

Community Planning Update

February 2009



Local Update - News

The Community Planning Partnership has a new **Chair** – Cllr Margaret McDougall, the Council's community planning spokesperson. Cllr McDougall has been a member of the CPP Board since June 2007. In the role of Chair she replaces Cllr David O'Neill, who had chaired the Partnership since its establishment. Cllr Alan Hill has also joined the Board as a non-Executive representative of the Council.

The CPP's **Single Outcome Agreement (SOA)** has now been submitted to the Scottish Government by the deadline of the end of February. There will now be a period of agreement with the Scottish Government before a final version is approved (expected by end of May 2009). The submitted version will be available shortly on the CPP website. Many thanks to all those who helped develop the Agreement, across all partners, in particular the network of SOA Lead Officers across the statutory partners. The **SOA Action Plan** – which is not part of the Scottish Government's requirements – continues to be a work in progress. It is anticipated that this will go to the CPP Board for approval on 19 March 2009, and will become operational on 1 April 2009.

North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership hosted a **Health Improvement Showcase** Event on the 20th February 2009 in the Menzies Hotel. The event was an action from the Joint Health Improvement Plan and the previous CPP Health and Wellbeing Group who wanted to showcase the health improvement activity being delivered in North Ayrshire. The Healthy North Ayrshire and Health Improvement Team from the Community Health Partnership were remitted to organise the event. Councillor McDougall, Chair of the Community Planning Partnership opened the event. Colin Fischbacher from ISD presented the Community Health Profiles 2008 for North Ayrshire. There was also a dance demonstration from Ydance the national youth dance agency for Scotland which encourages all young people to get active and develop their creativity through dance. The event ended with a number of interactive workshops.

North Ayrshire Council hosted a stakeholder event on the **Mainland Housing Need and Demand Study**. The event took place on the 20 February in Greenwood Teacher's Centre. The research carried out by consultants Arneil Johnston is nearing completion and the event was part of a period of consultation with key stakeholders. The outputs of the study will be utilized to inform strategic planning and key housing requirements for the preparation of both the Local Housing Strategy and the Local Development Plan.

Local Update – Community Planning Groups

The **CPP Board** (Chair: Cllr Margaret McDougall, NAC) held a Special Meeting on Thursday 19 February to approve the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) for submission to the Scottish Government (as covered above). Also on the agenda were changes to the NAC representation on the Board (also covered above), the development of the new Fairer North Ayrshire early years initiative, and progress with the SOA Action Plan. The Board meets again for a regular scheduled meeting on 19 March 2009.

The **Economic and Learning Partnership** (Chair: Alex Anderson, NAC) met on Tuesday 3 February 2009. Members were welcomed to the new group. Members received a presentation on the CPP Terms of Reference. Members were updated on the SOA Action Plan; the Employability Programme; More Choices More Chances; Joint CoSLA and Scottish Government Statement on Community

Learning and Development; Learning and Taking Part Framework; Irvine Bay Targeted Recruitment Programme and Community Planning Week.

The **Environment Partnership** (Chair: Cllr Tom Barr, NAC) met on Friday 6 February 2009. Members were welcomed to the new group. Members received a presentation on the CPP Terms of Reference. Members were updated on the SOA Action Plan; Q3 progress report on Community Plan clean and green actions and Community Planning Week.

The **Housing Partnership** (Chair: Olga Clayton, NAC) met on Thursday 26 February 2009.. Members received presentations on the CPP Terms of Reference; Housing Needs and Demand Assessment and the Affordable Housing Investment Programme. Members were updated and received reports from the Housing Market Partnership; Rural Housing Sub Group; Vineburgh Regeneration Steering Group; Homelessness Group and highlighted potential events for Community Planning Week.

The **Compact Reference Group** (Chair: Stephen McLaughlin, Volunteer Centre, for John McKnight, NAC) met on Tuesday 17 February 2009. The Group reviewed ongoing progress against the Compact Action Plan; the Scottish Government's proposals for a new 'interface' between the community/voluntary sector and CPPs; and plans for Community Planning Week 2009.

Local Update – Other Partnerships

Irvine Bay Regeneration Company's Annual Public Meeting is to be held in the Gales Hotel, Marine Drive, Irvine at 10.30am on Thursday 19th March. Irvine Bay Regeneration Company is focussed upon creating physical and economic improvements to the towns of Irvine, Kilwinning, Ardrossan, Saltcoats and Stevenston that will create new job opportunities, improve the quality of life and provide opportunities for future economic growth.

The meeting represents an opportunity for the local community to come along and hear about the exciting plans for the area. With significant projects already underway and important groundwork in place, Irvine Bay is well placed to deliver projects that will bring investment and strong economic growth to the five towns through the partnership between Irvine Bay, North Ayrshire Council, Scottish Enterprise and the Scottish Government."

To register your attendance as the vision for Irvine Bay gathers pace,

- register your attendance online by visiting www.registerforevent.co.uk/irvinebay
- telephone 0845 60 66 826
- or email irvinebay@starkeventsuk.com and type "Irvine Bay – APM" in the title.

National Update

The **Scottish Public Management Network** held a seminar on Single Outcome Agreements on 6 February 2009 at the University of the West of Scotland in Paisley. Justina Murray, Community Planning Coordinator, talked about 'Developing and Working with Single Outcome Agreements', based on the experience of the North Ayrshire SOA. Also on the programme were Professor Arthur Midwinter, University of Edinburgh with 'SOAs: A Critical View', and Kirsten Gooday from Community Care Providers Scotland on the national analysis she had carried out of all 32 Scottish SOAs.

A national consultation on the **NHS 24 Draft Strategic Framework 2009/10 to 2011/12 - "Delivering and Moving Forward"** is now underway.

NHS 24 are now looking at how they can develop the contribution NHS 24 services make to the NHS and health in Scotland. It is important that NHS 24 supports the work of NHS Scotland, Health Boards and the Scottish Ambulance Service in the provision of services to people across Scotland. NHS 24 wish to consult how this can be further developed. The consultation period runs until 13 March 2009. The discussion document can be found at www.nhs24/strategy.

New initiatives, publications and resources

The Scottish Government are carrying out a study of **Community Health Partnerships (CHPs)** across Scotland. The overall aim of the study is to consider the early progress the 40 CHPs have made in relation to their key areas of responsibility, in order to identify ways in which CHPs' capacity and capability can be improved to enable them to continue to effectively fulfil their statutory duties and respond to emerging challenges and policies. The study will run from February 2009-March 2010, and is being carried out by Blake Stevenson.

Calendar of upcoming events

You may have been e mailed directly with information on relevant events.

Upcoming events are also listed on our website at www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/communityplanning. Please check regularly as the website is frequently updated.

What's coming up within North Ayrshire CPP

Wednesday 4 March 2009	CPP Management Group
Tuesday 17 March 2009	CPP Economic and Learning Partnership
Thursday 19 February 2009	CPP Board
Friday 20 March 2009	CPP Safer North Ayrshire Partnership
Friday 27 March 2009	CPP Environment Partnership
Tuesday 31 March 2009	CHP Committee
Tuesday 31 March 2009	Compact Reference Group

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