



COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE

Board Meeting: 21 June 2007

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board with an update in respect of Community Planning.

2. COMMUNITY PLANNING FOUR-YEARLY REVIEW

- 2.1 As the Board will recall, Community Planning Partners gave a commitment to review the Community Plan and related action plans on a four-yearly basis. As reported to the last Board meeting, as part of the overall review process, an exercise to look at the currency of the Community Plan took place and comments on any required updates were requested. As the changes to the Community Plan were not considered significant, a review document has been prepared as a supplement to the Community Plan. A copy of the Review Supplement will be available at the Board meeting.

Review of Operating Structures

- 2.2 The final element of the overall Four-Yearly Review was the agreement to review the operating arrangements for Community Planning to ensure that they continue to be 'fit for purpose'. In particular, the review would focus on the role of the Core Partners' Group and CPP Board.
- 2.3 Colleagues will recall that Community Planning Partners agreed to an extension to the timeframe for the conclusion of the review of operating structures to allow the Council to consider its new decision making arrangements and committee structure. Until the review is concluded, the status quo regarding operating arrangements for Community Planning would remain.
- 2.4 At the Council meeting of 17 May 2007, Members agreed to establish a Cabinet decision making structure with greater links to the Community Plan thematic objectives and, in principle, to the development of three local community planning forums to be fully operational from 1 April 2008.
- 2.5 Discussions will now take place with Community Planning Partners to agree the appropriate structure for strategic and operational Partnership activity, and a further report will be presented to the Board for consideration and endorsement.

Community Planning Portfolio

- 2.6 The Community Plan Review Supplement, the six related thematic Action Plans, an updated East Ayrshire by Numbers and a Good Practice Guide have been designed and printed, and are currently being circulated.

- 2.7 In addition, the revised Community Planning Portfolio is accessible through the Community Planning website at www.eastayrshirecommunityplan.org.

Celebration of Community Planning and Showcase

- 2.8 The CPP Board will recall that two successful Community Planning Showcase events were held on 19 and 20 March 2007. Since then, a range of positive feedback has been received from partners, participants and the wider community.
- 2.9 Letters of thanks and a personal photograph have been sent to all participants as a memento. In addition, a copy of the DVD of the performances on both nights, which is currently being edited, will be forwarded to all participants in due course.
- 2.10 The Community Planning and Partnership Unit is currently working with the Council's IT section to develop an image gallery for the Community Planning website. Once completed, it will allow access to the wide range of images commissioned to illustrate community planning in action as part of the development and production of the Community Plan Review Supplement and associated documentation, and throughout the Celebration and Showcase. In addition, the video clips highlighting project activity, which played over the course of the two showcase nights, are currently being formatted to allow them to be accessed through the website.
- 2.11 Once updated, as detailed above, the website will be an excellent information resource and will make a significant contribution to raising awareness of Community Planning among local people and staff of all Partner agencies.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The CPP Board is asked to:
- i) note the new decision making arrangements agreed by East Ayrshire Council;
 - ii) agree to participate in discussions regarding the future operating arrangements for Community Planning;
 - iii) note the further development of the Community Planning website; and
 - iv) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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