

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK NORTH LOCAL COMMITTEE: 21 MARCH 2006

COMMUNITY PLANNING REVIEW PROCESS AND REVIEW OF COMMUNITY PLANNING STRUCTURES

Report by Depute Chief Executive / Executive Director of Corporate Support

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Local Committee of the process for the forthcoming Community Planning four-yearly review.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Community Planning Partners have given a commitment to carrying out a review of the Community Plan and related thematic Action Plans on a four yearly basis. The review requires to be carried out over 2006/07 to ensure that an updated Community Plan and revised set of Action Plans are ready for full implementation by 1 April 2007.
- 2.2 In addition, to ensure structures continue to be 'fit for purpose', Community Planning Partners have agreed that a review of the operating structures for Community Planning should also take place.

3. PROPOSED FOUR YEARLY REVIEW PROCESS

- 3.1 Community Planning Partners propose to implement a three stage review process, over 2006/07, as summarised as follows:

Stage 1	
Process	Timescale
• Review of Community Plan Aims and Aspirations	Feb-May 2006
• Review of Community Planning Guidance and compliance with the Local Government in Scotland Act, 2003	Mar-May 2006
• Review of Community Planning Structures	2006
Stage 2	
• Consider and implement findings of Stage 1 Review of Aims and Aspirations	May-June 2006
• Consider and implement findings of Stage 1 Review of CP Guidance and compliance with local Government in Scotland Act, 2003	May-June 2006
• Develop New Action Plans	June-Sept 2006
• Consultation on new Action Plans	Oct-Dec 2006

Stage 3	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final consultation and endorsement of updated Community Plan and new Action Plans 	Jan-Feb 2007
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production and Publication of Final Documents 	March 2007

3.2 As detailed above, stage one of the process requires that a review of the Aims and Aspirations contained in the Community Plan and six thematic Action Plans, be carried out. A copy of the existing Aims and Aspirations is attached as an Appendix to this report. In addition, an electronic version of the document is available on the Community Planning pages of the Council's website at www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk by clicking on the Community Planning Review under 'Recent Additions'. The direct link to the document is www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk/content.asp?URL=/corpres/community_plan/docs/AimsAspirations.

3.3 The Local Committee is asked to consider the Aims and Aspirations and return any comments to the Community Planning and Partnership Unit (address detailed at the back of Appendix 1) by 14 April 2006.

3.4 As part of the review process, the Local Committee will be invited to participate in Stage 2 of the process.

4. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Community Planning Partners have given a commitment to carry out a review of the Community Plan and associated thematic Action Plans on a four-yearly basis.

5. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 NIL

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Local Committee is asked to:

- i) provide comments on the Community Plan Aims and Aspirations to the Community Planning and Partnership Unit by 14 April 2006;
- ii) agree to participate in Stage 2 of the review process; and
- iii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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20 February 2006

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The Local Government in Scotland Act, 2003 – Community Planning Guidance
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/localgov/cpsg-00.asp>)

The Local Government in Scotland Act, 2003 – Community Planning Advice Notes
(<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/library5/localgov/cpan-00.asp>)

Annual Performance Report 2003/04 (P&R Committee 10 June 2004)
Annual Performance Report 2004/05 (P&R Committee 31 May 2005)
Mid-Term Review Documents 2003-05 (P&R Committee 31 May 2005)

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Community Planning in East Ayrshire

Review Of Aims and Aspirations

Promoting Community Learning

Aspirations

- ◆ Increase the number of people who can more actively participate in their daily life by being able to read and use numbers effectively.
- ◆ Increase the number of opportunities for people to become involved in their community.
- ◆ Increase the number of people who can more actively participate in their daily life by being able to use information communication and technology.
- ◆ Sustain existing community based organisations and develop new organisations based on community need.

