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COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Report by Senior Depute Chief Executive

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an update on the activities of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) since the last update to Council on 20 December 2017.

1. COMMUNITY PLAN 2017-2027

- 1.1 The Perth & Kinross Community Plan was approved at the Full Council meeting on 4 October 2017 and at the Community Planning Partnership Board meeting on 6 October 2017.
- 1.2 The <u>online version of the Community Plan</u> has been launched which allows communities, elected members, colleagues, and partners to quickly reference the key outcomes that the Council and our partnership will be delivering on over the next 10 years, and our approach to working together with communities. Communities have the option to comment directly on the online version of the Plan, to help reshape future editions of this Plan.
- 1.3 At it's December meeting, the Community Planning Partnership Board approved a rolling review programme for the Community Plan. This will ensure the Plan remains current and relevant, and can be adapted to reflect feedback from engagement/ consultation activities with our communities, new public service reform legislation and performance data.

2. LOCAL ACTION PARTNERSHIPS AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

2.1 After last year's successful participatory budgeting events when £100,000 funding was awarded by public vote to 96 community projects, Action Partnerships will be holding eight participatory budgeting events in February and March. Community groups across Perth and Kinross have had the opportunity to apply for funding to help tackle the inequalities which Action Partnerships have identified in their Local Action Plans. £180,000 funding is available through Scottish Government Community Choices Fund and Health & Social Care Partnership support. Elected Members will receive an update on this round of participatory budgeting in a future update.

3. REVIEW OF LOCAL DECISION MAKING

3.1 On 1 December 2017, the Community Planning Partnership Board agreed to a review of local decision making in Perth and Kinross, and this was reported to the Full Council meeting in December 2017 (Report 17/419). What Works Scotland the respected collaborative community research organisation, is working with officers on this review, and is hosting focus groups and interviews with elected members, Action Partnership community representatives, other community groups and Community Planning Partnership staff. This research, which is scheduled for conclusion by the end of March, should help strengthen community empowerment and local democracy in Perth and Kinross.

4. CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is recommended that Council notes the progress made in relation to Community Planning, and meeting our requirements under the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

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