

Report by the Chair, Community Planning Executive Group

Community Planning West Dunbartonshire: Thursday 4 February 2021

Subject: Community Planning Executive Group - update

1. Purpose

1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide members with an update on work progressing through the Community Planning Executive Group (CPEG)

2. Recommendations

- **2.1** Members are asked to:
 - Note the CPEG update

3. Background

- 3.1 Community Planning West Dunbartonshire undertook a self-assessment exercise between June and September 2019, in order to identify improvement activities for the management group. Improvement Service colleagues facilitated a dedicated development session, attended by a range of CPWD members, to support consideration and refinement of a proposed action plan. The action plan was developed as a mechanism to deliver continuous improvement activity on key areas of focus for members of CPWD.
- 3.2 The first action progressed by CPWD was creation of an executive group, established under the leadership of the Council Chief Executive. This group replaces the previous DIG chairs meeting, with membership extended to ensure all five statutory agencies are represented.

4. Main Issues

4.1 CPEG is leading on development of a range of actions which stem from the improvement plan. Details and areas for consideration are detailed in the following sections, covering collaborative priorities, an updated partnership agreement, and scoping of possible community planning awareness sessions.

Improvement Plan

4.2 Following agreement of the revised Improvement Plan, work has progressed through the Community Planning Executive Group (CPEG), to deliver those areas of work prioritised within the plan. CPEG and DIGs have also

- undertaken a review of the action areas within the plan to provide a more focused plan for delivery.
- 4.3 There are a number of actions in the improvement plan which require all partners to deliver. Where this is the case the executive group will coordinate updates from all partners to allow quarterly reporting through CPWD. This ensures that any challenges in progressing specific action areas can be identified and resolved.
- 4.4 As can be seen from the update included in appendix 1, progress is being made across all four key improvement areas detailed within the plan. The CPEG will continue to oversee delivery of action area on behalf of CPWD and provide regular updates on progress.

Partnership recovery

- 4.5 All agencies involved in community planning are currently developing recovery plans focused on supporting our communities, and those who rely on our services, in a post pandemic context. However it is important to remember that the broad themes and areas of work being progressed will be similar across these agencies.
- 4.6 Community planning has a vital role to play in supporting a cohesive and collaborative recovery for the communities of West Dunbartonshire. As such it is recommended that the planned review of DIG action plans aligns to the recovery focus for the partnership.
- 4.7 The 4 priority themes agreed at the November 2020 meeting of CPWD give a focus for recovery planning and will also be used to shape the DIG action plans for the 201/22 period, in line with the Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP). They will be refreshed as required following the LOIP review scheduled for 2022.

5. People Implications

5.1 None, all activity will be delivered through existing partnership capacity.

6. Financial & Procurement Implications

6.1 The work of CPEG is focused on improving processes and approaches to how partners work together. As such the financial implications are minimal. It is assumed that any financial implications will be met from within existing resources.

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 being set for community planning in Scotland would not reflect well on CPWD and would risk delivery against the national policy priorities set by the Scottish Government.

- 8. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA)
- **8.1** No actions are required as this is an update report.
- 9 Consultation
- **9.1** This report provides an update on ongoing activity.
- 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 – CPWD Improvement Plan

Background Papers: None

Wards Affected: All