



SIP TRANSITION ACTION PLAN

Board Meeting – 11 March 2004

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present to the Board for consideration an Action Plan related to the SIP transition to Community Planning.

2. ACTION PLAN

- 2.1 The guidance in relation to integrating Social Inclusion Partnerships (SIPs) with Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs) was issued at the end of August 2003, considered by the Board at its meeting on 18 September 2003 and at a half-day planning session in December 2003. The guidance sets out the key principles and an outline of the process of integrating SIPs within the CPP framework. In broad terms, there will be a three stage integration process as follows:

- an assessment of readiness of CPPs to integrate SIPs into the community planning framework
- resource allocation, based on the new 2004 Index of Deprivation (to be published 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.

- 2.2 The overall integration process must be completed by 31 March 2005.

- 2.3 To ensure the smooth integration of the Coalfield Area SIP to the local Community Planning process an Action Plan for the core activity has been set out at Appendix 1. It is proposed that the Action Plan and relevant updates become a standing item at SIP Board meetings and at the Community Planning Joint Officers' Group.

3. PARTNERSHIP ASSESSMENT SCORECARD

- 3.1 To assist with the integration process and allow Community Planning Partnerships to assess their readiness to integrate with Social Inclusion Partnerships, Communities Scotland has provided a Partnership Assessment Scorecard.

- 3.2 Communities Scotland is currently working to 'web enable' the scorecard and a meeting has been convened between Rocket Science, the company that

developed the Scorecard, and the Community Planning and Partnership Manager to discuss its application.

- 3.3 Subject to its suitability and availability within the required timescales, it is proposed that the Partnership Assessment Scorecard be used to assist with the local integration process.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The Board is asked to:

- i) note the timescales related to the SIP transition to Community Planning;
- ii) endorse the Action Plan as detailed at Appendix 1;
- iii) agree to receive regular updates; and
- iv) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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

Action	Tasks	Timescales	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	
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	
	<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 – awaiting SIP Board endorsement
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare paper on staff realignment to ensure appropriate staff structure for integration. 	11 March 2004	Paper to be presented to SIP Board 11 March 2004
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ensure Action Plan is a standing item on SIP Board and Community Planning Joint Officers' Group meetings. 	Ongoing	
Statement of Readiness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse the 'Partnership Self Assessment' and if appropriate implement. 	March/April 2004	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft the 'Statement of Readiness' for consideration – sign off. 	April/May 2004	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit 'Statement of Readiness' to Communities Scotland. 	Late Spring 2004	
Community Engagement/Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise a series of participative workshops to identify future priorities. 	Summer 2004	
Project Engagement/Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise a series of participative workshops to identify future priorities. 	Summer 2004	
Partner Agency Engagement/Consultation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise a series of participative workshops to identify future priorities. 	Summer 2004	
Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carry out a comparative analysis of the new deprivation index. 	Summer 2004	
SIP Transition Working Together/Learning Together Planning Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organise a two day 'Working Together/Learning Together session to consider the findings of the transition consultation exercise. 	September / October 2004	
Regeneration Outcome Agreement (ROA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare draft ROA for consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Community Planning Joint Officers' Group. ➤ SIP Board. 	November 2004 Nov/Dec 2004	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit ROA to Communities Scotland for sign off. 	Jan/Feb 2005	
Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare implementation plan linked to ROA for consideration/sign off. 	Jan/Feb 2005	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure effective implementation. 	March 2005	

Italics – represent actions completed.