



Report by the Performance & Strategy Manager

Community Planning West Dunbartonshire: Thursday 4 February 2021

Subject: Social Renewal Advisory Board Report – ‘If not now, when?’

1. Purpose

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is to provide members with an overview of the report ‘If not now, when?’ published by the Social Renewal Advisory Board on 22 January 2021.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** Members are asked to:
- Note the content of the report
 - Agree to further work being progressed through DIGs on alignment of recommendation areas to action plans

3. Background

- 3.1** The Social Renewal Advisory Board (SRAB) was formed in 2020 by Scottish Ministers to make recommendations on actions which would support renewal in the immediate post-pandemic period.
- 3.2** SRAB met eleven times between June 2020 and January 2021 to review findings from community listening events, wider engagement activity, focus groups, calls for evidence and the advice and recommendations from the nine policy groups underpinning the board. This feedback and learning informed development of their report [‘If not now, when?’](#) published on 22 January 2021.

4. Main Issues

- 4.1** The SRAB report contains 20 specific calls to action, aligned to three key principles:
- **Money and Work** –everyone should have a basic level of income from employment and social security,
 - **People, Rights and Advancing Equality** –everyone should see their rights realised and have access to a range of basic rights, goods and services,
 - **Communities and Collective Endeavour** –we need to work together to deliver a fairer society and we need to give more power to people and communities and empower frontline teams.

- 4.2** While the calls to action described in the report are aligned to the three principles which form the focus of the report they also align well to the four collaborative priority themes agreed by CPWD in November 2020:
- Poverty
 - Empowerment
 - Wellbeing
 - Sustainability
- 4.3** The 20 calls to action described in the SRAB report are detailed in appendix 1 to this report, with proposed alignment to the priority themes also suggested. As the five DIGs work to refresh their action plans, they will consider and refer to these recommendations to inform specific action areas.
- 4.4** Further detail on how the SRAB report is informing activity in West Dunbartonshire will be provided during regular DIG chair updates at future meetings.
- 5. People Implications**
- 5.1** None, all activity will be delivered through existing partnership capacity.
- 6. Financial & Procurement Implications**
- 6.1** None, this is an update on a national publication.
- 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 and context for community planning in Scotland would not reflect well on CPWD and would risk delivery of improved outcomes overall.
- 8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)**
- 8.1** No actions are required as this is an update on a national publication.
- 9 Consultation**
- 9.1** This report provides an update on a national publication.
- 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.

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Appendices: Appendix 1 – Social Renewal Advisory Board recommendations

Background Papers: [If not now, When?](#)

Wards Affected: All