Aims of the Original Action Plan

We are committed to making sure that people have access to community based learning opportunities throughout their lives, and to advancing active citizenship, by:

- ◆ supporting the development and continuation of community based organisations;
- ◆ encouraging individuals to access learning opportunities and improve the quality of their lives, in particular, to promote healthier, positive lifestyles;
- ◆ supporting individuals to gain literacy, numeracy, and technology skills;
- ◆ making sure our schools, community centres and other facilities such as libraries are at the heart of each community; and
- ◆ increasing participation by young people in community based learning and active citizenship.

Revised Aims at Mid-Term Review – Spring 2005

There was no change to the aims of the Promoting Community Learning Action Plan following the Mid-Term Review.

Are the Promoting Community Learning aspirations still relevant, if not, what alterations or additions are required?



Are the Promoting Community Learning aims still relevant, if not, what alterations or additions are required? List your top 3 priorities from these aims?



Improving Opportunities

Aspirations

- ◆ Reduce unemployment to at least the same or less than the West of Scotland average.
- ◆ Increase the business birth rate by 30%.
- ◆ Regenerate communities and attract 300 new inward investment jobs each year.
- ◆ Raise the level of vocational qualifications to above the Scottish average.

Aims of the Original Action Plan

We are committed to improving opportunities by:

- ◆ growing existing and new businesses and supporting inward investment and business location;
- ◆ understanding employment needs to identify those areas where there is a shortage of skills, or where there is likely to be in the future, and promoting local take up of training for work to meet this shortage;
- ◆ making sure that education providers and businesses work together to give the best start to young people moving into work;
- ◆ extending the business and job opportunities associated with tourism and leisure, and those through rural diversification;
- ◆ developing a range of employment opportunities, including the voluntary sector and social businesses, which are designed to assist the community rather than make a profit;
- ◆ promoting the availability of good quality homes and services, including leisure and cultural facilities, to attract investment;
- ◆ improving the accessibility of information and services, in particular by using new technology; and
- ◆ offering transport solutions for East Ayrshire, particularly in the rural areas, ensuring good quality choices are available.

Revised Aims at Mid-Term Review – Spring 2005

There was no change to the aims of the Improving Opportunities Action Plan following the Mid-Term Review.

Are the Improving Opportunities aspirations still relevant, if not, what alterations or additions are required?



Are the Improving Opportunities aims still relevant, if not, what alterations or additions are required? List your top 3 priorities from these aims?



Improving Community Safety

Aspirations

- ◆ Reduce victim crime.
- ◆ Increase detection rates.
- ◆ Reduce the number of fatal fires year on year.
- ◆ Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on the roads by 40% and the number of children killed or seriously injured on the roads by 50%.

Aims of the Original Action Plan

We are committed to creating safe places in which to live, work and play by reducing crime, improving public safety and improving safety in neighbourhoods and homes. We will do this by:

- ◆ tackling crime and the fear of crime;
- ◆ working with young people to reduce the likelihood of them getting involved in crime;
- ◆ maintaining and improving public safety, including using more closed-circuit television (CCTV) and improving street lighting;
- ◆ promoting road safety and reducing road accidents; and
- ◆ developing safety initiatives to help people feel more safe and secure.

Revised Aims at Mid-Term Review – Spring 2005

Following the Mid-Term Review, the focus of activity in the Improving Community Safety Action Plan is on:

- ◆ tackling crime;
- ◆ working with young people to reduce the likelihood of them being involved in crime;
- ◆ maintaining and improving public safety;
- ◆ promoting road safety and reducing road accidents; and
- ◆ developing safety initiatives to help people feel more safe and secure; and
- ◆ Improving safety in neighbourhoods and homes.

Are the Improving Community Safety aspirations still relevant, if not, what alterations or additions are required?



Are the Improving Community Safety aims still relevant, if not, what alterations or additions are required? List your top 3 priorities from these aims?



Improving Health

Aspirations

- ◆ Reduce inequalities in health.
- ◆ Improve life circumstances to help address the factors that contribute to ill health.

Aims of the Original Action Plan

We are committed to improving the health and well-being of the people of East Ayrshire by:

- reducing risk and bringing about change to tackle the worst health problems;
- making sure that services are fully accessible;
- helping people of all ages make healthy lifestyle choices;
- improving support and care services for vulnerable groups such as older people, carers, homeless people, people with physical disabilities or learning difficulties and people with mental health problems; and
- promoting physical and mental well-being by further developing leisure, recreational and cultural activities.

