

SCOTTISH BORDERS COMMUNITY PLANNING STRATEGIC BOARD

Community Planning Partnership Review - Update

Report by Director, Resilient Communities

3 March 2022

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 The CPP Strategic Board agreed at its meeting on 9th September 2021 to a review of the Community Planning Partnership, and requested that this review was to be concluded by the end of 2021 with outcomes presented to the CPP Strategic Board in the Spring of 2022.
- 1.2 This report provides an update of the progress that has been made to date and includes for approval, a draft Improvement Plan (Appendix A) and a proposed approach to delivering the Plan (including timescales) which is detailed at Section 5.
- 1.3 Since September 2021, officers have discussed a number of options with colleagues within the Improvement Service, and in line with work that is being undertaken by other CPP's across Scotland, a workshop for all CPP members was held in January which focused on capturing and reflecting the learning from Covid-19, discussed new CPP arrangements, resources, priorities, performance monitoring and also considered the refresh of the Community Plan & Action Plan.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Strategic Board:-
 - (a) Notes the progress made in relation to the Review;
 - (b) Approves the Draft Improvement Plan; and
 - (c) Agrees to the proposed partnership approach to deliver the Improvement Plan and relevant timescales.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The CPP Strategic Board agreed at its meeting on 9th September 2021 to a review of the Community Planning Partnership, and requested that this review was concluded by the end of 2021 with outcomes presented to the CPP Strategic Board in the Spring of 2022.
- 3.2 Since that meeting, officers have discussed a number of options with colleagues within the Improvement Service, and in line with work that is being undertaken by other CPP's across Scotland, held a workshop for all CPP members on 17 January which focussed on capturing and reflecting the learning from Covid-19, discussed new CPP arrangements, resources, priorities, performance monitoring and also considered the refresh of the Community Plan & Action Plan.
- 3.3 A questionnaire was issued at the end of November which provided essential information in relation to developing the agenda of the workshop. This questionnaire was issued to all members of the Joint Programme Board and the Strategic Board at the end of November, and could be completed and submitted separately or as one organisational response.
- 3.4 The proposed outcome of the workshop was to develop a draft Scottish Borders CPP Improvement Plan to be brought back to the Board for approval.

4 DRAFT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- 4.1 The CPP Programme Board met on 9 Feb 2022 and agreed that the Draft Improvement Plan reflected the workshop discussion and actions agreed. There was also agreement that the delivery of this Improvement Plan will require both leadership and resource investment and that all partners have a key role to play in delivering this Plan.
- 4.2 Whilst the timescales that had been determined were challenging, there was broad agreement that this work is urgent and requires to be undertaken.
- 4.3 There are 3 main areas of action within the draft Improvement Plan:
 - **Prioritise**: Urgently review and reduce the priorities of the CPP in partnership with our communities to inform and refresh the current Locality plans and the CPP Community Plan
 - **Governance**: In parallel, review the current CPP structures and processes to ensure they are fit for purpose and can support the delivery of these key priorities that will form the Locality Plans and Community Plans
 - **Performance**: Ensure that the CPP's long term outcomes are supported by a performance framework in which progress can be measured in the short and medium term and presented to both CPP Strategic Board, key stakeholders and our communities

5 DELIVERY OF THE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

- 5.1 The proposal for delivery of the Plan is as follows:
 - A CPP Task Group will be convened in March 2022 to review key priorities and to present their findings to the Strategic Board in **June 2022** for consideration.
 - The outcomes of the Placemaking work that is currently being undertaken will also be amalgamated with these CPP key priorities as the work progresses and community priorities emerge.
 - During the period of **June to August 2022**, a review the current CPP structure and performance framework arrangements will be taken to support the delivery of these key priorities and enable progress to be measured and presented.
- 5.2 It is envisaged that all of the above will be presented to the Strategic Board in **September 2022** for final consideration and approval.

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