



SIP TRANSITION/INTEGRATION UPDATE REGENERATION OUTCOME AGREEMENT

Board Meeting – 16 December 2004

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Board with an update in respect of the Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) transition/integration with Community Planning and in particular the draft Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The SIP Board and Community Planning Joint Officers' Group (JOG) routinely receives information on progress made in respect of the SIP transition/integration with Community Planning, original timeframe for which is detailed below:

- an assessment of readiness of CPPs to integrate SIPs into the community planning framework; with the production of a Statement of Readiness (considered and endorsed by the SIP Board on 23 June 2004);
- resource allocation, based on the new 2004 Index of Deprivation (published by the Scottish Executive in June 2004), and
- the development of a Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA), to provide a strategic framework that links national and local priorities for tackling disadvantage with spend and activities; draft by September 2004 (revised by Communities Scotland to 31 October 2004), draft submitted on 29 October 2004, with final ROA required by 20 December 2004 (revised by Communities Scotland on 30 November 2004 – no confirmed timeframe set).

- 2.2 To ensure the smooth integration of the Coalfield Area SIP with the local Community Planning process, the SIP Board, at its meeting of March 2004, approved a Transition Action Plan. An update on progress against the agreed actions is presented at Appendix 1.

3. PROGRESS REPORT AND CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 Community Regeneration Fund (CRF): final Guidance on Regeneration Outcome Agreements was received from Communities Scotland in August 2004 and copies were distributed at the Working Together Learning Together (WTLT) session on 24 August 2004. The draft ROA was submitted to Communities Scotland by 29 October 2004 to meet the required deadline, following endorsement by the JOG at its meeting of 12 October 2004, the

Community Planning Core Partners' Group at its meeting of 25 October 2004 and by the SIP Board at its special meeting on 28 October 2004.

- 3.2 The original timeframe for the production of the final 3-year ROA was for submission to Communities Scotland by 20 December 2004, to allow for full consideration by Scottish Ministers and overall 'sign off' by 31 March 2005.
- 3.3 As Board members will know, from an East Ayrshire perspective, all steps to meet this timeframe and ensure local 'sign off' were in place, however due to the lack of any specific financial allocations (awaited from the Scottish Executive as part of their spending review) for 2006/07 and 2007/08 draft planning assumptions were required.
- 3.4 These planning assumptions were fully considered at the Working Together Learning Together session on 30 November 2004 and 'in principle' support gained to proceed to the final stages.
- 3.5 On 1 December 2004, the Leader of the Council as Chair of the Community Planning Partnership received a letter from Communities Scotland advising of a relaxation in the timeframe for submission of the final Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA). As a result of this letter contact was made with Communities Scotland and a meeting convened with representatives of the organisation and the Scottish Executive on 9 December 2004 to advise that East Ayrshire was still on target to submit their final ROA by the planned date of 20 December 2004.
- 3.6 On 9 December 2004, the Scottish Executive formally announced their planned Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) core budget allocations for 2005/06 (already confirmed), 2006/07 and 2007/08, as detailed below:

	£
2005/06	4,033,000
2006/07	3,533,000
2007/08	3,254,000

- 3.7 The allocation for 2006/07 and 2007/08 is considerably lower than anticipated and approximately £1.6 million less than the Partnership's draft planning assumption for 2006/07, which is based on identified need.
- 3.8 As a result of this and after much deliberation and debate Community Planning Partners are now no longer in a position to submit the final ROA to Communities Scotland by 20 December 2004.
- 3.9 Work is underway by the Council's Executive Head of Finance and Head of Planning and Building Standards to analyse the Executive's allocation to ascertain whether a case can be made to the Scottish Executive for further resources. Work is also underway on a revised time frame for the production and submission of the final ROA at the earliest possible point in 2005.

