

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

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COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Report by Depute Chief Executive, Chief Operating Officer (Report No. 19/297)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an update on progress with Community Planning priorities since the last update to the Housing and Communities Committee on 21 August 2019.

1. LOCAL ACTION PARTNERSHIPS

- 1.1 The Strathearn & Strathallan Local Action Partnership (LAP) provided an update to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board meeting held in Crieff on September 20. The LAP reported their progress so far in delivering the Local Action Plan and other local community initiatives, highlighting the positive use of Participatory Budgeting and Community Investment Funding to allow them to deliver local projects and initiatives. The Action Partnership priorities have been identified as:

- Poverty,
- Rural isolation,
- Youth activities,
- Connectivity,
- Employment opportunities.

The December meeting of the CPP will take place in Perth, at which the Perth City LAP will provide an update on their activities.

- 1.2 The Community Planning Partnership Executive Officer Group (CPPEOG) approved a Compact between the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and Local Action Partnerships (LAPs). This sets out a series of shared principles and commitments between the CPP and LAPs to better support local community planning in Perth and Kinross. A copy of the Compact is provided in Appendix 1.

2. COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT

- 2.1 In May the Council received a Community Asset Transfer (CAT) request from Dunning Community Association (DCA), for the Newton of Pitcairn Halls. The CAT Team anticipates that a report with recommendations will go to Strategic Policy & Resources Committee on 27 November. The Council has also received a number of expressions of interest on other properties, with three potential applicants currently being supported to consider making a full CAT request.

- 2.2 A review of [community empowerment](#) in Scotland has been undertaken by the Strategic Scrutiny Group, a group comprising of 10 national public scrutiny bodies which monitor the accounts and performance of Scotland's public bodies. The Group reviewed progress in the implementation of the Community Empowerment Act (Scotland) 2015 as well as the broader community empowerment agenda. The group has identified best practice for public bodies to empower the communities they service. The report covers 5 themes: community control, public sector leadership, effective relationships, improving outcomes and accountability. A summary of this is available as Appendix 2 to this report. The recommendations in the report will feed into the CPP Governance and Impact Review and other workstreams for the Council and CPP.

3. COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUND

- 3.1 The first tranche of the 2019/20 Community Investment Fund (CIF) for community groups seeking funding between £3,000 and £50,000 closed on 21 August. The table below summarises the applications which were received. The second tranche of 2019/20 funding is open and will close on 12 December.

Ward	No. of Applications	Value of Applications (£)	Available Funding (£)
Ward 1 - Carse of Gowrie	8	46,648.88	60,756.50
Ward 2 - Strathmore	6	28,733.60	50,000.00
Ward 3 - Blairgowrie & Glens	9	136,616.99	50,000.00
Ward 4 - Highland	20	149,171.41	50,000.00
Ward 5 - Strathtay	13	82,047.06	50,004.59
Ward 6 - Strathearn	10	73,880.39	50,023.29
Ward 7 - Strathallan	5	69,435.00	50,000.00
Ward 8 - Kinross-shire	7	71,512.00	50,297.01
Ward 9 - Almond & Earn	6	65,019.19	50,000.00
Ward 10 - Perth City South	7	43,226.07	50,000.00
Ward 11 - Perth City North	6	64,655.82	59,607.00
Ward 12 - Perth City Centre	14	140,690.00	50,000.00
Perth & Kinross	111	971,636.41	620,688.39

- 3.2 The same assessment process used for 2018/19 will be used, with Ward Panels assessing applications, making recommendations to the relevant Local Action Partnership and final decisions being taken by Strategic Policy & Resources Committee on 27 November for the first tranche and in February 2020 for the second tranche.
- 3.3 Successful applicants in the first year of Community Investment Funding (2018/19) will soon be asked to return their first monitoring form as it will be six months since their funding was received. A summary of these returns will be shared with the relevant Local Action Partnership.

4. CPP GOVERNANCE & IMPACT

- 4.1 CPP Board is currently undertaking a review of Governance and Impact. The review aims to strengthen the CPP's ability to work together in delivering the Community Plan 2017-2027. At the CPP Board meeting on 20 September, the Board considered the outcomes of a workshop held in July, the recommendations from the Best Value Audit and the objectives of the Perth and Kinross Offer. It was agreed that the Community Plan 2017-2027 will be reviewed and updated to focus on the key issues identified by communities and CPP Partners through the development of the Perth and Kinross Offer. Furthermore progress in addressing these issues will be measured using the National Performance Framework. It was agreed that the CPP Board will play a key role in providing the leadership and governance required to deliver the Offer. Following the development of the refreshed Community Plan, Board will consider the most appropriate partnership governance arrangements.

5. FAIRER FUTURES

- 5.1 The Community Planning Partnership Executive Officer Group approved a 'Statement of Intent' which sets out how the CPP has and will continue to deliver the Fairness Commission's recommendations. The Child Poverty Action Group will now be leading on some of the recommendations and reporting on the progress through the development of the Local Child Poverty Action Report. The Community Planning Partnership Executive Officer will continue to lead on the other actions.

6. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is recommended that the Housing and Communities Committee **notes** the progress since August 2019 on Community Planning objectives.

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