

Community Planning Update

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Local Update - News

Our biggest news first! Congratulations and farewell to Anne Todd, our **Community Planning Officer**, who has been seconded to Educational Services until December 2010, to work on the new Activity Agreements programme. Anne has been in post since the start of the Community Planning team back in 2004, and we are already looking forward to her return! We are expecting to second in a replacement to cover the post during Anne's absence, and will keep you posted. Amongst other responsibilities, Anne has produced this Update, so hopefully we will keep up the standard ...

We have been receiving plenty of bookings for our new **'Introduction to Community Planning'** course, which we are piloting in November/ December. The course aims to raise awareness of community planning, demonstrate your own contribution to community planning, and increase awareness of your own opportunities for partnership working. If you are interested in taking part, or just want to find out more, please contact the team.

North Ayrshire Council's Library and Information Service have received funding for a project - **North Ayrshire's Yesterd@ys**

The project will support community capacity to develop family and local history resources on the web, (using Web 2.0 tool Flickr) to be used and created in intergenerational, family and community learning situations in libraries and to widen access to these resources to all libraries, community centres, art centres and on the web. In the first instance resources will be identified from The Vennel Local and Family History Centre to represent all towns in North Ayrshire with local individuals and groups being encouraged to contribute their own copyrighted resources afterwards.

If you are aware of any community groups who would be interested in participating/ and or any volunteers who could support literacy/IT training, please contact amcallister@north-ayrshire.gov.uk or lislamorton@north-ayrshire.gov.uk for more information.

NHS Ayrshire and Arran's Annual Review by Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing takes place on Monday 12 October 2009 at 2.15pm in the MacDonald Education Centre, Ayr Hospital. You can submit questions in advance to the Cabinet Secretary and the Chairman of Ayrshire and Arran NHS Board. If your question is not answered on the day you will receive a written response. Please send your questions in writing by Friday 11 September 2009 to: Margery Ferry - Programme Manager, Policy, Planning and Performance, Afton House, Ailsa Hospital, Dalmellington Road, Ayr, KA6 6AB
Fax 01292 885812 or email Margery.ferry@aapct.scot.nhs.uk.

Healthy North Ayrshire have commissioned a series of comedy workshops.

The six-week course starting on Wednesday 21 October aims to help improve confidence and self-esteem and provide a variety of comedic coping mechanisms. To find out more about Universal Comedy visit www.universalcomedy.co.uk.

If you are interested in attending the course or would like more information, please contact Healthy North Ayrshire on freephone 0800 169 1441.

Local Update – Community Planning Groups

The CPP's **Community Engagement Network** held its second meeting on 1 September 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. Councillor Peter McNamara introduced his role as the Council Executive's portfolio holder for 'Communities'.

Members received a presentation on the People's Panel and views and potential questions were sought on the proposal for the second 2009/10 survey to cover the impact of the economic recession. Members received information on the North Ayrshire Compact from Jim Nichols from CVS Arran.

The **CPP Management Group** (Chair: Sandra Bale, NAC) met in 2 September 2009. The Group received progress reports on the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) and SOA Action Plan 2009-10. Olga Clayton, Chair of the Housing Partnership, presented a report on the work of the Partnership. Financial and monitoring reports were received on Fairer North Ayrshire, along with the forward plan proposals for 2010/11 to be considered by the Board. A report was received from Sarah Watts, Choose Life, on developing a process that allows organised uptake of suicide prevention training and awareness across partners in North Ayrshire. Finally, reports were discussed on the next thematic People's Panel survey, Scottish Government proposals for a new 'interface' between CPPs and the Third Sector, and plans to pilot a new 'Introduction to Community Planning' Course.

The **CPP Board** (Chair: Cllr Margaret McDougall) met on 10 September 2009. The Board received a progress report on the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA) Action Plan 2009-10, and the SOA Annual Report for 2008-9. A report was also given by Alex Anderson, Chair of the Economic and Learning Partnership, on the Partnership's work, and all partners contributed their own reports on responses to the economic downturn. The Board agreed a set of recommendations to North Ayrshire Council on the use of the Fairer North Ayrshire funding for 2010/11 (when the funding becomes part of the council's financial settlement, rather than being ringfenced for the CPP). Finally, reports were also discussed on the Community Health Partnership (CHP), the new North Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership, the legacy of the 2014 Commonwealth Games, the Corporate Parenting Strategy, and proposals for a new 'interface' between CPPs and the third sector.

The **Economic and Learning Partnership** (Chair: Alex Anderson, North Ayrshire Council) met on Tuesday 15 September 2009. Members received information and updates on the FNA Funding 2010/11; Future Jobs Fund; Partners Updates; 16+ Learning Choices and Activity Agreements; Town Centre Regeneration and the People's Panel Thematic Survey which will focus on the impact of the economic recession.