3.10 It is anticipated that an early meeting of the combined SIP and North Social Inclusion Initiative Boards will be required in January 2005 to consider further funding proposals.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Board is asked to:

- i) note the progress in respect of the SIP transition/integration, as detailed at Appendix 1;
- ii) note the indicative Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) allocations for 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08;
- iii) note that as a result of the Executive's Spending Review announcement that the final ROA will now not be submitted by the original due date;
- iv) agree to participate in a further meeting to consider new and revised spending proposals; and
- v) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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East Ayrshire Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnership (SIP) Transition Action Plan

Action	Task	Timescale	Comment
SIP Transition 'Awareness Raising'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise a half-day seminar to discuss the implications of the guidance issued by Communities Scotland and the Scottish Executive. 	4 December 2003	Seminar convened – full SIP Board participation.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise a dedicated briefing session for the Coalfield Communities Federation. 	12 February 2004	Briefing session convened – full participation of CCF.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organise a seminar for Elected Members on the SIP transition to Community Planning. 	1 April 2004	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare a 'Quick Word About' the SIP Transition. 	1 April 2004	Copies to be issued at SIP Board.
SIP Transition 'Awareness Raising'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare briefing papers on the SIP Transition for the Community Planning Joint Officers' Group. 	6 October 2003	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare briefing papers on the SIP Transition for the SIP Board. 	18 September 2003 11 March 2004	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare briefing paper on the SIP Transition for the Community Planning Core Partners' Group. 	26 April 2004	
SIP Transition Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Action Plan for consideration/endorsement by the SIP Board. 	11 March 2004	Action plan developed – SIP Board endorsement gained 11 March 2004.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare paper on staff realignment to ensure appropriate staff structure for integration. 	11 March 2004	Paper presented to SIP Board 11 March 2004. Recommendations currently being implemented.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure Action Plan is a standing item on SIP Board and Community Planning Joint Officers' Group meetings. 	Ongoing	Agreement reached with JOG and SIP to keep Action Plan as standing item at meetings.

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Statement of Readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse the 'Partnership Self Assessment' and if appropriate implement. 	March/April 2004	Implementation 2005.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Draft the 'Statement of Readiness' for consideration – sign off.</i> 	April/May 2004	<i>Draft statement signed off by all Community Planning Core Partners. Presented to SIP Board 23 June 2004 for endorsement.</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Submit 'Statement of Readiness' to Communities Scotland.</i> 	Late Spring 2004	<i>Submitted to Communities Scotland on 30 June 2004.</i>
Community, Project, Partner Agency and Private Sector Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Organise a series of participative workshops to identify future priorities.</i> 	Summer 2004	<i>29 July 2004– Full day: 2 sessions Railway Hotel, Auchinleck. 4 August 2004 – Evening Cumnock Town Hall.</i>
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Carry out a comparative analysis of the new deprivation index.</i> 	Ongoing	<i>Issued by the Scottish Executive 14 June 2004.</i>
SIP Transition Working Together/Learning Together Planning Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Organise a two-day 'Working Together/Learning Together' session to consider the findings of the transition consultation exercise.</i> 	August 2004/ November 2004	<i>One- day session completed on 24 August 2004. All SIP Board members and Joint Officers' Group. Half-day session completed on 30 November 2004. All SIP Board and North Board members, and Joint Officers' Group</i>
Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Prepare draft ROA for consideration:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <i>Community Planning Joint Officers' Group.</i> ➤ <i>Community Planning Core Partners' Group</i> ➤ <i>SIP Board</i> ➤ <i>Submit draft ROA to Communities Scotland.</i> 	12 October 2004 25 October 2004 28 October 2004 31 October 2004	<i>Draft ROA signed off by Core Partners and presented to SIP Board on 28 October for endorsement. Submitted to Communities Scotland on 29 October 2004.</i>

Action	Task	Timescale	Comment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare final ROA for consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Planning Joint Officers' Group. ➤ SIP Board ➤ Special Council P&R Committee ➤ Submit ROA to Communities Scotland for sign off. 	Early December 04 16 December 2004 17 December 2004 20 December 2004	
Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare implementation plan linked to ROA for consideration/sign off. • Ensure effective implementation. 	Jan/Feb 2005 March 2005	

Italics – represent actions completed.