

Community Planning Update



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Local Update - News

Morna Rae, our **new Community Planning Officer**, is now settling in to her role, having joined the team on 23 November. Morna will cover Anne Todd's secondment for the next year. She can be reached on 01294 324177, email mrae@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.

We have nearly completed our pilot '**Introduction to Community Planning**' course (the last of three pilot sessions is on 1 December). Thank you to all of our guinea pigs! The initial feedback has been generally positive, with some good suggestions to improve the course further. There is also support to develop further levels of community planning training. We will shortly be evaluating the pilot and will keep you posted about future developments ...

Around 40 people attended the latest **CPP lunchtime briefing** on 19 November, on 'Promoting Equality in North Ayrshire'. Presentations were made by Marjorie Adams, Policy Officer, NAC; Stewart Griffiths, Disabled Persons Housing Service; Paul Chow, Black & Ethnic Minority Worker, NAC; and Morag Redwood, Project Leader, Highlands & Islands Equality Forum, SCVO. The Briefing provided an overview of the Council's activity in promoting equality through its Single Equality Scheme, and highlighted examples of good practice from Housing Services on initiatives to assist disabled people and from Educational Services on engagement with local ethnic minority communities. The development of the Scottish Rural Equality Network was also covered (more on this below ...).

North Ayrshire Young Scot has published the results of its '**What you want**' **summer consultation**. Over 1,000 local young people took part in the survey, which was carried out via the Young Scot website, lunchtime sessions in schools, events and open days and youth centres and facilities. For more information contact Donna Anderson email danderson@north-ayrshire.gov.uk, tel 01294 472251.

The **Hayocks Girls Group** premiered their drama 'Bittersweet – a night to forget or remember?' at the Harbour Arts Centre on Monday 16 November. The Group, who are supported by the Council's Youth Services, worked in partnership with Healthy North Ayrshire and Cultural Services to look at the impact of alcohol on young people, their families and communities. The girls researched the topic and developed the play themselves, to share their knowledge on the subject. A DVD is being produced of the performance for use by others – for more information, please contact Shirley Morgan, Youth Services, tel 1294 602027, email smorgan@north-ayrshire.gov.uk.

Healthy North Ayrshire will be launching their new **Carers Booklet** on Friday 4 December at Irvine Library (12noon-2pm). This new resource has been developed in partnership with carers from across North Ayrshire, to enable them to share their experiences of caring for others. The launch of the resource aims to raise awareness of the factors which may negatively affect the health and wellbeing of carers and to explore how some of these factors can be managed, shared or reduced through the exploration of literature. If you would like to attend the launch please contact Marilyn Gibson, email marlyn.gibson@aapct.scot.nhs.uk, tel 01294 322019 x4019.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde are holding a roadshow to talk about the proposed **new children's hospital for the West of Scotland**. The event will take place in the Burns Mall, Kilmarnock on Tuesday 12th January 2010 from 10.00am-3.00pm. There will be information displays and a chance to speak to members of staff about the issues for patients and families in the design of the hospital. There will also be a display with early plans and images of the new hospital and information on how to get involved in the detailed planning phase that begins next year.

Congratulations again to **West Kilbride Community Initiative Ltd (WKCIL)** who, having just secured significant lottery funding last month, have now been awarded over £430,000 for cultural and commercial expansion from the Scottish Government's Town Centre Regeneration Fund. The second round of the Fund was announced by Alex Neil, Housing and Communities Minister, in West Kilbride on 13 November. For more, see <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/town-centres/tcrf>

Local Update – Community Planning Groups

The **CPP Board** (Chair: Cllr Margaret McDougall) held a special meeting with the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) on 19 November. Ros Micklem, the EHRC's National Director for Scotland, and Joanna Daly, Policy Officer, outlined the work of the EHRC, and the implications of the new Equality Bill and its duties, including the 'good relations' duty to promote understanding and tackle prejudice. The Board discussed progress in North Ayrshire across these issues. The Board also discussed equality duties in relation to making financial decisions, in light of the current public sector budget pressures.

The **CPP Economic and Learning Partnership** (Chair: Alex Anderson, NAC) met on 3 November. As well as updates from partners, the group also received a presentation from Jim Burns, Jobcentre Plus on a number of current programmes; and discussed the development of the new 2010/11 SOA Action Plan. The group also reviewed the recent Joint Statement on the relationship at local level between the government and third sector (Scottish Government Cosla, SOLACE, SCVO).

The **CPP Environment Partnership** (Chair: Cllr Tom Barr) met on 6 November. The group received a presentation from BTCV and NHS Ayrshire and Arran on the Green Gym project, as well as receiving partner reports and discussing their input to the new 2010/11 SOA Action Plan. Finally, the group reviewed the experience of Glasgow's Climate Change Partnership.

The **Community Health Partnership (CHP) Committee** (Chair: Cllr David O'Neill) met on 12 November. Items for discussion on the agenda included delayed discharges, assessment rehabilitation beds, continuing care beds, the SOA Action Plan, consultation on the Primary Care Strategy, an organisational development session for the CHP Forum, and a Partnership Outcomes Performance Improvement Toolkit.

