

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP STRATEGIC BOARD

At a Meeting of the West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board held in Committee Room 3, Council Offices, Garshake Road, Dumbarton, on Wednesday, 12 December 2012 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillor Martin Rooney (Chair) and Jonathan McColl; Angela Wilson, Executive Director of Corporate Services (for Joyce White, Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council (WDC)); Tom Woodbridge, Chair, Dumbarton Community Forum; John Hainey, Chair, Clydebank Community Forum; *Barbara Barnes, Chair, Vale of Leven Community Forum; Chief Superintendent Barry McEwan, Strathclyde Police; Selina Ross, Manager, West Dunbartonshire Community Volunteering Service; John Binning, Principal Policy Officer, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; Roseann Ellison, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland; and Etta Wright, District Manager, West of Scotland, Jobcentre Plus.

* Arrived later in the meeting.

Attending: Peter Barry, Head of Customer & Community Services, West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership (WDCPP); and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer, Legal, Democratic and Regulatory Services (WDC).

Also Attending: Jill Vickerman, Location Director and Anita Popplestone, Location Support, Scottish Government.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Lawrence O'Neill; Joyce White, Chief Executive, WDC; Fergus Byrne, Strathclyde Police and Ronnie Dinnie, Head of Neighbourhood Services, WDC.

Councillor Martin Rooney in the Chair

WELCOME

Councillor Rooney, Chair, welcomed everyone to the December meeting of the Strategic Board.

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 Partnership Strategic Board held on 3 September 2012 were submitted and approved as a correct record, subject to the following:-

Having heard Mr Woodbridge, Councillor Rooney, Chair, accepted the amendments as proposed by him, on the understanding that to avoid any confusion, in future, any such proposed amendments should be clearly stated by the mover for the purposes of recording them properly in the minutes.

Accordingly, the Board endorsed the following amendments proposed to the Minutes by Mr Woodbridge:-

CPP Investment Recommendations

To read as follows:-

“After discussion and a vote on a proposal that this meeting should decide now on the allocation of funds which was lost and having.....”

Developing Thematic Group Structures

To read as follows:-

“Following discussion.....in answer to Members’ questions and noting the Community Forums discontent with the proposals in relation to items (2) & (3) below, the Board agreed:-.....”

WDCPP Thematic Groups Annual Progress Report, 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012

To read as follows:-

“the Board agreed to note the contents of the report and in relation to a question raised about whether the unit costs shown on Pages 56 & 57 of the report were comparable and could be used to support the conclusions drawn that the previous employability programme was 43% more expensive than the current model the Chief Executive, West Dunbartonshire Council undertook to look into the matter and report back.”

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT DECISIONS – UPDATE ON 2012/13 ALLOCATIONS

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing an update on the allocation of additional CPP funding in 2012/13.

In relation to a point raised by Councillor McColl concerning a verbal update and a report that was discussed at the Vale of Leven Community Forum, it was noted that reports to Community Forums go as part of the papers for the Strategic Board and that those papers accurately reflect the true position. It was agreed that representatives are asked to be mindful that any verbal updates given should be consistent with the position reflected in the Board papers and not be contradictory. It was agreed having heard Councillor Rooney, Chair, that this point would be taken on board.

The Board otherwise agreed to note the contents of the report.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT DECISION MAKING – FUTURE INVESTMENT 2013/14

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services seeking approval to ensure processes are in place to enable the Strategic Board to consider funding applications for 2013/14.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Customer & Community Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed:-

- (1) to note that the Strategic Board would consider proposals for future CPP Investment at a Special Meeting of the Board to be held in March 2013; and
- (2) to request thematic groups to prepare fully for the 2013/14 investment process.

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BUDGET MONITORING REPORT – PERIOD 7 TO 31 OCTOBER 2012

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services advising of the performance of the CPP Investment budget for the period to 31 October 2012.

The Board agreed to note the contents of the report.

REPORTING PROCESSES – FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services providing information on current frequency and process for reporting on CPP Finance and Performance.

After discussion and having heard the Head of Customer & Community Services and the Executive Director of Corporate Services in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) that officers would look at the possibility of including an additional column, giving an assessment of outcome achievements, on the basis discussed at the meeting; and
- (2) to otherwise note the contents of the report.

SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT 2011/14 – ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

A report was submitted by the Executive Director of Corporate Services setting out West Dunbartonshire Community Planning Partnership's progress in meeting the Local Outcomes contained in the 2011/14 Single Outcome Agreement.

After discussion and having heard Members' in elaboration, the Board agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of meeting the Local Outcomes, as outlined in the Appendix to the report; and
- (2) to otherwise note the contents of the report.

NATIONAL REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING AND SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENTS

A verbal update was provided by Peter Barry, Head of Community and Customer Services, West Dunbartonshire Council on the National Review of Community Planning and Single Outcome Agreements.

Having heard the Head of Customer & Community Services and the Executive Director of Corporate Services in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed:-

- (1) to note the terms of the discussion that had taken place in respect of this matter; and
- (2) that it would be worthwhile for a joint presentation, between officers of WDC and DWP, to be made to a future meeting of the Board on the changes being brought in with regard to Universal Credit and housing benefit, etc., that would impact on the community in West Dunbartonshire.

STRATHCLYDE PARTNERSHIP FOR TRANSPORT (SPT) – TRANSPORT OUTCOME REPORT: WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE 2012/13

A verbal update was provided by John Binning, Principal Transport Policy Officer (SPT). A copy of the West Dunbartonshire Transport Outcomes Report 2012/13 was circulated at the meeting for Members' information.

After discussion and having heard the Principal Transport Policy Officer in elaboration and in answer to Members' questions, the Board agreed to note the terms of the verbal update and discussion that had taken place in relation to this matter.

PRESENTATION – GETTING IT RIGHT FOR EVERY CHILD (GIRFEC)

A presentation was given by Mary Berrill, Quality Improvement Manager, West Dunbartonshire Council on Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC).

In this connection, it was noted amongst other things, that for all staff working with children, young people and their families the implementation of GIRFEC over the next year would mean a focus on training. This would impact on Health and Social Care and Education Services as well as the voluntary sector and other services such as Housing and Police. The training and change to culture, practice and process would mean looking at how we could improve our joint working and information sharing. One of the key aims being to build on the existing good multi-agency working and be able to improve outcomes for the children and families who use our services.

Following discussion and a question and answer session, Councillor Rooney, Chair, thanked Ms Berrill for her interesting and informative presentation.

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

Councillor Rooney, Chair, wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

The meeting closed at 12.28 p.m.