

**To: Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board**

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**Report by:**

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## **Community Empowerment Act: Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans – Next Steps**

### **1. Summary**

- 1.1 The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 requires Community Planning Partnerships to develop and publish a Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP) and Locality Plans by 1 October 2017.
- 1.2 The development of the LOIP and the locality plans will be informed by guidance produced by the Scottish Government. Partners will be aware that near final guidance was published recently by the Scottish Government, which provides an early steer for community planning partnerships on the development of the statutory plans, amongst other issues.
- 1.3 The next phase of the development of the LOIP will commence in early 2017 through a high level strategic needs assessment, which will involve undertaking analysis of emerging data such as the 2016 data release of the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation and All Children Health and Wellbeing Survey being lead by Renfrewshire Children's Services Partnership.
- 1.4 This process will be supported by the Data Analytics and Research Team within Renfrewshire Council, in partnership with data officers and teams across community planning organisations. Discussions have commenced with several partners to discuss the data that is currently available across sectors and organisations at a Renfrewshire level.
- 1.5 An intensive programme of work will require to be undertaken in spring/summer 2017, specifically focusing on consultation and engagement with local communities, wider community groups, third sector organisations and community planning partners. A further update on the development of the LOIP and locality plans will be provided at the next meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Board.
- 1.6 At a local level, progress has been made in developing proposals for new governance arrangements that will enable the partners to take forward development of the LOIP and Locality Plans, as outlined in a separate paper to the Partnership Board. Subject to approval of full Council on 15 December 2016, the proposed new governance arrangements will be implemented in 2017.

## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that the Partnership Board:

- (a) Notes the progress to date in preparing for the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans.
- (b) Agrees the timetable and outline work programme for the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans as set out in Table 2.

## **3. Background**

3.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership previously received a report in June 2016 that set out the requirements for agreeing and publishing a Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans, as required by the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015.

3.2 The Scottish Government published in November 2016 Near Final Guidance on Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015 <http://www.gov.scot/Publications/2016/10/5731/0>, regarding the purpose and implementation of community planning. Guidance and Regulations on other parts of the Community Empowerment Act will be published as appropriate. The Near Final Guidance sets out the following:

- Principles of Community Planning
- Specific Guidance On Statutory Plans
- Guidance on other provisions in Part 2 of the Act
- Links to Supporting Material

3.3 The Near Final Guidance will be used to inform development of new community arrangements for Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership and the development and implementation of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans.

3.4 In terms of the community planning framework which will drive this work forward, Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership is in the process of reviewing its governance arrangements which is subject to a separate paper to the Partnership Board. Subject to approval of full Council on 15 December 2016, the proposed new governance arrangements will be implemented in 2017.

## **4. Proposed timetable for the development of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan**

4.1 Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Board has carried out work over the past six months to review its performance in delivering current community planning outcomes, review its governance arrangements, engage with communities to raise awareness of the Community Empowerment Act and commence data analysis of the SIMD. Table 1 below provides a summary of this progress.

**Table 1**

Quarter	Progress To Date
Jul- Sept 2016	<p>The 2016 Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation was published in August 2016. Analysis of the SIMD for Renfrewshire was presented to the Community Planning Partnership Board in September 2016. Each community planning thematic Board and Local Area Committee has now received a presentation on the 2016 SIMD.</p> <p>The Year Three Progress Report on community planning outcomes and targets was presented to the Partnership Board in September 2016 and a follow up paper on those indicators identified as “amber” or “red” is being presented to the Partnership Board on 7 December 2016.</p>
Oct – Dec 2016	<p>The Scottish Government has published “near final” guidance on Part 2 of the Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, which relates to community planning. This guidance is being presented to the Partnership Board on 7 December 2016. Further guidance will be presented to the Partnership Board as it is published.</p> <p>An engagement event on the provisions of the Community Empowerment Act for 30 Community Council members and a specific engagement event on town centre regeneration in Johnstone and asset transfer were held in October 2016.</p>

- 4.2 An initial timetable for the development of the LOIP and locality plans is highlighted below for information. This will require to be flexible in order to meet the requirements of the final guidance produced by the Scottish Government.

**Table 2 - Next Steps**

Quarter	Milestone
Jan- Apr 2017	<p>Analysis of data to inform a strategic needs assessment of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan. This will include SIMD 2016 and the results of the All Children’s Health and Wellbeing Survey.</p> <p>Initial discussions and engagements with partners and community groups.</p>
May - Jun 2017	Strategic needs discussions involving all partners, informed by the initial phase of community engagement and data analysis.
Jul – Sept 2017	Draft and agree the final version of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan/Locality Plans by September 2017.
Oct – Dec 2017	Roll out implementation of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and Locality Plans and commence programme of engagement with community and voluntary sector organisations.

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