

SOUTH LANARKSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Minutes of the meeting held in Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton on 28 February 2019.

Chair: Councillor Maureen Chalmers, Depute Leader, South Lanarkshire Council

Representatives Present:

G Bennie, Chief Executive, VASLan
B Cameron, Area Manager, Skills Development Scotland
B Connolly, Stakeholder and Partnership Engagement Senior Executive, Scottish Enterprise
A Fairbairn, Area Commander, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service
T Little, Head of Communications and Strategy, South Lanarkshire Council
P Manning, Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council
A Morton, Central Research Unit Manager, South Lanarkshire Council
A Murray, Community Planning and Governance Adviser, South Lanarkshire Council
M Newlands, Head of Partnerships, Scottish Enterprise
E Paterson, Community Planning and Governance Officer, South Lanarkshire Council
A Waddell, Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland

Attending:

S Baxter, Independent Chair, South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee, South Lanarkshire Council
D Booth, Operations Manager, South Lanarkshire Council
C Cunningham, Head of Commissioning and Performance, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership
S Dunsmore, Insurance and Risk Manager, South Lanarkshire Council
C Fergusson, Head of Finance (Transactions), South Lanarkshire Council
H Gourichon, Policy Officer for Food Development, South Lanarkshire Council
C McLean, Lead Officer Child Protection, South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee, South Lanarkshire Council
Dr J Pravinkumar, NHS Lanarkshire Consultant in Public Health Medicine
Liam Purdie, Head of Children and Justice Services and Chief Social Work Officer, South Lanarkshire Council
F Thomson, Locality Manager, Youth, Family and Community Learning Service, South Lanarkshire Council

Representatives' Apologies:

A Comrie, Senior Transport Planner, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
C Campbell, Chief Executive, NHS Lanarkshire
V de Souza, Director, Health and Social Care, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership
G Docherty, Interim Director of Public Health, NHS Lanarkshire
L Freeland, Chief Executive, South Lanarkshire Council
C Hicks, Location Director for South Lanarkshire, Scottish Government
N Mahal, Chair, Lanarkshire NHS Board
H Mathieson, Head of Operations, South West Region, Skills Development Scotland

1 Apologies and Minutes of Previous Meeting

Councillor Chalmers introduced herself as the Chair of the Community Planning Partnership Board.

Introductions followed by all attending members of the Partnership Board.

The apologies for the meeting were presented. The minutes of the meeting of the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board held on 12 December 2018 were submitted for approval as a correct record.

Outcome(s):

(1) Apologies noted and previous minute approved.

2 Child Sexual Exploitation

The Independent Chair and Lead Officer Child Protection, South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee, South Lanarkshire Council provided an update on the national and local position in relation to Child Sexual Exploitation and the implications for South Lanarkshire.

In 2017, the national Child Protection Improvement Programme (CPIP) systems review, accepted a suite of recommendations and actions contained within two published reports and with their implementation, strengthening the Child Protection System in Scotland.

The Child Protection Improvement Programme report sets out 35 actions covering children's hearings, leadership and workforce development, inspections of children's services, neglect, data and evidence, Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), child internet safety and trafficking.

South Lanarkshire is represented on the national CSE Group which works to implement the National CSE Action Plan and to develop proposals for policy and practice improvement. An annual progress update report from the national group is expected in March 2019. At a local level, the South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee (SLCPC) has met its local action plan targets to date.

The SLCPC reviewed and revised the local strategic response to CSE in 2018 with the revised CSE and online sub-group providing strong multi-agency representation which will provide direct engagement to affected children in South Lanarkshire.

There is a comprehensive SLCPC Child Protection Training Programme for the multi-agency workforce in South Lanarkshire which includes briefings, workshops or full day courses for practitioners and managers.

A group of young people have worked on a media campaign and have created a CSE awareness poster which will be displayed in a number of places across South Lanarkshire.

It was proposed that the Board consider any future reporting programmes and the SLCPC would welcome requests regarding CSE and the Online Safety Hub Group for action.

