

COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE

What's coming up within North Ayrshire CPP

- Thursday 4th February **CHP Committee**
- Friday 5th February **Safer North Ayrshire Partnership**
- Tuesday 23rd February **Compact Reference Group**

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.

LOCAL UPDATE—NEWS

The **Campus Officer Programme** won the Community Well-Being category of Strathclyde Police Excellence Awards this month. North Ayrshire Council Educational Services were presented with a commemorative plaque to mark the occasion. The North Ayrshire Campus Officer Programme was launched in October 2005 and is funded through a partnership initiative involving Educational Services, the Safer North Ayrshire Group, the Fairer North Ayrshire Initiative, the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) and Strathclyde Police. The results indicate that the officers are making a very real impact on school life, the cluster primary schools and the surrounding communities and outcomes are being met and exceeded. The programme supports the Government's Curriculum for Excellence which aims to enable each child or young person to be a successful learner, a confident individual, a responsible citizen and an effective contributor. Similarly, in terms of the Scottish Violence Reduction Unit's strategy to break the circle of violence, the work of campus officers is an investment in the future so that young people have a strong role model in shaping how they choose to lead their lives and learn how to deal with conflict and disagreement without resorting to violence.

It was announced this month that North Ayrshire Council has secured an **extension to its European funding** for projects to support and prepare

people for work. North Ayrshire Council run a number of initiatives that provide assistance with training and skills development. Money secured from the European Structural Fund and the European Regional Development Fund will be used to bolster these programmes and help more people get into work and access training. North Ayrshire Community Planning Partnership (CPP) has been awarded £366,000 from the European Social Fund and a further £148,272 from the European Regional Development Fund.

The consultation period for the **Local Development Plan** runs from 22nd January - 19th March. Copies of the report are available on North Ayrshire Council's website (<http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/>) Feedback can be provided via an on-line survey, through completing a consultation form or attending a Planning Forum. Local consultation events will take place during February 2010.

Members of the **Safer North Ayrshire Partnership** contributed to a contribution analysis workshop on 13th January. This was to support the development of the Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy.

On 27th January partners attended a lunchtime briefing session on the **Regeneration Area Profiles** based on the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation. Further information on this is available from the Community Planning Team.

LOCAL UPDATE—COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS

Contact details

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 **CPP Management Group** (Chair: Sandra Bale, NAC) met on 20th January. The group reviewed the draft SOA Action Plan 2010-11 and received reports on the Fairer North Ayrshire Fund 2009/10, the NHS Ayrshire and Arran Local Delivery Plan, the CPP Environment Partnership, Evaluation of the 'Introduction to Community Planning' Pilot and the Community Health Partnership (CHP) Committee. The group received a survey report 'Review of Progress In Development of CHP Committees'. Quarterly reports were received on the CPP Compact Reference Group, the CPP Community Engagement Network, and Risk Management. The CPP leadership programme "Adaptive Leadership for Community Planning" was also discussed.

The **North Ayrshire Economic and Learning Partnership** (Chair: Alex Anderson NAC) met on 26 January. They received updates on European extension funding, FNA Funding Post March 2010, CLD Sector Upskilling Programme and the Future Jobs Fund. They received a presentation on the Learning and Taking Part Framework & Action Plan.

The **More Choices, More Chances, Sub-Group** (Chair Mary Docherty NAC) met on 28 January. The group received updates on 16+ Learning Choices, Activity Agreements and on partner's work.

The **North Ayrshire Environment Partnership** (Chair: Cllr Tom Barr) met on 29 January. The group received a progress report from Irvine Bay URC Environmental Projects and a presentation on the work of Ayrshire Rivers Trust. The group discussed participation in WWF's Earth Hour and the Kilombero Rice Project. Partners Activity Reports were received from Jack McConnachie, Roads and Rob Loney, Outdoor Access Forum. The group also received a CPP update.

The **Compact Reference Group** (Chair John McKnight NAC) met on 12th January. The group discussed the Q3 progress reports for Compact Action Plan 2009/10 and the Communications Action Plan 2009/10. There were discussions on the SOA Action Plan 2010/11, the Joint Statement on the relationship at local level between the government and third sector (Scottish Government Cosla, SOL-ACE, SCVO) and monitoring the implementation of the Compact Agreement. The group also discussed methods of engaging the community and voluntary sector, the North Ayrshire Funding Hub and Community Planning Week 2010.

NEW INITIATIVES, PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

Engage 6 the magazine for the Meeting the Shared Challenge support programme, is now available from the NHS Health Scotland website (<http://www.healthscotland.com/uploads/documents/11722-EngageIssue6.pdf>). This contains information on the progress made by the Meeting the Shared Challenge Programme over the last two years. There are also details of policies and practice development tools exist to help partners sustain support for community-led health, with some links to policy and informative examples from three regional areas involved in the programme. Logic modelling and how it can be used to help develop the single outcome agreement is also included, with an example of how this tool is being used to develop partnership working and build consensus on the route to achieving common goals.

