

# **PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL**

## **Housing And Social Wellbeing Committee**

**15 March 2023**

### **COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE**

**Report by Head of Cultural and Community Services**  
(Report No 23/83)

#### **PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the work of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) since the previous report on 25 January 2023.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that Committee notes the following CPP activity:
- ongoing support around Cost of Living
  - development of a Risk Profile for the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan
  - input to Scottish Parliamentary Inquiry into Community Planning

#### **STRUCTURE OF REPORT**

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:
- Section 4: Update from CPP Board
  - Section 5: Conclusion

#### **UPDATE FROM CPP BOARD**

- 4.1 The CPP Board met on 24 February 2023 and focused on three main items of business: Cost of Living; strategic risk in delivering the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan; and the Parliamentary Inquiry into Community Planning.
- 4.2 When approving the revised Local Outcomes Improvement Plan in September 2022 ([Report 22/48](#)), CPP Board agreed three short-term priorities around Cost of Living:
1. submitting a bid to be a pilot Cash First Partnership
  2. working with communities and wider partners to support the establishment and delivery of Cosy Spaces to provide dignified and sensitive support to individuals and families who may struggle over the winter period
  3. continuing to work with communities to support foodbanks and food larders to help tackle food insecurity.

- 4.3 A Cash First Working Group has been established to bid for a Cash First Partnership in Perth and Kinross. Work on this has temporarily paused as the Scottish Government reviews budgets. It is anticipated that the bidding process to pilot a Cash First Partnership will now open in the 2023/24 financial year.
- 4.4 The Council has allocated £420,000 worth of funding to support 94 community-led warm spaces and the distribution of warm home packs across Perth and Kinross, as well as ongoing support to community foodbanks. Information on warm spaces, including a map and database is available on the Council website at <https://www.pkc.gov.uk/warmspaces>. Each warm space that received Council funding will complete a monitoring report in March. This will focus on the usage levels, local impact and key learning points. A further update on the impact of warm spaces will be brought to Committee in due course.
- 4.5 Other CPP Board members reported taking the following steps to support communities over the winter in response to the cost of living crisis:
- distribution of emergency food, fuel and warm packs
  - income maximisation referrals across all services
  - welfare and benefits advice in in-patient settings
  - supporting local groups at the front line who were struggling with core costs, such as heating
  - increasing digital and outreach service options for clients to reduce travel
  - offering additional learning and training opportunities for staff to better understand the impact of poverty and how they can help
- 4.6 The Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP) is the Community Planning Partnership's shared strategy for tackling inequality across Perth and Kinross and a revised LOIP was approved in September 2022. CPP Board are developing a new risk register to ensure LOIP delivery risks are overseen at strategic level. CPP Board aims to have a finalised risk register in place by the end of April 2023.
- 4.7 The Scottish Parliament's Local Government & Communities Committee have recently commenced an Inquiry into community planning. Following on from the submission of an initial response approved by Committee on 25 January ([Appendix to Report 23/8](#)), Council officers gave evidence at a Committee session on 7 March. Also in attendance were colleagues from East Dunbartonshire, South Ayrshire, Orkney and Highland Councils.

## **CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 This is an update on Community Planning related activity in Perth and Kinross, since the last update on 25 January 2023. It covers Cost of Living, strategic risks in delivering the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the ongoing Parliamentary Inquiry into Community Planning.

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## 1. IMPLICATIONS, ASSESSMENTS, CONSULTATION, AND COMMUNICATION

Strategic Implications	Yes / None
Community Plan / Single Outcome Agreement	Yes
Corporate Plan	Yes
Resource Implications	
Financial	None
Workforce	None
Asset Management (land, property, IST)	None
Assessments	
Equality Impact Assessment	None
Strategic Environmental Assessment	None
Sustainability (community, economic, environmental)	None
Legal and Governance	None
Risk	None
Consultation	
Internal	None
External	None
Communication	
Communications Plan	None

### 1. Strategic Implications

#### Community Plan/Single Outcome Agreement

1.1 This report supports all of the priorities within the Community Plan 2022-27.

- (i) *Reducing Poverty (including child poverty, fuel poverty and food poverty)*
- (ii) *Mental and physical wellbeing*
- (iii) *Digital participation*
- (iv) *Skills, learning and development*
- (v) *Employability*

#### Corporate Plan

1.2 This report supports the objectives within the new Corporate Plan:-

- (i) *Children and young people grow up safe, respected, well-educated, and confident in their ability to realise their full potential;*
- (ii) *People and businesses are increasingly able to prosper in a local economy which support low carbon ambitions and offers opportunities for all;*
- (iii) *People can achieve their best physical and mental health and have access to quality care and support when they need it;*
- (iv) *Communities are resilient and physically, digital and socially connected;*

- (v) *Perth and Kinross is a safe and vibrant place, mitigating the impact of climate and environmental change for this and future generations.*

## **2. Resource Implications**

### Financial

- 2.1 Not applicable.

### Workforce

- 2.2 Not applicable.

### Asset Management (land, property, IT)

- 2.3 Not applicable.

## **3. Assessments**

### Equality Impact Assessment

- 3.1 Proposals that have been considered under the Corporate Equalities Impact Assessment process (EqIA) are assessed as **not relevant** for EqIA.

### Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 3.2 Proposals have been considered under the Act, and no further action is required as it does not qualify as a PPS as defined by the Act and is therefore exempt.

### Sustainability

- 3.3 Not applicable.

### Legal and Governance

- 3.4 Not applicable.

### Risk

- 3.5 Not applicable.

## **4. Consultation**

### Internal

- 4.1 Staff in Communities Service have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

External

4.2 Not applicable.

**5. Communication**

5.1 Not applicable.

**2. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

2.1 No additional documents have been relied on in preparing the report, other than those committee reports already referenced within the main body of the report.