

COMMUNITY PLANNING UPDATE

What's coming up within North Ayrshire CPP

- Friday 9th April **Safer North Ayrshire Partnership**
- Tuesday 13th April **Compact Reference Group**
- Wednesday 14th April **Management Group**
- Tuesday 20th April **Economic and Learning Partnership**

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

March has been a month of **changes for the Community Planning Team**. Shirley Caine left her post as Community Planning Assistant for a promotion within Chief Executive's Service. Justina Murray, Community Planning Team Leader also announced that she has a new post with South West Scotland Community Justice Authority. Good luck with your new posts!

The Community Planning Partnership was delighted to welcome **Dr Harry Burns**, the Scottish Government's Chief Medical Officer, to speak at an event on 18th March. He

has been working with a range of stakeholders around Scotland – particularly schools and education authorities – on tackling health inequalities at their root cause, in early childhood. A packed Council Chambers heard powerful and memorable evidence on how effective this approach can be.

The **North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership** will be visited on 17th April by Fergus Ewing, Minister for Community Safety. It is anticipated that he will meet with members of the ADP, service users, their families and carers in order to gain a fuller picture of services within North Ayrshire.

LOCAL UPDATE—COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUPS

The CPP Board (Chair: Cllr Margaret McDougall) met on 18th March. Items for discussion on the agenda included the development of the Third Sector Interface, the SOA, the Local Development Plan, and the development of the Board. They also received reports on partner's responses to the economic downturn and on the work of the Housing Partnership.

The CPP Management Group (Chair: Sandra Bale NAC) met on 3rd March. The group discussed the 2010/11 SOA Action Plan, and received reports on the Housing Partnership, Adaptive Leadership for Community Planning, the level 2 Community Planning course and the Fairer North Ayrshire Fund.

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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 **Economic and Learning Partnership** (Chair: Alex Anderson NAC) met on 9th March. The group received an update on North Ayrshire tourism. They also received a presentation from CEiSyrshire, discussed the Future Jobs Fund and received partner updates.

The **Environment Partnership** (Chair: Cllr Tom Barr) met on 12th March. The group discussed the International Year of Biodiversity, received partner activity reports and discussed the SOA Action Plan.

The **Housing Partnership** (Chair: Olga Clayton NAC) met on 4th March. The

group received presentations on Homelessness Performance, the Implications of ss32A + 40, and Wider Prevention Work. The group also discussed the Housing Needs and Demand Assessment, the Local Development Plan, and the Scheme of Assistance. Updates were also received from the Rural Housing Subgroups.

The **Community Engagement Network** (Chair: Justina Murray NAC) met on 16th March. The group discussed plans for 2010/11 and methods for engaging hard to reach groups. The group received a presentation on the Libraries and Information Services website.

NEW INITIATIVES, PUBLICATIONS AND RESOURCES

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation has published a number of documents this month. These are available at www.jrf.or.guk.

“Funding care: how can each generation pay its fair share?” - This document suggests that our present system of paying for care needs replacing. This viewpoint: proposes a phased two-track approach, with an initial charge on inheritance being gradually replaced by funds built up through extra National Insurance paid by younger age

cohorts.

“Funding social care: what service users say” - In 2009, 18 adult social care service users were brought together to explore proposals for funding social care in the future. This *Viewpoint* reports their views.

“Educational attainment: how important are attitudes and behaviour?” - This research focuses on a range of factors under the umbrella term 'aspirations, attitudes and behaviours', encompassing a wide variety of influences throughout childhood.

“How can we make the housing market more stable for vulnerable households?” - These Viewpoints were commissioned as part of the JRF Housing Market Taskforce programme, which aims to address the root causes of instability in the UK housing market. They are aimed at stimulating debate.

Community representatives are being encouraged to take a more active part in the wider debate on community regeneration through a project called the SURF Network Access Programme (SNAP). The SNAP project provides **resources for voluntary community activists to attend events** organised by SURF. All expenses related to their attendance are covered, including event booking fees, travel, accommodation and

subsistence costs. See <http://www.scotregen.co.uk/knowledge/faqs.asp?Itemid=230>

The **Nursing and Midwifery Council** are currently undertaking a consultation to get the views of people who are on the receiving end of nursing care. The questionnaires focus on issues that are particularly relevant to older people, people with dementia, people with learning disabilities and people with mental health problems and their families and carers. They are keen to receive contributions from individuals, groups and organisations. If you would like to give your views, you can do so via online surveys <http://www.nmc-uk.org/>

NATIONAL UPDATE

Social Return on Investment (SROI) is a framework for analysing the value created and destroyed by an activity by considering outcomes.

The Scottish Government is supporting a project to encourage the use of SROI, particularly within the third sector.

SROI can also be used by Community Planning Partnerships as an inclusive approach to their own analysis and evaluation.

For further information visit www.sroiproject.org.uk

LOCAL UPDATE

— OTHER PARTNERSHIPS

The draft **Violence Against Women Strategy and Action Plan 2010/13** have been published. The Strategy and Plan have been developed by a Sub Group of the Violence Against Women Forum and were approved for consultation at the last meeting of the Forum. Please contact Marjorie Adams madams@north-ayrshire.gov.uk for more details. The Strategy and Plan will also be considered by the Safer North Ayrshire Partnership, the Integrated Children's Services Plan Steering Group, and the Coun-

cil's Scrutiny Committee over the next few months.

The **Healthy North Ayrshire Street Nurses** will be visiting local libraries to provide blood pressure and weight checks as well as referrals to local community services.

They will be at:

Ardrossan 6th April 10-12noon

Bourtreehill 29th April 2-4pm

Dalry 4th May 3-5pm

Kilwinning 20th May 2-4pm

More venues and dates will follow in the summer.

NATIONAL UPDATE

The **Scottish Health Council** is holding an event on 29th April in Glasgow entitled *It's All About Me* with the aim of showcasing innovation and good practice in person centred Approaches. It is designed for everyone with an interest in improving the experience of people living with long term conditions and those who support them including; front line staff, voluntary organisations, people living with long term conditions. See www.shsceventsbookings.co.uk.

LARIA in Scotland, with the Scottish Policy Innovation Forum (SPIF) are arranging a seminar. With cuts in public spending a certainty, it is important to consider, with colleagues and peers, the wider implications that these cuts will have, to examine how local authorities and other public bodies can help themselves and to identify the key public sector knowledge and research issues in this challenging environment. The seminar will be held on Tuesday 18th May 2010 at North Lanarkshire Council Civic Centre, Motherwell. See <http://www.laria.gov.uk> for more details.

The **Scottish Health Council's** role is to improve how the NHS in Scotland involves people in decisions about health services. It was agreed when the Scottish Health Council was set up in 2005 that the organisation would be formally

reviewed after three years. An independent review was undertaken in 2008 and, after taking account of the findings and consulting with stakeholders, an action plan was agreed with the Scottish Government on how to take the Scottish Health Council forward.

The Scottish Health Council's remit, distinct identity and network of local offices remain unchanged but they are revising the way they work. Under a revised structure they are moving away from a regional focus to establish functional teams with national responsibilities. These changes, which come into effect on 1 April 2010, will be underpinned by improved communications, greater use of the web to share information and a revised line management structure. They will also be working closely with NHS Quality Improvement Scotland as they become part of a new health body, called Healthcare Improvement Scotland, in 2011.

See www.scottishhealthcouncil.org for more details.