

COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE

What's coming up within North Ayrshire CPP

- Wednesday 3rd March **CPP Management Group**
- Thursday 4th March **CHP Committee**
- Thursday 4th March—**Housing Partnership**
- Tuesday 9th March—**Economic and Learning Partnership**
- Friday 12th March—**Environment Partnership**
- Tuesday 16th March—**Community Engagement Network**
- Thursday 18th March—**CPP Board**
- Thursday 25th March—**MCMC**

LOCAL UPDATE—NEWS

Fullarton Community Health House in partnership with Access Ability has successfully secured £66,020 from the Third Sector Enterprise fund. This funding is to develop the capacity of the CallCare 365 service, which they are currently delivering under contract to North Ayrshire Council. This service provides the client with a daily phone call, for a range of support needs, up to 365 days per year.

This funding will help with the purchase of additional equipment, allowing expansion of the service and leading to the creation of jobs to support the service. This is an excellent example of partnership working and with a little innovation resources can be maximised for the best possible outcomes. If you would like more

information on the service please contact Bobby Sturgeon on 01294 311701 or Anne Armstrong on 01294 470480.

The Scottish Centre for Regeneration has published a case study on the local credit union **1st Alliance**. The case study is available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/01/> and covers the 1st Loan project which is administered by the 1st Alliance Credit Union for service users referred from debt advice services and other partners. It offers a consistent support service for clients by continuing to work jointly with the council and other partners. It helps the individual stick to a repayment schedule, give advice on budgeting and ideally create a savings plan for the client.

LOCAL UPDATE—COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS

The Community Health Partnership (CHP) Committee (Chair: Cllr David O'Neill) met on 4th February. Items for discussion on the agenda included the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation, the draft SOA Action Plan, Ayrshire Central Hospital update and Condition Management.

The Safer North Ayrshire Partnership (Chair: Superintendent Jim Coubrough, Strathclyde Police) met on 5th February. The group received presentations on Counter

Terrorism Awareness and the work of Womens Aid. The group also discussed Good Neighbour Awards, the MOSQUITO device, and CashBack for Communities.

The Compact Reference Group (Chair: John McKnight NAC) met on 23rd February. The group discussed the NA Third Sector Interface, NAC budget effects on community centres, the Compact Action Plan, the Communications Action Plan and the North Ayrshire Funding Hub.

NEW INITIATIVES, PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

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The Update is circulated across North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership on a monthly basis. Please let us know of any information we should be highlighting in future editions.

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The Scottish Public Health Observatory has published a report entitled: **Dimensions of diversity: Population differences and health improvement opportunities.** This is available at <http://www.scotpho.org.uk/diversityreport>) This report provides an overview of basic information about 13 characteristics or groups of the population of Scotland, linking users to sources of further information. It covers: age, asylum seekers and refugees, carers, disability, ethnicity, language, literacy, migrants, poverty, prisoners, religion and belief, sex and gender, and sexual orientation.

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has published several reports this month: [Cycles of poverty, unemployment and low pay](#)

Families can move in and out of poverty, with some of them becoming trapped in a cycle. What causes this and how does it relate to unemployment and low pay?

[Employers' role in the low-pay/no-pay cycle](#)

What employers' could do to offer greater security and progression in a range of low-paid jobs.

[Better off working? Work, poverty and benefit cycling](#)

Examining poverty, work sustainability and progression among low-skilled workers.

[How can parents escape from recurrent poverty?](#)

Why disadvantaged parents move into poverty, and barriers to them escaping the low-pay/no-pay cycle.

[Recurrent poverty: the impact of family and labour market changes](#)

What causes people to experience 'recurrent' poverty?

These are all available at: <http://www.jrf.org.uk/>

A survey report has been published by Pricewaterhouse Coopers entitled **Capable Communities Public Service Reform: The next chapter**. This highlights the role of communities in the design and delivery of public services. Below are some highlights of the sur-

vey, specifically relating to Scotland.

