

SOUTH AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY PLANNING BOARD.

Minutes of meeting in Room F137, Dam Park Building, Ayr Campus, Ayrshire College, Ayr
on 25th October 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: **Board Members:**

Councillor Bill McIntosh, Leader of South Ayrshire Council (*Chair*); **Lynn Anderson**, Development Manager – Third Sector, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire; **John Burns**, Chief Executive, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; **Kevin Callan**, Team Leader, South Ayrshire, Skills Development Scotland; **Dr. Martin Cheyne**, Chairman, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; **Heather Dunk**, Principal, Ayrshire College; **Tim Eltringham**, Director, South Ayrshire Health & Social Care Partnership; **Brian Fleming**, District Operations Manager, Jobcentre Plus; **Kenny Hankinson**, Group Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service; **Eileen Howat**, Chief Executive, South Ayrshire Council; **Bruce Kiloh**, Head of Policy and Planning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport; **Councillor Rita Miller**, Chair, Integration Joint Board; **Alyson Russell-Stevenson**, Location Director for South Ayrshire, Scottish Enterprise; **Dr. Joy Tomlinson**, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, NHS Ayrshire and Arran; and **Kerry Wallace**, Unit Manager (Strathclyde and Ayrshire), Scottish Natural Heritage.

Apologies: **Councillor Allan Dorans**, South Ayrshire Council; **Gordon Hunt**, Head of External Engagement, University of the West of Scotland; **Hazel Mathieson**, Head of Operations, Skills Development Scotland; **Catriona Morton**, District Manager, Jobcentre Plus; **Councillor John McDowall**, South Ayrshire Council; **Val Russell**, Chief Executive, Ayrshire Chamber of Commerce and Industry; **Marie Oliver**, Chief Executive Officer, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire; and **Jim Scott**, Area Manager (East, North and South Ayrshire), Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.

Others attending:

Justina Murray, Chief Officer, South West Scotland Community Justice Ayrshire; **Douglas Hutchison**, Director of Educational Services; **Claire Monaghan**, Head of Communities; **Heather Anderson**, Policy Manager; **Ross Morris**, Policy Officer; **Valerie Stewart**, Community Planning Co-ordinator; and **Lauren Sands**, Committee Services Officer, South Ayrshire Council.

1. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest by Members of the Board in terms of the Board's Standing Order No.10.

2. Minutes of previous meeting.

The Minutes of the Community Planning Board of 14th June 2016 (issued) ([link attached](#)) were submitted and approved.

3. **Update from Community Planning Executive.**

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of October 2016 by the Head of Communities, South Ayrshire Council, updating the Board on meetings of the Community Planning Executive.

Decided: to note the update information on meetings of the Community Planning Executive.

4. **Variation in Order of Business.**

The Board agreed to vary the order of business as hereinafter minuted.

5. **Child Poverty.**

The Head of Communities, South Ayrshire Council, provided the Board with a verbal update on child poverty advising that the Short Life Working Group was working with What Works Scotland to develop a report drawing on existing evidence about what constituted effective mitigations against child poverty. A draft report had been prepared by What Works Scotland and a meeting to discuss this report was being held on Thursday, 27th October 2016. It was further advised that the working group would be working with the Director of Educational Services, South Ayrshire Council, to ensure that this work connected in with wider work emerging from the Children's Inspection focused on reducing inequalities.

It was noted that the child poverty related work had been developing for some time and that it was important that good progress was made.

6. **Joint Inspection of Children's Services in South Ayrshire.**

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of 10th October 2016 by the Director of Educational Services, South Ayrshire Council, in relation to the Joint Inspection of Children's Services in South Ayrshire.

The Director of Educational Services, South Ayrshire Council, provided the Board with a summary of the main threads within the report and a full discussion followed, in particular relating to the need to improve on early intervention; the requirement of a vision; the importance of not having barriers in place when providing help to vulnerable children; and a better link being made with Ayrshire College in relation to looked after children and intervention strategies used by the College.

The Board agreed that the elements highlighted for improvement within the report would be challenging but that it provided the opportunity to take work forward with a joint focus on the main issues. The Board supported and commended the report but noted that they would require to challenge the update reports as they were received in order for the expected results to be met.

Decided:

- (1) to note the findings of the Joint Inspection of Services for Children and Young People in South Ayrshire;
- (2) to note that the Director of Educational Services would lead on responding to the inspection;

- (3) to agree that the Integrated Children's Services Planning Group should prepare an action plan and over the next 18 months report progress against the action plan quarterly to the Integration Joint Board and to the Community Planning Executive; and
- (4) to agree to consultation on a draft vision for services for children.

The Director of Educational Services, South Ayrshire Council, left the meeting at this point.

7. Local Outcome Improvement Plan - Update.

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of 10th October 2016 by the Head of Communities, South Ayrshire Council, updating the Board on progress in relation to the development of the new Local Outcome Improvement Plan for South Ayrshire.

A discussion took place in relation to the main areas that were challenging and it was agreed that one of these areas was in health inequalities and that a narrative was required to be developed in the health inequalities context in order to address this. The Director, Health and Social Care Partnership, advised that he would ask the Director of Public Health, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, to present the next 'Director of Public Health's Annual Report' to a future Board meeting in order to explore the wider areas and the Consultant in Public Health Medicine, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, advised that NHS Ayrshire and Arran was planning to offer a presentation to the Board regarding these issues. It was also noted that transport was not highlighted as a main theme but was important and the Development Manager – Third Sector, Voluntary Action South Ayrshire, suggested that a number of people experiencing social isolation could, in part, be due to transport issues and that the two areas could be jointly addressed.