The **Compact Reference Group** (Chair: John McKnight, NAC) met on 17 November. As well as partner reports, and the monitoring of the Compact Action Plan, the group discussed support to extend the voluntary sector 'Working Together' website from South Ayrshire across all Ayrshire, and held a discussion with Cllr Peter McNamara on the development of the community and voluntary sector in North Ayrshire.

The **Fairer North Ayrshire (FNA) Leads meeting** was held on 4 November. The members heard presentations on the new Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation 2009; and also three FNA initiatives – Jobrotation, Volunteering Opportunities, and Empowering Vulnerable and Disadvantaged Young People.

An exploratory meeting was held on 17 November to discuss the setting up of a **North Ayrshire Funding Hub**. This would enable a more strategic and joined-up approach to be developed by all those with an active interest in external funding, with the aim of increasing levels of funding coming into the area. Dianna Whyte, NAC External Funding Officer, and Justina Murray are drafting a funding strategy and workplan following the meeting. Further information will follow in a future Update.

Local Update – Other Partnerships

The **Scottish Rural Equality Network (SREN)**, sponsored by the Equality and Human Rights Commission and developed by the Highlands and Islands Equality Forum, is seeking members from Ayrshire. To find out more, go to www.scvo.org.uk/srenonline. The Network will be of use to all those whose day to day work involves rural equalities issues.

National Update

To support those delivering Single Outcome Agreements (SOAs) – and of interest to those looking for ways to measure outcomes – Version 4 of the **Menu of Local Outcome Indicators** has recently been published by the Improvement Service. This is the first output of the ‘Improving Local Outcome Indicators’ project, led by the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives (SOLACE). The updated Menu is an improvement on earlier versions, with several indicators added to cover outcome areas not previously addressed. Other outcome areas identified as insufficiently covered will be prioritised in the next phase of the project. Further updates of the Menu will be produced as improved outcomes data is identified and becomes available. For more, see: <http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/local-outcomeindicators>

Children in Scotland are inviting people to participate in their Working It Out programme, which aims to examine how far we have come in achieving the long-term vision of children's services as a single unitary system, with the child firmly at its centre. As part of the programme (to April 2010) Children in Scotland is inviting the children's sector workforce, employers, planners, universities, colleges and other stakeholders to join us in debate about future workforce development. For more information, visit www.childreninScotland.org.uk/workforce

New initiatives, publications and resources

The Scottish Government have published a new research study by ODS consulting into ‘**Informing Future Approaches to Tackling Multiple Deprivation in Communities: Beyond the Fairer Scotland Fund**’. It outlines the main findings of research involving all 32 Scottish Community Planning Partnerships on the advantages and disadvantages of the Fairer Scotland Fund, compared to previous funding streams, and of the move away from ringfenced grants for regeneration to mainstream funding. The report is only available on the web, as follows:

Research Findings: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/05142223/0>

Report: <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/11/05142307/0>

The Improvement Service have published 47 case studies (from 16 CPPs), showing how the **Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) process** is starting to deliver benefits for communities. Half of the case studies are focused on the key community issues of skills and employability, community safety and health improvement. Many case studies combined several issues in one project, illustrating the key reported benefit of the SOA process, i.e. that Councils and their partners are having to be clearer about what results they are intending to achieve, and about how they organise themselves to achieve those results, often through better working with their partners. For more see:

<http://www.improvementservice.org.uk/library/577-single-outcome-agreements/692-case-studies/view-category/>

ASH Scotland has recently completed a review of each CPP's 2009 SOA, against a number of key indicators linked to tobacco control. The review report sets out the key outcomes and indicators which can be met through a strategic approach to tobacco control at community planning level. It compares the council-level agreements of 2008 with the partnership-level agreements of 2009, and charts the significant changes that have taken place. It concludes that despite its relevance to key national outcomes, tobacco control is yet to be explicitly set out as a significant priority in many of the

agreements. ASH have suggested six indicators which community planning partners could use when developing the next round of agreements, to assess progress towards tackling the harm caused by tobacco. For more, see <http://www.ashscotland.org.uk/ash/7525.1739.html>.

Sustrans have published a new information sheet on **Active travel and men's health**, to help address the rise in obesity and associated disease amongst men. The information sheet emphasises the need for men to participate in regular physical activity to benefit their health through the life course, especially via walking and cycling. For more, see www.activetravel.org.uk.

New publications of interest from the **Joseph Rowntree Foundation** (www.jrf.org.uk):

- Children, young people and alcohol: how they learn and how to prevent excessive use: What influences how children and young people behave towards alcohol.
- Older people's vision for long term care: Highlighting what older people in care homes want and need.
- Housing and neighbourhoods monitor: Analysis of trends in housing and neighbourhoods and how these interact across different parts of the UK.
- The development of social well-being in new extra care housing schemes: Helping residents interact in extra care schemes.
- Street cleanliness in deprived and better-off neighbourhoods: An exploration of why affluent neighbourhoods tend to have higher levels of street cleanliness than deprived neighbourhoods and what local authorities can do to narrow this gap.

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.

What's coming up within North Ayrshire CPP

2 December	CPP Management Group
3 December	CPP Housing Partnership
8 December	Community Engagement Network
11 December	Safer North Ayrshire Partnership
15 December	Economic and Learning Partnership
17 December	CPP Board
18 December	Environment Partnership

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