

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE: 30 MARCH 2006

COMMUNITY PLANNING IN EAST AYRSHIRE : FOUR-YEARLY REVIEW

Report by the Chief Executive

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the detailed review process for 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.
- 2.3 Members were advised of the Planning Partners' intention to carry out a review of the Community Plan, associated thematic Action Plans and the existing Community Planning structures, at Policy and Resources Committee on 8 February 2006.
- 2.4 In addition, Members were further advised that a meeting had been convened on 14 April 2006, with Community Planning Lead Officers and the Joint Officers' Group to map out the detail of the review process.

3. COMMUNITY PLANNING FOUR-YEARLY REVIEW

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

Stage 1	
Process	Timescale
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Community Plan Aims and Aspirations 	Feb-May 2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Community Planning Guidance and compliance with the Local Government in Scotland Act, 2003 	Mar-May 2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Community Planning Structures 	2006
Stage 2	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider and implement findings of Stage 1 Review of Aims and Aspirations 	May-June 2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider and implement findings of Stage 1 Review of CP Guidance and compliance with local Government in Scotland Act, 2003 	May-June 2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop New Action Plans 	June-Sept 2006
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 a result of this agreement, work to progress the Stage 1 Review of the existing Aims and Aspirations has started, with reports being presented to a range of stakeholders including, existing Community Planning Groups and Forums, Partner Agencies, Local Committees, Equality Forums and the Community Safety Partnership.
- 3.3 In addition, the Aims and Aspirations have been issued for comment to Community Councils, local Projects, the two Federations of Community Groups and a feature encouraging local residents to participate in the review will be carried late March 2006 in the local papers.
- 3.5 Further to this the Aims and Aspirations have been included in the Council's intranet and on 21 February 2006, they were circulated to all Members for comment, with a return date for comments set for 14 April 2006.
- 3.6 To allow for the overall management of returns, each of the above groupings have a range of return dates, with all returns to be submitted by end April 2006. This will allow sufficient time for analysis and turn

around in time for the Members' Consultation Seminar planned for 9 May 2006.

- 3.7 On conclusion of the Members' Consultation Seminar, the results of the event will be circulated to the Residents' Panel and Community Planning Partners for consideration and comment. The results will then form the basis of the work to establish new thematic Action Plans.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The costs associated with the consultation related to the Community Planning review process can be met from existing resources.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None arising from this report.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The requirement for a four-yearly review process of Community Planning was agreed at Policy and Resources Committee 28 November 2002. Also, the proposals contained in this report have the support of the Council's Corporate Management Team.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 The Policy and Resources Committee is asked to:
- i) note and agree the scope of the Community Planning review process as detailed at Section 3;
 - ii) note the date for the Members' Consultation Seminar of 9 May 2006; and
 - iii) otherwise, note the content of the report.

Fiona Lees
Chief Executive
7 March 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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