
PROPOSAL FOR A THEMED APPROACH TO COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETINGS

Report by Service Director Resilient Communities

9 March 2023

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 This report proposes that the quarterly Community Planning Partnership meetings (Joint Programme Board and Strategic Board) are structured around the themes of the Community Plan.

1.2 In June 2022 Community Planning Strategic Board approved four themes for the 2022/23 CPP Work Plan (interim Community Plan):

1. Theme 1: Enough money to live on
2. Theme 2: Access to work, learning and training
3. Theme 3: Enjoying good health and wellbeing
4. Theme 4: A good place to grow up, live and enjoy a full life

1.3 Aligning the meetings to the themes will enable time for detailed discussion on each theme along with progress on achieving the outcomes identified in the 2022/23 CPP Work Plan. Alongside these discussions there will be scope for other, theme related, work to be raised with the Boards.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 I recommend that the Board agrees that meetings take a themed approach, as set out in section 4, from summer 2023.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Further to discussion by the Joint Programme Board in May 2022 the Strategic Board considered and approved four themes for the 2022/23 CPP Work Plan at its meeting on 16 June 2022, these being:
1. Theme 1: Enough money to live on
 2. Theme 2: Access to work, learning and training
 3. Theme 3: Enjoying good health and wellbeing
 4. Theme 4: A good place to grow up, live and enjoy a full life
- 3.2 Discussion and agreement on the outcomes under each theme, and actions that would be taken to achieve them, followed at the Joint Programme Board and Strategic Board meetings that took place in August and September respectively. The first quarterly updates on each of the four themes followed in October/November.

4 COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS BY THEME

- 4.1 In order to allow more time for discussion around the themes it is proposed that the four themes are the focus of future meetings with each being taken in turn on a quarterly basis. For example meetings for 2023/24 could be themed as follows:

1. Summer 2023 - Enjoying good health and wellbeing
2. Autumn 2023 - Access to work, learning and training
3. Winter 2023 – Enough money to live on*
4. Spring 2024 - A good place to grow up, live and enjoy a full life*

* These subject areas will be changed as necessary to reflect the themes in the new Community Plan following approval autumn 2023.

- 4.2 Aligning the meetings to the themes will enable time for detailed discussion on each theme along with progress on achieving the outcomes identified in the 2022/23 CPP Work Plan. Alongside these discussions there will be scope for other, theme related, work to be raised with the Boards.
- 4.3 To ensure a good breadth of subject knowledge around each themed meeting would be led by the Theme Lead, currently:
1. Theme 1: Scottish Borders Council
 2. Theme 2: Skills Development Scotland
 3. Theme 3: Public Health
 4. Theme 4: Police Scotland
- 4.4 In addition to the quarterly theme focus it is proposed that the Boards would receive a written progress report on all themes at all meetings ensuring that they are kept abreast of all work that is taking place.
- 4.5 It is appreciated that there will be reports, not aligning with the themes, that are time sensitive and will need to be brought to the Boards for discussion outwith the theme cycle. An agenda slot will be reserved to

allow for any such matters to be discussed. Similarly updates that are currently received on a quarterly or biannual basis will continue.

- 4.6 A discussion on the Mental Health Improvement & Suicide Prevention Plan is scheduled for the May meeting, it is therefore proposed that the theme for that meeting be Enjoying good health & wellbeing.

5 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Financial

There are no costs attached to any of the recommendations contained in this report.

5.2 Risk and Mitigations

The risk of agreeing the recommendation in this report is that time dependent information could be missed if it does not align with the quarterly theme. To mitigate against this there will be room on the agenda to deal with any time sensitive items although this will be by exception.

5.3 Integrated Impact Assessment

IIA scoping has been undertaken and it is not anticipated that the proposals in this report will not have an adverse impact on any of the groups covered by the protected characteristics or Fairer Scotland Duty

5.4 Sustainable Development Goals

The proposals in this report do not impact on the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

5.5 Climate Change

There are no climate change implications to the proposals in this report.

5.6 Rural Proofing

N/a.

5.7 Data Protection Impact Statement

There are no personal data implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

5.8 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

There are no changes required to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals in this report.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Director (Finance & Corporate Governance), the Monitoring Officer/Chief Legal Officer, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Director (People Performance & Change), the Clerk to the Council and Corporate Communications have been consulted and any comments received have been incorporated into the final report.

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