



## **PERTH AND KINROSS COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP**

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### **LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022-2032**

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#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This report presents the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2022-2032 which sets out the actions that the Community Planning Partnership will take to improve outcomes and reduce socio-economic inequality in Perth and Kinross.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Board:
- i. Approve the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2022-2032 attached as Appendix 1
  - ii. Agree the initial short term focus as outlined in paragraph 7.2

#### **3. CONTEXT**

- 3.1 Part 2 of the [Community Empowerment \(Scotland\) Act 2015](#) requires listed public services and other bodies to work together as a Community Planning Partnership (CPP). The CPP has the joint statutory duty to improve outcomes for people in the CPP area, with a particular focus on those experiencing the poorest outcomes as a result of socio-economic inequality. Section 6 of Part 2 of the Act requires the CPP to produce a Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP). The purpose of the LOIP is to set out the inequalities faced in Perth and Kinross and the actions that the CPP will take to address them.
- 3.2 The Scottish Government has started a review of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act and although there is little detail yet as to what that will involve and focus on, it is important to remember that the Act does give Scottish Ministers an additional power to specifically direct CPPs and public bodies.

## **4. LOIP 2017**

4.1 Following the introduction of the 2015 Act, Perth and Kinross CPP approved its first Local Outcomes Improvement Plan in October 2017. This was also approved by Perth and Kinross Council at its October 2017 meeting ([Report 17/322](#)). The initial LOIP identified five broad strategic objectives:

1. Giving every child the best start in life
2. Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
3. Promoting a prosperous, sustainable and inclusive economy
4. Supporting people to lead independent, healthy and active lives
5. Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

## **5. THE REVIEW PROCESS**

5.1 The CPP reviewed its existing strategic priorities from mid-2020 to reflect the impact of Covid on socio-economic inequality in communities across Perth and Kinross. The subsequent cost of living crisis, the rise in poverty levels and the increasing urgency of the climate change challenge has exacerbated these issues, particularly for those already facing socio-economic disadvantage. Significant impact assessment and wider engagement with community organisations was carried out by the Council and other partners during this period to inform the new LOIP.

5.2 Based on this review work the following were identified by the CPP as new strategic priorities:

- Poverty (including child poverty, fuel poverty and food poverty)
- Mental and physical wellbeing
- Digital participation
- Skills, learning and development
- Employability

5.3 Climate change and the impact of the cost of living crisis are additional and significant inequalities which the CPP is jointly committed to tackling.

5.4 A new LOIP has subsequently been under development since early 2022, overseen by the CPP Executive Officer Group. The final draft is at Appendix 1 and Board is asked to approve it.

## **6. IMMEDIATE FOCUS – STATEMENT OF INTENT**

6.1 The LOIP is a 10 year plan for tackling inequality across Perth and Kinross. Five strategic priorities have been identified and a series of actions are proposed for the initial 12 months of delivery. As outlined in paragraph 5.3 the

cost of living has been identified as a cross cutting issue, impacting on all of the agreed strategic objectives.

7.2 Throughout the latter stages of the development of the revised LOIP, cost of living has become the overriding issue for services and partners to respond to. With that in mind, it is proposed that the CPP focus its efforts on three key actions for the period between now and the end of the financial year. These actions are:

1. Submitting a bid to be a pilot Cash First Partnership
2. Delivering a Cosy Spaces Initiative to provide dignified and sensitive support to individuals and families who may struggle over the winter period
3. Continuing to offer direct support to foodbanks and food larders to help tackle food insecurity

7.3 Updates on activity to support these three actions will be brought to the CPP Executive Officer Group and Board as required.

## **8. NEXT STEPS**

8.1 The new LOIP commits the CPP to delivering a number of priority actions over the next 12 months and this work will commence immediately, with the initial focus on cost of living. However, in parallel, the CPP will need to review its delivery structures to ensure they are fit for purpose and effectively support the joint commitments to which CP partners have signed up. A new CPP Climate Change Working Group has already been established and is focused on action to alleviate impacts of the climate emergency on the most vulnerable people and communities in our area, including the impact of fuel poverty.

8.2 Future CPP delivery structures will also need to be cognisant of the Council's wider Transformation Programme. The programme includes reviews to consolidate and strengthen collective impact of community empowerment and engagement activities across Council services and with the Council's delivery partners; and to strengthen the impact and effectiveness of strategic commissioning and procurement. Community engagement and empowerment activities include the role of Local Action Partnerships, alongside other community bodies, and the potential to transfer assets to community ownership and/or control as part of the Perth and Kinross Offer.

8.3 The Transformation Review of strategic commissioning and procurement will consider key dependencies with the CPP, given significant levels of spend on health, social care, children's services and 3<sup>rd</sup> sector commissioning, in all of which the CPP has a key locus. There is significant potential to enhance the role of the CPP in joint resourcing and commissioning integrated local public services, which effectively deliver the commitments of the LOIP over the next decade.

- 8.4 In line with current requirements the CPP will publish an Annual Performance Report setting out the actions that have been taken in delivering the strategic priorities of the LOIP and the impact it has had over the previous 12 months. The first Annual Performance Report for the new LOIP will be published in September 2023.

## **9. CONCLUSION**

- 9.1 The LOIP is the key statutory partnership document, focused on tackling inequalities for the people and communities of Perth and Kinross. A new LOIP has been prepared with a one-year action plan, focusing on poverty; mental and physical wellbeing; skills, learning and development; employability; and digital participation. An initial focus is required on the ongoing Cost of Living crisis.