



SIP TRANSITION/INTEGRATION UPDATE REGENERATION OUTCOME AGREEMENT

Board Meeting – 10 March 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 receive information on progress made in respect of the SIP transition/integration with Community Planning. A three-stage integration process is detailed as follows:

- Assessment of Readiness of Community Planning Partnerships (CPPs), demonstrated by the production of a Statement of Readiness (submitted to Communities Scotland on 30 June 2004);
- Resource Allocation (based on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2004 (SIMD04) issued by the Scottish Executive in June 2004, with the 2005/06 indicative financial allocation from the new Community Regeneration Fund (CRF) received on 5 August 2004 and an 'interim offer' of grant received on 30 November 2004); and
- Regeneration Outcome Agreement (draft by 31 October 2004, submitted by the due date, with final ROA required by 20 December 2004 to allow Ministerial sign off by the end of March 2005, subsequently 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 The ROA has received formal endorsement from all core Community Planning Partners and was approved at the combined meeting of the North Social Inclusion Initiative and the Coalfield Area SIP Boards on 3 February 2005.

- 3.2 East Ayrshire Council's Policy and Resources Committee considered and approved funding proposals at its meeting of 8 February 2005 and the ROA,

and the associated programme of projects, was forwarded to the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland for consideration following Committee approval.

- 3.3 As part of the assessment process, the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland will provide feedback on the content of the ROA, prior to final submission of the document for Ministerial 'sign off'. A meeting has therefore been convened on 7 March 2005, with appropriate representatives in attendance, to consider any proposed amendments from the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland perspective.
- 3.4 Members will recall that Communities Scotland, in a letter to the Leader of the Council, confirmed an 'interim offer' of grant for 2005/06 of £4,033,000. The Community Voices allocation of £60,000 was confirmed in a letter dated 1 November 2004.
- 3.5 As a result of the 'interim offer', and to ensure continuity of service provision, East Ayrshire Council has agreed to underwrite the CRF allocation for 2005/06 until the ROA receives Ministerial 'sign off'.
- 3.6 Previously funded SIP/Better Neighbourhood Services Funded projects and initiatives, which have been approved for a funding award via the CRF programme, have subsequently been advised, in writing, of their indicative financial allocations for 2005/06 – 2007/08, as appropriate and will received one-quarter of their 2005/06 on or after 1 April 2005.
- 3.7 New projects, recommended for CRF funding have been advised of their indicative allocations however these allocations will remain indicative until the ROA receives Ministerial 'sign off'.

4. GOVERNANCE

- 4.1 To ensure governance of the CRF, Community Planning Partners require to nominate a grant recipient. As the Council has a duty to lead on and facilitate Community Planning, and has acted as the nominated grant recipient for both SIP and BNSF programmes, Community Planning Partners have requested that the Council continues with this role, with decisions on future allocation of CRF resources delegated to the appropriate Partnership Board. The existing arrangements of separate North and Coalfield Area Social Inclusion Partnerships, therefore, require to be reviewed by Community Planning Partners.
- 4.2 Consequently, as the first stage of the review process, the Community Planning and Partnership Manager has been remitted to establish a working group with community representatives of the Coalfield Area SIP Board and the North Social Inclusion Initiative Board to consider options in respect of the future operating structure within the community planning process. Nominations have been received and Ronnie Hamilton, Ian Smith and Jean Smith from the Coalfield Area SIP, and Maurice Ashbridge and Linda

Thomson from the North Initiative have agreed to participate in the working group.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 The Board is asked to:

- i) note the progress in respect of the SIP transition/integration, as detailed at Appendix 1;
- ii) note the submission of the ROA and associated programme of projects to the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland for consideration;
- iii) note that East Ayrshire Council has agreed to underwrite the 2005/06 CRF allocation, which will allow continuity of service until the ROA receives Ministerial' sign off';
- iv) note that a meeting with representatives from the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland has been convened for 7 March 2005 to provide feedback on the content of the ROA, prior to final submission of the document for Ministerial 'sign off';
- v) note the proposed review of the existing SIP operating structure and to receive a further report on the outcome of the review at a future Board meeting; and
- vi) otherwise, note the content of the report.

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Community Planning and Partnership Manager
1 March 2005

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> 	<i>April/May 2004</i>	<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> 	<i>Late Spring 2004</i>	<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	<p><i>29 July 2004– Full day: 2 sessions Railway Hotel, Auchinleck.</i></p> <p><i>4 August 2004 – Evening Cumnock Town Hall.</i></p>
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> 	<i>August 2004/ November 2004</i>	<p><i>One- day session completed on 24 August 2004. All SIP Board members and Joint Officers' Group.</i></p> <p><i>Half-day session completed on 30 November 2004. All SIP Board and North Board members, and Joint Officers' Group</i></p>
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> 	<p><i>12 October 2004</i></p> <p><i>25 October 2004</i></p> <p><i>28 October 2004</i></p> <p><i>31 October 2004</i></p>	<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"> ➤ <i>Community Planning Joint Officers' Group.</i> ➤ <i>SIP Board</i> ➤ <i>Combined Coalfield/North Boards (to consider revised funding proposals)</i> ➤ <i>East Ayrshire Council P&R Committee</i> ➤ Submit ROA to Communities Scotland for sign off. 	<p><i>Early December 04</i> <i>16 December 2004</i> <i>3 February 2005</i></p> <p><i>8 February 2005</i> <i>20 December 2004</i></p>	<p>ROA submitted to the Scottish Executive and Communities Scotland following P&R Committee approval. Meeting to receive feedback on content to be convened on 7 March 2005, prior to final submission.</p>
Implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepare implementation plan linked to ROA for consideration/sign off. • Ensure effective implementation. 	Ongoing	<p>Awaiting issue of CRF terms and conditions from Communities Scotland. Interim arrangements in place.</p>

Italics – represent actions completed.