Revised Aims at Mid-Term Review – Spring 2005

There was no change to the aims of the Improving Health Action Plan following the Mid-Term Review.

Are the Improving Health aspirations still relevant, if not, what alterations or additions are required?



Are the Improving Health aims still relevant, if not, what alterations or additions are required? List your top 3 priorities from these aims?



Eliminating Poverty

Aspirations

- ◆ Make sure every child is able to realise their full potential.
- ◆ Reduce the proportion of older people with low incomes.
- ◆ Reduce the proportion of children living in workless or low income households.
- ◆ Reduce homelessness by making sure that all residents have access to dry, warm, affordable and secure housing.

Aims of the Original Action Plan

We will work to tackle poverty by:

- ◆ working to attract good quality job opportunities with good wages, together with affordable and accessible childcare, and helping people throughout the community get access to these opportunities;
- ◆ increasing the employment rates of people who are relatively disadvantaged in the economy;
- ◆ supporting, where possible, the development of credit unions, food co-operatives and other community self-help initiatives;
- ◆ supporting carers;
- ◆ tackling the links between poverty, poor housing and ill health;
- ◆ working to make sure that everybody can get access to the full range of services;
- ◆ supporting and improving the systems that are in place to maximise income from benefit and provide debt counselling and money advice; and
- ◆ making sure that children are not disadvantaged by the effects of poverty through being denied access to what are typical childhood activities.

Revised Aims at Mid-Term Review – Spring 2005

Following the Mid-Term Review, the focus of activity in the Improving Community Safety Action Plan is on:

- ◆ supporting, where possible, the development of credit unions, food co-operatives and other community self-help initiatives;
- ◆ supporting carers;
- ◆ tackling the links between poverty, poor housing and ill health;
- ◆ working to make sure that everybody can get access to the full range of anti-poverty services; and
- ◆ supporting and improving the systems that are in place to maximise income from benefit and provide debt counselling and money advice.

Are the Eliminating Poverty aspirations still relevant, if not, what alterations or additions are required?



Are the Eliminating Poverty aims still relevant, if not, what alterations or additions are required? List your top 3 priorities from these aims?



Improving the Environment

Aspirations

- ◆ Improve the natural and built amenities for residents and visitors through investment in leisure, recreational and cultural activity in order to regenerate communities.
- ◆ Promote sustainability by protecting, conserving and enhancing the character, appearance and amenity of the natural and built environment, for future generations.

Aims of the Original Action Plan

We are committed to improving the environment by:

- ◆ protecting, improving and using our natural and built environment in an environmentally friendly way, extending woodland planting and nature conservation;
- ◆ making sure we better manage water resources, including using Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems, (SUDS);
- ◆ increasing the amount of waste that is recycled and re-used;
- ◆ making our homes, factories and buildings more energy efficient;
- ◆ promoting a lasting pattern of development;
- ◆ working to make sure that we meet the housing needs of everyone who lives in our communities;
- ◆ reducing the environmental effect of transport by developing a transport system that meets national, regional and local needs;
- ◆ dealing with empty and run down properties;
- ◆ putting systems in place to stop littering, graffiti and vandalism and dealing quickly with any problems as they happen;
- ◆ developing visitor attractions and encouraging associated business and employment opportunities;
- ◆ investing in leisure and cultural activities; and
- ◆ developing and maintaining open spaces, footpath networks and children's play facilities.

Revised Aims at Mid-Term Review – Spring 2005

There was no change to the aims of the Improving the Environment Action Plan following the Mid-Term Review.

Are the Improving the Environment aspirations still relevant, if not, what alterations or additions are required?



Are the Improving the Environment aims still relevant, if not, what alterations or additions are required? List your top 3 priorities from these aims?



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**COMPLETED RETURNS ARE REQUIRED BY
14 APRIL 2006**