

# Community Planning Update



## Month 2009

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### Local Update - News

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First of all, **congratulations** to the newly hitched Shirley Caine (née Laidlaw), who tied the knot with long time amour Morris on 20 June 2009. You will notice Shirley's new name in all your emails (new name, same emails ...). Best wishes from everyone for a long, happy and healthy life together!

The **Fairer North Ayrshire Annual Report for 2008/9** was presented to the CPP Board's June meeting. The report highlights progress and achievements in implementing the first year of the Fairer North Ayrshire Fund, including key outputs achieved by each programme. The report has been submitted to the Scottish Government's Fairer Scotland Fund team, for information. For a copy of the report, contact Anne Todd in the CPP team.

A new publication has been produced by the CPP's Economic and Learning Partnership, and circulated to businesses across the area. **Getting People into Work – Support for Employment in North Ayrshire** is a new information leaflet for businesses, outlining the different programmes available to tackle skills shortages, recruit the right people and recruit harder to reach groups. The leaflet was launched by Alex Anderson, Chair of the Economic and Learning Partnership, as part of Community Planning Week. Almost 2,000 copies of the leaflet have been circulated, with remaining copies available from the CPP team or NAC Economic Development team.

### Local Update – Community Planning Groups

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The **CPP Board** (Chair: Cllr David O'Neill for Cllr Margaret McDougall, NAC) met on 18 June 2009. The Board received a presentation from Patrick Wiggins, Irvine Bay Regeneration Company, and received reports on progress with the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA), SOA Action Plan, and Community Health Partnership (CHP). In the first of a series of reports to the Board from the CPP Strategic Partnership Chairs, Chief Inspector Stewart Rorrison reported on the work of the Safer North Ayrshire Partnership. The Board also received the Fairer North Ayrshire Annual Report, 2008/9, agreed the use of unallocated funding in 2009/10, and noted the Forward Plan process for 2010/11. The Board agreed the establishment of a new Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP) to replace the current Alcohol and Drug Action Team (ADAT) arrangements, following new national guidance. The new ADP will be part of the Community Health Partnership (CHP) structure. Finally the Board received a report on the Council's Scrutiny Committee recommendations in relation to their recent More Choices, More Chances (MCMC) investigation, a progress report on Highlands and Islands European funding, and the final Community Plan performance report for 2008/9.

The **CPP Management Group** (Chair: Sandra Bale, NAC) met on the 3 June 2009. Members received reports and updates on the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and SOA Action Plan; Progress Reports on CPP Economic and Learning Partnership; Community Plan Q4 Performance Report; Fairer North Ayrshire (FNA) Q4 Monitoring Report; Unallocated FNA Funding 2009/10; FNA Finance Report ; Town Centre Regeneration Fund and Risk Management and Community Planning.

The **Economic and Learning Partnership** (Chair: Alex Anderson, NAC) met on Tuesday 9 June 2009. Members received a presentation on Workplace literacies from North Ayrshire Council Community Learning and Development. Members received information and updates on the North Ayrshire Labour Market; Future Jobs Fund; Community Benefits Clauses; Business Gateway and More Choices More Chances.

The **Safer North Ayrshire Partnership** (Chair: Stewart Rorrison, Strathclyde Police) met on the 19 June 2009. Members received a presentation on Alcohol and Health from Maggie Watts, Consultant in Public Health Medicine. Members received a number of reports and updates on the following topics: MADIM; Strategy Sub Group; Tasking and Problem Solving Group; Cashback for Communities; SOA Action Plan 2009/10; Violence Against Women Forum; Road Safety; Financial Monitoring and CPP update which covered the Fairer North Ayrshire(FNA) Forward Plan.

The CPP's new **Community Engagement Network** held its first meeting on 2 June 2009. The Network includes key contacts in public and community/ voluntary organisations involved in community engagement, and its role includes sharing information and best practice. Twenty-eight people attended the first meeting, which included discussions on the Network's remit and membership; a 'sounding board' slot for feedback on an emerging project (used by David Mitchell, NAC Community Learning and Development, on finding out the real adult learning needs in the community); a 'showcase' slot to demonstrate new/ innovative approach to engagement (used by Donna Anderson, NAC Youth Information Worker, demonstrating the new touch-screen consultation tool, 'The Pod'); and finally a review of Community Planning Week 2009.

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

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**North Ayrshire Child Protection Committee** have launched a brand new child protection website which has been designed by young people, for young people. The launch event took place on Thursday 25th June 2009 in Ardeer Community Centre. [www.cpteens.co.uk](http://www.cpteens.co.uk)

**North Ayrshire Public Partnership Forum (PPF)** held its annual information event on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2009 in the Menzies Hotel. The theme of this year's event was Information Sharing and as well as an update on the PPF a choice of workshops were offered linked to work currently ongoing in NHS Ayrshire & Arran. These were:

- Primary Care Strategy
- 18 Week Referral to Treatment
- Pharmacy/Minor Ailments
- North Ayrshire Community Hospital

### **National Update**

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The Fife Partnership (Fife's CPP) hosted an event in Dunfermline on 16 June on **Tackling Inequalities**. This looked at the joint impact and implications of three recent national frameworks for tackling inequalities – Equally Well (on health inequalities), the Early Years Framework (on early intervention from pre-birth to 8 years), and Achieving Our Potential (on tackling poverty). The event examined the links between the three frameworks, and the support needed by CPPs to fully implement them. The event was attended by the Scottish Government, community planning partners across Fife, and a range of CPPs (including North Ayrshire). For further information, contact Justina Murray in the CPP team.

