

PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minute of meeting of the Perth and Kinross Community Planning Partnership Board held hybrid at PKAVS, The Gateway, Perth on Friday 18 November 2022 at 10.00am.

Present: Councillors G Laing, P Barrett, D Cuthbert and J Duff; Perth and Kinross Council; T Glen and S Devlin, Perth and Kinross Council; L Hughes, PKAVS; V Lynch, Perth College UHI; D McLaren, Scottish Government; E Fletcher, NHS Tayside; and M Wright, Scottish Enterprise.

In Attendance: C Guild, L Haxton, C Mailer, and D Williams (all Perth and Kinross Council); J Rennie (PKAVS); C Graham (Social Security Scotland); and E Boyd (on behalf of G MacDougall), Skills Development Scotland.

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

With Councillor Laing absent from the start of the meeting, it was agreed that L Hughes, PKAVS, begin the meeting as Chair.

L Hughes welcomed all present to the meeting, and introduced J Rennie, PKAVS, to members.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made in terms of the relevant Codes of Conduct.

COUNCILLOR LAING ENTERED THE MEETING AT THIS POINT. IT WAS AGREED THAT L HUGHES WOULD CONTINUE TO CHAIR THE MEETING.

3. MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD OF 22 APRIL 2022

The minute of meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Board of 22 April 2022 was submitted and approved as a correct record.

4. COST OF LIVING

4(i). LOIP REMINDER

L Haxton delivered a verbal update with regards to the Local Actions Improvement Plan (LOIP).

L Haxton advised members that, following the agreement of the LOIP by Council on 28 September 2022 subject to any final amendments from the Community Planning Partnership Board, that the LOIP had been agreed by board

members by email. L Haxton further advised that Hate Crime was due to be discussed by the Council's Executive Leadership Team.

4(ii). ANTI-POVERTY TASKFORCE

C Mailer, Perth and Kinross Council, delivered a verbal update on the Anti-Poverty Taskforce.

C Mailer advised members that a paper in this regard was submitted to Council in September 2022, which gave an overview of the very specific challenges for Perth and Kinross. C Mailer advised that a strategy had been agreed and that those at the greatest level of need were being targeted.

C Mailer advised that there was a balance between strategic and emergency response, and that the Anti-Poverty Taskforce had been established quickly. Councillor Laing advised that the Anti-Poverty Taskforce was a combination of the Local Authority and the private sector.

Councillor Cuthbert commended this as being a good start, whilst highlighting that a lot of work was still required. He emphasised the importance of the balance between emergency and long-term responses.

4(iii). NATIONAL INTERVENTIONS

C Graham, Social Security Scotland, delivered a slide-based presentation to Members regarding national interventions with regards to cost of living.

C Graham advised members that the Scottish Child Payment was a new payment, and that further benefits were being introduced. She also advised members that stats were being published every quarter and that work was being undertaken with prisons regarding benefits to those being released.

C Graham advised members that, whilst Social Security Scotland offered face to face meetings, the video call option offered was proving a popular option. She also advised that telephone appointments were offered, and that there were a number of local outreach centres across Perth and Kinross.

In response to a query regarding processing times, C Graham advised that statistics in this regard were not published, and that the discrepancies between individual cases and different benefits meant that it was difficult and not appropriate to set benchmarks.

5. LOCAL EMPLOYABILITY PARTNERSHIP

V Lynch, Perth College UHI, delivered a slide-based presentation to members on the Local Employability Partnership.

V Lynch advised members that work was ongoing across the Tay Cities region, and that the Local Employability Partnership had been in operation for twelve

months. V Lynch advised that it was planned that there would be a strategy in place in this regard by March 2023.

In response to a query from T Glen, V Lynch advised that more joining up of the work of the Local Employability Partnership and the work of the Child Poverty Task Force and the Anti-Poverty Task Force would be beneficial. C Mailer endorsed this referencing the challenges being faced in Perth and Kinross, with specific reference to the challenges being faced in rural areas.

In response to a further query from T Glen, V Lynch advised that there were a number of skills academies ongoing through Local Employability Partnership funding regarding industry skills. V Lynch advised that work was ongoing in this regard with industries undergoing labour challenges, such as hospitality and health and social care.

6. PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL CORPORATE PLAN

C Guild, Perth and Kinross Council, delivered a slide-based presentation regarding the Perth and Kinross Council Corporate Plan.

C Guild advised members that the Community Plan feeds into and influences the Corporate Plan, and further advised that the Corporate Plan had links to the LOIP.

7. EMERGING STRATEGIC ISSUES

There were no emerging strategic issues.

8. ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

L Haxton advised members that the Scottish Parliament had begun an enquiry into Community Planning and views from partners would be sought as part of the requested response. L Haxton advised that a deadline of 30 December had been set.

L Haxton advised that Live Active Leisure were looking to submit a bid for the Scottish Sports Equity Fund, and were looking to use the LOIP as a resource for informing this bid.

E Boyd, Skills Development Scotland, advised that Scottish Government had announced a review of its skills delivery platform.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members were advised that the dates and venues for 2023 meetings of the Community Planning Partnership, and they would be advised in due course.

~~~~~