- 91% of Scots believe the state should ensure streets and communities safer places to live while 84% think individuals and communities should do more to help the police cut anti-social behaviour and crime.
- Individuals and families in Scotland should do more to help unemployed relatives find a job according to 55% of respondents, while 32% believe the state should provide help.
- 93% said the state should be most responsible for providing health care, compared to just 3% who said this should be left to individuals and families.
- 85% said the state should be most responsible for paying for the care needs of elderly people and 71% think the state is ultimately responsible for looking after elderly relatives. Only 10% believed responsibility for caring for elderly relatives should be left to individuals and families.
- 51% of people surveyed support being given personal budgets for social care.

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Scotland's Chief Statistician has published the **Scottish Survey of Achievement 2009 - Reading and Writing**. The publication includes a range of statistics relating to the reading and writing attainment of pupils across Scotland relative to the national 5-14 curriculum levels. See <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/02/22135127/0>

The Third Section Resilience Fund

published its list of awards this month. The object of this fund is to mitigate the impacts of the economic downturn for third sector bodies. There are 64 recipients receiving overall £2.2 million through one-off grants of up to 100,000 pounds. See

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/48453/0094806.xls> for more details.

The **Equality and Human Rights Commission** have published New Guidance on trans equality for public authorities—it is available at www.equalityhumanrights.com/psd.

Census Consultation—Scotland's consultation on the main statistical outputs from the 2011 Census has begun. It provides an opportunity for users of census data to help shape the main statistical outputs for the 2011 Census and to comment on a range of related issues. The closing date for providing submissions to this consulta-

tion is Friday, 14th May 2010. To take part in Scotland's 2011 Outputs Consultation please visit the GROS website <http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/census/censushm2011/preparations/consultation-and-research/formal-consultations/spring-10-consultation.html>

The **SURF awards for best practice in community regeneration 2009** have been announced - see <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/pdf.pl?file=surf/news/2009%20SURF%20Awards%20Publication.pdf> for more details.

LOCAL UPDATE

—OTHER PARTNERSHIPS

Some of Ayrshire's key heritage items will be restored and displayed to the public for the first time as part of an upgrade to the North Ayrshire Museum. The **Heritage Lottery Fund** awarded North Ayrshire Council a grant for the reinstatement of key items relating to Ayrshire's heritage, which are currently in external storage. The items will be conserved, documented, interpreted and then permanently displayed in North Ayrshire Museum and online. Up to 50 volunteers will be engaged in the project to help with this process and will gain valuable learning experiences. The proposals have a very strong community focus in giving local people the opportunity to explore and better understand their heritage, as well as gaining key transferable skills.

This project will take place within the Irvine Bay Urban Regeneration Company area which is a Priority area for HLF Development work and a regional and national priority for regeneration.

The Scottish Health Council is holding an event on 16th March entitled **Caring for Carers What are your thoughts on the future of caring in Ayrshire and Arran?** It takes place from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm at The

Park Hotel, Kilmarnock. For more details contact gillian.macfarlane@scottishhealthcouncil.org

The North Ayrshire Integrated Children Services Planning Group/ Officer Locality Group for children and young people held an **early years showcasing event** highlighting the good work of the new Family Connexions, Family First and Equally well test sites illustrating the positive impacts on children and parents lives. The Officer Locality Group for Adults and Older People held an all day session to work up the actions to be taken forward to successfully implement the Joint Commissioning Strategy for older people.

Arthritis Care, in association with NHS Ayrshire + Arran, will be holding a **Challenging Your Condition course** in the Volunteer Rooms, Irvine. The course is open to anyone with a long-term condition including arthritis, epilepsy, heart condition and stroke. It will start on 1st April and run for 6 weeks, meeting once per week. The aim of the course is to help people manage their condition more effectively. Please contact 0845 600 3756 for more details.

NATIONAL UPDATE

A new group to lead Scotland's public sector in cutting carbon emissions has met for the first time.

The Scottish Government and COSLA are joining forces to identify and promote the actions needed across the public sector to meet Scotland's ambitious climate change targets.

The group will also provide a crucial link between the public and private sectors. The **2020 Climate Delivery Group** will ensure that Scotland contributes fully to achieving the emissions targets reduction by 2020. The Scottish Government will publish draft guidance for public bodies on fulfilling their duties later this year.