

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

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COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Report by Senior Depute Chief Executive, ECS (Equality, Community Planning and Public Service Reform)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide an update on the work of the Community Planning Partnership since the last update to Full Council on 18 May 2016.

1. LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING

- 1.1 The Council and the CPP Board approved key principles for establishing Local Community Planning Partnerships (LCPPs) in November/December 2015 (reports [15/535](#) and [15/573 refer](#)), enabling implementation work to start in early 2016. Council received updates on progress on 24 February and 18 May 2016 (reports [16/66](#) and [16/214 refer](#)).

The focus now is on ensuring the right representation, with a manageable number of individuals representing the breadth of geography in a locality. This representation will include Community Planning partners, communities, and elected members. Successful local partnerships elsewhere are typically flexible, focussed on outcomes, pragmatic, and open to change. The membership arrangements being developed will therefore be in place for the partnerships' first 12 months, and will be reviewed at the end of that time.

1.2 Community Planning Partner Representation

As set out in the previous update, the partnerships will initially be led and chaired by senior officers from Community Planning partners. The Chairs and Lead Officers have now been identified, and the arrangements are set out in the table below.

Locality	Chair	Lead Officer
Highland and Strathclyde	Bill Nicoll (NHS)	Rab Middlemiss (SFRS)
Kinross-shire and Almond & Earn	Maggie Pettigrew (Police Scotland)	Sarah Brown (PKC)
Eastern Perthshire	Colin Grieve (SFRS)	Keith McNamara (PKC)
Strathearn and Strathalmond	Jim Valentine (PKC)	Maggie Rapley (NHS)
Perth City	John Walker (PKC)	Lorna Cameron (PKC)

Chairs and Leads met on 20 May to discuss the 'practical vision' for locality working, including the responsibilities of each role, and the support that will be required for them to carry out the roles effectively. This support included robust information in the Stories of Place, administrative support, and support from community-based staff.

Representation from other Community Planning Partners will also be required on all LCPPs. Chairs and Lead Officers will need to consider whether it is possible to decide the right representation in advance of the first meetings, or whether representation should be drawn from locality teams in response to the local priorities identified by the LCPP's.

Further workshops and discussions with Chairs and Leads are planned over the summer, to ensure they are well prepared for the work of the LCPPs when these begin in early autumn 2016.

2.3 Community Representation

PKAVS was commissioned to conduct engagement workshops with communities in each of the 5 localities during May 2016. The purpose of these was to build awareness of Local Community Planning and establish how communities can best be represented on the partnerships. The meetings were well attended by Community Councils and other well-established community bodies with over 40 participants in some localities. A facilitator from Scottish Community Development Centre led the meetings, and will produce a report which will be reviewed by the Community Empowerment Working Group and shared with participants. Two further workshops are planned for June, to enable anyone who could not attend in May to give their input.

In all localities there was a strong sense that the CPP must engage with existing work taking place in communities, in order to have an impact. Initial feedback from the workshops included:

- Achieving geographical representation at the LCPPs from all communities in the locality will be challenging in some areas
- There is a strong appetite for sub groups, some based on place and others on theme
- CPP was asked to recognise what is working well in communities already, and support it to grow
- Dedicated support will be required to support meetings and activity – this may include administrative support, access to technology, and a working budget
- Culture change will be needed from services and communities
- There is no uniformity in communities' readiness to engage with LCPPs and further work is required
- It will be important to build trust with communities for the LCPP's to work
- It will be important to engage with wider community, not just those who are already active in established community bodies.

Further work will now take place to:

- Design the LCPP meeting format and focus with communities, building on the feedback gathered so far
- Reach consensus about the representative 'mix' on LCPPs between community representatives, local elected members and public service officers
- Consider how community groups which are not currently engaged in the process, including those representing communities of interest rather than geography, can be brought into the process.

2.4 Elected Member Representation

Ensuring representation from elected members on the LCPPs will be crucial. The number of ward councillors in each locality varies from six to twelve, and it will be for councillors to agree among themselves how they are represented on LCPPs. Discussions have therefore begun with Leaders', asking them to consider how elected member representation on the LCPPs should be determined. This might include considering how every ward in a locality can be represented, and/or how different political groups can be represented.

2.5 Local Community Planning Next Steps

The proposed next steps in implementing local community planning are:

- Further work with Chairs and Lead Officers on implementation and on Stories of Place
- Further engagement with communities to ensure the right representation at LCPPs
- Organisational Development sessions on locality working, with elected members, Service Managers and key Team Leaders in Council and Partner agencies
- Continue preparing Stories of Place for all 5 localities, to inform the Locality Plans, as required under the Community Empowerment Act, which each LCPP will develop
- Set out the governance around Local CPP budgets
- Set dates for LCPPs to start meeting in autumn 2016 on contributing to the development of the new Community Plan/Local Outcome Improvement Plan, and on preparing their Locality Plans.

3. **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Council notes the progress made in the above areas.

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