The **Community Health Partnership (CHP) Committee** (Chair: Cllr David O'Neill) met on 17 September 2009. On the agenda were older people's services (joint commissioning and the Arran review), a position statement on Addiction Services, future plans for Healthy North Ayrshire (currently funded by Fairer North Ayrshire), proposals to develop a more strategic approach to suicide awareness and training, plans for the next People's Panel survey, future funding of the Ayrshire MacMillan Money Matters initiative, and a new Terms of Reference for Integrated Children's Services Group/ Officer Locality Group for Children and Young People.

The **Safer North Ayrshire Partnership** (Chair: Stewart Rorrison, Strathclyde Police) met on the 18 September 2009. Members received a presentation on findings from the Domestic Abuse Final Report and Executive Summary from Marjorie Adams, Policy Officer, Chief Executive's Service. Members received a number of reports and updates on the following topics: Partner Activity Reports; Strategy Sub Group; Participatory Budgeting; Tasking and Problem Solving Group; Cashback for Communities; Local Youth Action Fund; Alcohol Awareness Week; SOA Complementary Report; Financial Monitoring and CPP update which included a report on the People's Panel.

The **North Ayrshire Housing Partnership** (Acting Chair: Alex Adrain, North Ayrshire Council) met on Thursday 24 September 2009. Members received updates on the Housing Needs and Demand Assessment; Local Housing Strategy 2010-2015; Housing Forum; Strategic Housing Investment Plan; Rural Housing Sub Group (Cumbrae); and People's Panel Thematic Survey 2009/10.

The **Environment Partnership** (Chair: Cllr Tom Barr, North Ayrshire Council) met on Friday 25 September 2009. Members received a presentation from Iain Hossack on the Local Development Plan Strategic Environment Assessment. Members received reports and updates on Partner Activity Reports (Outdoor Access Forum, Country Parks Section and Planning Services); CoSLA Regeneration and Sustainable Development Executive Group and the People's Panel Thematic Survey 2009/10.

The **Compact Reference Group** (Chair: John McKnight) met on 29 September 2009. The Group reviewed progress in implementing the Compact Action Plan and Communications Plan, and all partners updated on their own activity in relation to partnership working between public agencies and the voluntary sector. The next report to the CPP Management Group was also discussed.

Local Update – Other Partnerships

Brooksby Medical and Resource Centre has been formally opened by Nicola Sturgeon MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing and Deputy First Minister. The centre is an innovative partnership between North Ayrshire Council and NHS Ayrshire and Arran, bringing together a full range of health and council services for the people of Largs and the surrounding area.

The latest edition of **baywatch** the **Irvine Bay Regeneration Company's** newsletter can be downloaded at www.irvinebay.co.uk

National Update

The work of North Ayrshire CPP was profiled at **two recent events** – the Holyrood Single Outcome Agreement Conference in Edinburgh on 22 September, and the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH) Northern Ireland conference on planning reform in Belfast on 24 September. The former focused on overcoming obstacles in developing our Single Outcome Agreement, whilst the latter focused on the culture change required for successful community planning, and its benefit for communities.

Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice (SCIP) - Generations Working Together is embarking on a major exercise to collect examples of interesting and good intergenerational practice from across Scotland. They are keen to build up a resource which will enable anyone interested to contact and to learn from projects in their geographic area; projects working in the same sector (for example; housing; health; education; the voluntary sector; business; community safety; etc.); and projects using similar methods (such as arts, heritage, story-telling, mentoring, or the environment). If you would like your organisation or project to feature on our website, please contact pat.scrutton@o2.co.uk or tel: 07915584104.

Youth Scotland is the network of Youth Clubs and Groups in Scotland. They provide training, information and support to full time, part time and voluntary youth workers and to the young people they support. For more information about Youth Scotland visit www.youthscotland.org.uk

New initiatives, publications and resources

SPICE (Scottish Parliament Information Centre) have prepared a visual comparison report of some key indicators of the Scottish Economy. <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/business/research/briefings-09/SB09-56.pdf>

The Scottish Family Business Association (SFBA) in conjunction with the Scottish Centre for Intergenerational Practice will be hosting six roundtable events during September and October with representatives from different generations of families, sectors and sizes of business. Topics for discussion will include: how to engage the next generation; what expertise exists and can be harnessed; what are the common challenges and opportunities which exist between the generations. The outcome of the discussions will be a paper giving advice on best practice on how to harness inter-generational learning and opportunities in family businesses to encourage economic growth. If you are interested in attending, please contact scipadmin@strath.ac.uk

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

- Comparing taxes and benefits in 1979, 1997 and 2008. This study uses 'lifetime simulation' for different income earners to look at the impact of taxes and benefits over time.
- Poverty, inequality and human rights. How other countries have used human rights to tackle poverty and how this could be applied in the UK.
- Engaging public support for eradicating UK poverty. A summary of the findings from JRF's Public Interest in Poverty Issues programme, looking at attitudes to poverty and what influences them, and ways of building public support for tackling poverty.

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

Wednesday 21 October 2009	CPP Management Group
Friday 30 October 2009	CPP Safer North Ayrshire Partnership

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. Contact us at:

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