A discussion took place on the reporting of CSE, applying to join the Child Protection Training Programme and links to local child protection networks.

The Board was asked to note the following recommendations:

- (1) That the work of the South Lanarkshire Child Protection Committee in continuing to progress activity of the Scottish Government's Child Protection Improvement Programme, the National Action Plan to Prevent and Tackle Child Sexual Exploitation in Scotland and other associated matter of national and local importance be supported. Partners are expected to link closely with the SLCPC and engage fully in addressing the presenting issues in relation to CSE for children and young people;
- (2) That the work of the SLCPC to progress the National Child Sexual Exploitation Action Plan be noted;
- (3) That the revised SLCPC local action plan in relation to CSE be noted and circulated, available in April 2019, to raise awareness within individual professional, disciplines and partnerships be noted;

- (4) That there be awareness of the SLPCPC website www.childprotectionsouthlanarkshire.org.uk and have relevant publicity material including the new suite of SLPCPC – CSE Leaflets in reception areas and public areas for distribution;
- (5) That the CSE awareness poster developed by lived experience young people available from March 2019 be displayed;
- (6) That the training needs be identified within individual agencies and liaise with the SLPCPC Learning and Development Worker to identify gaps and report on awareness raising activity and training; and
- (7) That the proposed scoping of awareness raising from CSE and the Online Safety Sub-Group to establish understanding across services is noted.

Outcome(s):

- (1) The content of the report was noted
- (2) All recommendations were approved.

3 Community Planning Budget and Expenditure

The Head of Communications and Strategy, South Lanarkshire Council provided an overview of the current Partnership Budget spend as at Period 12 to 1 February 2019.

Outcome(s):

- (1) Budget noted.

4 Outcomes from the Welfare Reform Event

The Head of Finance (Transactions), South Lanarkshire Council provided an overview of the Welfare Reform Event and an update on the resulting and planned activity.

A Welfare Reform Event took place on 23 November 2018 which provided an opportunity to engage with a wide range of stakeholders and community organisations on the impacts of Welfare Reform.

Delegates attending were asked a series of questions about the impact of Welfare Reform on the people who they work with and their organisation; and actions that could be taken to minimise the impact of Welfare Reform. A film on the 'lived' experiences of people who live and work in South Lanarkshire with the impacts of Welfare Reform was presented.

A significant amount of information was gathered during the event and work has taken place with the Welfare Reform Group to process this and identify key messages.

In terms of collecting wider partnership data, the existing Welfare Reform report to the Board has been changing and further work has begun to augment the information from other stakeholders and community organisations.

A survey asking information about the types of data that organisations hold and able to share was issued with organisations then asked to provide samples of their data. An overview of the data samples provided by organisations has been completed and will continue to be progressed by the Welfare Reform Group who aim to have a revised Welfare Reform Update report to the Board by Spring 2019.

The Welfare Reform Group, established by South Lanarkshire Council, has recently extended its membership to include the NHS. As a result of this, a number of areas of work require to be progressed and it is recommended that this is undertaken through the Welfare Reform Group.

In relation to the outputs and outcomes from the event, the Welfare Reform Group will progress the key actions.

Councillor Chalmers advised that the Welfare Reform event was successful and thanked all those involved.

Outcome(s):

- (1) The overview of the Welfare Reform Event was noted;
- (2) The update on the Partnership data collected was noted;
- (3) The actions outlined within the next steps of the report are progressed through the Welfare Reform Group; and
- (4) A revised Welfare Reform Update Report be provided to the Board by Spring 2019.

5 Preparing for Brexit

The Insurance and Risk Manager, South Lanarkshire Council provided an update on Brexit resilience planning arrangements and the Brexit risk workshop held on 30 January 2019.

The proposed date for the UK's exit from the EU is 29 March 2019 and can only be postponed either by mutual consent of the UK and EU or if the UK announce a general election or second EU referendum.