Skills Development Scotland has published its quarterly briefing specific to North Ayrshire. It is available from www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/briefings.aspx. It contains an overview of their services, a summary of the different campaigns and programmes they manage, together with their half year results.

CIPFA and SOLACE have published a discussion paper that explores the impact of public sector funding cuts on public services, and the strategies and actions that Government and public bodies might adopt to manage them. ***After the downturn - managing significant and sustained adjustment in public sector funding*** is intended to be helpful to Government, Parliamentarians, the political parties, and public sector leaders, national and local, all of whom have critical

roles to play in helping to make and implement the right decisions in response to the daunting challenges in prospect. It is based on the premise that Government must tackle these issues with real urgency immediately following the General Election irrespective of its result. Copies are available at www.cipfa.org.uk/pt/cipfasolace/index.cfm

Scotland's Chief Statistician has published **Scottish Crime and Justice Survey (SCJS) 2008-09: Drug Use**. The publication presents statistics on adults' experiences of illicit drug use in Scotland since the age of 16.

It covers self-reported use in the last month, the last year and ever. The report also examines frequency of drug use, perceived dependency on drugs, access to drugs, polydrug use and age of first use amongst adults in Scotland. See <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2010/01/22152358/0>

The Scottish Government has published several case studies on lessons learned from the **Fairer Scotland Fund** and its efforts to tackle concentrated disadvantage. The studies look at measures taken in Dumfries and Galloway, South Lanarkshire, Clackmannanshire and Moray. See <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/Search/Q/Subject/363>

Copies of the **Apex Scotland Annual Lecture** presented by Professor Fergus McNeill and entitled "Helping, Holding, Hurting: Recalling and Reforming Punishment" are available from www.apexscotland.org.uk.

LOCAL UPDATE— OTHER PARTNERSHIPS

xl is a strategy for addressing underachievement in young people aged 14-16.

The programme is made up of xl clubs of around 13 young people who are supported by a teacher and community education worker, who are known as 'Advisers'.

The clubs work together for two years through S3 and S4 to reduce the risk of exclusion, improve their self-confidence and motivation skills, and to support a successful transition from school to further education, training and the world of work. xl takes the place of one Standard Grade and has accreditation options including SQA National Units in Personal Development and ASDAN Awards.

An **xl Celebration Day** is taking place on 2nd March 2010 in Kilmarnock where there will be an opportunity to learn more about the work of xl. Please contact sharon.murray@princes-trust.org.uk or by telephone on 0141 225 3371.

NATIONAL UPDATE

Poverty and Homeless Action Week takes place from 30 January to 7 February. More details are available from www.actionweek.org.uk.

The **Improvement Service** is carrying out a survey to identify what support councils and their Community Planning partners will need to successfully deliver the outcomes in their

Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs), in the very difficult financial period ahead. The survey will result in joint recommendations to the Scottish Government and to the chief officers who oversee SOA delivery nationally, to address any gaps and duplications in support. A capacity building programme of support for CPPs is expected to commence in April.

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—OTHER PARTNERSHIPS

Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board have approved the new **Primary Care Strategy**. This is following NHS Ayrshire & Arran's widespread engagement about its draft strategy (Your health – we're in it together).

The strategy proposes a number of recommendations to:

- Transform community relationships
- Provide patients and professionals with better information
- Improve health
- Make healthcare more consistent
- Continually improve the quality of services
- Provide planned and emergency care in the right place at the right time
- Meet the care needs of specific groups
- Spend money wisely on local services to help keep people healthy, and on hospital services to care for people when they are ill.

The primary care strategy aims to 'shift the balance' of care to provide more treatment closer to local communities. It also aims to enhance local services to help keep people healthy by taking a more preventative approach to healthcare.

A number of the recommendations within the action plan have direct relevance for North Ayrshire. These include working with local authorities to 'secure care at home as the norm'; reviewing the needs of older people on Cumbrae and the dental health needs of the local population there; extension of street nurse pilots in Dalry and The Three Towns and multi-agency approaches to fully meet the needs of vulnerable children.

NHS Ayrshire and Arran have started implementing the strategy and are keen to continue the public engagement already established as part of this process. If you or your project would like to become more involved or kept up to date on developments, please contact Irene Campbell, Project Manager, Primary Care Strategy, 01292 513662, Irene.Campbell2@aapct.scot.nhs.uk.

For more information and to download the strategy -

http://www.nhsayrshireandarran.com/view_item.aspx?item_id=6419&list_id=list1-6376&list_index=18