

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE: 8 FEBRUARY 2006

COMMUNITY PLANNING IN EAST AYRSHIRE : FOUR-YEARLY REVIEW

Report by the Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise Members of the planned review of the Community Plan and associated thematic Action Plans.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 East Ayrshire's Community Plan was endorsed by Policy and Resources Committee on 28 November 2002 and by all Community Planning Core Partners by April 2003. The Community Plan was also endorsed as the sovereign planning document for East Ayrshire Council by the Policy and Resources Committee at its meeting on 10 April 2003. In addition, the six associated Action Plans were endorsed by Policy and Resources Committee on 10 April 2003, and again received the formal endorsement of the Core Community Planning Partners.
- 2.2 Over the last two years, Community Plan Annual Performance Reports have been presented to Policy and Resources Committee for consideration and endorsement. The 2005/06 Annual Performance Report will be presented to Committee later in the year.

3. COMMUNITY PLANNING REVIEW

- 3.1 The Community Plan has a lifespan of twelve years, effective from 1 April 2003 to 31 March 2015, with a four-yearly review process. The six related Action Plans have a four year lifespan, again effective from 1 April 2003, with a mid-term review undertaken in early 2005. The results of the mid-term review were reported to Committee in 31 May 2005.
- 3.2 This report advises Committee of Officers' intention to initiate the review of the Community Plan and associated thematic Action Plans, in line with the timescales identified above. The review will be carried out throughout 2006/07, with the intention of having an updated Community Plan and set of Action Plans (2007-2011), ready for full implementation by 1 April 2007.
- 3.3 In addition, to ensure Community Planning structures continue to be 'fit for purpose' for 2007 and beyond, a review of existing structures will be carried out.

3.4 A joint meeting of Community Planning Lead Officers and the Community Planning Joint Officers' Group has been convened for 14 February 2006, during which the detail of the review process will be discussed. It is also intended that a series of consultation and engagement workshops/events will be held during 2006/07 with key community planning stakeholders, including:

- Elected Members;
- Core Community Planning Partners;
- Community Planning and Partnership Board;
- Coalfield Communities Federation and North Federation of Community Groups;
- Community Groups/Community Councils and Residents' Panel Members;
- Participants in existing Community Planning structures/groups; and
- Wider Partner agencies.

3.5 The outcome of these consultations will inform the review process and ultimately, the production of the updated Community Plan (2007-2015) and associated Action Plans (2007-2011).

3.6 It is anticipated that Elected Members will be involved in a range of events. However, it is also proposed that in the first instance, a dedicated consultation workshop will be convened with Members in the period April/May 2006. A date is to be arranged.

4. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None arising from this report.

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The requirement for a four-yearly review process of Community Planning was agreed at Policy and Resources Committee 28 November 2002.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Policy and Resources Committee is asked to:

- i) note the forthcoming review of Community Planning;
- ii) agree to participate in the Elected Members consultation workshop, at a date to be determined;
- iii) receive the results of the review at a future meeting; and
- iv) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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Chief Executive
20 January 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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