The existing Brexit deal was rejected by a majority of MP's on 15 January 2019 and a revised deal was then presented on 29 January 2019. From the seven amendments debated, two were approved indicating that a majority of MP's are against exiting without a deal. A further vote is expected to take place by 12 March 2019. If a deal cannot be reached and without postponement to the departure date of 29 March 2019, the UK will leave the EU without a negotiated deal, falling back on World Trade Organisations (WTO) conditions.

It was agreed by the Board at its meeting on 12 December 2018 to hold a Risk Workshop to identify the risks posed by Brexit which could potentially affect the delivery of the Community Plan.

Prior to the Brexit Risk Workshop, a questionnaire was issued to all partners to ascertain the amount of resilience work undertaken by partner organisations in preparation for the various challenges which Brexit may present. The Community Planning Brexit Workshop is one strand of wider planning arrangements being undertaken by partners.

Given the preparations of resilience planning, no separate work stream is required to mitigate the specific CPP Brexit risks identified.

A discussion took place on the content of the Brexit Risk Register and about wider engagement with communities which was taking place.

The Chief Superintendent, Police Scotland advised that he would clarify internally if the 'Preparing for Brexit' report was suitable for publication.

Outcome(s):

- (1) The Resilience preparations which are taking place for Brexit were noted;
- (2) The outcomes from the Community Planning Partnership Risk Workshop Event were noted;
- (3) The Brexit Risk Register was approved;
- (4) Further updates as Brexit negotiations develop to be provided to the Board; and
- (5) Clarification on the publication of the 'Preparing for Brexit' report on the Community Planning Website to be provided by Police Scotland.

6 Proposal for the South Lanarkshire Food Strategy

The Policy Officer for Food Development, South Lanarkshire Council informed the Board of the preparation by South Lanarkshire Council of a Food Strategy covering the period 2019-2024.

In September 2018, the Scottish Government published the Good Food Nation Programme of Measures which identifies five key areas of work which included Health, Social Justice, Knowledge, Environmental Sustainability and Prosperity. The programme offers a framework of actions and guidelines for the development of local food strategies.

The Community Empowerment (Scotland) Act 2015, Part 9 has introduced new rights, duties and responsibilities regarding the provision of allotments and food growing opportunities for local authorities.

The Food Strategy proposes a vision for the development of a sustainable food system for South Lanarkshire Council, its partners and communities. It will also set out the objectives, outputs, activities and expected outcomes. In particular, it will represent a commitment to address food poverty and inequality as well as food related health issues and ensure the environmental sustainability of the food system.

Involvement of relevant services of South Lanarkshire Council, partners as well as community engagement will be key aspects of the strategy formulation to ensure that food related challenges are fully addressed and needs captured. In addition, South Lanarkshire Council is expected to establish a Food Partnership that would drive the Food Strategy agenda and be a forum for discussion and debate. The intention is to involve representatives from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors.

Next steps include the identification of food related challenges and opportunities; and identifying EU, national and local priorities through policy review and consultations.

A discussion took place on the specific outcomes of the Food Strategy and the proposed focus on health issues.

Outcome(s):

- (1) The content of the proposed plan for the development of a Food Strategy 2019-2024 was noted; and
- (2) That consultations with partners is being organised to support the formulation of the Food Strategy and the establishment of a Food Partnership was noted.

7 Development of Strategic Commissioning Plan 2019-2022

The Head of Commissioning and Performance, South Lanarkshire Health and Social Care Partnership provided an update on the development of the Strategic Commissioning Plan 2019-2022.

The main purpose of SCPs is to set out how IJBs will plan and deliver services for their area over the medium term, using the integrated budgets under their control. In preparing and publishing SCPs, IJBs must ensure stakeholders are fully engaged in the preparation, publication and review of the SCP in order to establish a meaningful co-productive approach to enable integration authorities to deliver the nine national outcomes for health and wellbeing and achieve the core aims of integration.

In March 2016, the South Lanarkshire IJB approved its first SCP covering the period 2016 to 2019. The current Plan is in its final year and the IJB is undertaking work to develop the next iteration of the SCP for the period 2019-2022.

