

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

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LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2022-2032

Report by Head of Cultural and Community Services
(Report No. 22/248)

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report presents the draft 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 Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• approve the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan 2022-2032 attached at Appendix 1, subject to any final amendments by CPP Board.

3. STRUCTURE OF REPORT

- 3.1 This report is structured over the following sections:
- Section 4: Context
 - Section 5: LOIP 2017
 - Section 6: The Review Process
 - Section 7: Immediate Focus – Statement of Intent
 - Section 8: Next Steps
 - Section 9: Conclusion
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4. CONTEXT

- 4.1 Community planning in Perth and Kinross is about how we realise our ambition for our area to be the best place in Scotland **for everyone to live life well, free from poverty and inequality**. It is based on a shared understanding of what matters to individuals, families, neighbourhoods, wider localities and across our area as a whole. It is about what Perth and Kinross wants to become, with partners and communities collaboratively agreeing joint action to make change happen.
- 4.2 The Community Planning Partnership Board (CPP) leads this work through the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP). It has the collective statutory duty to reduce inequalities both in geographic areas and within communities of interest. It must make sure: that local community planning works effectively

and communities have an active voice and role in shaping their future and the future of the places they live in; and that action happens at both grassroots and strategic level which makes a tangible difference to people's lives.

- 4.3 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).
- 4.4 The Scottish Government has started a review of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act. 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.
- 4.5 Council is also considering the new Corporate Plan at this meeting. The LOIP sets out the Community Planning Partnership's collective vision for tackling inequalities in Perth and Kinross over the next 10 years and is a shared statutory requirement across the CPP. The Corporate Plan sets out the Council's specific priorities for the next 5 years and there are clear cross covering issues, particularly poverty and physical and mental wellbeing.
- 4.6 Officers are collaborating to ensure joint performance monitoring arrangements are established for both the LOIP and Corporate Plan. This will support improved reporting for both plans and effective performance management for relevant services and partners going forward.

5. LOIP 2017

- 5.1 Following the introduction of the 2015 Act, Perth and Kinross CPP approved its first Local Outcomes Improvement Plan in October 2017. This was 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

6. THE REVIEW PROCESS

- 6.1 The CPP reviewed its existing strategic priorities through Spring and Summer 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 to inform the new LOIP.

6.2 Based on this 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

6.3 In recognition of the interdependencies between these priorities, the fact that needs of each of our communities differ and community empowerment and participation lies at the heart of community planning the CPP agreed to take a locality approach to the delivery of these priorities. Two localities have been agreed as an initial focus.

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

6.5 A new LOIP has subsequently been under development since early 2022, overseen by the CPP Executive Officer Group and the final draft is attached at Appendix 1. CPP Board approval for the LOIP is expected by email by the end of this month, following the postponement of the Board meeting of 9 September 2022. Council asked to approve the LOIP, subject to any final amendments from Board members.

7. IMMEDIATE FOCUS – STATEMENT OF INTENT

7.1 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 6.4, 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, the CPP has agreed to 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. 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

- 7.3 The Council is making significant policy and financial commitments to address the cost-of-living crisis through the establishment of the Poverty Commission and the deployment of reserves allocated to support recovery from Covid. These financial commitments will comprise the Council's contribution to delivering against the three priority actions set out above. Other CPP partners will be considering their own level of financial commitments and it is expected these will be confirmed at the next CPP Board. Delivery will be overseen by the CPP Executive Officer Group and reported to the CPP Board and Council Housing and Social Wellbeing Committee.

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 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 evolve in light 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 3rd 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, and with, the people and communities of Perth and Kinross. A new draft 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.

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APPENDICES

- Appendix 1 - Draft Local Outcomes Improvement Plan

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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 The Improvement Actions identified in the report may impact all of the strategic objectives but are likely to be most relevant to:

- (ii) Developing educated, responsible and informed citizens
- (iii) Promoting a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable economy
- (v) Creating a safe and sustainable place for future generations

Corporate Plan

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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 the Communities Service, Communities Directorate and Executive Leadership Team have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

External

4.2 The Community Planning Partnership have been consulted during the preparation of this report.

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.