
COMMUNITY PLAN PRIORITY OUTCOMES

Report by Director, Resilient Communities

8 June 2023

1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the draft priorities for the refreshed Community Plan (also known as the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan – LOIP).**
- 1.2 A Task Group, appointed by the Programme Board, identified a list of draft priority outcome areas from plans/strategies currently in place across the CPP and mapping the commonalities. Data was gathered from a refreshed Strategic Assessment (SBC) and the Health & Social Care Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.
- 1.3 Members of the public will be able to comment on the draft priorities online, using a paper form or at an area partnership meeting during the consultation period which will run from 24 May – 16 July 2023. Officers will also attend meetings, to discuss the priorities, as requested
- 1.4 Following the consultation period the CPP Task Group will review the results and develop a refreshed 10 year Community Plan for consideration by the Strategic Board at their meeting on 7 September 2023.
- 1.5 In order to allow as long as possible for public consultation, within the timescales permitted for developing the Plan, the Chair of the Strategic Board gave approval for Board members to be emailed for comment following the Programme Board meeting on 17 May 2023. The feedback was incorporated in to the information published for consultation with the consultation opening on 24 May 2023.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 I recommend that the Strategic Board notes draft themes and priorities for the refreshed Community Plan set out in Appendix 1.**

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Community Planning Partnerships are required, under Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) act 2015 to produce a Locality Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP). The purpose of the Plan is to identify priorities for improving outcomes and tackling inequalities in their area. The LOIP is known as the Community Plan in the Scottish Borders.
- 3.2 The existing Community Plan was agreed in May 2018
- 3.3 At their meeting on 8 September 2022 the Community Planning Strategic Board agreed that a full review of the Community Plan would be undertaken during 2023/24 as part of the CPP's Improvement Plan, which was developed with the Improvement Service. This would enable the priority outcome areas to be updated to reflect changes in our area over the last five years.
- 3.4 A CPP Task Group, created by the Programme Board to oversee this work, has met on a monthly basis to take forward the actions in the Improvement Plan.

4 EVIDENCE GATHERING

- 4.1 In order to understand how priorities may have changed over the last five years, and review the Community Plan, potential priorities were identified from plans/strategies currently in place across the CPP. These plans/strategies were developed following public consultation to ensure that they reflected the views of our communities. Commonalities were mapped across the range of plans/strategies. Data was gathered from a refreshed Strategic Assessment (SBC) and the Health & Social Care Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. From these documents it was identified where the areas for improvement are across a wide range of outcomes.

5 IDENTIFICATION OF DRAFT PRIORITIES

- 5.1 The Programme Board delegated authority to the Task Group to identify the draft priorities. This identification has been done by collating priorities that people had already said matter to them (see 4.1) and interrogating data sources to identify the areas where improvement is needed.
- 5.2 At their meeting on 9 March 2023 The Strategic Board agreed that the Health & Social Care Strategic Framework would steer the work of a future 'Enjoying Good Health and Wellbeing' theme. The objectives from the Framework have been reflected in the draft priorities although, because of the crossing cutting nature of health and wellbeing, they appear across more than one theme.
- 5.3 When identifying the draft priorities attention has be given to ensuring that:
 - they are not already being delivered by another organisation/group of organisations/partnership,
 - they are not only within the power of a single organisation to deliver, and

- by working together, the Community Planning Partnership will bring added value to any ongoing work.

6 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 As stated in section 4.1 existing plans/strategies, used as part of the evidence gathering, were developed following public consultation. This represents stage one in a two stage consultation process. The second stage of the consultation will be to seek the views of the public as to whether the correct priorities have been identified for the Community Plan. This will enable the CPP to be sure that the new Community Plan reflects what is needed to help reduce inequalities and make things better for those most in need in our communities.
- 6.2 There are currently 16 draft priorities under five potential themes. As part of the consultation people will be asked which priorities matter most to them. The final identified priorities will be reflected in outcomes in the refreshed Community Plan. The public consultation will run from 24 May to 16 July 2023.
- 6.3 Members of the public will be able to comment on the draft priorities online, using a paper form or at an area partnership meeting. Officers will also attend meetings, to discuss the priorities, as requested.