Progress with the development of the Plan is in line with the original project plan. Taking account of further comments and feedback, a more developed and updated draft has been prepared and is detailed within Appendix 1 of the report. This is laid out in such a way that it follows a recognised strategic commissioning cycle of analyse, plan, do and review.

Work remains to be done in finalising the draft Plan and this will continue to be progressed with key partners of South Lanarkshire Council, NHS Board, third and independent sectors.

The SCP recognises the work set against the South Lanarkshire Community Plan and the IJB vision is complementary and underpins the direction of Community Planning in South Lanarkshire.

The Chief Executive, VASLan advised the Board that VASLan were involved in the writing, development and promoting of the Plan to ensure the involvement of the community sector within this document.

Outcome(s):

- (1) The content of the report was noted; and
- (2) That the first draft of the Strategic Commissioning Plan 2019-2022 was noted.

8 South Lanarkshire Community Learning and Development Strategic 3 Year Plan Refresh

The Locality Manager, Youth, Family and Community Learning Service, South Lanarkshire Council provided the Board with an update on progress made in the review of the current Community Learning and Development (CLD) Plan and to seek support for the revised format for the strategy and action plan in line with recent HMIe inspection findings whilst meeting the statutory obligations of the CLD Regulations.

All local authorities have a statutory obligation to produce a 3 year CLD Plan.

In taking forward the development of the 3 year CLD Plan, the successful Education Scotland CLD inspection which took place in April 2018 in South Lanarkshire and the place based inspection of Cambuslang and Rutherglen identified areas of improvement.

The CLD Partnership were invited to attend a workshop and looked at 4 overarching areas in relation to the development of the new plan. The Local Action Planning Group (LAPG) Co-Chairs participated in focus groups to establish current best practice and/or challenges and a review of other local authority CLD plans was undertaken as part of the planning process.

Taking forward the discussions from the focus groups, research into other local authority plans and the findings from the Education Scotland inspection process, the following steps were identified to focus the completion of the 3 year CLD Plan 2018-2021:

- Cross-reference proposed outcomes with the Community Plan;
- Identify opportunities for hosting appropriate data in one place;
- Seek support from the CLD Partnership for new minimum standards for LAPGs and associated reporting;
- Ensure impact measures are fit for purpose with partners and are connected to overarching ambitions; and
- Seek support from the CLD Partnership for the development of 'learner voice'.

The 3 year CLD Plan 2018-2021 was provided as at Appendix 1 of the report and will be hosted online for public and practitioners access.

The Board was asked to approve the following recommendations:

- (1) To support the overarching ambitions with ongoing consultation and learner engagement;
- (2) Note the robust process taken to review and refresh the Community Learning and Development Strategic 3 Year Plan;
- (3) Note the submission of a Creative Learning Network funding application to support an innovative approach to learner consultation and engagement, with a view to developing and embedding systematic processes for learner involvement at a locality level on an ongoing basis;
- (4) Note a revised schedule of annual planning and reporting for Locality Action Planning Groups; and
- (5) Note a 'best practice' minimum standard for Locality Action Planning Groups.

Outcome(s):

- (1) The content of the report was noted; and
- (2) All recommendations were approved.

9 English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

The Executive Director, Education Resources, South Lanarkshire Council submitted a report on English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL).

The report provided an update on the partnership delivery of ESOL provision for 2017-18, the changes to the ESOL grant funding for 2018-19 and the ongoing areas of development supporting the Syrian Refugee Resettlement Programme.

Outcome(s):

(1) The content of the report was noted.

10 South Lanarkshire Register for Information

The Executive Director, Finance and Corporate Resources, South Lanarkshire Council, submitted a report on the South Lanarkshire Register for Information which provided an update on the information circulated to Community Planning Partners from 16 November 2018 to 15 January 2019.

Outcome(s):

(1) The content of the report was noted.

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There were no other items of competent business.

Outcome(s):

(1) Noted.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 17 April 2019 in Committee Room 1, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA.