
CPP Task Group - Improvement Plan Update

8 SEPTEMBER 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 The Board agreed a CPP Improvement Plan on 03 March 2022 (**Appendix A**) which included 3 main areas of action – **1 - Prioritise, 2. Governance** and **3. Performance**.
- 1.3 This report provides an update of the progress that has been made to date in relation to the 3 main areas of action within this Improvement Plan.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS:

2.1 I recommend that the Community Planning Partnership Strategic Board:

- a) Considers and provides feedback to the draft Work Plan detailed at Section 4 which presents the key priorities and actions for the partnership over the next 12 months.
- b) Notes that in parallel to the Work Plan, a full review of the current Community Plan is being proposed to be undertaken in 2023/24, including a refreshed Strategic Assessment and the Health Needs Strategic Assessment, which will provide an evidence base for future changes to the Community Plan.
- c) Notes the further actions and timetable requirements within the draft Work Plan in relation to the CPP Structure and Performance Framework.
- d) Notes that this may/will require formal agreement of individual partners through their own governance arrangements.

3 IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE – Item 1:

- 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 to be concluded by the end of 2021 with outcomes presented to the CPP Strategic Board in the Spring of 2022.
- 3.2 The Board agreed a CPP Improvement Plan on 03 March 2022 (**Appendix A**) which included 3 main areas of action – **Prioritise, Governance and Performance** and that a CPP Task Group should be formed to progress the Improvement Plan.
- 3.3 Within the first action of the Improvement Plan, it was agreed that a draft Work Plan would be developed over the summer for consideration by the Joint Programme Board in August 2022 before being presented for approval to the Strategic Board in September 2022.
- 3.4 The CPP Work Plan and the refreshed Community Plan will be simplified to ensure that they can be understood by all, and therefore can be revisited more easily in future to respond and take into account the biggest issues affecting the Scottish Borders and act on what we need to prioritise.

4 CPP DRAFT WORK PLAN

- 4.1 The Strategic Board considered and approved 4 themes on 16 June 2022:
 1. Enough money to live on
 2. Access to work, learning and training
 3. Enjoying good health and wellbeing
 4. A good place to grow up, live in and enjoy a full life
- 4.2 Since the last meeting on 16 June, the CPP Task Group have met on 5 July and 2 August 2022 to consider key priorities and what actions need to be taken to achieve positive outcomes for our communities within the Borders. The draft Work Plan is detailed at **Appendix B**, with proposed actions within the approved 4 themes as follows:
- 4.3 **Theme 1- Enough money to live on:** It was agreed that the partnership wish to explore a more collaborative approach to community wealth building, to identify barriers to employment and to address the current cost of living crisis. Whilst there is significant work already being undertaken in these areas, it is clear that the CPP is not always sighted in the progress being made and that reporting arrangements need to be strengthened.
- 4.4 **Theme 2 - Access to work, learning and training:** The priority actions being proposed are to share data and work collaboratively to increase participation, to work in partnership to identify any gaps in education, employment and training in order to develop further provision, and to consider targeted interventions in relation to these gaps.
- 4.4 **Theme 3 – Enjoying good health & wellbeing:** Proposed key actions include a commitment to health in all policies (including mental health), and for partners to commit to these actions thus acting as champions by advocating to reduce health inequalities which form part of the overarching

outcome of reducing inequalities of the CPP. There is also an action for demonstrating the discharging of the Fairer Scotland Duty, and an understanding of the current volunteering landscape across the Borders.

- 4.5 For **Theme 4 – A good place to grow up and live in and enjoy a full life**: Partnership actions will be focussed on raising awareness of referral pathways to support early intervention and prevention, to increase the range of sustainable and greener transport and become champions for the Climate Change Route Map. A key action within this theme will be an ask of partners to support Place Making across the Borders and to participate in Area Partnerships.
- 4.6 In relation to the initial public consultation, the number of responses were informative but not statistically significant within the consultation timescales to give other than indications at this stage. The findings (**Appendix C**) however, indicate the key priorities for our communities are as follows:
1. Making sure everyone has enough money to live on
 2. Feeling well – both physically and mentally
 3. Increasing the range and availability of sustainable transport/creating better employment opportunities
- 4.7 As further community engagement will be required, the partnership will also consider and include the parallel work currently taking place in relation to place making and the creation of local Place Plans which are being undertaken by Area Partnership Working Groups. This will allow these Place Plans to be formed in conjunction with a refreshed Strategic Assessment and the Health Needs Strategic Assessment, and enable this further engagement work to be undertaken to ensure that community views are included.
- 4.8 The Partnership has also considered presentations on Poverty, Child Poverty, Climate Change and The Promise in recent months, and has recognised that the need for a fair, sustainable and more resilient place to live is greater than ever before. By bringing all of this work and information together, we will have a robust evidence base on which to refresh the current Community Plan in 2023/24. A project approach will be required to take this work forward; and partnership resources will need to be in place in a similar way to the IJB Needs Assessment Project.
- 4.9 The primary focus of the draft actions within the 4 themes remains to tackle increasing poverty and inequality which is the most critical challenge faced by both our communities and community planning partners in the Borders
- 4.10 It is acknowledged that these revised themes and actions may not impact directly on the work of all partners, but it is important that the priorities are meaningful and add value to the work of the Partnership as opposed to reflect existing work. Consideration has also been given to the Anti-Poverty and Child Poverty Strategies and Action Plans.

5 IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE – ITEM 2:

- 5.1 **CPP Structure:** Initial work has been undertaken to begin mapping out the current CPP landscape in relation to delivery Boards and Groups

(Appendix D). This emerging delivery landscape is complex and is a mixture of local, Borders and South of Scotland delivery mechanisms.

- 5.2 The Board are asked to note that proposals in relation to the CPP Governance Structure are still being considered to reflect this wider landscape, and will be brought to the Strategic Board for approval in due course.

6 IMPROVEMENT PLAN – ITEM 3:

- 6.1 **CPP Performance Framework:** Draft outcomes and actions are being presented to the Strategic Board within the CPP Draft Work Plan detailed at Section 4 for consideration and approval.
- 6.2 Assuming that these outcomes and actions are approved, a draft Performance Framework will be developed to monitor progress through identified milestones and brought to the Strategic Board for approval in due course.

7 NEXT STEPS:

- 7.1 On the assumption that the draft Work Plan is approved by the Strategic Board, the following next steps are planned:
- The CPP Task Group will continue to meet on a monthly basis to progress the CPP Improvement Plan, which includes the Work Plan, the CPP Structure and Performance Framework
 - A timetable will also be further developed by the CPP Task Group which sets out and details the required project resources, key actions, strategic assessments, continued community engagement and milestones that need to be undertaken in order to refresh the current Community Plan in 2023/24, and which will provide a robust evidence base on which decisions can be made.
- 5.2 Progress in relation to above will be brought to the Strategic Board for consideration and approval in November 2022.

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