7 THEMES & PRIORITIES FOR CONSULTATION

- 7.1 The proposed themes and priorities are attached in appendix one.
- 7.2 The evidence supporting each of the priorities will be included as part of the consultation.

8 REFRESHED COMMUNITY PLAN

- 8.1 Following the consultation period the CPP Task Group will review the results and develop a refreshed Community Plan for consideration by the Strategic Board at the meeting on 7 September 2023. The refreshed Plan will include outcomes that reflect the priorities identified in the consultation.
- 8.2 The Plan will be reviewed twice during the ten year period to identify if the outcomes, within the Plan, are being addressed and whether any revisions are required, in order for the Plan to remain relevant.
- 8.3 It is anticipated that there will be a range of principles underpinning the Plan. These will be developed during the consultation but could include community development & capacity building and embedding Place Planning approaches.

9 CONSULTATION WITH THE STRATEGIC BOARD

- 9.1 In order to allow as long as possible for public consultation, within the timescales permitted for developing the Plan, the Chair of the Strategic Board gave approval for Board members to be emailed for comment following the Programme Board meeting on 17 May 2023. The feedback

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10 IMPLICATIONS

10.1 Financial

The costs associated with the consulting on the draft priorities are:

- Costs of producing and printing a paper consultation form will be met within SBC's Communications & Marketing budget,
- SBC officer travel to face to face consultation meetings will be undertaken in SBC pool cars.

10.2 Risk and Mitigations

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 states that a community planning partnership must consult with community bodies and others when preparing the Community Plan (known as the Local Outcome Improvement Plan in the Act). Not consulting with the public on the draft priorities for the new Community Plan would leave the Community Planning Partnership open to challenge.

10.3 Integrated Impact Assessment

An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) has been carried out on the content of this report. It is anticipated that the opportunity for people to respond to the set of draft priorities will have a positive effect on many of the protected characteristics and Fairer Scotland Duty groupings.

A full IIA is not required at this stage but will be carried out when the priorities have been finalised, following consultation, and the refreshed Community Plan is formed.

Steps will be taken to engage with equalities groups during the consultation process.

10.4 Sustainable Development Goals

The recommendations in this report will impact on the UN Sustainable Development Goal of 'Ensuring healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages' through the encouragement of community participation in the consultation to identify the priorities for the Scottish Borders.

10.5 Climate Change

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

10.6 Rural Proofing

N/a

10.7 Data Protection Impact Statement

It is anticipated that the proposals in this report will have a minimal impact on data subjects and the Data Protection Officer has confirmed that a Data Protection Impact Assessment is not required.

10.8 Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation

No changes are required to the Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation as a result of the recommendations in this report.

11 CONSULTATION

11.1 The Action Chief Financial Officer, 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 will be consulted and any comments received will be incorporated into the final report.

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Background Papers: Improvement Plan Update, Community Planning Strategic Board 8 September 2022; Health & Social Care Strategic Framework, Community Planning Strategic Board 9 March 2023.

Previous Minute Reference: Community Planning Strategic Board 8 September 2022

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Appendix one: Community Plan themes and priorities for consultation

Theme	Priority
Enough money to live on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taking action to mitigate the effects of inflation and cost of living for those most affected
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting children and young people from low income households to develop life skills to enable them to succeed in life
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing the opportunities and integrated support parents need to enter, sustain and progress in work
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase awareness and understanding of fair work
Economy, Skills & Learning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that there are progression pathways throughout the various routes into employment or training
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the number and variety of jobs and learning and training opportunities within the Scottish Borders
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximise access and skills to digital/broadband and mobile connectivity for all ages through engagement with and participation in various initiatives
Enjoying good health & wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing inequalities in health
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focusing on prevention and early intervention
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving access to health & care services. We will have a particular focus on equality groups i.e., older people, care experienced young people, those with disabilities, those living with poverty, those who are refugees or asylum seekers or those with any other equality characteristics.
Good place to live, grow up and enjoy a full life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve travel options across the Scottish Borders
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The right homes, in the right locations, which are affordable and meet people's needs
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Borders has a clear and planned pathway to Net Zero.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduce number of people experiencing domestic abuse
Community empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Develop effective ways of working with all members of our community to empower them to be involved where, how and when they want to be in shaping their communities
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve the way we work with volunteers