured Delivery & Improvement Group (Jackie Irvine, DIG Chair)**
- (3) **Safer Delivery & Improvement Group (Supt. Brian Gibson, DIG Chair)**

The Board agreed to note the current position, content of the reports and action plans on the three Delivery & Improvement Group's listed above,

UNIVERSAL CREDIT FULL SERVICE

A report was submitted by Strategic Lead – Housing and Employability, West Dunbartonshire Council, providing the Board with an update on the introduction of Universal Credit (full service) to West Dunbartonshire in September 2018, which includes an illustration of the emerging challenges and an indication of our preparations to address the various challenges emerging as a result.

After discussion and having heard the Manager, Working4U in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) to note the issues identified, including the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of this matter;
- (2) to take forward as an action, how best partners could individually and collectively contribute to the delivery of the action plan; and
- (3) to support the development of a Customer Representation Group.

YOUR PLACE, YOUR PLAN: PROGRESS REPORT

A report was submitted by Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment and Growth, West Dunbartonshire Council, advising of the progress made in establishing the Your Place, Your Plan work stream. In this regard, it was noted that this was focused on the integration of Community Planning and Development Planning in line with the direction of travel in both the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 and the Planning (Scotland) Bill.

After discussion and having heard the Performance & Strategy Manager and the Team Leader – Forward Planning in further explanation of the report, the Board agreed to note the work which has taken place to date, and the work programme planned for 2018/19.

The meeting closed at 11.55 a.m.