

Scottish Borders Community Planning Partnership (CPP) – review proposal

The Local Government in Scotland Act 2003, the subsequent Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, and the Scottish Government's Statutory Guidance on Community Planning set out the statutory provisions, clear principles for effective community planning, and specific long term expectations of how CPP partners and communities will work together to improve life for all who live, work and do business within their communities.

As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the requirement to refresh the Scottish Borders Community Plan & Action Plan, the new partners who have joined us, and in line with other community planning partnerships across Scotland, there is an opportunity to review the role of community planning and partnership working. There are 5 statutory partners who share the responsibility for leading the Scottish Borders CPP - NHS Borders, Police Scotland, Scottish Borders Council, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service and Scottish Enterprise (South of Scotland Enterprise in Scottish Borders)

The **aim** of this review is to understand and address current challenges that Community Planning Partnerships are facing:

- Strengthening of leadership and influence
- Look for innovative approaches to joint planning, service design and resourcing
- Community participation, particularly hard to reach groups, vulnerable and communities of interest
- Effective decision making and good governance
- Availability of high quality local data and insights to support decision making
- Supporting innovation, improvement and sharing of best practice.

The **scope** of the review would include the following:

- Review of the current legislation and policy landscape:
 - Community Planning Improvement Board – Good Community Planning Examples 2019
 - Accounts Commission: Community Planning – Impact Report July 2018
 - Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015
 - Accounts Commission – Audit of Scottish Borders Community Planning
 - Scottish Community Development Centre review of Area Partnerships 2019
- Terms of reference, membership and governance arrangements, including:
 - Statutory duties, role, purpose & objectives of both statutory and non-statutory partners
 - Consider training requirements and an ongoing development programme
 - How community voices are brought to the CPP (Youth Parliament, CC Network etc.)
 - Area Partnership function, locality plans and reporting lines into CPP
- Refresh of the Community Plan & Action Plan
 - Key priorities and activities, and how they are reflected in the strategic and local plans of CPP partner organisations
 - Key priorities and actions – including performance measurement and monitoring
 - Accountability – strengthen the effectiveness of the leadership, challenge and scrutiny role at CPP Strategic Board level
 - Resources and budget planning, including participatory budgeting

The **timescales** of the review - it is anticipated that this review would be concluded by the end of 2021 and outcomes presented to the Community Planning Strategic Board in the Spring of 2022

Recommendation – The Scottish Borders CPP Joint Programme Board agree to this proposal being considered by the CPP Strategic Board on 9th September 2021, and that Programme Board members brief their appropriate Strategic Board members in advance of the meeting.