

# Community Planning Update

July 2009



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## Local Update - News

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The **Fairer North Ayrshire** Lead Officers Meeting took place on Wednesday 8 July 2009 in Cunninghame House, Irvine. Presentations were made on the **Healthy North Ayrshire** Programme and the **Family Connexions** Programme. A networking session formed part of the meeting.

The **Single Outcome Agreement (SOA)** was formally signed on 16 July by John Swinney, Cabinet Secretary for Finance and Sustainable Growth, Cllr Margaret McDougall, CPP Chair, and representatives of the CPP Board. Over 40 people attended the event, from across CPP groups and Fairer North Ayrshire initiatives. A new 16-page A5 summary leaflet on the SOA was circulated at the event, and will be distributed to all community planning groups, partner organisations, libraries etc. John Swinney also visited local businesses in North Ayrshire during the day. The press release for the event can be found at:

<http://www.beta.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/NewsArticles/JohnSwinneySingleOutcomeAgreement.aspx>

The CPP's new DVD, '**Partnership Works**' (commissioned for and launched at our recent Community Planning Week), can now be viewed online at <http://www.nuarts.co.uk/showreel>. This 14 minute film profiles seven case studies of successful partnership working in North Ayrshire. Copies of the DVD are also available from the CPP team.

The four CVO/Ss of Ayrshire have been working together to host their first community conference. The event has been entitled: "**Fit for Purpose: Face the future: Stronger Governance, Partnerships and Entrepreneurship**". They have secured Brian Tannerhill, Managing Director of McSence, an award winning group of social enterprises as a speaker. Brian will be setting the scene by exploring the relationship between vision, governance and effective service delivery with local partners. These themes will be explored more closely through workshops which will be facilitated by experts from OSCR, the Scottish Enterprise Academy, Social Enterprise Network Scotland, and Scottish Council for Voluntary Services. There will also be a workshop on funding from LEADER, the rural support grant system which emphasises community action and social enterprises. The event is being hosted at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2009 between the hours of 9:45 am to 4:00 pm. Further information or booking forms, to be a delegate or host an information stall, can be requested from the Council for Voluntary Services North Ayrshire by contacting Susan at (01294) 473137 or emailing [susan.larmour@cvsna.org.uk](mailto:susan.larmour@cvsna.org.uk). Forms can also be downloaded from their website at [www.cvsna.org](http://www.cvsna.org).

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## Local Update – Community Planning Groups

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The **Environment Partnership** (Chair: Cllr Tom Barr, NAC) met on Friday 26 June 2009. Members received a presentation from Alexandre Gagnon, Lecturer in Environmental Sciences and Decision Support, University of the West of Scotland on the Local Knowledge Exchange on the Environment - Aligning Environmental Research to the Needs of Local Decision Makers. Members received reports and updates on the Carbon Management Team; Outdoor Access Forum; Future Jobs Fund; Community Planning Week and the FNA Forward Plan.

The **CPP Management Group** (Chair: Sandra Bale, NAC) met on Wednesday 15 July 2009. The group received progress reports from the CPP team on the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and SOA Action Plan; Fairer North Ayrshire programme; and Communications. Cllr Tom Barr and John McKnight, in their role as Chairs, respectively presented reports on behalf of the Environment Partnership and Compact Reference Group. Jacqueline Clinton, Chief Officer of the South West Scotland Community Justice Authority (CJA) presented a 6 monthly report on what more we can do

to reduce re-offending. Marjorie Adams, Policy Officer (NAC) reported on guidances for CPPs on equalities, in particular in relation to SOAs.

The **Safer North Ayrshire Partnership** (Chair: Stewart Rorrison, Strathclyde Police) met on the 31 July 2009. Members received a number of reports and updates on the following topics: Updates from Partners; Strategy Sub Group; Participatory Budgeting; Tasking and Problem Solving Group; Neighbourhood Forum Update; Cashback for Communities; SOA Action Plan 2009/10; Alcohol Awareness Week; Violence Against Women ; Fire Safety; Road Safety; Financial Monitoring and CPP update.

### **Local Update – Other Partnerships**

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The official launch ceremony was held for the **Vineburgh Regeneration Initiative** on 21 July 2009, hosted by Cunninghame Housing Association and North Ayrshire Council, and attended by Alex Neil, Minister for Housing and Communities. Despite the pouring rain (!) a large group of partners witnessed the demolition of the final house in Phase 1, before retreating to the Vineburgh Community Centre for formal speeches by Frank Sweeney, Chief Executive of CHA; Scott McLaren, Chair of CHA; Cllr David O'Neill, NAC; and Alex Neil, MSP. For more on the Vineburgh redevelopment, see [http://www.cunninghame-housing.org/wider\\_action/VineburghRegeneration.html](http://www.cunninghame-housing.org/wider_action/VineburghRegeneration.html)

### **National Update**

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The Scottish Government has just launched a new project to support **Public Social Partnerships (PSPs)**, in partnership with PricewaterhouseCoopers and Forth Sector. PSPs are a new approach to public service delivery, involving enterprising third sector organisations. The PSP model aims to benefit the third sector and public sector in Scotland, and to improve outcomes for service users, clients and communities. Ten PSPs will be identified to provide co-planning and delivery of services to local communities over the next two years. Applications are open from 17 July to 8 October 2009. Local enquiries will be directed to the CPP's Local Social Economy Partnership, chaired by Alex Anderson. Find out more at [www.pspscotland.co.uk](http://www.pspscotland.co.uk).

The **Community Empowerment Action Plan** was launched by the Scottish Government and Cosla back in March 2009. This aimed to build on good examples of where assets have been successfully transferred to community groups across Scotland. In July the Scottish Government announced that they have awarded funding to the **Development Trusts Association Scotland (DTAS)** to take forward a two-year programme of work intended to support communities to own assets. This will include a review of current policy and practice on asset transfer; a programme of seminars for local authorities and community groups; and a number of demonstration projects.

### **New initiatives, publications and resources**

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The **SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration** recognise and promote best practice in community regeneration in Scotland. The opening date for the applications process is 27 July 2009 with a closing date of 21 September 2009. For further information contact Derek Rankine: Email: [Derek@scotregen.co.uk](mailto:Derek@scotregen.co.uk) or telephone 0141 585 6879

New publications from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation include ([www.jrf.org.uk](http://www.jrf.org.uk)):

- A minimum income standard for Britain in 2009. This study updates 2008's innovative research, based on what members of the public thought people need for an acceptable minimum standard of living.
- Poverty in the media: Being seen and getting heard. How people who have experienced poverty can have a more effective voice in the media.
- Building public support for eradicating poverty in the UK. A look at different ways of building public support for tackling UK poverty.

## **Calendar of upcoming events**

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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](http://www.north-ayrshire.gov.uk/communityplanning).

Please check regularly as the website is frequently updated.

## **What's coming up within North Ayrshire CPP**

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Wednesday 12 August 2009	CPP Economic and Learning Partnership
Thursday 6 August 2009	CHP Committee
Friday 7 August 2009	CPP Environment partnership
Thursday 27 August 2009	CPP Housing Partnership

## **Contact details**

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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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