NHS Health Scotland hosted a **Health Improvement Performance Management (HIPM)** Engagement event in Glasgow on 22-23 June 2009. Presentations from NHS Health Scotland and the Improvement service covered the link between Single Outcome Agreements and the NHS HEAT targets, outcomes tools (such as logic modelling), and capacity building in CPPs, with a number of workshops demonstrating experience of logic modelling and other outcomes-based approaches. NHS Health Scotland have launched a new website to support this approach – for further information, contact Della Thomas, NHS Health Scotland, email [della.thomas@health.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:della.thomas@health.scot.nhs.uk).

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

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The **competences for CLD** have been signed off by the Executive Committee of the CLD Standards Council and can be found on the Standards Council website [www.cldstandardscouncil.org.uk](http://www.cldstandardscouncil.org.uk) (as will the full report). The Standards Council is exploring how best to create a range of products and support to disseminate these in user-friendly ways, with appropriate guidance. They are also looking at a public launch to raise awareness of these, but they are available for use as of now. For further information contact [Karen.Geekie@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Karen.Geekie@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)

**Jobcentre Plus's** latest product, "**The Customer Progression Map for Partners**" has been developed in conjunction with some of their key customer representative groups. The product provides information that shows how they support Jobseekers Allowance customers in Scotland. It also helps to raise awareness of the products and services that are available, from before a person finds themselves unemployed, until after they have returned to work.

The product is an internet-based document available on the Jobcentre Plus website under the Partners section in the Scottish main page. The product can be accessed at :  
<http://www.jobcentreplus.gov.uk/JCP/Partners/RegionalBusinessCommunity/Scotland/index.html>

The **Scottish Government** have published the '**Safer Lives: Changed Lives – A Shared Approach to Tackling Violence Against Women in Scotland**' document. This document was previously referred to as the Violence Against Women Framework.

Safer Lives: Changed Lives provides a shared understanding and approach which will guide the work of all partners to tackle violence against women in Scotland. It outlines how the Government, local authorities and key support agencies will work together to tackle violence against women and it aims to increase the focus on prevention and considers the best means to support those experiencing violence and abuse, including more marginalised women and children.

This document is available on the Scottish Government website and a link is attached.  
<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/06/02153519/0>

### **Village SOS** is an exciting new initiative from the **Big Lottery Fund and the BBC**

It is searching for six UK villages with a great business idea and six enterprising individuals to act as Village Champions to help them achieve their ambitions.

Together they will create a brand new venture that will bring new life and energy to the village with funding of between £100,000 and £400,000 from BIG.

The journey of the six successful villages and their Village Champions will be filmed for a major prime time BBC One series in winter 2010.

Village SOS is launching on Monday 1 June - Wednesday 3 June on BBC One's The One Show.

To find out more about this exciting initiative and for application information for villages visit [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/villagesos](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/villagesos).

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

- Child poverty in Scotland: taking the next steps. This Viewpoint discusses progress made in Scotland to end child poverty, and suggests what the Scottish Government needs to do to reach the 2020 target.
- Citizen involvement in local governance. A look at the involvement and influence of citizens and service users in decision-making and governance in their local area.
- Reflections on social evils and human nature. In an extract from the book Contemporary Social Evils, Matthew Taylor examines how cultural theory can help us to understand the slide into social pessimism and the credit crunch.
- 'Social evils' and 'social problems' in Britain, 1904-2008. In a contribution to the JRF's 'social evils' series, Jose Harris examines social problems and changing perceptions of them since 1904.
- Living with social evils - the voices of unheard groups. In a contribution to the JRF's 'social evils' series, Chris Creegan focuses on the social evils of British society experienced by people whose voices are not usually heard.

- Growing up in social housing in Britain: A profile of four generations from 1946 to the present day. A look at the role of social housing for four generations of families since the Second World War.
- Political debate about economic inequality: An information resource. An exploration of politicians' attitudes to economic inequality.
- Understanding attitudes to tackling economic inequality. An exploration of the underlying 'drivers' of public attitudes towards economic inequality and welfare policy.
- What are the implications of attitudes to economic inequality?. This collection of three Viewpoints responds to work by the Fabian Society and Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) that looks at attitudes towards economic inequality and how to tackle it, and the political debate around it.

## **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 15 July 2009 | CPP Management Group                 |
| Friday 31 July 2009    | CPP Safer North Ayrshire 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. Contact us at:

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