It was noted that good joint partnership working was already underway but that this required to be further developed and that a small number of specific priorities, where collaborative advantage could be demonstrated, should be identified for the Board.

Decided: after discussion, to note the contents of the report and agree that work should continue on refining priorities for the draft Local Outcome Improvement Plan.

8. South Ayrshire Transport Outcomes Report for 2016/17.

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of October 2016 by the Head of Policy and Planning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport (SPT)

- (1) informing the Board of the preparation by SPT of the South Ayrshire Transport Outcome Report (TOR);
- (2) highlighting the connection between SPT activities and local outcomes from the Single Outcome Agreement; and
- (3) highlighting the focus given within the TOR to the services and benefits that SPT had delivered in 2015/16 together with details of the SPT – South Ayrshire Joint work streams for 2016/17.

A member of the Board advised that the Girvan Locality Planning group had recently raised concerns regarding transport, particularly the lack of non-hospital transport and the difficulty in getting transport home from an appointment or event and the Head of Policy and Planning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, advised that this was a continual problem across Scotland in relation to which SPT was regularly involved in dialogue and that he would feed this specific information back to the team.

A full discussion then followed on the current services offered by SPT and the importance of working in partnership with the Council and Health services to improve on these services in order to provide better transport. It was also suggested that the Council's community transport initiative should be further developed and used in a better way and the Head of Policy and Planning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, highlighted the point within the report on having good transport and thereby being able to offer better and wider job opportunities with specific reference made to the Ayrshire Growth deal.

Decided: to note the contents of the report.

The Head of Policy and Planning, Strathclyde Partnership for Transport, left the meeting at this point.

9. Community Justice Transition - Update.

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of 9th October 2016 by the Chief Officer, South West Scotland Community Justice Ayrshire, informing the Board of progress made in moving towards implementing the new local model for Community Justice in Ayrshire.

A question was asked in relation to funding being provided by the Scottish Government, in addition to the transition funding for Community Justice Ayrshire and the Chief Officer, South West Scotland Community Justice Ayrshire, advised that the transition funding would end in March 2018 and no further funding had been provided as yet, however, she understood that the Scottish Government would soon be having discussions with COSLA in relation to potential further funding.

It was highlighted that a lack of literacy skills was prevalent in the offender population and a member of the Board raised concerns regarding the number of adults being diagnosed with dyslexia within communities, querying whether it was a bigger problem than initially thought, and asked if the Council should be doing more to identify issues at an earlier stage in people lives. The Principal, Ayrshire College, advised that all College staff were trained as 'spotters and referrers' and worked in prisons to address dyslexia problems, and that dyslexia was now being identified in people at earlier stages. She further advised that the Director of Educational Services, South Ayrshire Council, would be able to provide further information on the approach to dyslexia within South Ayrshire schools.

Decided: to note the update information contained in the report.

10. South Ayrshire Council Local Housing Strategy 2017-2022.

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of 11th October 2016 by the Housing Policy and Strategy Manager, South Ayrshire Council, updating the Board on the development of South Ayrshire Council's Draft Local Housing Strategy (LHS), and inviting any views on the issues raised therein.

A member of the Board enquired if Housing had accounted for a stock of homes for high risk clientele in relation to fire and the Housing Policy and Strategy Manager, South Ayrshire Council, advised that this would be built into Housing's development plan and that they were trying to move away from flatted accommodation altogether due to the fire risks. The Group Manager, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, informed the Board that the Fire and Rescue Service would be hosting a seminar on the use of sprinklers and invited Housing to attend.

The Principal, Ayrshire College, advised that it would be beneficial for the College and Housing to work together in relation to early intervention for looked after young people living on their own in an attempt to reduce the number of evictions faced as the College dealt with these on a daily basis. The Housing Policy and Strategy Manager, South Ayrshire Council, agreed and advised that Housing was also trying to move away from traditional types of tenant support.

A member of the Board acknowledged the very good report and good recognition regarding the way of thinking of the strategy.

Decided: to note the connection between Local Housing Strategy and Community Planning.

The Housing Policy and Strategy Manager and Policy Officer, South Ayrshire Council, left the meeting at this point.

11. Place Standard Tool – How Good is our Place?

There was submitted a report (issued) ([link attached](#)) of October 2016 by the Head of Communities, South Ayrshire Council, updating the Board on the use of the Place Standard Tool in South Ayrshire and advising that the Improvement Service would be undertaking presentations on the Toolkit in due course.

The Community Planning Co-ordinator provided the Board with a summary on how to use the Place Standard Tool advising that knowledge could be gained from the answers provided on people's thoughts of their local communities/neighbourhoods; once the data was collected it could be input into spreadsheets to produce a collated diagram for an area; and that the toolkit wheel could be adapted for use of different themes and elements. The Board agreed that the tool was useful and user friendly.

Decided: to note the work on-going to roll out the Place Standard Tool in South Ayrshire.

12. Any Other Business.

The Chair, on behalf of the Board, thanked the Principal of Ayrshire College for hosting the meeting and providing hospitality for the Board.

13. Date of Next Meeting.

It was advised that the date of the next meeting was still to be confirmed but it was expected that it would be held in February 2017.

The meeting ended at 3.20 p.m.