

### Facilitated discussion by Clare Bryner from What Works Scotland

#### Aim

**To undertake a Review of Local Decision Making within the context of Community Empowerment Legislation**

#### Objectives

1. To assess the effectiveness of current local community planning arrangements.
2. To make recommendations to strengthen these consistent with the provisions in the community empowerment act to ensure effective local decision making.

#### Scope

To consider:

- decisions / responsibilities that could be devolved to Local Area Partnerships,
- decisions of the Community Planning Partnership that could be informed by area partnerships.
- how Local Area Partnerships are involved in:
  - Policy decisions
  - Service redesign
  - Changes to premises etc
- the potential role of Local Area Partnerships in determining funding for local community organisations.
- the scrutiny role of Local Area Partnerships in terms of performance of public services in their area.

#### Methodology

Review the current progress against the ambition set out in the Community Empowerment Act.

Carry out a desktop comparison both nationally and internationally of best practice.

Facilitated discussion with:

- Local Action Partnerships and other community groups
- Chairs and lead officers of existing LAPs
- Elected members
- Third Sector Interface

#### Timescale

January – March 2018

Summary report to be produced for the Community Planning Partnership and Perth & Kinross Council by 16 March 2018.