

EAST AYRSHIRE

COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD: 16 DECEMBER 2010

UPDATE ON SHARED COMMITMENTS

Report by the Community Planning and Partnership Manager, East Ayrshire Council

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board with an update on the discussion arising from the CPP Board Chief Officers' development event held on 9 December 2010 and the proposals in respect of the future Shared Commitments of the Community Plan.

2. CHIEF OFFICERS' DEVELOPMENT EVENT

- 2.1 The Community Planning four-yearly review was launched in January 2010 with a Community Planning Chief Officers' event which set out the scope of the review and the agreed timeframe.
- 2.2 To provide Chief Officers with an opportunity to reflect on progress to date, in respect of the four-yearly review, and consider the shared commitments for 2011-2015, a development event was held on 9 December 2010.
- 2.3 A summary of the main actions arising from the event is detailed below for the Board's consideration.

3. SHARED COMMITMENTS

- 3.1 Chief Officers considered the current Shared Commitments and agreed that they remain fit for purpose, with some commitments requiring an increased focus going forward into 2011-2015, as detailed below:
- **Shared premises** – it was acknowledged that significant progress had been made on this agenda. Opportunities to be considered for further activity, particularly in Galston, Patna and New Cumnock.
 - **Shared services with shared management arrangements** – it was recognised that significant progress had been made in respect of shared services, however, an increased focus would be given to exploring shared management arrangements over 2011-2015.
 - **Joint consultation and engagement** – it was recognised that systems and structures in this regard were solid. Partners agreed to continue to ensure systems are fully utilised.

- **Joint information sharing** – it was noted that significant progress had been made in this regard with information sharing protocols in place. Partners agreed to ensure that information sharing at all levels continued to be robust.
- **Rationalisation of plans and structures** – it was recognised that although progress has been made in the past, this agenda item continues to require attention.
- **Joint training** – it was recognised that this was an area where the Partnership could provide an increased focus during 2011-2015.

3.2 Chief Officers also considered that an increased focus over 2011-2015 would be beneficial in the following areas:

- early intervention and prevention;
- explore opportunities for shared/pooled or aligned budgets;
- public reassurance/community safety;
- tackling reoffending;
- alcohol and drugs, the costs associated with, and the overall impact of the misuse of alcohol and drugs on individuals, families and communities;
- shifting the balance of care for older people (and use of the Change Fund);
- ensuring a more joined up approach across Learning Communities;
- promoting community capacity/self resilience and increasing volunteering – the potential to develop a joint volunteer policy to be considered;
- economic development – creating a one door approach for business support; and
- supporting the Third Sector/Social Enterprise within an overall regeneration framework.

3.3 In addition, Chief Officers considered the impact of the overall budget savings required by all Partners, and agreed to:

- further consider the impact of proposed staff cuts on the overall regeneration of East Ayrshire;
- maximise the opportunity for unemployed people to access work placements within the public sector;
- explore opportunities to maximise budgets from external sources;
- share updated conditions of service, where appropriate;
- consider the impact of proposed savings on all vulnerable groups, in particular people with a learning disability; and
- increase pre-budget planning on a partnership basis, to try to mitigate the impact of potential budget cuts.

3.4 The CPP Board is asked to consider and comment on the actions listed at paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 above and remit the Joint Officers' Group (JOG) to develop an appropriate action plan to drive forward agreed actions.

3.5 The JOG is also requested to ensure an increased focus, over 201/12, on the key actions identified above.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Community Planning Partnership Board is asked to:

- i) endorse the Shared Commitments for 2011-2015;
- ii) consider and comment on the proposed areas for increased attention as summarised at paragraphs 3.2 and 3.3 and remit the Joint Officers' Group to develop an appropriate action plan to drive forward agreed actions; and
- iii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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