

PERTH AND KINROSS COUNCIL

1 July 2015

**Summary of Community Planning Partnership Activity
May – June 2015****Briefing Note by Executive Director (Education and Children's Services)****PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update Council on the activities of the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) between May to June 2015.

1. Joint Resourcing

The National Agreement on Joint Resourcing (JR) published in September 2013 sets expectations of all CPPs to develop JR arrangements - to ensure shared understanding of how total public spend across the CPP is best used to deliver the outcomes in the Community Plan. The 3 initial joint resourcing priorities approved by the Perth and Kinross CPP Board in November 2014 were; workless households in Blairgowrie and Rattray, support to local business growth, and employer engagement.

The CPP Board received a JR progress report on 5 June 2015. Following discussions with the Economy & Lifelong Learning ODG and CPPEOG, the update provided an outline of current findings and the priority issues for further investigation including; referral pathways, cost of transport, individual service outcomes, and claimant profiles, particularly the high numbers of over 50s). The Board welcomed the progress made on the JR pilot, and acknowledged the challenging analysis and further work to be completed in preparing an outline business case for CPP Board the JR Working Group will undertake further detailed analysis, scope options for service re-alignment, and prepare an outline business case to achieve the service transformation for consideration by the CPP Board in September 2015.

2. CPP Board: 5 June 2015**Community Empowerment Bill**

The CPP Board received a presentation from the Scottish Government on the Community Empowerment Bill. The presentation highlighted the key implications for CPPs and provided an overview of the Community Empowerment Bill as amended at completion of Stage 2. The Board discussed areas of the Bill aimed at tackling inequalities, the right of appeal to Scottish Ministers on participation requests, and the definition of community bodies within the various parts to the Bill. It was highlighted that a Stage 3 amendment has been lodged to place a duty of locality planning upon CPPs. The Stage 3 consideration and final parliamentary approval of the Bill takes place on 17 June 2015. If approved, the Bill will immediately progress for Royal Assent, which is expected by Summer 2015.

Outcome Delivery Group Progress Reports

The second Six Monthly Progress Reports from the Outcome Delivery Groups (ODGs) covering the period November 2014 to March 2015 were approved by Board. The progress reports are intended to provide the CPP Board with an opportunity to reflect on progress to date; responsiveness to new or changing issues which have emerged; and to identify where specific attention is required to overcome barriers or where longer term changes in strategic direction may be required. The reports noted that progress had been demonstrated in delivery of all Outcome Delivery Plans (ODPs) and performance against local outcomes remained on track. There were no significant strategic policy changes or challenges to highlight to CPP Board.

CPP Self Evaluation

The Board approved the methodology and timescales for the CPP Self Evaluation which will inform the development of the CPP Development Plan for 2015/16 onwards. The self evaluation will support the CPP to undertake a review of its strengths and development areas through a survey of Board and CPPEOG members. The self evaluation is scheduled to take place between June and September 2015, with CPPEOG drafting the Improvement Plan for CPP Board approval on 4 September 2015.

Developing Scotland's Young Workforce

Following the Commission for Developing Scotland's Young Workforce and the Scottish Government's Youth Employment Strategy, the Board considered an update on progress in developing a Perth and Kinross Action Plan.

The Government have established a National Advisory Group and Programme Board to take forward a seven year national programme. At a national level, Scotland is already starting from a strong position, as a number of the building blocks are already in place to support the development of improved outcomes for young people. The Government allocated £12M in 2014/15 to support the implementation of the proposals, with £6.5M allocated to local authorities (£205K for Perth & Kinross). A further £16.6M has been allocated in 2015/16. The success of both the national implementation plan and local plans will rely on a pooling of efforts and commitment of partners across national and local government, the wider public sector including Education Scotland, Skills Development Scotland, the Scottish Funding Council, and with employers.

The National Implementation Programme Board has established 5 broad work packages and outlined 39 specific recommendations across these work streams as outlined below:-

- Work relevant learning from 3-18
- Colleges – a valued and valuable choice
- Apprenticeships – Access to Work Based Learning
- Employers – Investing in the Young Workforce
- Equalities – Developing the Talents of ALL our Young People

The Council and its Community Planning partners have been following the development of the Commission for Scotland's Young Workforce closely. The CPP established a Wood Commission working group in December 2014, chaired by the Council's Depute Chief Executive and Executive Director (Education and Children's Services). The group comprises senior representatives from Council services, Perth College UHI, Skills Development Scotland, the Department for Work and Pensions, the Perthshire Chamber of Commerce and the Voluntary Sector. They are developing a very broad multifaceted programme of work; which requires engagement within the local authority between education, human resources, local economic development, and social work services; as well as significant engagement with other community planning partners.

The group has taken forward discussions on how best the CPP can develop our own local action plan in response to the national strategy and plan. To support this work, it has prepared a report which outlines the contextual data around youth unemployment in Perth and Kinross – with sub-groups having mapped out what existing activities are already underway locally against the national recommendations which will provide a strong foundation for future activities. The Wood Commission working group have early actions proposed under the workstreams and an Action Plan summarising these and outlining those areas where further work and resources are required has been prepared. The Government allocated £205k to Perth and Kinross in March 2014, with a further tranche to be allocated by the end of June 2015. This money is to support the implementation of the Commission's work programme at a local level. It is specifically targeted to support joint working between schools, colleges and employers.

The CPP Board noted the work of the Community Planning Working Group to develop a local response, approved the initial Action Plan for 2015/16, and approved a Challenge Fund process to seek bids both from Council services and Community Planning partners. The priority funding proposals will be submitted for consideration by CPP Board and the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee in September 2015.

The Board also considered public sector reform updates on the Education Bill, Health and Social Care Integration, and the Children and Young People Act.

3. Community Empowerment

An update from the Community Empowerment Working Group (CEWG) was discussed with Board on 5 June 2015. This highlighted current work and progress against the CEWG Programme Plan which has key workstreams on responding to the Community Empowerment Bill, participatory budgeting, developing 'Stories of Place' (to inform how public resources are best aligned to deliver local needs and aspirations), and developing the communications and public profile of the CPP. The CEWG will meet in August 2015 to review progress of the Task and Finish Groups established to progress work under each workstream, with a further progress report to be considered by Board in September 2015.

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